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# Non-collateralised Structured Products Base Listing Document relating to Structured Products to be issued by BNP Paribas Issuance B.V.

(Incorporated in the Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam)

# unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by BNP Paribas

(incorporated in France with limited liability)

This document, for which we and BNP Paribas (the "Guarantor") accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") for the purpose of giving information with regard to us, the Guarantor and our standard warrants (the "Warrants"), inline warrants (the "Inline Warrants"), callable bull/bear contracts ("CBBCs") and other structured products (together, the "Structured Products") to be listed on the Stock Exchange from time to time. This document may be updated and/or amended from time to time by way of addenda. You must ask us if any addenda to this document have been issued.

Our obligations under the Structured Products are guaranteed by the Guarantor under a guarantee executed by the Guarantor dated as of 7 April 2022 (the "Guarantee"). We and the Guarantor, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief the information contained in this document is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this document misleading.

These are Structured Products involving derivatives. You should not invest in the Structured Products unless you fully understand and are willing to assume the risks associated with them.

The Structured Products are complex products. You should exercise caution in relation to them. Investors are warned that the price of the Structured Products may fall in value as rapidly as it may rise and holders may sustain a total loss of their investment. Prospective purchasers should therefore ensure that they understand the nature of the Structured Products and carefully study the risk factors set out in this document and, where necessary, seek professional advice, before they invest in the Structured Products.

The Structured Products constitute our general unsecured contractual obligations and of no other person, and the Guarantee in respect of the Structured Products constitutes the general unsecured contractual obligations of the Guarantor and of no other person. The Structured Products will rank equally among themselves and with all our other unsecured obligations and all other unsecured obligations of the Guarantor (save for those obligations preferred by law) upon liquidation. If you purchase the Structured Products, you are relying upon our creditworthiness and the creditworthiness of the Guarantor and have no rights under the Structured Products against (a) the company which has issued the underlying securities; (b) the fund which has issued the underlying securities, or its trustee (if applicable) or manager; or (c) the index compiler of any underlying index. If we become insolvent or default on our obligations under the Structured Products or the Guarantor becomes insolvent or defaults on its obligations under the Guarantee, you may not be able to recover all or even part of the amount due under the Structured Products (if any). The Guarantor is subject to the exercise of the bail-in powers under the French legislation for implementation of the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive.

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### You should carefully study the risk factors set out in this document and the Listing Documents.

#### What is this document about?

This document is for information purposes only and does not constitute an offer, an advertisement or invitation to the public to subscribe for or to acquire any Structured Products.

# What documents should you read before investing in the Structured Products?

A launch announcement and supplemental listing document of each series of Structured Products will set out the detailed commercial terms of the relevant series. You must read this document (including any addendum to this document to be issued from time to time) together with such launch announcement and supplemental listing document (including any addendum to such launch announcement and supplemental listing document to be issued from time to time) (together, the "Listing Documents") before investing in any Structured Products. You should carefully study the risk factors set out in the Listing Documents.

# Is there any guarantee or collateral for the Structured Products?

Our obligations under the Structured Products are unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor. If we become insolvent or default on our obligations under the Structured Products and the Guarantor becomes insolvent or defaults on its obligations under the Guarantee, you can only claim as an unsecured creditor of the Issuer and the Guarantor. In such event, you may not be able to recover all or even part of the amount due under the Structured Products (if any).

# What are our and the Guarantor's credit ratings?

The Issuer's long term credit ratings as of 6 April 2022 is:

### Rating agency Rating

S&P Global Ratings A+ (stable ("S&P") outlook)

Our Guarantor's long term credit ratings as of 6 April 2022 are:

### Rating agency

Rating

Moody's Investors Service, Aa3 (stable Inc. ("Moody's") outlook)
S&P A+ (stable outlook)

The credit ratings are only an assessment by the rating agencies of the Issuer's and the Guarantor's overall financial capacity to pay its debts respectively.

A+ is among the top three major credit rating categories and is the fifth highest investment-grade ranking of the ten investment-grade ratings (including + or - sub-grades) assigned by S&P.

Aa3 is among the top three major credit rating categories and is the fourth highest investment-grade ranking of the ten investment-grade ratings (including 1, 2 and 3 sub-grades) assigned by Moody's.

Please refer to the brief guide in Appendix 5 to this document on what such credit ratings mean.

Rating agencies usually receive a fee from the companies that they rate. When evaluating our and the Guarantor's creditworthiness, you should not solely rely on our and the Guarantor's credit ratings because:

- a credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold the Structured Products;
- credit ratings of companies may involve difficult-to-quantify factors such as market competition, the success or failure of new products and markets and managerial competence;

- a high credit rating is not necessarily indicative of low risk. Our and the Guarantor's credit ratings as of the above date are for reference only and may be subject to change thereafter. You may visit www.bnpparibas.com to obtain information about the credit ratings of us and the Guarantor. Any downgrading of our and the Guarantor's credit ratings could result in a reduction in the value of the Structured Products;
- a credit rating is not an indication of the liquidity or volatility of the Structured Products; and
- a credit rating may be downgraded if the credit quality of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor declines.

#### The Structured Products are not rated.

Our and the Guarantor's credit ratings are subject to change or withdrawal at any time within each rating agency's sole discretion. You should conduct your own research using publicly available sources to obtain the latest information with respect to our and the Guarantor's credit ratings from time to time.

# Is the Issuer or the Guarantor regulated by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority referred to in Rule 15A.13(2) or the Securities and Futures Commission referred to in Rule 15A.13(3)?

The Issuer is not regulated by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority referred to in Rule 15A.13(2) or the Securities and Futures Commission referred to in Rule 15A.13(3). The Hong Kong branch of the Guarantor is regulated by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority. The Guarantor is also regulated by Comité des Etablissements de Crédit et des Entreprises d'Investissement.

# Is the Issuer or the Guarantor subject to any litigation?

Save as disclosed in this document, the Issuer, the Guarantor and their respective subsidiaries ("BNP Group") are not aware of any litigation or claims of material importance pending or threatened against any of them.

# Authorisation for the issue of the Structured Products

The issue of the Structured Products was authorised by our board of directors on 10 May 2021.

# Have the Issuer's and the Guarantor's financial positions changed since last financial year-end?

Save as disclosed in Appendix 6 of this document, (i) there has been no material adverse change in the Issuer's financial or trading position since 31 December 2020 and (ii) there has been no material adverse change in the Guarantor's financial or trading position since 31 December 2021.

# Do you need to pay any transaction cost?

The Stock Exchange charges a trading fee of 0.005 per cent., the Securities and Futures Commission ("SFC") charges a transaction levy of 0.0027 per cent. and the Financial Reporting Council charges a transaction levy of 0.00015 per cent. for each transaction effected on the Stock Exchange payable by each of the seller and the buyer and calculated on the value of the consideration for the Structured Products. The levy for the investor compensation fund is currently suspended.

### Do you need to pay any tax?

You may be required to pay stamp duties, taxes and other charges in accordance with the laws and practices of the country of your purchase in addition to the issue price of each Structured Product. See the section headed "Taxation" for further information.

# Placing, sale and grey market dealings

No action has been or will be taken by us that would permit a public offering of any series of Structured Products or possession or distribution of any offering material in relation to any Structured Products in any jurisdiction (other than Hong Kong) where action for the purpose is required. No offers, sales, re-sales, transfers or deliveries of any Structured Products, or distribution of any offering material relating to the Structured Products may be made in or from any jurisdiction except in circumstances which will result in compliance with any applicable laws or regulations and which will not impose any obligation on us or the Guarantor. See the section headed "Placing and Sale" for further information.

Following the launch of a series of Structured Products, we may place all or part of that series with our related party. The Structured Products may be sold to investors in the grey market in the period between the launch date and the listing date. We will report any dealings in Structured Products by any member of the BNP Group in the grey market to the Stock Exchange on the listing date through the website of the HKEX at https://www.hkex.com.hk/?sc\_lang=en.

### Where can you read the relevant documents?

Copies of the following documents are available on the website of the HKEX at www.hkexnews.hk and our website at www.bnppwarrant.com.hk:

- (a) (i) this document and any addendum to this document; and
  - (ii) the launch announcement and supplemental listing document, as long as the relevant series of Structured Products is listed on the Stock Exchange,

which include our latest audited financial statements and any interim or quarterly financial statements and the latest audited financial statements and any interim or quarterly financial statements of the Guarantor; and

(b) the consent letters of our auditor, Mazars Accountants N.V., and the Guarantor's auditors, Deloitte & Associés, PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit and Mazars (the "Auditors").

以上各文件可於香港交易所披露易網站(www.hkexnews.hk)以及本公司網站(www.bnppwarrant.com.hk)瀏覽。

Please refer to (i) the base listing document dated 7 April 2021 ("2021 BLD") for the Guarantor's Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 and the Statutory Auditors' report on such consolidated financial statements; and (ii) the addendum to the 2021 BLD dated 30 April 2021 for the Issuer's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 and the independent auditor's report on such financial statements.

# Have the Auditors consented to the inclusion of their report in this document?

As at the date of this document, the Auditors have given and have not withdrawn their written consent to the inclusion of their statutory auditor's report dated 15 March 2022 on the consolidated financial statements of the Guarantor for the year ended 31 December 2021 in this document and/or the references to their names in the Listing Documents, in the form and context in which they are included. Their report was not prepared for incorporation into this document.

The Auditors do not hold the Guarantor's shares or shares in its subsidiaries, nor do they have the right (whether legally enforceable or not) to subscribe for or to nominate persons to subscribe for the Guarantor's securities or securities of any of its subsidiaries.

# How can you get further information about BNP Paribas?

You may visit our website at www.bnpparibas.com to obtain further information about us and/or the Guarantor.

You must note that the information on our website will be of a general nature and cannot be relied upon as accurate and/or correct and will not have been prepared exclusively for the purposes of any particular financial instrument issued by us, including the Structured Products.

### Authorised representatives

Martin Wong and Kenny Ko, each of 60th Floor, Two International Finance Centre, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong, are our authorised representatives and are authorised to accept services of process and notices on our behalf in Hong Kong.

# Governing law of the Structured Products

All contractual documentation for the Structured Products will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of Hong Kong.

# The Listing Documents are not the sole basis for making an investment decision

The Listing Documents do not take into account your investment objectives, financial situation or particular needs. Nothing in the Listing Documents should be construed as a recommendation by us, the Guarantor or our respective affiliates to invest in the Structured Products or the underlying asset of the Structured Products.

No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this document in connection with the Structured Products, and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorised by us or the Guarantor.

The Stock Exchange and HKSCC have made no assessment of, nor taken any responsibility for, our financial soundness or the merits of investing in any Structured Products, nor have they verified the accuracy or the truthfulness of statements made or opinions expressed in this document.

This document has not been reviewed by the Securities and Futures Commission. You are advised to exercise caution in relation to the offer of the Structured Products.

#### Capitalised terms

Unless otherwise specified, capitalised terms used in this document have the meanings set out in the General Conditions set out in Appendix 1 and the Product Conditions applicable to the relevant series of Structured Products set out in Appendices 2, 3 and 4 respectively (together, the "Conditions").

# **OVERVIEW OF WARRANTS**

#### What is a Warrant?

A Warrant is a type of derivative warrants.

A derivative warrant linked to a share of a company, an unit or share of a fund, a commodity, a commodity future, an index, a currency pair or other assets (each an "Underlying Asset") is an instrument which gives the holder a right to "buy" or "sell" an Underlying Asset at, or derives its value by reference to, a pre-set price/level/exchange rate called the Exercise Price/Strike Price/Strike Level/ Strike Rate on the Expiry Date. It usually costs a fraction of the value of the Underlying Asset.

A derivative warrant may provide leveraged return to you (but conversely, it could also magnify your losses).

# How and when can you get back your investment?

Our Warrants are European Style warrants. This means they can only be exercised on the Expiry Date.

A Warrant will, upon exercise on the Expiry Date, entitle you to a cash amount called the "Cash Settlement Amount" (net of any Exercise Expenses) (if positive) according to the applicable Conditions.

You will receive the Cash Settlement Amount less any Exercise Expenses upon settlement at expiry. If the Cash Settlement Amount is equal to or less than the Exercise Expenses, no amount is payable to you and you will lose your entire investment.

### How do our Warrants work?

The potential payoff upon expiry or exercise of the Warrants is calculated by us by reference to the difference between:

 (a) for a Warrant linked to a security, commodity or commodity future, the Exercise Price/Strike Price and Closing Price/Average Price;

- (b) for a Warrant linked to an index, the Strike Level and the Closing Level; and
- (c) for a Warrant linked to a currency pair, the Strike Rate and the Spot Rate.

Call Warrants

A call Warrant is suitable to you if you hold a bullish view on the price/level/exchange rate of the Underlying Asset during the term of that call Warrant.

A call Warrant will be exercised if the Average Price/ Closing Price/Closing Level/Spot Rate is greater than Exercise Price/Strike Price/Strike Level/Strike Rate (as the case may be). The more the Average Price/ Closing Price/Closing Level/Spot Rate exceeds the Exercise Price/Strike Price/Strike Level/Strike Rate (as the case may be), the higher the payoff upon expiry or exercise. If the Average Price/Closing Price/Closing Level/Spot Rate is at or below the Exercise Price/Strike Price/Strike Level/Strike Rate (as the case may be), you will lose all your investment.

### Put Warrants

A put Warrant is suitable to you if you hold a bearish view on the price/level/exchange rate of the Underlying Asset during the term of that put Warrant.

A put Warrant will be exercised if the Average Price/ Closing Price/Closing Level/Spot Rate is below the Exercise Price/Strike Price/Strike Level/Strike Rate (as the case may be). The more the Average Price/ Closing Price/Closing Level/Spot Rate is below the Exercise Price/Strike Price/Strike Level/Strike Rate (as the case may be), the higher the payoff upon expiry or exercise. If the Exercise Price/Strike Price/Strike Level/Strike Rate is at or below the Average Price/Closing Price/Closing Level/Spot Rate (as the case may be), you will lose all your investment.

# Where can you find the Product Conditions (i) applicable to our Warrants?

You should review the Product Conditions applicable to each type of the Warrants before your investment.

The Product Conditions applicable to each type of our Warrants are set out in Parts A to F of Appendix 2 (as may be supplemented by any addendum and/or the relevant launch announcement and supplemental listing document).

# What are the factors determining the price of a Warrant?

The price of a Warrant generally depends on the prevailing price/level/exchange rate of the Underlying Asset. However, throughout the term of a Warrant, its price/level/exchange rate will be influenced by one or more of the following factors, including:

- (a) the Exercise Price/Strike Price/Strike Level/ Strike Rate applicable to that Warrant;
- (b) the value and volatility of the price/level/ exchange rate of the Underlying Asset (being a measure of the fluctuation in the price/level/ exchange rate of the Underlying Asset);
- (c) the time remaining to expiry: generally, the longer the remaining life of the Warrant, the greater its value;
- (d) interest rates;
- (e) expected dividend payments or other distributions (if any) on the Underlying Asset or on any components comprising the underlying index;
- (f) the liquidity of the Underlying Asset or of the futures contracts relating to the underlying index;
- (g) the supply and demand for the Warrant;
- (h) our related transaction costs; and

(i) our creditworthiness and the creditworthiness of the Guarantor.

#### What is your maximum loss?

Your maximum loss in our Warrants will be your entire investment amount plus any transaction costs.

# How can you get information about the Warrants after issue?

You may visit the HKEX's website at https://www.hkex.com.hk/products/securities/structured-products/overview?sc\_lang=en or our website at http://www.bnppwarrant.com.hk to obtain further information on our Warrants or any notice given by us or the Stock Exchange in relation to our Warrants.

# **OVERVIEW OF INLINE WARRANTS**

#### What is an Inline Warrant?

An Inline Warrant is a type of derivative warrants.

A derivative warrant linked to an Underlying Asset is an instrument which derives its value from the Underlying Asset. It usually costs a fraction of the value of the Underlying Asset.

A derivative warrant may provide leveraged return to you (but conversely, it could also magnify your losses).

# How and when can you get back your investment?

Our Inline Warrants are European Style warrants. This means they can only be exercised on the Expiry Date.

An Inline Warrant will, upon exercise on the Expiry Date, entitle you to a cash amount called the "Cash Settlement Amount" (net of any Exercise Expenses) (if positive) according to the applicable Conditions.

You will receive the Cash Settlement Amount less any Exercise Expenses upon settlement at expiry. As of the date of this document, no Exercise Expenses are payable for cash settled warrants (including our Inline Warrants).

#### How do our Inline Warrants work?

Our Inline Warrants carry exotic features and their terms and pricing may be more complicated than the Warrants. Our Inline Warrants provide a pre-fixed potential payoff at either a **capped amount or a floor amount** at expiry.

You will either:

(i) receive a fixed and capped amount equal to the Maximum Payoff Amount per Inline Warrant at expiry if the Average Price (for an Inline Warrant linked to a share) or Closing Level (for an Inline Warrant linked to an index) is at or below the Upper Strike Price or Upper Strike Level (as the case may be) and at or above the Lower Strike Price or Lower Strike Level (as the case may be);

receive a fixed and floor amount equal to the Minimum Payoff Amount per Inline Warrant (which may be substantially less than your initial investment) at expiry and may suffer loss in your investment if the Average Price (for an Inline Warrant linked to a share) or Closing Level (for an Inline Warrant linked to an index) is above the Upper Strike Price or Upper Strike Level (as the case may be) or below the Lower Strike Price or Lower Strike Level (as the case may be). You will still receive the Minimum Payoff Amount per Inline Warrant in this scenario because such amount is included in the price you pay for buying our Inline Warrants.

# Where can you find the Product Conditions applicable to our Inline Warrants?

You should review the Product Conditions applicable to each type of the Inline Warrants before your investment.

The Product Conditions applicable to each type of our Inline Warrants are set out in Parts A to B of Appendix 3 (as may be supplemented by any addendum and/or the relevant launch announcement and supplemental listing document).

# What are the factors determining the price of an Inline Warrant?

The price of an Inline Warrant generally depends on the prevailing price or level of the Underlying Asset. However, throughout the term of an Inline Warrant, its price will be influenced by one or more of the following factors, including:

(a) the range between the Upper Strike Price or Upper Strike Level and the Lower Strike Price or Lower Strike Level (both inclusive) applicable to that Inline Warrants: generally, the wider the range between the Upper Strike Price or Upper Strike Level

and the Lower Strike Price or Lower Strike (e) Level (both inclusive) of the Inline Warrants, the greater its value;

- (b) the value or level of the Underlying Asset: generally, the closer the price or level of the Underlying Asset towards the mid-way of the Upper Strike Price or Upper Strike Level and the Lower Strike Price or Lower Strike Level, ignoring interim interest rates and expected dividend payments on the Underlying Asset or on any components comprising the underlying index and assuming all other factors remain constant, the greater the value of the Inline Warrants; conversely, the farther away the price or level of the Underlying Asset from the mid-way of the Upper Strike Price or Upper Strike Level and the Lower Strike Price or Lower Strike Level, ignoring interim interest rates and expected dividend payments on the Underlying Asset or on any components comprising the underlying index and assuming all other factors remain constant, the lower the value of the Inline Warrants;
- (c) the volatility of the price or level of the Underlying Asset (being a measure of the fluctuation in the price or level of the Underlying Asset over time): generally, if an Inline Warrant is "out-of-the-range" (ie. the price or level of the Underlying Asset falls outside the range between the Upper Strike Price or Upper Strike Level and the Lower Strike Price or Lower Strike Level (both inclusive)), the higher the volatility, the greater the value of the Inline Warrants; conversely, if an Inline Warrant is "in-the-range" (ie. the price or level of the Underlying Asset falls within the range between the Upper Strike Price or Upper Strike Level and the Lower Strike Price or Lower Strike Level (both inclusive)), the higher the volatility, the lower the value of the Inline Warrants;
- (d) the expected probability of the Average Price or Closing Level falling within the range between the Upper Strike Price or Upper Strike Level and the Lower Strike Price or Lower Strike Level (both inclusive) at expiry;

- (e) the time remaining to expiry: generally, if an Inline Warrant is out-of-the-range, the longer the remaining life of the Inline Warrant, the greater its value; conversely, if an Inline Warrant is in-the-range, the shorter the remaining life of the Inline Warrant, the greater its value;
- (f) the interim interest rates;
- (g) the expected dividend payments or other distributions (if any) on the Underlying Asset or on any components comprising the underlying index;
- (h) the liquidity of the Underlying Asset or of the futures contracts relating to the underlying index;
- (i) the supply and demand for the Inline Warrant;
- (j) our related transaction costs; and
- (k) our creditworthiness and the creditworthiness of the Guarantor.

# What is your maximum loss?

If we become insolvent or default on our obligations under our Inline Warrants or the Guarantor becomes insolvent or defaults on its obligations under the Guarantee, the maximum loss in the Inline Warrants will be your entire investment amount plus any transaction costs.

Otherwise, if the Average Price or Closing Level (as the case may be) is above the Upper Strike Price or Upper Strike Level (as the case may be) or below the Lower Strike Price or Lower Strike Level (as the case may be) at expiry, the maximum loss in the Inline Warrants will be your entire investment amount less the Minimum Payoff Amount per Inline Warrant multiplied by the number of Inline Warrants purchased plus any transaction costs.

# What is your maximum profit?

The potential maximum profit in our Inline Warrants will be capped at the Maximum Payoff Amount per Inline Warrant multiplied by the number of Inline Warrants purchased less your entire investment amount and transaction costs.

You should note that your profit or loss in the Inline Warrants will be affected by the amount invested by you and transaction costs.

# How can you get information about the Inline Warrants after issue?

You may visit the HKEX's website at https://www.hkex.com.hk/products/securities/structured-products/overview?sc\_lang=en or our website at https://www.bnppwarrant.com/en/inline-warrant/overview to obtain further information on Inline Warrants or any notice given by us or the Stock Exchange in relation to our Inline Warrants.

# **OVERVIEW OF CBBCS**

#### What are CBBCs?

CBBCs are a type of Structured Products that track the performance of an Underlying Asset. CBBCs can be issued on different types of Underlying Assets as prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time, including:

- (a) securities listed on the Stock Exchange;
- (b) Hang Seng Index, Hang Seng China Enterprises Index, Hang Seng TECH Index and Hang Seng China H-Financials Index; and/or
- (c) overseas securities, overseas indices, currencies, commodities (such as oil, gold and platinum), commodity futures or other assets as prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time.

A list of eligible Underlying Assets for CBBCs is available on the website of the HKEX at https://www.hkex.com.hk/Products/Securities/Structured-Products/Eligible-Underlying-Assets?sc\_lang=en.

CBBCs are issued either as callable bull contracts ("bull CBBCs") or callable bear contracts ("bear CBBCs"), allowing you to take either bullish or bearish positions on the Underlying Asset.

Bull CBBCs are designed for investors who have an optimistic view on the Underlying Asset. Bear CBBCs are designed for investors who have a pessimistic view on the Underlying Asset.

CBBCs have a mandatory call feature (the "Mandatory Call Event") and, subject to the limited circumstances set out in the relevant Conditions in which a Mandatory Call Event may be reversed, we must terminate our CBBCs upon the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event. See "What are the mandatory call feature of CBBCs?" below.

There are 2 categories of CBBCs, namely:

- (a) Category R CBBCs; and
- (b) Category N CBBCs.

Your entitlement following the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event will depend on the category of the CBBCs.

If no Mandatory Call Event occurs, the CBBCs will be exercised automatically on the Expiry Date by payment of a Cash Settlement Amount (if any). The Cash Settlement Amount (if any) payable at expiry represents the difference between the Closing Price/ Closing Level of the Underlying Asset on the Valuation Date and the Strike Price/Strike Level.

The Conditions applicable to CBBCs are set out in Parts A, B and C of Appendix 4 (as may be supplemented by any addendum or the relevant launch announcement and supplemental listing document).

# What are the mandatory call feature of CBBCs?

Mandatory Call Event

Subject to the limited circumstances set out in the relevant Conditions in which a Mandatory Call Event may be reversed, we must terminate the CBBCs if a Mandatory Call Event occurs. A Mandatory Call Event occurs if the Spot Price/Spot Level of the Underlying Asset is:

- (a) at or below the Call Price/Call Level (in the case of a series of bull CBBCs); or
- (b) at or above the Call Price/Call Level (in the case of a series of bear CBBCs),

at any time during the Observation Period.

The Observation Period starts from and including the Observation Commencement Date of the relevant CBBCs and ends on and including the Trading Day immediately preceding the Expiry Date.

Subject to the limited circumstances set out in the relevant Conditions in which a Mandatory Call Event may be reversed and such modification and amendment as may be prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time:

 (a) all trades in the CBBCs concluded via auto-matching or manually after the time of the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event; and (b) where the Mandatory Call Event occurs during a pre-opening session or closing auction session (if applicable), all auction trades in the CBBCs concluded in such session and all manual trades concluded after the end of the pre-order matching period in such session, will be invalid and cancelled, and will not be recognised by us or the Stock Exchange.

The time at which a Mandatory Call Event occurs will be determined by reference to:

- (a) in respect of CBBCs over single equities ("Single Equity CBBCs") or CBBCs over exchange traded fund ("ETF") ("ETF CBBCs"), the Stock Exchange's automatic order matching and execution system time at which the Spot Price is at or below the Call Price (for a series of bull CBBCs) or is at or above the Call Price (for a series of bear CBBCs); or
- (b) in respect of CBBCs over index ("Index CBBCs"), the time the relevant Spot Level is published by the index compiler at which the Spot Level is at or below the Call Level (for a series of bull CBBCs) or is at or above the Call Level (for a series of bear CBBCs),

subject to the rules and requirements as prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time.

Category R CBBCs vs. Category N CBBCs

The launch announcement and supplemental listing document for the relevant series of CBBCs will specify whether the CBBCs are Category R CBBCs or Category N CBBCs.

"Category N CBBCs" refer to CBBCs for which the Call Price/Call Level is equal to their Strike Price/ Strike Level. In respect of a series of Category N CBBCs, you will not receive any cash payment following the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event.

"Category R CBBCs" refer to CBBCs for which the Call Price/Call Level is different from their Strike Price/Strike Level. In respect of a series of Category R CBBCs, you may receive a cash payment called the "Residual Value" (net of any Exercise Expenses) upon the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event. The amount of the Residual Value payable (if any) is calculated by reference to:

- (a) in respect of a series of bull CBBCs, the difference between the Minimum Trade Price/ Minimum Index Level and the Strike Price/ Strike Level of the Underlying Asset;
- (b) in respect of a series of bear CBBCs, the difference between the Strike Price/Strike Level and the Maximum Trade Price/Maximum Index Level of the Underlying Asset.

You must read the applicable Product Conditions and the relevant launch announcement and supplemental listing document to obtain further information on the calculation formula of the Residual Value applicable to Category R CBBCs.

You may lose all of your investment in a particular series of CBBCs if:

- (a) in the case of a series of bull CBBCs, the Minimum Trade Price/Minimum Index Level of the Underlying Asset is equal to or less than the Strike Price/Strike Level; or
- (b) in the case of a series of bear CBBCs, the Maximum Trade Price/Maximum Index Level of the Underlying Asset is equal to or greater than the Strike Price/Strike Level.

# Where can you find the Product Conditions applicable to our CBBCs?

You should review the Product Conditions applicable to each type of the CBBCs before your investment.

The Product Conditions applicable to each type of our CBBCs are set out in Appendix 4.

# How is the funding cost calculated?

The issue price of a series of CBBCs is set by reference to (i) the difference between the initial reference spot price/level of the Underlying Asset as at the launch date of the CBBC and the Strike Price/ Strike Level, plus (ii) if applicable, a funding cost.

The initial funding cost applicable to the CBBCs as of the launch date will be specified in the relevant launch announcement and supplemental listing document for the relevant series.

The funding cost is an amount determined by us based on a number of factors, including but not limited to the Strike Price/Strike Level, the prevailing interest rate and, for Single Equity CBBCs or ETF CBBCs, the expected dividend/distribution yield in respect of the Underlying Asset.

The funding cost may fluctuate throughout the life of the CBBCs as the funding rate changes from time to time.

Further details about the funding cost applicable to a series of CBBCs will be described in the relevant launch announcement and supplemental listing document.

### Do you own the Underlying Asset?

CBBCs convey no interest in the Underlying Asset. We may choose not to hold the Underlying Asset or any derivatives contracts linked to the Underlying Asset. There is no restriction through the issue of the CBBCs on the ability of the BNP Group to sell, pledge or otherwise convey all rights, titles and interests in any Underlying Asset or any derivatives products linked to the Underlying Asset.

# What are the factors determining the price of a CBBC?

The price of a series of CBBCs tend to follow closely the movement in the value of the Underlying Asset in dollar value (on the assumption of an entitlement ratio of one CBBC to one unit of Underlying Asset).

However, throughout the term of a CBBC, its price will be influenced by a number of factors, including:

- (a) the Strike Price/Strike Level and the Call Price/ Call Level;
- (b) the likelihood of the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event;
- (c) for Category R CBBCs only, the probable range of the Residual Value payable upon the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event;
- (d) the time remaining to expiry;
- (e) any change(s) in interim interest rates;

- (f) expected dividend payments or other distribution on the Underlying Asset or on any components comprising the underlying index;
- (g) the probable range of the Cash Settlement Amount;
- (h) the supply and demand for the CBBCs;
- (i) the liquidity of the Underlying Asset or of the future contracts relating to the underlying index;
- (i) our related transaction costs; and/or
- (k) our creditworthiness and the creditworthiness of the Guarantor.

### What is your maximum loss?

Your maximum loss in CBBCs will be your entire investment amount plus any transaction cost.

# How can you get information about the CBBCs after issue?

You may visit the HKEX's website at https://www.hkex.com.hk/products/securities/structured-products/overview?sc\_lang=en or our website at http://www.bnppwarrant.com.hk to obtain further information on CBBCs or any notice given by us or the Stock Exchange in relation to our CBBCs.

# OVERVIEW OF THE BRRD AND ITS IMPLICATIONS TO THE STRUCTURED PRODUCTS

#### What is the BRRD?

The Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive (2014/59/EU), as amended ("BRRD") is a legislative development in the European Union ("EU") which was introduced to address the shortcomings in the national laws and regulations of EU Member States for the resolution of failing banks and financial institutions. The BRRD provides that it should be applied by EU Member States from 1 January 2015, except for the Bail-In Power (as described below) which should be applied from 1 January 2016. The implementation date of the BRRD in each EU Member State depends on the implementation legislation enacted, or which will be enacted in each such EU Member State. The BRRD has been implemented in France. In March 2016, the European Commission has adopted a Commission Delegated Regulation setting out a number of regulatory technical standards for the BRRD.

The BRRD provides for the establishment of an EU-wide framework for the recovery and resolution of EU credit institutions and investment firms as well as certain of their group companies falling under the scope of the BRRD. The BRRD requires the governments of all EU Member States to provide their relevant resolution authorities with a set of tools to intervene sufficiently early and quickly in an unsound or failing institution so as to ensure the continuity of that institution's critical financial and economic functions, while minimising the impact of that institution's failure on the broader economy and financial system.

The BRRD contains four resolution tools and powers (the "Resolution Tools") which may be used alone or in combination where the relevant resolution authority considers that (a) an affected 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 affected institution within a reasonable timeframe, and (c) a resolution action is in the public interest: (i) sale of business — which enables the relevant resolution authorities to direct the sale of the affected institution or the whole or part of its business on commercial terms; (ii) bridge institution — which enables the relevant resolution authorities to transfer all or part of the business of the affected institution to a "bridge institution" (an entity created for this purpose that is wholly or partially in public control); (iii) asset separation — which enables the relevant resolution authorities to transfer impaired or problem assets to one or more publicly owned asset management vehicles to allow them to be managed with a view to maximising their value through eventual sale or orderly wind-down (this can be used together with another resolution tool only); and (iv) Bail-In Power (as described in the paragraph headed "What is Bail-In Power" below).

On 7 June 2019, Directive (EU) 2019/879 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 amending BRRD as regards the loss-absorbing and recapitalisation capacity of credit institutions and investment firms and Regulation (EU) 2019/877 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2019 amending the Single Resolution Mechanism Regulation (Regulation 806/2014) as regards the loss-absorbing and recapitalisation capacity of credit institutions and investment firms, were published in the European Union Official Journal. They amend a number of key banking directives and regulations in the European Union, including the BRRD, the Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms ("CRD IV"), the Regulation 2013/575 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms ("CRR"), and the Single Resolution Mechanism.

The BRRD has been implemented in France through Ordinance No.2020-1636 dated 21 December 2020 relating to the resolution regime in the banking sector (the "Ordinance"). In particular, the Ordinance has implemented Article 48(7) of BRRD which requires EU Member States to modify their national insolvency law to ensure that claims resulting from funds rank in insolvency below any other claims that do not result from own funds as defined by the CRR (the "Own Funds"). The transposition

of this provision by the Ordinance has modified the rules governing the order of creditors' claims applicable to French credit institutions in insolvency proceedings. Subordinated obligations and deeply subordinated obligations of the Guarantor issued before the entry into force of those provisions will keep their contractual ranking if they are, or have been, fully or partially recognised as Own Funds.

A new article L.613-30-3, I, 5° of the French *Code monétaire et financier* states that, as from 28 December 2020, it should not be possible for liabilities of a credit institution that are not Own Funds to rank *pari passu* with Own Funds.

Therefore, a new rank within subordinated obligations has been created for subordinated obligations or deeply subordinated obligations of the Guarantor, issued as from 28 December 2020 if and when they completely cease to constitute tier 2 capital or additional tier 1 capital instruments of the Guarantor. They will rank in priority to tier 2 capital instruments and additional tier 1 capital instruments of the Guarantor in order to comply with article L.613-30-3, I, 5° of the French *Code monétaire et financier*.

# Consequently,

- (i) as long as subordinated obligations are recognised as tier 2 capital instruments, they will rank as tier 2 capital instruments, and, if they are no longer recognised as tier 2 capital instruments, they will automatically rank as "Disqualified Subordinated Obligations"; and
- (ii) as long as deeply subordinated obligations are recognised as additional tier 1 capital instruments, they will rank as additional tier 1 capital instruments of the Guarantor, and, if they are no longer recognised as additional tier 1 capital instruments, they will automatically rank as disqualified additional tier 1 obligations and will rank *pari passu* with the Disqualified Subordinated Obligations;

without any action from the Guarantor and without obtaining the consent of the creditors of subordinated obligations or any other obligations.

All subordinated obligations or deeply subordinated obligations granted by the Guarantor prior to the date of entry into force of the Ordinance that are, or have been, fully or partially recognised as Own Funds of the Guarantor, rank and as long as they are outstanding will rank as tier 2 capital instruments or additional tier 1 capital instruments of the Guarantor as the case may be, in accordance with their contractual terms.

The implementation of the Resolution Tools with respect to the Guarantor may result in significant structural changes and in a partial or total write down, modification or variation of claims of shareholders and creditors, including the reduction, modification, cancellation or conversion, all, or a portion, of any amounts payable by the Guarantor under the terms of the Guarantee, into other securities of the Guarantor (or of another person), including by means of a variation of the terms of the Guarantee. The exercise of any resolution power under the BRRD by the relevant resolution authorities over the Guarantor could materially adversely affect its creditworthiness and the rights of investors under the Structured Products and the market value of the Structured Products. You as investors in the Structured Products may therefore lose all or a substantial part of your investment in the Structured Products.

It is important to note that certain protections are granted to the creditors of an EU credit institution in case of the exercise of the Resolution Tools (including the Bail-In Power) over such institution. The most important one is the principle known as the "no creditor worse off principle" as provided for in the BRRD. This principle is intended to ensure that the creditors of an affected institution which is subject to the exercise of the Bail-In Power under the BRRD shall not incur greater losses than they would have incurred if such affected institution had been wound up under normal insolvency proceedings. For this purpose, the relevant resolution authorities in the EU have to ensure that it is assessed at the time of exercise of the Bail-In Power whether shareholders and creditors of an affected institution would have received better treatment if such affected institution had entered into normal insolvency proceedings.

### The Issuer is not subject to the BRRD

The Issuer is incorporated as a private limited company under Dutch law as an exempt group finance company under the Dutch Financial Supervision Act, and will not be subject to the BRRD.

#### The Guarantor is subject to the BRRD

The Guarantor is a credit institution incorporated in France and is subject to the BRRD and the French legislation having implemented the BRRD and Regulation (EUR) No 806/2014, as amended.

Under the French legislation having implemented the BRRD, substantial powers are granted to the *Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution* ("ACPR"), the French resolution authority, and/or to other relevant resolution authorities in the EU, to implement resolution measures (including the use of the Resolution Tools) in respect of a French credit institution (including, for example, the Guarantor) and certain of its affiliates to protect and enhance the stability of the financial system of France if the relevant resolution authorities consider the failure of the relevant entity has become likely and certain other conditions are satisfied.

### The Resolution Tools may be exercised over the Guarantor

The exercise of any Resolution Tool or any suggestion of any such exercise under the BRRD over the Guarantor could adversely affect the value of the Structured Products. You may therefore lose all or a substantial part of your investment in the Structured Products.

In addition, the resolution powers could be exercised (i) prior to the commencement of any insolvency proceedings in respect of the Guarantor, and (ii) by the relevant resolution authority without your consent or any prior notice to you. It is also uncertain how the relevant resolution authority would assess triggering conditions in different pre-insolvency scenarios affecting the Guarantor under the BRRD. Accordingly, you may not be able to anticipate a potential exercise of any such resolution powers over the Guarantor.

#### What is "Bail-In Power"?

"Bail-In Power" (as defined in the section headed "Text of the Guarantee of BNP Paribas") means the power of the relevant resolution authorities to write down, convert to equity, transfer, modify or suspend certain claims of unsecured creditors of a failing institution existing from time to time under, and exercised in compliance with, any laws, regulations, rules or requirements in effect in France, relating to the transposition of the BRRD as amended from time to time, and the instructions, rules and standards created thereunder, pursuant to which, in particular, the obligations of the Guarantor in respect of the Guarantee can be reduced (in part or in whole), cancelled, modified, or converted into shares, other securities or other obligations of the Guarantor or any other person.

Please see the section headed "Text of the Guarantee of BNP Paribas" in this document for further details, in particular clause 6 of the Guarantee with respect to the Bail-In Power.

# The Issuer's obligations under the Structured Products are not subject to the "Bail-In Power"

As the Issuer is not subject to the BRRD, the obligations of the Issuer under the Structured Products will not be subject to the exercise of any Bail-In Power in respect of the Issuer.

However, in the event of a default by the Issuer of its obligations under the Structured Products, and if any Bail-In Power is exercised over the Guarantor with respect to the Guarantee, you may not be able to recover all or even part of the amount due under the Structured Products (if any) from the Guarantor under the Guarantee, or you may receive a different security issued by the Guarantor (or another person) in place of the amount (if any) due to you under the Structured Products by the Issuer, which may be worth significantly less than the amount due to you under the Structured Products at expiry. For further details, please refer to the paragraph headed "Risks relating to the BRRD" under the section "Risk Factors" of this document.

### The Guarantor's obligations with respect to the Guarantee are subject to the "Bail-In Power"

In addition, the Guarantee includes a contractual term regarding the "Bail-In Power" and any liability covered by the Guarantor will be contractually subject to the exercise of any "Bail-In Power" by the relevant resolution authority if such authority should so decide at the relevant time.

By investing in the Structured Products, you acknowledge, accept, consent and agree to be contractually bound by the exercise of any Bail-In Power by the relevant resolution authorities over the Guarantor. You further acknowledge, accept, consent and agree that your rights under the Guarantee are contractually subject to, and will be varied, if necessary, so as to give effect to, the exercise of any Bail-In Power by the relevant resolution authorities.

The effect of the exercise of the Bail-In Power by the relevant resolution authority over the Guarantor may include and result in any of the following, or some combination thereof:

- (a) the reduction of all, or a portion, of the amounts payable by the Guarantor under the terms of the Guarantee (including a reduction to zero);
- (b) the conversion of all, or a portion, of the amounts due under the Guarantee into shares or other securities or other obligations of the Guarantor or of another person, including by means of an amendment, modification or variation of the contractual terms, in which case you agree to accept in lieu of your contractual rights under the terms of the Guarantee any such shares, other securities or other obligations of the Guarantor or another person;
- (c) the cancellation of the Guarantee;
- (d) the amendment or alteration of the maturity of the Guarantee or amendment of the amount of interest payable on the Guarantee, or the date on which the interest becomes payable, including by suspending payment for a temporary period; and/or
- (e) if applicable, the variation of the terms of the Guarantee, if necessary to give effect to the exercise of the Bail-In Power by the relevant resolution authority.

New article L.613-56-9 of the French *Code monétaire et financier* specifies new conditions for contractual recognition of the Bail-In Power. Any financial contract entered into by an entity referred to in Section I of Article L.613-34 of the French *Code monétaire et financier* that creates a new obligation or substantially modifies an existing obligation as from 28 December 2020 and which is governed by the law of a third country shall include a clause specifying that the parties acknowledge that such obligation may be subject to the exercise by the relevant resolution authority of the Bail-In Power as if the contract was governed by the law of an EU Member State.

Accordingly, in the event of a default by the Issuer of its obligations under the Structured Products guaranteed by the Guarantee and if any Bail-In Power is exercised over the Guarantor with respect to the Guarantee, you may not be able to recover all or even part of the amount due under the Structured Products (if any) from the Guarantor under the Guarantee, or you may receive a different security issued by the Guarantor (or another person) in place of the amount (if any) due to you under the Structured Products from the Issuer, which may be worth significantly less than the amount due to you under the Structured Products (if any).

In addition, the exercise of the Resolution Tools may also result, after any transfer of all or part of the Guarantor's business or separation of any of its assets, in you as the investors in the Structured Products (even in the absence of any such write down or conversion) being left as creditors of the Guarantor, whose remaining business or assets is insufficient to support the claims of all or any of the creditors of the Guarantor (including you as the investors in the Structured Products).

Moreover, the relevant resolution authorities may exercise the Bail-In Power without providing any advance notice to, or requiring your further consent.

Please refer to the paragraph headed "Risks relating to the BRRD" under the section "Risk Factors" of this document for further details of the relevant risk factors applicable to the Structured Products.

# **DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUER**

#### History

Our name is:

#### BNP Paribas Issuance B.V.

We are a private limited company under Dutch law ("besloten vennootschap met beperkte aansprakelijkheid"), having its registered office at Herengracht 595, 1017 CE Amsterdam, the Netherlands and registered with the Commercial Register under number 33215278. We were incorporated on 10 November 1989.

#### **Business**

Our objects are:

- (a) to borrow, lend out and collect monies, including but not limited to the issue or the acquisition of debentures, debt instruments, financial instruments such as, among others, warrants and certificates of any nature, with or without indexation based on, inter alia, shares, basket of shares, stock exchange indexes, currencies, commodities or futures on commodities, and to enter into related agreements;
- (b) to finance enterprises and companies;
- (c) to establish and to in any way participate in, manage and supervise enterprises and companies;
- (d) to offer advice and to render services to enterprises and companies with which the company forms a group of companies, and to third parties;
- (e) to grant security, to bind the company and to encumber assets of the company for the benefit of enterprises and companies with which the company forms a group of companies, and of third parties;
- (f) to acquire, manage, exploit and dispose of registered property and asset value in general; (g) to trade in currencies, securities and asset value in general;
- (h) to exploit and trade in patents, trademark rights, licenses, know-how and other industrial rights of ownership;
- (i) to engage in industrial, financial and commercial activities of any nature,

and all other things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, in the broadest sense of the word.

### Share capital

The issued share capital is 45,379 euros, divided in 45,379 shares of one euro each.

All shares are registered shares and no share certificates have been issued.

# Management

### Management Board

Our management will be composed of a Management Board with one or several members appointed by the general meeting of shareholders.

# Duties of the Management Board

Within the limits of the constitutional documents, the Management Board will be responsible for our management.

# Delegation of management

BNP Paribas is our sole shareholder. On 31 January 2016, BNP Paribas appointed as sole member of the Management Board BNP Paribas Finance B.V., a company established and existing under the laws of the Netherlands, with its registered office at Herengracht 595, 1017 CE Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Messrs. Edwin Herskovic, Erik Stroet, Geert Lippens, Folkert van Asma, Richard Daelman and Matthew Yandle as directors of BNP Paribas Finance B.V. have the power to take all necessary measures in relation to the issue of securities of BNP Paribas Issuance B.V.

# DESCRIPTION OF THE GUARANTOR

#### History

1966: Creation of BNP

The merger of BNCI and CNEP to form BNP represented the largest restructuring operation in the French banking sector since the end of the Second World War.

1968: Creation of Compagnie Financière de Paris et des Pays-Bas

1982: Nationalisation of BNP and Compagnie Financière de Paris et des Pays-Bas at the time of the nationalisation of all French banks

In the 1980s, deregulation of the banking sector and the growing tendency of borrowers to raise funds directly on the financial market transformed the banking business in France and worldwide.

1987: Privatisation of Compagnie Financière de Paribas

With 3.8 million individual shareholders, Compagnie Financière de Paribas had more shareholders than any other company in the world. Compagnie Financière de Paribas owned 48% of the capital of Compagnie Bancaire.

1993: Privatisation of BNP

BNP's return to the private sector represented a new start. The 1990s were marked by a change in the level of profitability of the Bank, which had the highest return on equity of any major French institution in 1998. This period was marked by the launch of new banking products and services, the development of activities on the financial markets, expansion in France and at the international level, and preparation for the advent of the euro.

1998: Creation of Paribas

On 12 May 1998, the merger between Compagnie Financière de Paribas, Banque Paribas and Compagnie Bancaire was approved.

1999: A momentous year for the Group

Following an unprecedented double tender offer and a stock market battle waged over six months, BNP was in position to carry out a merger of equals with Paribas. For both groups, this was the most important event since their privatisation. It gave rise to a new Group with tremendous prospects. At a time of economic globalisation, the merger created a leading player in the European banking sector.

2000: Creation of BNP Paribas

BNP and Paribas merged on 23 May 2000.

The new Group derived its strength from the two major financial and banking lines from which it descends. It has two goals: to create value for shareholders, clients and employees by building the bank of the future, and to become a leading global player.

2006: Acquisition of BNL in Italy

BNP Paribas acquired BNL, Italy's 6th-largest bank. This acquisition transformed BNP Paribas, providing it with access to a second domestic market in Europe. In both Italy and France, all of the Group's businesses can now develop their activities by leveraging a nationwide banking network.

2009: Merger with the Fortis group

BNP Paribas took control of Fortis Bank and BGL (Banque Générale du Luxembourg).

2012: Launch of Hello bank!

2015: Acquisition of BGZ Polska

In Poland, which will become BNP Paribas Bank Polska.

2018: Acquisition of Nickel

Which offers banking solutions that are accessible to all, directly online or at tobacconists, without conditions of resources.

2020: Agreement with Deutsche Bank

For the takeover of its Prime Brokerage business.

2021: Acquisition of FLOA

One of the French leaders in innovative payments.

2021: Announcement of the sale of Bank of the West to BMO Financial Group

#### **Business**

BNP Paribas is a French multinational bank and financial services company with its registered office located at 16 boulevard des Italiens 75009 Paris, France, and its corporate website in English is http://www.bnpparibas.com/en.

BNP Paribas, together with its consolidated subsidiaries (the "BNP Paribas Group") is a global financial services provider, conducting retail, corporate and investment banking, private banking, asset management, insurance and specialized and other financial activities throughout the world.

The BNP Paribas Group, one of Europe's leading providers of banking and financial services, has four domestic retail banking markets in Europe, namely in Belgium, France, Italy and Luxembourg.

It operates in 65 countries and has nearly 190,000 employees, including nearly 145,000 in Europe.

BNP Paribas' organisation changed in 2021, and is now based on three operating divisions: Commercial, Personal Banking & Services (CPBS), Investment & Protection Services (IPS) and Corporate & Institutional Banking (CIB). Within this framework, the Group's new organisation effective from 2022 is as follows:

- Commercial, Personal Banking & Services, including:
  - o Commercial & Personal banks in the euro zone:
    - Commercial & Personal Banking in France (CPBF),
    - BNL banca commerciale (BNL bc), Italian commercial banking,
    - Commercial & Personal Banking in Belgium (CPBB),
    - Commercial & Personal Banking in Luxembourg (CPBL).

- o Commercial banks outside the euro zone, which are organised around:
  - Europe-Mediterranean, to cover Central and Eastern Europe and Turkey,
  - BancWest in the United States.
- o Specialised businesses:
  - Arval,
  - BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions,
  - BNP Paribas Personal Finance,
  - BNP Paribas Personal Investors,
  - New digital business lines (Nickel, Floa, Lyf, etc.).
- Investment & Protection Services, including:
  - o Insurance (BNP Paribas Cardif),
  - Wealth and Asset Management (BNP Paribas Asset Management, BNP Paribas Wealth Management and BNP Paribas Real Estate), Management of the BNP Paribas Group's portfolio of unlisted and listed industrial and commercial investments (BNP Paribas Principal Investments).
- Corporate and Institutional Banking (CIB), including:
  - o Global Banking,
  - o Global Markets,
  - o Securities Services.

BNP Paribas SA is the parent company of the BNP Paribas Group.

At 31 December 2021, the BNP Paribas Group had consolidated assets of €2,634 billion (compared to €2,488 billion at 31 December 2020), consolidated loans and receivables due from customers of €814 billion (compared to €810 billion at 31 December 2020), consolidated items due to customers of €958 billion (compared to €941 billion at 31 December 2020) and shareholders' equity (Group share) of €117.9 billion (compared to €112.8 billion at 31 December 2020).

At 31 December 2021, pre-tax income from continuing activities was  $\le 12.7$  billion (compared to  $\le 9.3$  billion as at 31 December 2020). Net income, attributable to equity holders was  $\le 9.5$  billion (compared to  $\le 7.1$  billion for 2020).

As of 31 March 2022, the BNP Paribas Group had Long Term Senior Preferred debt ratings of "A+" with stable outlook from S&P, "Aa3" with stable outlook from Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and "AA-" with stable outlook from Fitch Ratings, Ltd and "AA (low)" with stable outlook from DBRS.

The information contained in this section relates to and has been obtained from BNP Paribas. The information concerning BNP Paribas and the BNP Paribas Group contained herein is furnished solely to provide limited introductory information regarding BNP Paribas and the BNP Paribas Group and does not purport to be comprehensive.

The delivery of the information contained in this section shall not create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of BNP Paribas or the BNP Paribas Group since the date hereof, or that the information contained or referred to in this section is correct as of any time subsequent to its date.

For up-to-date financial information, including quarterly results since the last fiscal year end, please refer to http://invest.bnpparibas.com/en.

#### **Board of Directors**

The following table sets forth the names of the current members of the Board of Directors, their current function at the Bank, their business address and their principal business activities outside of the Bank as at 31 December 2021, except where specified:

### Jean LEMIERRE

Date of birth: 6 June 1950 Nationality: French

Term start and end dates: 19 May 2020 - 2023 AGM Date first elected to the Board of directors: 1 December 2014 ratified by the Annual General Meeting of 13 May 2015

Number of BNP Paribas shares held (1): 37,152(2)

Business address: 3, rue d'Antin 75002 PARIS.

FRANCE

Education

Graduate of the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris Graduate of the École Nationale d'Administration Law Degree

Offices (1) held in listed or unlisted companies of the BNP Paribas Group, in France or abroad

BNP Paribas(\*), Chairman of the Board of directors TEB Holding AS, director

Other offices<sup>(1)</sup> held in listed or unlisted companies outside the BNP Paribas Group, in France or abroad

TotalEnergies(\*), director

 $Participation^{(1)}\ in\ \underline{specialised\ committees\ of}$ French or foreign companies

TotalEnergies, member of the Corporate governance and Ethics Committee and member of the Strategy & CSR Committee

 $Others^{(1)}$ 

Centre for Prospective Studies and International Information (CEPII), Chairman

Paris Europlace, Vice-Chairman

French Association of Private Companies, member Institute of International Finance (IIF), member Orange International Advisory Board, member

International Advisory Council of China Development Bank (CDB), member

International Advisory Council of China Investment Corporation (CIC), member

International Advisory Panel (IAP) of the Monetary Authority

of Singapore (MAS), member

#### Offices held at 31 December in previous financial years

(the companies mentioned are the parent companies of the groups in which the functions were carried out)

2020:

Chairman of the Board of directors: BNP Paribas Director: TEB Holding AS, Total SA

Chairman: Centre for Prospective Studies and International Information

(CEPII)

Vice-Chairman: Paris

Europlace

Member: French Association of Private Companies, Institute of International Finance (IIF), International Advisory Board of Orange, International Advisory Council of China Development Bank (CDB), International Advisory Council of China Investment Corporation (CIC), International Advisory Panel (IAP) of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)

Chairman of the Board of directors: BNP Paribas Director: TEB Holding AS,

Total SA Chairman: Centre for

Prospective Studies and International Information (CEPII)

Vice-Chairman: Paris

Europlace Member: French Association of

Private Companies, Institute of International Finance (IIF), International Advisory Board of Orange, International Advisory Council of China Development Bank (CDB), International Advisory Council of China Investment Corporation (CIC), International Advisory Panel (IAP) of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)

2018:

Chairman of the Board of directors: BNP Paribas Director: TEB Holding AS,

Total SA Chairman: Centre for Prospective Studies and

International Information (CEPII)

Vice-Chairman: Paris Europlace Member: French Association of Private Companies, Institute of International Finance (IIF), International Advisory Board of Orange, International Advisory Council of China Development Bank (CDB), International Advisory Council of China Investment Corporation (CIC),

International Advisory Panel (IAP) of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)

2017:

Chairman of the Board of directors: BNP Paribas Director: TEB Holding AS,

Total SA

Chairman: Centre for Prospective Studies and International Information (CEPII)

Member: Institute of International Finance (IIF), International Advisory Board of Orange, International Advisory Council of China Development Bank (CDB), International Advisory Council of China Investment Corporation (CIC), International Advisory Panel (IAP) of the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)

- (1) At 31 December 2021.
- (2) Includes 1,326 BNP Paribas shares held in the form of shares in Shareholder funds under the Company Savings Plan.
- Listed company. (\*)

#### Jean-Laurent BONNAFÉ

Principal function: Director and Chief Executive Officer of BNP Paribas

Date of birth: 14 July 1961
Nationality: French

Term start and end dates: 23 May 2019 - 2022 AGM Date first elected to the Board of directors: 12 May 2010

Number of BNP Paribas shares held(1): 107,824(2)

Business address: 3, rue d'Antin

75002 PARIS, FRANCE

#### Education

Graduate of the École Polytechnique Graduate of the École des Mines  $\underline{Offices^{(1)}}$  held in listed or unlisted companies of the  $\underline{BNP}$ 

Paribas Group, in France or abroad

BNP Paribas(\*), Director and Chief Executive Officer

 $\underline{Other\ offices^{(1)}\ held\ in\ listed\ or\ unlisted\ companies\ outside\ the}$ 

BNP Paribas Group, in France or abroad

Pierre Fabre SA, director

Participation<sup>(1)</sup> in specialised committees of French or foreign companies

Pierre Fabre SA, member of the Strategic Committee

 $Others^{(1)} \\$ 

Association pour le Rayonnement de l'Opéra de Paris, Chairman

Entreprise pour l'Environnement, Chairman

Fédération Bancaire Française (French Banking Federation),

Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee

La France s'engage, director Bank Policy Institute, director

#### Offices held at 31 December in previous financial years

(the companies mentioned are the parent companies of the groups in which the functions were carried out)

2020:
Director and Chief Executive
Officer: BNP Paribas
Chairman: Association pour le
Rayonnement de l'Opéra de
Paris, Entreprise pour
l'Environnement
Director:

La France s'engage, Pierre

Fabre SA

Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee: Fédération Bancaire Française 2019: Director and Chief Executive

Officer: BNP Paribas
Chairman: Association pour le
Rayonnement de l'Opéra de
Paris, Entreprise pour
l'Environnement

Carrefour, La France s'engage,

Director:

Pierre Fabre SA

Member of the Executive

Committee: Fédération

Bancaire Française

2018:

Director and Chief Executive Officer: BNP Paribas Chairman: Association pour le Rayonnement de l'Opéra de

Paris
Vice-Chairman: Entreprise
pour l'Environnement

Director: Carrefour Member of the Executive Committee: Fédération Bancaire Française 2017:

Director and Chief Executive Officer: BNP Paribas Chairman: Fédération Bancaire Française, Association pour le Rayonnement de l'Opéra de Paris Vice-Chairman: Entreprise pour

l'Environnement **Director:** Carrefour

- (1) At 31 December 2021.
- (2) Includes 26,449 BNP Paribas shares held as units in the shareholders' fund under the Company Savings Plan.
- (\*) Listed company.

#### Jacques ASCHENBROICH

Principal function: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Valeo

Date of birth: 3 June 1954 Nationality: French

Term start and end dates: 19 May 2020 - 2023 AGM Date first elected to the Board of directors: 23 May 2017

Number of BNP Paribas shares held<sup>(1)</sup>: 1,000 Business address: 100 rue de Courcelles

75017 PARIS, FRANCE

#### **Education**

Graduate of the École des Mines

Corps des Mines

 $Offices^{(1)}$  held in listed or unlisted companies of the BNP Paribas

Group, in France or abroad

BNP Paribas(\*), director

Offices<sup>(1)</sup> held under the principal function

Valeo(\*), Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

 $\underline{Other\ offices^{(1)}\ held\ in\ listed\ or\ unlisted\ companies\ outside\ the}$ 

BNPP Group, in France or abroad

TotalEnergies(\*), director

 $\underline{Participation^{(1)} \ in \ specialised \ committees \ of \ French \ or \ foreign}$ 

companies

BNP Paribas, member of the Financial Statements Committee

Other

École Nationale Supérieure Mines ParisTech, Chairman Club d'affaires Franco-Japonais, Co-Chairman French Association of Private Companies, member

#### Offices held at 31 December in previous financial years

(the companies mentioned are the parent companies of the groups in which the functions were carried out)

of Private Companies

2020: 2018: 2017: 2019: Chairman and Chief Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer: Valeo Officer: Valeo Officer: Valeo Officer: Valeo Director: BNP Paribas. Director: BNP Paribas. Director: BNP Paribas. Director: BNP Paribas. Véolia Environnement Véolia Environnement Veolia Environnement Veolia Environnement Chairman: École Nationale Chairman: École Nationale Chairman: École Nationale Chairman: École Nationale Supérieure Mines ParisTech Supérieure Mines ParisTech Supérieure Mines ParisTech Supérieure Mines ParisTech Co-Chairman: Club d'affaires Co-Chairman: Club d'affaires Co-Chairman: Club d'affaires Co-Chairman: Club d'affaires Franco-Japonais Franco-Japonais Franco-Japonais Franco-Japonais Member: French Association Member: French Association

- (1) At 31 December 2021.
- (\*) Listed company.

of Private Companies

#### Juliette BRISAC

Principal function: Chief Operating Officer of the BNP Paribas Corporate Engagement Department

Date of birth: 22 May 1964 Nationality: French

Term start and end dates: 18 May 2021 - 2024 AGM
Date first elected to the Board of directors: 18 May 2021

Number of BNP Paribas shares held<sup>(1)</sup>: 9,614<sup>(2)</sup>

Business address: 16 rue de Hanovre

75002 Paris FRANCE

#### Education

Master's degree in Economics and a DESS in Banking & Finance from the University of Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne.

Graduate of the Institut français des Administrateurs

Certified auditor of the Cycle of Advanced Studies for Economic Development (CHEDE)

# $\frac{Offices^{(1)} \ held \ in \ listed \ or \ unlisted \ companies \ of \ the \ BNP \ Paribas}{Group, \ in \ France \ or \ abroad}$

BNP Paribas<sup>(\*)</sup>, director representing employee shareholders Supervisory Board of the FCPE Actionnariat Monde of BNP Paribas, Chairwoman

# Offices held at 31 December in previous financial years

(the companies mentioned are the parent companies of the groups in which the functions were carried out)

#### N/A

- (1) At 31 December 2021
- (2) Includes 3,672 BNP Paribas shares held as units in the shareholders' fund under the Company Savings Plan.
- (\*) Listed company.

#### Pierre-André de CHALENDAR

Principal function: Chairman of Compagnie de Saint-Gobain

Date of birth: 12 April 1958 Nationality: French

Term start and end dates: 18 May 2021 - 2024 AGM Date first elected to the Board of directors: 23 May 2012

Number of BNP Paribas shares held(1): 7,000

Business address: Les Miroirs

92096 LA DÉFENSE CEDEX,

FRANCE

#### **Education**

Graduate of École Supérieure des Sciences Économiques et Commerciales (ESSEC)

Graduate of the École Nationale d'Administration

 $Offices^{(1)}$  held in listed or unlisted companies of the BNP Paribas

Group, in France or abroad

BNP Paribas(\*), director

Offices<sup>(1)</sup> held under the principal function

Compagnie de Saint-Gobain(\*), Chairman of the Board of directors

GIE SGPM Recherches, director Saint-Gobain Corporation, director Veolia Environnement, director

 $\frac{\textbf{Participation}^{(1)} \ \textbf{in specialised committees of French or foreign}}{\textbf{companies}}$ 

BNP Paribas: Chairman of the Remuneration Committee and member of the Corporate governance, Ethics, Nominations and CSR

Committee

Veolia Environnement, member of the Nominations Committee

Others:

Essec Supervisory Board, Chairman La Fabrique de l'Industrie, Co-Chairman

French Association of Private Companies, member

Offices held at 31 December in previous financial years

(the companies mentioned are the parent companies of the groups in which the functions were carried out)

Chairman and Chief Executive

Officer: Compagnie de Saint-Gobain

Chairman: Supervisory Board

of Essec

Co-Chairman: La Fabrique

de l'Industrie

**Director:** BNP Paribas **Member:** French Association of Private Companies 2019:

Chairman and Chief Executive

Officer: Compagnie de Saint-Gobain

Chairman: Supervisory Board

of Essec

Co-Chairman: La Fabrique

de l'Industrie

**Director:** BNP Paribas **Member:** French Association of Private Companies

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Officer: Compagnie de Saint-Gobain

Director: BNP Paribas

Chairman and Chief Executive

Chairman and Chief Executive
Officer: Compagnie

Officer: Compagnie de Saint-Gobain Director: BNP Paribas

(1) At 31 December 2021.

(\*) Listed company.

#### Monique COHEN

Principal function: Senior Advisor of Apax Partners

Date of birth: 28 January 1956

Nationality: French

Term start and end dates: 19 May 2020 - 2023 AGM

Date first elected to the Board of directors: 12 February 2014, ratified by the Annual General Meeting of 14 May 2014

Number of BNP Paribas shares held (1): 9,620

Business address: 1, rue Paul-Cézanne

75008 PARIS, FRANCE

#### Education

Graduate of the École Polytechnique Master's Degree in Mathematics Master's Degree in Business Law

# Offices<sup>(1)</sup> held in listed or unlisted companies of the BNP Paribas Group, in France or abroad

BNP Paribas<sup>(\*)</sup>, director

# Offices<sup>(1)</sup> held under the principal function

Proxima Investments SA, Chairwoman of the Board of directors Fides Holdings, Chairwoman of the Board of directors Fides Acquisitions, member of the Board of directors

# $\frac{Other\ offices^{(1)}\ held\ in\ listed\ or\ unlisted\ companies\ outside\ the}{BNP\ Paribas\ Group,\ in\ France\ or\ abroad}$

Hermès<sup>(\*)</sup>, Vice-Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board Safran<sup>(\*)</sup>, senior director

# $\frac{Participation^{(1)} \ in \ specialised \ committees \ of \ French \ or \ foreign}{companies}$

BNP Paribas, Chairwoman of the Corporate governance, Ethics, Nominations and CSR Committee, member of the Internal Control, Risk Management and Compliance Committee Hermès, Chairwoman of the Audit and Risks Committee Safran, Chairwoman of the Nominations and Remuneration Committee

#### Offices held at 31 December in previous financial years

(the companies mentioned are the parent companies of the groups in which the functions were carried out)

2020:
Chairwoman of the Board
of directors: Proxima
Investments SA, Fides Holdings
Vice-Chairwoman of the
Supervisory Board: Hermès
Director: BNP Paribas, Safran
Member: Fides Acquisitions

Chairwoman of the Board of directors: Proxima Investments SA, Fides Holdings Vice-Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board: Hermès Director: BNP Paribas, Safran, Apax Partners SAS Member: Fides Acquisitions

2018:
Chairwoman of the Board
of directors: Proxima
Investments SA, Fides Holdings
Vice-Chairwoman of the
Supervisory Board: Hermès
Director: BNP Paribas, Safran,
Apax Partners SAS
Member: Fides Acquisitions

Chairwoman of the Board of directors: Proxima
Investments SA, Fides
Holdings, Fides Acquisitions
Vice-Chairwoman of the
Supervisory Board: Hermès
Director: BNP Paribas, Safran,
Apax Partners SAS

- (1) At 31 December 2021.
- (\*) Listed company.

#### Wouter DE PLOEY

Date of birth: 5 April 1965 Nationality: Belgian

Term start and end dates: 23 May 2019 - 2022 AGM Date first elected to the Board of directors: 26 May 2016

Number of BNP Paribas shares held (1): 1,000

Business address: Leopoldstraat 26

B-2000 ANTWERPEN/ANVERS.

BELGIUM

#### Education

Master's degree and Doctorate in Economics from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (United States of America) Master's in Economics (Magna cum Laude) and Philosophy,

University of Leuven (Belgium)

Offices<sup>(1)</sup> held in listed or unlisted companies of the BNP Paribas Group, in France or abroad BNP Paribas<sup>(\*)</sup>, director

Offices<sup>(1)</sup> held in listed or unlisted companies outside the BNP Paribas Group, in France or abroad

Vanbreda Risk & Benefits NV, director

Unibreda NV, director

Participation<sup>(1)</sup> in specialised committees of French or foreign companies

BNP Paribas, member of the Financial Statements Committee

 $\underline{Oth}ers^{(1)}$ 

Gasthuiszusters Antwerpen, director Regroupement GZA-ZNA, director BlueHealth Innovation Center, director

Chamber of Commerce bureau, VOKA Antwerp - Waasland,

Vice-Chairman

#### Offices held at 31 December in previous financial years

(the companies mentioned are the parent companies of the groups in which the functions were carried out)

Director: BNP Paribas, Vanbreda Risk & Benefits NV, Unibreda NV, BlueHealth Innovation Center, Gasthuiszusters Antwerpen, Regroupement GZA-ZNA

Vice-Chairman: Chamber of Commerce bureau, VOKA Antwerp - Waasland

2019:

Director: BNP Paribas. Vanbreda Risk & Benefits NV, Unibreda NV, BlueHealth Innovation Center. Gasthuiszusters Antwerpen, Regroupement GZA-ZNA Vice-Chairman: Chamber of Commerce bureau, VOKA

Antwerp - Waasland

2018:

Director: BNP Paribas. Vanbreda Risk & Benefits NV, Unibreda NV. BlueHealth Innovation Center, Gasthuiszusters Antwerpen, Regroupement GZA-ZNA Vice-Chairman: Chamber of Commerce bureau, VOKA Antwerp - Waasland

2017:

Director: BNP Paribas. Vanbreda Risk & Benefits NV,

Unibreda NV

Vice-Chairman: Chamber of Commerce bureau, VOKA Antwerp - Waasland Member: Belgian - American Educational Foundation Adviser to the Board of directors: Lannoo publishing

company

At 31 December 2021. (1) Listed company.

### Hugues EPAILLARD

Date of birth: 22 June 1966 Nationality: French

Term start and end dates: elected by BNP Paribas executive employees for three years from 16 February 2021 - 15 February 2024 Date first elected to the Board of directors: 16 February 2018

Number of BNP Paribas shares held<sup>(1)</sup>: 407<sup>(2)</sup>

Business address: 83, La Canebière,

13001 MARSEILLE

FRANCE

Offices<sup>(1)</sup> held in listed or unlisted companies of the BNP Paribas Group, in France or abroad

BNP Paribas<sup>(\*)</sup>, director

Participation<sup>(1)</sup> in specialised committees of French or foreign companies

BNP Paribas, member of the Internal Control, Risk and Compliance Committee and of the Remuneration Committee

Judge at the Marseille Employment Tribunal, Management section Commission Paritaire de la Banque (AFB - Recourse Commission), member

#### Offices held at 31 December in previous financial years

(the companies mentioned are the parent companies of the groups in which the functions were carried out)

2020: 2019: 2018:

Director: BNP Paribas Director: BNP Paribas Director: BNP Paribas

(1) At 31 December 2021.

(2) Includes 378 BNP Paribas shares held as units in the shareholders' fund under the Company Savings Plan.

(\*) Listed company

#### Rajna GIBSON-BRANDON

Date of birth: 20 December 1962

Nationality: Swiss

Term start and end dates: 18 May 2021 - 2024 AGM Date first elected to the Board of directors: 28 November 2018

Number of BNP Paribas shares held(1): 1,000

Business address: 40, Boulevard Pont d'Arve

CH-1211 GENEVA 4 Switzerland

#### Education

Doctorate in Social & Economic Sciences (Specialisation in Finance)

from the University of Geneva

Offices<sup>(1)</sup> held in listed or unlisted companies of the BNP Paribas

Group, in France or abroad

BNP Paribas(\*), director

Participation<sup>(1)</sup> in specialised committees of French or foreign

BNP Paribas, member of the Internal Control, Risk and Compliance

Committee

Other

Geneva Finance Research Institute, Deputy director

Geneva Institute for Wealth Management Foundation, director and

Strategic Committee and Sustainable Finance Supervisory Committee

in Geneva, member

Offices held at 31 December in previous financial years

(the companies mentioned are the parent companies of the groups in which the functions were carried out)

2020:

Chairwoman: Bülach Investment Applic8 SA

Professionals' Scientific and

Training Board

Director: BNP Paribas

Director: Geneva Institute for

Wealth Management Foundation Deputy Director: Geneva

Finance

Research Institute

Member: Strategic Committee and Sustainable Finance

Supervisory Committee in

Geneva

2019:

Director: BNP Paribas,

Chairwoman: Bülach Investment Professionals' Scientific and Training Board Director: Geneva Institute

for Wealth Management

Foundation

Deputy Director: Geneva Finance Research Institute Member: Strategic Committee and Sustainable Finance Supervisory Committee in

Geneva

2018:

Director: BNP Paribas,

Applic8 SA

Chairwoman: Bülach Investment Professionals' Scientific and Training Board Director: Geneva Institute for Wealth Management

Foundation

Deputy Director: Geneva Finance Research Institute Member: Strategic Committee and Sustainable Finance Supervisory Committee in

Geneva

- (1) At 31 December 2021.
- Listed company.

#### Marion GUILLOU

Principal function: Independent director of companies

Date of birth: 17 September 1954

Nationality: French

Term start and end dates: 23 May 2019 - 2022 AGM Date first elected to the Board of directors: 15 May 2013

Number of BNP Paribas shares held (1): 1,000

Business address: 42, rue Scheffer

75116 PARIS, FRANCE

#### **Education**

Graduate of the École Polytechnique

Graduate of the École Nationale du Génie Rural, des Eaux et des Forêts

rorets

Doctor of Food Sciences

Graduate of the Institut français des Administrateurs

# Offices<sup>(1)</sup> held in listed or unlisted companies of the BNP Paribas Group, in France or abroad

BNP Paribas(\*), director

 $\frac{Other\ offices^{(1)}\ held\ in\ listed\ or\ unlisted\ companies\ outside\ the}{BNP\ Paribas\ Group,\ in\ France\ or\ abroad}$ 

Veolia Environment(\*), director

# $\frac{Participation^{(1)} \ in \ specialised \ committees \ of \ French \ or \ for eign}{companies}$

BNP Paribas, member of the Corporate governance, Ethics, Nominations and CSR Committee and of the Remuneration Committee

Veolia Environnement, member of the Research, Innovation and Sustainable Development Committee and the Remuneration Committee

# $\underline{Others}^{(1)}$

Care-France (NGO), Vice-Chairwoman
Bioversity-CIAT Alliance, director
Bioversity, director
CIAT, director
IFRI, director
Fund for the preservation of the biodiversity of cultivated plants

Fund for the preservation of the biodiversity of cultivated plants and their relatives, Chairwoman High Council for the climate, member

#### Offices held at 31 December in previous financial years

(the companies mentioned are the parent companies of the groups in which the functions were carried out)

### 2020:

**Director:** BNP Paribas, Veolia Environnement

Member: Board of directors of Care - France (NGO), Board of directors of Bioversity, Board of directors of Bioversity-CIAT Alliance, Board of directors of the International agricultural research centre (IARC), Board of directors of IFRI

#### 2019:

Director: BNP Paribas, Imerys, Veolia Environnement

Member: Board of directors of Universcience, Board of directors of Care - France (NGO), Board of directors of Bioversity International, Board of directors of Bioversity International, Board of directors of Bioversity-CIAT Alliance, Board of directors of the International agricultural research centre (IARC), Board of directors of IFRI

#### 2018:

Chairwoman of the Board of directors: IAVFF-Agreenium (public institution)
Director: BNP Paribas, Imerys, Veolia Environnement

Veolia Environnement
Member: Board of directors
of Universcience, Board of
directors of Care - France
(NGO), Board of directors of
Bioversity International, Board
of directors of the International
agricultural research centre
(IARC), Board of directors of
IFRI

#### 2017:

Chairwoman of the Board of directors: IAVFF-Agreenium (public institution)

Director: BNP Paribas, Imerys, Veolia Environnement
Member: Board of directors of Universcience, Board of directors of Care - France (NGO), Board of directors of IHEST (Institut des Hautes Études en Sciences et Technologies), Academic Council of the Academy of Technologies, Board of directors of Bioversity International

- (1) At 31 December 2021.
- (\*) Listed company.

#### Denis KESSLER (until 18 May 2021)

Principal function: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of SCOR SE

Date of birth: 25 March 1952

Nationality: French

Term start and end dates: 24 May 2018 - 2021 AGM Date first elected to the Board of directors: 23 May 2000

Number of BNP Paribas shares held (1): 2,684

FRANCE

Business address: 5, avenue Kléber 75016 PARIS,

#### Education

Degree in Economic Science Degree in Social Science Doctor of Economic Science

Graduate of the French École des Hautes Études Commerciales

Institute of Actuaries, qualified member

 $\underline{Offices^{(1)}}$  held in listed or unlisted companies of the BNP Paribas

Group, in France or abroad

BNP Paribas(\*), director

Offices<sup>(1)</sup>held under the principal function

SCOR SE(\*), Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

 $\frac{Other\ offices^{(1)}\ held\ in\ listed\ or\ unlisted\ companies\ outside\ the}{BNP\ Paribas\ Group,\ in\ France\ or\ abroad}$ 

Invesco Ltd(\*), director

 $\frac{\textbf{Participation}^{(1)} \text{ in specialised committees of French or foreign}}{\textbf{companies}}$ 

BNP Paribas, Chairman of the Financial Statements Committee Invesco Ltd, member of the Remuneration Committee and the Nominations and Corporate governance Committee SCOR SE, Chairman of the Strategic Committee and member of the Crisis Management Committee

 $Others^{(1)} \\$ 

Association de Genève, director

Global Reinsurance Forum - Reinsurance Advisory Board, member Académie des Sciences morales et politiques, member Institute of Actuaries, qualified member

Offices held at 31 December in previous financial years

(the companies mentioned are the parent companies of the groups in which the functions were carried out)

2020:

Chairman and Chief Executive

Officer: SCOR SE
Director: BNP Paribas,

Invesco Ltd

Member: Board of directors of Association de Genève, Global Reinsurance Forum -Reinsurance Advisory Board, Académie des sciences morales et politiques, Institute of

Actuaries

2019:

Chairman and Chief Executive

Officer: SCOR SE
Director: BNP Paribas,

Invesco Ltd

Member: Board of directors of Association de Genève, Global Reinsurance Forum -Reinsurance Advisory Board, Académie des sciences morales et politiques, Institute of

Actuaries

2018:

Chairman and Chief Executive

Officer: SCOR SE
Director: BNP Paribas,

Invesco Ltd

Member: Board of directors of Association de Genève, Global Reinsurance Forum -Reinsurance Advisory Board, Académie des sciences morales

et politiques, Institute of

Actuaries

2017

Chairman and Chief Executive

Officer: SCOR SE
Director: BNP Paribas,

Invesco Ltd

Member: Board of directors of Association de Genève, Global Reinsurance Forum -Reinsurance Advisory Board, Conference Board (Global counsellor), Académie des sciences morales et politiques.

Institute of Actuaries

(1) At 18 May 2021.

(\*) Listed company.

#### Christian NOYER

Principal function: Honorary Governor of Banque de France

Date of birth: 6 October 1950

Nationality: French

Term start and end dates: 18 May 2021 - 2024 AGM

Date first elected to the Board of directors: 18 May 2021

(Mr Christian Noyer acted as non-voting director of BNP Paribas from 1 May 2019 to 17 May 2021)

Number of BNP Paribas shares held(1): 2,000

Business address: 9, rue de Valois 75001 PARIS, FRANCE

#### Education

Graduate of Ecole Nationale d'Administration Graduate of the Institut des sciences politiques Masters in Law from the University of Paris DES (Master) in law from the University of Rennes

## $\underline{Offices^{(1)}}$ held in listed or unlisted companies of the BNP Paribas

### Group, in France or abroad

BNP Paribas(\*), director

## $\underline{Offices^{(1)}}$ held in listed or unlisted companies of the BNP Paribas

#### Group, in France or abroad

Power Corporation Canada(\*), director

Setl Ltd, director

## **Groupe NSIA Banque**

NSIA Banque Côte d'Ivoire, director NSIA Banque Bénin, director

## $\frac{Participation^{(1)} \ in \ specialised \ committees \ of \ French \ or \ foreign}{companies}$

BNP Paribas, Chairman of the Financial Statements Committee Power Corporation Canada, member of the Governance and Nominations Committee and the Related Party Transactions and Conduct Review Committee

## $Others^{(1)} \\$

Group of Thirty (G30), member

Institute for Public Financial Education (IEFP), Chairman Institut Français des Relations Internationales, member

#### Offices held at 31 December in previous financial years

(the companies mentioned are the parent companies of the groups in which the functions were carried out)

2020: 2019:

Director: Power Corporation Director: Power Corporation

Canada, Canada,

NSIA Banque Group, NSIA Banque Group,
Lloyd's of London, Setl Ltd Lloyd's of London, Setl Ltd

- (1) At 31 December 2021.
- (\*) Listed company.

#### Daniela SCHWARZER

Principal function: Director of the Open Society Foundation for Europe and Eurasia

Date of birth: 19 July 1973 Nationality: German

Term start and end dates: 19 May 2020 - 2023 AGM Date first elected to the Board of directors: 14 May 2014

Number of BNP Paribas shares held (1): 1,000

Business address: Jägerstraße 54

10117 BERLIN **GERMANY** 

#### Education

Doctorate in Economics from the Free University of Berlin Master's degree in Political Science and in Linguistics from the University of Tübingen

Offices<sup>(1)</sup> held in listed or unlisted companies of the BNP Paribas

Group, in France or abroad

BNP Paribas(\*), director

Participation<sup>(1)</sup> in specialised committees of French or foreign

BNP Paribas, member of the Governance, Ethics, Nominations and

CSR Committee

#### Other

Jacques-Delors Institute, director Foundation United Europe, director Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik, director Fondation Jean Monnet, director Special advisor to the Vice-President of the European Commission

#### Offices held at 31 December in previous financial years

(the companies mentioned are the parent companies of the groups in which the functions were carried out)

2020: Director: BNP Paribas Member: Board of directors of the Jacques-Delors Institute, Board of directors of United Europe, Open Society Foundation, Advisory Committee, Federal

Security Academy, Advisory Committee

Research Professor at Johns-Hopkins University, Department of European and Eurasian Studies Special advisor to the Vice-President of the

2019: **Director:** BNP Paribas Member: Board of directors of the Jacques-Delors Institute, Board of directors of United Europe, Open Society Foundation, Advisory Committee, Federal Security Academy, Advisory Committee Research Professor at Johns-Hopkins University, Department of European and Eurasian Studies

2018: Director: BNP Paribas Member: Board of directors of the Jacques-Delors Institute, Board of directors of United Europe, Open Society Foundation, Advisory Committee Research Professor at Johns-Hopkins University,

Department of European and Eurasian Studies

2017:

Director: BNP Paribas Member: Board of directors of the Jacques-Delors Institute, Board of directors of United

Europe

Research Professor at Johns-Hopkins University, Department of European and

Eurasian Studies

- At 31 December 2021.
- Listed company.

European Commission

#### Michel TILMANT

Principal function: director of companies

Date of birth: 21 July 1952 Nationality: Belgian

Term start and end dates: 23 May 2019 - 2022 AGM

Date first elected to the Board of directors: 12 May 2010

(Michel Tilmant served as non-voting director (censeur) of BNP

Paribas from 4 November 2009 to 11 May 2010)

Number of BNP Paribas shares held(1): 1,000

Business address: Rue du Moulin 10 B-1310 LA HULPE,

BELGIUM

#### Education

Graduate of the University of Louvain

 $\overline{Offices^{(1)}}$  held in listed or unlisted companies of the BNP Paribas

Group, in France or abroad

BNP Paribas(\*), director

Offices<sup>(1)</sup> held under the principal function

Strafin sprl, manager

 $\underline{Other\ offices^{(1)}\ held\ in\ listed\ or\ unlisted\ companies\ outside\ the}$ 

BNP Paribas Group, in France or abroad

Groupe Lhoist SA, director

Foyer Group:

CapitalatWork Foyer Group SA, Chairman

Foyer SA, director Foyer Finance SA, director

 $\underline{Participation^{(1)} \ in \ specialised \ committees \ of \ French \ or \ for eign}$ 

companies

BNP Paribas, Chairman of the Internal Control, Risk and Compliance

Committee

Groupe Lhoist SA, member of the Audit Committee

 $Others^{(1)}$ 

Royal Automobile Club of Belgium, director

Zoute Automobile Club, director

## Offices held at 31 December in previous financial years

(the companies mentioned are the parent companies of the groups in which the functions were carried out)

2020: Chairman: CapitalatWork Foyer

Group SA

Director: BNP Paribas,

Foyer Group, Groupe Lhoist SA,

Sofina SA

Manager: Strafin sprl

Member: Board of directors of Royal Automobile Club of Belgium, Board of directors of the Zoute Automobile Club,

Board of directors of Université Catholique de Louvain

athorique de Bouvain

2019:

Chairman: CapitalatWork Foyer

Group SA

**Director:** BNP Paribas, Foyer Group, Groupe Lhoist SA,

Sofina SA

Manager: Strafin sprl
Member: Board of directors of

Royal Automobile Club of Belgium, Board of directors

of the Zoute Automobile Club, Board of directors of Université

Catholique de Louvain

Senior advisor: Cinven Ltd

2018:

Chairman: CapitalatWork Foyer

Group SA

Director: BNP Paribas,

Foyer Group, Groupe Lhoist SA,

Sofina SA

Manager: Strafin sprl
Member: Board of directors of

Royal Automobile Club of Belgium, Board of directors of

Université Catholique de

Louvain

Senior advisor: Cinven Ltd

2017.

Chairman: CapitalatWork Foyer

Group SA

Director: BNP Paribas,

Foyer Group, Groupe Lhoist SA,

Sofina SA

Manager: Strafin sprl

Member: Board of directors of Royal Automobile Club of Belgium, Board of directors of Université Catholique de

Louvain

Senior advisor: Cinven Ltd

- (1) At 31 December 2021.
- (\*) Listed company.

#### Sandrine VERRIER

Principal function: Production and sales support assistant

Date of birth: 9 April 1979

Nationality: French

Term start and end dates: elected by BNP Paribas technician employees for three years from 16 February 2021 - 15 February 2024 Date first elected to the Board of directors: 16 February 2015

Number of BNP Paribas shares held  $^{(1)}$ : 20

Business address: 150 rue du Faubourg Poissonnière

75450 Paris Cedex 09

FRANCE

 $\underline{Offices^{(1)}\ held\ in\ listed\ or\ unlisted\ companies\ of\ the\ BNP\ Paribas}$ 

Group, in France or abroad

BNP Paribas(\*), director

 $\underline{Participation^{(1)}} \ in \ specialised \ committees \ of \ French \ or \ for eign$ 

companies

BNP Paribas, member of the Financial Statements Committee

 $Others^{(1)} \\$ 

Ile de France Economic, Social and Environmental Council, Member

#### Offices held at 31 December in previous financial years

(the companies mentioned are the parent companies of the groups in which the functions were carried out)

2020: 2019: 2018: 2017:

Director: BNP Paribas Director: BNP Paribas Director: BNP Paribas Director: BNP Paribas

- (1) At 31 December 2021.
- (\*) Listed company.

#### Fields WICKER-MIURIN

Principal function: Director of companies

Date of birth: 30 July 1958

Nationalities: British and American

Term start and end dates: 19 May 2020 - 2023 AGM Date first elected to the Board of directors: 11 May 2011

Number of BNP Paribas shares held (1): 1,000

Business address: 11-13 Worple Way

RICHMOND-UPON-THAMES, SURREY TW10 6DG, UNITED KINGDOM

#### Education

Graduate of the Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris

Master's Degree from the School of Advanced International Studies,

Johns Hopkins University

Bachelor of Arts (BA), University of Virginia

## $\underline{Offices^{(1)}\ held\ in\ listed\ or\ unlisted\ companies\ of\ the\ BNP\ Paribas}$

Group, in France or abroad

BNP Paribas(\*), director

Offices<sup>(1)</sup> held in listed or unlisted companies outside the BNP Paribas Group, in France or abroad

Prudential Plc<sup>(\*)</sup>, director SCOR SE<sup>(\*)</sup>, director

## $\frac{\textbf{Participation}^{(1)} \ \textbf{in specialised committees of French or foreign}}{\textbf{companies}}$

BNP Paribas, member of the Financial Statements, Remuneration, Internal Control, Risk and Compliance Committee
Prudential Plc, member of the Remuneration Committee
SCOR SE, member of the Strategic Committee, member of the Risk
Committee, member of the Nominations Committee, member of the Crisis Management Committee, member of the Sustainable
Development Committee and Chairwoman of the Remuneration
Committee

### Others<sup>(1)</sup>

Co-founder and Partner at Leaders' Quest Vice-Chair on the Board of the Royal College of Art and Chairwoman of the Planning and Resources Committee

#### Offices held at 31 December in previous financial years

(the companies mentioned are the parent companies of the groups in which the functions were carried out)

2020:
Director: BNP Paribas,
Prudential Plc, SCOR SE
Co-founder and Partner:

Leaders' Quest

2019:

**Director:** BNP Paribas, Prudential Plc, SCOR SE **Co-founder and Partner:** 

Leaders' Quest

Independent member of the Ministry Council and Chairwoman of the Audit and Risks Committee: UK Department of Digital, Culture,

Media and Sports

2018:

**Director:** BNP Paribas, Prudential Plc, SCOR SE **Co-founder and Partner:** 

Leaders' Quest

Media and Sports

Independent member of the Ministry Council and Chairwoman of the Audit and Risks Committee: UK Department of Digital, Culture, 2017:

Director: BNP Paribas, Control Risks Group, SCOR SE Co-founder and Partner:

Leaders' Quest

Independent member of the Ministry Council and Chairwoman of the Audit and Risks Committee: UK Department of Digital, Culture,

Media and Sports

- (1) At 31 December 2021.
- (\*) Listed company.

#### LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND ARBITRATION

BNP Paribas (the "Bank") is party as a defendant in various claims, disputes and legal proceedings (including investigations by judicial or supervisory authorities) in a number of jurisdictions arising in the ordinary course of its business, including inter alia in connection with its activities as market counterparty, lender, employer, investor and taxpayer.

The related risks have been assessed by the Bank and are subject, where appropriate, to provisions disclosed in note 4.p "Provisions for liabilities and charges" of the consolidated Financial Statements at 31 December 2021; a provision is recognized when it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle an obligation arising from a past event and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The main contingent liabilities related to pending legal, governmental, or arbitral proceedings as of 31 December 2021 are described below. The Bank currently considers that none of these proceedings is likely to have a material adverse effect on its financial position or profitability; however, the outcome of legal or governmental proceedings is by definition unpredictable.

The Bank and certain of its subsidiaries are defendants in several actions pending before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York brought by the Trustee appointed for the liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC ("BLMIS"). These actions, known generally as "clawback claims", are similar to those brought by the BLMIS Trustee against numerous institutions, and seek recovery of amounts allegedly received by the BNP Paribas entities from BLMIS or indirectly through BLMIS-related "feeder funds" in which BNP Paribas entities held interests. The BLMIS Trustee claims in these actions that the amounts which BNP Paribas entities received are avoidable and recoverable under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and New York state law. In the aggregate, the amount initially sought to be recovered in these actions approximated USD 1.3 billion. BNP Paribas has substantial and credible defenses to these actions and is defending against them vigorously.

In two decisions dated 22 November 2016 and 3 October 2018, the Bankruptcy Court rejected most of the claims brought by the BLMIS Trustee against BNP Paribas entities. On 25 February 2019 the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit reversed the Bankruptcy Court's 22 November 2016 decision. On 29 August 2019, the defendants filed a petition with the Supreme Court requesting that it review the Second Circuit's decision but this was denied by the Court. By common agreement amongst the parties all proceedings were stayed pending a decision by the Court of Appeals regarding a separate proceeding between the Trustee and a third party addressing legal issues related to the 3 October 2018 decision of the Bankruptcy Court which could affect the Trustee's clawback claims against the Bank. On 30 August 2021, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit issued its decision in that proceeding, which effectively overrules the 3 October 2018 decision of the Bankruptcy Court by instructing the Bankruptcy Court on the legal standard that it should have applied to the Trustee's claims. The Trustee may therefore seek to re-file certain claims that were previously dismissed by the Bankruptcy Court under the prior legal standard.

Litigation was brought in Belgium by minority shareholders of the previous Fortis Group against the Société fédérale de Participations et d'Investissement, Ageas and BNP Paribas seeking (amongst other things) damages from BNP Paribas as restitution for part of the BNP Paribas Fortis shares that were contributed to BNP Paribas in 2009, on the ground that the transfer of these shares was null and void. On 29 April 2016, the Brussels Commercial court decided to stay the proceedings until the resolution of the pending Fortis criminal proceeding in Belgium. The criminal proceeding, in which the Public Prosecutor had requested a dismissal, is now definitively closed, as the Council Chamber of the Brussels Court of first instance issued on 4 September 2020 a ruling (which has since become final) that the charges were time-barred. Certain minority shareholders are continuing the civil proceedings against BNP Paribas and the Société fédérale de Participations et d'Investissement before the Brussels Commercial court; BNP Paribas continues to defend itself vigorously against the allegations of these shareholders.

Like many other financial institutions in the banking, investment, mutual funds and brokerage sectors, the Bank has received or may receive requests for information from, or be subject to investigations by supervisory, governmental or self-regulatory agencies. The Bank responds to such requests, and cooperates with the relevant authorities and regulators and seeks to address and remedy any issues that may arise.

On 26 February 2020, the Paris Criminal Court found BNP Paribas Personal Finance guilty of misleading commercial practice and concealment of this practice. BNP Paribas Personal Finance was ordered to pay a fine of EUR 187,500 and damages and legal fees to the civil plaintiffs. The damages award was of immediate effect. BNP Paribas Personal Finance filed an appeal on the merits on 6 March 2020. It also sought to suspend the immediate effectiveness of the judgment, which the court rejected by decision dated 25 September 2020. BNP Paribas Personal Finance paid to the civil plaintiffs the damages awarded, without prejudice to the pending appeal before the Court of Appeal of Paris and to the civil legal proceedings that are otherwise ongoing.

There are no other legal, governmental or arbitral proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened) that could have, or during the last twelve months have had, significant effects on the Bank's financial condition or profitability.

#### RISK MANAGEMENT

#### Governance

The specialised committees of the Board of directors, which examine the risks taken and the risk policies on a Group scale, are:

- the Internal Control, Risk Management and Compliance Committee (CCIRC);
- the Joint Committee that combines the CCIRC and the Financial Statements Committee.

In line with the Group's Risk Appetite Statement, Executive Management provides broad guidelines for risk management through Group-level governance bodies.

Main Group-level governance bodies have the following roles:

- Capital Committee: validates the Group's objectives in terms of solvency ratios and Total Loss-Absorbing Capacity (TLAC and MREL) requirements in case of resolution as well as the trajectory to achieve these targets, monitors the compliance with this trajectory and, when relevant, proposes corrective actions to achieve target solvency ratios. As the Group's competent Executive Management authority for all issues related to the internal credit and operational risks model, the Capital Committee is informed of decisions made in the MARCo Committees (Model Approval and Review Committee);
- Group ALM Treasury Committee (Group ALCo): responsible for the management of the liquidity risk, interest rate risk in the banking book and structural foreign exchange risk over the whole Group. The Group Supervision and Control Committee (GSCC) brings together the Group's control functions at Executive Management level and takes a Group-wide approach to tackling all aspects of risk exposure;
- the General Management Credit Committee (CCDG) is the Group's highest authority concerning credit and counterparty risks. This committee decides on credit requests exceeding the amount of individual delegations or relating to transactions of a specific nature or which would deviate from the principles of the General Credit Policy. A Compliance representative may attend CCDG meetings when an opinion on financial security is needed;

- the General Management Doubtful Committee (CDDG) is the Group's highest level decision-making committee in terms of specific provisioning and recognitions of losses relative to the Group's customer exposures;
- the Financial Markets Risk Committee (FMRC) is the body which governs the Group's risk profile of the capital markets activities; its tasks include, among others, analysing market and counterparty risks and setting limits for capital market activities;
- the Country Envelope Committees determine the BNP Paribas Group's Risk Appetite by setting limits for medium-to-high-risk countries in view of risk in relation to country, market conditions, business strategies and aspects of risk and compliance;
- the Risk & Development Policy Committees (RDPC) have the dual objective of defining an appropriate risk policy for any given subject which may be a business activity, a product, a geographic area (region or country), a customer segment or economic sector, and of investigating development opportunities in relation to the subject in question;
- the Group IT Risk Committee (GITRC) defines and oversees the BNP Paribas Group's IT risk profile. This is the highest authority in terms of technological and cybersecurity risk management.

## Adaptation Measures Specific to the Health Crisis

The sanitary context led to the implementation of regular crisis committees at all Group's levels, for a close monitoring of the impacts on credit, market, liquidity, operational and ICT (Information, Communication and Technology) risks, providing rapid decision making opportunities adapted to the evolving environment.

On credit risk, this close monitoring results in the introduction at division and business line level, of the regular supervision of the portfolios and clients most exposed to the consequences of the health crisis, as well as the follow-up of the measures introduced by the States. These measures are now integrated into normal activity. With regard to the operational resilience of the Group and the entities, a review of temporary exceptions (waivers) granted in 2020 was carried out with a view to stabilising operational processes: some waivers have been deactivated (return to operational procedures before the health crisis) or made permanent (adoption of a new mode of operation including associated controls), while those still in place continue to be closely monitored.

## **Risk Management Organisation**

## Position of the Control Functions

Risk management is central to the banking business and is one of the cornerstones of operations for the BNP Paribas Group. BNP Paribas has an internal control system covering all types of risks to which the Group may be exposed, organised around three lines of defence:

- as the first line of defence, internal control is the business of every employee, and the heads of the operational activities are responsible for establishing and running a system for identifying, assessing and managing risks according to the standards defined by the functions exercising an independent control in respect of the second line of defence;
- the main control functions within BNP Paribas ensuring the second line of defence are the Compliance, RISK and LEGAL Functions. Their Heads report directly to Chief Executive Officer and account for the performance of their missions to the Board of directors via its specialised committees;
- General Inspection provides a third line of defence. It is responsible for the periodic control.

## General Responsibilities of the Risk and Compliance Functions

Responsibility for managing risks primarily lies with the divisions and business lines that are at the origin of the underlying transactions. RISK continuously performs a second-line control over credit and counterparty risks, market risk, interest rate and foreign exchange rate risks on the banking book, liquidity risks, insurance risks, and operational risk, including technological and cybersecurity risks, over data protection risks, modelling risks and environmental and social risk factors, as well as the associated governance risks. As part of this role, it must ascertain the soundness and sustainability of the business commercial developments and their overall alignment with the risk appetite target set by the Group. RISK's remit includes formulating recommendations on risk policies, analysing the risk portfolio on a forward-looking basis, approving corporate loans and trading limits, guaranteeing the quality and effectiveness of monitoring procedures and defining or validating risk measurement methods. RISK is also responsible for ensuring that all the risk implications of new businesses or products have been adequately assessed.

Compliance has identical responsibilities as regards compliance and reputation risks. It plays an important oversight and reporting role in the process of validating new products, new business activities and exceptional transactions.

## Organisation of the Risk and Compliance Functions

#### Approach

The RISK organisation fully complies with the principles of independence, vertical integration, and decentralisation issued by the Group's Management for the Group's main control functions (Compliance, RISK, LEGAL, and a third line of defence, General Inspection). Hence within RISK:

- all the teams in charge of risks, including those in operational entities have been integrated in the function with reporting lines to the Chief Risk Officers of these entities;
- the Chief Risk Officers of the entities report to RISK.

Moreover, this organisation enabled the governance of risk management activities to be strengthened, especially regarding model risk management, through RISK Independent Review and Control (RISK IRC) team, reporting directly to the Chief Risk Officer (CRO) which groups together the teams in charge of the independent review of the risk methodologies and models, and in the area of operational risk of RISK Function, with the organisation described in section 5.9 *Operational risk* of the BNP Paribas 2021 Universal registration document.

In accordance with international standards and French regulations, Compliance manages the system for monitoring compliance and reputation risks for all of the Group's businesses in France and abroad.

#### Role of the Chief Risk Officer

The Group Chief Risk Officer reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer and sits on the Executive Committee of BNP Paribas. He has line authority over all RISK employees. He can veto the risk-related decisions and has no connection, in terms of authority, with the Heads of Core Businesses, business lines and territories. He also has direct and independent access to the Board of directors of BNP Paribas, *via* the Internal Control, Risks and Compliance Committee (CCIRC).

This positioning serves the following purposes:

• ensuring the objectivity of risk control, by removing any involvement in commercial relationships;

- making sure senior management is warned of any deterioration in risk and is rapidly provided with objective and comprehensive information on the status of risks;
- enabling the dissemination, throughout the Bank, of high and uniform risk management standards and practices;
- ensuring the quality of risk assessment methods and procedures by calling on professional risk managers in charge of evaluating and enhancing these methods and procedures in light of the best practices implemented by international competitors.

#### Role of the Chief Compliance Officer

The Chief Compliance Officer reports to the Chief Executive Officer and is a member of the BNP Paribas Executive Committee. She has direct and independent access to the Board of directors and in particular to its specialised committee, the Internal Control, Risk Management and Compliance Committee (CCIRC), and can thus inform it of any event likely to have a significant impact on the Group. Lastly, the CCIRC periodically interviews her, without the effective managers being present.

The Chief Compliance Officer has no operational activity outside of compliance and reputation risk and no commercial activity, which guarantees his independence of action. She exercises hierarchical supervision over all the compliance teams within the various business units, geographical areas and functions.

The Compliance Function's mission is to issue opinions and decisions, and provide oversight and second-line controls, in order to give reasonable assurance that the Group's compliance oversight procedures for its transactions are effective and consistent, and that its reputation has been protected.

#### Risk Culture

#### One of the Group's Core Founding Principles

The BNP Paribas Group has a strong risk and compliance culture.

Executive Management has chosen to include the risk culture in three of its key corporate culture documents:

### • Code of conduct:

The Group adopted a new Code of conduct in 2016. It applies to all employees and defines the rules for our conduct in line with the core values of our corporate culture. For example, employees are reminded in the Code of conduct that the Group's interests are protected by responsible risk-taking in a strict control environment. The Code of conduct also includes rules for protecting customers' interests, financial security, market integrity and professional ethics, which all play an important role in mitigating compliance and reputation risks;

## • Responsibility Charter:

Executive Management drew up a formal Responsibility Charter, inspired by the Group's core values (the "BNP Paribas Way"), management principles and Code of conduct. One of the four commitments is "Being prepared to take risks, while ensuring close risk control".

The Group sees rigorous risk control as part of its responsibility, both to clients and to the financial system as a whole. The Bank's decisions on the commitments it makes are reached after a rigorous and concerted process, based on a strong, shared risk culture which pervades all levels

of the Group. This is true both for risks linked to lending activities, where loans are granted only after in-depth analysis of the borrower's situation and the project to be financed, and for market risks arising from transactions with clients — these are assessed on a daily basis, tested against stress scenarios, and subject to limits.

As a strongly diversified Group, both in terms of geography and businesses, BNP Paribas is able to balance risks and their consequences as they materialise. The Group is organised and managed in such a way that any difficulties arising in one business area will not jeopardise another in the Bank;

• the Group's mission and commitments:

The mission of BNP Paribas is to finance the economy and advise its clients, by supporting them with their projects, their investments, and the management of their savings, guided by strong ethical principles. Through these activities, BNP Paribas wants to have a positive impact on stakeholders and on society, and be one of the most trustworthy players in the sector. BNP Paribas' 12 commitments as a Responsible Bank include in particular the commitment to apply the highest ethical standards and rigorously manage environmental, social, and governance risks.

## Spreading the Risk Culture

Robust risk management is an integral part of the Bank's principles. A culture of risk management and control has always been one of its top priorities.

BNP Paribas launched the Risk Culture, a Group-wide initiative, giving it the objective of reinforcing the communication of the best practices in risk management. Sponsored by four functions: Compliance, LEGAL, Human Resources (HR), and RISK, Risk Culture is designed for the benefit of all staff and intervenes on all types of risks to which the Group may be exposed, including credit, market, liquidity, operational, compliance, regulatory, environmental and social risks.

Taking an adaptive and participative approach, this initiative supports the business lines and functions in their process of understanding risks, for example in transformation projects or when onboarding new employees.

In particular, it takes special care to ensure that conduct and behaviour requirements are well integrated, beyond the mission of transmitting knowledge. It provides entities with resources that they can use for their information, acculturation and support for employee skills development in all aspects of the risk culture.

In conjunction with operational entities, Risk Culture actions mainly consist of:

- ensuring the dissemination of information and professional development in the area of risk management, by means of conferences and the publication of educational articles or videos;
- facilitating the sharing of knowledge between the various players in the Bank, in particular changes in the Bank's business lines, news on regulatory requirements and new ways of working. The experts of the Group are invited to expand documentary resources which can be accessed by employees *via* a dedicated online platform.

In all its initiatives, Risk Culture promotes the six fundamental risk management practices that are key to developing a robust risk culture. They serve as a reminder to staff about the importance of clearly understanding and anticipating risks with a long-term perspective, being disciplined with risks taken and reporting swiftly and transparently on risk issues.

Lastly, the risk culture is also spread throughout the Group by linking compensation to performance and risk, under a system that was strengthened in this area since 2015 for those employees whose decisions entail a significant risk component.

#### Risk Appetite

## Definition and Objectives

The Group does not have a specific risk appetite target, but some risks are inherent to its business and therefore to the achievement of its strategic objectives. It has prepared a Risk Appetite Statement and Risk Appetite Framework, which should be seen as the Group's formal statement of its tolerance to the risks to which it is exposed as it implements its strategy.

The Risk Appetite Statement is approved on a yearly basis by the Board of directors on the proposal of Executive Management. Consistent with the Group's strategy and in light of the environment in which it operates, this document sets out the qualitative risk principles it intends to follow in its business activities, as well as a quantitative mechanism for supervising the Group's risk profile indicators through quantitative metrics and thresholds. This system covers both the quantifiable and non-quantifiable risks to which it is exposed.

The Group's risk appetite is determined by Executive Management, during various committees it chairs (CCDG, FMRC, Group ALCo, and Capital Committee), which are tasked with managing the Group's different types of risk exposure. The Group's strategic processes, such as budget, capital and liquidity management, are in line with the Risk Appetite Statement. Certain Risk Appetite Statement indicators are included in the budget exercise and their expected values in the budget are cross-checked against the thresholds in the Risk Appetite Statement.

The Group's Risk Appetite Statement reflects the core values of its risk culture. It states that the Group's risk culture and its commitments as a responsible bank are at the heart of its strategy. The Statement reaffirms the Group's mission: to finance the economy, advise its clients, and help to finance their projects, guided by strong ethical principles. The Group's strategy underpinning its risk appetite is founded on the core principles that have guided its development: a balance between business activities to deliver profitability and stability, a customer-focused business model and an integrated banking model to optimise services to the latter. This strategy also factors in developments in the banking industry, including the trend towards a digital model, an uncertain macro-economic outlook, marked by a low rates environment, and stringent regulatory constraints.

## Risk Principles

The risk principles aim to define the types of risk the Group is prepared to accept in support of its business strategy. They include the following in particular:

• diversification and risk-adjusted profitability:

The Group seeks to generate sustainable, client-driven, risk adjusted profits. Sustainable profitability will be achieved based on selectivity and controlled evolution of assets, and the pursuit of a diversified business model. Whilst the Group accepts some level of earnings volatility, it remains attentive to contain, at all times, the level of maximum potential losses in an adverse scenario;

solvency and profitability:

BNP Paribas has sufficient capital to cope with stress scenarios and to meet regulatory capitalisation standards in force. In the course of serving its clients, BNP Paribas accepts exposure to risks when it earns a proper return over an acceptable time frame, and when its potential impacts seem acceptable;

## • funding and liquidity:

The Group ensures that the diversification of and balance between its resources and uses of funds correspond to a conservative funding strategy, allowing it to withstand adverse liquidity scenarios. The Group makes sure that it complies with the regulatory liquidity ratios in force;

#### • credit risk:

The Group only accepts exposure on customers it knows well, based on comprehensive information, and pays close attention to the structure of the financing it grants. The Group builds and maintains a diversified risk portfolio, avoiding large concentrations (especially on single names, industries and countries) and ensures that it complies with the concentration policies in force:

#### market risk:

The Group manages market risks (interest rates, equities, currencies, commodities) within the following framework:

- for activities in the capital markets that are customer-focused, BNP Paribas intends to keep its market risk profile in line with this customer-focused business mode,
- interest rate risk associated with its banking book with the aim of stabilising its results on an ongoing basis to within acceptable limits;

#### • operational risk:

The Group aims to protect its customers, employees and shareholders from operational risk. To do so it has developed a risk management infrastructure based on identifying potential risks, strategies to mitigate risk, and actions to raise awareness of these risks. Some specific risks have resulted in the definition of dedicated principles, in particular:

## • non-compliance risk:

The Group is committed to compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. It undertakes to implement a system to manage the risk of non-compliance, including through special programmes dedicated to the most important regulations for its business,

## • Information, Communication and Technology risk:

The Group endeavours to reduce the risks related to the security of its information through various awareness actions, enhanced supervision of outsourced activities, heightened protection of terminals, incident monitoring, and a technology watch over IT vulnerabilities and attacks;

#### • insurance activities:

BNP Paribas Cardif is exposed mainly to credit, underwriting and market risks. The entity closely monitors its exposures and profitability, taking into account its risks and the adequacy of its capital with regard to solvency rules. It endeavours to contain potential losses in adverse scenarios at acceptable levels;

• risk associated with social and environmental responsibility:

The Group is particularly sensitive to its customers' performance in terms of social and environmental responsibility, believing that this could have a material impact on its customers' risk profile and, consequently, their solvency, in addition to being a major reputational risk. BNP Paribas takes social and environmental risks into consideration when assessing customer-related risks. The Group also tracks these risks as part of the conduct of its own business, the conduct of its counterparties' business and of its investments on its own behalf or on behalf of third parties.

#### Supervision of Risk Profile Indicators

The Risk Appetite Statement sets out the indicators that measure the Group's risk profile for its risk exposure categories.

Risk level thresholds are assigned to each metric. When these thresholds are reached, they trigger an established process to inform Executive Management and the Board of directors, and if need be, to implement action plans.

These indicators are monitored quarterly in the risk dashboards presented to the CCIRC.

For example, the following ratios are included in the Risk Appetite indicators:

- the solvency ratios (CET1, Tier 1 and total own funds);
- the balance of the breakdown of risk-weighted assets by business line;
- the cost of risk on loans outstandings (in annualised basis points) and doubtful loans on gross outstandings ratio;
- the liquidity ratios (LCR and NSFR).

#### **Stress Testing**

To ensure dynamic risk supervision and management, the Group has implemented a comprehensive stress testing framework.

## Stress Testing Framework

The stress testing framework forms an integral part of the risk management and financial monitoring system and is used with a threefold objective of forward-looking risk management, planning of regulatory resources and liquidity requirements, and optimisation of the deployment of these resources within the Group, mainly through the Group's and its main entities' ICAAP and ILAAP processes.

Different types of stress tests

There are two types of stress tests:

• regulatory stress tests:

These involve primarily the stress tests requested by the European Banking Authority, the European Central Banks, or any other supervisory authority.

In 2021, the EBA and the ECB conducted EU-wide stress tests of the 50 largest European banks. As in previous years, macroeconomic scenarios and a certain number of methodological assumptions were applied to all banks for comparison purposes. A macroeconomic stress scenario of unprecedented severity over a period of three consecutive years (the "adverse scenario") was used to test the impact on exposure to credit, market, operational and revenue (rates and commission) risks. This was done in a context already under stress due to the health crisis. This was the second European regulatory stress test completed under the new IFRS 9 accounting standard to analyse its impact on the 2020 crisis year and on a period of renewal of a major macroeconomic crisis.

This stress test demonstrated the Group's ability to withstand the scenario proposed by the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB) as part of the test. As a reminder, the impact of this major stress scenario on BNP Paribas' capital consisted in reducing the full CET1 ratio by 440 basis points compared with the level at 31 December 2020 (compared to -288 bps for the 2018 exercise), versus an average impact of -485 bps across all the 50 European banks tested (compared to -395 bps for the 48 banks in 2018 and an average impact down to -344 bps excluding the English banks that were no longer included in the 2021 exercise). The difference between the impact on BNP Paribas and the average impact on the banks tested remains relatively unchanged at +45 bps in 2021 compared to +56 bps in 2018.

In 2019, the ECB had conducted liquidity stress tests on 103 European banks. This exercise consisted of a sensitivity analysis to assess changes in the banks' net liquidity position in different impact scenarios that may arise in the event of the bank experiencing a liquidity crisis. The shocks applied to assets and liabilities were defined using observed liquidity crises that have impacted banks in Europe and were calibrated for different levels of severity. This liquidity stress test showed the Group's comfortable liquidity position.

### • internal stress tests:

- stress tests dedicated to risk anticipation: they contribute to the forward-looking risk management, in particular of credit, market, counterparty, interest rates in the banking book, operational, activity and liquidity risks. The results of the transverse stress tests are used, among other purposes, to formulate the Bank's risk appetite and periodically measure its risk profile. They are periodically submitted to Group Executive Management as well as the Board of directors' Internal Control, Risk Management and Compliance Committee (CCIRC) through the quarterly Group risk dashboard. Moreover, *ad hoc* stress testing is performed, when appropriate, within Risk & Development Policy Committees, portfolio reviews or Country Strategic Committees to identify and assess areas of vulnerability within the Group's portfolios.
- stress tests for the budget process: they contribute to three-year capital planning. Stress tests are carried out annually as part of the budget process and are included in the ICAAP and the ILAAP. They are reviewed at divisional and business line level before being consolidated at Group level to provide a comprehensive view of the impact on the Bank's capital, liquidity and earnings.

The purpose of stress testing in the budget process is to assess the impact of an adverse macroeconomic scenario on the Group and its activities. These stress tests are part of the yearly budget process which is run on the basis of baseline and adverse scenarios.

The impact of the adverse scenario is measured on profit and loss (revenues, cost of risk, etc.), balance-sheet, risk-weighted assets, and capital.

The calculated final output is a range of projected Group's solvency ratios, as well as possible adjustment measures. The scenarios used, the outcomes of the stress tests and the proposed possible adjustment measures (such as reducing exposures to a sub-segment or changes in funding or liquidity policies, etc.) are included in the budget synthesis report presented to the Group Executive Management at the end of the budget process. In addition, in the Group's ICAAP, its solvency can be analysed in adverse scenarios other than an adverse budget scenario, defined by risk topics occasionally identified by the Group.

• reverse stress tests: they were conducted as part of the Bank's recovery and resolution plan and ICAAP. Reverse stress tests consist of identifying scenarios likely to result in a drop in the Bank's solvency ratios to below levels set in advance in line with the methods of use in question. These exercises enable any areas where the Bank is fragile in terms of changes in certain risk factors to be detected and facilitate in-depth analyses of the remedial actions that could be implemented by business lines or Group-wide.

#### Governance and implementation

This framework is based on a well-defined governance, with responsibilities shared between the Group and operational entities in order to encourage operational integration and relevance. Since 2017, the Group has set up a Stress Testing and Extended Planning (STEP) programme serving both the Group and its subsidiaries and business lines. The aim of the STEP programme is continue to respond effectively to the various regulatory stress tests, such as the EBA and ECB ones, and to develop internal stress test practices required for proper risk management and Group resource planning.

Finance, RISK and ALM Treasury functions have created a shared team — Stress Testing and Financial Simulations ("STFS"), responsible for implementing the STEP programme and its deployment across the Group's entities and activities.

The STFS team is responsible in particular for:

- the definition and the implementation of the Group's target structure in terms of stress testing and ICAAP while covering the associated organisational issues, modelisation, IT systems and governance;
- the performance of all of the Group's stress testing exercises, relying in particular on existing teams within RISK and Finance Functions;
- the support of the stress test and ICAAP initiatives of the Group's business lines and legal entities in order to ensure overall consistency and streamline procedures;
- the coordination of the Group's financial simulation system and its adaptation to the challenges of SREP;
- the production of the Group's ICAAP report and, for certain risks, the quantification of internal capital.

Stress test methodologies are tailored to the main categories of risk and subject to independent review.

Stress tests may be run at Group, business line or portfolio level, dedicated to one or more risk types and on a more or less large number of variables depending on the pursued objective. Where appropriate, the results of quantitative models may be adjusted on the basis of expert judgement.

Since its creation, the Group's stress testing framework has evolved continuously in order to integrate the most recent developments in stress tests, whether in terms of methodologies or improved operational integration in the Group's management processes.

#### Internal Stress Test Scenario Definition

In stress testing exercises, it is common practice to distinguish baseline scenario and adverse (and favourable, where applicable) scenarios. A macroeconomic scenario is typically a set of macroeconomic and macrofinancial variables (GDP and its components, inflation, employment and unemployment, interest and exchange rates, stock prices, commodity prices, *etc.*) values projected over a given future period of time.

#### Baseline scenario

The baseline scenario is considered as the most likely scenario over the projection horizon. The baseline scenario is constructed by Group Economic Research in collaboration with various functions or business lines possessing a specific expertise, in particular:

- Group ALM Treasury for interest rates;
- Wealth Management for equity indices;
- BNP Paribas Real Estate regarding commercial real estate;
- local economists when regional expertise is required;
- RISK for coordination and overall consistency of the scenario.

The global scenario is made up of regional and national scenarios (euro zone, France, Italy, Belgium, Spain, Germany, United Kingdom, Poland, Turkey, United States, Japan, China, India, Russia, etc.) consistent with each other.

### Adverse scenario

An adverse scenario describes one or several potential shocks to the economic and financial environment — *i.e.* the materialisation of one or several risks to the baseline scenario — over the projection horizon. An adverse scenario is thus always designed in relation to a baseline scenario, and the shocks associated with the adverse scenario are translated in the set of macroeconomic and financial variables listed above as deviations from their value in the baseline scenario. The adverse scenario is constructed by RISK with the benefit of the expertise of the same team from Group functions or business lines used for the baseline scenario.

### Construction of scenarios

Adverse and advantageous central scenarios are revised quarterly by STFS to monitor the Bank's risk appetite metrics and credit provision calculations within the framework of IFRS 9 (see part 2.h of consolidated and financial statements).

They are approved (together with the baseline scenario) by the Group Executive Management in June and September as part of the Group's budget process. For the other two quarterly exercises in March and December, scenarios are approved jointly by the Group Chief Risk Officer and the Group Chief Financial Officer.

The scenarios are then used to calculate expected losses (or profit and loss impact in the case of market risks) over the year for all Group portfolios:

- for portfolios exposed to credit or counterparty risk and for the equity portfolio of the banking book: this calculation measures the impact of the scenario on the cost of risk and risk-weighted assets due to the deterioration of the portfolio quality resulting from the macroeconomic scenario, or adverse moves in equity prices. Credit risk stress tests are performed on the Bank's entire portfolio for all regions and all prudential portfolios, namely Retail, Corporates and Institutions;
- for market portfolios: the changes in value and their profit and loss impact are calculated by simulating a one-time shock, which is consistent with the overall scenario.

The above calculations and related methodologies for stress tests on credit and market risks are coordinated centrally at Group level by STFS team. They also involve various teams of experts at Group and territory's levels in their implementation and design. Lastly, in an adverse budget scenario, risks appertaining to the Group and its business activities and not forming part of the adverse macroeconomic scenario are added. They are identified and quantified either by the Group's businesses or centrally for those likely to impact the Group as a whole.

## **RISK FACTORS**

Not all of the risk factors described below will be applicable to a particular series of the Structured Products. Please consider all risks carefully prior to investing in any Structured Products and consult your professional independent financial adviser and legal, accounting, tax and other advisers with respect to any investment in the Structured Products. Please read the following section together with the risk factors set out in the relevant launch announcement and supplemental listing document.

# General risks in relation to us and the Guarantor

Structured Products are unsecured obligations

The Structured Products are not secured on any of our or the Guarantor's assets or any collateral. Each series of Structured Products will constitute our general unsecured contractual obligations and the general unsecured contractual obligations of the Guarantor and of no other person and will rank pari passu with our other unsecured contractual obligations and the unsecured and unsubordinated debt of the Guarantor. At any given time, the number of Structured Products outstanding may be substantial.

#### Creditworthiness

If you purchase our Structured Products, you are relying upon our creditworthiness and the creditworthiness of the Guarantor and have no rights under the Structured Products against:

- (a) any company which issues the underlying shares;
- (b) the fund which issues the underlying securities or its trustee (if applicable) or manager; or
- (c) any index compiler of the underlying index.

As our obligations under the Structured Products are unsecured, we do not guarantee the repayment of capital invested in any Structured Product.

If we become insolvent or default on our obligations under the Structured Products or the Guarantor becomes insolvent or defaults on its obligations under the Guarantee, you can only claim as our or the Guarantor's unsecured creditor regardless of the performance of the

underlying asset and you may not be able to recover all or even part of the amount due under the Structured Products (if any).

Any downgrading of the Guarantor's rating by rating agencies such as Moody's or S&P could result in a reduction in the trading value of the Structured Products.

No deposit liability or debt obligation

In respect of cash settled Structured Products, we have the obligation to deliver to you the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses) in accordance with the Conditions of each series of Structured Products upon expiry.

It is not our intention by the issue of any Structured Product (expressed, implicit or otherwise) to create a deposit liability of us or the Guarantor or a debt obligation of any kind.

#### Conflicts of interest

The BNP Group engages in commercial, banking and other activities for our own account or the account of others and, in connection with our other business activities, may possess or acquire material information about the Underlying Assets to which the relevant Structured Product is linked. Such activities may involve or otherwise affect the Underlying Assets in a manner that may cause consequences adverse to you or otherwise create conflicts of interests in connection with the issue of Structured Products by us. Such actions and conflicts may include, without limitation, the purchase and sale of securities and/or exercise of creditor rights. The BNP Group:

(a) has no obligation to disclose such information about the Underlying Assets or such activities. The BNP Group and our respective officers and directors may engage in any such activities without regard to the issue of Structured Products by us or the effect that such activities may directly or indirectly have on any Structured Product;

- (b) may from time to time engage in transactions involving the Underlying Assets for its accounts and/or for accounts under its management and/or to hedge against the market risk associated with issuing the Structured Products. Such transactions may have a positive or negative effect on the price/level of the Underlying Assets and consequently upon the value of the relevant series of Structured Products;
- (c) may from time to time act in other capacities with regard to the Structured Products, such as in an agency capacity and/or as the liquidity provider; and/or
- (d) may issue other derivative instruments in respect of the Underlying Assets and the introduction of such competing products into the market place may affect the value of the relevant series of Structured Products.

# Risks related to the BNP Paribas Group's growth in its current environment

Epidemics and pandemics, including the ongoing coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, and their economic consequences may adversely affect the Group's business, operations, results and financial condition.

A global pandemic linked to a novel strain of coronavirus (Covid-19) has severely disrupted economies and financial markets worldwide since 2020. The introduction of lockdown measures and other restrictions initially caused economies in many regions to contract, trade to decline, production capacity to decrease, growth forecasts to be cut and supply chains to be disrupted. In a second phase, the rollout of vaccination campaigns and the adaptation of economic actors allowed the gradual adaptation of these measures and restrictions, leading to a recovery in economic activity. As a result, various growth forecasts converge on a strong economic recovery. For example, according to the IMF's January 2022 estimates and projections, world economic growth is expected to be 5.9% in 2021 and 4.4% in 2022.

Nevertheless, uncertainties remain as to the strength and sustainability of the recovery, both in terms of the public health situation (e.g., the appearance of new strains of the virus) and the economy which could lead to doubts as to the extent and durability of the recovery. In this respect, the outlook for 2022 was lowered for both emerging and developing countries, as well as for advanced countries, compared to the IMF projections published in October 2021. Various complicating factors will affect the trajectory of economic recovery. International supply chains — which had been strained severely by the pandemic-related mobility restrictions — remain heavily disrupted, generating shortages of certain consumer goods (such as a dearth semiconductors causing delays in the production of telephones and automobiles) and oil and gas supply and labor market constraints, having both specific (e.g. raw materials price increases) and general (i.e., inflation rate) effects on prices.

Further, while various governments and central banks implemented and supplemented measures to support the economy and its recovery — in order to mitigate the adverse economic and market consequences of the pandemic — there can be no assurance that such measures will suffice to redress the pandemic's negative impact on the regional or global economy over time, entirely compensate for or mitigate regional or global recessions (which occurred and could recur), or fully and over time prevent possible disruptions to the financial markets. The lifting of government support measures could also harm economic activity and the financial strength of economic actors. Overall, the crisis has impacted and may continue to impact the economies of the principal countries where the BNP Paribas Group operates, particularly its domestic markets (France, Italy, Belgium and Luxembourg), which collectively represented 57% of its total gross credit exposures as of 31 December 2021. The Group's results and financial condition have been and could continue to be adversely impacted by the effects of the crisis related to the pandemic and the resulting disruption of economic activity in the Group's principal markets. In particular, the crisis significantly affected the Group's cost of risk in 2020, reflecting macroeconomic projections based on various scenarios applying the framework in place prior to the crisis. Under this framework, macroeconomic projections specifically GDP estimates and forecasts — are key to calculating the cost of risk, and the

consequences of the health crisis included a decrease in GDP growth estimates for many of the Group's markets. The cost of risk calculation also takes into account the specific dynamics of the crisis in 2020, along with anticipated future impacts on credit and counterparty risk, including the consequences of lockdown measures on economic activity and the impact of government support measures and decisions. These factors contributed to the substantial increase in the Group's cost of risk in 2020 (66 basis points).

The 2021 financial year showed an improvement with an increase in revenues of 4.4% to EUR 46,235 billion and an increase in net income attributable to the Group, due to the increase in Domestic Markets revenues (+5.2% compared to 2020) with the rebound of the economy and the resilience of CIB revenues (+3.4% compared to 2020), but also by the decrease in the cost of risk (-48.8% compared to 2020), particularly in connection with improving economic forecasts. Nevertheless, revenues in the International Financial Services businesses remain impacted by the consequences of the health crisis (-1.2% compared 2020).

However, developments in the current health crisis and market conditions have characteristics that could increase the probability and magnitude of various existing risks faced by the Group such as: i) pressure on revenues due in particular to (a) prolongation of the low interest rate environment and (b) lower revenues from fees commissions; ii) renewed heightened risk linked to an economic slowdown due to inflationary pressures (energy prices, labour market tensions), supply chain disruption or withdrawal of government support measures; iii) risk of financial market disruption in the event of poorly anticipated changes in monetary policies and iv) risk-weighted assets due to deterioration of risk parameters, hence affecting the Group's capital position.

The Group's results and financial condition could also be harmed by negative trends in the financial markets, to the extent that the pandemic initially caused extreme market conditions (volatility spikes, a sharp drop in equity markets, tensions on spreads, specific asset markets on hold, etc.). Uncertainties about the scope and durability of the economic recovery, the easing or strengthening of government support measures, and the pressures linked to supply chains and raw

material procurement have generated and could generate unfavourable market conditions. Thus, unfavourable market conditions have had and could have an adverse impact on the Group's market activities, which accounted for 14.8% of its consolidated revenues in 2021, resulting in trading or other market-related losses, as seen in 2020, following restrictions implemented on short-selling and dividend distributions (notably EUR 184 million in the first quarter of 2020 related to the European authorities' restrictions on 2019 dividends). Further, certain of the Group's investment portfolios (for example, in its insurance subsidiaries) are accounted for on a mark-to-market basis and were impacted by adverse market conditions, particularly in the second quarter of 2020 and could continue to be impacted again in the future.

The extent to which the short, medium and long-term economic consequences of pandemic will continue to affect the Group's results and financial condition will indeed depend largely on i) the intensity and duration of restrictive measures that have been put in place or their periodic reintroduction, depending on the evolution of the health situation, ii) the timing and extent of a return to pre-pandemic lifestyles, business operations and economic interactions, iii) the effects of the measures taken to date or future measures that may be taken by governments and central banks to attenuate the economic fallout of the pandemic or the terms and conditions for lifting these measures and iv) the duration and extent of the pandemic's remaining course, including the prospect of new waves or the appearance of new strains of the virus and, consequently, a reinstatement or strengthening of lockdown measures or other restrictions, such as in relation to travel, in the Group's various markets, as well as the pace and mechanisms of deployment of immunisation programmes. In addition, while the actions of European Union and member states' authorities (in particular, central banks and governments) in response to the pandemic have to date helped and may well continue to help attenuate its adverse and market consequences, economic authorities have also issued and may continue to issue additional restrictions or recommendations in respect of banks' actions.

In particular, in 2020 and 2021 they limited banks' flexibility in managing their business and taking action in relation to capital distribution, capital allocation and compensation policies.

Due to the unprecedented environment generated by the Covid-19 crisis, various pandemic-related uncertainties around public health, society and the economy, persist. The consequences for the Group will depend on the duration of the impact of the crisis, the measures taken by governments and central banks, and the ability of society to recover, and are therefore difficult to predict.

## General risks in relation to Structured Products

You may lose all your investment in the Structured Products

Structured Products involve a high degree of risk, and are subject to a number of risks which may include interest rate, foreign exchange, time value, market and/or political risks. Structured Products may expire worthless.

Generally speaking, options, warrants and equity linked instruments are priced primarily on the basis of the price/level/exchange rate of the Underlying Asset, the volatility of the Underlying Asset's price/ level/exchange rate and the time remaining to expiry of the Structured Product.

The price of Structured Products generally may fall in value as rapidly as they may rise and you should be prepared to sustain a significant or total loss of the purchase price of the Structured Products. Assuming all other factors are held constant, the more the underlying share price, unit price, index level or exchange rate of a Structured Product moves in a direction against you, the greater the risk that you will lose all or a significant part of your investment.

The risk of losing all or any part of the purchase price of a Structured Product means that, in order to recover and realise a return on your investment, you must generally anticipate correctly the direction, timing and magnitude of any change in the price/ level/exchange rate of the Underlying Asset as may be specified in the relevant launch announcement and supplemental listing document.

Changes in the price/level/exchange rate of an Underlying Asset can be unpredictable, sudden

and large and such changes may result in the price/level/ exchange rate of the Underlying Asset moving in a direction which will negatively impact upon the return on your investment. You therefore risk losing your entire investment (or, in the case of Inline Warrants, a substantial part of your investment) if the price/level/exchange rate of the relevant Underlying Asset does not move in your anticipated direction.

The value of the Structured Products may be disproportionate with or opposite to movement in the price/level/exchange rate of the Underlying Assets

An investment in Structured Products is not the same as owning the Underlying Assets or having a direct investment in the Underlying Assets. The market values of Structured Products are linked to the relevant Underlying Assets and will be influenced (positively or negatively) by it or them but any change may not be comparable and may be disproportionate. It is possible that while the price/ level/exchange rate of the Underlying Assets is moving up, the value of the Warrant or CBBC is falling. In the case of Inline Warrants, generally, ignoring interim interest rates and expected dividend payments on the Underlying Asset or on any components comprising the underlying index and assuming all other factors remain constant, the closer the price/level of the Underlying Asset towards the mid-way of the Upper Strike Price/Upper Strike Level and the Lower Strike Price/Lower Strike Level, the greater the value of the Inline Warrants; conversely, the farther the price/level of the Underlying Asset from the mid-way of the Upper Strike Price/Upper Strike Level and the Lower Strike Price/Lower Strike Level, the lower the value of the Inline Warrants.

If you intend to purchase any series of Structured Products to hedge against the market risk associated with investing in an Underlying Asset specified in the relevant launch announcement and supplemental listing document, you should recognise the complexities of utilising Structured Products in this manner. For example, the value of the Structured Products may not exactly correlate with the price/ level/exchange rate of the Underlying Asset. Due to fluctuations in supply and demand for Structured Products, there is no assurance that their value will correlate with

movements of the Underlying Asset. The Structured Products may not be a perfect hedge to the Underlying Asset or portfolio of which the Underlying Asset forms a part.

It may not be possible to liquidate the Structured Products at a level which directly reflects the price/ level/exchange rate of the Underlying Asset or portfolio of which the Underlying Asset forms a part. Therefore, it is possible that you could suffer substantial losses in the Structured Products in addition to any losses suffered with respect to investments in or exposures to the Underlying Asset.

### Possible illiquidity of secondary market

It is not possible to predict if and to what extent a secondary market may develop in any series of Structured Products and at what price such series of Structured Products will trade in the secondary market and whether such market will be liquid or illiquid. The fact that the Structured Products are listed does not necessarily lead to greater liquidity than if they were not listed.

If any series of Structured Products are not listed or traded on any exchange, pricing information for such series of Structured Products may be difficult to obtain and the liquidity of that series of Structured Products may be adversely affected.

The liquidity of any series of Structured Products may also be affected by restrictions on offers and sales of the Structured Products in some jurisdictions.

Transactions in off-exchange Structured Products may be subject to greater risks than dealing in exchange-traded Structured Products. To the extent that any Structured Products of a series is closed out, the number of Structured Products outstanding in that series will decrease, which may result in a lessening of the liquidity of Structured Products. A lessening of the liquidity of the affected series of Structured Products may cause, in turn, an increase in the volatility associated with the price of such Structured Products.

While we have appointed, or will appoint, a liquidity provider for the purposes of making a market for each series of Structured Products, there may be circumstances outside our control or the appointed liquidity provider's control where the appointed liquidity provider's ability to make

a market in some or all series of Structured Products is limited, restricted and/or, without limitation, frustrated. The more limited the secondary market, the more difficult it may be for you to realise the value of the Structured Products prior to expiry.

#### Interest rates

Investments in the Structured Products may involve interest rate risk with respect to the currency of denomination of the Underlying Assets and/or the Structured Products. A variety of factors influence interest rates such as macro economic, governmental, speculative and market sentiment factors. Such fluctuations may have an impact on the value of the Structured Products at any time prior to valuation of the Underlying Assets relating to the Structured Products.

#### Time decay

The settlement amount of certain series of Structured Products at any time prior to expiration may be less than the trading price of such Structured Products at that time. The difference between the trading price and the settlement amount will reflect, among other things, a "time value" of the Structured Products. The "time value" of the Structured Products will depend partly upon the length of the period remaining to expiration and expectations concerning the price/level/exchange rate of the Underlying Assets. The value of a Warrant or CBBC will decrease over time. The value of an Inline Warrant is likely to decrease over time when the price or level of the Underlying Asset falls outside the range between the Upper Strike Price or Upper Strike Level and the Lower Strike Price or Lower Strike Level (both inclusive), ignoring interim interest rates and expected dividend payments on the Underlying Asset or on any components comprising the underlying index and assuming all other factors remain constant. Therefore, the Structured Products should not be viewed as products for long term investments.

## Exchange rate risk

There may be an exchange rate risk in the case of cash settled Structured Products where the Cash Settlement Amount will be converted from a foreign currency into the Settlement Currency. Exchange rates between currencies are determined by forces of supply and demand in the foreign exchange markets. These forces are, in

turn, affected by factors such as international balances of payments and other economic and financial conditions, government intervention in currency markets and currency speculation. Fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, foreign political and economic developments and the imposition of exchange controls or other foreign governmental laws or restrictions applicable to such investments may affect the foreign currency market price and the exchange rate-adjusted equivalent price of the Structured Products. Fluctuations in the exchange rate of any one currency may be offset by fluctuations in the exchange rate of other relevant currencies.

Possible early termination for illegality or impracticability

If the Conditions provide for termination due to illegality and we determine in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner that, for reasons beyond our control, the performance of (i) our obligations under the relevant Structured Products or (ii) our Guarantor's obligations under Guarantee has become illegal the impracticable, we may terminate early the relevant Structured Products. If we terminate early the relevant Structured Products, we will, if and to the extent permitted by applicable law, pay an amount determined by us in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner to be the fair market value of the relevant Structured Products notwithstanding the illegality or impracticability less our cost of unwinding the underlying hedging arrangements. Such amount may be substantially less than your initial investment and may be zero.

Foreign Account Tax Compliance withholding may affect payments on the Structured Products

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("FATCA"), impose a new reporting regime and a potential 30% United States withholding tax with respect to (i) certain payments from sources within the United States, and (ii) "foreign passthru payments", a term not presently defined, made to certain non-U.S. financial institutions that do not comply with the requirements of FATCA or investors that fail to provide information necessary to determine whether they are exempt from FATCA withholding.

Prospective investors should refer to the section "Taxation — Taxation in the United States of America — Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act."

#### Modification to the Conditions

Under the Conditions, we may, without your consent, effect any modification of the terms and conditions applicable to the Structured Products which, in our opinion, is:

- (a) not materially prejudicial to the interest of the holders of the Structured Products generally (without considering the circumstances of any individual Holder or the tax or other consequences of such modification in any particular jurisdiction);
- (b) of a formal, minor or technical nature;
- (c) to correct a manifest error; or
- (d) necessary in order to comply with mandatory provisions of the laws or regulations of Hong Kong.

## Risks in relation to the Underlying Asset

You have no right to the Underlying Asset

Unless specifically indicated in the Conditions, you will not be entitled to:

- (a) voting rights or rights to receive dividends or other distributions or any other rights that a holder of the underlying shares or units would normally be entitled to; or
- (b) voting rights or rights to receive dividends or other distributions or any other rights with respect to any company constituting any underlying index.

Valuation risk

An investment in Structured Products may involve valuation risks in relation to the Underlying Asset to which the particular series of Structured Products relate. The price/level/exchange rate of the Underlying Asset may vary over time and may increase or decrease by reference to a variety of factors which may include corporate actions, macro economic

factors, market trends, speculation and/or (where the Underlying Asset is an index) changes in the formula for or the method of calculating the index.

Where the Structured Products are linked to certain Underlying Asset in a developing financial market, you should note a developing financial market differs from most developed markets in various aspects, including the growth rate, government involvement and control, level of development and foreign exchange control. Any rapid or significant changes in the economic, political or social condition and the government policies of the developing financial market may result in large fluctuations in the value or level of the Underlying Asset. Such fluctuations may affect the market value of the Structured Products and hence your investment return.

Where the Structured Products are linked to a currency pair as the Underlying Asset, you should note that the foreign exchange market can be very volatile and unpredictable. Exchange rate of the currencies may fluctuate as a result of market, economic and/or political conditions in the principal financial centres of the countries of the currencies and also in other countries. For example, it can be affected by change of governments' monetary or foreign exchange policies, rates of inflation, interest rate levels and the extent of governmental surpluses or deficits in the relevant countries. Such fluctuations may affect the market value of the Structured Products and hence your investment return.

You must be experienced in dealing in these types of Structured Products and must understand the risks associated with dealing in such products. You should reach an investment decision only after careful consideration, with your advisers, of the suitability of any Structured Product in light of your particular financial circumstances, the information regarding the relevant Structured Product and the particular Underlying Asset to which the value of the relevant Structured Product relates.

## Adjustment related risk

Certain events relating to the Underlying Asset require or, as the case may be, permit us to make certain adjustments or amendments to the Conditions. You have limited anti-dilution protection under the Conditions. We may, in our sole discretion:

- (a) in respect of Structured Products relating to single equities or ETF, adjust, among other things, the Entitlement, the Exercise Price/Strike Price, the Upper Strike Price/Lower Strike Price and the Call Price (if applicable) upon exercise or any other terms (including without limitation the closing price of the Underlying Asset) of any series of Structured Products for events such as rights issue, bonus issue, subdivision, consolidation, restructuring event or certain cash distribution;
- (b) in respect of Structured Products relating to an index, determine the Closing Level;
- (c) in respect of Structured Products relating to a commodity or commodity futures, adjust, among other things, the Closing Price and if applicable, the Price Source and/or the Exchange Rate; or
- (d) in respect of Structured Products relating to a currency pair, adjust, among other things, the Spot Rate and the Settlement Exchange Rate (if applicable).

However, we are not obliged to make an adjustment for every event that may affect an Underlying Asset, in which case the market price of the Structured Products and the return upon the expiry of the Structured Products may be affected.

In the case of Structured Products which relate to an index, the level of the index may be published by the index compiler at a time when one or more components comprising the index are not trading. If this occurs on the Valuation Date which does not constitute a Market Disruption Event under the Conditions, then the Closing Level of the index is calculated by reference to the remaining components in the index. In addition, certain events relating to the index (including a material change in the formula or the method of calculating the index or a failure to publish the index) permit us to determine the level of the index on the basis of the formula or method last in effect prior to such change in formula or method.

If an Underlying Asset is suspended from trading or dealing for whatever reason on the market on which it is listed or dealt in (including the Stock Exchange), trading in the relevant series of Structured Products may be suspended for a similar period. In addition, if an Underlying Asset is an index and the calculation and/or publication of the index level by the index compiler is suspended for whatever reasons, trading in the relevant series of Structured Products may be suspended for a similar period. The value of the Warrants and CBBCs will decrease over time, while the value of an Inline Warrant is likely to decrease over time when the price or level of the Underlying Asset falls outside the range between the Upper Strike Price or Upper Strike Level and the Lower Strike Price or Lower Strike Level (both inclusive), ignoring interim interest rates and expected dividend payments on the Underlying Asset or on any components comprising the underlying index and assuming all other factors remain constant. You should note that in the case of a prolonged suspension period, the market price of the Structured Products may be subject to a significant impact of time decay of such prolonged suspension period and may fluctuate significantly upon resumption of trading after the suspension period of the Structured Products. This may adversely affect your investment in the Structured Products.

#### Delay in settlement

Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Conditions, in the case of any termination or expiry, as the case may be, of Structured Products, there may be a time lag between the date on which the Structured Products are terminated or expired, and the time the applicable settlement amount is paid to you. Any such delay between the time of termination or expiry and the payment of the settlement amount will be specified in the relevant Conditions.

However, such delay could be significantly longer, particularly in the case of a delay in the termination or expiry of such Structured Products arising from a determination by us that a Market Disruption Event, Settlement Disruption Event or

delisting of the underlying shares or units or shares in the underlying fund has occurred at any relevant time or that adjustments are required in accordance with the Conditions.

That applicable settlement amount may change significantly during any such period, and such movement or movements could decrease or modify the settlement amount or entitlement value (as the case may be) of the Structured Products.

You should note that in the event of there being a Settlement Disruption Event or a Market Disruption Event, payment of the Cash Settlement Amount may be delayed as more fully described in the Conditions.

# Risks relating to Structured Products over funds

In the case of Structured Products which relate to the units or shares of a fund:

- (a) the BNP Group is not able to control or predict the actions of the trustee (if applicable) or the manager of the relevant fund. Neither the trustee (if applicable) nor the manager of the relevant fund (i) is involved in the offer of any Structured Product in any way, or (ii) has any obligation to consider the interest of the holders of any Structured Product in taking any actions that might affect the value of any Structured Product; and
- (b) we have no role in the relevant fund. The trustee (if applicable) or manager of the relevant fund is responsible for making investment and other trading decisions with respect to the management of the relevant fund consistent with its investment objectives and in compliance with the investment restrictions as set out in the constitutive documents of the relevant fund. The manner in which the relevant fund is managed and the timing of actions may have a significant impact on the performance of the relevant fund. Hence, the market price of the relevant units or shares is also subject to these risks.

In the case of Structured Products linked to units or shares of an ETF, you should note that:

- (a) an ETF is exposed to the economic, political, currency, legal and other risks of a specific sector or market related to the underlying asset pool or index or market that the ETF is designed to track;
- (b) there may be disparity between the performance of the ETF and the performance of the underlying asset pool or index or market that the ETF is designed to track as a result of, for example, failure of the tracking strategy, currency differences, fees and expenses; and
- (c) where the underlying asset pool or index or market that the ETF tracks is subject to restricted access, the efficiency in the creation or redemption of units or shares to keep the price of the ETF in line with its net asset value may be disrupted, causing the ETF to trade at a higher premium or discount to its net asset value. Hence, the market price of the Structured Products will also be indirectly subject to these risks.

Synthetic exchange traded funds

Additionally, where the Underlying Asset comprises the units or shares of an ETF adopting a synthetic replication investment strategy to achieve its investment objectives by investing in financial derivative instruments linked to the performance of an underlying asset pool or index that the ETF is designed to track ("Synthetic ETF"), you should note that:

(a) investments in financial derivative instruments will expose the Synthetic ETF to the credit, potential contagion and concentration risks of the counterparties who issued such financial derivative instruments. As such counterparties are predominantly international financial institutions, the failure of one such counterparty may have a negative effect on other counterparties of the Synthetic ETF.

Even if the Synthetic ETF has collateral to reduce the counterparty risk, there may still

be a risk that the market value of the collateral has fallen substantially when the Synthetic ETF seeks to realise the collateral; and

(b) the Synthetic ETF may be exposed to higher liquidity risk if the Synthetic ETF invests in financial derivative instruments which do not have an active secondary market.

The above risks may have a significant impact on the performance of the relevant ETF or Synthetic ETF and hence the market price of Structured Products linked to such ETF or Synthetic ETF.

ETF investing through the QFI regimes and/or China Connect

Where the Underlying Asset comprises the units or shares of an ETF ("China ETF") issued and traded outside Mainland China with direct investment in the Mainland China's securities through markets the Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor regime and Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor regime (collectively, "QFI regimes") and/or the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect and/or Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect (collectively, "China Connect"), you should note that, amongst others:

- (a) the novelty and untested nature of China Connect make China ETFs riskier than traditional ETFs investing directly in more developed markets. The policy and rules for the QFI regimes and China Connect prescribed by the Mainland China government are new and subject to change, and there may be uncertainty to their implementation. The uncertainty and change of the laws and regulations in Mainland China may adversely impact on the performance of China ETFs and the trading price of the relevant units or shares;
- b) a China ETF primarily invests in securities traded in the Mainland China's securities markets and is subject to concentration risk. Investment in the Mainland China's securities markets (which are inherently stock markets with restricted access) involves certain risks and special considerations as compared with investment in more developed economies or markets, such as greater political, tax, economic, foreign exchange, liquidity and regulatory

risks. The operation of a China ETF may also be affected by interventions by the applicable government(s) and regulators in the financial markets;

- (c) trading of securities invested by a China ETF under China Connect will be subject to a daily quota which is utilised on a first-come-first-serve basis under the China Connect. In the event that the daily quota under China Connect is reached, the manager may need to suspend creation of further units or shares of such China ETF, and therefore may affect the liquidity in unit or share trading of such China ETF. In such event, the trading price of a unit or share of such China ETF is likely to be at a significant premium to its net asset value, and may be highly volatile. The People's Bank of China and the State Administration of Foreign Exchange have jointly published the detailed implementation rules removing the investment quota under the QFI regimes with effect from 6 June 2020; and
- (d) there are risks and uncertainties associated with the current Mainland Chinese tax laws applicable to a China ETF investing in the Mainland China through the QFI regimes and/or China Connect. Although such China ETF may have made a tax provision in respect of potential tax liability, the provision may be excessive or inadequate. Any shortfall between the provisions and actual tax liabilities may be covered by the assets of such China ETF and may therefore adversely affect the net asset value of such China ETF and the market value and/or potential payout of the Structured Products.

The above risks may have a significant impact on the performance of the relevant units or shares and the price of the Structured Products.

Please read the offering documents of the relevant China ETF to understand its key features and risks.

## ETF traded through dual counters model

Where the Underlying Asset comprises the units or shares of an ETF which adopts the dual counters model for trading its units or shares on the Stock Exchange in Hong Kong dollars ("HKD") and another foreign currency (such as Renminbi or United States Dollars) ("Foreign

**Currency**") separately, the novelty and relatively untested nature of the Stock Exchange's dual counters model may bring the following additional risks:

- (a) the Structured Products may be linked to the HKD-traded units or shares or the Foreign Currency traded units or shares. If the Underlying Asset is the HKD-traded units or shares, movements in the trading prices of the Foreign Currency traded units or shares should not directly affect the price of the Structured Products. Similarly, if the Underlying Asset is the Foreign Currency traded units or shares, movements in the trading prices of the HKD-traded units or shares should not directly affect the price of the Structured Products;
- (b) if there is a suspension of inter-counter transfer of such units or shares between the HKD counter and the Foreign Currency counter for any reason, such units or shares will only be able to be traded in the relevant currency counter on the Stock Exchange, which may affect the demand and supply of such units or shares and have an adverse effect on the price of the Structured Products; and
- (c) the trading price on the Stock Exchange of the HKD-traded units or shares and Foreign Currency traded units or shares may deviate significantly due to different factors, such as market liquidity, foreign exchange conversion risk, supply and demand in each counter and the exchange rate between HKD and the Foreign Currency. Changes in the trading price of the Underlying Asset in HKD or the Foreign Currency (as the case may be) may adversely affect the price of the Structured Products.

Real estate investment trust ("REIT")

Where the Underlying Asset comprises the units or shares of a REIT, you should note that the investment objective of a REIT is to invest in a real estate portfolio. Each REIT is exposed to risks relating to investments in real estate, including but not limited to (a) adverse changes in political or economic conditions; (b) changes in interest rates and the availability of debt or equity financing, which may result in an inability by the REIT to maintain or improve the real

estate portfolio and finance future acquisitions; (c) changes in environmental, zoning and other governmental rules; (d) changes in market rents; (e) any required repair and maintenance of the portfolio properties; (f) breach of any property laws or regulations; (g) the relative illiquidity of real estate investment; (h) real estate taxes; (i) any hidden interests in the portfolio properties; (j) any increase in insurance premiums and (k) any uninsurable losses.

There may also be disparity between the market price of the units or shares of a REIT and the net asset value per unit or share. This is because the market price of the units or shares of a REIT also depends on many factors, including but not limited to (a) the market value and perceived prospects of the real estate portfolio; (b) changes in economic or market conditions; (c) changes in market valuations of similar companies; (d) changes in interest rates; (e) the perceived attractiveness of the units or shares of the REIT against those of other equity securities; (f) the future size and liquidity of the market for the units or shares and the REIT market generally; (g) any future changes to the regulatory system, including the tax system and (h) the ability of the REIT to implement its investment and growth strategies and to retain its key personnel.

The above risks may have a significant impact on the performance of the relevant units or shares and the price of the Structured Products.

#### Commodity market risk

Where the Underlying Asset comprises the units or shares of an ETF whose value relates directly to the value of a commodity, you should note that fluctuations in the price of the commodity could materially adversely affect the value of the underlying units or shares. Commodity market is generally subject to greater risks than other markets. The price of a commodity is highly volatile. Price movement of a commodity is influenced by, among other things, interest rates, changing market supply and demand relationships, trade, fiscal, monetary exchange control programmes and policies of governments, and international political and economic events and policies.

## Risk Relating to Inline Warrants

The Inline Warrants are exotic warrants and are not comparable to the Warrants

The Inline Warrants are exotic warrants with different terms and risk and return profile compared to standard call or put Warrants listed on the Stock Exchange and are not comparable to the Warrants. The Inline Warrants carry exotic features and their terms and pricing may be more complicated than the Warrants. The Inline Warrants may behave quite differently from the Warrants and other exotic warrants in its response to the price levels/levels or movements in the price/level of the Underlying Asset. The pricing structure of the Inline Warrants requires investors to assess accurately the value of the Inline Warrants in relation to the expected probability of the Average Price/Closing Level falling within the range between the Upper Strike Price/Upper Strike Level and the Lower Strike Price/Lower Strike Level (both inclusive). The Inline Warrants are highly complicated and risky financial instruments and may be difficult for investors to properly value and/or to use as a hedging tool. You should carefully review and understand the Conditions, including the exotic features, before deciding to invest in the Inline Warrants. In particular, you should note that the Inline Warrants provide a pre-fixed potential payoff at either a capped amount or a floor amount at expiry. If the Average Price/Closing Level falls outside the range between the Lower Strike Price/Lower Strike Level and the Upper Strike Price/Upper Strike Level (both inclusive), you will receive a lower fixed and floor amount equal to the Minimum Payoff Amount per Inline Warrant (which may be substantially less than your initial investment) at expiry and may suffer loss in your investment. You will still receive the Minimum Payoff Amount per Inline Warrant in this scenario because such amount is included in the price you pay for buying the Inline Warrants.

Do not invest in the Inline Warrants unless you fully understand them and are willing to assume the risks associated with them.

Maximum potential payoff is fixed and capped

If the Average Price/Closing Level stays within the range between the Lower Strike Price/Lower Strike Level and the Upper Strike Price/Upper Strike Level (both inclusive), we will only pay you a fixed and capped amount equal to the Maximum Payoff Amount per Inline Warrant at expiry. This is the maximum potential payoff under the Inline Warrants.

Rejection of orders and trades at the price above HK\$1

You should note that any orders and reported trades of Inline Warrants at the price above HK\$1 will be automatically rejected upon their entry to the Stock Exchange's trading system. The Stock Exchange and its recognised exchange controller, HKEX, will not incur any liability (whether based on contract, tort (including, without limitation, negligence), or any other legal or equitable grounds and without regard to the circumstances giving rise to any purported claim except in the case of wilful misconduct on the part of the Stock Exchange and/or HKEX) for any direct, consequential, special, indirect, economic, punitive, exemplary or any other loss or damage suffered or incurred by us or any other party arising from or in connection with such rejection of orders and trades, including without limitation, any delay, failure, mistake or error in such rejection of orders and trades.

We and our affiliates shall not have any responsibility for any losses suffered as a result of such rejection of orders and trades in any circumstances.

Prohibition on the sale of certain binary options in European retail markets

There have been regulatory concerns over the sale of certain binary options to retail investors across the European Union in recent years. Such binary options are typically traded over-thecounter with bespoke structures and are very short-term, making them extremely speculative in nature. Until recently, the European Securities and Markets Authority ("ESMA") implemented a temporary ban on the marketing, distribution or sale of binary options to retail customers in the European Union except for securitised binary options. The temporary ban expired and was lifted by ESMA on 1 July 2019 based on the fact that most national competent authorities within the European Union had taken permanent national product intervention measures relating to binary options that are at least as stringent as ESMA's measure. For example, the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") in the United Kingdom (a then European Union member) imposed a permanent ban effective from 2 April 2019 on the marketing, distribution or sale of all binary options (including securitised binary options) to retail customers in the United Kingdom while the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority ("BaFin") in Germany and the Autorite des Marches Financiers ("AMF") of France had also permanently banned the marketing, distribution or sale of binary options (other than securitised binary options) to retail customers.

The Inline Warrants are a form of securitised binary options. Unlike the binary options in the European retail markets as described above, the Inline Warrants listed on the Stock Exchange have a more standardised structure and relatively longer period to expiry (with a minimum duration of 6 months before expiry).

Irrespective of the differences between the Inline Warrants listed on the Stock Exchange and the binary options in Europe, you should nevertheless note the approach taken by the European regulators over binary options. The Inline Warrants are complex products. You should fully understand the structure and terms and conditions of the Inline Warrants and are willing to assume the risks associated with them before investing in the Inline Warrants.

#### Risk Relating to CBBCs

Correlation between the price of a CBBC and the price/level of the Underlying Asset

When the Underlying Asset of a CBBC is trading at a price/level close to its Call Price/Call Level, the price of that CBBC tends to be more volatile and any change in the value of that CBBC at such time may be incomparable and disproportionate with the change in the price/level of the Underlying Asset.

Payout under CBBCs

It is expected that the value of each entitlement of CBBCs tends to follow closely the value of the Underlying Asset. However, you are warned that the price of CBBCs will be determined not only by the trading value of the Underlying Asset but also by the impact of financing costs and/or dividends during the period in which the CBBCs

are held by you. In particular, when the value of the Underlying Asset is close to the Call Price/Call Level, the price of the CBBCs will be more volatile.

Mandatory Call Event is irrevocable

A Mandatory Call Event is irrevocable unless it is triggered as a result of any of the following events:

- (a) system malfunction or other technical errors of HKEX (such as the setting up of wrong Call Price/Call Level and other parameters); or
- (b) manifest errors caused by the relevant third party price source (such as miscalculation of the index level by the relevant index compiler),

and in each case, we agree with the Stock Exchange that such Mandatory Call Event is to be revoked within such time as specified in the relevant launch announcement and supplemental listing document following the trading day on which the Mandatory Call Event is triggered. Upon revocation of the Mandatory Call Event, trading of the CBBCs will resume and any trade cancelled after such Mandatory Call Event will be reinstated.

## Non-recognition of Post MCE Trades

The Stock Exchange and its recognised exchange controller, HKEX, shall not incur any liability (whether based on contract, tort (including, without limitation, negligence)), or any other legal or equitable grounds and, without regard to the circumstances giving rise to any purported claim (except in the case of wilful misconduct on the part of the Stock Exchange and/or HKEX) for any direct, consequential, special, indirect, economic, punitive, exemplary or any other loss or damage suffered or incurred by us or any other party arising from or in connection with the Mandatory Call Event or the suspension of trading ("Trading Suspension") or the nonrecognition of trades after a Mandatory Call Event ("Non-Recognition of Post MCE Trades"), including, without limitation, any delay, failure, mistake or error in the Trading Suspension or Non-Recognition of Post MCE Trades.

The BNP Group shall not have any responsibility towards you for any losses suffered as a result of the Trading Suspension and/or Non-Recognition of Post MCE Trades, in connection with the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event, the resumption of trading of the CBBCs or reinstatement of any Post MCE Trades cancelled as a result of the reversal of any Mandatory Call Event, notwithstanding that such Trading Suspension and/or Non-Recognition of Post MCE Trades occur as a result of an error in the observation of the event.

Residual Value may not include residual funding cost

For Category R CBBCs, the Residual Value (if any) payable by us following the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event may or may not include the residual funding cost for the CBBCs. You may not receive any residual funding cost back from us upon early termination of a Category R CBBC upon a Mandatory Call Event.

Delay in announcements of a Mandatory Call Event

The Stock Exchange will notify the market as soon as practicable after the CBBC has been called upon the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event. You must however be aware that there may be delay in the announcement of a Mandatory Call Event due to technical errors or system failures and other factors that are beyond our control or the control of the Stock Exchange.

Our hedging activities may adversely affect the price/level of the Underlying Asset

Any member of the BNP Group may carry out activities that minimise our risks related to the CBBCs, including effecting transactions for our own account or for the account of our customers and hold long or short positions in the Underlying Asset (whether for risk reduction purposes or otherwise). In addition, in connection with the offering of any CBBCs, we and/or any member of the BNP Group may enter into one or more hedging transactions with respect to the Underlying Asset. In connection with such hedging or market-making activities or with respect to proprietary or other trading activities by us and/or any member of the BNP Group may enter into transactions in the Underlying Asset which may affect the market price, liquidity or price/level of the Underlying Asset and/or the

value of CBBCs and which could be deemed to be adverse to your interests. The BNP Group is likely to modify our hedging positions throughout the life of the CBBCs whether by effecting transactions in the Underlying Asset or in derivatives linked to the Underlying Asset. Further, it is possible that the advisory services which the BNP Group provides in the ordinary course of our business could lead to an adverse impact on the value of the Underlying Asset.

## Unwinding of hedging arrangements

The trading and/or hedging activities of the BNP Group related to CBBCs and/or other financial instruments issued by us from time to time may have an impact on the price/level of the Underlying Asset and may trigger a Mandatory Call Event. In particular, when the Underlying Asset is trading close to the Call Price/Call Level, our unwinding activities may cause a fall or rise (as the case may be) in the trading price/level of the Underlying Asset, leading to a Mandatory Call Event.

In respect of Category N CBBCs, the BNP Group may unwind any hedging transactions entered into by us in relation to the CBBCs at any time even if such unwinding activities may trigger a Mandatory Call Event.

In respect of Category R CBBCs, before the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event, the BNP Group may unwind our hedging transactions relating to the CBBCs in proportion to the amount of the CBBCs we repurchase from time to time. Upon the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event, the BNP Group may unwind any hedging transactions in relation to the CBBCs. Such unwinding activities after the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event may affect the trading price/level of the Underlying Asset and consequently the Residual Value of the CBBCs.

## $Adjustment\ related\ risk$

We will make such adjustments as we consider appropriate as a consequence of certain corporate actions or index adjustment events affecting the Underlying Asset. Please refer to the subsection "Adjustment related risk" under the section "Risks in relation to the Underlying Asset".

In addition, for Single Equity CBBCs and ETF CBBCs, if the Underlying Asset ceases to be listed on the Stock Exchange during the term of

the CBBCs, we may make adjustments and amendments to the rights attaching to the CBBCs pursuant to Condition 6 of the Product Conditions of the relevant CBBCs set out in Part A and Part C of Appendix 4. Such adjustments and amendments will be conclusive and binding on you.

## Risk relating to the legal form of the Structured Products

Each Structured Product will be represented by a global certificate registered in the name of HKSCC Nominees Limited (or such other nominee company as may be used by HKSCC from time to time in relation to the provision of nominee services to persons admitted for the time being by HKSCC as a participant of Central Clearing and Settlement System ("CCASS")). A risk of investing in a security that is issued in global registered form and held on your behalf within a clearing system effectively means that evidence of your title, as well as the efficiency of ultimate delivery of the Cash Settlement Amount, will be subject to the General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures ("CCASS Rules"). You should be aware of the following risks:

- (a) you will not receive definitive certificates where the Structured Products remain in the name of HKSCC Nominees Limited for the entire life of the Structured Products;
- (b) any register that is maintained by us or on our behalf, whilst available for inspection by you, will not be capable of registering any interests other than that of the legal title owner, in other words, it will record at all times that the Structured Products are being held by HKSCC Nominees Limited;
- (c) you will have to rely solely upon your brokers/ custodians and the statements you receive from such party as evidence of your interest in the investment;
- (d) notices or announcements will be published on the HKEX's website and/or released by HKSCC to its participants via CCASS in accordance with the CCASS Rules. You will need to check the HKEX's website regularly and/or rely on your brokers/custodians to obtain such notices/announcements; and

(e) following the Expiry Date and the determination by us as to the Cash Settlement Amount, our obligations to you will be duly performed by payment of the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses) to HKSCC Nominees Limited as the "holder" of the Structured Products. HKSCC or HKSCC Nominees Limited will then distribute the received Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses) to the respective CCASS participants in accordance with the CCASS Rules.

# Potential fee arrangements with brokers and potential conflicts of interest of brokers

To the extent permissible by the applicable laws, regulations, codes and guidelines and/or recommendations (whether imposed applicable law or by competent regulatory authorities) in effect from time to time, we may or may not enter into fee arrangements with brokers with respect to the Structured Products or dealings in, or related to, the relevant Underlying Asset. You should note that brokers with whom we have a fee arrangement (if any) do not, and cannot be expected to, deal exclusively in, or related to, the Structured Products or any relevant Underlying Asset and may from time to time engage in other dealings for their own accounts and/or for the accounts of their clients. Potential conflicts of interests may arise from the different roles played by such brokers in connection with their dealings in, or related to, the Structured Products, the relevant Underlying Asset and/or other financial products (including those issued by other institutions over the same relevant Underlying Asset). Α broker's interests (economic or otherwise) in each role may potentially affect the Structured Products and/or the relevant Underlying Asset in a manner that may cause adverse consequences to you if you invest in the Structured Products.

# Effect of the combination of risk factors unpredictable

Two or more risk factors may simultaneously have an effect on the value of a series of Structured Products such that the effect of any individual risk factor may not be predictable. No assurance can be given as to the effect any combination of risk factors may have on the value of a series of Structured Products.

## Risks relating to the BRRD

Regulatory action(s) by the relevant resolution authorities in the event that the Guarantor is failing or likely to fail could materially affect the value of the Structured Products, and you may not be able to recover all or even part of the amount due by the Issuer under the Structured Products (if any)

The Guarantor is a bank incorporated in France and is subject to the BRRD and the French legislation having implemented the BRRD, and Regulation (EU) No 806/2014, as amended. The BRRD provides for the establishment of an EU framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms falling under the scope of the BRRD. The BRRD requires the governments of all EU Member States to provide their relevant resolution authorities with a set of tools to intervene sufficiently early and quickly in an unsound or failing institution so as to ensure the continuity of that institution's critical financial and economic functions, while minimising the impact of that institution's failure on the broader economy and financial system.

Under French legislation implementing the BRRD, substantial powers are granted to the ACPR and/or other relevant resolution authorities in the EU, to implement resolution measures in respect of a relevant entity (including, for example, the Guarantor) to protect and enhance the stability of the financial system of France if the relevant resolution authorities consider the failure of the relevant entity has become likely and certain other conditions are satisfied.

These powers include share transfer powers, property transfer powers (including powers for the partial transfer of property, rights and liabilities), and resolution instrument powers (including powers to make special bail-in provisions) over the relevant affected financial institution(s). In connection with the exercise of these powers under the BRRD, the relevant resolution authorities may take various actions in relation to certain liabilities of the Guarantor (including the Guarantee granted by the Guarantor over the Issuer's liabilities due under the Structured Products if such authorities

consider amounts due under any such guarantee to fall within the scope of the Bail-In Power) without your consent, including (if applicable, among other things):

- (a) transferring the Guarantee to another person (such as parent undertaking or a bridge institution) notwithstanding any restrictions on transfer under the terms of the Guarantee;
- (b) the reduction of all, or a portion, of the amounts payable by the Guarantor under the terms of the Guarantee (including a reduction to zero);
- (c) the conversion of all, or a portion, of the amounts due under the Guarantee into shares or other securities or other obligations of the Guarantor or of another person, including by means of an amendment, modification or variation of the terms of the Guarantee, in which case you agree to accept in lieu of your contractual rights under the terms of the Guarantee any such shares, other securities or other obligations of the Guarantor or another person;
- (d) the cancellation of the Guarantee;
- (e) the amendment or alteration of the maturity of the Guarantee or amendment of the amount of interest payable on the Guarantee, or the date on which the interest becomes payable, including by suspending payment for a temporary period; and/or
- (f) if applicable, the variation of the terms of the Guarantee, if necessary to give effect to the exercise of the Bail-In Power by the relevant resolution authority.

The exercise of any resolution power or any suggestion of such exercise under the BRRD over the Guarantor could adversely affect the value of the Structured Products, and you may not be able to recover all or even part of the amount due under the Structured Products (if any). You may therefore lose all or a substantial part of your investment in the Structured Products.

In addition, the resolution powers could be exercised (i) prior to the commencement of any insolvency proceedings in respect of the Guarantor, and (ii) by the relevant resolution

authorities without your consent or any prior notice to you. It is also uncertain how the relevant resolution authorities would assess triggering conditions in different pre-insolvency scenarios affecting the Guarantor under the BRRD. Accordingly, you may not be able to anticipate a potential exercise of any such resolution powers over the Guarantor and/or the Guarantee.

By investing in the Structured Products, you acknowledge, accept, consent and agree to be bound by the exercise of any Bail-In Power by the relevant resolution authorities

By investing in the Structured Products, you acknowledge, accept, consent and agree to be contractually bound by the exercise of any Bail-In Power by the relevant resolution authorities over the Guarantor. You further acknowledge, accept, consent and agree that your rights under the Guarantee are contractually subject to, and will be varied, if necessary, so as to give effect to, the exercise of any Bail-In Power by the relevant resolution authorities over the Guarantor. Accordingly, if any Bail-In Power is exercised over the Guarantor, you may not be able to recover all or even part of the amount due under the Structured Products (if any), or you may receive a different security issued by the Guarantor (or another person) in place of the amount due to you under the Structured Products (if any), which may be worth significantly less than the amount due to you under the Structured Products (if any). Moreover, the relevant resolution authorities may exercise the Bail-In Power without providing any advance notice to, or requiring your further consent. Please refer to the section headed "Text of the Guarantee of BNP Paribas" in this document for further details, in particular clause 6 of the Guarantee with respect to the Bail-In Power.

## Financial Institutions (Resolution) Ordinance

The Financial Institutions (Resolution) Ordinance (Cap. 628, the Laws of Hong Kong) (the "FIRO") was enacted by the Legislative Council of Hong Kong in June 2016. The FIRO (except Part 8, section 192 and Division 10 of Part 15 thereof) came into operation on 7 July 2017.

The FIRO provides a regime for the orderly resolution of financial institutions with a view to avoiding or mitigating the risks otherwise posed

by their non-viability to the stability and effective working of the financial system of Hong Kong, including the continued performance of critical financial functions. The FIRO seeks to provide the relevant resolution authorities with a range of powers to bring about timely and orderly resolution in order to stabilise and secure continuity for a failing authorised institution in Hong Kong. In particular, it is envisaged that subject to certain safeguards, the relevant resolution authority would be provided with powers to affect contractual and property rights as well as payments (including in respect of any priority of payment) that creditors would receive in resolution, including but not limited to powers to write off, or convert into equity, all or a part of the liabilities of the failing financial institution.

The Issuer is not subject to and bound by the FIRO. However, the Guarantor, as an authorised institution regulated by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, is subject to and bound by the FIRO. The exercise of any resolution power by the relevant resolution authority under the FIRO in respect of the Guarantor may have a material adverse effect on the value of the Structured Products, and as a result, you may not be able to recover all or any amount due under the Structured Products.

## **TAXATION**

The following section is of a general nature and is not intended to provide guidance to you. This section relates to you if you are the absolute beneficial owner of the Structured Products and may not apply equally to you. If you are in any doubt as to your tax position on purchase, ownership, transfer, holding or exercise of any Structured Product, you are strongly advised to consult your own tax advisers.

#### General

You may be required to pay stamp duties, taxes and other charges in accordance with the laws and practices of the country of purchase in addition to the issue price of each Structured Product.

#### Taxation in Hong Kong

The following paragraph, which is intended as a general guide only, is based on current law and practice in Hong Kong. It summarises certain aspects of taxation in Hong Kong which may be applicable to the Structured Products but is not purported to be a comprehensive description of all tax considerations which may be of relevance.

## Profits Tax

No tax is payable in Hong Kong by withholding or otherwise in respect of:

- (a) dividends of any company;
- (b) distributions of any trust authorised as a collective investment scheme by the SFC under section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap 571, The Laws of Hong Kong) or otherwise approved by the SFC; or
- (c) any capital gains arising on the sale of the underlying shares or Structured Products, except that Hong Kong profits tax may be chargeable on any such gains in the case of certain persons carrying on a trade, profession or business in Hong Kong.

## Stamp Duty

You do not need to pay any stamp duty in respect of purely cash settled Structured Products.

#### Taxation in the Netherlands

The following paragraph, which is intended as a general guide only, is based on current law and practice in the Netherlands. It summarises certain aspects of taxation in the Netherlands which may be applicable to the Structured Products but is not purported to be a comprehensive description of all tax considerations which may be of relevance.

Registration, Stamp, Transfer or Turnover Taxes

No Dutch registration, stamp, transfer or turnover taxes or other similar duties or taxes should be due in the Netherlands in direct connection with the offering and issue of the Structured Products by us or in respect of the signing and delivery of this document and/or the relevant launch announcement and supplemental listing document.

#### Withholding Tax

No Netherlands withholding tax should be due on payments of principal and/or interest.

#### Income Tax or Capital Gain Tax

You will not be subject to Netherlands taxes on income or capital gains in direct connection with the acquisition or holding of debt or any payment under the Structured Products or in respect of any gain realised on the disposal or redemption of the Structured Products, provided that:

- (a) you are neither a resident nor deemed to be a resident nor has opted to be treated as a resident in the Netherlands; and
- (b) you do not have an enterprise or an interest in an enterprise which, in whole or in part, is carried on through a permanent establishment or a permanent representative

in the Netherlands and to which permanent establishment or permanent representative the Structured Products are attributable; and

- (c) if you are a legal person, an open limited partnership ("open commanditaire vennootschap"), another company with a capital divided into shares or a special purpose fund ("doelvermogen"):
  - you do not have a substantial interest\*
    in our share capital, or in the event that
    you do have such an interest, such
    interest forms part of the assets of an
    enterprise; and
  - (ii) you do not have a deemed Netherlands enterprise to which enterprise the Structured Products are attributable, including but not limited to, activities such as serving as a management or supervisory board member of a Dutch resident company;

or

- (d) if you are a natural person:
  - (i) you do not derive income and/or capital gains from activities in the Netherlands other than business income (as described under (b) above), to which activities the Structured Products are attributable; and
  - (ii) you or a person related to you by law, contract, consanguinity or affinity to the degree specified in the tax laws of the Netherlands do not have, or are not deemed to have, a substantial interest\* in our share capital.

Inheritance Tax

No gift, estate or inheritance tax will arise in the Netherlands on the transfer by way of gift or inheritance of the Structured Products if the donor or the deceased at the time of the gift or the death is neither a resident nor a deemed resident of the Netherlands, unless:

- (a) at the time of the gift or death, the Structured Products are attributable to an enterprise or part of an enterprise that is carried out through a permanent establishment or a permanent representative in the Netherlands; or
- (b) the donor of the Structured Products dies within 180 days of making the gift, and is a Dutch resident or deemed resident on the date of death.

Furthermore, in relation to the implications in respect of registration, stamp, transfer or turnover taxes, withholding tax, income tax or capital gain tax and inheritance tax in the Netherlands summarised above, it is assumed that:

- (a) neither the remuneration, nor the indebtedness of the remuneration, on the Structured Products is, in whole or in part, legally or actually, contingent upon the profits or the distribution of profits by us or any of our affiliated companies; and
- (b) the Structured Products will be treated as our debt obligations and cannot, partly or wholly, be reclassified as equity nor actually function as equity for Dutch tax purposes as referred to in Section 10(1)(d) of the Dutch Corporate Income Tax Act (Wet op de vennootschapsbelasting 1969).

If we pay interest directly to, or secure our payment for the immediate benefit of, a holder of Structured Products that is (i) an individual, (ii) a resident of another EU Member State or designated jurisdiction and (iii) the beneficial owner of that interest, we must verify the holder of the Structured Products' identity and place of residence and provide information regarding that holders and the interest payments concerned to the Dutch tax authorities. This obligation does not apply if the interest is paid to, or secured for the benefit of, a holder of the Structured Products via a bank or other paying agent as defined in Dutch tax law. In that case similar or other obligations may apply with respect to the bank or the other paying agent.

\* An interest in our share capital should not be considered as a substantial interest if you, and if you are a natural person, your spouse, registered partner, certain other relatives or certain persons sharing your household, do not own or hold, alone or together, whether directly or indirectly, the ownership of, or certain rights over, shares or rights resembling shares representing five per cent. or more of our total issued and outstanding capital or our issued and outstanding capital of any class of shares.

#### Taxation in the United States of America

Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act

FATCA imposes on a foreign financial institution ("FFI") a new reporting regime and the requirement to potentially apply a 30% United States withholding tax with respect to (i) certain payments from sources within the United States, including interest (and original issue discount), dividends or other fixed, determinable, annual or periodic income or (ii) amounts that are "foreign passthru payments", a term not currently defined under FATCA (any such withholding being "FATCA Withholding").

The United States and a number of other jurisdictions, including the Netherlands, have intergovernmental negotiated agreements ("IGAs") to facilitate the implementation of FATCA and modify FATCA requirements in IGA jurisdictions. Under the current provisions of IGAs, an FFI generally would not be required under FATCA or an IGA to deduct any FATCA Withholding with respect to payments on instruments such as the Structured Products. There can be no assurance, however, that the Issuer will not in the future be required to deduct FATCA Withholding from payments it makes on such instruments.

Even if FATCA Withholding would be required in the future under FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on instruments such as the Structured Products, such withholding would not apply to foreign passthru payments earlier than two years after the date of publication in the Federal Register of the final regulations defining "foreign passthru payment". Any Structured Products characterised as debt for United States federal income 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 Federal Register generally would be grandfathered for purposes of withholding on foreign passthru payments.

Holders of the Structured Products should consult their own tax advisors regarding how FATCA may apply to their investment in the Structured Products. If the Issuer determines that FATCA Withholding is appropriate with respect to the Structured Products, we (or an applicable withholding agent) will withhold tax at the applicable statutory rate without being required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts so withheld.

FATCA is particularly complex. The above description is based in part on regulations, official guidance and model IGAs, all of which are subject to change or may be implemented in a materially different form. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisers on how these rules may apply to the Issuer and to payments they may receive in connection with the Structured Products.

TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH IRS CIRCULAR 230, EACH TAXPAYER IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT: (A) ANY TAX DISCUSSION HEREIN IS NOT INTENDED OR WRITTEN TO BE USED, AND CANNOT BE USED BY THE TAXPAYER FOR THE PURPOSE OF AVOIDING U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON THE TAXPAYER; (B) ANY SUCH TAX DISCUSSION WAS WRITTEN TO SUPPORT THE PROMOTION MARKETING OF THE TRANSACTIONS OR MATTERS ADDRESSED HEREIN; AND (C) THE TAXPAYER SHOULD SEEK ADVICE BASED ON THE TAXPAYER'S PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES **FROM** INDEPENDENT TAX ADVISER.

## PLACING AND SALE

#### General

No action has been or will be taken by us that would permit a public offering of any series of Structured Products or possession or distribution of any offering material in relation to the Structured Products in any jurisdiction (other than in Hong Kong) where action for that purpose is required.

No offers, sales or deliveries of any Structured Products, or distribution of any offering material relating to the Structured Products may be made in or from any jurisdiction except in circumstances which will result in compliance with any applicable laws or regulations and will not impose any obligation on us or the Guarantor. In the event that we contemplate a placing, placing fees may be payable in connection with any issue and we may, at our discretion, allow discounts to placees.

#### **United States of America**

Each series of Structured Products has not been, and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and trading in the Structured Products has not been and will not be approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended. We have not been registered as an investment company pursuant to the United States Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

The Structured Products may not at any time be offered, sold, delivered, traded or exercised, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person and a U.S. person may not, at any time, directly or indirectly, maintain a position in the Structured Products. Offers, sales, trading or delivery of the Structured Products in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons may constitute a violation of United States laws governing securities and commodities trading.

We will not offer, sell or deliver any Structured Products within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, and all dealers participating in the distribution of the Structured Products will not be permitted by us to offer, sell, deliver or trade, at any time, directly or indirectly, any Structured Products in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person.

Each purchaser of Structured Products will be deemed by its acceptance of the Structured Products to have represented and agreed, on its behalf and on behalf of any investor accounts for which it is purchasing the Structured Products, that it has not and will not purchase, offer, sell, deliver or trade, at any time, directly or indirectly, any Structured Products in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person.

Each purchaser acknowledges that we and the dealers will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing representations and agreements, and agrees that if any of the representations or warranties deemed to have been made by such purchaser by its purchase of Structured Products are no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify us and the relevant dealer. If acquiring Structured Products as a fiduciary or agent for one or more investor accounts, each purchaser represents that it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and full power to make the foregoing representations and agreements on behalf of each such account.

Terms used herein, including, "United States" and "U.S. person", have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

## European Economic Area

Each dealer represents and agrees, and each further dealer appointed in respect of the Structured Products 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 Structured Products which are the subject of the offering as contemplated by this base listingdocument 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 (EU) 2016/97 (as amended, the Insurance Distribution 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 Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (as amended and superseded, the Prospectus Regulation); and
- b) the expression "offer" includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Structured Products to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Structured Products.

## **United Kingdom**

Each dealer represents and agrees, and each further dealer appointed in respect of the Structured Products 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 Structured Products which are the subject of the offering as contemplated by this base listing document to any retail investor in the United Kingdom. For the purposes of this provision:

- a) the expression "retail investor" means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
  - a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("EUWA"); or

- ii. a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act, as amended (the "FSMA") and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or
- iii. not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; 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 Structured Products to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Structured Products.

Each dealer further represents and agrees, and each further dealer appointed in respect of the Structured Products will be required to further represent and agree, that:

in respect to Structured Products 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 Structured Products other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (asprincipal 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 where the issue of the Structured Products would otherwise constitute a contravention of Section 19 of the FSMA by the Issuer;

- (b) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Structured Products in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer or the Guarantor; and
- (c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Structured Products in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

## TEXT OF THE GUARANTEE OF BNP PARIBAS

Our obligations under the Structured Products are guaranteed by the Guarantor under the Guarantee executed by the Guarantor by way of deed poll and dated as of 7 April 2022. The text of the Guarantee is set out below.

"THIS GUARANTEE is made by way of deed poll by BNP Paribas (the "Guarantor") in favour of the holders for the time being of the Structured Products (as defined below) (each a "Holder") and dated as of 7 April 2022. WHEREAS: —

- (A) The Guarantor has agreed to guarantee all contractual obligations of BNP Paribas Issuance B.V. (the "Issuer") set out under the terms and conditions in respect of each series of structured products (including, without limitation, standard warrants, inline warrants, callable bull/bear contracts or other types of structured products) (together, the "Structured Products") pursuant to a base listing document dated 7 April 2022 ("Base Listing Document", which expression shall include any amendment and/or supplement thereto and any replacement or further issue of any base listing document issued by the Issuer from time to time in respect of Structured Products (and whether or not issued pursuant to any condition imposed by the Securities and Futures Commission pursuant to the Securities and Futures Ordinance or by The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange)) and listed on the Stock Exchange.
- (B) Terms defined in the Conditions of the Structured Products shall have the same meanings in this Deed of Guarantee except where the context requires otherwise. References to "Conditions" are to the terms and conditions set out in the Base Listing Document.

#### NOW THIS DEED WITNESSES as follows:

Guarantee: The Guarantor unconditionally and irrevocably guarantees by way of deed poll to each Holder that, if for any reason the Issuer does not pay any sum payable by it or perform any other contractual obligation set out under the terms and conditions in respect of any Structured Product on the date specified for such payment or performance the Guarantor will, in accordance with the Conditions pay that sum in the currency in which such payment is due in immediately available funds or, as the case may be, perform or procure the performance of the relevant obligation on the due date for such performance. In case of the failure of the Issuer to satisfy such obligations as and when the same become due, the Guarantor hereby undertakes to make or cause to be made such payment or satisfy or cause to be satisfied such obligations as though the Guarantor were the principal obligor in respect of such obligation.

Any such payment in accordance with this Clause 1 shall constitute a complete discharge of the Guarantor's obligations in respect of such Structured Products.

Guarantor as Principal Obligor: As between the Guarantor and the holder of each Structured Product but without affecting the Issuer's obligations, the Guarantor will be liable under this Guarantee as if it were the sole principal obligor and not merely a surety. Accordingly, it will not be discharged, nor will its liability be affected, by anything which would not discharge it or affect its liability if it were the sole principal obligor (including (1) any time, indulgence, waiver or consent at any time given to the Issuer or any other person, (2) any amendment to any of the Conditions or to any security or other guarantee or indemnity, (3) the making or absence of any demand on the Issuer or any other person for payment or performance of any other obligation in respect of any Structured Product, (4) the enforcement or absence of enforcement of any Structured Product or of any security or other guarantee or indemnity, (5) the release of any such

security, guarantee or indemnity, (6) the dissolution, amalgamation, reconstruction or reorganisation of the Issuer or any other person, or (7) the illegality, invalidity or unenforceability of or any defect in any provision of the Conditions or any of the Issuer's obligations under any of them).

- Guarantor's Obligations Continuing: The Guarantor's obligations under this Guarantee are and will remain in full force and effect by way of continuing security until no sum remains payable and no other obligation remains to be performed under any Structured Product (in each case subject to its exercise). Furthermore, those obligations of the Guarantor are additional to, and not instead of, any security or other guarantee or indemnity at any time existing in favour of any person, whether from the Guarantor or otherwise. The Guarantor irrevocably waives all notices and demands of any kind.
- Discharge by the Issuer: If any payment received by, or other obligation discharged to or to the order of, the holder of any Structured Product is, on the subsequent bankruptcy or insolvency of the Issuer, avoided under any laws relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, such payment or obligation will not be considered as having discharged or diminished the liability of the Guarantor and this Guarantee will continue to apply as if such payment or obligation had at all times remained owing due by the Issuer.
- 5 Indemnity: As a separate and alternative stipulation, the Guarantor unconditionally and irrevocably agrees (1) that any sum or obligation which, although expressed to be payable under the Structured Products, is for any reason (whether or not now existing and whether or not now known or becoming known to the Issuer, the Guarantor or the holder of any Structured Product) not recoverable from the Guarantor on the basis of a guarantee will nevertheless be recoverable from it as if it were the sole principal obligor and will be paid or performed by it in favour of the holder of any Structured Product and (2) as a primary obligation to indemnify each Holder against any loss suffered by it as a result of any sum or obligation expressed to be payable under the Structured Products not being paid or performed by the time, on the date and otherwise in the manner specified in the Structured Products or any obligation of the Issuer under the Structured Products being or becoming void, voidable or unenforceable for any reason (whether or not now existing and whether or not known or becoming known to the Issuer, the Guarantor or any Holder), in the case of a payment obligation the amount of that loss being the amount expressed to be payable by the Issuer in respect of the relevant sum, PROVIDED THAT the proviso to Clause 2 of this Guarantee shall apply mutatis mutandis to this Clause 5.
- 6 **Resolution proceeding against the Guarantor**: Each Holder acknowledges, accepts, consents and agrees by its acquisition of the Structured Products:
  - (a) to be bound by the effect of the exercise of the Bail-In Power by the relevant resolution authority if the latter were to consider that the amounts due under this Guarantee fall within the scope of the Bail-In Power. This Bail-In Power may include and result in any of the following, or some combination thereof:
    - (i) the reduction of all, or a portion, of the amounts due under this Guarantee;
    - (ii) the conversion of all, or a portion, of the amounts due under this Guarantee into shares, other securities or other obligations of the Guarantor or another person, including by means of an amendment, modification or variation of the terms of this Guarantee, in which case the Holder agrees to accept in lieu of its rights under this Guarantee any such shares, other securities or other obligations of the Guarantor or another person;

- (iii) the cancellation of this Guarantee;
- (iv) the amendment or alteration of the maturity of this Guarantee or amendment of the amount of interest payable on this Guarantee, or the date on which the interest becomes payable, including by suspending payment for a temporary period;
- (b) if applicable, that the terms of this Guarantee are subject to, and may be varied, if necessary, to give effect to the exercise of the Bail-In Power by the relevant resolution authority.

For these purposes, the "Bail-In Power" is any resolution power existing from time to time under, and exercised in compliance with, any laws, regulations, rules or requirements in effect in France, whether relating to (i) the transposition of Directive 2014/59/EU establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms (as amended from time to time, the BRRD), including without limitation by the Ordinance no. 2015-1024 dated 20 August 2015 (Ordonnance no 2015-1024 du 20 août 2015 portant diverses dispositions d'adaptation de la législation au droit de l'Union européenne en matière financière) (as amended from time to time, the **Ordinance**), (ii) the Regulation (EU) No 806/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2014 establishing uniform rules and a uniform procedure for the resolution of credit institutions and certain investment firms in the framework of a Single Resolution Mechanism and a Single Resolution Fund and amending Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010 (as amended from time to time, including by Regulation (EU) 2019/877 dated 20 May 2019, the "SRM"), or (iii) otherwise arising under French law, and the instructions, rules and standards created thereunder, pursuant to which, in particular, the obligations of the Guarantor can be reduced (in part or in whole), cancelled, suspended, transferred, varied, modified in any way or converted into shares, other securities, or other obligations of such regulated entity or any other person.

A reference to the "relevant resolution authority" is to the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de resolution (ACPR), the Single Resolution Board established pursuant to the SRM and/or any other authority entitled to exercise or participate in the exercise of any Bail-In Power against the Guarantor from time to time (including the Council of the European Union and the European Commission when acting pursuant to Article 18 of the SRM).

The matters set forth in this Clause 6 shall be exhaustive on the foregoing matters to the exclusion of any other agreements, arrangements or understandings between the Guarantor and any holder of a Structured Product.

- Incorporation of Terms: The Guarantor agrees that it shall comply with and be bound by those provisions contained in the Conditions which relate to it.
- 8 **Deposit of Guarantee:** This Guarantee shall be deposited with and held by the Sponsor for the benefit of the Holders. If BNP Paribas Securities (Asia) Limited ceases to be the Sponsor its successor shall hold this Guarantee.
- Representations: The Guarantor represents and warrants to each Holder that it has the full power and authority, and has taken all necessary steps, to execute and deliver this Guarantee and to perform its obligations hereunder and this Guarantee constitutes the valid and binding obligations of the Guarantor and is enforceable in accordance with its terms.
- Governing law: This Guarantee shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong.

- Jurisdiction: The courts of Hong Kong are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with this Guarantee and accordingly any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with this Guarantee ("Proceedings") may be brought in such courts. The Guarantor irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of such courts and waives any objection to Proceedings in such courts whether on the ground of venue or on the ground that the Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum. This submission is for the benefit of each of the Holders and shall not limit the right of any of them to take Proceedings in any other court of competent jurisdiction nor shall the taking of Proceedings in any one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction (whether concurrently or not).
- 12 **Service of Process:** The Guarantor agrees that service of process in Hong Kong may be made on it at its Hong Kong branch. Nothing in this Guarantee shall affect the right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

IN WITNESS whereof this Guarantee has been executed by the Guarantor as a deed poll and delivered on the date specified below.

Dated as of 7 April 2022"

## APPENDIX 1 — GENERAL CONDITIONS OF STRUCTURED PRODUCTS

These General Conditions relate to each series of Structured Products and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Product Conditions and the Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document in relation to the particular series of Structured Products. These General Conditions and the applicable Product Conditions (as supplemented, amended, modified and/or replaced by the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document) together constitute the Conditions of the relevant Structured Products, and will be endorsed on the Global Certificate representing the relevant Structured Products. The Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document in relation to the issue of any series of Structured Products may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent they are inconsistent with these General Conditions and the applicable Product Conditions, replace or modify the General Conditions and/or the applicable Product Conditions for the purpose of such series of Structured Products.

#### 1. Definitions

"Base Listing Document" means the base listing document relating to Structured Products dated 7 April 2022 and issued by the Issuer, including any addenda to such base listing document issued from time to time;

"Board Lot" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"CCASS" means the Central Clearing and Settlement System established and operated by HKSCC;

"CCASS Rules" means the General Rules of CCASS and the CCASS Operational Procedures in effect from time to time;

"Conditions" means, in respect of a particular series of Structured Products, these General Conditions and the applicable Product Conditions;

"Expiry Date" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"General Conditions" means these general terms and conditions;

"Global Certificate" means, in respect of the relevant Structured Products, a global certificate registered in the name of the Nominee;

"Guarantee" means a deed poll guarantee dated as of 7 April 2022 made by the Guarantor;

"Guarantor" means BNP Paribas:

"HKSCC" means Hong Kong Securities and Clearing Company Limited;

"Holder" means, in respect of each series of Structured Products, each person who is for the time being shown in the Register as the holder of the Structured Products, and who shall be treated by the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Sponsor as the absolute owner and holder of the relevant Structured Products. The expression "Holders" shall be construed accordingly;

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

"Instrument" means an instrument by way of deed poll dated 3 May 2006 executed by the Issuer which constitutes the Structured Products;

"Issuer" means BNP Paribas Issuance B.V.;

"Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document" means the launch announcement and supplemental listing document relating to a particular series of Structured Products;

"Nominee" means HKSCC Nominees Limited (or such other nominee company as may be used by the HKSCC from time to time) in relation to the provision of nominee services to persons admitted for the time being by the HKSCC as a participant of CCASS;

"Product Conditions" means the product conditions relating to a particular series of Structured Products;

"Register" means, in respect of each series of Structured Products, the register of holders of such series of Structured Products kept by the Issuer outside of Hong Kong pursuant to General Condition 3.3;

"Sponsor" means BNP Paribas Securities (Asia) Limited;

"Stock Exchange" means The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited; and

"Structured Products" means standard warrants ("Warrants"), inline warrants ("Inline Warrants"), callable bull/bear contracts ("CBBCs") or such other structured products to be issued by the Issuer from time to time. References to "Structured Product" are to be construed as references to a particular series of Structured Products.

Other capitalised terms will, unless otherwise defined, have the meanings given to them in the Base Listing Document, the applicable Product Conditions, the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document and/or the Global Certificate.

## 2. Form, Status, Transfer and Trading

## 2.1 Form

The Structured Products (which expression shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include any further structured products issued pursuant to General Condition 9) are issued in registered form subject to and with the benefit of the Instrument and the Guarantee. Copies of the Instrument and the Guarantee are available for inspection at the specified offices of the Sponsor. The Holders are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by, and are deemed to have notice of all the provisions of the Instrument.

## 2.2 Status of the Issuer's obligations

The settlement obligations of the Issuer in respect of the Structured Products represent general unsecured contractual obligations of the Issuer and of no other person and rank, and will rank, pari passu among themselves and with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated contractual obligations of the Issuer, except for obligations accorded preference by mandatory provisions of applicable law. The obligations of the Guarantor under the Guarantee represent general unsecured contractual obligations of the Guarantor and of no other person and rank, and will rank, pari passu with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated contractual obligations of the Guarantor, except for obligations accorded preference by mandatory provisions of applicable law.

## 2.3 Transfer and Trading of Structured Products

Transfers of Structured Products may be effected only in Board Lots or integral multiples thereof in CCASS in accordance with the CCASS Rules.

Trading in Structured Products on the Stock Exchange shall cease prior to the Expiry Date in accordance with the requirements of the Stock Exchange.

## 3. Sponsor and Register

- 3.1 The Sponsor will not assume any obligation or duty to or any relationship or agency or trust for the Holder.
- 3.2 The Issuer reserves the right, subject to the appointment of a successor, at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the initial Sponsor and to appoint another sponsor provided that it will at all times maintain a sponsor in Hong Kong for so long as the Structured Products are listed on the Stock Exchange. Notice of any such termination or appointment will be given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 7.
- 3.3 The Register will be maintained outside Hong Kong by the Issuer and the Issuer will enter or cause to be entered the name, address and banking details of the Holders, the details of the Structured Products held by each Holder, including the number of Structured Products of each series held and any other particulars which it thinks proper.

#### 4. Purchases

The Issuer, the Guarantor and/or any of their respective affiliates may at any time purchase Structured Products at any price in the open market or by tender or by private treaty. Any Structured Products so purchased may be held, resold or surrendered for cancellation.

## 5. Global Certificate

The Structured Products will be represented by a Global Certificate. No definitive certificate will be issued. The Structured Products can only be exercised by the Nominee. The Global Certificate representing the relevant Structured Products will be deposited with CCASS in the name of the Nominee.

## 6. Meetings of Holders and Modification

## 6.1 Meetings of Holders

The Instrument contains provisions for convening meetings of the Holders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Instrument) of a modification of the provisions of the Structured Products or of the Instrument.

Any resolution to be passed in a meeting of the Holders shall be decided by poll. A meeting may be convened by the Issuer or by Holders holding not less than 10 per cent. of the Structured Products for the time being remaining unexercised. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution will be two or more persons holding or representing not less than 25 per cent. of the Structured Products for the time being remaining unexercised, or at any adjourned meeting two or more persons being or representing Holders whatever the number of Structured Products so held or represented.

A resolution will be an Extraordinary Resolution when it has been passed at a duly convened meeting by not less than three-quarters of the votes cast by such Holders who, being entitled to do so, vote in person or by proxy.

An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Holders shall be binding on all the Holders, whether or not they are present at the meeting.

Resolutions can be passed in writing without a meeting of the Holders being held if passed unanimously.

## 6.2 Modification

The Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders, effect any modification of the terms and conditions of the Structured Products or the Instrument which, in the opinion of the Issuer, is:

- (a) not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders generally (without considering the circumstances of any individual Holder or the tax or other consequences of such modification in any particular jurisdiction);
- (b) of a formal, minor or technical nature;
- (c) made to correct a manifest error; or
- (d) necessary in order to comply with mandatory provisions of the laws or regulations of Hong Kong.

Any such modification shall be binding on the Holders and shall be notified to them by the Issuer or the Sponsor (as the case may be) as soon as practicable thereafter in accordance with General Condition 7.

## 7. Notices

All notices to the Holders will be validly given if published in English and in Chinese on the website of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited. Such notices shall be deemed to have been given on the date of the first such publication. If such publication is not practicable, notice will be given in such other manner as the Issuer may determine appropriate.

## 8. Adjustment to the Conditions

## 8.1 Other Adjustments

Without prejudice to and notwithstanding any prior adjustment(s) made pursuant to the applicable Conditions, the Issuer may (but shall not be obliged to) make such other adjustments to the terms and conditions of the Structured Products as appropriate where any event (including the events as contemplated in the applicable Conditions) occurs and irrespective of, in substitution for, or in addition to the provisions contemplated in the applicable Conditions, provided that such adjustment is:

- (a) not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders generally (without considering the circumstances of any individual Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction); or
- (b) determined by the Issuer in good faith to be appropriate and commercially reasonable.

## 8.2 Notice of Adjustments

All determinations made by the Issuer in respect of any adjustment to the Conditions will be conclusive and binding on the Holders. The Issuer will give, or procure that there is given, notice as soon as practicable of any adjustment and of the date from which such adjustment is effective by publication in accordance with General Condition 7.

#### 9. Further Issues

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time, without the consent of the Holders, to create and issue further structured products so as to form a single series with the Structured Products.

#### 10. Taxation

The Issuer is not liable for or otherwise obliged to pay any tax, duty, withholding or other payment which may arise as a result of the ownership, transfer or exercise of any Structured Products.

## 11. Good Faith and Commercially Reasonable Manner

Any exercise of discretion by the Issuer under the Conditions will be made in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner.

## 12. Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Ordinance

A person who is not a party to the Conditions has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Ordinance (Cap. 623 of the Laws of Hong Kong) to enforce or to enjoy the benefit of any term of the Structured Products.

## 13. Governing Law

The Structured Products, the Global Certificate, the Guarantee and the Instrument will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Hong Kong. The Issuer, the Guarantor and each Holder (by its purchase of the Structured Products) shall be deemed to have submitted for all purposes in connection with the Structured Products, the Global Certificates, the Guarantee and the Instrument to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Hong Kong.

## 14. Language

In the event of any inconsistency between (a) the Chinese translation of these General Conditions and/or the applicable Product Conditions and (b) the English version of these General Conditions and/or the applicable Product Conditions, the English version of these General Conditions and/or the applicable Product Conditions shall prevail.

## 15. Prescription

Claims against the Issuer for payment of any amount in respect of a series of Structured Product will become void unless made within ten years of the MCE Valuation Date or the Expiry Date (as the case may be) applicable to that series and thereafter, any sums payable in respect of such Structured Product shall be forfeited and shall revert to the Issuer.

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## APPENDIX 2 — PRODUCT CONDITIONS OF WARRANTS

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# PART A — PRODUCT CONDITIONS OF CASH SETTLED WARRANTS OVER SINGLE EQUITIES

The relevant Product Conditions will, together with the General Conditions and the supplemental provisions contained in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document and subject to completion and amendment, be endorsed on the Global Certificate. The relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document in relation to the issue of any series of Warrants may specify additional terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the applicable Product Conditions, replace or modify the applicable Product Conditions for the purpose of such series of Warrants. Capitalised terms used in the applicable Product Conditions and not otherwise defined therein shall have the meaning given to them in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document.

#### 1. Definitions

For the purposes of these Product Conditions:

"Average Price" means the arithmetic mean of the closing price of one Share, as derived from the Daily Quotation Sheet of the Stock Exchange, subject to any adjustment to such closing prices as may be necessary to reflect any event as contemplated in Product Condition 4 such as capitalisation, rights issue, distribution or the like in respect of each Valuation Date;

"Business Day" means a day (excluding Saturdays) on which the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for dealings in Hong Kong and banks are open for business in Hong Kong;

"Cash Settlement Amount" means, in respect of every Board Lot, an amount in the Settlement Currency calculated by the Issuer as follows:

(a) in the case of a series of call Warrants:

Entitlement x (Average Price - Exercise Price) x one Board Lot Number of Warrant(s) per Entitlement

(b) in the case of a series of put Warrants:

 $\frac{Entitlement\ x\ (Exercise\ Price\ -\ Average\ Price)\ x\ one\ Board\ Lot}{Number\ of\ Warrant(s)\ per\ Entitlement}$ 

"CCASS Settlement Day" has the meaning ascribed to the term "Settlement Day" in the CCASS Rules, subject to such modification and amendment prescribed by HKSCC from time to time;

"Company" means the company specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Designated Bank Account" means the relevant bank account designated by each Holder;

"Entitlement" means the number specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

"Exercise Expenses" means any charges or expenses including any taxes or duties which are incurred in respect of the exercise of the Warrants;

"Exercise Price" means the price specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

"General Conditions" means the general terms and conditions set out in Appendix 1 of the Base Listing Document;

"Listing Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

## "Market Disruption Event" means:

- (a) the occurrence or existence on any Valuation Date during the one-half hour period that ends at the close of trading of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading (by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the Stock Exchange or otherwise) on the Stock Exchange in (i) the Shares; or (ii) any options or futures contracts relating to the Shares if, in any such case, such suspension or limitation is, in the determination of the Issuer, material;
- (b) the issuance of the tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above or the issuance of a "BLACK" rainstorm signal on any day which either (i) results in the Stock Exchange being closed for trading for the entire day; or (ii) results in the Stock Exchange being closed prior to its regular time for close of trading for the relevant day (for the avoidance of doubt, in the case when the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for the morning trading session only, closed prior to its regular time for close of trading for the morning session), PROVIDED THAT there shall be no Market Disruption Event solely by reason of the Stock Exchange opening for trading later than its regular time for opening of trading on any day as a result of the tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above or the "BLACK" rainstorm signal having been issued; or
- (c) a limitation or closure of the Stock Exchange due to any unforeseen circumstances;

"Number of Warrant(s) per Entitlement" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Product Conditions" means these product terms and conditions;

"Settlement Currency" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Settlement Date" means the third CCASS Settlement Day after the later of: (i) the Expiry Date; and (ii) the day on which the Average Price is determined in accordance with the Conditions;

"Settlement Disruption Event" means an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer is unable to procure payment of the Cash Settlement Amount electronically through CCASS to the Designated Bank Account;

"Share" means the share of the Company specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document and "Shares" shall be construed accordingly; and

"Valuation Date" means each of the five Business Days immediately preceding the Expiry Date, provided that if the Issuer determines, in its sole discretion, that a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any Valuation Date, then that Valuation Date shall be postponed until the first succeeding Business Day on which there is no Market Disruption Event irrespective of whether that postponed Valuation Date would fall on a Business Day that is already or is deemed to be a Valuation Date. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that a Market Disruption Event has occurred and a Valuation Date

is postponed as aforesaid, the closing price of the Shares on the first succeeding Business Day will be used more than once in determining the Average Price, so that in no event shall there be less than five closing prices used to determine the Average Price.

If the postponement of the Valuation Date as aforesaid would result in the Valuation Date falling on or after the Expiry Date, then:

- (a) the Business Day immediately preceding the Expiry Date (the "Last Valuation Date") shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date notwithstanding the Market Disruption Event; and
- (b) the Issuer shall determine the closing price of the Shares on the basis of its good faith estimate of the price that would have prevailed on the Last Valuation Date but for the Market Disruption Event.

Other capitalised terms shall, unless otherwise defined herein, have the meaning ascribed to them in the Base Listing Document, the General Conditions, the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document or the Global Certificate.

## 2. Warrant Rights and Exercise Expenses

## 2.1 Warrant Rights

Every Board Lot gives each Holder, upon due exercise and compliance with Product Condition 3, the right to receive payment of the Cash Settlement Amount, if any.

#### 2.2 Exercise Expenses

On exercise of the Warrants, Holders will be obliged to give an irrevocable authorisation to the Issuer to deduct all Exercise Expenses in accordance with Product Condition 3.

#### 3. Exercise of Warrants

(a) Exercise of Warrants in Board Lots

Warrants may only be exercised in Board Lots or integral multiples thereof.

## (b) Automatic Exercise

The Warrants are exercisable only on the Expiry Date. Any Warrant will automatically be exercised if the Cash Settlement Amount on the Expiry Date is greater than zero (without notice being given to the Holders). The Holders will not be required to deliver any exercise notice and the Issuer or its agent will pay to the Holders the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses)(if any) in accordance with Product Condition 3(d).

Any Warrant which has not been automatically exercised in accordance with this Product Condition 3(b) shall expire immediately without value thereafter and all rights of the Holder and obligations of the Issuer with respect to such Warrant shall cease.

## (c) Cancellation

The Issuer will, with effect from the first Business Day following the Expiry Date, remove from the Register the name of the person in respect of the Warrants which:

- (i) are the subject of an exercise pursuant to automatic exercise in accordance with these Product Conditions; or
- (ii) have expired worthless,

and thereby cancel the relevant Warrants.

## (d) Cash Settlement

Subject to automatic exercise of Warrants in accordance with these Product Conditions, the Issuer will make a payment, in respect of every Board Lot, to the relevant Holder equal to the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses). If the Cash Settlement Amount is equal to or less than the Exercise Expenses, no amount is payable by the Issuer.

The Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses) will be despatched no later than the Settlement Date by crediting that amount, in accordance with the CCASS Rules, to the Designated Bank Account.

If, as a result of a Settlement Disruption Event, it is not possible for the Issuer to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder on the original Settlement Date, the Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder as soon as reasonably practicable after the original Settlement Date. The Issuer will not be liable to the Holder for any interest in respect of the amount due or any loss or damage that such Holder may suffer as a result of the existence of a Settlement Disruption Event.

## 4. Adjustments

## 4.1 Rights Issues

If and whenever the Company shall, by way of Rights (as defined below), offer new Shares for subscription at a fixed subscription price to the holders of existing Shares pro rata to existing holdings (a "Rights Offer"), the Entitlement will be adjusted to take effect on the Business Day ("Rights Issue Adjustment Date") on which trading in the Shares becomes ex-entitlement in accordance with the following formula:

Adjusted Entitlement = Adjustment Factor x E

Where:

Adjustment Factor = 
$$\frac{1 + M}{1 + (R/S) \times M}$$

- E: Existing Entitlement immediately prior to the Rights Offer
- S: Cum-Rights Share price determined by the closing price on the Stock Exchange on the last Business Day on which Shares are traded on a cum-Rights basis

- R: Subscription price per Share as specified in the Rights Offer plus an amount equal to any dividends or other benefits foregone to exercise the Rights
- M: Number of new Share(s) (whether a whole or a fraction) per existing Share each holder thereof is entitled to subscribe

Provided that if the adjustment to be made would result in the Entitlement being changed by one per cent. or less, then no adjustment will be made. In addition, the Issuer shall adjust the Exercise Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) by the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor, where the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor means one divided by the relevant Adjustment Factor. The adjustment to the Exercise Price shall take effect on the Rights Issue Adjustment Date.

For the purposes of these Product Conditions:

"Rights" means the right(s) attached to each existing Share or needed to acquire one new Share (as the case may be) which are given to the holders of existing Shares to subscribe at a fixed subscription price for new Shares pursuant to the Rights Offer (whether by the exercise of one Right, a part of a Right or an aggregate number of Rights).

#### 4.2 Bonus Issues

If and whenever the Company shall make an issue of Shares credited as fully paid to the holders of Shares generally by way of capitalisation of profits or reserves (other than pursuant to a scrip dividend or similar scheme for the time being operated by the Company or otherwise in lieu of a cash dividend and without any payment or other consideration being made or given by such holders) (a "Bonus Issue") the Entitlement will be increased on the Business Day ("Bonus Issue Adjustment Date") on which trading in the Shares becomes ex-entitlement in accordance with the following formula:

Adjusted Entitlement = Adjustment Factor x E

Where:

Adjustment Factor = 1 + N

- E: Existing Entitlement immediately prior to the Bonus Issue
- N: Number of additional Shares (whether a whole or a fraction) received by a holder of existing Shares for each Share held prior to the Bonus Issue

Provided that if the adjustment to be made would result in the Entitlement being changed by one per cent. or less, then no adjustment will be made. In addition, the Issuer shall adjust the Exercise Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) by the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor, where the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor means one divided by the relevant Adjustment Factor. The adjustment to the Exercise Price shall take effect on the Bonus Issue Adjustment Date.

## 4.3 Share Splits or Consolidations

If and whenever the Company shall subdivide its Shares or any class of its outstanding share capital comprised of the Shares into a greater number of shares (a "Subdivision") or consolidate the Shares or any class of its outstanding share capital comprised of the Shares into a smaller number of shares (a "Consolidation"), then:

- (i) in the case of a Subdivision, the Entitlement in effect immediately prior thereto will be increased whereas the Exercise Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) will be decreased in the same ratio as the Subdivision; and
- (ii) in the case of a Consolidation, the Entitlement in effect immediately prior thereto will be decreased whereas the Exercise Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) will be increased in the same ratio as the Consolidation,

in each case on the day on which the Subdivision or Consolidation (as the case may be) shall have taken effect.

## 4.4 Merger or Consolidation

If it is announced that the Company is to or may merge or consolidate with or into any other corporation (including becoming, by agreement or otherwise, a subsidiary of any corporation or controlled by any person or corporation) (except where the Company is the surviving corporation in a merger) or that it is to or may sell or transfer all or substantially all of its assets, the rights attaching to the Warrants may in the absolute discretion of the Issuer be amended no later than the Business Day preceding the consummation of such merger, consolidation, sale or transfer (each a "Restructuring Event") (as determined by the Issuer in its absolute discretion).

The rights attaching to the Warrants after the adjustment shall, after such Restructuring Event, relate to the number of shares of the corporation(s) resulting from or surviving such Restructuring Event or other securities ("Substituted Securities") and/or cash offered in substitution for the affected Shares, as the case may be, to which the holder of such number of Shares to which the Warrants related immediately before such Restructuring Event would have been entitled upon such Restructuring Event. Thereafter the provisions hereof shall apply to such Substituted Securities, provided that any Substituted Securities may, in the absolute discretion of the Issuer, be deemed to be replaced by an amount in the relevant currency equal to the market value or, if no market value is available, fair value, of such Substituted Securities in each case as determined by the Issuer as soon as practicable after such Restructuring Event is effected.

For the avoidance of doubt, any remaining Shares shall not be affected by this Product Condition 4.4 and, where cash is offered in substitution for Shares or is deemed to replace Substituted Securities as described above, references in these Product Conditions to the Shares shall include any such cash.

#### 4.5 Cash Distribution

No adjustment will be made for an ordinary cash dividend (whether or not it is offered with a scrip alternative) ("Ordinary Dividend"). For any other forms of cash distribution ("Cash Distribution") announced by the Company, such as a cash bonus, special dividend or extraordinary dividend, no adjustment will be made unless the value of the Cash Distribution accounts for 2 per cent. or more of the Share's closing price on the day of announcement by the Company.

If and whenever the Company shall make a Cash Distribution credited as fully paid to the holders of Shares generally, the Entitlement shall be adjusted to take effect on the Business Day on which trading in the Shares becomes ex-entitlement in respect of the relevant Cash Distribution ("Cash Distribution Adjustment Date") in accordance with the following formula:

Adjusted Entitlement = Adjustment Factor x E

Where

Adjustment Factor = 
$$\frac{S - OD}{S - OD - CD}$$

E: Existing Entitlement immediately prior to the Cash Distribution

S: The closing price of the Share on the Stock Exchange on the Business Day immediately preceding the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date

CD: The Cash Distribution per Share

OD: The Ordinary Dividend per Share, provided that the date on which the Shares are traded on an ex-Ordinary Dividend basis is the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date. For the avoidance of doubt, the OD shall be zero if the date on which the Shares are traded on an ex-Ordinary Dividend basis is not the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date

In addition, the Issuer shall adjust the Exercise Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) by the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor, where the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor means one divided by the relevant Adjustment Factor. The adjustment to the Exercise Price shall take effect on the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date.

## 5. Liquidation

In the event of a liquidation or dissolution of the Company or the appointment of a liquidator, receiver or administrator or analogous person under Hong Kong law in respect of the whole or substantially the whole of its undertaking, property or assets, all unexercised Warrants will lapse and shall cease to be valid for any purpose, in the case of voluntary liquidation, on the effective date of the relevant resolution and, in the case of an involuntary liquidation or dissolution, on the date of the relevant court order or, in the case of the appointment of a liquidator or receiver or administrator or analogous person under any applicable law in respect of the whole or substantially the whole of its undertaking, property or assets, on the date when such appointment is effective but subject (in any such case) to any contrary mandatory requirement of law.

## 6. Delisting

## 6.1 Adjustments following delisting

If at any time the Shares cease to be listed on the Stock Exchange, the Issuer shall give effect to these Product Conditions in such manner and make such adjustments to the rights attaching to the Warrants as it shall, in its absolute discretion, consider appropriate to ensure, so far as it is reasonably able to do so, that the interests of the Holders generally are not materially prejudiced as a consequence of such delisting (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences that may result in any particular jurisdiction).

## 6.2 Listing on another exchange

Without prejudice to the generality of Product Condition 6.1, where the Shares are, or, upon the delisting, become, listed on any other stock exchange, these Product Conditions may, in the absolute discretion of the Issuer, be amended to the extent necessary to allow for the substitution of that other stock exchange in place of the Stock Exchange and the Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders, make such adjustments to the entitlements of Holders on exercise (including, if appropriate, by converting foreign currency amounts at prevailing market rates into the relevant currency) as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

## 7. Illegality or Impracticability

The Issuer is entitled to terminate the Warrants if it determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner that, for reasons beyond its control, it has become or it will become illegal or impracticable:

- (a) for it to perform its obligations under the Warrants, or for the Guarantor to perform its obligations under the Guarantee, in whole or in part as a result of:
  - (i) the adoption of, or any change in, any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law); or
  - (ii) the promulgation of, or any change in, the interpretation by any court, tribunal, governmental, administrative, legislative, regulatory or judicial authority or power with competent jurisdiction of any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law),

(each of (i) and (ii), a "Change in Law Event"); or

(b) for it or any of its affiliates to maintain the Issuer's hedging arrangements with respect to the Warrants due to a Change in Law Event.

Upon the occurrence of a Change in Law Event, the Issuer will, if and to the extent permitted by the applicable law or regulation, pay to each Holder a cash amount that the Issuer determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner to be the fair market value in respect of each Warrant held by such Holder immediately prior to such termination (ignoring such illegality or impracticability) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made to each Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 7.

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## PART B — PRODUCT CONDITIONS OF CASH SETTLED WARRANTS OVER EXCHANGE TRADED FUND

The relevant Product Conditions will, together with the General Conditions and the supplemental provisions contained in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document and subject to completion and amendment, be endorsed on the Global Certificate. The relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document in relation to the issue of any series of Warrants may specify additional terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the applicable Product Conditions, replace or modify the applicable Product Conditions for the purpose of such series of Warrants. Capitalised terms used in the applicable Product Conditions and not otherwise defined therein shall have the meaning given to them in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document.

#### 1. Definitions

For the purposes of these Product Conditions:

"Average Price" means the arithmetic mean of the closing price of one Unit, as derived from the Daily Quotation Sheet of the Stock Exchange, subject to any adjustment to such closing prices as may be necessary to reflect any event as contemplated in Product Condition 4 such as capitalisation, rights issue, distribution or the like in respect of each Valuation Date;

"Business Day" means a day (excluding Saturdays) on which the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for dealings in Hong Kong and banks are open for business in Hong Kong;

"Cash Settlement Amount" means, in respect of every Board Lot, an amount in the Settlement Currency calculated by the Issuer as follows:

(a) in the case of a series of call Warrants:

Entitlement x (Average Price - Exercise Price) x one Board Lot Number of Warrant(s) per Entitlement

(b) in the case of a series of put Warrants:

Entitlement x (Exercise Price - Average Price) x one Board Lot Number of Warrant(s) per Entitlement

"CCASS Settlement Day" has the meaning ascribed to the term "Settlement Day" in the CCASS Rules, subject to such modification and amendment prescribed by HKSCC from time to time;

"Designated Bank Account" means the relevant bank account designated by each Holder;

"Entitlement" means the number specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

"Exercise Expenses" means any charges or expenses including any taxes or duties which are incurred in respect of the exercise of the Warrants;

"Exercise Price" means the price specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

"Fund" means the exchange traded fund specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"General Conditions" means the general terms and conditions set out in Appendix 1 of the Base Listing Document;

"Listing Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

## "Market Disruption Event" means:

- (a) the occurrence or existence on any Valuation Date during the one-half hour period that ends at the close of trading of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading (by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the Stock Exchange or otherwise) on the Stock Exchange in (i) the Units; or (ii) any options or futures contracts relating to the Units if, in any such case, such suspension or limitation is, in the determination of the Issuer, material;
- (b) the issuance of the tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above or the issuance of a "BLACK" rainstorm signal on any day which either (i) results in the Stock Exchange being closed for trading for the entire day; or (ii) results in the Stock Exchange being closed prior to its regular time for close of trading for the relevant day (for the avoidance of doubt, in the case when the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for the morning trading session only, closed prior to its regular time for close of trading for the morning session), PROVIDED THAT there shall be no Market Disruption Event solely by reason of the Stock Exchange opening for trading later than its regular time for opening of trading on any day as a result of the tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above or the "BLACK" rainstorm signal having been issued; or
- (c) a limitation or closure of the Stock Exchange due to any unforeseen circumstances;

"Number of Warrant(s) per Entitlement" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Product Conditions" means these product terms and conditions;

"Settlement Currency" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Settlement Date" means the third CCASS Settlement Day after the later of (i) the Expiry Date and (ii) the day on which the Average Price is determined in accordance with the Conditions;

"Settlement Disruption Event" means an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer is unable to procure payment of the Cash Settlement Amount electronically through CCASS to the Designated Bank Account;

"Unit" means the share or unit of the Fund specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document and "Units" shall be construed accordingly; and

"Valuation Date" means each of the five Business Days immediately preceding the Expiry Date, provided that if the Issuer determines, in its sole discretion, that a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any Valuation Date, then that Valuation Date shall be postponed until the first succeeding Business Day on which there is no Market Disruption Event irrespective of whether that postponed Valuation Date would fall on a Business Day that is already or is deemed to be a Valuation Date. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that a Market Disruption Event has occurred and a Valuation Date

is postponed as aforesaid, the closing price of the Units on the first succeeding Business Day will be used more than once in determining the Average Price, so that in no event shall there be less than five closing prices used to determine the Average Price.

If the postponement of the Valuation Date as aforesaid would result in the Valuation Date falling on or after the Expiry Date, then:

- (a) the Business Day immediately preceding the Expiry Date (the "Last Valuation Date") shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date notwithstanding the Market Disruption Event; and
- (b) the Issuer shall determine the closing price of the Units on the basis of its good faith estimate of the price that would have prevailed on the Last Valuation Date but for the Market Disruption Event.

Other capitalised terms shall, unless otherwise defined herein, have the meaning ascribed to them in the Base Listing Document, the General Conditions, the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document or the Global Certificate.

## 2. Warrant Rights and Exercise Expenses

## 2.1 Warrant Rights

Every Board Lot gives each Holder, upon due exercise and compliance with Product Condition 3, the right to receive payment of the Cash Settlement Amount, if any.

#### 2.2 Exercise Expenses

On exercise of the Warrants, Holders will be obliged to give an irrevocable authorisation to the Issuer to deduct all Exercise Expenses in accordance with Product Condition 3.

#### 3. Exercise of Warrants

(a) Exercise of Warrants in Board Lots

Warrants may only be exercised in Board Lots or integral multiples thereof.

## (b) Automatic Exercise

The Warrants are exercisable only on the Expiry Date. Any Warrant will automatically be exercised if the Cash Settlement Amount on the Expiry Date is greater than zero (without notice being given to the Holders). The Holders will not be required to deliver any exercise notice and the Issuer or its agent will pay to the Holders the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses)(if any) in accordance with Product Condition 3(d).

Any Warrant which has not been automatically exercised in accordance with this Product Condition 3(b) shall expire immediately without value thereafter and all rights of the Holder and obligations of the Issuer with respect to such Warrant shall cease.

## (c) Cancellation

The Issuer will, with effect from the first Business Day following the Expiry Date, remove from the Register the name of the person in respect of the Warrants which:

- (i) are the subject of an exercise pursuant to automatic exercise in accordance with these Product Conditions; or
- (ii) have expired worthless,

and thereby cancel the relevant Warrants.

## (d) Cash Settlement

Subject to automatic exercise of Warrants in accordance with these Product Conditions, the Issuer will make a payment, in respect of every Board Lot, to the relevant Holder equal to the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses). If the Cash Settlement Amount is equal to or less than the Exercise Expenses, no amount is payable by the Issuer.

The Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses) will be despatched no later than the Settlement Date by crediting that amount, in accordance with the CCASS Rules, to the Designated Bank Account.

If, as a result of a Settlement Disruption Event, it is not possible for the Issuer to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder on the original Settlement Date, the Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder as soon as reasonably practicable after the original Settlement Date. The Issuer will not be liable to the Holder for any interest in respect of the amount due or any loss or damage that such Holder may suffer as a result of the existence of a Settlement Disruption Event.

## 4. Adjustments

## 4.1 Rights Issues

If and whenever the Fund shall, by way of Rights (as defined below), offer new Units for subscription at a fixed subscription price to the holders of existing Units pro rata to existing holdings (a "Rights Offer"), the Entitlement will be adjusted to take effect on the Business Day ("Rights Issue Adjustment Date") on which trading in the Units becomes ex-entitlement in accordance with the following formula:

Adjusted Entitlement = Adjustment Factor x E

Where:

Adjustment Factor = 
$$\frac{1 + M}{1 + (R/S) \times M}$$

- E: Existing Entitlement immediately prior to the Rights Offer
- S: Cum-Rights Unit price determined by the closing price on the Stock Exchange on the last Business Day on which Units are traded on a cum-Rights basis

R: Subscription price per Unit as specified in the Rights Offer plus an amount equal to any distribution or other benefits foregone to exercise the Rights

M: Number of new Unit(s) (whether a whole or a fraction) per existing Unit each holder thereof is entitled to subscribe

Provided that if the adjustment to be made would result in the Entitlement being changed by one per cent. or less, then no adjustment will be made. In addition, the Issuer shall adjust the Exercise Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) by the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor, where the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor means one divided by the relevant Adjustment Factor. The adjustment to the Exercise Price shall take effect on the Rights Issue Adjustment Date.

For the purposes of these Product Conditions:

"Rights" means the right(s) attached to each existing Unit or needed to acquire one new Unit (as the case may be) which are given to the holders of existing Units to subscribe at a fixed subscription price for new Units pursuant to the Rights Offer (whether by the exercise of one Right, a part of a Right or an aggregate number of Rights).

#### 4.2 Bonus Issues

If and whenever the Fund shall make an issue of Units credited as fully paid to the holders of Units generally (other than pursuant to a scrip distribution or similar scheme for the time being operated by the Fund or otherwise in lieu of a cash distribution and without any payment or other consideration being made or given by such holders) (a "Bonus Issue") the Entitlement will be increased on the Business Day ("Bonus Issue Adjustment Date") on which trading in the Units becomes ex-entitlement in accordance with the following formula:

Adjusted Entitlement = Adjustment Factor x E

Where:

Adjustment Factor = 1 + N

E: Existing Entitlement immediately prior to the Bonus Issue

N: Number of additional Units (whether a whole or a fraction) received by a holder of existing Units for each Unit held prior to the Bonus Issue

Provided that if the adjustment to be made would result in the Entitlement being changed by one per cent. or less, then no adjustment will be made. In addition, the Issuer shall adjust the Exercise Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) by the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor, where the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor means one divided by the relevant Adjustment Factor. The adjustment to the Exercise Price shall take effect on the Bonus Issue Adjustment Date.

## 4.3 Subdivisions or Consolidations

If and whenever the Fund shall subdivide its Units or any class of its outstanding Unit into a greater number of units or shares (a "Subdivision") or consolidate the Units or any class of its outstanding unit or share capital comprised of the Units into a smaller number of units or shares (a "Consolidation"), then:

- (i) in the case of a Subdivision, the Entitlement in effect immediately prior thereto will be increased whereas the Exercise Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) will be decreased in the same ratio as the Subdivision; and
- (ii) in the case of a Consolidation, the Entitlement in effect immediately prior thereto will be decreased whereas the Exercise Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) will be increased in the same ratio as the Consolidation.

in each case on the day on which the Subdivision or Consolidation (as the case may be) shall have taken effect.

## 4.4 Merger or Consolidation

If it is announced that the Fund is to or may merge or consolidate with or into any other trust or corporation (including becoming, by agreement or otherwise, controlled by any person or corporation) (except where the Fund is the surviving entity in a merger) or that it is to or may sell or transfer all or substantially all of its assets, the rights attaching to the Warrants may in the absolute discretion of the Issuer be amended no later than the Business Day preceding the consummation of such merger, consolidation, sale or transfer (each a "Restructuring Event") (as determined by the Issuer in its absolute discretion).

The rights attaching to the Warrants after the adjustment shall, after such Restructuring Event, relate to the number of units or shares of the trust(s) or corporation(s) resulting from or surviving such Restructuring Event or other securities ("Substituted Securities") and/or cash offered in substitution for the affected Units, as the case may be, to which the holder of such number of Units to which the Warrants related immediately before such Restructuring Event would have been entitled upon such Restructuring Event. Thereafter the provisions hereof shall apply to such Substituted Securities, provided that any Substituted Securities may, in the absolute discretion of the Issuer, be deemed to be replaced by an amount in the relevant currency equal to the market value or, if no market value is available, fair value, of such Substituted Securities in each case as determined by the Issuer as soon as practicable after such Restructuring Event is effected.

For the avoidance of doubt, any remaining Units shall not be affected by this Product Condition 4.4 and, where cash is offered in substitution for Units or is deemed to replace Substituted Securities as described above, references in these Product Conditions to the Units shall include any such cash.

#### 4.5 Cash Distribution

No adjustment will be made for an ordinary cash distribution (whether or not it is offered with a scrip alternative) ("Ordinary Distribution"). For any other forms of cash distribution ("Cash Distribution") announced by the Fund, such as a cash bonus, special distribution or extraordinary distribution, no adjustment will be made unless the value of the Cash Distribution accounts for 2 per cent. or more of the Unit's closing price on the day of announcement by the Fund.

If and whenever the Fund shall make a Cash Distribution credited as fully paid to the holders of Units generally, the Entitlement shall be adjusted to take effect on the Business Day on which trading in the Units becomes ex-entitlement in respect of the relevant Cash Distribution ("Cash Distribution Adjustment Date") in accordance with the following formula:

Adjusted Entitlement = Adjustment Factor x E

Where:

Adjustment Factor = 
$$\frac{S - OD}{S - OD - CD}$$

- E: Existing Entitlement immediately prior to the Cash Distribution
- S: The closing price of the Unit on the Stock Exchange on the Business Day immediately preceding the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date
- CD: The Cash Distribution per Unit
- OD: The Ordinary Distribution per Unit, provided that the date on which the Units are traded on an ex-Ordinary Distribution basis is the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date. For the avoidance of doubt, the OD shall be zero if the date on which the Units are traded on an ex-Ordinary Distribution basis is not the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date

In addition, the Issuer shall adjust the Exercise Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) by the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor, where the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor means one divided by the relevant Adjustment Factor. The adjustment to the Exercise Price shall take effect on the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date.

## 5. Termination or Liquidation

In the event of a Termination or the liquidation or dissolution of the Fund or, if applicable, the trustee of the Fund (including any successor trustee appointed from time to time) ("**Trustee**") (in its capacity as trustee of the Fund) or the appointment of a liquidator, receiver or administrator or analogous person under Hong Kong law in respect of the whole or substantially the whole of the Fund's or the Trustee's (as the case may be) undertaking, property or assets, all unexercised Warrants will lapse and shall cease to be valid for any purpose. In the case of a Termination, the unexercised Warrants will lapse and shall cease to be valid on the effective date of the Termination, in the case of a voluntary liquidation, on the effective date of the relevant resolution and, in the case of an involuntary liquidation or dissolution, on the date of the relevant court order or, in the case of the appointment of a liquidator or receiver or administrator or analogous person under any applicable law in respect of the whole or substantially the whole of such Fund's or Trustee's (as the case may be) undertaking, property or assets, on the date when such appointment is effective but subject (in any such case) to any contrary mandatory requirement of law.

For the purpose of this Product Condition 5, "**Termination**" means (i) the Fund is terminated or required to be terminated for whatever reason, or the termination of the Fund commences; (ii) where applicable, the Fund is held or is conceded by the Trustee or the manager of the Fund (including any successor manager appointed from time to time) not to have been constituted or to have been imperfectly constituted; (iii) where applicable, the Trustee ceases to be authorised under the Fund to hold the property of the Fund in its name and perform its obligations under the trust deed constituting the Fund; or (iv) the Fund ceases to be authorised as an authorised collective investment scheme under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

## 6. Delisting

## 6.1 Adjustments following delisting

If at any time the Units cease to be listed on the Stock Exchange, the Issuer shall give effect to these Product Conditions in such manner and make such adjustments to the rights attaching to the Warrants

as it shall, in its absolute discretion, consider appropriate to ensure, so far as it is reasonably able to do so, that the interests of the Holders generally are not materially prejudiced as a consequence of such delisting (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences that may result in any particular jurisdiction).

## 6.2 Listing on another exchange

Without prejudice to the generality of Product Condition 6.1, where the Units are, or, upon the delisting, become, listed on any other stock exchange, these Product Conditions may, in the absolute discretion of the Issuer, be amended to the extent necessary to allow for the substitution of that other stock exchange in place of the Stock Exchange and the Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders, make such adjustments to the entitlements of Holders on exercise (including, if appropriate, by converting foreign currency amounts at prevailing market rates into the relevant currency) as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

## 7. Illegality or Impracticability

The Issuer is entitled to terminate the Warrants if it determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner that, for reasons beyond its control, it has become or it will become illegal or impracticable:

- (a) for it to perform its obligations under the Warrants, or for the Guarantor to perform its obligations under the Guarantee, in whole or in part as a result of:
  - the adoption of, or any change in, any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law);
  - (ii) the promulgation of, or any change in, the interpretation by any court, tribunal, governmental, administrative, legislative, regulatory or judicial authority or power with competent jurisdiction of any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law),

(each of (i) and (ii), a "Change in Law Event"); or

(b) for it or any of its affiliates to maintain the Issuer's hedging arrangements with respect to the Warrants due to a Change in Law Event.

Upon the occurrence of a Change in Law Event, the Issuer will, if and to the extent permitted by the applicable law or regulation, pay to each Holder a cash amount that the Issuer determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner to be the fair market value in respect of each Warrant held by such Holder immediately prior to such termination (ignoring such illegality or impracticability) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made to each Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 7.

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## PART C — PRODUCT CONDITIONS OF CASH SETTLED INDEX WARRANTS

The relevant Product Conditions will, together with the General Conditions and the supplemental provisions contained in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document and subject to completion and amendment, be endorsed on the Global Certificate. The relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document in relation to the issue of any series of Warrants may specify additional terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the applicable Product Conditions, replace or modify the applicable Product Conditions for the purpose of such series of Warrants. Capitalised terms used in the applicable Product Conditions and not otherwise defined therein shall have the meaning given to them in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document.

#### 1. Definitions

For the purposes of these Product Conditions:

"Business Day" means a day (excluding Saturdays) on which the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for dealings in Hong Kong and banks are open for business in Hong Kong;

"Cash Settlement Amount" means, for every Board Lot, an amount calculated by the Issuer as follows (and, if appropriate, either (i) converted (if applicable) into the Settlement Currency at the Exchange Rate or, as the case may be, (ii) converted into the Interim Currency at the First Exchange Rate and then (if applicable) converted into Settlement Currency at the Second Exchange Rate):

(a) in the case of a series of call Warrants:

(Closing Level - Strike Level) x one Board Lot x Index Currency Amount
Divisor

(b) in the case of a series of put Warrants:

(Strike Level - Closing Level) x one Board Lot x Index Currency Amount
Divisor

"CCASS Settlement Day" has the meaning ascribed to the term "Settlement Day" in the CCASS Rules, subject to such modification and amendment prescribed by HKSCC from time to time;

"Closing Level" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

"Designated Bank Account" means the relevant bank account designated by each Holder;

"Divisor" means the number specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Exchange Rate" means the rate specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

"Exercise Expenses" means any charges or expenses including any taxes or duties which are incurred in respect of the exercise of the Warrants;

"First Exchange Rate" means the rate specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"General Conditions" means the general terms and conditions set out in Appendix 1 of the Base Listing Document;

"Index" means the index specified in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Index Compiler" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Index Currency Amount" means the number specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Index Exchange" means the Stock Exchange or any other exchange as specified in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Interim Currency" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Listing Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

## "Market Disruption Event" means:

- (a) the occurrence or existence, on the Valuation Date during the one-half hour period that ends at the close of trading on the Index Exchange, of any of:
  - (i) the suspension or material limitation of the trading of a material number of constituent securities that comprise the Index; or
  - (ii) the suspension or material limitation of the trading of options or futures contracts relating to the Index on any exchanges on which such contracts are traded; or
  - (iii) the imposition of any exchange controls in respect of any currencies involved in determining the Cash Settlement Amount.

For the purposes of this paragraph (a), (X) the limitation of the number of hours or days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of any relevant exchange, and (Y) a limitation on trading imposed by reason of the movements in price exceeding the levels permitted by any relevant exchange will constitute a Market Disruption Event;

(b) where the Index Exchange is the Stock Exchange, the issuance of the tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above or the issuance of a "BLACK" rainstorm signal on any day which either (i) results in the Stock Exchange being closed for trading for the entire day; or (ii) results in the Stock Exchange being closed prior to its regular time for close of trading for the relevant day (for the avoidance of doubt, in the case when the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for the morning trading session only, closed prior to its regular time for close of trading for the morning session), PROVIDED THAT there shall be no Market Disruption Event solely by reason

of the Stock Exchange opening for trading later than its regular time for opening of trading on any day as a result of the tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above or the "BLACK" rainstorm signal having been issued;

- (c) a limitation or closure of the Index Exchange due to any unforeseen circumstances; or
- (d) any circumstances beyond the control of the Issuer in which the Closing Level or, if applicable, the Exchange Rate, the First Exchange Rate or the Second Exchange Rate (as the case may be) cannot be determined by the Issuer in the manner set out in these Product Conditions or in such other manner as the Issuer considers appropriate at such time after taking into account all the relevant circumstances;

"Product Conditions" means these product terms and conditions;

"Second Exchange Rate" means the rate specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Settlement Currency" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Settlement Date" means the third CCASS Settlement Day after the later of: (i) the Expiry Date; and (ii) the day on which the Closing Level is determined in accordance with the Conditions;

"Settlement Disruption Event" means an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer is unable to procure payment of the Cash Settlement Amount electronically through CCASS to the Designated Bank Account;

"Strike Level" means the level specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document; and

"Valuation Date" means the date specified in the Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, provided that if the Issuer determines, in its sole discretion, that a Market Disruption Event has occurred on the Valuation Date, then the Issuer shall determine the Closing Level on the basis of its good faith estimate of the Closing Level that would have prevailed on that day but for the occurrence of the Market Disruption Event, provided that the Issuer, if applicable, may, but shall not be obliged to, determine such Closing Level by having regard to the manner in which futures contracts relating to the Index are calculated.

Other capitalised terms shall, unless otherwise defined herein, have the meaning ascribed to them in the Base Listing Document, the General Conditions, the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document or the Global Certificate.

## 2. Warrant Rights and Exercise Expenses

## 2.1 Warrant Rights

Every Board Lot gives each Holder, upon due exercise and compliance with Product Condition 3, the right to receive payment of the Cash Settlement Amount, if any.

## 2.2 Exercise Expenses

On exercise of the Warrants, Holders will be obliged to give an irrevocable authorisation to the Issuer to deduct all Exercise Expenses in accordance with Product Condition 3.

#### 3. Exercise of Warrants

#### (a) Exercise of Warrants in Board Lots

Warrants may only be exercised in Board Lots or integral multiples thereof.

#### (b) Automatic Exercise

The Warrants are exercisable only on the Expiry Date. Any Warrant will automatically be exercised if the Cash Settlement Amount on the Expiry Date is greater than zero (without notice being given to the Holders). The Holders will not be required to deliver any exercise notice and the Issuer or its agent will pay to the Holders the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses)(if any) in accordance with Product Condition 3(d).

Any Warrant which has not been automatically exercised in accordance with this Product Condition 3(b) shall expire immediately without value thereafter and all rights of the Holder and obligations of the Issuer with respect to such Warrant shall cease.

#### (c) Cancellation

The Issuer will, with effect from the first Business Day following the Expiry Date, remove from the Register the name of the person in respect of the Warrants which:

- (i) are the subject of an exercise pursuant to automatic exercise in accordance with these Product Conditions; or
- (ii) have expired worthless,

and thereby cancel the relevant Warrants.

# (d) Cash Settlement

Subject to automatic exercise of Warrants in accordance with these Product Conditions, the Issuer will make a payment, in respect of every Board Lot, to the relevant Holder equal to the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses). If the Cash Settlement Amount is equal to or less than the Exercise Expenses, no amount is payable by the Issuer.

The Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses) will be despatched no later than the Settlement Date by crediting that amount, in accordance with the CCASS Rules, to the Designated Bank Account.

If as a result of a Settlement Disruption Event, it is not possible for the Issuer to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder on the original Settlement Date, the Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder as soon as reasonably practicable after the original Settlement Date. The Issuer will not be liable to the Holder for any interest in respect of the amount due or any loss or damage that such Holder may suffer as a result of the existence of a Settlement Disruption Event.

# 4. Adjustments to the Index

### 4.1 Successor Index Compiler Calculates and Reports Index

If the Index is:

- (a) not calculated and announced by the Index Compiler but is calculated and published by a successor to the Index Compiler (the "Successor Index Compiler") acceptable to the Issuer; or
- (b) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Issuer, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index,

then the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by the Successor Index Compiler or that successor index, as the case may be.

## 4.2 Modification and Cessation of Calculation of Index

If:

- (a) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Compiler or (if applicable) the Successor Index Compiler makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating the Index or in any other way materially modifies the Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent securities, contracts, commodities or currencies and other routine events); or
- (b) on the Valuation Date the Index Compiler or (if applicable) the Successor Index Compiler fails to calculate and publish the Index (other than as a result of a Market Disruption Event),

then the Issuer shall determine the Closing Level using, in lieu of a published level for the Index, the level for the Index as at the Valuation Date as determined by the Issuer in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to that change or failure, but using only those securities, contracts, commodities or currencies that comprised the Index immediately prior to that change or failure (other than those securities, contracts, commodities or currencies that have since ceased to be listed on the relevant exchange).

### 5. Illegality and Impracticability

The Issuer is entitled to terminate the Warrants if it determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner that, for reasons beyond its control, it has become or it will become illegal or impracticable:

- (a) for it to perform its obligations under the Warrants, or for the Guarantor to perform its obligations under the Guarantee, in whole or in part as a result of:
  - (i) the adoption of, or any change in, any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law); or
  - (ii) the promulgation of, or any change in, the interpretation by any court, tribunal, governmental, administrative, legislative, regulatory or judicial authority or power with competent jurisdiction of any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law),

(each of (i) and (ii), a "Change in Law Event"); or

(b) for it or any of its affiliates to maintain the Issuer's hedging arrangements with respect to the Warrants due to a Change in Law Event.

Upon the occurrence of a Change in Law Event, the Issuer will, if and to the extent permitted by the applicable law or regulation, pay to each Holder a cash amount that the Issuer determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner to be the fair market value in respect of each Warrant held by such Holder immediately prior to such termination (ignoring such illegality or impracticability) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made to each Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 7.

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# PART D — PRODUCT CONDITIONS OF CASH SETTLED COMMODITY WARRANTS

The relevant Product Conditions will, together with the General Conditions and the supplemental provisions contained in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document and subject to completion and amendment, be endorsed on the Global Certificate. The relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document in relation to the issue of any series of Warrants may specify additional terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the applicable Product Conditions, replace or modify the applicable Product Conditions for the purpose of such series of Warrants. Capitalised terms used in the applicable Product Conditions and not otherwise defined therein shall have the meaning given to them in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document.

#### 1. Definitions

For the purposes of these Product Conditions:

"Business Day" means a day (excluding Saturdays) on which the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for dealings in Hong Kong and banks are open for business in Hong Kong;

"Cash Settlement Amount" means, for every Board Lot, an amount calculated by the Issuer as follows (and, if appropriate, converted into the Settlement Currency at the Exchange Rate):

(a) in the case of a series of call Warrants:

Entitlement x (Closing Price - Strike Price) x one Board Lot
Number of Warrant(s) per Entitlement

(b) in the case of a series of put Warrants:

Entitlement x (Strike Price - Closing Price) x one Board Lot

Number of Warrant(s) per Entitlement

"CCASS Settlement Day" has the meaning ascribed to the term "Settlement Day" in the CCASS Rules, subject to such modification and amendment prescribed by HKSCC from time to time;

"Closing Price" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

"Commodity" means the commodity specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Commodity Business Day" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Designated Bank Account" means the relevant bank account designated by each Holder;

"Exchange Rate" means the rate specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

"Exercise Expenses" means any charges or expenses including any taxes or duties which are incurred in respect of the exercise of the Warrants;

"General Conditions" means the general terms and conditions set out in Appendix 1 of the Base Listing Document;

"Listing Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

# "Market Disruption Event" means:

- (a) the occurrence or existence, on a Valuation Day of any suspension of or material limitation imposed on, trading in the Commodity or any warrants, options contracts or futures contracts relating to the Commodity on any Related Exchange;
- (b) a limitation or closure of any Related Exchange or the Stock Exchange due to any unforeseen circumstances;
- (c) the disappearance of, or disappearance of trading in, the Commodity;
- (d) a Price Source Disruption Event; or
- (e) any circumstances beyond the control of the Issuer in which the Closing Price or the Exchange Rate cannot be determined by the Issuer in the manner set out in these Product Conditions or in such other manner as the Issuer considers appropriate at such time after taking into account all the relevant circumstances;

"Price Source" means the publication (or such other origin of price source reference) (if any) specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

#### "Price Source Disruption Event" means:

- (a) the failure of the Price Source to announce or publish any relevant level, value or price in relation to the Commodity (or the information necessary for determining the Closing Price); or
- (b) the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of the Price Source;

"Product Conditions" means these product terms and conditions;

"Relevant Currency" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Related Exchange" means any exchange or quotation system in a major international market (including but not limited to New York, Chicago, London, Australia and Frankfurt) on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Commodity is traded, as determined by the Issuer;

"Settlement Currency" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Settlement Date" means the third CCASS Settlement Day after the Valuation Date;

"Settlement Disruption Event" means an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer is unable to procure payment of the Cash Settlement Amount electronically through CCASS to the Designated Bank Account;

"Strike Price" means the price specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Unit" means the unit specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document; and

"Valuation Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, provided that if the Issuer determines, in its sole discretion, that on the Valuation Date a Market Disruption Event has occurred, then the Issuer will determine the Closing Price on the basis of its good faith estimate of the Closing Price that would have prevailed on that day but for the occurrence of the Market Disruption Event.

Other capitalised terms shall, unless otherwise defined herein, have the meaning ascribed to them in the Base Listing Document, the General Conditions, the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document or the Global Certificate.

#### 2. Warrant Rights and Exercise Expenses

#### 2.1 Warrant Rights

Every Board Lot gives each Holder, upon due exercise and compliance with Product Condition 3, the right to receive payment of the Cash Settlement Amount, if any.

# 2.2 Exercise Expenses

On exercise of the Warrants, Holders will be obliged to give an irrevocable authorisation to the Issuer to deduct all Exercise Expenses in accordance with Product Condition 3.

#### 3. Exercise of Warrants

# (a) Exercise of Warrants in Board Lots

Warrants may only be exercised in Board Lots or integral multiples thereof.

#### (b) Automatic Exercise

The Warrants are exercisable only on the Expiry Date. Any Warrant will automatically be exercised if the Cash Settlement Amount on the Expiry Date is greater than zero (without notice being given to the Holders). The Holders will not be required to deliver any exercise notice and the Issuer or its agent will pay to the Holders the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses)(if any) in accordance with Product Condition 3(d).

Any Warrant which has not been automatically exercised in accordance with this Product Condition 3(b) shall expire immediately without value thereafter and all rights of the Holder and obligations of the Issuer with respect to such Warrant shall cease.

#### (c) Cancellation

The Issuer will, with effect from the first Business Day following the Expiry Date, remove from the Register the name of the person in respect of the Warrants which:

- (i) are the subject of an exercise pursuant to automatic exercise in accordance with these Product Conditions; or
- (ii) have expired worthless,

and thereby cancel the relevant Warrants.

#### (d) Cash Settlement

Subject to automatic exercise of Warrants in accordance with these Product Conditions, the Issuer will make a payment, in respect of every Board Lot, to the relevant Holder equal to the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses). If the Cash Settlement Amount is equal to or less than the Exercise Expenses, no amount is payable by the Issuer.

The Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses) will be despatched no later than the Settlement Date by crediting that amount, in accordance with the CCASS Rules, to the Designated Bank Account. If as a result of a Settlement Disruption Event, it is not possible for the Issuer to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder on the original Settlement Date, the Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder as soon as reasonably practicable after the original Settlement Date. The Issuer will not be liable to the Holder for any interest in respect of the amount due or any loss or damage that such Holder may suffer as a result of the existence of a Settlement Disruption Event.

# 4. Adjustments

# 4.1 Market Disruption Events

Without limiting Product Condition 3(d), if a Market Disruption Event occurs, the Issuer has the right to adjust the Price Source, the Closing Price, the Exchange Rate and/or any other relevant variables accordingly. The Issuer shall as soon as reasonably practicable under such circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 7 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

#### 4.2 Foreign Currency Controls

If exchange control or other laws, regulations, directives or guidelines are imposed by any central banking authority or other governmental or regulatory body which:

- (a) requires the Issuer to obtain permission from such authority or body to purchase the Settlement Currency;
- (b) otherwise restricts the Issuer's ability to obtain the Settlement Currency; or

(c) otherwise adversely regulates the purchase or holding of the Settlement Currency such that additional costs are imposed in obtaining the Settlement Currency which would not be imposed in the absence of such laws, regulations, directives or guidelines, or if the cost of obtaining the Settlement Currency at the Exchange Rate is determined by the Issuer to be excessive because of a disruption in the foreign exchange market relating to the Settlement Currency,

then, upon notice from the Issuer to Holders in accordance with General Condition 7 to such effect, Holders who have exercised their Warrants in accordance with Product Condition 3 shall receive, at the option of the Issuer, in lieu of the Settlement Currency, an amount equal to the Cash Settlement Amount in any other currency as determined by the Issuer.

# 5. Illegality or Impracticability

The Issuer is entitled to terminate the Warrants if it determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner that, for reasons beyond its control, it has become or it will become illegal or impracticable:

- (a) for it to perform its obligations under the Warrants, or for the Guarantor to perform its obligations under the Guarantee, in whole or in part as a result of:
  - (i) the adoption of, or any change in, any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law); or
  - (ii) the promulgation of, or any change in, the interpretation by any court, tribunal, governmental, administrative, legislative, regulatory or judicial authority or power with competent jurisdiction of any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law),

(each of (i) and (ii), a "Change in Law Event"); or

(b) for it or any of its affiliates to maintain the Issuer's hedging arrangements with respect to the Warrants due to a Change in Law Event.

Upon the occurrence of a Change in Law Event, the Issuer will, if and to the extent permitted by the applicable law or regulation, pay to each Holder a cash amount that the Issuer determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner to be the fair market value in respect of each Warrant held by such Holder immediately prior to such termination (ignoring such illegality or impracticability) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made to each Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 7.

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# PART E — PRODUCT CONDITIONS OF CASH SETTLED COMMODITY FUTURES WARRANTS

The relevant Product Conditions will, together with the General Conditions and the supplemental provisions contained in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document and subject to completion and amendment, be endorsed on the Global Certificate. The relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document in relation to the issue of any series of Warrants may specify additional terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the applicable Product Conditions, replace or modify the applicable Product Conditions for the purpose of such series of Warrants. Capitalised terms used in the applicable Product Conditions and not otherwise defined therein shall have the meaning given to them in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document.

#### 1. Definitions

For the purposes of these Product Conditions:

"Business Day" means a day (excluding Saturdays) on which the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for dealings in Hong Kong and banks are open for business in Hong Kong;

"Cash Settlement Amount" means, for every Board Lot, an amount calculated by the Issuer as follows (and, if appropriate, converted into the Settlement Currency at the Exchange Rate):

(a) in the case of a series of call Warrants:

Entitlement x (Closing Price - Strike Price) x one Board Lot

Number of Warrant(s) per Entitlement

(b) in the case of a series of put Warrants:

Entitlement x (Strike Price - Closing Price) x one Board Lot

Number of Warrant(s) per Entitlement

"CCASS Settlement Day" has the meaning ascribed to the term "Settlement Day" in the CCASS Rules, subject to such modification and amendment prescribed by HKSCC from time to time;

"Closing Price" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

"Commodity" means the commodity specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Commodity Futures" means the commodity futures specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Commodity Futures Trading Day" means a day on which the Relevant Exchange is scheduled to open for trading;

"Designated Bank Account" means the relevant bank account designated by each Holder;

"Exchange Rate" means the rate specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

"Exercise Expenses" means any charges or expenses including any taxes or duties which are incurred in respect of the exercise of the Warrants;

"General Conditions" means the general terms and conditions set out in Appendix 1 of the Base Listing Document;

"Listing Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

# "Market Disruption Event" means:

- (a) the occurrence or existence, on the Valuation Date of:
  - (i) any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading:
    - (A) on the Relevant Exchange in the Commodity Futures or securities generally; or
    - (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts relating to the Commodity or the Commodity Futures, if, in any such case, such suspension or limitation is, in the determination of the Issuer, material; or
  - (ii) of any event that disrupts or impairs (as determined by the Issuer) the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, the Commodity Futures, options contracts or futures contracts on or relating to the Commodity or Commodity Futures on any Related Exchange; or
- (b) the failure of the Relevant Exchange to announce or publish any relevant level, value or price in relation to the Commodity Futures (or the information necessary for determining the Closing Price); or
- (c) a limitation or closure of the Relevant Exchange, any Related Exchange or the Stock Exchange due to any other unforeseen circumstances; or
- (d) the permanent discontinuation of trading in the Commodity Futures on the Relevant Exchange or the disappearance of, or disappearance of trading in, the Commodity Futures or the Commodity; or
- (e) any circumstances beyond the control of the Issuer in which the Closing Price or the Exchange Rate cannot be determined by the Issuer in the manner set out in these Product Conditions or in such other manner as the Issuer considers appropriate at such time after taking into account all the relevant circumstances: or
- (f) the occurrence of a material change in the content, composition or constitution of the Commodity Futures or the Commodity; or
- (g) the occurrence of a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating the relevant level, value or price in relation to the Commodity Futures.

"Product Conditions" means these product terms and conditions;

"Relevant Currency" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Related Exchange" means any exchange or quotation system in a major international market on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Commodity Futures is traded, as determined by the Issuer;

"Relevant Exchange" means the exchange specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Settlement Currency" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Settlement Date" means the third CCASS Settlement Day after the Valuation Date;

"Settlement Disruption Event" means an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer is unable to procure payment of the Cash Settlement Amount electronically through CCASS to the Designated Bank Account;

"Strike Price" means the price specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Unit" means the unit specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document; and

"Valuation Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, provided that if the Issuer determines, in its sole discretion, that on the Valuation Date a Market Disruption Event has occurred, then the Issuer will determine the Closing Price on the basis of its good faith estimate of the Closing Price that would have prevailed on that day but for the occurrence of the Market Disruption Event.

Other capitalised terms shall, unless otherwise defined herein, have the meaning ascribed to them in the Base Listing Document, the General Conditions, the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document or the Global Certificate.

# 2. Warrant Rights and Exercise Expenses

# 2.1 Warrant Rights

Every Board Lot gives each Holder, upon due exercise and compliance with Product Condition 3, the right to receive payment of the Cash Settlement Amount, if any.

#### 2.2 Exercise Expenses

On exercise of the Warrants, Holders will be obliged to give an irrevocable authorisation to the Issuer to deduct all Exercise Expenses in accordance with Product Condition 3.

### 3. Exercise of Warrants

#### (a) Exercise of Warrants in Board Lots

Warrants may only be exercised in Board Lots or integral multiples thereof.

#### (b) Automatic Exercise

The Warrants are exercisable only on the Expiry Date. Any Warrant will automatically be exercised if the Cash Settlement Amount on the Expiry Date is greater than zero (without notice being given to the Holders). The Holders will not be required to deliver any exercise notice and the Issuer or its agent will pay to the Holders the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses)(if any) in accordance with Product Condition 3(d).

Any Warrant which has not been automatically exercised in accordance with this Product Condition 3(b) shall expire immediately without value thereafter and all rights of the Holder and obligations of the Issuer with respect to such Warrant shall cease.

#### (c) Cancellation

The Issuer will, with effect from the first Business Day following the Expiry Date, remove from the Register the name of the person in respect of the Warrants which:

- (i) are the subject of an exercise pursuant to automatic exercise in accordance with these Product Conditions; or
- (ii) have expired worthless,

and thereby cancel the relevant Warrants.

# (d) Cash Settlement

Subject to automatic exercise of Warrants in accordance with these Product Conditions, the Issuer will make a payment, in respect of every Board Lot, to the relevant Holder equal to the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses). If the Cash Settlement Amount is equal to or less than the Exercise Expenses, no amount is payable by the Issuer.

The Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses) will be despatched no later than the Settlement Date by crediting that amount, in accordance with the CCASS Rules, to the Designated Bank Account. If as a result of a Settlement Disruption Event, it is not possible for the Issuer to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder on the original Settlement Date, the Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder as soon as reasonably practicable after the original Settlement Date. The Issuer will not be liable to the Holder for any interest in respect of the amount due or any loss or damage that such Holder may suffer as a result of the existence of a Settlement Disruption Event.

# 4. Adjustments

## 4.1 Market Disruption Events

Without limiting Product Condition 3(d), if a Market Disruption Event occurs, the Issuer has the right to adjust the Closing Price, the Exchange Rate and/or any other relevant variables accordingly. The Issuer shall as soon as reasonably practicable under such circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 7 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

# 4.2 Foreign Currency Controls

If exchange control or other laws, regulations, directives or guidelines are imposed by any central banking authority or other governmental or regulatory body which:

- (a) requires the Issuer to obtain permission from such authority or body to purchase the Settlement Currency;
- (b) otherwise restricts the Issuer's ability to obtain the Settlement Currency; or
- (c) otherwise adversely regulates the purchase or holding of the Settlement Currency such that additional costs are imposed in obtaining the Settlement Currency which would not be imposed in the absence of such laws, regulations, directives or guidelines, or if the cost of obtaining the Settlement Currency at the Exchange Rate is determined by the Issuer to be excessive because of a disruption in the foreign exchange market relating to the Settlement Currency,

then, upon notice from the Issuer to Holders in accordance with General Condition 7 to such effect, Holders who have exercised their Warrants in accordance with Product Condition 3 shall receive, at the option of the Issuer, in lieu of the Settlement Currency, an amount equal to the Cash Settlement Amount in any other currency as determined by the Issuer.

# 5. Illegality or Impracticability

The Issuer is entitled to terminate the Warrants if it determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner that, for reasons beyond its control, it has become or it will become illegal or impracticable:

- (a) for it to perform its obligations under the Warrants, or for the Guarantor to perform its obligations under the Guarantee, in whole or in part as a result of:
  - (i) the adoption of, or any change in, any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law); or
  - (ii) the promulgation of, or any change in, the interpretation by any court, tribunal, governmental, administrative, legislative, regulatory or judicial authority or power with competent jurisdiction of any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law),

(each of (i) and (ii), a "Change in Law Event"); or

(b) for it or any of its affiliates to maintain the Issuer's hedging arrangements with respect to the Warrants due to a Change in Law Event.

Upon the occurrence of a Change in Law Event, the Issuer will, if and to the extent permitted by the applicable law or regulation, pay to each Holder a cash amount that the Issuer determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner to be the fair market value in respect of each Warrant held by such Holder immediately prior to such termination (ignoring such illegality or impracticability) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made to each Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 7.

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# PART F — PRODUCT CONDITIONS OF CASH SETTLED CURRENCY WARRANTS

The relevant Product Conditions will, together with the General Conditions and the supplemental provisions contained in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document and subject to completion and amendment, be endorsed on the Global Certificate. The relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document in relation to the issue of any series of Warrants may specify additional terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the applicable Product Conditions, replace or modify the applicable Product Conditions for the purpose of such series of Warrants. Capitalised terms used in the applicable Product Conditions and not otherwise defined therein shall have the meaning given to them in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document.

#### 1. Definitions

For the purposes of these Product Conditions:

"Business Day" means a day (excluding Saturdays) on which the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for dealings in Hong Kong and banks are open for business and for carrying on foreign exchange transactions in Hong Kong;

"Cash Settlement Amount" means, for every Board Lot, an amount calculated by the Issuer as follows (and if applicable, converted into the Settlement Currency at the Settlement Exchange Rate):

(a) in the case of a series of call Warrants:

(Spot Rate - Strike Rate) x Currency Amount

(b) in the case of a series of put Warrants:

(Strike Rate - Spot Rate) x Currency Amount

"CCASS Settlement Day" has the meaning ascribed to the term "Settlement Day" in the CCASS Rules, subject to such modification and amendment prescribed by HKSCC from time to time;

"Currency Amount" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Currency Pair" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Designated Bank Account" means the relevant bank account designated by each Holder;

"Exercise Expenses" means any charges or expenses including any taxes or duties which are incurred in respect of the exercise of the Warrants;

"General Conditions" means the general terms and conditions set out in Appendix 1 of the Base Listing Document;

"Listing Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

# "Market Disruption Event" means:

- (a) the occurrence, or existence, on the Valuation Date, of any circumstances beyond the control of the Issuer in which the Spot Rate or, if applicable, the Settlement Exchange Rate cannot be determined by the Issuer in the manner set out in these Product Conditions or in such other manner as the Issuer considers appropriate at such time after taking into account all the relevant circumstances; and/or
- (b) the imposition of any exchange controls in respect of any currencies involved in determining the Cash Settlement Amount;

"Product Conditions" means these product terms and conditions;

"Settlement Currency" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Settlement Date" means the third CCASS Settlement Day after the Valuation Date;

"Settlement Disruption Event" means an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer is unable to procure payment of the Cash Settlement Amount electronically through CCASS to the Designated Bank Account;

"Spot Rate" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

"Settlement Exchange Rate" means the rate specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4:

"Strike Rate" means the rate specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document; and

"Valuation Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, provided that if the Issuer determines, in its sole discretion, that on the Valuation Date a Market Disruption Event has occurred, then the Issuer will determine the Spot Rate or, if applicable, the Settlement Exchange Rate or any other variables on the basis of its good faith estimate of the Spot Rate or, if applicable, the Settlement Exchange Rate or any other variables that would have prevailed on that day but for the occurrence of the Market Disruption Event.

Other capitalised terms shall, unless otherwise defined herein, have the meaning ascribed to them in the Base Listing Document, the General Conditions, the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document or the Global Certificate.

# 2. Warrant Rights and Exercise Expenses

#### 2.1 Warrant Rights

Every Board Lot gives each Holder, upon due exercise and compliance with Product Condition 3, the right to receive payment of the Cash Settlement Amount, if any.

# 2.2 Exercise Expenses

On exercise of the Warrants, Holders will be obliged to give an irrevocable authorisation to the Issuer to deduct all Exercise Expenses in accordance with Product Condition 3.

#### 3. Exercise of Warrants

# (a) Exercise of Warrants in Board Lots

Warrants may only be exercised in Board Lots or integral multiples thereof.

#### (b) Automatic Exercise

The Warrants are exercisable only on the Expiry Date. Any Warrant will automatically be exercised if the Cash Settlement Amount on the Expiry Date is greater than zero (without notice being given to the Holders). The Holders will not be required to deliver any exercise notice and the Issuer or its agent will pay to the Holders the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses)(if any) in accordance with Product Condition 3(d).

Any Warrant which has not been automatically exercised in accordance with this Product Condition 3(b) shall expire immediately without value thereafter and all rights of the Holder and obligations of the Issuer with respect to such Warrant shall cease.

#### (c) Cancellation

The Issuer will, with effect from the first Business Day following the Expiry Date, remove from the Register the name of the person in respect of the Warrants which:

- (i) are the subject of an exercise pursuant to automatic exercise in accordance with these Product Conditions; or
- (ii) have expired worthless,

and thereby cancel the relevant Warrants.

#### (d) Cash Settlement

Subject to automatic exercise of Warrants in accordance with these Product Conditions, the Issuer will make a payment, in respect of every Board Lot, to the relevant Holder equal to the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses). If the Cash Settlement Amount is equal to or less than the Exercise Expenses, no amount is payable by the Issuer.

The Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses) will be despatched no later than the Settlement Date by crediting that amount, in accordance with the CCASS Rules, to the Designated Bank Account.

If as a result of a Settlement Disruption Event, it is not possible for the Issuer to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder on the original Settlement Date, the Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of

the Holder as soon as reasonably practicable after the original Settlement Date. The Issuer will not be liable to the Holder for any interest in respect of the amount due or any loss or damage that such Holder may suffer as a result of the existence of a Settlement Disruption Event.

# 4. Adjustments

#### 4.1 Market Disruption Events

Without limiting Product Condition 3(d), if a Market Disruption Event occurs, the Issuer has the right to adjust the Spot Rate or, if applicable, the Settlement Exchange Rate and/or any other relevant variables accordingly. The Issuer shall as soon as reasonably practicable under such circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 7 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

#### 4.2 Foreign Currency Controls

If exchange control or other laws, regulations, directives or guidelines are imposed by any central banking authority or other governmental or regulatory body which:

- (a) requires the Issuer to obtain permission from such authority or body to purchase the Settlement Currency;
- (b) otherwise restricts the Issuer's ability to obtain the Settlement Currency; or
- (c) otherwise adversely regulates the purchase or holding of the Settlement Currency such that additional costs are imposed in obtaining the Settlement Currency which would not be imposed in the absence of such laws, regulations, directives or guidelines, or if the cost of obtaining the Settlement Currency at the Settlement Exchange Rate is determined by the Issuer to be excessive because of a disruption in the foreign exchange market relating to the Settlement Currency,

then, upon notice from the Issuer to Holders in accordance with General Condition 7 to such effect, Holders who have exercised their Warrants in accordance with Product Condition 3 shall receive, at the option of the Issuer, in lieu of the Settlement Currency, an amount equal to the Cash Settlement Amount in any other currency as determined by the Issuer.

# 5. Illegality and Impracticability

The Issuer is entitled to terminate the Warrants if it determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner that, for reasons beyond its control, it has become or it will become illegal or impracticable:

- (a) for it to perform its obligations under the Warrants, or for the Guarantor to perform its obligations under the Guarantee, in whole or in part as a result of:
  - (i) the adoption of, or any change in, any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law); or
  - (ii) the promulgation of, or any change in, the interpretation by any court, tribunal, governmental, administrative, legislative, regulatory or judicial authority or power with competent jurisdiction of any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law),

(each of (i) and (ii), a "Change in Law Event"); or

(b) for it or any of its affiliates to maintain the Issuer's hedging arrangements with respect to the Warrants due to a Change in Law Event.

Upon the occurrence of a Change in Law Event, the Issuer will, if and to the extent permitted by the applicable law or regulation, pay to each Holder a cash amount that the Issuer determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner to be the fair market value in respect of each Warrant held by such Holder immediately prior to such termination (ignoring such illegality or impracticability) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made to each Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 7.

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# APPENDIX 3 — PRODUCT CONDITIONS OF INLINE WARRANTS

The following pages set out the Product Conditions in respect of different types of Inline Warrants.

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# PART A — PRODUCT CONDITIONS OF CASH SETTLED INLINE WARRANTS OVER SINGLE EQUITIES

These Product Conditions will, together with the General Conditions and the supplemental provisions contained in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document and subject to completion and amendment, be endorsed on the Global Certificate. The relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document in relation to the issue of any series of Inline Warrants may specify additional terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Product Conditions, replace or modify these Product Conditions for the purpose of such series of Inline Warrants. Capitalised terms used in these Product Conditions and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document.

#### 1. Definitions

For the purposes of these Product Conditions:

"Average Price" means the arithmetic mean of the closing price of one Share, as derived from the Daily Quotation Sheet of the Stock Exchange, subject to any adjustment to such closing prices as may be necessary to reflect any event as contemplated in Product Condition 4 such as capitalisation, rights issue, distribution or the like in respect of each Valuation Date;

"Business Day" means a day (excluding Saturdays) on which the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for dealings in Hong Kong and banks are open for business in Hong Kong;

"Cash Settlement Amount" means, in respect of every Board Lot, an amount in the Settlement Currency calculated by the Issuer as follows:

(a) if the Average Price is at or below the Upper Strike Price and at or above the Lower Strike Price:

Maximum Payoff Amount per Inline Warrant x one Board Lot

(b) if the Average Price is above the Upper Strike Price or below the Lower Strike Price:

Minimum Payoff Amount per Inline Warrant x one Board Lot

"CCASS Settlement Day" has the meaning ascribed to the term "Settlement Day" in the CCASS Rules, subject to such modification and amendment prescribed by HKSCC from time to time;

"Company" means the company specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Designated Bank Account" means the relevant bank account designated by each Holder;

"Exercise Expenses" means any charges or expenses including any taxes or duties which are incurred in respect of the exercise of the Inline Warrants;

"General Conditions" means the general terms and conditions set out in Appendix 1 of the Base Listing Document;

"Listing Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Lower Strike Price" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

## "Market Disruption Event" means:

- (a) the occurrence or existence on any Valuation Date during the one-half hour period that ends at the close of trading of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading (by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the Stock Exchange or otherwise) on the Stock Exchange in (i) the Shares; or (ii) any options or futures contracts relating to the Shares if, in any such case, such suspension or limitation is, in the determination of the Issuer, material;
- (b) the issuance of the tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above or the issuance of a "BLACK" rainstorm signal on any day which either (i) results in the Stock Exchange being closed for trading for the entire day; or (ii) results in the Stock Exchange being closed prior to its regular time for close of trading for the relevant day (for the avoidance of doubt, in the case when the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for the morning trading session only, closed prior to its regular time for close of trading for the morning session), PROVIDED THAT there shall be no Market Disruption Event solely by reason of the Stock Exchange opening for trading later than its regular time for opening of trading on any day as a result of the tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above or the "BLACK" rainstorm signal having been issued; or
- (c) a limitation or closure of the Stock Exchange due to any unforeseen circumstances;
- "Maximum Payoff Amount per Inline Warrant" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;
- "Minimum Payoff Amount per Inline Warrant" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;
- "Product Conditions" means these product terms and conditions;
- "Settlement Currency" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;
- "Settlement Date" means the third CCASS Settlement Day after the later of: (i) the Expiry Date; and (ii) the day on which the Average Price is determined in accordance with the Conditions;
- "Settlement Disruption Event" means an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer is unable to procure payment of the Cash Settlement Amount electronically through CCASS to the Designated Bank Account;
- "Share" means the share of the Company specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document and "Shares" shall be construed accordingly;
- "Upper Strike Price" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4; and
- "Valuation Date" means each of the five Business Days immediately preceding the Expiry Date, provided that if the Issuer determines, in its sole discretion, that a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any Valuation Date, then that Valuation Date shall be postponed until the first succeeding Business Day on which there is no Market Disruption Event irrespective of whether that postponed Valuation Date would fall on a Business Day that is already or is deemed to be a Valuation Date. For

the avoidance of doubt, in the event that a Market Disruption Event has occurred and a Valuation Date is postponed as aforesaid, the closing price of the Shares on the first succeeding Business Day will be used more than once in determining the Average Price, so that in no event shall there be less than five closing prices used to determine the Average Price.

If the postponement of the Valuation Date as aforesaid would result in the Valuation Date falling on or after the Expiry Date, then:

- (a) the Business Day immediately preceding the Expiry Date (the "Last Valuation Date") shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date notwithstanding the Market Disruption Event; and
- (b) the Issuer shall determine the closing price of the Shares on the basis of its good faith estimate of the price that would have prevailed on the Last Valuation Date but for the Market Disruption Event.

Other capitalised terms shall, unless otherwise defined herein, have the meaning ascribed to them in the Base Listing Document, the General Conditions, the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document or the Global Certificate.

#### 2. Inline Warrant Rights and Exercise Expenses

# 2.1 Inline Warrant Rights

Every Board Lot gives each Holder, upon due exercise and compliance with Product Condition 3, the right to receive payment of the Cash Settlement Amount.

#### 2.2 Exercise Expenses

On exercise of the Inline Warrants, Holders will be obliged to give an irrevocable authorisation to the Issuer to deduct all Exercise Expenses in accordance with Product Condition 3.

#### 3. Exercise of Inline Warrants

(a) Exercise of Inline Warrants in Board Lots

Inline Warrants may only be exercised in Board Lots or integral multiples thereof.

# (b) Automatic Exercise

The Inline Warrants are exercisable only on the Expiry Date. Any Inline Warrant will automatically be exercised on the Expiry Date (without notice being given to the Holders). The Holders will not be required to deliver any exercise notice and the Issuer or its agent will pay to the Holders the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses) in accordance with Product Condition 3(d).

# (c) Cancellation

The Issuer will, with effect from the first Business Day following the Expiry Date, remove from the Register the name of the person in respect of the Inline Warrants which are the subject of an exercise pursuant to automatic exercise in accordance with these Product Conditions and thereby cancel the relevant Inline Warrants.

# (d) Cash Settlement

Subject to automatic exercise of Inline Warrants in accordance with these Product Conditions, the Issuer will make a payment, in respect of every Board Lot, to the relevant Holder equal to the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses). If the Cash Settlement Amount is equal to or less than the Exercise Expenses, no amount is payable by the Issuer.

The Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses) will be despatched no later than the Settlement Date by crediting that amount, in accordance with the CCASS Rules, to the Designated Bank Account.

If, as a result of a Settlement Disruption Event, it is not possible for the Issuer to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder on the original Settlement Date, the Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder as soon as reasonably practicable after the original Settlement Date. The Issuer will not be liable to the Holder for any interest in respect of the amount due or any loss or damage that such Holder may suffer as a result of the existence of a Settlement Disruption Event.

# 4. Adjustments

### 4.1 Rights Issues

If and whenever the Company shall, by way of Rights (as defined below), offer new Shares for subscription at a fixed subscription price to the holders of existing Shares pro rata to existing holdings (a "**Rights Offer**"), the Upper Strike Price and the Lower Strike Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) will be adjusted to take effect on the Business Day on which trading in the Shares becomes ex-entitlement in accordance with the following formula:

Adjusted Upper Strike Price = Upper Strike Price ÷ Adjustment Factor

Adjusted Lower Strike Price = Lower Strike Price ÷ Adjustment Factor

Where:

Adjustment Factor = 
$$\frac{1 + M}{1 + (R/S) \times M}$$

- S: Cum-Rights Share price determined by the closing price on the Stock Exchange on the last Business Day on which Shares are traded on a cum-Rights basis
- R: Subscription price per Share as specified in the Rights Offer plus an amount equal to any dividends or other benefits foregone to exercise the Rights
- M: Number of new Share(s) (whether a whole or a fraction) per existing Share each holder thereof is entitled to subscribe

Provided that no adjustment will be made if the Adjustment Factor is equal to or less than 1.

For the purposes of these Product Conditions:

"Rights" means the right(s) attached to each existing Share or needed to acquire one new Share (as the case may be) which are given to the holders of existing Shares to subscribe at a fixed subscription price for new Shares pursuant to the Rights Offer (whether by the exercise of one Right, a part of a Right or an aggregate number of Rights).

For the avoidance of doubt, the entitlement of the Inline Warrants is always 1 Share and no adjustment will be made to the entitlement.

#### 4.2 Bonus Issues

If and whenever the Company shall make an issue of Shares credited as fully paid to the holders of Shares generally by way of capitalisation of profits or reserves (other than pursuant to a scrip dividend or similar scheme for the time being operated by the Company or otherwise in lieu of a cash dividend and without any payment or other consideration being made or given by such holders) (a "Bonus Issue") the Upper Strike Price and the Lower Strike Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) will be adjusted on the Business Day on which trading in the Shares becomes ex-entitlement in accordance with the following formula:

Adjusted Upper Strike Price = Upper Strike Price ÷ Adjustment Factor

Adjusted Lower Strike Price = Lower Strike Price ÷ Adjustment Factor

Where:

Adjustment Factor = 1 + N

N: Number of additional Shares (whether a whole or a fraction) received by a holder of existing Shares for each Share held prior to the Bonus Issue

For the avoidance of doubt, the entitlement of the Inline Warrants is always 1 Share and no adjustment will be made to the entitlement.

# 4.3 Share Splits or Consolidations

If and whenever the Company shall subdivide its Shares or any class of its outstanding share capital comprised of the Shares into a greater number of shares (a "Subdivision") or consolidate the Shares or any class of its outstanding share capital comprised of the Shares into a smaller number of shares (a "Consolidation"), then:

- (i) in the case of a Subdivision, the Upper Strike Price and the Lower Strike Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) will be decreased in the same ratio as the Subdivision; and
- (ii) in the case of a Consolidation, the Upper Strike Price and the Lower Strike Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) will be increased in the same ratio as the Consolidation,

in each case on the day on which the Subdivision or Consolidation (as the case may be) shall have taken effect.

For the avoidance of doubt, the entitlement of the Inline Warrants is always 1 Share and no adjustment will be made to the entitlement.

#### 4.4 Merger or Consolidation

If it is announced that the Company is to or may merge or consolidate with or into any other corporation (including becoming, by agreement or otherwise, a subsidiary of any corporation or controlled by any person or corporation) (except where the Company is the surviving corporation in a merger) or that it is to or may sell or transfer all or substantially all of its assets, the rights attaching to the Inline Warrants may in the absolute discretion of the Issuer be amended no later than the Business Day preceding the consummation of such merger, consolidation, sale or transfer (each a "Restructuring Event") (as determined by the Issuer in its absolute discretion) so that the interests of the Holders generally are not materially prejudiced as a consequence of such Restructuring Event (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences that may result in any particular jurisdiction).

For the avoidance of doubt, the entitlement of the Inline Warrants is always 1 Share and no adjustment will be made to the entitlement.

#### 4.5 Cash Distribution

No adjustment will be made for an ordinary cash dividend (whether or not it is offered with a scrip alternative) ("Ordinary Dividend"). For any other forms of cash distribution ("Cash Distribution") announced by the Company, such as a cash bonus, special dividend or extraordinary dividend, no adjustment will be made unless the value of the Cash Distribution accounts for 2 per cent. or more of the Share's closing price on the day of announcement by the Company.

If and whenever the Company shall make a Cash Distribution credited as fully paid to the holders of Shares generally, the Upper Strike Price and the Lower Strike Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) shall be adjusted to take effect on the Business Day on which trading in the Shares becomes ex-entitlement in respect of the relevant Cash Distribution ("Cash Distribution Adjustment Date") in accordance with the following formula:

Adjusted Upper Strike Price = Upper Strike Price ÷ Adjustment Factor

Adjusted Lower Strike Price = Lower Strike Price ÷ Adjustment Factor

Where

Adjustment Factor = 
$$\frac{S - OD}{S - OD - CD}$$

- S: The closing price of the Share on the Stock Exchange on the Business Day immediately preceding the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date
- CD: The Cash Distribution per Share
- OD: The Ordinary Dividend per Share, provided that the date on which the Shares are traded on an ex-Ordinary Dividend basis is the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date. For the avoidance of doubt, the OD shall be zero if the date on which the Shares are traded on an ex-Ordinary Dividend basis is not the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date

For the avoidance of doubt, the entitlement of the Inline Warrants is always 1 Share and no adjustment will be made to the entitlement.

#### 5. Liquidation

In the event of a liquidation or dissolution of the Company or the appointment of a liquidator, receiver or administrator or analogous person under Hong Kong law in respect of the whole or substantially the whole of its undertaking, property or assets, all unexercised Inline Warrants will lapse and shall cease to be valid for any purpose, in the case of voluntary liquidation, on the effective date of the relevant resolution and, in the case of an involuntary liquidation or dissolution, on the date of the relevant court order or, in the case of the appointment of a liquidator or receiver or administrator or analogous person under any applicable law in respect of the whole or substantially the whole of its undertaking, property or assets, on the date when such appointment is effective but subject (in any such case) to any contrary mandatory requirement of law.

## 6. Delisting

#### 6.1 Adjustments following delisting

If at any time the Shares cease to be listed on the Stock Exchange, the Issuer shall give effect to these Product Conditions in such manner and make such adjustments to the rights attaching to the Inline Warrants as it shall, in its absolute discretion, consider appropriate to ensure, so far as it is reasonably able to do so, that the interests of the Holders generally are not materially prejudiced as a consequence of such delisting (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences that may result in any particular jurisdiction).

#### 6.2 Listing on another exchange

Without prejudice to the generality of Product Condition 6.1, where the Shares are, or, upon the delisting, become, listed on any other stock exchange, these Product Conditions may, in the absolute discretion of the Issuer, be amended to the extent necessary to allow for the substitution of that other stock exchange in place of the Stock Exchange and the Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders, make such adjustments to the entitlements of Holders on exercise (including, if appropriate, by converting foreign currency amounts at prevailing market rates into the relevant currency) as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

### 7. Illegality or Impracticability

The Issuer is entitled to terminate the Inline Warrants if it determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner that, for reasons beyond its control, it has become or it will become illegal or impracticable:

- (a) for it to perform its obligations under the Inline Warrants, or for the Guarantor to perform its obligations under the Guarantee, in whole or in part as a result of:
  - (i) the adoption of, or any change in, any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law); or
  - (ii) the promulgation of, or any change in, the interpretation by any court, tribunal, governmental, administrative, legislative, regulatory or judicial authority or power with competent jurisdiction of any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law),

(each of (i) and (ii), a "Change in Law Event"); or

(b) for it or any of its affiliates to maintain the Issuer's hedging arrangements with respect to the Inline Warrants due to a Change in Law Event.

Upon the occurrence of a Change in Law Event, the Issuer will, if and to the extent permitted by the applicable law or regulation, pay to each Holder a cash amount that the Issuer determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner to be the fair market value in respect of each Inline Warrant held by such Holder immediately prior to such termination (ignoring such illegality or impracticability) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made to each Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 7.

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# PART B — PRODUCT CONDITIONS OF CASH SETTLED INDEX INLINE WARRANTS

These Product Conditions will, together with the General Conditions and the supplemental provisions contained in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document and subject to completion and amendment, be endorsed on the Global Certificate. The relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document in relation to the issue of any series of Inline Warrants may specify additional terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Product Conditions, replace or modify these Product Conditions for the purpose of such series of Inline Warrants. Capitalised terms used in these Product Conditions and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document.

#### 1. Definitions

For the purposes of these Product Conditions:

"Business Day" means a day (excluding Saturdays) on which the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for dealings in Hong Kong and banks are open for business in Hong Kong;

"Cash Settlement Amount" means, for every Board Lot, an amount calculated by the Issuer as follows (and, if appropriate, either (i) converted (if applicable) into the Settlement Currency at the Exchange Rate or, as the case may be, (ii) converted into the Interim Currency at the First Exchange Rate and then (if applicable) converted into Settlement Currency at the Second Exchange Rate):

(a) if the Closing Level is at or below the Upper Strike Level and at or above the Lower Strike Level:

Maximum Payoff Amount per Inline Warrant x one Board Lot

(b) if the Closing Level is above the Upper Strike Level or below the Lower Strike Level:

Minimum Payoff Amount per Inline Warrant x one Board Lot

"CCASS Settlement Day" has the meaning ascribed to the term "Settlement Day" in the CCASS Rules, subject to such modification and amendment prescribed by HKSCC from time to time;

"Closing Level" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

"Designated Bank Account" means the relevant bank account designated by each Holder;

"Exchange Rate" means the rate specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

"Exercise Expenses" means any charges or expenses including any taxes or duties which are incurred in respect of the exercise of the Inline Warrants;

"First Exchange Rate" means the rate specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"General Conditions" means the general terms and conditions set out in Appendix 1 of the Base Listing Document;

"Index" means the index specified in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Index Compiler" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Index Exchange" means the Stock Exchange or any other exchange as specified in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Interim Currency" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Listing Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Lower Strike Level" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

# "Market Disruption Event" means:

- (a) the occurrence or existence, on the Valuation Date during the one-half hour period that ends at the close of trading on the Index Exchange, of any of:
  - (i) the suspension or material limitation of the trading of a material number of constituent securities that comprise the Index; or
  - (ii) the suspension or material limitation of the trading of options or futures contracts relating to the Index on any exchanges on which such contracts are traded; or
  - (iii) the imposition of any exchange controls in respect of any currencies involved in determining the Cash Settlement Amount.

For the purposes of this paragraph (a), (X) the limitation of the number of hours or days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of any relevant exchange, and (Y) a limitation on trading imposed by reason of the movements in price exceeding the levels permitted by any relevant exchange will constitute a Market Disruption Event;

- (b) where the Index Exchange is the Stock Exchange, the issuance of the tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above or the issuance of a "BLACK" rainstorm signal on any day which either (i) results in the Stock Exchange being closed for trading for the entire day; or (ii) results in the Stock Exchange being closed prior to its regular time for close of trading for the relevant day (for the avoidance of doubt, in the case when the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for the morning trading session only, closed prior to its regular time for close of trading for the morning session), PROVIDED THAT there shall be no Market Disruption Event solely by reason of the Stock Exchange opening for trading later than its regular time for opening of trading on any day as a result of the tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above or the "BLACK" rainstorm signal having been issued;
- (c) a limitation or closure of the Index Exchange due to any unforeseen circumstances; or

(d) any circumstances beyond the control of the Issuer in which the Closing Level or, if applicable, the Exchange Rate, the First Exchange Rate or the Second Exchange Rate (as the case may be) cannot be determined by the Issuer in the manner set out in these Product Conditions or in such other manner as the Issuer considers appropriate at such time after taking into account all the relevant circumstances;

"Maximum Payoff Amount per Inline Warrant" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Minimum Payoff Amount per Inline Warrant" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Product Conditions" means these product terms and conditions;

"Second Exchange Rate" means the rate specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Settlement Currency" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Settlement Date" means the third CCASS Settlement Day after the later of: (i) the Expiry Date; and (ii) the day on which the Closing Level is determined in accordance with the Conditions;

"Settlement Disruption Event" means an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer is unable to procure payment of the Cash Settlement Amount electronically through CCASS to the Designated Bank Account;

"Upper Strike Level" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document; and

"Valuation Date" means the date specified in the Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, provided that if the Issuer determines, in its sole discretion, that a Market Disruption Event has occurred on the Valuation Date, then the Issuer shall determine the Closing Level on the basis of its good faith estimate of the Closing Level that would have prevailed on that day but for the occurrence of the Market Disruption Event, provided that the Issuer, if applicable, may, but shall not be obliged to, determine such Closing Level by having regard to the manner in which futures contracts relating to the Index are calculated.

Other capitalised terms shall, unless otherwise defined herein, have the meaning ascribed to them in the Base Listing Document, the General Conditions, the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document or the Global Certificate.

#### 2. Inline Warrant Rights and Exercise Expenses

# 2.1 Inline Warrant Rights

Every Board Lot gives each Holder, upon due exercise and compliance with Product Condition 3, the right to receive payment of the Cash Settlement Amount.

# 2.2 Exercise Expenses

On exercise of the Inline Warrants, Holders will be obliged to give an irrevocable authorisation to the Issuer to deduct all Exercise Expenses in accordance with Product Condition 3.

#### 3. Exercise of Inline Warrants

# (a) Exercise of Inline Warrants in Board Lots

Inline Warrants may only be exercised in Board Lots or integral multiples thereof.

#### (b) Automatic Exercise

The Inline Warrants are exercisable only on the Expiry Date. Any Inline Warrant will automatically be exercised on the Expiry Date (without notice being given to the Holders). The Holders will not be required to deliver any exercise notice and the Issuer or its agent will pay to the Holders the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses) in accordance with Product Condition 3(d).

## (c) Cancellation

The Issuer will, with effect from the first Business Day following the Expiry Date, remove from the Register the name of the person in respect of the Inline Warrants which are the subject of an exercise pursuant to automatic exercise in accordance with these Product Conditions and thereby cancel the relevant Inline Warrants.

#### (d) Cash Settlement

Subject to automatic exercise of Inline Warrants in accordance with these Product Conditions, the Issuer will make a payment, in respect of every Board Lot, to the relevant Holder equal to the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses). If the Cash Settlement Amount is equal to or less than the Exercise Expenses, no amount is payable by the Issuer.

The Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses) will be despatched no later than the Settlement Date by crediting that amount, in accordance with the CCASS Rules, to the Designated Bank Account.

If as a result of a Settlement Disruption Event, it is not possible for the Issuer to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder on the original Settlement Date, the Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder as soon as reasonably practicable after the original Settlement Date. The Issuer will not be liable to the Holder for any interest in respect of the amount due or any loss or damage that such Holder may suffer as a result of the existence of a Settlement Disruption Event.

# 4. Adjustments to the Index

#### 4.1 Successor Index Compiler Calculates and Reports Index

If the Index is:

- (a) not calculated and announced by the Index Compiler but is calculated and published by a successor to the Index Compiler (the "Successor Index Compiler") acceptable to the Issuer; or
- (b) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Issuer, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index,

then the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by the Successor Index Compiler or that successor index, as the case may be.

# 4.2 Modification and Cessation of Calculation of Index

If:

- (a) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Compiler or (if applicable) the Successor Index Compiler makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating the Index or in any other way materially modifies the Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent securities, contracts, commodities or currencies and other routine events); or
- (b) on the Valuation Date the Index Compiler or (if applicable) the Successor Index Compiler fails to calculate and publish the Index (other than as a result of a Market Disruption Event),

then the Issuer shall determine the Closing Level using, in lieu of a published level for the Index, the level for the Index as at the Valuation Date as determined by the Issuer in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to that change or failure, but using only those securities, contracts, commodities or currencies that comprised the Index immediately prior to that change or failure (other than those securities, contracts, commodities or currencies that have since ceased to be listed on the relevant exchange).

# 5. Illegality and Impracticability

The Issuer is entitled to terminate the Inline Warrants if it determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner that, for reasons beyond its control, it has become or it will become illegal or impracticable:

- (a) for it to perform its obligations under the Inline Warrants, or for the Guarantor to perform its obligations under the Guarantee, in whole or in part as a result of:
  - (i) the adoption of, or any change in, any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law); or
  - (ii) the promulgation of, or any change in, the interpretation by any court, tribunal, governmental, administrative, legislative, regulatory or judicial authority or power with competent jurisdiction of any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law),

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(each of (i) and (ii), a "Change in Law Event"); or
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(b) for it or any of its affiliates to maintain the Issuer's hedging arrangements with respect to the Inline Warrants due to a Change in Law Event.

Upon the occurrence of a Change in Law Event, the Issuer will, if and to the extent permitted by the applicable law or regulation, pay to each Holder a cash amount that the Issuer determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner to be the fair market value in respect of each Inline Warrant held by such Holder immediately prior to such termination (ignoring such illegality or

impracticability) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made to each Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 7.

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# APPENDIX 4 — PRODUCT CONDITIONS OF CBBCS

The following pages set out the Product Conditions in respect of different types of CBBCs.

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# PART A — PRODUCT CONDITIONS OF CASH SETTLED CALLABLE BULL/BEAR CONTRACTS OVER SINGLE EQUITIES

These Product Conditions will, together with the General Conditions and the supplemental provisions contained in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document and subject to completion and amendment, be endorsed on the Global Certificate. The relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document in relation to the issue of any series of CBBCs may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Product Conditions, replace or modify these Product Conditions for the purpose of such series of CBBCs. Capitalised terms used in these Product Conditions and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document.

#### 1. Definitions

For the purposes of these Product Conditions:

"Business Day" means a day (excluding Saturdays) on which the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for dealings in Hong Kong and banks are open for business in Hong Kong;

"Call Price" means the price specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

#### "Cash Settlement Amount" means:

- (a) following a Mandatory Call Event:
  - (i) in the case of a series of Category R CBBCs, the Residual Value; or
  - (ii) in the case of a series of Category N CBBCs, zero; and
- (b) at expiry:
  - (i) In the case of a series of bull CBBCs:

(ii) In the case of a series of bear CBBCs:

For the avoidance of doubt, if the Cash Settlement Amount is a negative figure, it shall be deemed to be zero;

"Category N CBBCs" means a series of CBBCs where the Call Price is equal to the Strike Price;

"Category R CBBCs" means a series of CBBCs where the Call Price is different from the Strike Price;

- "CCASS Settlement Day" has the meaning ascribed to the term "Settlement Day" in the CCASS Rules, subject to such modification and amendment prescribed by HKSCC from time to time;
- "Closing Price" means the closing price of one Share, as derived from the Daily Quotation Sheet of the Stock Exchange, subject to any adjustment to such closing price as may be necessary to reflect any event as contemplated in Product Condition 4 such as capitalisation, rights issue, distribution or the like on the Valuation Date;
- "Company" means the company specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;
- "Day of Notification" means the Trading Day immediately following the day on which a Mandatory Call Event occurs;
- "Designated Bank Account" means the relevant bank account designated by each Holder;
- "Entitlement" means the number specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;
- "Exercise Expenses" means any charges or expenses including any taxes or duties which are incurred in respect of the early expiration of CBBCs upon the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event or exercise of CBBCs upon expiry;
- "General Conditions" means the general terms and conditions set out in Appendix 1 of the Base Listing Document;
- "Last Trading Day" means the trading day on the Stock Exchange immediately preceding the Expiry Date;
- "Mandatory Call Event" means that the Spot Price of the Shares on any Trading Day during the Observation Period is:
- (a) in the case of a series of bull CBBCs, at or below the Call Price; or
- (b) in the case of a series of bear CBBCs, at or above the Call Price;

# "Market Disruption Event" means:

- (a) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one-half hour period that ends at the close of trading of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading (by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the Stock Exchange or otherwise) on the Stock Exchange in (i) the Shares; or (ii) any options or futures contracts relating to the Shares if, in any such case, such suspension or limitation is, in the determination of the Issuer, material;
- (b) the issuance of the tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above or the issuance of a "BLACK" rainstorm signal on any day which either (i) results in the Stock Exchange being closed for trading for the entire day; or (ii) results in the Stock Exchange being closed prior to its regular time for close of trading for the relevant day (for the avoidance of doubt, in the case when the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for the morning trading session only, closed prior to its regular time for close of trading for the morning session), PROVIDED THAT there shall be no Market Disruption Event solely by reason of the Stock Exchange opening for trading later than its regular time for opening of trading on any day as a result of the tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above or the "BLACK" rainstorm signal having been issued; or

(c) a limitation or closure of the Stock Exchange due to any unforeseen circumstances;

"Maximum Trade Price" means the highest Spot Price of the Shares (subject to any adjustment to such Spot Price as may be necessary to reflect any event as contemplated in Product Condition 4 such as capitalisation, rights issue, distribution or the like) during the MCE Valuation Period;

"MCE Valuation Date" means the last Trading Day during the MCE Valuation Period;

"MCE Valuation Period" means the period commencing from and including the moment upon which the Mandatory Call Event occurs (the trading session during which the Mandatory Call Event occurs is the "1st Session") and up to the end of the trading session on the Stock Exchange immediately following the 1st Session ("2nd Session") unless, in the determination of the Issuer in its good faith, the 2nd Session for any reason (including, without limitation, a Market Disruption Event occurring and subsisting in the 2nd Session) does not contain any continuous period of 1 hour or more than 1 hour during which trading in the Shares is permitted on the Stock Exchange with no limitation imposed, the MCE Valuation Period shall be extended to the end of the subsequent trading session following the 2nd Session during which trading in the Shares is permitted on the Stock Exchange with no limitation imposed for a continuous period of at least 1 hour notwithstanding the existence or continuance of a Market Disruption Event in such postponed trading session, unless the Issuer determines in its good faith that each trading session on each of the four Trading Days immediately following the date on which the Mandatory Call Event occurs does not contain any continuous period of 1 hour or more than 1 hour during which trading in the Shares is permitted on the Stock Exchange with no limitation imposed. In that case:

- (a) the period commencing from the 1st Session up to, and including, the last trading session on the Stock Exchange of the fourth Trading Day immediately following the date on which the Mandatory Call Event occurs shall be deemed to be the MCE Valuation Period; and
- (b) the Issuer shall determine the Maximum Trade Price or the Minimum Trade Price (as the case may be) having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Spot Price and such other factors as the Issuer may determine to be relevant in its good faith.

For the avoidance of doubt, all Spot Prices available throughout the extended MCE Valuation Period shall be taken into account to determine the Maximum Trade Price or the Minimum Trade Price (as the case may be) for the calculation of the Residual Value.

For the purposes of this definition,

- (A) the pre-opening session, the morning session and, in the case of half day trading, the closing auction session (if any) of the same day; and
- (B) the afternoon session and the closing auction session (if any) of the same day,

shall each be considered as one trading session only;

"Minimum Trade Price" means the lowest Spot Price of the Shares (subject to any adjustment to such Spot Price as may be necessary to reflect any event as contemplated in Product Condition 4 such as capitalisation, rights issue, distribution or the like) during the MCE Valuation Period;

"Number of CBBC(s) per Entitlement" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Observation Commencement Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Observation Period" means the period commencing from and including the Observation Commencement Date up to and including the close of trading on the Stock Exchange on the Last Trading Day. For the avoidance of doubt, the Observation Period shall not be extended notwithstanding the Valuation Date shall not fall on the Last Trading Day;

"Post MCE Trades" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to such modification and amendment prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time;

"Product Conditions" means these product terms and conditions;

#### "Residual Value" means:

(a) In the case of a series of bull CBBCs:

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Residual Value per Board Lot = Entitlement x (Minimum Trade Price - Strike Price) x one Board Lot

Number of CBBC(s) per Entitlement
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(b) In the case of a series of bear CBBCs:

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Residual Value per Board Lot = Entitlement x (Strike Price - Maximum Trade Price) x one Board Lot

Number of CBBC(s) per Entitlement
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"Settlement Currency" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Settlement Date" means the third CCASS Settlement Day after (i) the end of the MCE Valuation Period or (ii) the later of: (a) the Expiry Date; and (b) the day on which the Closing Price is determined in accordance with the Conditions (as the case may be);

"Settlement Disruption Event" means an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer is unable to procure payment of the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) electronically through CCASS to the Designated Bank Account;

"Share" means the share of the Company specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document and "Shares" shall be construed accordingly;

# "Spot Price" means:

- (a) in respect of a continuous trading session of the Stock Exchange, the price per Share concluded by means of automatic order matching on the Stock Exchange as reported in the official real-time dissemination mechanism for the Stock Exchange during such continuous trading session in accordance with the Trading Rules, excluding direct business (as defined in the Trading Rules); and
- (b) in respect of a pre-opening session or a closing auction session (if applicable) of the Stock Exchange, as the case may be, the final Indicative Equilibrium Price (as defined in the Trading Rules) of the Share (if any) calculated at the end of the pre-order matching period of such pre-opening session or closing auction session (if applicable), as the case may be, in accordance with the Trading Rules, excluding direct business (as defined in the Trading Rules),

subject to such modification and amendment prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time;

"Strike Price" means the price specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

"Trading Day" means any day on which the Stock Exchange is scheduled to be open for trading for its regular trading sessions;

"Trading Rules" means the Rules and Regulations of the Exchange prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time; and

"Valuation Date" means the Trading Day immediately preceding the Expiry Date unless, in the determination of the Issuer, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case, the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Issuer determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Issuer determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the four Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Valuation Date. In that case:

- (a) the fourth Trading Day immediately following the original date shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and
- (b) the Issuer shall determine the Closing Price of the Shares having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares on the Stock Exchange and such other factors as the Issuer determines to be relevant.

Other capitalised terms shall, unless otherwise defined herein, have the meaning ascribed to them in the Base Listing Document, the General Conditions, the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document or the Global Certificate.

#### 2. Illegality or Impracticability

The Issuer is entitled to terminate the CBBCs if it determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner that, for reasons beyond its control, it has become or it will become illegal or impracticable:

- (a) for it to perform its obligations under the CBBCs, or for the Guarantor to perform its obligations under the Guarantee, in whole or in part as a result of:
  - (i) the adoption of, or any change in, any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law); or
  - (ii) the promulgation of, or any change in, the interpretation by any court, tribunal, governmental, administrative, legislative, regulatory or judicial authority or power with competent jurisdiction of any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law),

(each of (i) and (ii), a "Change in Law Event"); or

(b) for it or any of its affiliates to maintain the Issuer's hedging arrangements with respect to the CBBCs due to a Change in Law Event.

Upon the occurrence of a Change in Law Event, the Issuer will, if and to the extent permitted by the applicable law or regulation, pay to each Holder a cash amount that the Issuer determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner to be the fair market value in respect of each CBBC held by such Holder immediately prior to such termination (ignoring such illegality or impracticability)

less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made to each Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 7.

#### 3. Exercise of CBBCs

#### 3.1 Exercise of CBBCs in Board Lots

CBBCs may only be exercised in Board Lots or integral multiples thereof.

#### 3.2 Automatic Exercise

If no Mandatory Call Event has occurred during the Observation Period, the CBBCs will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Expiry Date.

#### 3.3 Mandatory Call Event

(a) Subject to Product Condition 3.3(b), following a Mandatory Call Event, the CBBCs will be terminated automatically and the Issuer will give a notice of the Mandatory Call Event and early expiry of the CBBCs (the "Announcement on MCE and Early Expiration") to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 7. Trading in the CBBCs will be suspended immediately upon a Mandatory Call Event and all Post MCE Trades will be cancelled and will not be recognised by the Stock Exchange or the Issuer.

In the case of Category R CBBCs, the Issuer will give a notice of the valuation of the Residual Value (the "Announcement on Valuation of Residual Value") to the Holders before the end of the trading session immediately after the MCE Valuation Period in accordance with General Condition 7.

- (b) A Mandatory Call Event is irrevocable unless it is triggered as a result of any of the following events:
  - (i) system malfunction or other technical errors of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited; or
  - (ii) manifest errors caused by the relevant third party price source where applicable;

and

- (A) in the case of a system malfunction or other technical errors prescribed in paragraph (i) above, such event is reported by the Stock Exchange to the Issuer, and the Issuer and the Stock Exchange mutually agree that such Mandatory Call Event is to be revoked, and
- (B) in the case of an error by the relevant price source prescribed in paragraph (ii) above, such event is reported by the Issuer to the Stock Exchange, and the Issuer and the Stock Exchange mutually agree that such Mandatory Call Event is to be revoked,

in each case, such mutual agreement must be reached no later than 30 minutes before the commencement of trading (including the pre-opening session) (Hong Kong time) on the Day of Notification or such other time frame as prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time, in which case, (A) the Mandatory Call Event so triggered will be reversed; and (B) all cancelled

trades (if any) will be reinstated and trading of the CBBCs will resume no later than the Trading Day immediately following the Day of Notification in accordance with the rules and/or requirements prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time.

# 3.4 Entitlement

Every Board Lot of CBBCs entitles the Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Cash Settlement Amount (if any).

#### 3.5 Cancellation

Upon early expiration of the CBBCs at the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event or an automatic exercise of the CBBCs on the Expiry Date, the Issuer will, with effect from the first Business Day following the MCE Valuation Date or the Expiry Date (as the case may be) remove the name of the Holder from the Register in respect of the number of CBBCs which have expired or exercised (as the case may be) and thereby cancel the relevant CBBCs and if applicable, the Global Certificate.

#### 3.6 Exercise Expenses

- (a) Any Exercise Expenses which were not determined by the Issuer:
  - (i) during the MCE Valuation Period following the Mandatory Call Event; or
  - (ii) otherwise, on the Expiry Date (as the case may be), and were not deducted from the Cash Settlement Amount prior to delivery to the Holder in accordance with Product Condition 3.7, shall be notified to the Holder as soon as practicable after determination thereof by the Issuer and shall be paid by the Holder to the Issuer immediately upon demand.
- (b) Holders shall note that they shall be responsible for additional costs and expenses in connection with any early expiration or exercise of the CBBCs including the Exercise Expenses which amount shall, to the extent necessary, be payable to the Issuer and collected from the Holders.

# 3.7 Cash Settlement

Upon early expiration of the CBBCs following the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event or an automatic exercise of the CBBCs on the Expiry Date (as the case may be), the Issuer will, in respect of every Board Lot, pay the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses) (if any) to the relevant Holder. If the Cash Settlement Amount is equal to or less than the Exercise Expenses, no amount is payable by the Issuer.

The Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses) (if any) will be despatched no later than the Settlement Date by crediting that amount, in accordance with the CCASS Rules, to the Designated Bank Account.

If as a result of a Settlement Disruption Event, it is not possible for the Issuer to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder on the original Settlement Date, the Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder as soon as reasonably practicable after the original Settlement Date. The Issuer will not be liable to the Holder for any interest in respect of the amount due or any loss or damage that such Holder may suffer as a result of the existence of a Settlement Disruption Event.

# 3.8 Responsibility of Issuer, Guarantor and Sponsor

None of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Sponsor or their respective agents shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation and dissemination of any variables published by a third party and used in any calculation made pursuant to these Product Conditions or in the calculation of the Cash Settlement Amount arising from such errors or omissions.

The purchase of CBBCs does not confer on any Holder of such CBBCs any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) in relation to the Shares.

#### 3.9 Liability of Issuer, Guarantor and Sponsor

Exercise and settlement of the CBBCs is subject to all applicable laws, rules, regulations and guidelines in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer, the Guarantor, nor the Sponsor shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, rules, regulations or guidelines. Neither the Issuer, the Guarantor, nor the Sponsor shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of the CCASS in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the CBBCs.

#### 3.10 Trading

Subject to Product Condition 3.3(b), trading in CBBCs on the Stock Exchange shall cease:

- (a) immediately upon the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event; or
- (b) at the close of trading for the Trading Day immediately preceding the Expiry Date, whichever is the earlier.

#### 4. Adjustments

### 4.1 Rights Issues

If and whenever the Company shall, by way of Rights (as defined below), offer new Shares for subscription at a fixed subscription price to the holders of existing Shares pro rata to existing holdings (a "Rights Offer"), the Entitlement will be adjusted to take effect on the Business Day ("Rights Issue Adjustment Date") on which trading in the Shares becomes ex-entitlement in accordance with the following formula:

Adjusted Entitlement = Adjustment Factor x E

Where:

Adjustment Factor = 
$$\frac{1 + M}{1 + (R/S) \times M}$$

- E: Existing Entitlement immediately prior to the Rights Offer
- S: Cum-Rights Share price determined by the closing price on the Stock Exchange on the last Business Day on which Shares are traded on a cum-Rights basis
- R: Subscription price per Share as specified in the Rights Offer plus an amount equal to any dividends or other benefits foregone to exercise the Rights

M: Number of new Share(s) (whether a whole or a fraction) per existing Share each holder thereof is entitled to subscribe

Provided that if the adjustment to be made would result in the Entitlement being changed by one per cent. or less, then no adjustment will be made. In addition, the Issuer shall adjust the Strike Price and the Call Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) by the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor, where the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor means one divided by the relevant Adjustment Factor. The adjustment to the Strike Price and the Call Price shall take effect on the Rights Issue Adjustment Date.

For the purposes of these Product Conditions:

"Rights" means the right(s) attached to each existing Share or needed to acquire one new Share (as the case may be) which are given to the holders of existing Shares to subscribe at a fixed subscription price for new Shares pursuant to the Rights Offer (whether by the exercise of one Right, a part of a Right or an aggregate number of Rights).

#### 4.2 Bonus Issues

If and whenever the Company shall make an issue of Shares credited as fully paid to the holders of Shares generally by way of capitalisation of profits or reserves (other than pursuant to a scrip dividend or similar scheme for the time being operated by the Company or otherwise in lieu of a cash dividend and without any payment or other consideration being made or given by such holders) (a "Bonus Issue") the Entitlement will be increased on the Business Day ("Bonus Issue Adjustment Date") on which trading in the Shares becomes ex-entitlement in accordance with the following formula:

Adjusted Entitlement = Adjustment Factor x E

Where:

Adjustment Factor = 1 + N

E: Existing Entitlement immediately prior to the Bonus Issue

N: Number of additional Shares (whether a whole or a fraction) received by a holder of existing Shares for each Share held prior to the Bonus Issue

Provided that if the adjustment to be made would result in the Entitlement being changed by one per cent. or less, then no adjustment will be made. In addition, the Issuer shall adjust the Strike Price and the Call Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) by the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor, where the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor means one divided by the relevant Adjustment Factor. The adjustment to the Strike Price and the Call Price shall take effect on the Bonus Issue Adjustment Date.

# 4.3 Share Splits or Consolidations

If and whenever the Company shall subdivide its Shares or any class of its outstanding share capital comprised of the Shares into a greater number of shares (a "Subdivision") or consolidate the Shares or any class of its outstanding share capital comprised of the Shares into a smaller number of shares (a "Consolidation"), then:

- (i) in the case of a Subdivision, the Entitlement in effect immediately prior thereto will be increased whereas the Strike Price and the Call Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) will be decreased in the same ratio as the Subdivision; and
- (ii) in the case of a Consolidation, the Entitlement in effect immediately prior thereto will be decreased whereas the Strike Price and the Call Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) will be increased in the same ratio as the Consolidation,

in each case on the day on which the Subdivision or Consolidation (as the case may be) shall have taken effect.

#### 4.4 Merger or Consolidation

If it is announced that the Company is to or may merge or consolidate with or into any other corporation (including becoming, by agreement or otherwise, a subsidiary of any corporation or controlled by any person or corporation) (except where the Company is the surviving corporation in a merger) or that it is to or may sell or transfer all or substantially all of its assets, the rights attaching to the CBBCs may in the absolute discretion of the Issuer be amended no later than the Business Day preceding the consummation of such merger, consolidation, sale or transfer (each a "Restructuring Event") (as determined by the Issuer in its absolute discretion).

The rights attaching to the CBBCs after the adjustment shall, after such Restructuring Event, relate to the number of shares of the corporation(s) resulting from or surviving such Restructuring Event or other securities ("Substituted Securities") and/or cash offered in substitution for the affected Shares, as the case may be, to which the holder of such number of Shares to which the CBBCs related immediately before such Restructuring Event would have been entitled upon such Restructuring Event. Thereafter the provisions hereof shall apply to such Substituted Securities, provided that any Substituted Securities may, in the absolute discretion of the Issuer, be deemed to be replaced by an amount in the relevant currency equal to the market value or, if no market value is available, fair value, of such Substituted Securities in each case as determined by the Issuer as soon as practicable after such Restructuring Event is effected.

For the avoidance of doubt, any remaining Shares shall not be affected by this Product Condition 4.4 and, where cash is offered in substitution for Shares or is deemed to replace Substituted Securities as described above, references in these Product Conditions to the Shares shall include any such cash.

#### 4.5 Cash Distribution

No adjustment will be made for an ordinary cash dividend (whether or not it is offered with a scrip alternative) ("Ordinary Dividend"). For any other forms of cash distribution ("Cash Distribution") announced by the Company, such as a cash bonus, special dividend or extraordinary dividend, no adjustment will be made unless the value of the Cash Distribution accounts for 2 per cent. or more of the Share's closing price on the day of announcement by the Company.

If and whenever the Company shall make a Cash Distribution credited as fully paid to the holders of Shares generally, the Entitlement shall be adjusted to take effect on the Business Day on which trading in the Shares becomes ex-entitlement in respect of the relevant Cash Distribution ("Cash Distribution Adjustment Date") in accordance with the following formula:

Adjusted Entitlement = Adjustment Factor x E

Where:

Adjustment Factor = 
$$\frac{S - OD}{S - OD - CD}$$

E: Existing Entitlement immediately prior to the Cash Distribution

S: The closing price of the Share on the Stock Exchange on the Business Day immediately preceding the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date

CD: The Cash Distribution per Share

OD: The Ordinary Dividend per Share, provided that the date on which the Shares are traded on an ex-Ordinary Dividend basis is the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date. For the avoidance of doubt, the OD shall be zero if the date on which the Shares are traded on an ex-Ordinary Dividend basis is not the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date

In addition, the Issuer shall adjust the Strike Price and the Call Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) by the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor, where the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor means one divided by the relevant Adjustment Factor. The adjustment to the Strike Price and the Call Price shall take effect on the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date.

# 5. Liquidation

In the event of a liquidation or dissolution of the Company or the appointment of a liquidator, receiver or administrator or analogous person under Hong Kong law in respect of the whole or substantially the whole of its undertaking, property or assets, all unexercised CBBCs will lapse and shall cease to be valid for any purpose, in the case of voluntary liquidation, on the effective date of the relevant resolution and, in the case of an involuntary liquidation or dissolution, on the date of the relevant court order or, in the case of the appointment of a liquidator or receiver or administrator or analogous person under any applicable law in respect of the whole or substantially the whole of its undertaking, property or assets, on the date when such appointment is effective but subject (in any such case) to any contrary mandatory requirement of law.

# 6. Delisting

# 6.1 Adjustments following delisting

If at any time the Shares cease to be listed on the Stock Exchange, the Issuer shall give effect to these Product Conditions in such manner and make such adjustments to the rights attaching to the CBBCs as it shall, in its absolute discretion, consider appropriate to ensure, so far as it is reasonably able to do so, that the interests of the Holders generally are not materially prejudiced as a consequence of such delisting (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences that may result in any particular jurisdiction).

# 6.2 Listing on another exchange

Without prejudice to the generality of Product Condition 6.1, where the Shares are, or, upon the delisting, become, listed on any other stock exchange, these Product Conditions may, in the absolute

discretion of the Issuer, be amended to the extent necessary to allow for the substitution of that other stock exchange in place of the Stock Exchange and the Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders, make such adjustments to the entitlements of Holders on exercise (including, if appropriate, by converting foreign currency amounts at prevailing market rates into the relevant currency) as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

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# PART B — PRODUCT CONDITIONS OF CASH SETTLED CALLABLE BULL/BEAR CONTRACTS OVER AN INDEX

These Product Conditions will, together with the General Conditions and the supplemental provisions contained in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to completion and amendment, be endorsed on the Global Certificate. The relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document in relation to the issue of any series of CBBCs may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Product Conditions, replace or modify these Product Conditions for the purpose of such series of CBBCs. Capitalised terms used in these Product Conditions and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document.

#### 1. Definitions

For the purposes of these Product Conditions:

"Business Day" means a day (excluding Saturdays) on which the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for dealings in Hong Kong and banks are open for business in Hong Kong;

"Call Level" means the level specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Cash Settlement Amount" means, in respect of every Board Lot, an amount calculated by the Issuer in accordance with the following formula (and, if appropriate, either (X) converted (if applicable) into the Settlement Currency at the Exchange Rate or, as the case may be, (Y) converted into the Interim Currency at the First Exchange Rate and then (if applicable) converted into Settlement Currency at the Second Exchange Rate):

- (a) following a Mandatory Call Event:
  - (i) in the case of a series of Category R CBBCs, the Residual Value; or
  - (ii) in the case of a series of Category N CBBCs, zero; and
- (b) at expiry:
  - (i) in the case of a series of bull CBBCs:

(ii) in the case of a series of bear CBBCs:

For the avoidance of doubt, if the Cash Settlement Amount is a negative figure, it shall be deemed to be zero;

- "Category N CBBCs" means a series of CBBCs where the Call Level is equal to the Strike Level;
- "Category R CBBCs" means a series of CBBCs where the Call Level is different from the Strike Level;
- "CCASS Settlement Day" has the meaning ascribed to the term "Settlement Day" in the CCASS Rules, subject to such modification and amendment prescribed by HKSCC from time to time;
- "Closing Level" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;
- "Day of Notification" means the Trading Day immediately following the day on which a Mandatory Call Event occurs:
- "Designated Bank Account" means the relevant bank account designated by each Holder;
- "Divisor" means the number specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;
- "Exchange Rate" means the rate specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;
- "Exercise Expenses" means any charges or expenses including any taxes or duties which are incurred in respect of the early expiration of CBBCs upon the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event or exercise of CBBCs upon expiry;
- "First Exchange Rate" means the rate specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;
- "General Conditions" means the general terms and conditions set out in Appendix 1 of the Base Listing Document;
- "Index" means the index specified in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document:
- "Index Business Day" means any day on which the Index Exchange is scheduled to open for trading for its regular trading sessions;
- "Index Compiler" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;
- "Index Currency Amount" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;
- "Index Exchange" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;
- "Interim Currency" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;
- "Last Trading Day" means the trading day on the Stock Exchange immediately preceding the Expiry Date;

"Mandatory Call Event" means that the Spot Level of the Index on any Index Business Day during the Observation Period is:

- (a) in the case of a series of bull CBBCs, at or below the Call Level; or
- (b) in the case of a series of bear CBBCs, at or above the Call Level;

# "Market Disruption Event" means:

- (a) the occurrence or existence on any Index Business Day during the one-half hour period that ends at the close of trading on the Index Exchange, of any of:
  - (i) the suspension or material limitation of the trading of a material number of constituent securities that comprise the Index; or
  - (ii) the suspension or material limitation of the trading of options or futures contracts relating to the Index on any exchanges on which such contracts are traded; or
  - (iii) the imposition of any exchange controls in respect of any currencies involved in determining the Cash Settlement Amount.

For the purposes of this paragraph (a), (X) the limitation of the number of hours or days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of any relevant exchange, and (Y) a limitation on trading imposed by reason of the movements in price exceeding the levels permitted by any relevant exchange will constitute a Market Disruption Event;

- (b) where the Index Exchange is the Stock Exchange, the issuance of the tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above or the issuance of a "BLACK" rainstorm signal on any day which either (i) results in the Stock Exchange being closed for trading for the entire day; or (ii) results in the Stock Exchange being closed prior to its regular time for close of trading for the relevant day (for the avoidance of doubt, in the case when the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for the morning trading session only, closed prior to its regular time for close of trading for the morning session), PROVIDED THAT there shall be no Market Disruption Event solely by reason of the Stock Exchange opening for trading later than its regular time for opening of trading on any day as a result of the tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above or the "BLACK" rainstorm signal having been issued;
- (c) a limitation or closure of the Index Exchange due to any unforeseen circumstances; or
- (d) any circumstances beyond the control of the Issuer in which the Closing Level or, if applicable, the Exchange Rate, the First Exchange Rate or the Second Exchange Rate (as the case may be) cannot be determined by the Issuer in the manner set out in these Product Conditions or in such other manner as the Issuer considers appropriate at such time after taking into account all the relevant circumstances;

"Maximum Index Level" means the highest Spot Level of the Index during the MCE Valuation Period;

"MCE Valuation Date" means the last Trading Day during the MCE Valuation Period;

#### "MCE Valuation Period" means:

(a) in respect of an Index Exchange located in Hong Kong, the period commencing from and including the moment upon which the Mandatory Call Event occurs (the trading session during which the Mandatory Call Event occurs is the "1st Session") and up to the end of the trading session on the Index Exchange immediately following the 1st Session ("2nd Session") unless, in the determination of the Issuer in its good faith, the 2nd Session for any reason (including, without limitation, a Market Disruption Event occurring and subsisting in the 2nd Session) does not contain any continuous period of 1 hour or more than 1 hour during which Spot Level(s) is/are available, the MCE Valuation Period shall be extended to the end of the subsequent trading session on the Index Exchange following the 2nd Session during which Spot Level(s) is/are available for a continuous period of at least 1 hour notwithstanding the existence or continuance of a Market Disruption Event in such postponed trading session unless the Issuer determines in its good faith that each trading session on each of the four Index Business Days immediately following the date on which the Mandatory Call Event occurs does not contain any continuous period of 1 hour or more than 1 hour during which Spot Levels are available.

#### In that case:

- (i) the period commencing from the 1st Session up to, and including, the last trading session of the fourth Index Business Day on the Index Exchange immediately following the date on which the Mandatory Call Event occurs shall be deemed to be the MCE Valuation Period; and
- (ii) the Issuer shall determine the Maximum Index Level or the Minimum Index Level (as the case may be) having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Spot Level of the Index and such other factors as the Issuer may determine to be relevant in its good faith.

For the avoidance of doubt, all Spot Levels available throughout the extended MCE Valuation Period shall be taken into account to determine the Maximum Index Level or the Minimum Index Level (as the case may be) for the calculation of the Residual Value.

For the purposes of this definition,

- (A) the pre-opening session, the morning session and, in the case of half day trading, the closing auction session (if any) of the same day; and
- (B) the afternoon session and the closing auction session (if any) of the same day,

shall each be considered as one trading session only; and

(b) in respect of an Index Exchange located outside Hong Kong, the period specified in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Minimum Index Level" means the lowest Spot Level of the Index during the MCE Valuation Period;

"Observation Commencement Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Observation Period" means the period commencing from and including the Observation Commencement Date up to and including the close of trading on the Last Trading Day. For the avoidance of doubt, the Observation Period shall not be extended notwithstanding that the Valuation Date shall not fall on the Last Trading Day;

"Post MCE Trades" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to such modification and amendment prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time;

"Price Source", if applicable, has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Product Conditions" means these product terms and conditions;

"Residual Value" means, in respect of every Board Lot, an amount calculated by the Issuer in accordance with the following formula (and, if appropriate, either, converted (if applicable) into the Settlement Currency at the Exchange Rate, or converted into the Interim Currency at the First Exchange Rate and then (if applicable) converted into Settlement Currency at the Second Exchange Rate):

(a) In the case of a series of bull CBBCs:

Residual Value per Board Lot = (Minimum Index Level - Strike Level) x one Board Lot x Index Currency Amount

Divisor

(b) In the case of a series of bear CBBCs:

Residual Value per Board Lot = (Strike Level - Maximum Index Level) x one Board Lot x Index Currency Amount Divisor

"Settlement Currency" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Settlement Date" means the third CCASS Settlement Day after (i) the end of the MCE Valuation Period or (ii) the later of: (a) the Expiry Date; and (b) the day on which the Closing Level is determined in accordance with the Conditions (as the case may be);

"Settlement Disruption Event" means an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer is unable to procure payment of the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) electronically through CCASS to the Designated Bank Account;

"Second Exchange Rate" means the rate specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"**Spot Level**" means, unless otherwise specified in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, the spot level of the Index as compiled and published by the Index Compiler;

"Strike Level" means the level specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Successor Index" means the successor index specified in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Trading Day" means any day on which the Stock Exchange is scheduled to be open for trading for its regular trading sessions;

"Trading Rules" means the Rules and Regulations of the Exchange prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time; and

"Valuation Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, provided that if the Issuer determines, in its sole discretion, that a Market Disruption Event has occurred on the Valuation Date, then the Issuer shall determine the Closing Level of the Index on the basis of its good faith estimate of the Closing Level that would have prevailed on that day but for the occurrence of the Market Disruption Event provided that the Issuer, if applicable, may, but will not be obliged to, determine such Closing Level by having regard to the manner in which futures contracts relating to the Index are calculated.

Other capitalised terms shall, unless otherwise defined herein, have the meaning ascribed to them in the Base Listing Document, the General Conditions, the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document or the Global Certificate.

# 2. Illegality or Impracticability

The Issuer is entitled to terminate the CBBCs if it determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner that, for reasons beyond its control, it has become or it will become illegal or impracticable:

- (a) for it to perform its obligations under the CBBCs, or for the Guarantor to perform its obligations under the Guarantee, in whole or in part as a result of:
  - (i) the adoption of, or any change in, any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law);
  - (ii) the promulgation of, or any change in, the interpretation by any court, tribunal, governmental, administrative, legislative, regulatory or judicial authority or power with competent jurisdiction of any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law),

(each of (i) and (ii), a "Change in Law Event"); or

(b) for it or any of its affiliates to maintain the Issuer's hedging arrangements with respect to the CBBCs due to a Change in Law Event.

Upon the occurrence of a Change in Law Event, the Issuer will, if and to the extent permitted by the applicable law or regulation, pay to each Holder a cash amount that the Issuer determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner to be the fair market value in respect of each CBBC held by such Holder immediately prior to such termination (ignoring such illegality or impracticability) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made to each Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 7.

# 3. Exercise of CBBCs

# 3.1 Exercise of CBBCs in Board Lots

CBBCs may only be exercised in Board Lots or integral multiples thereof.

#### 3.2 Automatic Exercise

If no Mandatory Call Event has occurred during the Observation Period, the CBBCs will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Expiry Date.

# 3.3 Mandatory Call Event

(a) Subject to Product Condition 3.3(b) below, following a Mandatory Call Event, the CBBCs will be terminated automatically and the Issuer will give a notice of the Mandatory Call Event and early expiry of the CBBCs (the "Announcement on MCE and Early Expiration") to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 7. Trading in the CBBCs will be suspended immediately upon a Mandatory Call Event and all Post MCE Trades will be cancelled and will not be recognised by the Stock Exchange or the Issuer.

In the case of Category R CBBCs, the Issuer will give a notice of the valuation of the Residual Value (the "Announcement on Valuation of Residual Value") to the Holders before the end of the trading session of the Stock Exchange immediately after the corresponding trading session of the Stock Exchange during which the MCE Valuation Period ends in accordance with General Condition 7.

- (b) A Mandatory Call Event is irrevocable unless it is triggered as a result of any of the following events:
  - (i) system malfunction or other technical errors of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited; or
  - (ii) manifest errors caused by the relevant third party price source where applicable;

and

- (A) in the case of a system malfunction or other technical errors prescribed in paragraph (i) above, such event is reported by the Stock Exchange to the Issuer and the Issuer and the Stock Exchange mutually agree that such Mandatory Call Event is to be revoked, and
- (B) in the case of an error by the relevant price source prescribed in paragraph (ii) above, such event is reported by the Issuer to the Stock Exchange, and the Issuer and the Stock Exchange mutually agree that such Mandatory Call Event is to be revoked,

in each case,

(A) in respect of an Index Exchange located in Hong Kong, such mutual agreement must be reached no later than 30 minutes before the commencement of trading (including the pre-opening session) (Hong Kong time) on the Day of Notification or such other time frame as prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time; or

- (B) in respect of an Index Exchange located outside Hong Kong:
  - (1) the revocation of the Mandatory Call Event is communicated to the other party by 30 minutes before the commencement of trading (including the pre-opening session) (Hong Kong time) on the Day of Notification or such other time frame as prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time; and
  - (2) the Issuer and the Stock Exchange mutually agree that such Mandatory Call Event is to be revoked on the Day of Notification.

In both cases:

- (C) the Mandatory Call Event so triggered will be reversed; and
- (D) all cancelled trades (if any) will be reinstated and trading of the CBBCs will resume no later than the Trading Day immediately following the Day of Notification in accordance with the rules and/ or requirements prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time.

#### 3.4 Entitlement

Every Board Lot of CBBCs entitles the Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Cash Settlement Amount (if any).

#### 3.5 Cancellation

Upon early expiration of the CBBCs at the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event or an automatic exercise of the CBBCs on the Expiry Date, the Issuer will, with effect from the first Business Day following the MCE Valuation Date or the Expiry Date (as the case may be) remove the name of the Holder from the Register in respect of the number of CBBCs which have expired or exercised (as the case may be) and thereby cancel the relevant CBBCs and if applicable, the Global Certificate.

# 3.6 Exercise Expenses

- (a) Any Exercise Expenses which were not determined by the Issuer:
  - (i) during the MCE Valuation Period following the Mandatory Call Event; or
  - (ii) otherwise, on the Expiry Date (as the case may be), and were not deducted from the Cash Settlement Amount prior to delivery to the Holder in accordance with Product Condition 3.7, shall be notified to the Holder as soon as practicable after determination thereof by the Issuer and shall be paid by the Holder to the Issuer immediately upon demand.
- (b) Holders shall note that they shall be responsible for additional costs and expenses in connection with any early expiration or exercise of the CBBCs including the Exercise Expenses which amount shall, to the extent necessary, be payable to the Issuer and collected from the Holders.

# 3.7 Cash Settlement

Upon early termination of the CBBCs following the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event or an automatic exercise of the CBBCs on the Expiry Date (as the case may be), the Issuer will, in respect of every Board Lot, pay the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses)(if any) to the relevant Holder. If the Cash Settlement Amount is equal to or less than the Exercise Expenses, no amount is payable by the Issuer.

The Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses)(if any) will be despatched no later than the Settlement Date by crediting that amount, in accordance with the CCASS Rules, to the Designated Bank Account.

If as a result of a Settlement Disruption Event, it is not possible for the Issuer to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder on the original Settlement Date, the Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder as soon as reasonably practicable after the original Settlement Date. The Issuer will not be liable to the Holder for any interest in respect of the amount due or any loss or damage that such Holder may suffer as a result of the existence of a Settlement Disruption Event.

#### 3.8 Responsibility of Issuer, Guarantor and Sponsor

None of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Sponsor or their respective agents shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation and dissemination of any variables published by a third party and used in any calculation made pursuant to these Product Conditions or in the calculation of the Cash Settlement Amount arising from such errors or omissions.

The purchase of CBBCs does not confer on any Holder of such CBBCs any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) in relation to the constituent securities, contracts, commodities or currencies comprising the Index.

# 3.9 Liability of Issuer, Guarantor and Sponsor

Exercise and settlement of the CBBCs is subject to all applicable laws, rules, regulations and guidelines in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer, the Guarantor nor the Sponsor shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, rules, regulations or guidelines. Neither the Issuer, the Guarantor nor the Sponsor shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of the CCASS in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the CBBCs.

# 3.10 Trading

Subject to Product Condition 3.3(b), trading in CBBCs on the Stock Exchange shall cease:

- (a) immediately upon the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event; or
- (b) at the close of trading for the Trading Day immediately preceding the Expiry Date, whichever is the earlier.

#### 4. Adjustments to the Index

#### 4.1 Successor Index Compiler Calculates and Reports Index

If the Index is:

- (a) not calculated and announced by the Index Compiler but is calculated and published by a successor to the Index Compiler (the "Successor Index Compiler") acceptable to the Issuer; or
- (b) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Issuer, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index,

then the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by the Successor Index Compiler or that successor index, as the case may be.

# 4.2 Modification and Cessation of Calculation of Index

If:

- (a) on any Index Business Day before the Expiry Date, the Index Compiler or (if applicable) the Successor Index Compiler makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating the Index or in any other way materially modifies the Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent securities, contracts, commodities or currencies and other routine events); or
- (b) on any Index Business Day before the Expiry Date, the Index Compiler or (if applicable) the Successor Index Compiler fails to calculate and publish the Index (other than as a result of a Market Disruption Event),

then the Issuer shall determine the Closing Level using, in lieu of a published level for the Index, the level for the Index as at that Index Business Day as determined by the Issuer in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to that change or failure, but using only those securities, contracts, commodities or currencies that comprised the Index immediately prior to that change or failure (other than those securities, contracts, commodities or currencies that have since ceased to be listed on the relevant exchange).

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# PART C — PRODUCT CONDITIONS OF CASH SETTLED CALLABLE BULL/BEAR CONTRACTS OVER EXCHANGE TRADED FUND

These Product Conditions will, together with the General Conditions and the supplemental provisions contained in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to completion and amendment, be endorsed on the Global Certificate. The relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document in relation to the issue of any series of CBBCs may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Product Conditions, replace or modify these Product Conditions for the purpose of such series of CBBCs. Capitalised terms used in these Product Conditions and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document.

#### 1. Definitions

For the purposes of these Product Conditions:

"Business Day" means a day (excluding Saturdays) on which the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for dealings in Hong Kong and banks are open for business in Hong Kong;

"Call Price" means the price specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

#### "Cash Settlement Amount" means:

- (a) following a Mandatory Call Event:
  - (i) in the case of a series of Category R CBBCs, the Residual Value; or
  - (ii) in the case of a series of Category N CBBCs, zero; and
- (b) at expiry:
  - (i) in the case of a series of bull CBBCs:

(ii) In the case of a series of bear CBBCs:

For the avoidance of doubt, if the Cash Settlement Amount is a negative figure, it shall be deemed to be zero;

"Category N CBBCs" means a series of CBBCs where the Call Price is equal to the Strike Price;

"Category R CBBCs" means a series of CBBCs where the Call Price is different from the Strike Price;

- "CCASS Settlement Day" has the meaning ascribed to the term "Settlement Day" in the CCASS Rules, subject to such modification and amendment prescribed by HKSCC from time to time;
- "Closing Price" means the closing price of one Unit, as derived from the Daily Quotation Sheet of the Stock Exchange, subject to any adjustment to such closing price as may be necessary to reflect any event as contemplated in Product Condition 4 such as capitalisation, rights issue, distribution or the like on the Valuation Date;
- "Day of Notification" means the Trading Day immediately following the day on which a Mandatory Call Event occurs;
- "Designated Bank Account" means the relevant bank account designated by each Holder;
- "Entitlement" means the number specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;
- "Exercise Expenses" means any charges or expenses including any taxes or duties which are incurred in respect of the early expiration of CBBCs upon the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event or exercise of CBBCs upon expiry;
- "Fund" means the exchange traded fund specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;
- "General Conditions" means the general terms and conditions set out in Appendix 1 of the Base Listing Document;
- "Last Trading Day" means the trading day on the Stock Exchange immediately preceding the Expiry Date;
- "Mandatory Call Event" means that the Spot Price of the Units on any Trading Day during the Observation Period is:
- (a) in the case of a series of bull CBBCs, at or below the Call Price; or
- (b) in the case of a series of bear CBBCs, at or above the Call Price;

# "Market Disruption Event" means:

- (a) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one-half hour period that ends at the close of trading of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading (by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the Stock Exchange or otherwise) on the Stock Exchange in (i) the Units; or (ii) any options or futures contracts relating to the Units if, in any such case, such suspension or limitation is, in the determination of the Issuer, material;
- (b) the issuance of the tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above or the issuance of a "BLACK" rainstorm signal on any day which either (i) results in the Stock Exchange being closed for trading for the entire day; or (ii) results in the Stock Exchange being closed prior to its regular time for close of trading for the relevant day (for the avoidance of doubt, in the case when the Stock Exchange is scheduled to open for the morning trading session only, closed prior to its regular time for close of trading for the morning session), PROVIDED THAT there shall be no Market Disruption Event solely by reason of the Stock Exchange opening for trading later than its regular time for the opening of trading on any day as a result of the tropical cyclone warning signal number 8 or above or the "BLACK" rainstorm signal having been issued; or
- (c) a limitation or closure of the Stock Exchange due to any unforeseen circumstances;

"Maximum Trade Price" means the highest Spot Price of the Units (subject to any adjustment to such Spot Price as may be necessary to reflect any event as contemplated in Product Condition 4 such as capitalisation, rights issue, distribution or the like) during the MCE Valuation Period;

"MCE Valuation Date" means the last Trading Day during the MCE Valuation Period;

"MCE Valuation Period" means the period commencing from and including the moment upon which the Mandatory Call Event occurs (the trading session during which the Mandatory Call Event occurs is the "1st Session") and up to the end of the trading session on the Stock Exchange immediately following the 1st Session ("2nd Session") unless, in the determination of the Issuer in its good faith, the 2nd Session for any reason (including, without limitation, a Market Disruption Event occurring and subsisting in the 2nd Session) does not contain any continuous period of 1 hour or more than 1 hour during which trading in the Units is permitted on the Stock Exchange with no limitation imposed, the MCE Valuation Period shall be extended to the end of the subsequent trading session following the 2nd Session during which trading in the Units is permitted on the Stock Exchange with no limitation imposed for a continuous period of at least 1 hour notwithstanding the existence or continuance of a Market Disruption Event in such postponed trading session, unless the Issuer determines in its good faith that each trading session on each of the four Trading Days immediately following the date on which the Mandatory Call Event occurs does not contain any continuous period of 1 hour or more than 1 hour during which trading in the Units is permitted on the Stock Exchange with no limitation imposed.

#### In that case:

- (a) the period commencing from the 1st Session up to, and including, the last trading session on the Stock Exchange of the fourth Trading Day immediately following the date on which the Mandatory Call Event occurs shall be deemed to be the MCE Valuation Period; and
- (b) the Issuer shall determine the Maximum Trade Price or the Minimum Trade Price (as the case may be) having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported Spot Price and such other factors as the Issuer may determine to be relevant in its good faith.

For the avoidance of doubt, all Spot Prices available throughout the extended MCE Valuation Period shall be taken into account to determine the Maximum Trade Price or the Minimum Trade Price (as the case may be) for the calculation of the Residual Value.

For the purposes of this definition,

- (A) the pre-opening session, the morning session and, in the case of half day trading, the closing auction session (if any) of the same day; and
- (B) the afternoon session and the closing auction session (if any) of the same day,

shall each be considered as one trading session only;

"Minimum Trade Price" means the lowest Spot Price of the Units (subject to any adjustment to such Spot Price as may be necessary to reflect any event as contemplated in Product Condition 4 such as capitalisation, rights issue, distribution or the like) during the MCE Valuation Period;

"Number of CBBC(s) per Entitlement" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Observation Commencement Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Observation Period" means the period commencing from and including the Observation Commencement Date up to and including the close of trading on the Stock Exchange on the Last Trading Day. For the avoidance of doubt, the Observation Period shall not be extended notwithstanding the Valuation Date shall not fall on the Last Trading Day;

"Post MCE Trades" has the meaning given to it in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to such modification and amendment prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time;

"Product Conditions" means these product terms and conditions;

#### "Residual Value" means:

(a) In the case of a series of bull CBBCs:

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Residual Value per Board Lot = Entitlement x (Minimum Trade Price - Strike Price) x one Board Lot

Number of CBBC(s) per Entitlement
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(b) In the case of a series of bear CBBCs:

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Residual Value per Board Lot = Entitlement x (Strike Price - Maximum Trade Price) x one Board Lot

Number of CBBC(s) per Entitlement
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"Settlement Currency" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document;

"Settlement Date" means the third CCASS Settlement Day after (i) the end of the MCE Valuation Period or (ii) the later of: (a) the Expiry Date; and (b) the day on which the Closing Price is determined in accordance with the Conditions (as the case may be);

"Settlement Disruption Event" means an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer is unable to procure payment of the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) electronically through CCASS to the Designated Bank Account;

#### "Spot Price" means:

- (a) in respect of a continuous trading session of the Stock Exchange, the price per Unit concluded by means of automatic order matching on the Stock Exchange as reported in the official real-time dissemination mechanism for the Stock Exchange during such continuous trading session in accordance with the Trading Rules, excluding direct business (as defined in the Trading Rules); and
- (b) in respect of a pre-opening session or a closing auction session (if applicable) of the Stock Exchange, as the case may be, the final Indicative Equilibrium Price (as defined in the Trading Rules) of the Unit (if any) calculated at the end of the pre-order matching period of such pre-opening session or closing auction session (if applicable), as the case may be, in accordance with the Trading Rules, excluding direct business (as defined in the Trading Rules),

subject to such modification and amendment prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time;

"Strike Price" means the price specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

"Trading Day" means any day on which the Stock Exchange is scheduled to be open for trading for its regular trading sessions;

"Trading Rules" means the Rules and Regulations of the Exchange prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time;

"Unit" means the share or unit of the Fund specified as such in the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document and "Units" shall be construed accordingly; and

"Valuation Date" means the Trading Day immediately preceding the Expiry Date unless, in the determination of the Issuer, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case, the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Issuer determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Issuer determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the four Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Valuation Date. In that case:

- (a) the fourth Trading Day immediately following the original date shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and
- (b) the Issuer shall determine the Closing Price of the Units having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Units on the Stock Exchange and such other factors as the Issuer determines to be relevant.

Other capitalised terms shall, unless otherwise defined herein, have the meaning ascribed to them in the Base Listing Document, the General Conditions, the relevant Launch Announcement and Supplemental Listing Document or the Global Certificate.

# 2. Illegality or Impracticability

The Issuer is entitled to terminate the CBBCs if it determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner that, for reasons beyond its control, it has become or it will become illegal or impracticable:

- (a) for it to perform its obligations under the CBBCs, or for the Guarantor to perform its obligations under the Guarantee, in whole or in part as a result of:
  - (i) the adoption of, or any change in, any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law); or
  - (ii) the promulgation of, or any change in, the interpretation by any court, tribunal, governmental, administrative, legislative, regulatory or judicial authority or power with competent jurisdiction of any relevant law or regulation (including any tax law),

(each of (i) and (ii), a "Change in Law Event"); or

(b) for it or any of its affiliates to maintain the Issuer's hedging arrangements with respect to the CBBCs due to a Change in Law Event.

Upon the occurrence of a Change in Law Event, the Issuer will, if and to the extent permitted by the applicable law or regulation, pay to each Holder a cash amount that the Issuer determines in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner to be the fair market value in respect of each CBBC held by such Holder immediately prior to such termination (ignoring such illegality or impracticability) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made to each Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 7.

#### 3. Exercise of CBBCs

# 3.1 Exercise of CBBCs in Board Lots

CBBCs may only be exercised in Board Lots or integral multiples thereof.

#### 3.2 Automatic Exercise

If no Mandatory Call Event has occurred during the Observation Period, the CBBCs will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Expiry Date.

#### 3.3 Mandatory Call Event

(a) Subject to Product Condition 3.3(b), following a Mandatory Call Event, the CBBCs will be terminated automatically and the Issuer will give a notice of the Mandatory Call Event and early expiry of the CBBCs (the "Announcement on MCE and Early Expiration") to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 7. Trading in the CBBCs will be suspended immediately upon a Mandatory Call Event and all Post MCE Trades will be cancelled and will not be recognised by the Stock Exchange or the Issuer.

In the case of Category R CBBCs, the Issuer will give a notice of the valuation of the Residual Value (the "Announcement on Valuation of Residual Value") to the Holders before the end of the trading session immediately after the MCE Valuation Period in accordance with General Condition 7.

- (b) A Mandatory Call Event is irrevocable unless it is triggered as a result of any of the following events:
  - (i) system malfunction or other technical errors of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited; or
  - (ii) manifest errors caused by the relevant third party price source where applicable;

and

- (A) in the case of a system malfunction or other technical errors prescribed in paragraph (i) above, such event is reported by the Stock Exchange to the Issuer, and the Issuer and the Stock Exchange mutually agree that such Mandatory Call Event is to be revoked, and
- (B) in the case of an error by the relevant price source prescribed in paragraph (ii) above, such event is reported by the Issuer to the Stock Exchange, and the Issuer and the Stock Exchange mutually agree that such Mandatory Call Event is to be revoked,

in each case, such mutual agreement must be reached no later than 30 minutes before the commencement of trading (including the pre-opening session) (Hong Kong time) on the Day of Notification or such other time frame as prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time,

in which case, (A) the Mandatory Call Event so triggered will be reversed; and (B) all cancelled trades (if any) will be reinstated and trading of the CBBCs will resume no later than the Trading Day immediately following the Day of Notification in accordance with the rules and/or requirements prescribed by the Stock Exchange from time to time.

# 3.4 Entitlement

Every Board Lot of CBBCs entitles the Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Cash Settlement Amount (if any).

#### 3.5 Cancellation

Upon early expiration of the CBBCs at the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event or an automatic exercise of the CBBCs on the Expiry Date, the Issuer will, with effect from the first Business Day following the MCE Valuation Date or the Expiry Date (as the case may be) remove the name of the Holder from the Register in respect of the number of CBBCs which have expired or exercised (as the case may be) and thereby cancel the relevant CBBCs and if applicable, the Global Certificate.

#### 3.6 Exercise Expenses

- (a) Any Exercise Expenses which were not determined by the Issuer:
  - (i) during the MCE Valuation Period following the Mandatory Call Event; or
  - (ii) otherwise, on the Expiry Date (as the case may be), and were not deducted from the Cash Settlement Amount prior to delivery to the Holder in accordance with Product Condition 3.7, shall be notified to the Holder as soon as practicable after determination thereof by the Issuer and shall be paid by the Holder to the Issuer immediately upon demand.
- (b) Holders shall note that they shall be responsible for additional costs and expenses in connection with any early expiration or exercise of the CBBCs including the Exercise Expenses which amount shall, to the extent necessary, be payable to the Issuer and collected from the Holders.

#### 3.7 Cash Settlement

Upon early expiration of the CBBCs following the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event or an automatic exercise of the CBBCs on the Expiry Date (as the case may be), the Issuer will, in respect of every Board Lot, pay the Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses) (if any) to the relevant Holder. If the Cash Settlement Amount is equal to or less than the Exercise Expenses, no amount is payable by the Issuer.

The Cash Settlement Amount (net of any Exercise Expenses) (if any) will be despatched no later than the Settlement Date by crediting that amount, in accordance with the CCASS Rules, to the Designated Bank Account.

If as a result of a Settlement Disruption Event, it is not possible for the Issuer to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder on the original Settlement Date, the Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to procure payment electronically through CCASS by crediting the relevant Designated Bank Account of the Holder as

soon as reasonably practicable after the original Settlement Date. The Issuer will not be liable to the Holder for any interest in respect of the amount due or any loss or damage that such Holder may suffer as a result of the existence of a Settlement Disruption Event.

## 3.8 Responsibility of Issuer, Guarantor and Sponsor

None of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Sponsor or their respective agents shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation and dissemination of any variables published by a third party and used in any calculation made pursuant to these Product Conditions or in the calculation of the Cash Settlement Amount arising from such errors or omissions.

The purchase of CBBCs does not confer on any Holder of such CBBCs any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) in relation to the Units.

#### 3.9 Liability of Issuer, Guarantor and Sponsor

Exercise and settlement of the CBBCs is subject to all applicable laws, rules, regulations and guidelines in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer, the Guarantor, nor the Sponsor shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, rules, regulations or guidelines. Neither the Issuer, the Guarantor, nor the Sponsor shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of the CCASS in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the CBBCs.

#### 3.10 Trading

Subject to Product Condition 3.3(b), trading in CBBCs on the Stock Exchange shall cease:

- (a) immediately upon the occurrence of a Mandatory Call Event; or
- (b) at the close of trading for the Trading Day immediately preceding the Expiry Date, whichever is the earlier.

### 4. Adjustments

# 4.1 Rights Issues

If and whenever the Fund shall, by way of Rights (as defined below), offer new Units for subscription at a fixed subscription price to the holders of existing Units pro rata to existing holdings (a "Rights Offer"), the Entitlement will be adjusted to take effect on the Business Day ("Rights Issue Adjustment Date") on which trading in the Units becomes ex-entitlement in accordance with the following formula:

Adjusted Entitlement = Adjustment Factor x E

Where:

Adjustment Factor = 
$$\frac{1 + M}{1 + (R/S) \times M}$$

- E: Existing Entitlement immediately prior to the Rights Offer
- S: Cum-Rights Unit price determined by the closing price on the Stock Exchange on the last Business Day on which Units are traded on a cum-Rights basis

R: Subscription price per Unit as specified in the Rights Offer plus an amount equal to any distributions or other benefits foregone to exercise the Rights

M: Number of new Unit(s) (whether a whole or a fraction) per existing Unit each holder thereof is entitled to subscribe

Provided that if the adjustment to be made would result in the Entitlement being changed by one per cent. or less, then no adjustment will be made. In addition, the Issuer shall adjust the Strike Price and the Call Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) by the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor, where the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor means one divided by the relevant Adjustment Factor. The adjustment to the Strike Price and the Call Price shall take effect on the Rights Issue Adjustment Date.

For the purposes of these Product Conditions:

"Rights" means the right(s) attached to each existing Unit or needed to acquire one new Unit (as the case may be) which are given to the holders of existing Units to subscribe at a fixed subscription price for new Units pursuant to the Rights Offer (whether by the exercise of one Right, a part of a Right or an aggregate number of Rights).

#### 4.2 Bonus Issues

If and whenever the Fund shall make an issue of Units credited as fully paid to the holders of Units generally (other than pursuant to a scrip distribution or similar scheme for the time being operated by the Fund or otherwise in lieu of a cash distribution and without any payment or other consideration being made or given by such holders) (a "Bonus Issue") the Entitlement will be increased on the Business Day ("Bonus Issue Adjustment Date") on which trading in the Units becomes ex-entitlement in accordance with the following formula:

Adjusted Entitlement = Adjustment Factor x E

Where:

Adjustment Factor = 1 + N

E: Existing Entitlement immediately prior to the Bonus Issue

N: Number of additional Units (whether a whole or a fraction) received by a holder of existing Units for each Unit held prior to the Bonus Issue

Provided that if the adjustment to be made would result in the Entitlement being changed by one per cent. or less, then no adjustment will be made. In addition, the Issuer shall adjust the Strike Price and the Call Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) by the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor, where the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor means one divided by the relevant Adjustment Factor. The adjustment to the Strike Price and the Call Price shall take effect on the Bonus Issue Adjustment Date.

# 4.3 Subdivisions or Consolidations

If and whenever the Fund shall subdivide its Units or any class of its outstanding Units into a greater number of units or shares (a "Subdivision") or consolidate the Units or any class of its outstanding Units into a smaller number of units or shares (a "Consolidation"), then:

- (i) in the case of a Subdivision, the Entitlement in effect immediately prior thereto will be increased whereas the Strike Price and the Call Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) will be decreased in the same ratio as the Subdivision; and
- (ii) in the case of a Consolidation, the Entitlement in effect immediately prior thereto will be decreased whereas the Strike Price and the Call Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) will be increased in the same ratio as the Consolidation,

in each case on the day on which the Subdivision or Consolidation (as the case may be) shall have taken effect.

#### 4.4 Merger or Consolidation

If it is announced that the Fund is to or may merge or consolidate with or into any other trust or corporation (including becoming, by agreement or otherwise, controlled by any person or corporation) (except where the Fund is the surviving entity in a merger) or that it is to or may sell or transfer all or substantially all of its assets, the rights attaching to the CBBCs may in the absolute discretion of the Issuer be amended no later than the Business Day preceding the consummation of such merger, consolidation, sale or transfer (each a "Restructuring Event") (as determined by the Issuer in its absolute discretion).

The rights attaching to the CBBCs after the adjustment shall, after such Restructuring Event, relate to the number of units or shares of the trust(s) or corporation(s) resulting from or surviving such Restructuring Event or other securities ("Substituted Securities") and/or cash offered in substitution for the affected Units, as the case may be, to which the holder of such number of Units to which the CBBCs related immediately before such Restructuring Event would have been entitled upon such Restructuring Event. Thereafter the provisions hereof shall apply to such Substituted Securities, provided that any Substituted Securities may, in the absolute discretion of the Issuer, be deemed to be replaced by an amount in the relevant currency equal to the market value or, if no market value is available, fair value, of such Substituted Securities in each case as determined by the Issuer as soon as practicable after such Restructuring Event is effected.

For the avoidance of doubt, any remaining Units shall not be affected by this Product Condition 4.4 and, where cash is offered in substitution for Units or is deemed to replace Substituted Securities as described above, references in these Product Conditions to the Units shall include any such cash.

# 4.5 Cash Distribution

No adjustment will be made for an ordinary cash distribution (whether or not it is offered with a scrip alternative) ("Ordinary Distribution"). For any other forms of cash distribution ("Cash Distribution") announced by the Fund, such as a cash bonus, special distribution or extraordinary distribution, no adjustment will be made unless the value of the Cash Distribution accounts for 2 per cent. or more of the Unit's closing price on the day of announcement by the Fund.

If and whenever the Fund shall make a Cash Distribution credited as fully paid to the holders of Units generally, the Entitlement shall be adjusted to take effect on the Business Day on which trading in the Units becomes ex-entitlement in respect of the relevant Cash Distribution ("Cash Distribution Adjustment Date") in accordance with the following formula:

Adjusted Entitlement = Adjustment Factor x E

Where:

Adjustment Factor = 
$$\frac{S - OD}{S - OD - CD}$$

E: Existing Entitlement immediately prior to the Cash Distribution

S: The closing price of the Unit on the Stock Exchange on the Business Day immediately preceding the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date

CD: The Cash Distribution per Unit

OD: The Ordinary Distribution per Unit, provided that the date on which the Units are traded on an ex-Ordinary Distribution basis is the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date. For the avoidance of doubt, the OD shall be zero if the date on which the Units are traded on an ex-Ordinary Distribution basis is not the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date

In addition, the Issuer shall adjust the Strike Price and the Call Price (which shall be rounded to the nearest 0.001) by the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor, where the reciprocal of the Adjustment Factor means one divided by the relevant Adjustment Factor. The adjustment to the Strike Price and the Call Price shall take effect on the Cash Distribution Adjustment Date.

#### 5. Termination or Liquidation

In the event of a Termination, liquidation or dissolution of the Fund or, if applicable, the trustee of the Fund (including any successor trustee appointed from time to time) ("Trustee") (in its capacity as trustee of the Fund) or the appointment of a liquidator, receiver or administrator or analogous person under Hong Kong law in respect of the whole or substantially the whole of the Fund's or the Trustee's (as the case may be) undertaking, property or assets, all unexercised CBBCs will lapse and shall cease to be valid for any purpose. In the case of a Termination, the unexercised CBBCs will lapse and shall cease to be valid on the effective date of the Termination, in the case of voluntary liquidation, on the effective date of the relevant resolution and, in the case of an involuntary liquidation or dissolution, on the date of the relevant court order or, in the case of the appointment of a liquidator or receiver or administrator or analogous person under any applicable law in respect of the whole or substantially the whole of such Fund's or Trustee's (as the case may be) undertaking, property or assets, on the date when such appointment is effective but subject (in any such case) to any contrary mandatory requirement of law.

For the purpose of this Product Condition 5, "Termination" means (i) the Fund is terminated or required to be terminated for whatever reason, or the termination of the Fund commences; (ii) where applicable, the Fund is held or is conceded by the Trustee or the manager of the Fund (including any successor manager appointed from time to time) not to have been constituted or to have been imperfectly constituted; (iii) where applicable, the Trustee ceases to be authorised under the Fund to hold the property of the Fund in its name and perform its obligations under the trust deed constituting the Fund; or (iv) the Fund ceases to be authorised as an authorised collective investment scheme under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

# 6. Delisting

#### 6.1 Adjustments following delisting

If at any time the Units cease to be listed on the Stock Exchange, the Issuer shall give effect to these Product Conditions in such manner and make such adjustments to the rights attaching to the CBBCs as it shall, in its absolute discretion, consider appropriate to ensure, so far as it is reasonably able to do so, that the interests of the Holders generally are not materially prejudiced as a consequence of such delisting (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences that may result in any particular jurisdiction).

#### 6.2 Listing on another exchange

Without prejudice to the generality of Product Condition 6.1, where the Units are, or, upon the delisting, become, listed on any other stock exchange, these Product Conditions may, in the absolute discretion of the Issuer, be amended to the extent necessary to allow for the substitution of that other stock exchange in place of the Stock Exchange and the Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders, make such adjustments to the entitlements of Holders on exercise (including, if appropriate, by converting foreign currency amounts at prevailing market rates into the relevant currency) as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

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# APPENDIX 5 — A BRIEF GUIDE TO CREDIT RATINGS

Information set out in this Appendix 5 is based on, extracted or reproduced from the website of S&P at https://www.spglobal.com/ratings/en/ and the website of Moody's at https://www.moodys.com, as at the day immediately preceding the date of this document. Information appearing on those websites does not form part of this document, and we accept no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of the information appearing on those websites, except that we have accurately extracted and reproduced such information in this Appendix 5 and take responsibility for such extraction and reproduction. We have not separately verified such information. There can be no assurance that such information will not be revised by the relevant rating agency in the future and we have no responsibility to notify you of such change. If you are unsure about any information provided in this Appendix 5 and/or what a credit rating means, you should seek independent professional advice.

#### What is a credit rating?

A credit rating is a forward looking opinion by a credit rating agency of a company's overall ability to meet its financial obligations. The focus is on the company's capacity to pay its debts as they become due. The rating does not necessarily apply to any specific obligation.

# What do the credit ratings mean?

Below are guidelines issued by S&P and Moody's on what each of their investment-grade ratings means as at the day immediately preceding the date of this document.

#### S&P long-term issuer credit ratings

#### AAA

An obligor rated 'AAA' has extremely strong capacity to meet its financial commitments. 'AAA' is the highest issuer credit rating assigned by S&P.

#### AA

An obligor rated 'AA' has very strong capacity to meet its financial commitments.

#### Α

An obligor rated 'A' has strong capacity to meet its financial commitments but is somewhat susceptible to adverse economic conditions and changes in circumstances.

#### BBB

An obligor rated 'BBB' has adequate capacity to meet its financial commitments, but is more subject to adverse economic conditions.

Plus (+) or minus (-)

The above ratings (except for 'AAA') may be modified by the addition of a plus or minus sign to show relative standing within the rating categories.

Please refer to https://disclosure.spglobal.com/ratings/en/regulatory/article/-/view/sourceId/504352 for further details.

# Moody's long-term ratings definitions

Aaa

Obligations rated Aaa are judged to be of the highest quality, with minimal risk.

Aa

Obligations rated Aa are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.

A

Obligations rated A are considered upper medium-grade and are subject to low credit risk.

Baa

Obligations rated Baa are subject to moderate credit risk. They are considered medium-grade and as such may possess speculative characteristics.

Modifiers "1", "2" and "3"

Moody's appends numerical modifiers 1, 2 and 3 to each of the above generic rating classifications (except for Aaa). The modifier 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category.

Please refer to https://ratings.moodys.io/ratings for further details.

# **Rating Outlooks**

A rating outlook is an opinion regarding the likely rating direction over the medium term (for example, this is typically six months to two years for S&P). A rating outlook issued by S&P or Moody's will usually indicate whether the rating direction is likely to be "positive", "negative", "stable" or "developing". Please refer to the abovementioned websites of the relevant credit rating agencies for further details regarding rating outlooks published by the relevant credit rating agencies.

# APPENDIX 6 — AUDITORS' REPORT AND THE GUARANTOR'S CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The information in this Appendix 6 is the Guarantor's Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021. Auditors' report and the Guarantor's Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 are free English translations of the French original versions. References to page numbers on the following pages are to the page numbers of such Consolidated Financial Statements. We draw your attention to the fact that the information presented in Chapter 5 of the Guarantor's registration document and identified by the word "Audited", which is an integral part of the notes to the Guarantor's consolidated financial statements, is not included in the Base Listing Document (except for Chapter 5.3 of the Guarantor's registration document, an extract of which is included in the Base Listing Document under the section headed "Description of the Guarantor"). The Auditors' report only covers the Guarantor's consolidated financial statements as at 31 December 2021 and for the year then ended, including the information referred to above which is an integral part of those financial statements.

# Statutory Auditors' report on the consolidated financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2021

This is a free translation into English of the Statutory Auditors' report issued in French and is provided solely for the convenience of English speaking readers. This report includes information specifically required by European regulations or French law, such as information about the appointment of Statutory Auditors. This report should be read in conjunction with, and construed in accordance with, French law and professional auditing standards applicable in France.

To the Shareholders.

#### **BNP Paribas SA**

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#### **Opinion**

In compliance with the engagement entrusted to us by your Annual General Meeting, we have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of BNP Paribas SA for the year ended 31 December 2021.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities and of the financial position of the Group at 31 December 2021 and of the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union.

The audit opinion expressed above is consistent with our report to the Financial Statements Committee.

# **Basis for opinion**

#### Audit framework

We conducted our audit in accordance with professional standards applicable in France. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our responsibilities under these standards are further described in the "Responsibilities of the Statutory Auditors relating to the audit of the consolidated financial statements" section of our report.

#### Independence

We conducted our audit engagement in compliance with the independence rules provided for in the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*) and the French Code of Ethics (*Code de déontologie*) for Statutory Auditors for the period from 1 January 2021 to the date of our report, and, in particular, we did not provide any non-audit services prohibited by article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) No. 537/2014.

#### Emphasis of matter

Without qualifying our conclusion, we draw your attention to the paragraph «Employee benefits» of Note 1.j which sets out the effects on the consolidated financial statements at 31 December 2021 of the application of the IFRIC decision on the commitments to be recognised in respect of certain postemployment benefit plans.

# Justification of assessments - Key audit matters

Due to the global crisis related to the Covid-19 pandemic, the financial statements of this period have been prepared and audited under specific conditions. Indeed, this crisis and the exceptional measures taken in the context of the state of sanitary emergency have had numerous consequences for companies, particularly on their operations and their financing, and have led to greater uncertainties on their future prospects. Those measures, such as travel restrictions and remote working, have also had an impact on the companies' internal organisation and the performance of the audits.

It is in this complex and evolving context that, in accordance with the requirements of articles L. 823-9 and R. 823-7 of the French Commercial Code relating to the justification of our assessments, we inform you of the key audit matters relating to the risks of material misstatement that, in our professional judgement, were the most significant in our audit of the consolidated financial statements, as well as how we addressed those risks.

These matters were addressed as part of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and therefore contributed to the opinion we formed as expressed above. We do not provide a separate opinion on specific items of the consolidated financial statements.

## Assessment of credit risk and measurement of impairment losses (stages 1, 2 and 3) on customer loan portfolios

(See Notes 1.e.5, 1.e.6, 1.o, 2.h, 4.e, 4.f, 4.p and 7.d to the consolidated financial statements)

## **Description of risk**

BNP Paribas recognises impairment losses to hedge the credit risks inherent to its banking intermediation activities.

Despite the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the global economy recovered strongly in 2021. Uncertainties remain, however, as to the extent and sustainability of this recovery, particularly for specific economic sectors.

In this environment marked by continued high uncertainty relating to the unprecedented environment created by the Covid-19 crisis, the measurement of expected credit losses for customer loan portfolios required the BNP Paribas Group to exercise significant judgement and to take into account assumptions, in particular in order to:

- assess the significant deterioration in credit risk to classify outstandings in stage 1, stage 2, or stage 3 according to geographical region and industries that are still affected by the crisis;
- prepare macro-economic and sector-specific projections which are integrated into both the criteria for recognising deterioration and in the measurement of expected losses;
- estimate the amount of expected losses according to the different stages and taking into account a medium-term perspective of economic growth;

As of December 31, 2021, the total amount of outstanding customer loans exposed to credit risk amounted to EUR 884 billion, impaired by EUR 20 billion (of which EUR 51 billion and EUR 0.5 billion euros regarding BancWest).

We deemed the assessment of credit risk and the measurement of impairment losses to be a key audit matter insofar as management is required to exercise judgement and make estimates, particularly in the context of the uncertainty linked to the pandemic and its effects on the default level of counterparties.

## How our audit addressed this risk

We concentrated our work on the most significant outstandings and/or customer loan portfolios at the reporting date as well as on the credit granted to companies operating in economic sectors or geographic regions most impacted by the change in risks.

We assessed the relevance of BNP Paribas' internal control system, particularly its adaptation to the Covid-19 context, and tested the manual and computerised controls for assessing credit risk and measuring expected losses

Our work was stepped up to take into account the change of risks and greater level of uncertainty and focused in particular on:

- classification of outstandings by stage: we assessed whether the change of risks was taken into account in estimating the indicators applicable to the various business lines to measure the significant deterioration in credit risk, particularly the rating of corporate counterparties. We paid particular attention to the sectors still affected by the Covid-19 crisis.
- measurement of expected losses (stages 1, 2 and 3):
  - assisted by our credit risk experts and relying on the internal system for independent validation of BNP Paribas' models, we assessed the methodologies as well as the assumptions underlying the macro-economic and sector-specific projections used by BNP Paribas across the various business lines, the proper integration of said projections into the information system and the effectiveness of the data quality controls; we paid particular attention to changes in the adjustments made during the past year to the models to factor in, based on available information, the effects of the Covid-19 crisis on the sectors still at risk and the prospective macro-economic projections;
  - with regard to impairment losses on outstanding loans to companies classified in stage 3, we verified that a periodic review of the counterparties under surveillance had been carried out by BNP Paribas and assessed the assumptions and data used by management to estimate impairment.

In addition, we examined the disclosures in the notes to the consolidated financial statements with respect to credit risk in the evolving context of the pandemic and particularly the disclosures required by IFRS 9 regarding credit risk.

## Valuation of financial instruments

(See Notes 1.e.7, 1.e.10, 1.o, 2.a, 2.c, 4.a and 4.d to the consolidated financial statements)

## **Description of risk**

As part of its trading activities, BNP Paribas holds financial instruments (assets and liabilities) which are recognised in the balance sheet at market value.

Market value is determined according to different approaches, depending on the type of instrument and its complexity: (i) using directly observable quoted prices (instruments classified in level 1 of the fair value hierarchy); (ii) using valuation models whose main inputs are observable (instruments classified in level 2); and (iii) using valuation models whose main inputs are unobservable (instruments classified in level 3).

The valuations obtained may be subject to additional value adjustments to take into account certain specific trading, liquidity or counterparty risks.

The techniques adopted by management to measure these instruments may therefore involve significant judgement as regards the models and data used.

At 31 December 2021, financial instruments represented EUR 669 billion (of which EUR 5.3 billion for level 3 instruments) under assets and EUR 641 billion (of which EUR 10.3 billion for level 3 instruments) under liabilities.

In light of the materiality of the outstandings and the judgement used to determine market value, we deemed the measurement of financial instruments to be a key audit matter, in particular the measurement of level 3 instruments given the use of unobservable inputs.

#### How our audit addressed this risk

Assisted by our valuation experts, we verified that the key controls used by BNP Paribas with respect to the valuation of financial instruments function properly, in particular those relating to:

- the approval and regular review by management of the risks of the valuation models;
- the independent verification of the valuation inputs;
- the determination of value adjustments.

Based on a sample, our valuation experts:

- analysed the relevance of the assumptions and inputs used;
- analysed the results of the independent review of the inputs by BNP Paribas;
- performed independent counter valuations using our own models.

We also analysed, on a sample basis, any differences between the valuations obtained and collateral calls with counterparties.

In addition, we examined the disclosures in the notes to the consolidated financial statements with respect to the valuation of financial instruments.

## **Goodwill impairment**

(See Notes 1.b.4, 1.o and 4.o to the consolidated financial statements)

## **Description of risk**

When recognising acquisitions, BNP Paribas records goodwill under assets, corresponding to the excess of the acquisition price of the shares of acquired companies over the value of the Group's interest. At 31 December 2021, goodwill amounted to EUR 5.1 billion.

Goodwill is tested for impairment at least once a year or more frequently if there is an indication of impairment. Comparing the carrying amount of the cash-generating units to which goodwill is allocated with their recoverable amount is a key step in the process of determining if an impairment charge should be recorded.

We deemed goodwill impairment to be a key audit matter because management is required to exercise judgement in order to determine assumptions of future earnings of acquirees and to measure the recoverable amount of the cash-generating units.

## How our audit addressed this risk

Our audit approach consisted in assessing the procedures implemented within BNP Paribas to test goodwill for impairment as well as the controls designed to identify indications of goodwill impairment.

Assisted by our valuation experts, our work on the goodwill balances at 31 December 2021 consisted primarily in:

- analysing the methods adopted by BNP Paribas;
- critically assessing the provisional business plans approved by Executive Management to ensure the reasonableness of the future cash flow estimates set out therein (in particular when projections do not match past performance);
- critically analysing the main assumptions and inputs used (growth rate, cost of capital and discount rate) with respect to available external information;
- assessing the analyses of the sensitivity of estimates to key inputs (in particular when the recoverable amount approximates the carrying amount).

Lastly, we verified the appropriateness of the disclosures in the notes to the consolidated financial statements with respect to the results of impairment and sensitivity tests.

## **General IT controls**

## **Description of risk**

The reliability and security of IT systems plays a key role in the preparation of BNP Paribas' consolidated financial statements.

We thus deemed the assessment of the general IT controls of the infrastructures and applications that contribute to the preparation of accounting and financial information to be a key audit matter.

In particular, a system for controlling access rights to IT systems and authorisation levels based on employee profiles represents a key control for limiting the risk of inappropriate changes to application settings or underlying data.

## How our audit addressed this risk

For the main systems used to prepare accounting and financial information, assisted by our IT specialists, our work consisted primarily in:

- obtaining an understanding of the systems, processes and controls which underpin accounting and financial data;
- assessing the general IT controls (application and data access management, application changes/developments management and IT operations management) on key systems (in particular accounting, consolidation and automatic reconciliation applications);
- examining the control for the authorisation of manual accounting entries;
- performing additional audit procedures, where appropriate.

## Technical reserves of insurance companies

(See Notes 1.f.3, 1.o and 4.j to the consolidated financial statements)

## **Description of risk**

At the year-end, a liability adequacy test is performed by BNP Paribas for its insurance activities.

The purpose of this test is to ensure that liabilities in respect of insurance contracts and investment contracts with discretionary profit-sharing are adequate in light of current estimates of the future cash flows to be generated by those contracts.

If the test indicates that the carrying amount of insurance liabilities is inadequate in relation to the estimated future cash flows, the total amount of the potential losses is recognised in profit or loss.

At 31 December 2021, total technical insurance reserves and other liabilities amounted to EUR 255 billion.

The test performed at 31 December 2021 confirmed that the carrying amount of the reserves was sufficient.

We deemed the implementation of the liability adequacy test for the Savings business to be a key audit matter because it is based on actuarial models, modelling options and guarantees which are specific to BNP Paribas and requires management to exercise judgement to determine certain key assumptions (e.g., discount rate, return on assets, surrender rate or fees). This test's sensitivity to estimates, which have been particularly high in past years due to low rates, is accentuated by the Covid-19 crisis, which has created strong volatility in share value and contributed to pushing rates down.

## How our audit addressed this risk

Based on a sample, we assessed the amount of net future cash flows used in the calculation, in particular by:

- assessing the validity of the data on asset portfolios and contracts used as a starting point for the modelling exercise;
- identifying the main changes made to the actuarial models;
- assessing the relevance of said changes and obtaining an understanding of their impact on the result of the test;
- analysing differences in the models' results between 2020 and 2021 based on analyses prepared by BNP Paribas. We verified that the most material differences were justified by changes in the portfolio, the assumptions or the models;
- examining the results of the sensitivity analyses performed by BNP Paribas, notably those concerning rate assumptions and their consistency with market rates since the start of the Covid-19 crisis.

In addition, we examined the disclosures in the notes to the consolidated financial statements with respect to insurance liabilities.

## **Specific verifications**

As required by legal and regulatory provisions and in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, we have also verified the information pertaining to the Group presented in the Board of Directors' management report.

We have no matters to report as to its fair presentation and its consistency with the consolidated financial statements.

We attest that the Group management report includes the consolidated non-financial information statement required under article L. 225-102-1 of the French Commercial Code. However, in accordance with article L. 823-10 of the French Commercial Code, we have not verified the fair presentation and consistency with the consolidated financial statements of the information given in that statement, which will be the subject of a report by an independent third party.

## Other verifications and information pursuant to legal and regulatory requirements

## Presentation of the consolidated financial statements included in the annual financial report

In accordance with professional standards applicable to the Statutory Auditors' procedures for annual and consolidated financial statements presented according to the single European electronic reporting format, we have verified that the presentation of the consolidated financial statements included in the annual financial report referred to in paragraph I of article L. 451-1-2 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) and prepared under the Chief Executive Officer's responsibility, complies with this format, as defined by European Delegated Regulation No. 2019/815 of December 17, 2018. As it relates to the consolidated financial statements, our work included verifying that the markups in the financial statements comply with the format defined by the aforementioned Regulation.

On the basis of our work, we conclude that the presentation of the consolidated financial statements to be included in the annual financial report complies, in all material respects, with the single European electronic reporting format.

## Appointment of the Statutory Auditors

We were appointed Statutory Auditors of BNP Paribas SA by the Annual General Meetings held on 23 May 2006 for Deloitte & Associés, 26 May 1994 for PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit and 23 May 2000 for Mazars.

At 31 December 2021, Deloitte & Associés, PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit and Mazars were in the sixteenth, the twenty-eighth and the twenty-second consecutive year of their engagement, respectively.

## Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the consolidated financial statements

Management is responsible for preparing consolidated financial statements giving a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and for implementing the internal control procedures it deems necessary for the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern, and using the going concern basis of accounting, unless it expects to liquidate the Company or to cease operations.

The Financial Statements Committee is responsible for monitoring the financial reporting process and the effectiveness of internal control and risk management systems, as well as, where applicable, any internal audit systems relating to accounting and financial reporting procedures.

The consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors.

## Responsibilities of the Statutory Auditors relating to the audit of the consolidated financial statements

## Objective and audit approach

Our role is to issue a report on the consolidated financial statements. Our objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free of material misstatement. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with professional standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions taken by users on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As specified in article L. 823-10-1 of the French Commercial Code, our audit does not include assurance on the viability or quality of the Company's management.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, the Statutory Auditors exercise professional judgement throughout the audit.

#### They also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement in the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures in response to those risks, and obtain audit evidence considered to be sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for their opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- obtain an understanding of the internal control procedures relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control;
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management and the related disclosures in the notes to the consolidated financial statements;
- assess the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. This assessment is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern. If the Statutory Auditors conclude that a material uncertainty exists, they are required to draw attention in the audit report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are not provided or are inadequate, to issue a qualified opinion or a disclaimer of opinion;
- evaluate the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements and assess whether these statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation;
- obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. The Statutory Auditors are responsible for the management, supervision and performance of the audit of the consolidated financial statements and for the opinion expressed thereon.

## Report to the Financial Statements Committee

We submit a report to the Financial Statements Committee which includes, in particular, a description of the scope of the audit and the audit programme implemented, as well as the results of our audit. We also report any significant deficiencies in internal control that we have identified regarding the accounting and financial reporting procedures.

Our report to the Financial Statements Committee includes the risks of material misstatement that, in our professional judgement, were the most significant for the audit of the consolidated financial statements and which constitute the key audit matters that we are required to describe in this report.

We also provide the Financial Statements Committee with the declaration provided for in article 6 of Regulation (EU) No. 537/2014, confirming our independence within the meaning of the rules applicable in France, as defined in particular in articles L. 822-10 to L. 822-14 of the French Commercial Code and in the French Code of Ethics for Statutory Auditors. Where appropriate, we discuss any risks to our independence and the related safeguard measures with the Financial Statements Committee.

Paris La Défense, Neuilly-sur-Seine and Courbevoie, 15 March 2022

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# CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 31 December 2021





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## **CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## Prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union

The consolidated financial statements of the BNP Paribas Group are presented for the years ended 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020. In accordance with Article 20.1 of Annex I of European Commission Regulation (EC) 809/2004, the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 are provided in the Universal Registration Document filed with the Autorité des Marchés Financiers on 12 March 2021 under number D.21-0114.

On 18 December 2021, the Group concluded an agreement with BMO Financial Group for the sale of 100% of its retail and commercial banking activities in the United States operated by the BancWest cash-generating unit. The terms of this transaction fall within the scope of application of IFRS 5 relating to groups of assets and liabilities held for sale (see note 7.d Discontinued activities) leading to the restatement of the year to 31 December 2020 to isolate the "Net income from discontinued activities" on a separate line. A similar reclassification is made in the statement of net income and changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity and in the cash flow statement. The effect of this reclassification on the aggregates of the profit and loss statement is presented in note 3. Segment Information.

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

In millions of euros	Notes	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5
Interest income	2.a	29,518	31,169
Interest expense	2.a	(10,280)	(11,883)
Commission income	2.b	15,037	13,304
Commission expense	2.b	(4,675)	(3,725)
Net gain on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	2.c	7,615	6,750
Net gain on financial instruments at fair value through equity	2.d	164	202
Net gain on derecognised financial assets at amortised cost		(2)	36
Net income from insurance activities	2.e	4,332	4,114
Income from other activities	2.f	15,482	13,167
Expense on other activities	2.f	(13,429)	(11,355)
REVENUES FROM CONTINUING ACTIVITIES		43,762	41,779
Salary and employee benefit expense	6.a	(16,417)	(15,942)
Other operating expenses	2.g	(10,705)	(10,301)
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	4.n	(2,344)	(2,262)
GROSS OPERATING INCOME FROM CONTINUING ACTIVITIES		14,296	13,274
Cost of risk	2.h	(2,971)	(5,395)
OPERATING INCOME FROM CONTINUING ACTIVITIES		11,325	7,879
Share of earnings of equity-method entities	4.m	494	423
Net gain on non-current assets	2.i	834	1,030
Goodwill	4.0	91	5
PRE-TAX INCOME FROM CONTINUING ACTIVITIES		12,744	9,337
Corporate income tax from continuing activities	2.j	(3,584)	(2,301)
NET INCOME FROM CONTINUING ACTIVITIES		9,160	7,036
Net income from discontinued activities	7.d	720	379
NET INCOME		9,880	7,415
Net income attributable to minority interests		392	348
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS		9,488	7,067
Basic earnings per share	7.a	7.26	5.31
Diluted earnings per share	7.a	7.26	5.31



# STATEMENT OF NET INCOME AND CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES RECOGNISED DIRECTLY IN EQUITY

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5
Net income for the period	9,880	7,415
Changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity	712	(2,599)
Items that are or may be reclassified to profit or loss	26	(2,477)
- Changes in exchange differences	481	(2,358)
- Changes in fair value of financial assets at fair value through equity		
Changes in fair value recognised in equity	(379)	450
Changes in fair value reported in net income	(115)	(93)
- Changes in fair value of investments of insurance activities		
Changes in fair value recognised in equity	(387)	-
Changes in fair value reported in net income	(191)	(35)
- Changes in fair value of hedging instruments		
Changes in fair value recognised in equity	(620)	535
Changes in fair value reported in net income	(31)	(38)
- Income tax	402	(170)
- Changes in equity-method investments, after tax	295	(110)
- Changes in discontinued activities, after tax	571	(658)
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	686	(122)
- Changes in fair value of equity instruments designated as at fair value through equity	413	89
- Debt remeasurement effect arising from BNP Paribas Group issuer risk	25	(193)
- Remeasurement gains (losses) related to post-employment benefit plans	347	(24)
- Income tax	(125)	3
- Changes in equity-method investments, after tax	17	(18)
- Changes in discontinued activities, after tax	9	21
Total	10,592	4,816
- Attributable to equity shareholders	10,200	4,508
- Attributable to minority interests	392	308



## **BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

In millions of euros	Notes	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
ASSETS			
Cash and balances at central banks		347,883	308,703
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	4 -	101 507	1/7 007
Securities	4.a 4.a	191,507 249,808	167,927 244,878
Loans and repurchase agreements  Derivative financial instruments	4.a 4.a	240,423	276,779
Derivatives used for hedging purposes	4.b	8,680	15,600
Financial assets at fair value through equity		.,	
Debt securities	4.c	38,906	55,981
Equity securities	4.c	2,558	2,209
Financial assets at amortised cost			
Loans and advances to credit institutions	4.e	21,751	18,982
Loans and advances to customers	4.e	814,000	809,533
Debt securities	4.e	108,510	118,316
Remeasurement adjustment on interest-rate risk hedged portfolios Financial investments of insurance activities	4.i	3,005 280,766	5,477 265,356
Current and deferred tax assets	4.k	5,866	6,559
Accrued income and other assets	4.1	179,123	140,904
Equity-method investments	4.m	6,528	6,396
Property, plant and equipment and investment property	4.n	35,083	33,499
Intangible assets	4.n	3,659	3,899
Goodwill	4.0	5,121	7,493
Assets held for sale	7.d	91,267	-
TOTAL ASSETS		2,634,444	2,488,491
LIABILITIES			
Deposits from central banks		1,244	1,594
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss			
Securities	4.a	112,338	94,263
Deposits and repurchase agreements	4.a	293,456	288,595
Issued debt securities Derivative financial instruments	4.a 4.a	70,383 237,397	64,048 282,608
Derivatives used for hedging purposes	4.a 4.b	10,076	13,320
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	1.5	10,010	10,020
Deposits from credit institutions	4.g	165,699	147,657
Deposits from customers	4.g	957,684	940,991
Debt securities	4.h	149,723	148,303
Subordinated debt	4.h	24,720	22,474
Remeasurement adjustment on interest-rate risk hedged portfolios		1,367	6,153
Current and deferred tax liabilities	4.k	3,103	3,001
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	4.1	145,399	107,846
Technical reserves and other insurance liabilities	4.j	254,795	240,741
Provisions for contingencies and charges Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	4.p 7.d	10,187 74,366	9,548
	7.u		2 271 142
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,511,937	2,371,142
EQUITY			
Share capital, additional paid-in capital and retained earnings Net income for the period attributable to shareholders		108,176 9,488	106,228 7,067
Total capital, retained earnings and net income for the period attributable to shareholders		117,664	113,295
Changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity		222	(496)
Shareholders' equity		117,886	112,799
Minority interests	7.f	4,621	4,550
TOTAL EQUITY	7.1	122,507	117,349
		122,307	117,547



# CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

In millions of euros Notes	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5
Pre-tax income from continuing activities Pre-tax income from discontinued activities	12,744 893	9,337 485
Non-monetary items included in pre-tax net income and other adjustments  Net depreciation/amortisation expense on property, plant and equipment and intangible assets  Impairment of goodwill and other non-current assets  Net addition to provisions  Share of earnings of equity-method entities  Net (income) from investing activities  Net (income) from financing activities  Other movements	26,336 6,781 22 13,150 (494) (923) (1,105) 8,905	5,741 6,325 24 6,971 (423) (1,034) (2,470) (3,652)
Net increase related to assets and liabilities generated by operating activities Net increase related to transactions with customers and credit institutions Net decrease related to transactions involving other financial assets and liabilities Net decrease related to transactions involving non-financial assets and liabilities Taxes paid	2,403 39,029 (24,497) (9,773) (2,356)	123,761 152,167 (18,050) (7,767) (2,589)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS GENERATED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	42,376	139,324
Net increase (decrease) related to acquisitions and disposals of consolidated entities Net decrease related to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	482 (1,664)	(78) (773)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS RELATED TO INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(1,182)	(851)
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents related to transactions with shareholders Increase in cash and cash equivalents generated by other financing activities	(5,699) 20,215	773 17,751
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS RELATED TO FINANCING ACTIVITIES	14,516	18,524
EFFECT OF MOVEMENT IN EXCHANGE RATES ON CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	107	(2,614)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	55,817	154,383
of which net increase in cash and cash equivalents from discontinued activities 7.d	10,739	2,192
Balance of cash and cash equivalent accounts at the start of the period Cash and amounts due from central banks Due to central banks On demand deposits with credit institutions On demand loans from credit institutions 4.g Deduction of receivables and accrued interest on cash and cash equivalents	306,601 308,721 (1,594) 8,380 (8,995) 89	152,218 155,151 (2,985) 8,972 (9,072) 152
Balance of cash and cash equivalent accounts at the end of the period Cash and amounts due from central banks Due to central banks On demand deposits with credit institutions On demand loans from credit institutions On demand loans from credit institutions 4.g Deduction of receivables and accrued interest on cash and cash equivalents Cash and cash equivalent accounts classified as "Assets held for sale"	362,418 347,901 (1,244) 10,156 (9,105) 156 14,554	306,601 308,721 (1,594) 8,380 (8,995) 89
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	55,817	154,383



## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

	Capital and retained earnings			Changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity that will not be reclassified to profit or loss					
In millions of euros	Share capital and additional paid-in-capital	Undated Super Subordinated Notes	Non- distributed reserves	Total	Financial assets designated as at fair value through equity	Own-credit valuation adjustment of debt securities designated as at fair value through profit or loss	Remeasurement gains (losses) related to post- employment benefits plans	Discontinued activities	Total
Capital and retained earnings at 1 January 2020	27,070	8,689	69,549	105,308	511	(163)	160		508
Appropriation of net income for 2019 Increases in capital and issues Reduction or redemption of capital Movements in own equity instruments Remuneration on preferred shares and undated super subordinated notes Movements in consolidation scope impacting signify the prohydder. (2010, 7.0)	(17)	1,609 (335) (15)	(2) (5) 40 (426)	1,607 (340) 8 (426)	3				-
minority shareholders (note 7.f) Acquisitions of additional interests or partial sales of interests (note 7.f)			(1)	(1)					-
Change in commitments to repurchase minority shareholders' interests  Other movements			(8)	(8)					-
Realised gains or losses reclassified to retained earnings			(2) 82	(2) 82		2			(82)
Changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity					. 34	(142)	(6)		(114)
Net income for 31 December 2020			7,067	7,067					-
Capital and retained earnings at 31 December 2020	27,053	9,948	76,294	113,295	461	(303)	154		312
Retrospective application of the change in method related to social commitments (note 6.b)  Appropriation of net income for 2020 Increases in capital and issues  Reduction or redemption of capital  Movements in own equity instruments	(897) 191	1,026 (1,768) 1	74 (3,323) (1) (26) 18	74 (3,323) 1,025 (2,691) 210					-
Remuneration on preferred shares and undated super subordinated notes			(412)	(412)					-
Movements in consolidation scope impacting minority shareholders (note 7.f) Acquisitions of additional interests or partial sales of			8						-
interests (note 7.f) Change in commitments to repurchase minority shareholders' interests			5	5					-
Other movements Realised gains or losses reclassified to retained Changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity			(9) (6)	(9) (6)			270		- 6 679
Net income for 31 December 2021 Reclassification of discontinued activities			9,488	9,488			125	(125)	-
Capital and retained earnings at 31 December 2021	26,347	9,207	82,110	117,664	840	(267)	549		997



## BETWEEN 1 JANUARY 2020 AND 31 DECEMBER 2021

Changes in as	nanges in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity that may be reclassified to profit o loss							
Exchange differences	Financial assets at fair value through equity	Financial investments of insurance activities	Derivatives used for hedging purposes	Discontinued activities	Total	Total shareholders' equity	Minority interests <i>(note 7.f)</i>	Total equity
(1,902)	241	2,238	1,060		1,637	107,453	4,392	111,845
						1,607 (340)		(84) 1,607 (340) 8
						(426)	(1)	(427)
							5	5
						(1)	1	
						(8)	(69)	(77)
						(2)	(2)	(4)
								-
(3,131)	316	(4)	374		(2,445)	(2,559)	(40)	(2,599)
						7,067	348	7,415
(5,033)	557	2,234	1,434		(808)	112,799	4,550	117,349
						74		74
						(3,323) 1,025		<b>(3,544)</b> 1,035
						(2,691)		(2,764)
						210		210
						(412)		(412)
					-		(139)	(139)
						. 8	55	63
						. 5	38	43
						(9)	9	
1,385	(476)	(423)	(453)		33	712		712
/						9,488	392	9,880
(687)	41		38			-		-
(4,335)	122	1,811	1,019	608	(775)	117,886	4,621	122,507



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union

# 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES APPLIED BY THE GROUP

## 1.a ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

## 1.a.1 APPLICABLE ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

The coronavirus outbreak characterised by the World Health Organisation as a pandemic on 11 March 2020 as well as measures introduced by governments and regulators to tackle the outbreak have affected the global supply chain as well as demand for goods and services and therefore had a significant impact on the global growth. At the same time, fiscal and monetary policies have been eased to sustain the economy.

The consolidated financial statements of BNP Paribas have been prepared on a going concern basis. The impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, mitigated by all countercyclical measures such as government and financial support to customers, mainly relate to expected credit losses and asset valuation. These impacts were estimated against a background of uncertainty about the magnitude of the impact of the outbreak on local and global economies.

The consolidated financial statements of the BNP Paribas Group have been prepared in accordance with international accounting standards (International Financial Reporting Standards – IFRS), as adopted for use in the European Union<sup>1</sup>. Accordingly, certain provisions of IAS 39 on hedge accounting have been excluded.

Information on the nature and extent of risks relating to financial instruments as required by IFRS 7 "Financial Instruments: Disclosures" and to insurance contracts as required by IFRS 4 "Insurance Contracts", along with information on regulatory capital required by IAS 1 "Presentation of Financial Statements" are presented in chapter 5 of the Universal Registration Document. This information, which is an integral part of the notes to the consolidated financial statements of the BNP Paribas Group as at 31 December 2021, is covered by the opinion of the Statutory Auditors on the financial statements, and is identified in the management report by the word "Audited". Section 4 of chapter 5, paragraph *Exposures*, *provisions and cost of risk* provides, in particular, IFRS 7 information on credit risk exposures and related impairment broken down according to whether the underlying loans are performing or non-performing status, by geographic area and by industry, as well as details of loans and advances subject to moratoria or to public guarantee schemes in response to the health crisis.

• In relation to the IBOR and Eonia rates reform, at the end of 2018 the Group launched a global programme, involving all business lines and functions. The aim of the programme is to manage and implement the transition from the old benchmark interest rates to the new ones in major jurisdictions and currencies (euro, pound sterling, US dollar, Swiss franc and Japanese yen), while reducing the risks associated with this transition and meeting the deadlines set by the competent authorities. The Group contributed to market-wide workshops with central banks and financial regulators.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The full set of standards adopted for use in the European Union can be found on the website of the European Commission at: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/company-reporting-and-auditing/company-reporting-en">https://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/company-reporting-and-auditing/company-reporting-en</a>



The announcements by public authorities in the United Kingdom and the United States and by the Libor administrator (ICE BA) at the end of November 2020 changed the transition period, which was initially scheduled to be completed by the end of 2021. For the GBP and JPY Libor, synthetic Libor will be published beyond the end of 2021 for use in certain contracts known as "tough legacy" contracts, i.e., contracts that have not switched from Libor to a replacement index. In the United States, the decision was taken to continue publishing the USD Libor until mid-2023, as a legislative solution is being sought for some asset classes, including floating-rate bonds.

For contracts referencing the CHF Libor which cannot be renegotiated before it is phased out at the end of 2021, the European Commission has provided a legislative solution replacing this rate with a daily capitalised SARON (Swiss Average Rate Overnight) rate, plus a spread aimed at ensuring the economic neutrality of this change.

In Europe, the Eonia-€STR transition, which is purely technical given the fixed link between these two indices, was finalised at the end of December 2021 while the maintenance of Euribor on a sine die basis was confirmed.

Based on the progress made in 2020 and 2021, notably with the definition of a detailed plan and its execution, the Bank is confident in its operational capacity to manage the transition process of large volumes of transactions to the new benchmark rates.

The reform of IBOR rates exposes the Bank to various risks that the programme aims to manage closely, including in particular:

- change management risks, but also litigation and conduct risks linked to negotiations with customers and market counterparties to amend existing contracts;
- operational risks related to changes in the Bank's IT systems and processes;
- economic risks in case of financial market disturbances linked to the various transitions induced by the IBOR reform;
- valuation risks in a scenario of reduced liquidity during the transition in certain derivative market segments.

In September 2019, the IASB published "Phase 1" amendments to IAS 39 and IFRS 7, amending the hedge accounting requirements so that hedges affected by the benchmark interest rate reform can continue despite the uncertainty during the transition of the hedged items or hedging instruments to the reformed benchmark rates. These amendments, endorsed by the European Commission on 15 January 2020, have been applied by the Group since 31 December 2019.

In August 2020, the IASB published "Phase 2" amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16 introducing several changes applicable during the effective transition to the new benchmark interest rates. These amendments allow for changes in the contractual cash flows of financial instruments resulting from the IBOR rates reform to be treated as a simple reset of their variable interest rate, provided, however, that such changes are made on an economically equivalent basis. They also allow the continuation of hedging relationships, subject to amendments to their documentation to reflect changes in hedged instruments, hedging instruments, hedged risk, and/or the method for measuring effectiveness during the transition to the new benchmark rates. The measures introduced in this framework also include:

- the possibility of documenting an interest rate as a hedged risk component even if this rate is not immediately separately identifiable, provided that it can reasonably be expected to become so within 24 months;
- the possibility of resetting cumulative fair value changes to zero in the hedge ineffectiveness test;
- and the obligation in the framework of portfolio hedges to isolate in subgroups instruments referring to the new risk-free rates (RFR).

These amendments, adopted by the European Commission in December 2020, have been applied by the Group since 31 December 2020 to maintain its existing hedging relationships which have been modified as a result of the transition to the new RFRs.



The Group has documented hedging relationships in respect of the benchmark interest rates in the scope of the reform, mainly Eonia, Euribor, and Libor. For these hedging relationships, the hedged items and hedging instruments will be progressively amended, where necessary, to incorporate the new rates. The "Phase 1" amendments to IAS 39 and IFRS 7 are applicable when the contractual terms of the hedged instruments or of the hedging instruments have not yet been amended (i.e., with the inclusion of a "fallback" clause), or, if they have been amended, when the terms and the date of the transition to the new benchmark interest rates have not been clearly stipulated. Conversely, the "Phase 2" amendments are applicable when the contractual terms of the hedged instruments or of the hedging instruments have been amended, and the terms and date of transition to the new benchmark interest rates have been clearly stipulated.

The notional amounts of hedging instruments documented in the hedging relationships impacted by the benchmark interest rate reform are presented in note 4.b *Derivative instruments used for hedging purposes*.

As at 31 December 2021, 112,405 contracts remain backed by USD Libor, including 72,867 contracts with a maturity date beyond 30 June 2023, including 54,628 derivative contracts.

As at 31 December 2020, 143,964 contracts with a maturity date beyond 31 December 2021 were backed by rates covered by this reform, including 104,315 derivative contracts.

• In May 2021, the IFRIC (IFRS Interpretations Committee) issued a proposal for a decision, validated by the International Accounting Standards Board, which modifies the way of calculating the social commitments for certain defined benefit plans such as indemnities payable on retirement. These plans, essentially French, gradually grant entitlement to benefits which will only be paid in the event of effective retirement while applying a cap to the number of years of entitlement. Previously, benefits were recognised on a straight-line basis from the date of joining the company until the effective date of retirement without taking into account the entitlements cap. They are now recognised on a straight-line basis, from the beginning of the acquisition of the rights up to the date of retirement. The resulting adjustment net of tax of EUR 74 million is recognised as at 1 January 2021 as an increase in Equity.

The introduction of other standards, amendments and interpretations that are mandatory as from 1 January 2021 had no effect on the 2021 financial statements.

The Group did not early adopt any of the new standards, amendments, and interpretations adopted by the European Union, when the application in 2021 was optional.

## 1.a.2 NEW MAJOR ACCOUNTING STANDARDS, PUBLISHED BUT NOT YET APPLICABLE

IFRS 17 "Insurance Contracts", issued in May 2017 and amended in June 2020, will replace IFRS 4 "Insurance Contracts". It was adopted by the European Union in November 2021, accompanied by an optional exemption from applying the annual cohort requirement on intergenerationally-mutualised contracts. It shall enter into force on a mandatory basis for the years beginning on or after 1 January 2023<sup>2</sup>.

An amendment to IFRS 17 relating to the presentation of the IFRS 9/IFRS 17 comparison was also published by the IASB in December 2021 and is still to be approved by the European Union.

The analysis of the standard and the identification of its effects are on-going as part of the implementation project and related control and validation works.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> On 25 June 2020, the IASB published "Amendments to IFRS 17" including in particular the deferral of the mandatory initial application of IFRS 17 for two years.



## 1.b Consolidation

#### 1.b.1 SCOPE OF CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated financial statements of BNP Paribas include entities that are controlled by the Group, jointly controlled, and under significant influence, with the exception of those entities whose consolidation is regarded as immaterial to the Group. Companies that hold shares in consolidated companies are also consolidated.

Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which the Group obtains effective control. Entities under temporary control are included in the consolidated financial statements until the date of disposal.

## 1.b.2 CONSOLIDATION METHODS

Exclusive control

Controlled enterprises are fully consolidated. The Group controls a subsidiary when it is exposed, or has rights, to variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity.

For entities governed by voting rights, the Group generally controls the entity if it holds, directly or indirectly, the majority of the voting rights (and if there are no contractual provisions that alter the power of these voting rights) or if the power to direct the relevant activities of the entity is conferred on it by contractual agreements.

Structured entities are entities established so that they are not governed by voting rights, for instance when those voting rights relate to administrative tasks only, whereas the relevant activities are directed by means of contractual arrangements. They often have the following features or attributes: restricted activities, a narrow and well-defined objective and insufficient equity to permit them to finance their activities without subordinated financial support.

For these entities, the analysis of control shall consider the purpose and design of the entity, the risks to which the entity is designed to be exposed and to what extent the Group absorbs the related variability. The assessment of control shall consider all facts and circumstances able to determine the Group's practical ability to make decisions that could significantly affect its returns, even if such decisions are contingent on uncertain future events or circumstances.

In assessing whether it has power, the Group considers only substantive rights which it holds or which are held by third parties. For a right to be substantive, the holder must have the practical ability to exercise that right when decisions about the relevant activities of the entity need to be made.

Control is reassessed if facts and circumstances indicate that there are changes to one or more of the elements of control.

Where the Group contractually holds the decision-making power, for instance where the Group acts as fund manager, it shall determine whether it is acting as agent or principal. Indeed, when associated with a certain level of exposure to the variability of returns, this decision-making power may indicate that the Group is acting on its own account and that it thus has control over those entities.

Minority interests are presented separately in the consolidated profit and loss account and balance sheet within consolidated equity. The calculation of minority interests takes into account the outstanding cumulative preferred shares classified as equity instruments issued by subsidiaries, when such shares are held outside the Group.

As regards fully consolidated funds, units held by third-party investors are recognised as debts at fair value through profit or loss, inasmuch as they are redeemable at fair value at the subscriber's initiative.

For transactions resulting in a loss of control, any equity interest retained by the Group is remeasured at its fair value through profit or loss.



## Joint control

Where the Group carries out an activity with one or more partners, sharing control by virtue of a contractual agreement which requires unanimous consent on relevant activities (those that significantly affect the entity's returns), the Group exercises joint control over the activity. Where the jointly controlled activity is structured through a separate vehicle in which the partners have rights to the net assets, this joint venture is accounted for using the equity method. Where the jointly controlled activity is not structured through a separate vehicle or where the partners have rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities of the jointly controlled activity, the Group accounts for its share of the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses in accordance with the applicable IFRS.

## Significant influence

Companies over which the Group exercises significant influence or associates are accounted for by the equity method. Significant influence is the power to participate in the financial and operating policy decisions of a company without exercising control. Significant influence is presumed to exist when the Group holds, directly or indirectly, 20% or more of the voting rights of a company. Interests of less than 20% can be included in the consolidation scope if the Group effectively exercises significant influence. This is the case for example for entities developed in partnership with other associates, where the BNP Paribas Group participates in strategic decisions of the enterprise through representation on the Board of Directors or equivalent governing body, or exercises influence over the enterprise's operational management by supplying management systems or senior managers, or provides technical assistance to support the enterprise's development.

Changes in the net assets of associates (companies accounted for under the equity method) are recognised on the assets side of the balance sheet under "Investments in equity-method entities" and in the relevant component of shareholders' equity. Goodwill recorded on associates is also included under "Equity-method investments".

Whenever there is an indication of impairment, the carrying amount of the investment consolidated under the equity method (including goodwill) is subjected to an impairment test, by comparing its recoverable value (the higher of value-in-use and market value less costs to sell) to its carrying amount. Where appropriate, impairment is recognised under "Share of earnings of equity-method entities" in the consolidated income statement and can be reversed at a later date.

If the Group's share of losses of an equity-method entity equals or exceeds the carrying amount of its investment in this entity, the Group discontinues including its share of further losses. The investment is reported at nil value. Additional losses of the equity-method entity are provided for only to the extent that the Group has contracted a legal or constructive obligation, or has made payments on behalf of this entity.

Where the Group holds an interest in an associate, directly or indirectly through an entity that is a venture capital organisation, a mutual fund, an open-ended investment company or similar entity such as an investment-related insurance fund, it may elect to measure that interest at fair value through profit or loss.

Realised gains and losses on investments in consolidated undertakings are recognised in the profit and loss account under "Net gain on non-current assets".

The consolidated financial statements are prepared using uniform accounting policies for similar transactions and other events occurring in similar circumstances.



## 1.b.3 CONSOLIDATION RULES

## • Elimination of intragroup balances and transactions

Intragroup balances arising from transactions between consolidated enterprises, and the transactions themselves (including income, expenses and dividends), are eliminated. Profits and losses arising from intragroup sales of assets are eliminated, except where there is an indication that the asset sold is impaired. Unrealised gains and losses included in the value of financial instruments at fair value through equity and available-for-sale assets are maintained in the consolidated financial statements.

## • Translation of accounts expressed in foreign currencies

The consolidated financial statements of BNP Paribas are prepared in euros.

The financial statements of enterprises whose functional currency is not the euro are translated using the closing rate method. Under this method, all assets and liabilities, both monetary and non-monetary, are translated using the spot exchange rate at the balance sheet date. Income and expense items are translated at the average rate for the period.

The same method is applied to the financial statements of enterprises located in hyperinflationary economies, after adjusting for the effects of inflation by applying a general price index.

Differences arising from the translation of balance sheet items and profit and loss items are recorded in shareholders' equity under "Exchange differences", and in "Minority interests" for the portion attributable to outside investors. Under the optional treatment permitted by IFRS 1, the Group has reset to zero all translation differences, by booking all cumulative translation differences attributable to shareholders and to minority interests in the opening balance sheet at 1 January 2004 to retained earnings.

On liquidation or disposal of some or all of an interest held in a foreign enterprise located outside the eurozone, leading to a change in the nature of the investment (loss of control, loss of significant influence or loss of joint control without keeping a significant influence), the cumulative exchange difference at the date of liquidation or sale, determined according to the step method, is recognised in the profit and loss account.

Should the percentage of interest change without leading to a modification in the nature of the investment, the exchange difference is reallocated between the portion attributable to shareholders and that attributable to minority interests if the entity is fully consolidated; if the entity is consolidated under the equity method, it is recorded in profit or loss for the portion related to the interest sold.

## 1.b.4 BUSINESS COMBINATION AND MEASUREMENT OF GOODWILL

## • Business combinations

Business combinations are accounted for using the purchase method.

Under this method, the acquiree's identifiable assets and liabilities assumed are measured at fair value at the acquisition date except for non-current assets classified as assets held for sale which are accounted for at fair value less costs to sell.

The acquiree's contingent liabilities are not recognised in the consolidated balance sheet unless they represent a present obligation on the acquisition date and their fair value can be measured reliably.

The cost of a business combination is the fair value, at the date of exchange, of assets given, liabilities incurred or assumed, and equity instruments issued to obtain control of the acquiree. Costs directly attributable to the business combination are treated as a separate transaction and recognised through profit or loss.



Any contingent consideration is included in the cost, as soon as control is obtained, at fair value on the date when control was acquired. Subsequent changes in the value of any contingent consideration recognised as a financial liability are recognised through profit or loss.

The Group may recognise any adjustments to the provisional accounting within 12 months of the acquisition date.

Goodwill represents the difference between the cost of the combination and the acquirer's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the acquiree at the acquisition date. Positive goodwill is recognised in the acquirer's balance sheet, while negative goodwill is recognised immediately in profit or loss, on the acquisition date. Minority interests are measured at their share of the fair value of the acquiree's identifiable assets and liabilities. However, for each business combination, the Group can elect to measure minority interests at fair value, in which case a proportion of goodwill is allocated to them. To date, the Group has never used this latter option.

Goodwill is recognised in the functional currency of the acquiree and translated at the closing exchange rate.

On the acquisition date, any previously held equity interest in the acquiree is remeasured at its fair value through profit or loss. In the case of a step acquisition, the goodwill is therefore determined by reference to the acquisition-date fair value.

Since the revised IFRS 3 has been applied prospectively, business combinations completed prior to 1 January 2010 were not restated for the effects of changes to IFRS 3.

As permitted under IFRS 1, business combinations that took place before 1 January 2004 and were recorded in accordance with the previously applicable accounting standards (French GAAP), had not been restated in accordance with the principles of IFRS 3.

## Measurement of goodwill

The BNP Paribas Group tests goodwill for impairment on a regular basis.

## - Cash-generating units

The BNP Paribas Group has split all its activities into cash-generating units<sup>3</sup> representing major business lines. This split is consistent with the Group's organisational structure and management methods, and reflects the independence of each unit in terms of results and management approach. It is reviewed on a regular basis in order to take account of events likely to affect the composition of cash-generating units, such as acquisitions, disposals and major reorganisations.

## - Testing cash-generating units for impairment

Goodwill allocated to cash-generating units is tested for impairment annually and whenever there is an indication that a unit may be impaired, by comparing the carrying amount of the unit with its recoverable amount. If the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount, an irreversible impairment loss is recognised, and the goodwill is written down by the excess of the carrying amount of the unit over its recoverable amount.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As defined by IAS 36.



- Recoverable amount of a cash-generating unit

The recoverable amount of a cash-generating unit is the higher of the fair value of the unit less costs to sell, and its value in use.

Fair value is the price that would be obtained from selling the unit at the market conditions prevailing at the date of measurement, as determined mainly by reference to actual prices of recent transactions involving similar entities or on the basis of stock market multiples for comparable companies.

Value in use is based on an estimate of the future cash flows to be generated by the cash-generating unit, derived from the annual forecasts prepared by the unit's management and approved by Group Executive Management, and from analyses of changes in the relative positioning of the unit's activities on their market. These cash flows are discounted at a rate that reflects the return that investors would require from an investment in the business sector and region involved.



## 1.c Translation of foreign currency transactions

The methods used to account for assets and liabilities relating to foreign currency transactions entered into by the Group, and to measure the foreign exchange risk arising on such transactions, depend on whether the asset or liability in question is classified as a monetary or a non-monetary item.

## Monetary assets and liabilities<sup>4</sup> expressed in foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency of the relevant Group entity at the closing rate. Foreign exchange differences are recognised in the profit and loss account, except for those arising from financial instruments designated as a cash flow hedge or a net foreign investment hedge, which are recognised in shareholders' equity.

## Non-monetary assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies

Non-monetary assets may be measured either at historical cost or at fair value. Non-monetary assets expressed in foreign currencies are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction (i.e., date of initial recognition of the non-monetary asset) if they are measured at historical cost, and at the closing rate if they are measured at fair value.

Foreign exchange differences relating to non-monetary assets denominated in foreign currencies and recognised at fair value (equity instruments) are recognised in profit or loss when the asset is classified in "Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss" and in equity when the asset is classified under "Financial assets at fair value through equity".

## 1.d Net interest income, commissions and income from other activities

## 1.d.1 NET INTEREST INCOME

Income and expenses relating to debt instruments measured at amortised cost and at fair value through shareholders' equity are recognised in the income statement using the effective interest rate method.

The effective interest rate is the rate that ensures the discounted value of estimated future cash flows through the expected life of the financial instrument or, when appropriate, a shorter period, is equal to the carrying amount of the asset or liability in the balance sheet. The effective interest rate measurement takes into account all fees received or paid that are an integral part of the effective interest rate of the contract, transaction costs, and premiums and discounts.

Commissions considered as an additional component of interest are included in the effective interest rate and are recognised in the profit and loss account in "Net interest income". This category includes notably commissions on financing commitments when it is considered that the setting up of a loan is more likely than unlikely. Commissions received in respect of financing commitments are deferred until they are drawn and then included in the effective interest rate calculation and amortised over the life of the loan. Syndication commissions are also included in this category for the portion of the commission equivalent to the remuneration of other syndication participants.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Monetary assets and liabilities are assets and liabilities to be received or paid in fixed or determinable amounts of cash.



## 1.d.2 COMMISSIONS AND INCOME FROM OTHER ACTIVITIES

Commissions received with regards to banking and similar services provided (except for those that are integral part of the effective interest rate), revenues from property development and revenues from services provided in connection with lease contracts fall within the scope of IFRS 15 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers".

This standard defines a single model for recognising revenue based on five-step principles. These five steps enable to identify the distinct performance obligations included in the contracts and allocate the transaction price among them. The income related to those performance obligations is recognised as revenue when the latter are satisfied, namely when the control of the promised goods or services has been transferred.

The price of a service may contain a variable component. Variable amounts may be recognised in the income statement only if it is highly probable that the amounts recorded will not result in a significant downward adjustment.

#### Commission

The group records commission income and expense in profit or loss:

- either over time as the service is rendered when the client receives continuous service. These include, for example, certain commissions on transactions with customers when services are rendered on a continuous basis, commissions on financing commitments that are not included in the interest margin, because the probability that they give rise to the drawing up of a loan is low, commissions on financial collateral, clearing commissions on financial instruments, commissions related to trust and similar activities, securities custody fees, *etc.* 
  - Commissions received under financial guarantee commitments are deemed to represent the initial fair value of the commitment. The resulting liability is subsequently amortised over the term of the commitment, in Commission income;
- or at a point in time when the service is rendered, in other cases. These include, for example, distribution fees received, loan syndication fees remunerating the arrangement service, advisory fees, etc.

## Income from other activities

Income from property development as well as income from services provided in connection with lease contracts is recorded under 'income from other activities' in the income statement.

As regards property development income, the group records it in profit or loss:

- over time, when the performance obligation creates or enhances an asset on which the customer obtains control as it is created or enhanced (e.g., work in progress controlled by the client on the land in which the asset is located, *etc.*), or where the service performed does not create an asset that the entity could otherwise use and gives it enforceable right to payment for performance completed to date. This is the case for contracts such as VEFA (sale in the future state of completion) in France.
- at completion in other cases.

Regarding income from services provided in connection with lease contracts, the group records them in profit or loss as the service is rendered, i.e., in proportion to the costs incurred for maintenance contracts.



## 1.e FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Financial assets, except those relating to insurance activities (see note 1.f) are classified at amortised cost, at fair value through shareholders' equity or at fair value through profit or loss depending on the business model and the contractual features of the instruments at initial recognition.

Financial liabilities are classified at amortised cost or at fair value through profit or loss at initial recognition.

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised in the balance sheet when the group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Purchases and sales of financial assets made within a period established by the regulations or by a convention in the relevant marketplace are recognised in the balance sheet at the settlement date.

## 1.e.1 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT AMORTISED COST

Financial assets are classified at amortised cost if the following two criteria are met: the business model objective is to hold the instrument in order to collect the contractual cash flows and the cash flows consist solely of payments relating to principal and interest on the principal.

#### **Business model criterion**

Financial assets are managed within a business model whose objective is to hold financial assets in order to collect cash flows through the collection of contractual payments over the life of the instrument.

The realisation of disposals close to the maturity of the instrument and for an amount close to the remaining contractual cash-flows, or due to an increase in the counterparty's credit risk is consistent with a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cash flows ("collect"). Sales imposed by regulatory requirements or to manage the concentration of credit risk (without an increase in the asset's credit risk) are also consistent with this business model when they are infrequent or insignificant in value.

## Cash flow criterion

The cash flow criterion is satisfied if the contractual terms of the debt instrument give rise, on specified dates, to cash flows that are solely repayments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.

The criterion is not met in the event of a contractual characteristic that exposes the holder to risks or to the volatility of contractual cash flows that are inconsistent with those of a non-structured or "basic lending" arrangement. It is also not satisfied in the event of leverage that increases the variability of the contractual cash flows.

Interest consists of consideration for the time value of money, for the credit risk, and for the remuneration of other risks (e.g. liquidity risk), costs (e.g., administration fees), and a profit margin consistent with that of a basic lending arrangement. The existence of negative interest does not call into question the cash flow criterion.

The time value of money is the component of interest - usually referred to as the "rate" component - which provides consideration for only the passage of time. The relationship between the interest rate and the passage of time shall not be modified by specific characteristics that would likely call into question the respect of the cash flow criterion.

Thus, when the variable interest rate of the financial asset is periodically reset on a frequency that does not match the duration for which the interest rate is established, the time value of money may be considered as modified and, depending on the significance of that modification, the cash flow criterion may not be met. Some financial assets held by the Group present a mismatch between the interest rate reset frequency and the maturity of the index, or interest rates indexed on an average of benchmark rate. The Group has developed a consistent methodology for analysing this alteration of the time value of money.



Regulated rates meet the cash flow criterion when they provide a consideration that is broadly consistent with the passage of time and does not expose to risks or volatility in the contractual cash flows that would be inconsistent with those of a basic lending arrangement (example: loans granted in the context of *Livret A* savings accounts).

Some contractual clauses may change the timing or the amount of cash flows. Early redemption options do not call into question the cash flow criterion if the prepayment amount substantially represents the principal amount outstanding and the interest thereon, which may include a reasonable compensation for the early termination of the contract. For example, as regards loans to retail customers, the compensation limited to 6 months of interest or 3% of the capital outstanding is considered as reasonable. Actuarial penalties, corresponding to the discount value of the difference between the residual contractual cash-flows of the loan, and their reinvestment in a loan to a similar counterparty or in the interbank market for a similar residual maturity are also considered as reasonable, even when the compensation can be positive or negative (i.e., so called "symmetric" compensations). An option that permits the issuer or the holder of a financial instrument to change the interest rate from floating to fixed rate does not breach the cash flow criterion if the fixed rate is determined at origination, or if it represents the time value of money for the residual maturity of the instrument at the date of exercise of the option. Clauses included in financing granted to encourage the sustainable development of corporates which adjust the interest margin depending on the achievement of environmental, social or governance (ESG) objectives do not call into question the cash flow criterion when such an adjustment is considered to be de minimis. Structured instruments indexed to market ESG indices do not meet the cash flow criterion.

In the particular case of financial assets contractually linked to payments received on a portfolio of underlying assets and which include a priority order for payment of cash flows between investors ("tranches"), thereby creating concentrations of credit risk, a specific analysis is carried out. The contractual characteristics of the tranche and those of the underlying financial instruments portfolios must meet the cash flow criterion and the credit risk exposure of the tranche must be equal or lower than the exposure to credit risk of the underlying pool of financial instruments.

Certain loans may be "non-recourse", either contractually, or in substance when they are granted to a special purpose entity. That is in particular the case of numerous project financing or asset financing loans. The cash-flow criterion is met as long as these loans do not represent a direct exposure on the assets acting as collateral. In practice, the sole fact that the financial asset explicitly gives rise to cash-flows that are consistent with payments of principal and interest is not sufficient to conclude that the instrument meets the cash-flows criterion. In that case, the particular underlying assets to which there is limited recourse shall be analysed using the "look-through" approach. If those assets do not themselves meet the cash-flows criterion, an assessment of the existing credit enhancement is performed. The following aspects are considered: structuring and sizing of the transaction, own funds level of the structure, expected source of repayment, volatility of the underlying assets. This analysis is applied to "non-recourse" loans granted by the Group.

The "financial assets at amortised cost" category includes, in particular, loans granted by the Group, as well as reverse repurchase agreements and securities held by the Group ALM Treasury in order to collect contractual flows and meeting the cash-flows criterion.

## Recognition

On initial recognition, financial assets are recognised at their fair value, including transaction costs directly attributable to the transaction as well as commissions related to the origination of the loans.

They are subsequently measured at amortised cost, including accrued interest and net of repayments of principal and interest during the past period. These financial assets are also subject from initial recognition, to the measurement of a loss allowance for expected credit losses (note 1.e.5).

Interest is calculated using the effective interest method determined at inception of the contract.



## 1.e.2 FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

#### **Debt instruments**

Debt instruments are classified at fair value through shareholders' equity if the following two criteria are met:

- business model criterion: Financial assets are held in a business model whose objective is achieved by both holding the financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows and selling the financial assets ("collect and sale"). The latter is not incidental but is an integral part of the business model.
- cash flow criterion: The principles are identical to those applicable to financial assets at amortised

The securities held by the Group ALM Treasury in order to collect contractual flows or to be sold and meeting the cash flow criterion are in particular classified in this category.

On initial recognition, financial assets are recognised at their fair value, including transaction costs directly attributable to the transaction. They are subsequently measured at fair value and changes in fair value are recognised, under a specific line of shareholders' equity entitled "Changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity that may be reclassified to profit or loss". These financial assets are also subject to the measurement of a loss allowance for expected credit losses on the same approach as for debt instruments at amortised cost. The counterparty of the related impact in cost of risk is recognised in the same specific line of shareholders' equity. On disposal, changes in fair value previously recognised in shareholders' equity are reclassified to profit or loss.

In addition, interest is recognised in the income statement using the effective interest method determined at the inception of the contract.

## **Equity instruments**

Investments in equity instruments such as shares are classified on option, and on a case by case basis, at fair value through shareholders' equity (under a specific line). On disposal of the shares, changes in fair value previously recognised in equity are not recognised in profit or loss. Only dividends, if they represent remuneration for the investment and not repayment of capital, are recognised in profit or loss. These instruments are not subject to impairment.

Investments in mutual funds puttable to the issuer do not meet the definition of equity instruments. They do not meet the cash flow criterion either, and thus are recognised at fair value through profit or loss

## 1.e.3 FINANCING AND GUARANTEE COMMITMENTS

Financing and financial guarantee commitments that are not recognised as derivative instruments at fair value through profit or loss are presented in the note relating to financing and guarantee commitments. They are subject to the measurement of a loss allowance for expected credit losses. These loss allowances are presented under "Provisions for contingencies and charges".



## 1.e.4 REGULATED SAVINGS AND LOAN CONTRACTS

Home savings accounts (Comptes Épargne-Logement – "CEL") and home savings plans (Plans d'Épargne Logement – "PEL") are government-regulated retail products sold in France. They combine a savings phase and a loan phase which are inseparable, with the loan phase contingent upon the savings phase.

These products contain two types of obligations for BNP Paribas: an obligation to pay interest on the savings for an indefinite period, at a rate set by the government at the inception of the contract (in the case of PEL products) or at a rate reset every six months using an indexation formula set by law (in the case of CEL products); and an obligation to lend to the customer (at the customer's option) an amount contingent upon the rights acquired during the savings phase, at a rate set at the inception of the contract (in the case of PEL products) or at a rate contingent upon the savings phase (in the case of CEL products).

The Group's future obligations with respect to each generation (in the case of PEL products, a generation comprises all products with the same interest rate at inception; in the case of CEL products, all such products constitute a single generation) are measured by discounting potential future earnings from at-risk outstandings for that generation.

At-risk outstandings are estimated on the basis of a historical analysis of customer behaviour, and are equivalent to:

- for the loan phase: statistically probable loans outstanding and actual loans outstanding;
- for the savings phase: the difference between statistically probable outstandings and minimum expected outstandings, with minimum expected outstandings being deemed equivalent to unconditional term deposits.

Earnings for future periods from the savings phase are estimated as the difference between the reinvestment rate and the fixed savings interest rate on at-risk savings outstanding for the period in question. Earnings for future periods from the loan phase are estimated as the difference between the refinancing rate and the fixed loan interest rate on at-risk loans outstanding for the period in question.

The reinvestment rate for savings and the refinancing rate for loans are derived from the swap yield curve and from the spreads expected on financial instruments of similar type and maturity. Spreads are determined on the basis of actual spreads on fixed rate home loans in the case of the loan phase and products offered to individual clients in the case of the savings phase. In order to reflect the uncertainty of future interest rate trends, and the impact of such trends on customer behaviour models and on atrisk outstandings, the obligations are estimated using the Monte-Carlo method.

Where the sum of the Group's estimated future obligations with respect to the savings and loan phases of any generation of contracts indicates a potentially unfavourable situation for the Group, a provision is recognised (with no offset between generations) in the balance sheet in "Provisions for contingencies and charges". Movements in this provision are recognised as interest income in the profit and loss account.

# 1.e.5 IMPAIRMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSETS MEASURED AT AMORTISED COST AND DEBT INSTRUMENTS MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

The impairment model for credit risk is based on expected losses.

This model applies to loans and debt instruments measured at amortised cost or fair value through equity, to loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts that are not recognised at fair value, as well as to lease receivables, trade receivables and contract assets.

## General model

The group identifies three "stages" that correspond each to a specific status with regards to the evolution of counterparty credit risk since the initial recognition of the asset.

- 12-month expected credit losses ("stage 1"): If at the reporting date, the credit risk of the financial instrument has not increased significantly since its initial recognition, this instrument is impaired at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses (resulting from the risk of default within the next 12 months).



- Lifetime expected credit losses for non-impaired assets ("stage 2"): The loss allowance is measured at an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses if the credit risk of the financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition, but the financial asset is not considered credit-impaired or doubtful.
- Lifetime expected credit losses for credit-impaired or doubtful financial assets ("stage 3"): the loss allowance is also measured for an amount equal to the lifetime expected credit losses.

This general model is applied to all instruments within the scope of IFRS 9 impairment, except for purchased or originated credit-impaired financial assets and instruments for which a simplified model is used (see below).

The IFRS 9 expected credit loss approach is symmetrical, i.e., if lifetime expected credit losses have been recognised in a previous reporting period, and if it is assessed in the current reporting period that there is no longer any significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, the loss allowance reverts to a 12-months expected credit loss.

As regards interest income, under "stage" 1 and 2, it is calculated on the gross carrying amount. Under "stage 3", interest income is calculated on the amortised cost (i.e., the gross carrying amount adjusted for the loss allowance).

#### **Definition of default**

The definition of default is aligned with the Basel regulatory default definition, with a rebuttable presumption that the default occurs no later than 90 days past due. This definition takes into account the EBA guidelines of 28 September 2016, notably those regarding the thresholds applicable for the counting of past-due and probation periods.

The definition of default is used consistently for assessing the increase in credit risk and measuring expected credit losses.

## Credit-impaired or doubtful financial assets

## Definition

A financial asset is considered credit-impaired or doubtful and classified in "stage 3" when one or more events that have a detrimental impact on the estimated future cash flows of that financial asset have occurred.

At an individual level, objective evidence that a financial asset is credit-impaired includes observable data regarding the following events: the existence of accounts that are more than 90 days past due; knowledge or indications that the borrower meets significant financial difficulties, such that a risk can be considered to have arisen regardless of whether the borrower has missed any payments; concessions with respect to the credit terms granted to the borrower that the lender would not have considered had the borrower not been meeting financial difficulty (see section *Restructuring of financial assets for financial difficulties*).

Specific cases of purchased or originated credit-impaired assets

In some cases, financial assets are credit-impaired at their initial recognition.

For these assets, there is no loss allowance accounted for at initial recognition. The effective interest rate is calculated taking into account the lifetime expected credit losses in the initial estimated cash flows. Any change in lifetime expected credit losses since initial recognition, positive or negative, is recognised as a loss allowance adjustment in profit or loss.

## Simplified model

The simplified approach consists in accounting for a loss allowance corresponding to lifetime expected credit losses since initial recognition, and at each reporting date.

The group applies this model to trade receivables with a maturity shorter than 12 months.



## Significant increase in credit risk

A significant increase in credit risk may be assessed on an individual basis or on a collective basis (by grouping financial instruments according to common credit risk characteristics) taking into account all reasonable and supportable information and comparing the risk of default of the financial instrument at the reporting date with the risk of default of the financial instrument at the date of initial recognition.

Assessment of deterioration is based on the comparison of the probabilities of default or the ratings on the date of initial recognition with those existing at the reporting date.

There is also, according to the standard, a rebuttable presumption that the credit risk of an instrument has significantly increased since initial recognition when the contractual payments are more than 30 days past due.

In the consumer credit specialised business, a significant increase in credit risk is also considered when a past due event has occurred within the last 12 months, even if it has since been regularised.

In the context of the health crisis, the granting of moratoria that meet the criteria defined in the EBA guidelines published on 2 April 2020, and amended on 2 December 2020, has not been considered, in isolation, as an indicator of a significant increase in credit risk leading to an automatic transfer to stage 2. The granting of "private" moratoria that meet equivalent criteria to those defined in the EBA guidelines has followed the same treatment. Moratoria do not trigger the counting of past-due days as long as the new schedule of payment is respected.

The principles applied to assess the significant increase in credit risk are detailed in note 2.h Cost of risk.

## Measurement of expected credit losses

Expected credit losses are defined as an estimate of credit losses (i.e., the present value of all cash shortfalls) weighted by the probability of occurrence of these losses over the expected life of financial instruments. They are measured on an individual basis, for all exposures.

In practice, for exposures classified in stage 1 and stage 2, expected credit losses are measured as the product of the probability of default ("PD"), loss given default ("LGD") and exposure at default ("EAD"), discounted at the effective interest rate of the exposure (EIR). They result from the risk of default within the next 12 months (stage 1), or from the risk of default over the maturity of the facility (stage 2). In the consumer credit specialised business, because of the specificity of credit exposures, the methodology used is based on the probability of transition to term forfeiture, and on discounted loss rates after term forfeiture. The measurement of these parameters is performed on a statistical basis for homogeneous populations.

For exposures classified in stage 3, expected credit losses are measured as the value, discounted at the effective interest rate, of all cash shortfalls over the life of the financial instrument. Cash shortfalls represent the difference between the cash-flows that are due in accordance with the contract, and the cash-flows that are expected to be received. Where appropriate, the estimate of expected cash flows takes into account a cash flow scenario arising from the sale of the defaulted loans or groups of loans. Proceeds of sale are considered net of costs to sell.

The methodology developed is based on existing concepts and methods (in particular the Basel framework) on exposures for which capital requirement for credit risk is measured according to the IRBA methodology. This method is also applied to portfolios for which capital requirement for credit risk is measured according to the standardised approach. Besides, the Basel framework has been adjusted in order to be compliant with IFRS 9 requirements, in particular the use of forward-looking information.



## **Maturity**

All contractual terms of the financial instrument are taken into account, including prepayment, extension and similar options. In the rare cases where the expected life of the financial instrument cannot be estimated reliably, the residual contractual term is used. The standard specifies that the maximum period to consider when measuring expected credit losses is the maximum contractual period. However, for revolving credit cards and overdrafts, in accordance with the exception provided by IFRS 9 for these products, the maturity considered for expected credit losses measurement is the period over which the entity is exposed to credit risk, which may extend beyond the contractual maturity (notice period). For revolving credits and overdrafts to non-retail counterparties, the contractual maturity can be taken, for example if the next review date is the contractual maturity as they are individually managed.

## Probabilities of Default (PD)

The Probability of Default is an estimate of the likelihood of default over a given time horizon.

The measurement of expected credit losses requires the estimation of both 1-year probabilities of default and lifetime probabilities of default.

1-year PDs are derived from long term average regulatory "through the cycle" PDs to reflect the current situation ("point in time" or "PIT").

Lifetime PDs are determined from the rating migration matrices reflecting the expected rating evolution of the exposure until maturity, and the associated probabilities of default.

## Loss Given Default (LGD)

Loss Given Default is the difference between contractual cash-flows and expected cash-flows, discounted using the effective interest rate (or an approximation thereof) at the default date. The LGD is expressed as a percentage of the EAD.

The estimate of expected cash flows takes into account cash flows resulting from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements if they are part of the contractual terms and are not accounted for separately by the entity (for example, a mortgage associated with a residential loan), net of the costs of obtaining and selling the collateral.

For state-guaranteed loans originated in the context of the health crisis, the guarantee is considered as integral to the loan agreement if it is embedded in the contractual clauses of the loan, or it was granted at origination of the loan, and if the expected reimbursement amount can be attached to a loan in particular (i.e. absence of pooling effect by means of a tranching mechanism, or the existence of a global cap for a whole portfolio). In such case, the guarantee is taken into account when measuring the expected credit losses. Otherwise, it is accounted for as a separate reimbursement asset.

The LGD used for IFRS 9 purposes is derived from the Basel LGD parameters. It is retreated for downturn and conservatism margins (in particular regulatory margins), except for margins for model uncertainties.

## Exposure At Default (EAD)

The Exposure At Default (EAD) of an instrument is the anticipated outstanding amount owed by the obligor at the time of default. It is determined by the expected payment profile taking into account, depending on the product type: the contractual repayment schedule, expected early repayments and expected future drawings for revolving facilities.

## Forward looking

The amount of expected credit losses is measured on the basis of probability-weighted scenarios, in view of past events, current conditions and reasonable and supportable economic forecasts.

The principles applied to take into account forward looking information when measuring expected credit losses are detailed in note 2.h *Cost of risk*.



## Write-offs

A write-off consists in reducing the gross carrying amount of a financial asset when there are no longer reasonable expectations of recovering that financial asset in its entirety or a portion thereof, or when it has been fully or partially forgiven. The write-off is recorded when all other means available to the Bank for recovering the receivables or guarantees have failed, and also generally depends on the context specific to each jurisdiction.

If the amount of loss on write-off is greater than the accumulated loss allowance, the difference is an additional impairment loss posted in "Cost of risk". For any receipt occurring when the financial asset (or part of it) is no longer recognised on the balance-sheet, the amount received is recorded as an impairment gain in "Cost of risk".

## Recoveries through the repossession of the collateral

When a loan is secured by a financial or a non-financial asset serving as a guarantee and the counterparty is in default, the group may decide to exercise the guarantee and, according to the jurisdiction, it may then become owner of the asset. In such a situation, the loan is written-off in counterparty of the asset received as collateral.

Once ownership of the asset is carried out, it is accounted for at fair value and classified according to the intent of use.

## Restructuring of financial assets for financial difficulties

A restructuring due to the borrower's financial difficulties is defined as a change in the terms and conditions of the initial transaction that the Group is considering only for economic or legal reasons related to the borrower's financial difficulties.

For restructurings not resulting in derecognition of the financial asset, the restructured asset is subject to an adjustment of its gross carrying amount, to reduce it to the discounted amount, at the original effective interest rate of the asset, of the new expected future flows. The change in the gross carrying amount of the asset is recorded in the income statement in "Cost of risk".

The existence of a significant increase in credit risk for the financial instrument is then assessed by comparing the risk of default after the restructuring (under the revised contractual terms) and the risk of default at the initial recognition date (under the original contractual terms). In order to demonstrate that the criteria for recognising lifetime expected credit losses are no longer met, good quality payment behaviour will have to be observed over a certain period of time.

When the restructuring consists of a partial or total exchange against other substantially different assets (for example, the exchange of a debt instrument against an equity instrument), it results in the extinction of the original asset and the recognition of the assets remitted in exchange, measured at their fair value at the date of exchange. The difference in value is recorded in the income statement in "Cost of risk".

As a reminder, in response to the health crisis, several moratoria have been granted to clients. These moratoria mostly consisted in payment suspension of a few months, with interests that may or not continue to accrue during the suspension period. To that extent, the modification was generally considered as not substantial. The associated discount (linked to the absence of interest accruing, or interest accruing at a rate that was lower than the EIR of the loan) was thus accounted for in NBI, subject to the respect of certain criteria<sup>5</sup>. In such cases, the moratorium was considered as not being granted in response to the borrower encountering financial difficulties, but in response to a temporary liquidity crisis and the credit risk was not considered to have significantly increased.

Modifications to financial assets that are not due to a borrower's financial difficulties, or granted in the context of a moratorium (i.e., commercial renegotiations) are generally analysed as the early repayment of the former financial asset, which is then derecognised, followed by the set-up of a new financial asset at market conditions. They consist in resetting the interest rate of the loan at market conditions, with the client being in a position to change its lender and not encountering any financial difficulties.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Moratoria qualified as "COVID-19 General moratorium Measure" (i.e. meeting the criteria defined in EBA Guidelines published on 2 April 2020 and modified on 2 December 2020) or similar measures that do not lead to a transfer to stage 3.



## **Probation periods**

The Group applies observation periods to assess the possible return to a better stage. Thus, a probation period of 3 months is observed for the transition from stage 3 to stage 2. This period is extended to 12 months in the event of restructuring due to financial difficulties.

For the transition from stage 2 to stage 1, a probation period of two years is observed for loans that have been restructured due to financial difficulties.

## 1.e.6 COST OF RISK

Cost of risk includes the following items of profit or loss:

- impairment gains and losses resulting from the accounting of loss allowances for 12-month expected credit losses and lifetime expected credit losses ('stage 1' and 'stage 2') relating to debt instruments measured at amortised cost or at fair value through shareholders' equity, loan commitments and financial guarantee contracts that are not recognised at fair value as well as lease receivables, contract assets and trade receivables;
- impairment gains and losses resulting from the accounting of loss allowances relating to financial assets (including those at fair value through profit or loss) for which there is objective evidence of impairment ('stage 3'), write-offs on irrecoverable loans and amounts recovered on loans written-off;
- impairment gains and losses relating to fixed-income securities of insurance entities that are individually impaired (which fall under IAS 39).

It also includes expenses relating to fraud and to disputes inherent to the financing activity.

#### 1.e.7 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

## Trading portfolio and other financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss

The trading portfolio includes instruments held for trading (trading transactions), including derivatives.

Other financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss include debt instruments that do not meet the "collect" or "collect and sale" business model criterion or that do not meet the cash-flow criterion, as well as equity instruments for which the fair value through shareholders' equity option has not been retained.

All those financial instruments are measured at fair value at initial recognition, with transaction costs directly posted in profit or loss. At reporting date, they are measured at fair value, with changes presented in "Net gain/loss on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss". Income, dividends, and realised gains and losses on disposal related to held-for-trading transactions are accounted for in the same profit or loss account.

## Financial liabilities designated as at fair value through profit or loss

Financial liabilities are recognised under option in this category in the two following situations:

- for hybrid financial instruments containing one or more embedded derivatives which otherwise would have been separated and accounted for separately. An embedded derivative is such that its economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to those of the host contract;
- when using the option enables the entity to eliminate or significantly reduce a mismatch in the measurement and accounting treatment of assets and liabilities that would otherwise arise if they were to be classified in separate categories.

Changes in fair value due to the own credit risk are recognised under a specific heading of shareholders' equity.



## 1.e.8 FINANCIAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY INSTRUMENTS

A financial instrument issued or its various components are classified as a financial liability or equity instrument, in accordance with the economic substance of the legal contract.

Financial instruments issued by the Group are qualified as debt instruments if the entity in the Group issuing the instruments has a contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset to the holder of the instrument. The same applies if the Group is required to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another entity under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the Group, or to deliver a variable number of the Group's own equity instruments.

Equity instruments result from contracts evidencing a residual interest in an entity's assets after deducting all of its liabilities.

#### Debt securities and subordinated debt

Debt securities and subordinated debt are measured at amortised cost unless they are recognised at fair value through profit or loss.

Debt securities are initially recognised at the issue value including transaction costs and are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Bonds redeemable or convertible into own equity are hybrid instruments that may contain a debt component and an equity component, determined upon initial recognition of the transaction.

## **Equity instruments**

The term "own equity instruments" refers to shares issued by the parent company (BNP Paribas SA) and by its fully consolidated subsidiaries. External costs that are directly attributable to an issue of new shares are deducted from equity net of all related taxes.

Own equity instruments held by the Group, also known as treasury shares, are deducted from consolidated shareholders' equity irrespective of the purpose for which they are held. Gains and losses arising on such instruments are eliminated from the consolidated profit and loss account.

When the Group acquires equity instruments issued by subsidiaries under the exclusive control of BNP Paribas, the difference between the acquisition price and the share of net assets acquired is recorded in retained earnings attributable to BNP Paribas shareholders. Similarly, the liability corresponding to put options granted to minority shareholders in such subsidiaries, and changes in the value of that liability, are offset against minority interests, with any surplus offset against retained earnings attributable to BNP Paribas shareholders. Until these options have been exercised, the portion of net income attributable to minority interests is allocated to minority interests in the profit and loss account. A decrease in the Group's interest in a fully consolidated subsidiary is recognised in the Group's accounts as a change in shareholders' equity.

Financial instruments issued by the group and classified as equity instruments (e.g. Undated Super Subordinated Notes) are presented in the balance sheet in "Capital and retained earnings".

Distributions from a financial instrument classified as an equity instrument are recognised directly as a deduction from equity. Similarly, the transaction costs of an instrument classified as equity are recognised as a deduction from shareholders' equity.

Own equity instrument derivatives are treated as follows, depending on the method of settlement:

- as equity instruments if they are settled by physical delivery of a fixed number of own equity instruments for a fixed amount of cash or other financial asset. Such instruments are not revalued;
- as derivatives if they are settled in cash or by choice by physical delivery of the shares or in cash. Changes in value of such instruments are taken to the profit and loss account.



If the contract includes an obligation, whether contingent or not, for the bank to repurchase its own shares, the bank recognises the debt at its present value with an offsetting entry in shareholders' equity.

## 1.e.9 HEDGE ACCOUNTING

The Group retained the option provided by the standard to maintain the hedge accounting requirements of IAS 39 until the future standard on macro-hedging is entered into force. Furthermore, IFRS 9 does not explicitly address the fair value hedge of the interest rate risk on a portfolio of financial assets or liabilities. The provisions in IAS 39 for these portfolio hedges, as adopted by the European Union, continue to apply.

Derivatives contracted as part of a hedging relationship are designated according to the purpose of the hedge.

Fair value hedges are particularly used to hedge interest rate risk on fixed rate assets and liabilities, both for identified financial instruments (securities, debt issues, loans, borrowings) and for portfolios of financial instruments (in particular, demand deposits and fixed rate loans).

Cash flow hedges are particularly used to hedge interest rate risk on floating-rate assets and liabilities, including rollovers, and foreign exchange risks on highly probable forecast foreign currency revenues.

At the inception of the hedge, the Group prepares formal documentation which details the hedging relationship, identifying the instrument, or portion of the instrument, or portion of risk that is being hedged, the hedging strategy and the type of risk hedged, the hedging instrument, and the methods used to assess the effectiveness of the hedging relationship.

On inception and at least quarterly, the Group assesses, in consistency with the original documentation, the actual (retrospective) and expected (prospective) effectiveness of the hedging relationship. Retrospective effectiveness tests are designed to assess whether the ratio of actual changes in the fair value or cash flows of the hedging instrument to those in the hedged item is within a range of 80% to 125%. Prospective effectiveness tests are designed to ensure that expected changes in the fair value or cash flows of the derivative over the residual life of the hedge adequately offset those of the hedged item. For highly probable forecast transactions, effectiveness is assessed largely on the basis of historical data for similar transactions.

Under IAS 39 as adopted by the European Union, which excludes certain provisions on portfolio hedging, interest rate risk hedging relationships based on portfolios of assets or liabilities qualify for fair value hedge accounting as follows:

- the risk designated as being hedged is the interest rate risk associated with the interbank rate component of interest rates on commercial banking transactions (loans to customers, savings accounts and demand deposits);
- the instruments designated as being hedged correspond, for each maturity band, to a portion of the interest rate gap associated with the hedged underlying;
- the hedging instruments used consist exclusively of "plain vanilla" swaps;
- prospective hedge effectiveness is established by the fact that all derivatives must, on inception, have the effect of reducing interest rate risk in the portfolio of hedged underlying. Retrospectively, a hedge will be disqualified from hedge accounting once a shortfall arises in the underlying specifically associated with that hedge for each maturity band (due to prepayment of loans or withdrawals of deposits).

The accounting treatment of derivatives and hedged items depends on the hedging strategy.

In a fair value hedging relationship, the derivative instrument is remeasured at fair value in the balance sheet, with changes in fair value recognised in profit or loss in "Net gain/loss on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss", symmetrically with the remeasurement of the hedged item to reflect the hedged risk. In the balance sheet, the fair value remeasurement of the hedged component is recognised in accordance with the classification of the hedged item in the case of a hedge of identified assets and liabilities, or under "Remeasurement adjustment on interest rate risk hedged portfolios" in the case of a portfolio hedging relationship.



If a hedging relationship ceases or no longer fulfils the effectiveness criteria, the hedging instrument is transferred to the trading book and accounted for using the treatment applied to this category. In the case of identified fixed-income instruments, the remeasurement adjustment recognised in the balance sheet is amortised at the effective interest rate over the remaining life of the instrument. In the case of interest rate risk hedged fixed-income portfolios, the adjustment is amortised on a straight-line basis over the remainder of the original term of the hedge. If the hedged item no longer appears in the balance sheet, in particular due to prepayments, the adjustment is taken to the profit and loss account immediately.

In a cash flow hedging relationship, the derivative is measured at fair value in the balance sheet, with changes in fair value taken to shareholders' equity on a separate line, "Changes in fair value recognised directly in equity". The amounts taken to shareholders' equity over the life of the hedge are transferred to the profit and loss account under "Net interest income" as and when the cash flows from the hedged item impact profit or loss. The hedged items continue to be accounted for using the treatment specific to the category to which they belong.

If the hedging relationship ceases or no longer fulfils the effectiveness criteria, the cumulative amounts recognised in shareholders' equity as a result of the remeasurement of the hedging instrument remain in equity until the hedged transaction itself impacts profit or loss, or until it becomes clear that the transaction will not occur, at which point they are transferred to the profit and loss account.

If the hedged item ceases to exist, the cumulative amounts recognised in shareholders' equity are immediately taken to the profit and loss account.

Whatever the hedging strategy used, any ineffective portion of the hedge is recognised in the profit and loss account under "Net gain/loss on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss".

Hedges of net foreign currency investments in subsidiaries and branches are accounted for in the same way as cash flow hedges. Hedging instruments may be foreign exchange derivatives or any other non-derivative financial instrument.



#### 1.e.10 DETERMINATION OF FAIR VALUE

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in the principal market or most advantageous market, at the measurement date.

The Group determines the fair value of financial instruments either by using prices obtained directly from external data or by using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques are primarily market and income approaches encompassing generally accepted models (e.g., discounted cash flows, Black-Scholes model, and interpolation techniques). They maximise the use of observable inputs and minimise the use of unobservable inputs. They are calibrated to reflect current market conditions and valuation adjustments are applied as appropriate, when some factors such as model, liquidity and credit risks are not captured by the models or their underlying inputs but are nevertheless considered by market participants when setting the exit price.

The unit of measurement is the individual financial asset or financial liability but a portfolio-based measurement can be elected, subject to certain conditions. Accordingly, the Group retains this portfolio-based measurement exception to determine the fair value when some group of financial assets and financial liabilities and other contracts within the scope of the standard relating to financial instruments with substantially similar and offsetting market risks or credit risks are managed on the basis of a net exposure, in accordance with the documented risk management strategy.

Assets and liabilities measured or disclosed at fair value are categorised into the three following levels of the fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1: fair values are determined using directly quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities. Characteristics of an active market include the existence of a sufficient frequency and volume of activity and of readily available prices.
- Level 2: fair values are determined based on valuation techniques for which significant inputs are observable market data, either directly or indirectly. These techniques are regularly calibrated and the inputs are corroborated with information from active markets.
- Level 3: fair values are determined using valuation techniques for which significant inputs are unobservable or cannot be corroborated by market-based observations, due for instance to illiquidity of the instrument and significant model risk. An unobservable input is a parameter for which there are no market data available and that is therefore derived from proprietary assumptions about what other market participants would consider when assessing fair value. The assessment of whether a product is illiquid or subject to significant model risks is a matter of judgment.

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the asset or liability is categorised in its entirety is based upon the lowest level input that is significant to the entire fair value.

For financial instruments disclosed in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, and marginally some instruments disclosed in Level 2, a difference between the transaction price and the fair value may arise at initial recognition. This "Day One Profit" is deferred and released to the profit and loss account over the period during which the valuation parameters are expected to remain non-observable. When parameters that were originally non-observable become observable, or when the valuation can be substantiated in comparison with recent similar transactions in an active market, the unrecognised portion of the day one profit is released to the profit and loss account.



#### 1.e.11 DERECOGNITION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

#### Derecognition of financial assets

The Group derecognises all or part of a financial asset either when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or when the Group transfers the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the asset. Unless these conditions are fulfilled, the Group retains the asset in its balance sheet and recognises a liability for the obligation created as a result of the transfer of the asset.

#### Derecognition of financial liabilities

The Group derecognises all or part of a financial liability when the liability is extinguished in full or in part.

#### Repurchase agreements and securities lending/borrowing

Securities temporarily sold under repurchase agreements continue to be recognised in the Group's balance sheet in the category of securities to which they belong. The corresponding liability is recognised at amortised cost under the appropriate "Financial liabilities at amortised cost" category on the balance sheet, except in the case of repurchase agreements contracted for trading purposes, for which the corresponding liability is recognised in "Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss".

Securities temporarily acquired under reverse repurchase agreements are not recognised in the Group's balance sheet. The corresponding receivable is recognised at amortised cost under the appropriate "Financial assets at amortised cost" category in the balance sheet, except in the case of reverse repurchase agreements contracted for trading purposes, for which the corresponding receivable is recognised in "Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss".

Securities lending transactions do not result in derecognition of the lent securities, and securities borrowing transactions do not result in recognition of the borrowed securities on the balance sheet. In cases where the borrowed securities are subsequently sold by the Group, the obligation to deliver the borrowed securities on maturity is recognised on the balance sheet under "Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss".

#### 1.e.12 OFFSETTING FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

A financial asset and a financial liability are offset and the net amount presented in the balance sheet if, and only if, the Group has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts, and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Repurchase agreements and derivatives that meet the two criteria set out in the accounting standard are offset in the balance sheet.



#### 1.f ACCOUNTING STANDARDS SPECIFIC TO INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

The specific accounting policies and valuation rules relating to assets and liabilities generated by insurance contracts and financial contracts with a discretionary participation feature written by fully consolidated insurance companies are retained for the purposes of the consolidated financial statements. These policies comply with IFRS 4.

The amendment to IFRS 4 "Insurance Contracts" published by the IASB on 25 June 2020 provides the option for entities that predominantly undertake insurance activities to defer the effective date of IFRS 9 application until 1 January 2023 in line with the deferral of the mandatory application date for IFRS 17 "Insurance Contracts".

The effect of such a deferral is that those entities may continue to report their financial statements under the existing standard IAS 39.

This temporary exemption from IFRS 9, limited to groups that predominantly undertake insurance activities according to the IASB amendment, has been extended to the insurance segment of financial conglomerates as defined by the Directive 2002/87/EC as adopted by the European Union. This exemption is subject to certain conditions, notably the absence of internal transfers of financial instruments, other than financial instruments that are measured at fair value through profit or loss, between insurance entities and other entities of the financial conglomerate.

BNP Paribas Group applies this amendment to all its insurance entities, including funds related to this activity, which will apply IAS 39 "Financial instruments: Recognition and Measurement" until 31 December 2022.

All other insurance company assets and liabilities are accounted for using the policies applied to the Group's assets and liabilities generally and are included in the relevant balance sheet and profit and loss account headings in the consolidated financial statements.

#### 1.f.1 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Income and expenses recognised under insurance contracts issued by the group are presented in the income statement under "Net income from insurance activities".

This heading in the income statement includes premiums earned, net gain in investment contracts with no discretionary participation feature and other services, net investment income (including income on investment property and impairment on shares and other equity instruments), technical charges related to contracts; (including policyholders surplus reserve), net charges from ceded reinsurance and external charges related to contracts (including commissions).

Other income and expenses relating to insurance activities (i.e., recorded by insurance entities) are presented in the other income statement headings according to their nature.

#### 1.f.2 FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS OF INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

Investments of insurance activities mainly include:

- investments by insurance entities in financial instruments that are recognised in accordance with the principles of IAS 39, which include investments representing technical reserves of insurance activities and notably unit-linked contracts;
- derivative instruments with a positive fair value. Group insurance entities underwrite derivative instruments for hedging purposes;
- investment properties;
- equity method investments;
- and reinsurers' share in liabilities arising from insurance and investment contracts.



#### Investments in financial instruments

Financial investments held by the group's insurance entities are classified in one of the four categories provided for in IAS 39: Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, held-to-maturity financial assets, loans and receivables and available-for-sale financial assets.

- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The category of 'Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' includes derivatives and financial assets that the Group has elected to recognise and measure at fair value through profit or loss at inception, in accordance with the option offered by IAS 39.

Financial assets may be designated at fair value through profit or loss in the following cases (in accordance with IAS 39):

- hybrid financial instruments containing one or more embedded derivatives which otherwise would have been separated and accounted for separately. An embedded derivative is such that its economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to those of the host contract;
- where using the option enables the entity to eliminate or significantly reduce a mismatch in the measurement and accounting treatment of assets and liabilities that would arise if they were to be classified in separate accounting categories;
- when the group of financial assets and/or financial liabilities is managed and measured on the basis of fair value, in accordance with a documented risk management and investment strategy.

Investments held in respect of insurance or investment contracts where the financial risk is borne by policyholders (unit-linked contracts) are recognised at fair value option through profit or loss.

When the Group measures at fair value through profit or loss investments made in respect of its insurance activities in entities over which it exercises significant influence or joint control, these investments are presented under the line "Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss" (see §1.b.2).

Financial instruments classified in this category are initially recognised at their fair value, with transaction costs being directly recognised in the income statement.

At the closing date, they are valued at their fair value.

Changes in value compared to the last valuation, income, dividends and realised gains and losses are presented under "Net income from insurance activities" and under "Net gain on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss".

#### - Loans and advances

Fixed or determinable -income securities, which are not quoted in an active market, other than those for which the holder may not recover substantially all of its initial investment for reasons other than credit deterioration, are classified as "Loans and receivables" when they do not meet the conditions for classification as financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

Loans and receivables are initially recognised at their fair value or equivalent, which generally corresponds to the net amount originally paid.

Loans and receivables are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method and net of repayments of principal and interest.

Interest is calculated using the effective interest method, which includes interest, transaction costs and commissions included in their initial value and is presented under "Net income from insurance activities" and under sub-heading "Net gain on financial instruments at amortised cost".

Impairment losses recognised when there is objective evidence of impairment related to an event subsequent to the acquisition of the asset are presented under "Cost of risk".



#### - Held-to-maturity financial assets

"Held-to-maturity financial assets" include debt securities, with fixed maturity, that the Group has the intention and ability to hold until maturity.

Securities classified in this category are recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Income received on these securities is presented under "Net income from insurance activities" and under sub-heading "Net gain on financial instruments at amortised cost". Impairment losses recognised when there is objective evidence of impairment related to an event subsequent to the acquisition of the asset are presented under "Cost of risk".

#### - Available-for-sale financial assets

The category "Available-for-sale financial assets" includes debt or equity securities that do not fall within the previous three categories.

Assets included in the available-for-sale category are initially recorded at fair value, plus transaction costs where material. At the end of the reporting period, they are valued at their fair value and the changes in the latter, excluding accrued income, are presented under a specific heading of equity. On disposal of the securities, these unrealised gains or losses previously recognised in equity are reclassified in the income statement under the heading "Net income from insurance activities".

Income recognised using the effective interest method on debt securities, dividends received and impairment (in the event of a significant or lasting decline in the value of the securities) of equity securities are presented under "Net income from insurance activities" and under section "Net gain on available-for-sale financial assets". Impairment losses on debt securities are presented under "Cost of risk".

#### Investment property

Investment property corresponds to buildings held directly by insurance companies and property companies controlled.

Investment property, except for those used for unit-linked contracts, is recognised at cost and follows the accounting methods of the assets described elsewhere.

Investment property, held in respect of unit-linked contracts, is valued at fair value or equivalent, with changes in value recognised in the income statement.

#### Equity method investments

Investments in entities or real estate funds over which the Group exercises significant influence or joint control and for which the equity method is applied are recognised in the line "Equity method investments".

#### 1.f.3 TECHNICAL RESERVES AND OTHER INSURANCE LIABILITIES

The item "Technical reserves and other insurance liabilities" includes:

- commitments to policyholders and beneficiaries of contracts, which include technical reserves for insurance contracts subject to significant insurance hazard (mortality, longevity, disability, incapacity...) and technical liabilities of investment contracts with a discretionary profit-sharing feature, falling within IFRS 4. The discretionary participation clause grants life insurance policyholders the right to receive, in addition to the guaranteed remuneration, a share of the financial results achieved;



- other insurance liabilities related to unit-linked contracts that fall within the scope of IAS 39 (i.e., investment contracts with no discretionary participating features);
- policyholders' surplus reserve;
- liabilities arising from insurance and reinsurance operations, including liabilities due to policyholders;
- financial derivative instruments of insurance activities carried at fair value through profit or loss, the fair value of which is negative. Group insurance entities underwrite derivative instruments for hedging purposes.

Financial liabilities that are not insurance liabilities (e.g., subordinated debt) fall under IAS 39. They are presented in "Financial liabilities at amortised cost".

## Insurance and reinsurance contracts and investment contracts with discretionary participating features

Life insurance guarantees cover mainly death risk (term life insurance, annuities, repayment of loans or guaranteed minimum on unit-linked contracts) and, regarding borrowers' insurance, to disability, incapacity and unemployment risks.

For life insurance, technical reserves consist mainly of mathematical reserves that corresponds as a minimum, to the surrender value of contracts and surplus reserve.

The policyholders' surplus reserve also includes amounts resulting from the application of shadow accounting representing the interest of policyholders, mainly within French life insurance subsidiaries, in unrealised gains and losses on assets where the benefit paid under the policy is linked to the return on those assets. This interest is an average derived from stochastic analyses of unrealised gains and losses attributable to policyholders in various scenarios.

A capitalisation reserve is set up in individual statutory accounts of French life-insurance companies on the sale of amortisable securities in order to defer part of the net realised gain and hence maintain the yield to maturity on the portfolio of admissible assets. In the consolidated financial statements, this reserve is reclassified into "Policyholders' surplus" on the liabilities side of the consolidated balance sheet, to the extent that it is highly probable it will be used.

Non-life technical reserves consist of unearned premium reserves (corresponding to the portion of written premiums relating to future periods) and outstanding claims reserves, inclusive of claims handling costs.

At the reporting date, a liability adequacy test is performed: The level of technical reserves (net of acquisition costs outstanding) is compared to the average value of future cash flows resulting from stochastic calculations. Related adjustment to technical reserves, if any, is taken to the profit and loss account for the period.

In the event of an unrealised loss on shadow accounted assets, a policyholders' loss reserve is recognised on the assets side of the consolidated balance sheet in an amount equal to the probable deduction from the policyholders' future profit share. The recoverability of the policyholders' loss reserve is assessed prospectively, taking into account policyholders' surplus reserves recognised elsewhere, capital gains on financial assets that are not shadow accounted due to accounting elections made (held-to-maturity financial assets and property investments measured at cost) and the company's ability and intention to hold the assets carrying the unrealised loss.



#### Investment contracts with no discretionary participating features

Investment contracts with no discretionary participating features correspond mainly to unit-linked contracts that do not meet the definition of insurance and investment contracts with discretionary participating features.

Liabilities arising from unit-linked contracts are measured by reference to the fair value of the assets backing these contracts at the closing date.

#### 1.g PROPERTY, PLANT, EQUIPMENT AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets shown in the consolidated balance sheet are composed of assets used in operations and investment property. Rights-of-use related to leased assets (see note 1.h.2) are presented by the lessee within fixed assets in the same category as similar assets held

Assets used in operations are those used in the provision of services or for administrative purposes, and include non-property assets leased by the Group as lessor under operating leases.

Investment property comprises property assets held to generate rental income and capital gains.

Investment property is recognised at cost, with the exception of those representing insurance or investment contracts whose risk is borne by policyholders (unit-linked contracts), which are measured at fair value through profit or loss and presented in the balance sheet under "Financial investments of insurance activities" (note 1.f.2).

Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets are initially recognised at purchase price plus directly attributable costs, together with borrowing costs where a long period of construction or adaptation is required before the asset can be brought into service.

Software developed internally by the BNP Paribas Group that fulfils the criteria for capitalisation is capitalised at direct development cost, which includes external costs and the labour costs of employees directly attributable to the project.

Subsequent to initial recognition, property, plant and equipment and intangible assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation or amortisation and any impairment losses.

The depreciable amount of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets is calculated after deducting the residual value of the asset. Only assets leased by the Group as the lessor under operating leases are presumed to have a residual value, as the useful life of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets used in operations is generally the same as their economic life.

Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets are depreciated or amortised using the straight-line method over the useful life of the asset. Depreciation and amortisation expense is recognised in the profit and loss account under "Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets".

Where an asset consists of a number of components which may require replacement at regular intervals, or which have different uses or generate economic benefits at different rates, each component is recognised separately and depreciated using a method appropriate to that component. The BNP Paribas Group has adopted the component-based approach for property used in operations and for investment property.

The depreciation periods used for office property are as follows: 80 years or 60 years for the shell (for prime and other property respectively); 30 years for facades; 20 years for general and technical installations; and 10 years for fixtures and fittings.

Software is amortised, depending on its type, over periods of no more than 8 years in the case of infrastructure developments and 3 years or 5 years in the case of software developed primarily for the purpose of providing services to customers.

Software maintenance costs are expensed as incurred. However, expenditure that is regarded as upgrading the software or extending its useful life is included in the initial acquisition or production cost.



Depreciable property, plant and equipment and intangible assets are tested for impairment if there is an indication of potential impairment at the balance sheet date. Non-depreciable assets are tested for impairment at least annually, using the same method as for goodwill allocated to cash-generating units.

If there is an indication of impairment, the new recoverable amount of the asset is compared with the carrying amount. If the asset is found to be impaired, an impairment loss is recognised in the profit and loss account. This loss is reversed in the event of a change in the estimated recoverable amount or if there is no longer an indication of impairment. Impairment losses are taken to the profit and loss account in "Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets".

Gains and losses on disposals of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets used in operations are recognised in the profit and loss account in "Net gain on non-current assets".

Gains and losses on disposals of investment property are recognised in the profit and loss account in "Income from other activities" or "Expense on other activities".

#### 1.h LEASES

Group companies may either be the lessee or the lessor in a lease agreement.

#### 1.h.1 GROUP COMPANY AS LESSOR

Leases contracted by the Group as lessor are categorised as either finance leases or operating leases.

#### • Finance leases

In a finance lease, the lessor transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset to the lessee. It is treated as a loan made to the lessee to finance the purchase of the asset.

The present value of the lease payments, plus any residual value, is recognised as a receivable. The net income earned from the lease by the lessor is equal to the amount of interest on the loan, and is taken to the profit and loss account under "Interest income". The lease payments are spread over the lease term, and are allocated to reduction of the principal and to interest such that the net income reflects a constant rate of return on the net investment outstanding in the lease. The rate of interest used is the rate implicit in the lease.

Impairments of lease receivables are determined using the same principles as applied to financial assets measured at amortised cost.

#### • Operating leases

An operating lease is a lease under which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset are not transferred to the lessee.

The asset is recognised under property, plant and equipment in the lessor's balance sheet and depreciated on a straight-line basis over its useful life. The depreciable amount excludes the residual value of the asset. The lease payments are taken to the profit and loss account in full on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Lease payments and depreciation expenses are taken to the profit and loss account under "Income from other activities" and "Expense on other activities".



#### 1.h.2 GROUP COMPANY AS LESSEE

Lease contracts concluded by the Group, with the exception of contracts whose term is shorter than or equal to 12 months and low-value contracts, are recognised in the balance-sheet in the form of a right-of-use on the leased asset presented under fixed assets, along with the recognition of a financial liability for the rent and other payments to be made over the leasing period. The right of use assets is amortised on a straight-line basis and the financial liabilities are amortised on an actuarial basis over the lease period. Dismantling costs corresponding to specific and significant fittings and fixtures are included in the initial right-of-use estimation, in counterparty of a provision liability.

The key hypothesis used by the Group for the measurement of rights of use and lease liabilities are the following:

- the lease term corresponds to the non-cancellable period of the contract, together with periods covered by an extension option if the Group is reasonably certain to exercise this option. In France, the standard commercial lease contract is the so-called "three, six, nine" contract for which the maximum period of use is nine years, with a first non-cancellable period of three years followed by two optional extension periods of three years each; hence, depending on the assessment, the lease term can be of three, six or nine years. When investments like fittings or fixtures are performed under the contract, the lease term is aligned with their useful lives. For tacitly renewable contracts, with or without an enforceable period, related right of use and lease liabilities are recognised based on an estimate of the reasonably foreseeable economic life of the contracts, minimal occupation period included.
- the discount rate used to measure the right of use and the lease liability is assessed for each contract as the interest rate implicit in the lease, if that rate can be readily determined, or more generally based on the incremental borrowing rate of the lessee at the date of signature. The incremental borrowing rate is determined considering the average term (duration) of the contract.
- when the contract is modified, a new assessment of the lease liability is made taking into account the new residual term of the contract, and therefore a new assessment of the right of use and the lease liability is established.

#### 1.i ASSETS HELD FOR SALE AND DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

Where the Group decides to sell assets or a group of assets and liabilities and it is highly probable that the sale will occur within 12 months, these assets are shown separately in the balance sheet, on the line "Assets held for sale". Any liabilities associated with these assets are also shown separately in the balance sheet, on the line "Liabilities associated with assets held for sale". When the Group is committed to a sale plan involving loss of control of a subsidiary and the sale is highly probable within 12 months, all the assets and liabilities of that subsidiary are classified as held for sale.

Once classified in this category, assets and the group of assets and liabilities are measured at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell.

Such assets are no longer depreciated. If an asset or group of assets and liabilities becomes impaired, an impairment loss is recognised in the profit and loss account. Impairment losses may be reversed.

Where a group of assets and liabilities held for sale represents a cash generating unit, it is categorised as a "discontinued operation". Discontinued operations include operations that are held for sale, operations that have been shut down, and subsidiaries acquired exclusively with a view to resell.

In this case, gains and losses related to discontinued operations are shown separately in the profit and loss account, on the line "Net income from discontinued activities". This line includes after tax profits or losses of discontinued operations, after tax gain or loss arising from remeasurement at fair value less costs to sell, and after tax gain or loss on disposal of the operation.



#### 1.j EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Employee benefits are classified in one of four following categories:

- short-term benefits, such as salary, annual leave, incentive plans, profit-sharing and additional payments;
- long-term benefits, including compensated absences, long-service awards, and other types of cash-based deferred compensation;
- termination benefits;
- post-employment benefits, including top-up banking industry pensions and retirement bonuses in France and pension plans in other countries, some of which are operated through pension funds.

#### Short-term benefits

The Group recognises an expense when it has used services rendered by employees in exchange for employee benefits.

#### Long-term benefits

These are benefits, other than short-term benefits, post-employment benefits and termination benefits. This relates, in particular, to compensation deferred for more than 12 months and not linked to the BNP Paribas share price, which is accrued in the financial statements for the period in which it is earned.

The actuarial techniques used are similar to those used for defined-benefit post-employment benefits, except that the revaluation items are recognised in the profit and loss account and not in equity.

#### • Termination benefits

Termination benefits are employee benefits payable in exchange for the termination of an employee's contract as a result of either a decision by the Group to terminate a contract of employment before the legal retirement age, or a decision by an employee to accept voluntary redundancy in exchange for these benefits. Termination benefits due more than 12 months after the balance sheet date are discounted.

#### Post-employment benefits

In accordance with IFRS, the BNP Paribas Group draws a distinction between defined-contribution plans and defined-benefit plans.

Defined-contribution plans do not give rise to an obligation for the Group and do not require a provision. The amount of the employer's contributions payable during the period is recognised as an expense.

Only defined-benefit schemes give rise to an obligation for the Group. This obligation must be measured and recognised as a liability by means of a provision.

The classification of plans into these two categories is based on the economic substance of the plan, which is reviewed to determine whether the Group has a legal or constructive obligation to pay the agreed benefits to employees.



Post-employment benefit obligations under defined-benefit plans are measured using actuarial techniques that take demographic and financial assumptions into account.

The net liability recognised with respect to post-employment benefit plans is the difference between the present value of the defined-benefit obligation and the fair value of any plan assets.

The present value of the defined-benefit obligation is measured on the basis of the actuarial assumptions applied by the Group, using the projected unit credit method. This method takes into account various parameters, specific to each country or Group entity, such as demographic assumptions, the probability that employees will leave before retirement age, salary inflation, a discount rate, and the general inflation rate.

When the value of the plan assets exceeds the amount of the obligation, an asset is recognised if it represents a future economic benefit for the Group in the form of a reduction in future contributions or a future partial refund of amounts paid into the plan.

The annual expense recognised in the profit and loss account under "Salaries and employee benefits", with respect to defined-benefit plans includes the current service cost (the rights vested by each employee during the period in return for service rendered), the net interests linked to the effect of discounting the net defined-benefit liability (asset), the past service cost arising from plan amendments or curtailments, and the effect of any plan settlements.

Remeasurements of the net defined-benefit liability (asset) are recognised in shareholders' equity and are never reclassified to profit or loss. They include actuarial gains and losses, the return on plan assets and any change in the effect of the asset ceiling (excluding amounts included in net interest on the defined-benefit liability or asset).

#### 1.k SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

Share-based payment transactions are payments based on shares issued by the Group, whether the transaction is settled in the form of equity or cash of which the amount is based on trends in the value of BNP Paribas shares.

#### · Stock option and share award plans

The expense related to stock option and share award plans is recognised over the vesting period, if the benefit is conditional upon the grantee's continued employment.

Stock options and share award expenses are recorded under salary and employee benefits expenses, with a corresponding adjustment to shareholders' equity. They are calculated on the basis of the overall plan value, determined at the date of grant by the Board of Directors.

In the absence of any market for these instruments, financial valuation models are used that take into account any performance conditions related to the BNP Paribas share price. The total expense of a plan is determined by multiplying the unit value per option or share awarded by the estimated number of options or shares awarded vested at the end of the vesting period, taking into account the conditions regarding the grantee's continued employment.

The only assumptions revised during the vesting period, and hence resulting in a remeasurement of the expense, are those relating to the probability that employees will leave the Group and those relating to performance conditions that are not linked to the price value of BNP Paribas shares.



#### · Share price-linked cash-settled deferred compensation plans

The expense related to these plans is recognised in the year during which the employee rendered the corresponding services.

If the payment of share-based variable compensation is explicitly subject to the employee's continued presence at the vesting date, the services are presumed to have been rendered during the vesting period and the corresponding compensation expense is recognised on a pro rata basis over that period. The expense is recognised under salary and employee benefits expenses with a corresponding liability in the balance sheet. It is revised to take into account any non-fulfilment of the continued presence or performance conditions and the change in BNP Paribas share price.

If there is no continued presence condition, the expense is not deferred, but recognised immediately with a corresponding liability in the balance sheet. This is then revised on each reporting date until settlement to take into account any performance conditions and the change in the BNP Paribas share price.

#### 1.1 Provisions recorded under liabilities

Provisions recorded under liabilities (other than those relating to financial instruments, employee benefits and insurance contracts) mainly relate to restructuring, claims and litigation, fines and penalties.

A provision is recognised when it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle an obligation arising from a past event, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. The amount of such obligations is discounted, where the impact of discounting is material, in order to determine the amount of the provision.

### 1.m CURRENT AND DEFERRED TAX

The current income tax charge is determined on the basis of the tax laws and tax rates in force in each country in which the Group operates during the period in which the income is generated.

Deferred taxes are recognised when temporary differences arise between the carrying amount of an asset or liability in the balance sheet and its tax base.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all taxable temporary differences other than:

- taxable temporary differences on initial recognition of goodwill;
- taxable temporary differences on investments in enterprises under the exclusive or joint control of the Group, where the Group is able to control the timing of the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences and unused carryforwards of tax losses only to the extent that it is probable that the entity in question will generate future taxable profits against which these temporary differences and tax losses can be offset.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using the liability method, using the tax rate which is expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates and tax laws that have been or will have been enacted by the balance sheet date of that period. They are not discounted.



Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when they arise within the same tax group, they fall under the jurisdiction of a single tax authority, and there is a legal right to offset.

As regards the assessment of uncertainty over income tax treatments, the Group adopts the following approach:

- the Group assesses whether it is probable that a taxation authority will accept an uncertain tax treatment:
- any uncertainty shall be reflected when determining the taxable profit (loss) by considering either the most likely amount (having the higher probability of occurrence), or the expected value (sum of the probability-weighted amounts).

Current and deferred taxes are recognised as tax income or expenses in the profit and loss account, except for those relating to a transaction or an event directly recognised in shareholders' equity, which are also recognised in shareholders' equity. This concerns in particular the tax effect of coupons paid on financial instruments issued by the Group and qualified as equity instruments, such as Undated Super Subordinated Notes.

When tax credits on revenues from receivables and securities are used to settle corporate income tax payable for the period, the tax credits are recognised on the same line as the income to which they relate. The corresponding tax expense continues to be carried in the profit and loss account under "Corporate income tax".

#### 1.n CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The cash and cash equivalents balance is composed of the net balance of cash accounts and accounts with central banks, and the net balance of interbank demand loans and deposits.

Changes in cash and cash equivalents related to operating activities reflect cash flows generated by the Group's operations, including those relating to financial investments of insurance activities and negotiable certificates of deposit.

Changes in cash and cash equivalents related to investing activities reflect cash flows resulting from acquisitions and disposals of subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures included in the consolidated group, as well as acquisitions and disposals of property, plant and equipment excluding investment property and property held under operating leases.

Changes in cash and cash equivalents related to financing activities reflect the cash inflows and outflows resulting from transactions with shareholders, cash flows related to bonds and subordinated debt, and debt securities (excluding negotiable certificates of deposit).

#### 1.0 Use of estimates in the preparation of the financial statements

Preparation of the financial statements requires managers of core businesses and corporate functions to make assumptions and estimates that are reflected in the measurement of income and expense in the profit and loss account and of assets and liabilities in the balance sheet, and in the disclosure of information in the notes to the financial statements. This requires the managers in question to exercise their judgement and to make use of information available at the date of the preparation of the financial statements when making their estimates. The actual future results from operations where managers have made use of estimates may in reality differ significantly from those estimates, mainly according to market conditions. This may have a material effect on the financial statements.

This applies in particular to:

- the analysis of the cash flow criterion for specific financial assets;
- the measurement of expected credit losses. This applies in particular to the assessment of significant increase in credit risk, the models and assumptions used to measure expected credit losses, the determination of the different economic scenarios and their weighting;
- the analysis of renegotiated loans, in order to assess whether they should be maintained on the balance-sheet or derecognised;



- the assessment of an active market, and the use of internally developed models for the measurement of the fair value of financial instruments not quoted in an active market classified in "Financial assets at fair value through equity", or in "Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss", whether as assets or liabilities, and more generally calculations of the fair value of financial instruments subject to a fair value disclosure requirement;
- the assumptions applied to assess the sensitivity to each type of market risk of the market value of financial instruments and the sensitivity of these valuations to the main unobservable inputs as disclosed in the notes to the financial statements;
- the appropriateness of the designation of certain derivative instruments such as cash flow hedges, and the measurement of hedge effectiveness;
- impairment tests performed on intangible assets;
- the estimation of residual assets values under simple lease agreements. These values are used as a basis for the determination of depreciation as well as any impairment, notably in relation to the effect of environmental considerations on the evaluation of future prices of second-hand vehicles;
- the deferred tax assets;
- the estimation of insurance technical reserves and policyholders' surplus reserves;
- the measurement of uncertainty over income tax treatments and other provisions for contingencies and charges. In particular, while investigations and litigations are ongoing, it is difficult to foresee their outcome and potential impact. Provision estimation is established by taking into account all available information at the date of the preparation of the financial statements, in particular the nature of the dispute, the underlying facts, the ongoing legal proceedings and court decisions, including those related to similar cases. The Group may also use the opinion of experts and independent legal advisers to exercise its judgement.



# 2. NOTES TO THE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### 2.a NET INTEREST INCOME

The BNP Paribas Group includes in "Interest income" and "Interest expense" all income and expense calculated using the effective interest method (interest, fees and transaction costs) from financial instruments measured at amortised cost and financial instruments measured at fair value through equity.

These items also include the interest income and expense of non-trading financial instruments the characteristics of which do not allow for recognition at amortised cost or at fair value through equity, as well as of financial instruments that the Group has designated as at fair value through profit or loss. The change in fair value on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss (excluding accrued interest) is recognised under "Net gain on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss".

Interest income and expense on derivatives accounted for as fair value hedges are included with the revenues generated by the hedged item. Similarly, interest income and expense arising from derivatives used to hedge transactions designated as at fair value through profit or loss is allocated to the same accounts as the interest income and expense relating to the underlying transactions.

In the case of a negative interest rates related to loans and receivables or deposits from customers and credit institutions, they are accounted for in interest expense or interest income respectively.

	Year to 31 Dec. 2021			Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5		
In millions of euros	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net
Financial instruments at amortised cost	24,122	(7,032)	17,090	24,763	(8,151)	16,612
Deposits, loans and borrowings	21,423	(5,024)	16,399	22,268	(5,634)	16,634
Repurchase agreements	199	(56)	143	135	(87)	48
Finance leases	1,626	(101)	1,525	1,489	(94)	1,395
Debt securities	874		874	871		871
Issued debt securities and subordinated debt		(1,851)	(1,851)		(2,336)	(2,336)
Financial instruments at fair value through equity	851	-	851	1,334	-	1,334
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss (Trading securities excluded)	36	(163)	(127)	76	(302)	(226)
Cash flow hedge instruments	1,982	(1,010)	972	2,280	(1,184)	1,096
Interest rate portfolio hedge instruments	2,527	(2,031)	496	2,716	(2,195)	521
Lease liabilities	-	(44)	(44)		(51)	(51)
Total interest income/(expense)	29,518	(10,280)	19,238	31,169	(11,883)	19,286



Interest income on individually impaired loans amounted to EUR 331 million for the year ended 31 December 2021, compared to EUR 380 million for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The Group subscribed to the TLTRO III (targeted longer-term refinancing operations) programme, as modified by the Governing Council of the European Central Bank in March 2020 and in December 2020 (see note 4.g). The Group expects to achieve the lending performance thresholds that would enable it to benefit from a favourable interest rate (average rate of the deposit facility -50 basis points for the first two years, and average rate of the deposit facility for the following year). This floating interest rate is considered as a market rate as it is applicable to all financial institutions meeting the lending criteria defined by the European Central Bank. The effective interest rate of these financial liabilities is determined for each reference period, its two components (reference rate and margin) being adjustable. It corresponds to the nominal interest rate for each period, i.e. -1% in 2020 and 2021.



## 2.b COMMISSION INCOME AND EXPENSE

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021			Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5		
	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net
Customer transactions	4,489	(1,024)	3,465	4,034	(836)	3,198
Securities and derivatives transactions	2,363	(1,628)	735	2,215	(1,424)	791
Financing and guarantee commitments	1,152	(55)	1,097	1,132	(47)	1,085
Asset management and other services	5,912	(748)	5,164	4,881	(344)	4,537
Others	1,121	(1,220)	(99)	1,042	(1,074)	(32)
Commission income/expense	15,037	(4,675)	10,362	13,304	(3,725)	9,579
<ul> <li>of which net commission income related to trust and similar activities through which the Group holds or invests assets on behalf of clients, trusts, pension and personal risk funds or other institutions</li> </ul>	3,333	(357)	2,976	2,706	(244)	2,462
<ul> <li>of which commission income and expense on financial instruments not measured at fair value through profit or loss</li> </ul>	3,129	(337)	2,792	3,053	(289)	2,764



#### 2.c Net gain on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss

Net gain on financial instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss includes all profit and loss items relating to financial instruments held for trading, financial instruments that the Group has designated as at fair value through profit or loss, non-trading equity instruments that the Group did not choose to measure at fair value through equity, as well as debt instruments whose cash flows are not solely repayments of principal and interest on the principal or whose business model is not to collect cash flows nor to collect cash flows and sell the assets.

These income items include dividends on these instruments and exclude interest income and expense from financial instruments designated as at fair value through profit or loss and instruments whose cash flows are not only repayments of principal and interest on the principal or whose business model is not to collect cash flows nor to collect cash flows and sell the assets, which are presented in "Net interest income" (note 2.a).

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5
Financial instruments held for trading	6,293	4,021
Interest rate and credit instruments	(2,633)	4,508
Equity financial instruments	5,641	(1,582)
Foreign exchange financial instruments	2,317	597
Loans and repurchase agreements	(116)	(86)
Other financial instruments	1,084	584
Financial instruments designated as at fair value through profit or loss	281	2,852
Other financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	956	(119)
Impact of hedge accounting	85	(4)
Fair value hedging derivatives	(2,445)	456
Hedged items in fair value hedge	2,530	(460)
Net gain on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	7,615	6,750

Gains and losses on financial instruments designated as at fair value through profit or loss are mainly related to instruments which changes in value may be compensated by changes in the value of economic hedging derivative financial instruments held for trading.

Net gain on financial instruments held for trading in 2021 and 2020 include a non-material amount related to the ineffective portion of cash flow hedges.

Potential sources of ineffectiveness can be the differences between hedging instruments and hedged items, notably generated by mismatches in the terms of hedged and hedging instruments, such as the frequency and timing of interest rates resetting, the frequency of payments and the discounting factors, or when hedging derivatives have a non-zero fair value at inception date of the hedging relationship. Credit valuation adjustments applied to hedging derivatives are also sources of ineffectiveness.

Cumulated changes in fair value related to discontinued cash flow hedge relationships, previously recognised in equity and included in 2021 in profit and loss accounts are not material, whether the hedged item ceased to exist or not.



## 2.d NET GAIN ON FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH EQUITY

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5
Net gain on debt instruments	58	149
Dividend income on equity instruments	106	53
Net gain on financial instruments at fair value through equity	164	202

Interest income from debt instruments is included in note 2.a *Net interest income*, and impairment losses related to potential issuer default are included in note 2.h *Cost of risk*.

Unrealised gains and losses on debt securities previously recorded under "Changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity that may be reclassified to profit or loss" and included in the pretax income, amount to a gain of EUR 119 million for the year ended 31 December 2021, compared with EUR 95 million for the year ended 31 December 2020.



## 2.e NET INCOME FROM INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5
Premiums earned	27,619	21,259
Net gain from investment contracts with discretionary participation feature and other services	12	49
Net income from financial investments	14,503	4,610
Technical charges related to contracts	(35,848)	(19,664)
Net charges from ceded reinsurance	(215)	(158)
External services expenses	(1,739)	(1,982)
Net income from insurance activities	4,332	4,114

#### • Net income from financial investments

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5
Net gain on available-for-sale financial assets	3,082	2,809
Interest income and dividends	2,634	2,752
Additions to impairment provisions	(10)	(338)
Net disposal gains	458	395
Net gain on financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	11,163	1,523
Net gain on financial instruments at amortised cost	118	124
Investment property income	142	168
Share of earnings of equity-method investments	1	(5)
Other expense	(3)	(9)
Net income from financial investments	14,503	4,610

## 2.f NET INCOME FROM OTHER ACTIVITIES

	Year to 31 Dec. 2021			Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5		
In millions of euros	Income	Expense	Net	Income	Expense	Net
Net income from investment property	103	(43)	60	93	(54)	39
Net income from assets held under operating leases	12,426	(10,525)	1,901	10,754	(9,139)	1,615
Net income from property development activities	988	(777)	211	679	(574)	105
Other net income	1,965	(2,084)	(119)	1,641	(1,588)	53
Total net income from other activities	15,482	(13,429)	2,053	13,167	(11,355)	1,812

## 2.g OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5
External services and other operating expenses	(8,712)	(8,384)
Taxes and contributions (1)	(1,993)	(1,917)
Total other operating expenses	(10,705)	(10,301)

<sup>(1)</sup> Contributions to European resolution fund, including exceptional contributions, amount to EUR 967 million for year ended 31 December 2021 compared with EUR 760 million for the year ended 31 December 2020.



#### 2.h COST OF RISK

The general model for impairment described in note 1.e.5 used by the Group relies on the following two steps:

- assessing whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition,
   and
- measuring impairment allowance as either 12-month expected credit losses or lifetime expected credit loss (i.e. loss expected at maturity).

Both steps shall rely on forward looking information.

#### Significant increase in credit risk

The assessment of increase in credit risk is done at instrument level based on indicators and thresholds that vary depending on the nature of the exposure and the type of the counterparty.

The internal credit rating methodology used by the Group is described in chapter 5 of the Universal Registration Document (section 5.4 *Credit risk*). This section describes how environmental, social and governance (ESG) risks are taken into account in credit and rating policies, notably with the introduction of a new tool: the *ESG Assessment*.

- Wholesale (Corporates / Financial institutions / Sovereigns) and bonds

The indicator used for assessing increase in credit risk is the internal counterparty rating of the obligor of the facility.

The deterioration in credit quality is considered significant, and the facility is therefore placed in stage 2, if the difference between the counterparty rating at origination and the one as at the reporting date is equal or superior to 3 notches (for instance, a downgrade from 4- to 5-).

The low risk expedient permitted by IFRS 9 (i.e. whereby bonds with an investment grade rating at reporting date are considered as stage 1, and bonds with a non-investment grade rating at reporting date are considered as stage 2) is used only for debt securities for which no ratings are available at acquisition date.

- SME Corporates facilities and Retail

As far as SME Corporates exposures are concerned, the indicator used for assessing increase in credit risk is also the internal counterparty rating of the obligor of the facility. Due to a higher volatility in the rating system applied, deterioration is considered significant, and the facility is therefore placed in stage 2, if the difference between the counterparty rating at origination and the one as at the reporting date is equal or superior to 6 notches.

For retail exposures, two alternative risk indicators of increase in credit risk can be taken into consideration:

- probability of default (PD): changes in the 1-year probability of default are considered as a reasonable approximation of changes in the lifetime probability of default. Deterioration in credit quality is considered significant, and the facility is therefore placed in stage 2, if the ratio (1 year PD at the reporting date / 1 year PD at origination) is higher than 4.
- existence of a past due within the last 12 months: in the consumer credit specialised business, the existence of a past due that has occurred within the last 12 months, even if regularised since, is considered as a significant deterioration in credit risk and the facility is therefore placed into stage 2.



Furthermore, for all portfolios (except consumer loan specialised business):

- the facility is assumed to be in stage 1 when its rating is better than or equal to 4- (or its 1 year PD is below or equal to 0.25%) at reporting date, since changes in PD related to downgrades in this zone are less material, and therefore not considered as "significant".
- when the rating is worse than or equal to 9+ (or the 1 year PD is above 10%) at reporting date considering the Group's practice in terms of credit origination, it is considered as significantly deteriorated and therefore placed into stage 2 (as long as the facility is not credit-impaired).

As a backstop, when an asset becomes 30 days past due, the credit risk is deemed to have increased significantly since initial recognition and the asset is therefore placed into stage 2.

#### **Forward Looking Information**

The Group considers forward-looking information both when assessing significant increase in credit risk and when measuring Expected Credit Losses (ECL).

Regarding the assessment of significant increase in credit risk, beyond the rules based on the comparison of risk parameters between initial recognition and reporting date ("see *significant increase in credit risk*" section), the determination of significant increase in credit risk is supplemented by the consideration of more systemic forward-looking factors (such as macroeconomic, sectorial and geographical risk drivers) that could increase the credit risk of some exposures. These factors can lead to tighten the transfer criteria into stage 2, resulting in an increase of ECL amounts for exposures deemed vulnerable to these forward-looking drivers. Thus, for loans that have not experienced a significant deterioration in credit quality since origination, this mechanism may lead to the classification of facilities in stage 2 in anticipation of a future downgrade of their individual rating beyond the deterioration threshold, in relation to the macroeconomic outlook of their sector.

Regarding the measurement of expected credit losses, the Group has made the choice to use 3 macroeconomic scenarios by geographic area covering a wide range of potential future economic conditions:

- a baseline scenario, consistent with the scenario used for budgeting,
- an adverse scenario, corresponding to the scenario used quarterly in Group stress tests,
- a favourable scenario, capturing situations where the economy performs better than anticipated.

The link between the macroeconomic scenarios and the ECL measurement is mainly achieved through a modelling of the probabilities of default and deformation of migration matrices based on internal rating (or risk parameter). The probabilities of default determined according to these scenarios are used to measure expected credit losses in each of these situations.

The weighting of the expected credit losses under each scenario is performed as follows:

- 50% for the baseline scenario,
- the weight of the two alternative scenarios is defined according to the position in the credit cycle. In this approach, the adverse scenario carries a higher weight in the situations at the upper end of the cycle than in the situations at the lower end of the cycle, in anticipation of a potential downturn in the economy.

In addition, when appropriate, the ECL measurement can take into account scenarios of sale of the assets.



#### Macroeconomic scenarios

The three macroeconomic scenarios are defined over a three-year projection horizon. They correspond to:

- a baseline scenario which describes the most likely path of the economy over the projection horizon. This scenario is updated on a quarterly basis and is prepared by the Group Economic Research department in collaboration with various experts within the Group. Projections are designed for each key market of the Group (France, Belgium, Italy, the United States and the eurozone) using key macroeconomic variables (Gross Domestic Product - GDP - and its components, unemployment rate, consumer prices, interest rates, foreign exchange rates, oil prices, real estate prices, etc.) which are key drivers for modeling risk parameters used in the stress test process.

As from 31 December 2020, in addition to the geographic breakdown, prospective parameters are detailed at sector level to better reflect the heterogeneity of economic trajectories in conjunction with lockdown measures or the partial interruption in activity.

In addition, post-model adjustments are considered to take into account, where applicable, the consequences of climatic events on expected credit losses;

- an adverse scenario which describes the impact of the materialisation of some of the risks weighing on the baseline scenario, resulting in a much less favourable economic path than in the baseline scenario. The starting point consists of a shock to GDP. This shock is applied with variable magnitudes, but at the same time to economies as the crisis is considered to be a global crisis. Generally, these assumptions are broadly consistent with those proposed by the regulators. The calibration of shocks on other variables (unemployment, consumer prices, interest rates) is based on models and expert judgment;
- a favourable scenario which reflects the impact of the materialisation of some of the upside risks for the economy, resulting in a much more favourable economic path. To achieve an unbiased estimation of provisions, the favourable scenario is designed in such a way that the probability of the shock to GDP growth (on average over the cycle) is equal to the probability of the corresponding shock in the adverse scenario. The magnitude of favourable GDP shocks generally corresponds to 80%-95% of the magnitude of adverse GDP shocks. Other variables (unemployment, inflation, interest rates) are defined in the same way as in the adverse scenario. Since 30 June 2021, the favourable shocks to activity were substantially reduced. Most of the positive events, previously included in the favourable scenario, are now included in the baseline scenario. Furthermore, any stronger-than-expected rebound compared to the central scenario would be limited by constraints on the factors of production.

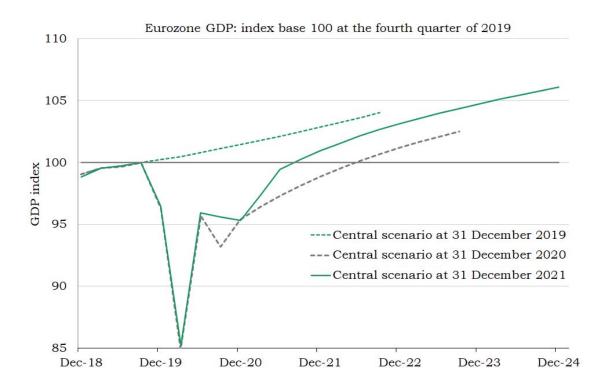
Factoring the specific features of the health crisis in the baseline scenario

After a historical drop in 2020, reflecting the strict containment measures implemented by governments in response to the increase in coronavirus cases, activity has rebounded sharply in 2021, reflecting (i) a mechanical catch-up, (ii) government and central bank support measures, and (iii) positive developments in terms of vaccine rollout.

The magnitude of the rebound has notably varied among economies depending on the improvement in the health situation and the extent of fiscal measures. After a marked improvement in 2021, the pace of growth is expected to normalise from 2022 onwards. Activity is expected to return to its pre-crisis level between the fourth quarter of 2021 and the first half of 2022 in most mature economies.



The graph below presents a comparison between GDP projections used in the baseline scenario for the calculation of ECLs as at 31 December of the years 2019, 2020, and 2021.



## • GDP growth rate, central scenario as at 31 December 2021 (annual average of quarterly projections)

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Eurozone	5.1%	3.8%	1.9%	1.5%
France	6.7%	3.5%	1.6%	1.4%
Italy	6.2%	3.0%	1.0%	0.7%
Belgium	6.0%	3.0%	1.4%	1.3%
United States	5.4%	3.2%	2.5%	2.2%

## • 10-year sovereign bond yields, central scenario as at 31 December 2021 (annual average)

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Germany	-0.33%	-0.08%	0.03%	0.05%
France	-0.04%	0.26%	0.33%	0.35%
Italy	0.73%	1.03%	1.13%	1.18%
Belgium	-0.05%	0.23%	0.33%	0.35%
United States	1.45%	1.85%	2.05%	2.10%



Adverse Scenario

The adverse scenario supposes the materialisation of certain risks for the economy, resulting in a much less favourable economic path than in the baseline scenario.

Despite the improvement in the health situation observed in recent quarters, the emergence of possibly more virulent forms of the coronavirus could have a more marked impact on activity than expected in the central scenario. In addition, supply disruptions and reduced supportive fiscal measures could have negative effects in certain sectors and economies.

The following risks appear strengthened in the context of the health crisis:

- **Possible negative effects on demand**: the pandemic could have more lasting consequences (some permanently affected sectors, deteriorated public finances, sharp rise in private debt in some economies) and short-term developments (unemployment, bankruptcies, *etc.*) could be less favourable than expected as governments put an end to measures aimed at helping households and businesses during the crisis. Such developments could weigh on demand.
- **Pressure on financial institutions' profitability:** some borrowers may experience difficulties in repaying their debt with the withdrawal of government support measures. In addition, possible financial turbulence and still extremely low interest rates might weigh on banking profitability and credit availability.
- **Market corrections:** market corrections could affect some financial and real estate markets, given sometimes very favourable developments in asset values in the aftermath of the health crisis, notably reflecting supportive monetary and fiscal policies.
- **Tensions related to public finances:** given the extent of the contraction in activity and the amount of fiscal support provided by governments to compensate for this major shock to activity, debt-to-GDP ratios have substantially increased in some countries and often reached unprecedented levels. Although current extremely accommodating monetary policies are limiting this risk now, a sharp deterioration in public finance metrics could lead to future tensions on the financial markets and austerity measures in certain countries. Such developments could lead to a knock-on negative effect on activity. While the euro area looks more exposed to this risk than other areas for structural reasons, the ECB has shown in recent years that it has tools to limit the magnitude of such potential shocks.
- **Further difficulties in China:** following the health crisis, additional difficulties cannot be excluded, either in terms of activity or on other fronts (e.g. public finances, difficulties in the real estate markets, political tensions). Given the weight of the Chinese economy, these difficulties could impact global financial markets, global trade and commodities prices.
- **Difficulties in emerging markets:** some emerging markets are under pressure for various reasons (e.g. domestic economic imbalances and political tensions, deteriorating international relationships) and the health crisis may have added to these fragilities (delayed vaccination campaigns compared to mature economies). Argentina, Brazil, Hong Kong and Turkey are among large emerging markets that are worth monitoring.

Other risks, not directly linked to the health crisis, are also embedded in the adverse scenario:

- **Trade risks:** disagreements between the United States and China on geopolitical issues, intellectual property protection, technology transfers or industrial policies are likely to persist. Following the health crisis, the United States and other mature economies are also likely to try to become less reliant on China in some areas deemed strategic. Tensions related to trade and globalisation are therefore likely to remain or even worsen.
- **Geopolitical risks:** Tensions, in the Middle East and East Asia, have in particular the potential to weigh on the global economy through shocks to commodity prices, financial markets, and business confidence.

It is assumed that these latent risks materialise from the first quarter of 2022.



Among considered countries, GDP levels in the adverse scenario stand between 5.8% and 12.2% lower than in the baseline scenario at the end of the shock period (three years), at 31 December 2021 (same as at 31 December 2020). In particular, this deviation reaches 7.1% on average in the Euro zone and 5.8% in the United States.

Scenario weighting and cost of risk sensitivity

At 31 December 2021, the weighting of the adverse scenario considered by the Group, excluding BancWest under IFRS 5, is on average equivalent to that of the favourable scenario reflecting a position close to equilibrium in the credit cycle. At 31 December 2020, the average weight of the adverse scenario was 16% and 34% for the favourable scenario (including BancWest).

The sensitivity of the amount of expected credit losses for all financial assets at amortised cost or at fair value through equity and credit commitments is assessed by comparing the estimated expected credit losses resulting from the weighting of the above scenarios with that resulting from each of the two alternative scenarios:

- an increase in ECL of 18%, or EUR 950 million according to the adverse scenario (14% as at 31 December 2020);
- a decrease in ECL of 12%, or EUR 600 million according to the favourable scenario (8% as at 31 December 2020).

#### Adaptation of the ECL assessment process to factor in the specific nature of the health crisis:

Macroeconomic scenarios provisioning the models:

The measurement of the impact of macroeconomic scenarios on expected credit losses has been adjusted to reflect the specificities of the current health crisis. Given the exceptional nature of the shock linked to the temporary lockdown measures and strong support provided by governments and central banks, macroeconomic parameters for each country or geographic area included in the pre-existing models (calibrated on past crises) have been adapted in order to extract the information on the medium-term impacts on macroeconomic environment and thus minimize excessive short-term volatility.

In 2020, the medium-term perspective adopted for the baseline scenario reduced the loss of income for the eurozone by an amount much lower than that of governments and European Central Bank support measures. Conversely, it has led to a moderation in the favourable impacts of the economic rebounds observed in 2021.

#### Post-model adjustments:

Conservative adjustments were taken into account when the models used were based on indicators that show unusual levels in the context of the health crisis and the support programmes, such as the increase in deposits and the decrease in past due events for retail customers and entrepreneurs.

For the consumer credit specialised business, a conservative adjustment had been considered in 2020 for loans that have benefitted from a moratorium. In 2021, this adjustment was reversed in connection with the satisfactory return to payment observed on these loans. A conservative adjustment was also established to compensate for the atypical level of late payments.

These adjustments represent 4.8% of the total amount of expected credit losses as at 31 December 2021, compared to 5.5% as at 31 December 2020.

#### Moratoria and state guarantees:

For the new loans secured by a state guarantee (mostly in France and Italy), the computation of expected credit losses has been adjusted accordingly.

Besides, the absence of a general maturity extension scheme for individuals, notably in France, led to classify as forborne the loans that benefited from accompanying measures that were not initially provided for under the contract. However, these measures were not considered as an automatic criterion for transfer to stage 2.



## Cost of credit risk for the period

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 including discontinued activities
Net allowances to impairment	(2,591)	(4,960)	(5,358)
Recoveries on loans and receivables previously written off	321	369	457
Losses on irrecoverable loans	(701)	(804)	(816)
Total cost of risk for the period	(2,971)	(5,395)	(5,717)

Cost of risk for the period by accounting categories and asset type

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5
Cash and balances at central banks	(8)	(5)
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	6	(181)
Financial assets at fair value through equity	(6)	(6)
Financial assets at amortised cost	(2,779)	(4,965)
Loans and receivables	(2,763)	(4,931)
Debt securities	(16)	(34)
Other assets	12	(17)
Financing and guarantee commitments and other items	(196)	(221)
Total cost of risk for the period	(2,971)	(5,395)
Cost of risk on unimpaired assets and commitments	(17)	(1,216)
of which stage 1	268	(769)
of which stage 2	(285)	(447)
Cost of risk on impaired assets and commitments - stage 3	(2,954)	(4,179)



## • Credit risk impairment

Change in impairment by accounting category and asset type during the period

	31 December 2020	Net allowance to impairment	Impairment provisions used	Effect of exchange rate movements and other	31 December 2021
In millions of euros				una otner	
Assets impairment				4-1	
Amounts due from central banks	17	9		(8)	18
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	148	(20)		(7)	121
Impairment of assets at fair value through equity	132	6		2	140
Financial assets at amortised cost	21,704	2,438	(3,867)	(79)	20,196
Loans and receivables	21,546	2,421	(3,867)	(72)	20,028
Debt securities	158	17		(7)	168
Other assets	104	(15)	(29)	(1)	59
Total impairment of financial assets	22,105	2,418	(3,896)	(93)	20,534
of which stage 1	2,379	(219)	(8)	(261)	1,891
of which stage 2	3,166	176	(6)	(588)	2,748
of which stage 3	16,560	2,461	(3,882)	756	15,895
Provisions recognised as liabilities					
Provisions for commitments	964	60	(1)	(65)	958
Other provisions	383	113	(52)	23	467
Total provisions recognised for credit commitments	1,347	173	(53)	(42)	1,425
of which stage 1	319	(55)		(34)	230
of which stage 2	297	100		(23)	374
of which stage 3	731	128	(53)	15	821
Total impairment and provisions	23,452	2,591	(3,949)	(135)	21,959



Change in impairment by accounting category and asset type during the previous period

In millions of euros	31 December 2019	Net allowance to impairment	Impairment provisions used	Effect of exchange rate movements and other	31 December 2020
Assets impairment					
Amounts due from central banks	15	5		(3)	17
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	149	151	(120)	(32)	148
Impairment of assets at fair value through equity	141	7	(11)	(5)	132
Financial assets at amortised cost	21,411	4,961	(3,392)	(1,276)	21,704
Loans and receivables	21,277	4,927	(3,391)	(1,267)	21,546
Debt securities	134	34	(1)	(9)	158
Other assets	90	20	(3)	(3)	104
Total impairment of financial assets	21,806	5,144	(3,526)	(1,319)	22,105
of which stage 1	1,676	793	(12)	(78)	2,379
of which stage 2	3,145	414	(15)	(378)	3,166
of which stage 3	16,985	3,937	(3,499)	(863)	16,560
Provisions recognised as liabilities					
Provisions for commitments	818	212	(24)	(42)	964
Other provisions	416	2	(36)	1	383
Total provisions recognised for credit commitments	1,234	214	(60)	(41)	1,347
of which stage 1	259	78		(18)	319
of which stage 2	225	80		(8)	297
of which stage 3	750	56	(60)	(15)	731
Total impairment and provisions	23,040	5,358	(3,586)	(1,360)	23,452



Change in impairment of amortised cost financial assets during the period

In millions of euros	Impairment on assets subject to 12-month Expected Credit Losses (Stage 1)	subject to lifetime	Impairment on doubtful assets (Stage 3)	Total
At 31 December 2020	2,343	3,142	16,219	21,704
Net allowance to impairment	(216)	168	2,486	2,438
Financial assets purchased or originated during the period	608	242		850
Financial assets derecognised during the period (1)	(353)	(295)	(896)	(1,544)
Transfer to stage 2	(190)	1,726	(393)	1,143
Transfer to stage 3	(22)	(598)	1,837	1,217
Transfer to stage 1	117	(724)	(45)	(652)
Other allowances / reversals without stage transfer (2)	(376)	(183)	1,983	1,424
Impairment provisions used	(8)	(6)	(3,853)	(3,867)
Changes in exchange rate	(1)	(32)	95	62
Changes in scope of consolidation and other items	(28)	(355)	739	356
Reclassification of assets held for sale	(223)	(203)	(71)	(497)
At 31 December 2021	1,867	2,714	15,615	20,196

<sup>(1)</sup> including disposals

In 2021, the increase in financial assets subject to impairment mainly relates to better quality outstandings, rated 1 to 3 or 4 to 5 or equivalent, and classified in stage 1 (see section 5.4 *Credit risk* in the Universal Registration Document, Table n° 53: *Breakdown of financial assets subject to impairment by stage and by internal rating*).

Transfers of outstandings from stage 1 to stage 2 were made during the year (EUR 16 billion increase in loans and advances at amortised cost classified in stage 2, including assets held for sale) due in particular to the less favourable outlook for exposures of the sectors most affected by the health crisis which were taken into account in the evaluation of the significant increase in credit risk criterion, and to the update of counterparties' ratings in line with the results of the annual calibration exercises of the rating models (backtesting) for the French retail banking.

These transfers have an upward impact on stage 1 and 2 provisions over the period. On the other hand, the favourable evolution in 2021 of macroeconomic forecasts for all geographies has a downward effect on the cost of risk in stage 1 and 2.

In this way, the "Other allowances / reversals without stage transfer" on stage 1 and 2 are particularly affected by the effects on the expected credit losses calculation of the evolution of the projections reflected in the macroeconomic scenarios for 2020 and 2021.

The line "Changes in scope of consolidation and other items" includes the effect of the alignment with the 28 September 2016 EBA guidelines related to the definition of default for the consumer credit specialised business.

The reclassification of assets held for sale is valued as at 1 January 2021.

<sup>(2)</sup> including amortisation



Change in impairment of amortised cost financial assets during the previous period

In millions of euros	Impairment on assets subject to 12-month Expected Credit Losses (Stage 1)	Impairment on assets subject to lifetime Expected Credit Losses (Stage 2)	Impairment on doubtful assets (Stage 3)	Total
At 31 December 2019	1,641	3,123	16,647	21,411
Net allowance to impairment	788	408	3,765	4,961
Financial assets purchased or originated during the period	605	372		977
Financial assets derecognised during the period (1)	(346)	(619)	(607)	(1,572)
Transfer to stage 2	(154)	2,035	(412)	1,469
Transfer to stage 3	(24)	(764)	2,524	1,736
Transfer to stage 1	116	(818)	(64)	(766)
Other allowances / reversals without stage transfer (2)	591	202	2,324	3,117
Impairment provisions used	(12)	(15)	(3,365)	(3,392)
Changes in exchange rate	(63)	(102)	(461)	(626)
Changes in scope of consolidation and other items	(11)	(272)	(367)	(650)
At 31 December 2020	2,343	3,142	16,219	21,704

<sup>(1)</sup> including disposals

## 2.i NET GAIN ON NON-CURRENT ASSETS

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5
Net gain on investments in consolidated undertakings	355	268
Net gain on tangible and intangible assets	479	762
Net gain on non-current assets	834	1,030

The net gain on non-current assets mainly results from the partial disposal of Allfunds Group Plc for EUR 444 million in 2021, and the disposal on properties for EUR 486 million in 2021 and EUR 699 million in 2020.

## 2.j CORPORATE INCOME TAX

Reconciliation of the effective tax expense to the theoretical tax expense at		Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5		
standard tax rate in France	in millions of euros	tax rate	in millions of euros	tax rate	
Corporate income tax expense on pre-tax income at standard tax rate in France (1)	(3,454)	28.4%	(2,853)	32.0%	
Impact of differently taxed foreign profits	201	-1.7%	389	-4.4%	
Impact of dividends and disposals taxed at reduced rate	153	-1.3%	170	-1.9%	
Impact of the non-deductibility of taxes and bank levies (2)	(253)	2.1%	(240)	2.7%	
Impact of previously unrecognised deferred taxes (tax losses and temporary differences)	-	-	94	-1.1%	
Other items	(231)	2.0%	139	-1.5%	
Corporate income tax expense from continuing activities	(3,584)	29.5%	(2,301)	25.8%	
Current tax expense for the year to 31 December	(2,806)		(2,217)		
Deferred tax expense for the year to 31 December (note 4.k)	(778)		(84)		

<sup>(1)</sup> Restated for the share of profits in equity-method entities and goodwill impairment.

<sup>(2)</sup> including amortisation

<sup>(2)</sup> Contribution to the Single Resolution Fund and other non-deductible banking taxes.



## 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group is composed of two operating divisions:

- Retail Banking and Services, which covers Domestic Markets and International Financial Services. Domestic Markets include retail banking networks in France (FRB), Italy (BNL banca commerciale), Belgium (BRB), and Luxembourg (LRB), as well as certain specialised retail banking divisions (Personal Investors, Leasing Solutions, Arval and New Digital Businesses). International Financial Services is composed of all BNP Paribas Group retail banking businesses out of the eurozone, split between Europe Mediterranean and BancWest in the United States, as well as Personal Finance and the Insurance and Wealth and Asset Management activities (Wealth Management, Asset Management and Real Estate);
- Corporate and Institutional Banking (CIB), which includes Corporate Banking (Europe, Middle East, Africa, Asia, Americas, and Corporate Finance activities), Global Markets (Fixed Income, Currency and Commodities, as well as Equity and Prime Services), and Securities Services to management companies, financial institutions and other corporations.

Other activities mainly include Principal Investments, activities related to the Group's central treasury function, some costs related to cross-business projects, the residential mortgage lending business of Personal Finance (a significant part of which is managed in run-off), and certain investments.

They also include non-recurring items resulting from applying the rules on business combinations. In order to provide consistent and relevant economic information for each core business, the impact of amortising fair value adjustments recognised in the net equity of entities acquired and restructuring costs incurred in respect to the integration of entities, have been allocated to the "Other Activities" segment. The same applies to transformation and adaptation costs relating to the Group's crossbusiness savings programmes.

Inter-segment transactions are conducted at arm's length. The segment information presented comprises agreed inter-segment transfer prices.

The capital allocation is carried out on the basis of risk exposure, taking into account various conventions relating primarily to the capital requirement of the business as derived from the risk-weighted asset calculations required under capital adequacy rules. Normalised equity income by segment is determined by attributing to each segment the income of its allocated equity. The equity allocation to segments is based on 11 % of weighted assets. The breakdown of balance sheet by core business follows the same rules as the breakdown of the profit or loss by core business.

The information and financial elements contained in this note reflect an operational view and include BancWest's activity within the various income statement aggregates. A separate line reconciles the operational view with the one impacted by the application of IFRS 5.



## • Income by business segment

	Year to 31 Dec. 2021					Year to 31 Dec. 2020						
In millions of euros	Revenues	Operating expenses	Cost of risk	Operating income	Non- operating items	Pre-tax income	Revenues	Operating expenses	Cost of risk	Operating income	Non- operating items	Pre-tax income
Retail Banking & Services												
Domestic Markets												
French Retail Banking (1)	5,981	(4,412)	(428)	1,141	37	1,178	5,667	(4,353)	(487)	827	38	865
BNL banca commerciale (1)	2,591	(1,727)	(488)	376		376	2,586	(1,697)	(524)	365	(2)	363
Belgian Retail Banking (1)	3,340	(2,270)	(100)	970	19	989	3,267	(2,307)	(230)	731	31	762
Other Domestic Markets activities <sup>(1)</sup>	3,825	(2,065)	(157)	1,603	6	1,608	3,412	(1,911)	(205)	1,297	(13)	1,284
International Financial Services Personal Finance International Retail Banking	5,216	(2,817)	(1,314)	1,085	78	1,163	5,485	(2,756)	(1,997)	732	(61)	672
Europe-Mediterranean (1)	1,926	(1,596)	(145)	184	181	366	2,346	(1,704)	(437)	206	187	392
BancWest (1)	2,361	(1,654)	45	752	19	771	2,399	(1,685)	(322)	392		392
Insurance	2,827	(1,536)	(1)	1,289	79	1,368	2,725	(1,463)	(1)	1,261	121	1,382
Wealth and Asset Management	3,422	(2,628)	(12)	782	169	951	2,982	(2,510)	(17)	455	128	583
Corporate & Institutional Banking												
Corporate Banking	5,087	(2,639)	(201)	2,247	11	2,259	4,727	(2,623)	(1,308)	796	9	806
Global Markets	6,820	(4,887)	27	1,960	19	1,979	6,819	(4,452)	(117)	2,250	4	2,254
Securities Services	2,329	(1,874)	1	457	27	484	2,217	(1,845)	1	373	21	394
Other Activities	512	(1,007)	(153)	(647)	792	144	(358)	(890)	(72)	(1,321)	994	(327)
Total Group	46,235	(31,111)	(2,925)	12,199	1,438	13,637	44,275	(30,194)	(5,717)	8,364	1,458	9,822
Reclassification of discontinued activities (note 7.d)	(2,473)	1,645	(46)	(874)	(19)	(893)	(2,496)	1,689	322	(485)	-	(485)
Total continuing activities (2)	43,762	(29,466)	(2,971)	11,325	1,419	12,744	41,779	(28,505)	(5,395)	7,979	1,458	9,337

<sup>(1)</sup> French Retail Banking, BNL banca commerciale, Belgian Retail Banking, Luxembourg Retail Banking, Europe-Mediterranean and BancWest after the reallocation within Wealth and Asset Management of one-third of the Wealth Management activities in France, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Turkey, Poland and the United States.

 $<sup>^{(2)}\,\</sup>mbox{Year}$  to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5.



• Net commission income by business segment, including fees accounted for under « Net income from insurance activities »

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020
Retail Banking & Services		
Domestic Markets		
French Retail Banking (1)	2,677	2,461
BNL banca commerciale (1)	1,071	991
Belgian Retail Banking (1)	981	877
Other Domestic Markets activities (1)	614	553
International Financial Services		
Personal Finance	750	831
International Retail Banking	849	787
Europe Mediterranean (1)	467	470
BancWest (1)	382	317
Insurance	(3,072)	(3,203)
Wealth and Asset Management	2,441	2,063
Corporate & Institutional Banking		
Corporate Banking	2,199	2,061
Global Markets	(891)	(835)
Securities Services	1,458	1,317
Other activities	(43)	26
Total Group	9,034	7,930

<sup>(1)</sup> French Retail Banking, BNL banca commerciale, Belgian Retail Banking, Luxembourg Retail Banking, Europe-Mediterranean and BancWest after the reallocation within Wealth and Asset Management of one-third of the Wealth Management activities in France, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, Turkey, Poland and the United States.



#### · Assets and liabilities by business segment

	31 Decem	ber 2021	31 December 2020		
In millions of euros	Asset	Liability	Asset	Liability	
Retail Banking & Services					
Domestic Markets	582,463	619,611	555,556	588,095	
French Retail Banking	218,249	250,094	212,821	235,018	
BNL banca commerciale	94,229	92,427	89,638	87,647	
Belgian Retail Banking	188,732	204,867	180,371	201,786	
Other Domestic Markets activities	81,253	72,223	72,726	63,644	
International Financial Services	552,522	491,392	520,533	466,272	
Personal Finance	90,753	23,507	90,152	22,848	
International Retail Banking	145,625	131,837	131,893	124,023	
Europe-Mediterranean	57,323	51,206	57,584	51,689	
BancWest	88,302	80,631	74,309	72,334	
Insurance	280,766	262,238	265,356	249,967	
Wealth and Asset Management	35,378	73,810	33,132	69,434	
Corporate and Institutional Banking	1,098,288	1,232,312	1,032,269	1,157,842	
Other Activities	401,171	291,129	380,133	276,282	
Total Group	2,634,444	2,634,444	2,488,491	2,488,491	

Information by business segment relating to goodwill is presented in note 4.0 Goodwill.

## Information by geographic area

The geographic split of segment results, assets and liabilities is based on the region in which they are recognised for accounting purposes, adjusted as per the managerial origin of the business activity. It does not necessarily reflect the counterparty's nationality or the location of operational businesses.

Revenues by geographic area including net income from discontinued activities

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020
Europe	34,750	31,957
North America	5,458	5,719
Asia & Pacific	3,576	3,799
Others	2,451	2,800
Total Group	46,235	44,275

- Assets and liabilities, in contribution to the consolidated accounts, by geographic area

In millions of euros	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Europe	2,139,434	2,016,720
North America	284,470	256,966
Asia & Pacific	166,160	167,526
Others	44,380	47,279
Total Group	2,634,444	2,488,491



## 4. NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### 4.a FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

#### FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss consist of held-for-trading transactions - including derivatives -, of certain liabilities designated by the Group as at fair value through profit or loss at the time of issuance and of non-trading instruments which characteristics prevent their accounting at amortised cost or at fair value through equity.

		31 Decem	ber 2021		31 December 2020					
In millions of euros	Financial instruments held for trading	Financial instruments designated as at fair value through profit or loss	Other financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Total	Financial instruments held for trading	Financial instruments designated as at fair value through profit or loss	Other financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Total		
Securities	181,079	2,898	7,530	191,507	160,632	347	6,948	167,927		
Loans and repurchase agreements	247,507		2,301	249,808	243,938		940	244,878		
FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS	428,586	2,898	9,831	441,315	404,570	347	7,888	412,805		
Securities	112,338			112,338	94,263			94,263		
Deposits and repurchase agreements	291,577	1,879		293,456	286,741	1,854		288,595		
Issued debt securities (note 4.h)		70,383		70,383		64,048		64,048		
of which subordinated debt		947		947		851		851		
of which non subordinated debt		62,334		62,334		56,882		56,882		
of which debt representative of shares of consolidated funds held by third parties		7,102		7,102		6,315		6,315		
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS	403,915	72,262		476,177	381,004	65,902		446,906		

Detail of these assets and liabilities is provided in note 4.d.

#### • Financial liabilities designated as at fair value through profit or loss

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss mainly consist of issued debt securities, originated and structured on behalf of customers, where the risk exposure is managed in combination with the hedging strategy. These types of issued debt securities contain significant embedded derivatives, which changes in value may be compensated by changes in the value of economic hedging derivatives.

The redemption value of debt issued and designated as at fair value through profit or loss at 31 December 2021 was EUR 59,958 million (EUR 60,065 million at 31 December 2020).



### Other financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss

Other financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are financial assets not held for trading:

- Debt instruments that do not meet the criteria defined by IFRS 9 to be classified as financial instruments at "fair value through equity" or at "amortised cost":
  - Their business model is not to "collect contractual cash flows" nor "collect contractual cash flows and sell the instruments"; and/or
  - Their cash flows are not solely repayments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding.
- Equity instruments that the Group did not choose to classify as at "fair value through equity".

### DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The majority of derivative financial instruments held for trading are related to transactions initiated for trading purposes. They may result from market-making or arbitrage activities. BNP Paribas actively trades in derivatives. Transactions include trades in "ordinary" instruments such as credit default swaps, and structured transactions with complex risk profiles tailored to meet the needs of its customers. The net position is in all cases subject to limits.

Some derivative instruments are also contracted to hedge financial assets or financial liabilities for which the Group has not documented a hedging relationship, or which do not qualify for hedge accounting under IFRS.

	31 Decen	nber 2021	31 December 2020			
In millions of euros	Positive market value	Negative market value	Positive market value	Negative market value		
Interest rate derivatives	119,219	107,490	151,201	142,509		
Foreign exchange derivatives	75,314	75,694	83,246	85,298		
Credit derivatives	8,371	8,451	8,152	8,666		
Equity derivatives	24,217	35,071	29,271	42,134		
Other derivatives	13,302	10,691	4,909	4,001		
Derivative financial instruments	240,423	237,397	276,779	282,608		

The table below shows the total notional amount of trading derivatives. The notional amounts of derivative instruments are merely an indication of the volume of the Group's activities in financial instruments markets, and do not reflect the market risks associated with such instruments.

		31 Decen	nber 2021		31 December 2020					
In millions of euros	Exchange- traded	Over-the- counter, cleared through central clearing houses	Over-the- counter	Total	Exchange- traded	Over-the- counter, cleared through central clearing houses	Over-the- counter	Total		
Interest rate derivatives										
Interest rate derivatives	1,319,006	9,761,179	4,846,327	15,926,512	1,338,251	8,962,795	4,569,738	14,870,784		
Foreign exchange derivatives	56,415	133,330	6,873,623	7,063,368	26,929	94,633	5,507,868	5,629,430		
Credit derivatives		392,338	545,919	938,257		376,689	558,222	934,911		
Equity derivatives	799,005		506,164	1,305,169	697,858		461,793	1,159,651		
Other derivatives	107,162		92,077	199,239	70,830		54,494	125,324		
Derivative financial instruments	2,281,588	10,286,847	12,864,110	25,432,545	2,133,868	9,434,117	11,152,115	22,720,100		

In the framework of its *Client Clearing* activity, the Group guarantees the risk of default of its clients to central counterparties. The corresponding notional amount is EUR 1,050 billion as at 31 December 2021 (EUR 749 billion as at 31 December of 2020).



### 4.b DERIVATIVES USED FOR HEDGING PURPOSES

The table below shows the notional amounts and the fair value of derivatives used for hedging purposes.

	3	1 December 202°	1	31 December 2020				
In millions of euros	Notional amounts	Positive fair value	Negative fair value	Notional amounts	Positive fair value	Negative fair value		
Fair value hedges	755,989	7,010	9,593	757,650	13,100	12,764		
Interest rate derivatives	746,253	6,689	9,512	748,871	12,830	12,594		
Foreign exchange derivatives	9,736	321	81	8,779	270	170		
Cash flow hedges	213,743	1,606	481	205,208	2,489	505		
Interest rate derivatives	50,509	1,085	254	55,065	1,947	300		
Foreign exchange derivatives	162,827	442	209	149,807	529	152		
Other derivatives	407	79	18	336	13	53		
Net foreign investment hedges	2,659	64	2	1,937	11	51		
Foreign exchange derivatives	2,659	64	2	1,937	11	51		
Derivatives used for hedging purposes	972,391	8,680	10,076	964,795	15,600	13,320		

Interest rate risk and foreign exchange risk management strategies are described in Chapter 5 – Pillar 3 of the Universal Registration Document (section 5.7 – *Market risk – Market risk related to banking activities*). Quantitative information related to foreign currency borrowings used for net investment hedges is also mentioned in this chapter.



The table below presents the detail of fair value hedge relationships for identified financial instruments and portfolios of financial instruments that are continuing as at 31 December 2021:

		Hedging ir	nstruments			Hedged in:	struments	
In millions of euros, as at 31 December 2021	Notional amounts	Positive fair value	Negative fair value	Cumulated changes in fair value used as the basis for recognising ineffective- ness	Carrying amount - asset	Cumulated changes in fair value - asset	Carrying amount - liability	Cumulated changes in fair value - liability
Fair value hedges of identified				4				
instruments	302,733	3,013	6,008	(643)	110,232	1,530	116,360	1,131
Interest rate derivatives hedging the interest rate risk related to	294,121	2,818	5,939	(741)	105,419	1,601	112,726	1,099
Loans and receivables	20,854	213	518	(278)	19,242	276		
Securities	112,596	1,179	5,399	(1,531)	86,177	1,325		
Deposits	6,725	351	17	274			6,644	271
Debt securities	153,946	1,075	5	794			106,082	828
Foreign exchange derivatives hedging the interest rate and foreign exchange risks related to	8,612	195	69	98	4,813	(71)	3,634	32
Loans and receivables	2,433	140	2	48	2,308	(51)		
Securities	2,518	28	12	20	2,505	(20)		
Deposits	181	3	21	9			197	9
Debt securities	3,480	24	34	21			3,437	23
Interest rate risk hedged portfolios	453,256	3,997	3,585	(16)	109,933	1,463	178,771	1,320
Interest rate derivatives hedging the interest rate risk related to (1)	452,132	3,871	3,573	(58)	108,893	1,504	178,771	1,320
Loans and receivables	183,765	606	2,574	(1,603)	108,893	1,504		
Deposits	268,367	3,265	999	1,545			178,771	1,320
Foreign exchange derivatives hedging the interest rate and foreign exchange risks related to	1,124	126	12	42	1,040	(41)		
Loans and receivables	1,124	126	12	42	1,040	(41)		
Total fair value hedge	755,989	7,010	9,593	(659)	220,165	2,993	295,131	2,451

<sup>(1)</sup>Are included in this section the notional amounts of hedging derivatives and of swaps that reverse the interest rate positions, thus reducing the hedge relationship, when the hedged item still exists, for respectively EUR 55,414 million for derivatives hedging loans and receivables and EUR 86,139 million for derivatives hedging deposits.



The table below presents the detail of fair value hedge relationships for identified financial instruments and portfolios of financial instruments that are continuing as at 31 December 2020:

		Hedging ir	nstruments			Hedged in	struments	
In millions of euros, as at 31 December 2020	Notional amounts	Positive fair value	Negative fair value	Cumulated changes in fair value used as the basis for recognising ineffective- ness	Carrying amount - asset	Cumulated changes in fair value - asset	Carrying amount - liability	Cumulated changes in fair value - liability
Fair value hedges of identified instruments	281.520	4.553	7,353	(733)	115,138	4,815	110,552	4.380
Interest rate derivatives hedging the	274.089	4,353	7,333	(824)	111,600	4,813	106,785	4,360
interest rate risk related to Loans and receivables	18.124	92	545	(502)	18,200	502		•
Securities	113.543	1.108	6.186	(4,553)	93.401	4.296		
Deposits	13.073	558	152	531	75,401	4,270	13.193	531
Debt securities	129,349	2,532	361	3,700			93,592	3.743
Foreign exchange derivatives hedging the interest rate and foreign exchange risks related to	7,431	263	109	91	3,538	17	3,767	106
Loans and receivables	2,009	126	2	(13)	1,851	13		
Securities	1,666	16	32	(4)	1,687	4		
Deposits	185	14		12			203	12
Debt securities	3,571	107	75	96			3,564	95
Interest rate risk hedged portfolios	476,130	8,547	5,411	1,849	111,090	4,367	173,716	6,134
Interest rate derivatives hedging the interest rate risk related to (1)	474,782	8,540	5,350	1,861	109,820	4,355	173,716	6,134
Loans and receivables	187,109	1,200	4,364	(4,590)	109,820	4,355		
Deposits	287,672	7,340	986	6,452			173,716	6,134
Foreign exchange derivatives hedging the interest rate and foreign exchange risks related to	1,348	7	61	(12)	1,270	12		
Loans and receivables	1,348	7	61	(12)	1,270	12		
Total fair value hedge	757,650	13,100	12,764	1,116	226,228	9,182	284,268	10,514

(1)Are included in this section the notional amounts of hedging derivatives and of swaps that reverse the interest rate positions, thus reducing the hedge relationship, when the hedged item still exists, for respectively EUR 60,447 million for derivatives hedging loans and receivables and EUR 107,437 million for derivatives hedging deposits.

An asset or a liability or set of assets and liabilities, can be hedged over several periods of time with different derivative financial instruments. Besides, some hedges are achieved by the combination of two derivative instruments. In this case, the notional amounts add up and their total amount is higher than the hedged amount. The first situation is observed more particularly for interest rate risk hedged portfolios and the second for hedges of issued debt securities.

As regards discontinued fair value hedge relationships where the derivative contract was terminated, the cumulated amount of revaluation remaining to be amortised over the residual life of the hedged instruments amounts to EUR 1,626 million in assets as at 31 December 2021, and to EUR 14 million in liabilities, for hedges of portfolios of financial instruments. At 31 December 2020, these amounts were EUR 1,194 million in assets and 18 million in liabilities.

The change in assets is mainly due to a modification in hedging strategy which entailed the replacement of derivatives hedging portfolios of loans and receivables in order to modify the floating rate fixing frequency of the swaps. Both the terminated swaps and the new hedging swaps have the same notional. The maturity of the related hedged items spreads out until 2040.

The notional amount of cash flow hedge derivatives is EUR 213,743 million as at 31 December 2021. Changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity amount to EUR 1,329 million. At 31 December 2020, the notional amount of cash flow hedge derivatives was EUR 205,208 million and the changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity amount was EUR 2,009 million.



The tables below present the notional amounts of hedging derivatives by maturity as at 31 December 2021 and as at 31 December 2020:

		Maturit	y date	
In millions of euros, as at 31 December 2021	Less than 1 year	Between 1 and 5 years	Over 5 years	Total
Fair value hedges	149,613	340,799	265,577	755,989
Interest rate derivatives	146,649	334,411	265,193	746,253
Foreign exchange derivatives	2,964	6,388	384	9,736
Cash flow hedges	146,392	43,108	24,243	213,743
Interest rate derivatives	10,350	27,777	12,382	50,509
Foreign exchange derivatives	135,867	15,099	11,861	162,827
Other derivatives	175	232		407
Net foreign investment hedges	2,559	100	-	2,659
Foreign exchange derivatives	2,559	100		2,659

		Maturity date								
In millions of euros, as at 31 December 2020	Less than 1 year	Between 1 and 5 years	Over 5 years	Total						
Fair value hedges	164,828	341,676	251,146	757,650						
Interest rate derivatives	162,184	336,020	250,667	748,871						
Foreign exchange derivatives	2,644	5,656	479	8,779						
Cash flow hedges	145,237	40,142	19,829	205,208						
Interest rate derivatives	11,289	29,053	14,723	55,065						
Foreign exchange derivatives	133,788	10,913	5,106	149,807						
Other derivatives	160	176		336						
Net foreign investment hedges	1,737	200	-	1,937						
Foreign exchange derivatives	1,737	200		1,937						



## 4.c FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH EQUITY

	31 Decem	nber 2021	31 decem	ber 2020
In millions of euros	Fair value	of which changes in value recognised directly to equity	Fair value	of which changes in value recognised directly to equity
Debt securities	38,906	(1)	55,981	613
Governments	19,980	117	30,989	414
Other public administrations	13,000	51	17,970	244
Credit institutions	4,138	(169)	5,140	(39)
Others	1,788		1,882	(6)
Equity securities	2,558	933	2,209	535
Total financial assets at fair value through equity	41,464	932	58,190	1,148

Debt securities at fair value through equity include EUR 105 million classified as stage 3 at 31 December 2021 (EUR 108 million at 31 December 2020). For these securities, the credit impairment recognised in the profit and loss account has been charged to the negative changes in value recognised in equity for EUR 104 million at 31 December 2021 (remained unchanged compared with the previous year).

The option to recognise certain equity instruments at fair value through equity was retained in particular for shares held through strategic partnerships and shares that the Group is required to hold in order to carry out certain activities.

During the year ended 31 December 2021, the Group sell one of these investments and an unrealised gain of EUR 12 million was transferred to "retained earnings" (EUR 84 million at 31 December 2020).



### 4.d Measurement of the fair value of financial instruments

#### **VALUATION PROCESS**

BNP Paribas has retained the fundamental principle that it should have a unique and integrated processing chain for producing and controlling the valuations of financial instruments that are used for the purpose of daily risk management and financial reporting. All these processes are based on a common economic valuation which is a core component of business decisions and risk management strategies.

Economic value is composed of mid-market value, to which add valuation adjustments.

Mid-market value is derived from external data or valuation techniques that maximise the use of observable and market-based data. Mid-market value is a theoretical additive value which does not take account of i) the direction of the transaction or its impact on the existing risks in the portfolio, ii) the nature of the counterparties, and iii) the aversion of a market participant to particular risks inherent in the instrument, the market in which it is traded, or the risk management strategy.

Valuation adjustments take into account valuation uncertainty and include market and credit risk premiums to reflect costs that could be incurred in case of an exit transaction in the principal market.

Fair value generally equals the economic value, subject to limited adjustments, such as own credit adjustments, which are specifically required by IFRS standards.

The main valuation adjustments are presented in the section below.

### **VALUATION ADJUSTMENTS**

Valuation adjustments retained by BNP Paribas for determining fair values are as follows:

**Bid/offer adjustments**: the bid/offer range reflects the additional exit cost for a price taker and symmetrically the compensation sought by dealers to bear the risk of holding the position or closing it out by accepting another dealer's price.

BNP Paribas assumes that the best estimate of an exit price is the bid or offer price, unless there is evidence that another point in the bid/offer range would provide a more representative exit price.

**Input uncertainty adjustments**: when the observation of prices or data inputs required by valuation techniques is difficult or irregular, an uncertainty exists on the exit price. There are several ways to gauge the degree of uncertainty on the exit price such as measuring the dispersion of the available price indications or estimating the possible ranges of the inputs to a valuation technique.

**Model uncertainty adjustments**: these relate to situations where valuation uncertainty is due to the valuation technique used, even though observable inputs might be available. This situation arises when the risks inherent in the instruments are different from those available in the observable data, and therefore the valuation technique involves assumptions that cannot be easily corroborated.

**Future Hedging Costs adjustments (FHC):** this adjustment applies to positions classified in level 3 that require dynamic hedging throughout their lifetime leading to additional bid/offer costs. Calculation methods capture these expected costs in particular based on the optimal hedging frequency.



**Credit valuation adjustment (CVA)**: the CVA adjustment applies to valuations and market quotations whereby the credit worthiness of the counterparty is not reflected. It aims to account for the possibility that the counterparty may default and that BNP Paribas may not receive the full fair value of the transactions.

In determining the cost of exiting or transferring counterparty risk exposures, the relevant market is deemed to be an inter-dealer market. However, the determination of CVA remains judgemental due to i) the possible absence or lack of price discovery in the inter-dealer market, ii) the influence of the regulatory landscape relating to counterparty risk on the market participants' pricing behaviour and iii) the absence of a dominant business model for managing counterparty risk.

The CVA model is grounded on the same exposures as those used for regulatory purposes. The model attempts to estimate the cost of an optimal risk management strategy based on i) implicit incentives and constraints inherent in the regulations in force and their evolutions, ii) market perception of the probability of default and iii) default parameters used for regulatory purposes.

**Funding valuation adjustment (FVA)**: when valuation techniques are used for the purpose of deriving fair value, funding assumptions related to the future expected cash flows are an integral part of the mid-market valuation, notably through the use of appropriate discount rates. These assumptions reflect what the Bank anticipates as being the effective funding conditions of the instrument that a market participant would consider. This notably takes into account the existence and terms of any collateral agreement. In particular, for non- or imperfectly collateralised derivative instruments, they include an explicit adjustment to the interbank interest rate.

Own-credit valuation adjustment for debts (OCA) and for derivatives (debit valuation adjustment - DVA): OCA and DVA are adjustments reflecting the effect of credit worthiness of BNP Paribas, on respectively the value of debt securities designated as at fair value through profit or loss and derivatives. Both adjustments are based on the expected future liability profiles of such instruments. The own credit worthiness is inferred from the market-based observation of the relevant bond issuance levels. The DVA adjustment is determined after taking into account the Funding Valuation Adjustment (FVA).

Thus, the carrying value of debt securities designated as at fair value though profit or loss is increased by EUR 359 million as at 31 December 2021, compared with an increase in value of EUR 408 million as at 31 December 2020, i.e. a EUR 49 million variation recognised directly in equity that will not be reclassified to profit or loss.

## INSTRUMENT CLASSES AND CLASSIFICATION WITHIN THE FAIR VALUE HIERARCHY FOR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE

As explained in the summary of significant accounting policies (note 1.e.10), financial instruments measured at fair value are categorised into a fair value hierarchy consisting of three levels.

The disaggregation of assets and liabilities into risk classes is meant to provide further insight into the nature of the instruments:

- securitised exposures are further broken down by collateral type.
- for derivatives, fair values are broken down by dominant risk factor, namely interest rate, foreign
  exchange, credit and equity. Derivatives used for hedging purposes are mainly interest rate
  derivatives.



		31 December 2021											
	Fina	Financial instruments held for trading Instruments at fair value through profit or loss						struments at fair value through profit or loss not held for trading  Financial assets at fair value through equity					
In millions of euros	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	
Securities	152,215	28,234	630	181,079	3,520	1,865	5,043	10,428	33,356	6,987	1,121	41,464	
Governments Other debt securities Equities and other equity securities	82,556 20,921 48,738	10,962 15,697 1,575	36 404 190	93,554 37,022 50,503	2,867 653	696 1,169	404 4,639	3,967 6,461	16,263 15,551 1,542	3,717 3,057 213	318 803	19,980 18,926 2,558	
Loans and repurchase agreements	-	246,895	612	247,507	-	1,398	903	2,301	-	-		-	
Loans Repurchase agreements		6,525 240,370	13 599	6,538 240,969		1,398	903	2,301					
FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE	152,215	275,129	1,242	428,586	3,520	3,263	5,946	12,729	33,356	6,987	1,121	41,464	
Securities	110,117	2,064	157	112,338	-	-							
Governments Other debt securities Equities and other equity securities	76,019 14,382 19,716	267 1,683 114	117 40	76,286 16,182 19,870				- - -					
Borrowings and repurchase agreements	-	290,659	918	291,577	-	1,556	323	1,879					
Borrowings Repurchase agreements		1,758 288,901	918	1,758 289,819		1,556	323	1,879 -					
Issued debt securities (note 4.h)	-	-	-	-	2,716	47,409	20,258	70,383					
Subordinated debt (note 4.h)  Non subordinated debt (note 4.h)  Debt representative of shares of consolidated funds held by third parties				- - -	2,716	947 42,076 4,386	20,258	947 62,334 7,102					
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES AT FAIR VALUE	110,117	292,723	1,075	403,915	2,716	48,965	20,581	72,262					

		31 December 2020										
	Financial instruments held for trading  Instruments at fair value through profit or loss not held for trading								Financia	l assets at fair	value through	equity
In millions of euros	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Securities	135,850	24,386	396	160,632	671	1,659	4,965	7,295	43,538	13,505	1,147	58,190
Governments	81,126	7,464		88,590				-	27,188	3,801		30,989
Other debt securities	18,264	16,305	137	34,706		1,141	401	1,542	15,109	9,491	392	24,992
Equities and other equity securities	36,460	617	259	37,336	671	518	4,564	5,753	1,241	213	755	2,209
Loans and repurchase agreements	-	243,567	371	243,938	-	218	722	940	-	-	-	
Loans		4,299		4,299		218	722	940				
Repurchase agreements		239,268	371	239,639				-				
FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE	135,850	267,953	767	404,570	671	1,877	5,687	8,235	43,538	13,505	1,147	58,190
Securities	92,298	1,823	142	94,263	-	-	-					
Governments	66,489	252		66,741				-				
Other debt securities	9,990	1,495	47	11,532				-				
Equities and other equity securities	15,819	76	95	15,990				-				
Borrowings and repurchase agreements	-	285,766	975	286,741	-	1,709	145	1,854				
Borrowings		1,654		1,654		1,709	145	1,854				
Repurchase agreements		284,112	975	285,087				-				
Issued debt securities (note 4.h)	-	-	-	-	5,240	40,840	17,968	64,048				
Subordinated debt (note 4.h)						851		851				
Non subordinated debt (note 4.h)				-		38,914	17,968	56,882				
Debt representative of shares of consolidated funds held by third parties				ē	5,240	1,075		6,315				
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES AT FAIR VALUE	92,298	287,589	1,117	381,004	5,240	42,549	18,113	65,902				



	31 December 2021											
		Positive ma	rket value			Negative m	arket value					
In millions of euros	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total				
Interest rate derivatives	331	117,854	1,034	119,219	318	105,988	1,184	107,490				
Foreign exchange derivatives	40	74,827	447	75,314	36	75,388	270	75,694				
Credit derivatives		7,532	839	8,371		7,562	889	8,451				
Equity derivatives	9,770	12,741	1,706	24,217	12,593	15,795	6,683	35,071				
Other derivatives	1,284	11,962	56	13,302	1,179	9,359	153	10,691				
Derivative financial instruments not used for hedging purposes	11,425	224,916	4,082	240,423	14,126	214,092	9,179	237,397				
Derivative financial instruments used for hedging purposes	-	8,680	-	8,680	-	10,076	-	10,076				

	31 December 2020										
		Positive ma	rket value			Negative ma	arket value				
In millions of euros	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total			
Interest rate derivatives	167	149,474	1,560	151,201	280	140,670	1,559	142,509			
Foreign exchange derivatives		82,809	437	83,246	2	84,953	343	85,298			
Credit derivatives		7,718	434	8,152		8,200	466	8,666			
Equity derivatives	11,537	15,853	1,881	29,271	15,461	18,906	7,767	42,134			
Other derivatives	988	3,857	64	4,909	747	3,161	93	4,001			
Derivative financial instruments not used for hedging purposes	12,692	259,711	4,376	276,779	16,490	255,890	10,228	282,608			
Derivative financial instruments used for hedging purposes	-	15,600	-	15,600	-	13,320	-	13,320			

Transfers between levels may occur when an instrument fulfils the criteria defined, which are generally market and product dependent. The main factors influencing transfers are changes in the observation capabilities, passage of time, and events during the transaction lifetime. The timing of recognising transfers is determined at the beginning of the reporting period.

During the year ended 31 December 2021, transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 were not significant.

### DESCRIPTION OF MAIN INSTRUMENTS IN EACH LEVEL

The following section provides a description of the instruments in each level in the hierarchy. It describes notably instruments classified in Level 3 and the associated valuation methodologies. For main trading book instruments and derivatives classified in Level 3, further quantitative information is provided about the inputs used to derive fair value.

### Level 1

This level encompasses all derivatives and securities that are listed on exchanges or quoted continuously in other active markets.

Level 1 includes notably equity securities and liquid bonds, shortselling of these instruments, derivative instruments traded on organised markets (futures, options, *etc.*). It includes shares of funds and UCITS, for which the net asset value is calculated on a daily basis, as well as debt representative of shares of consolidated funds held by third parties.



#### Level 2

The Level 2 stock of securities is composed of securities which are less liquid than the Level 1 bonds. They are predominantly corporate debt securities, government bonds, mortgage backed securities, fund shares and short-term securities such as certificates of deposit. They are classified in Level 2 notably when external prices for the same security can be regularly observed from a reasonable number of market makers that are active in this security, but these prices do not represent directly tradable prices. This comprises amongst other, consensus pricing services with a reasonable number of contributors that are active market makers as well as indicative runs from active brokers and/or dealers. Other sources such as primary issuance market, may also be used where relevant.

**Repurchase agreements** are classified predominantly in Level 2. The classification is primarily based on the observability and liquidity of the repo market, depending on the underlying collateral and the maturity of the repo transaction.

**Debts issued** designated as at fair value through profit and loss, are classified in the same level as the one that would apply to the embedded derivative taken individually. The issuance spread is considered observable.

**Derivatives** classified in Level 2 comprise mainly the following instruments:

- vanilla instruments such as interest rate swaps, caps, floors and swaptions, credit default swaps, equity/foreign exchange (FX)/commodities forwards and options;
- structured derivatives for which model uncertainty is not significant such as exotic FX options, mono- and multi-underlying equity/funds derivatives, single curve exotic interest rate derivatives and derivatives based on structured rates.

The above derivatives are classified in Level 2 when there is a documented stream of evidence supporting one of the following:

- fair value is predominantly derived from prices or quotations of other Level 1 and Level 2 instruments, through standard market interpolation or stripping techniques whose results are regularly corroborated by real transactions;
- fair value is derived from other standard techniques such as replication or discounted cash flows that are calibrated to observable prices, that bear limited model risk and enable an effective offset of the risks of the instrument through trading Level 1 or Level 2 instruments;
- fair value is derived from more sophisticated or proprietary valuation techniques but is directly evidenced through regular back-testing using external market-based data.

Determining of whether an over-the-counter (OTC) derivative is eligible for Level 2 classification involves judgement. Consideration is given to the origin, transparency and reliability of external data used, and the amount of uncertainty associated with the use of models. It follows that the Level 2 classification criteria involve multiple analysis axis within an "observability zone" whose limits are determined by i) a predetermined list of product categories and ii) the underlying and maturity bands. These criteria are regularly reviewed and updated, together with the applicable valuation adjustments, so that the classification by level remains consistent with the valuation adjustment policy.



### Level 3

Level 3 securities of the trading book mainly comprise units of funds and unlisted equity shares measured at fair value through profit or loss or through equity.

Unlisted private equities are systematically classified as Level 3, with the exception of UCITS with a daily net asset value which are classified in the Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

Shares and other unlisted variable income securities in level 3 are valued using one of the following methods: a share of revalued net book value, multiples of comparable companies, future cash flows method, multi-criteria approach.

Repurchase agreements: mainly long-term or structured repurchase agreements on corporate bonds and ABSs: The valuation of these transactions requires proprietary methodologies given the bespoke nature of the transactions and the lack of activity and price discovery in the long-term repo market. The curves used in the valuation are corroborated using available data such as the implied basis of the relevant benchmark bond pool, recent long-term repo trade data and price enquiry data. Valuation adjustments applicable to these exposures are commensurate with the degree of uncertainty inherent in the modelling choices and amount of data available.

**Debts issued** designated as at fair value through profit or loss, are classified in the same level as the one that would apply to the embedded derivative taken individually. The issuance spread is considered observable.

#### **Derivatives**

**Vanilla derivatives** are classified in Level 3 when the exposure is beyond the observation zone for rate curves or volatility surfaces, or relates to less liquid markets such as tranches on old credit index series or emerging markets interest rates markets. The main instruments are:

- **Interest rate derivatives**: exposures mainly comprise swap products in less liquid currencies. Classification is driven by the lower liquidity of some maturities, while observation capabilities through consensus may be available. The valuation technique is standard, and uses external market information and extrapolation techniques.
- **Credit derivatives (CDS)**: exposures mainly comprise CDSs beyond the maximum observable maturity and, to a much lesser extent, CDSs on illiquid or distressed names and CDSs on loan indices. Classification is driven by the lack of liquidity while observation capabilities may be available notably through consensus. Level 3 exposures also comprise CDS and Total Return Swaps (TRS) positions on securitised assets. These are priced along the same modelling techniques as the underlying bonds, taking into consideration the funding basis and specific risk premium.
- **Equity derivatives**: exposures essentially comprise long dated forward or volatility products or exposures where there is a limited market for optional products. The marking of the forward curves and volatility surfaces beyond the maximum observable maturity relies on extrapolation techniques. However, when there is no market for model input, volatility or forward is generally determined on the basis of proxy or historical analysis.
  - Similarly, long-term transactions on equity baskets are also classified in Level 3, based on the absence of equity correlation observability on long maturities.

These vanilla derivatives are subject to valuation adjustments linked to uncertainty on liquidity, specialised by nature of underlying and liquidity bands.



**Structured derivatives** classified in Level 3 predominantly comprise structured derivatives of which hybrid products (FX/Interest Rates hybrids, Equity hybrids), credit correlation products, prepayment-sensitive products, some stock basket optional products and some interest rate optional instruments. The main exposures are described below, with insight into the related valuation techniques and on the source of uncertainty:

- **Structured interest rate options** are classified in Level 3 when they involve currencies where there is not sufficient observation or when they include a quanto feature where the pay-off is measured with a forex forward fixed rate (except for the main currencies). Long term structured derivatives are also classified in Level 3.
- **Hybrid FX/Interest rate products** essentially comprise a specific product family known as Power Reverse Dual Currency (PRDC). When valuation of PRDCs requires sophisticated modelling of joint behaviour of FX and interest rate, and is notably sensitive to the unobservable FX/ interest rate correlations, such products are classified as level 3. PRDCs valuations are corroborated with recent trade data and consensus data.
- Securitisation swaps mainly comprise fixed rate swaps, cross currency or basis swaps whose
  notional is indexed to the prepayment behaviour of some underlying portfolio. The estimation of
  the maturity profile of securitisation swaps is corroborated by statistical estimates using
  external historical data.
- **Forward volatility options** are generally products whose pay-off is indexed to the future variability of a rate index such as volatility swaps. These products involve material model risk as it is difficult to infer forward volatility information from the market-traded instruments. The valuation adjustment framework is calibrated to the uncertainty inherent in the product, and to the range of uncertainty from the existing external consensus data.
- **Inflation derivatives** classified in Level 3 mainly comprise swap products on inflation indices that are not associated with a liquid indexed bond market, optional products on inflation indices (such as caps and floors) and other forms of inflation indices involving optionality on the inflation indices or on the inflation annual rate. Valuation techniques used for inflation derivatives are predominantly standard market models. Proxy techniques are used for a few limited exposures. Although the valuations are corroborated through monthly consensus data, these products are classified as Level 3 due to their lack of liquidity and some uncertainties inherent in the calibration.
- The valuation of **bespoke CDOs** requires correlation of default events. This information is inferred from the active index tranche market through a proprietary projection technique and involves proprietary extrapolation and interpolation techniques. Multi-geography CDOs further require an additional correlation assumption. Finally, the bespoke CDO model also involves proprietary assumptions and parameters related to the dynamic of the recovery factor. CDO modelling, is calibrated on the observable index tranche markets, and is regularly back-tested against consensus data on standardised pools. The uncertainty arises from the model risk associated with the projection and geography mixing technique, and the uncertainty of associated parameters, together with the recovery modelling.
- N to Default baskets are other forms of credit correlation products, modelled through standard copula techniques. The main inputs required are the pair-wise correlations between the basket components which can be observed in the consensus and the transactions. Linear baskets are considered observable.
- Equity and equity-hybrid correlation products are instruments whose pay-off is dependent on the joint behaviour of a basket of equities/indices leading to a sensitivity of the fair value measurement to the correlation amongst the basket components. Hybrid versions of these instruments involve baskets that mix equity and non-equity underlyings such as commodity indices, or foreign exchange rates. Only a subset of the Equity/index correlation matrix is



regularly observable and traded, while most cross-asset correlations are not active. Therefore, classification in Level 3 depends on the composition of the basket, the maturity, and the hybrid nature of the product. The correlation input is derived from a proprietary model combining historical estimators, and other adjustment factors, that are corroborated by reference to recent trades or external data. The correlation matrix is essentially available from consensus services, and when a correlation between two underlying instruments is not available, it might be obtained from extrapolation or proxy techniques.

These structured derivatives are subject to specific valuation adjustments to cover uncertainties linked to liquidity, parameters and model risk.

### Valuation adjustments (CVA, DVA and FVA)

The valuation adjustment for counterparty credit risk (CVA), own-credit risk for derivatives (DVA) and the explicit funding valuation adjustment (FVA) are deemed to be unobservable components of the valuation framework and therefore classified in Level 3. This does not impact, in general cases, the classification of individual transactions into the fair value hierarchy. However, a specific process allows to identify individual deals for which the marginal contribution of these adjustments and related uncertainty is significant. Are particularly concerned some insufficiently collateralised vanilla interest rate instruments with very long residual maturity.

The table below provides the range of values of main unobservable inputs for the valuation of level 3 financial instruments. The ranges displayed correspond to a variety of different underlying instruments and are meaningful only in the context of the valuation technique implemented by BNP Paribas. The weighted averages, where relevant and available, are based on fair values, nominal amounts or sensitivities.

The main unobservable parameters used for the valuation of debt issued in level 3 are equivalent to these of their economic hedge derivative. Information on those derivatives, displayed in the following table, is also applicable to these debts.





Risk classes		e Sheet ation s of euros) Liability	Main product types composing the Level 3 stock within the risk class	Valuation technique used for the product types considered	t Main unobservable inputs for the product types considered	Range of unobservable input across Level 3 population considered	Weighted average	
Repurchase agreements	599	918	Long-term repo and reverse-repo agreements	Proxy techniques, based amongst other on the funding basis of a benchmark bond pool, that is actively traded and representative of the repo underlying		0 pb to 95 pb	29 pb (a)	
			Hybrid Forex / Interest rates derivatives	Hybrid Forex interest rate option pricing model	Correlation between FX rate and interest rates. Main currency pairs are EUR/JPY, USD/JPY, AUD/JPY	27% to 59%	37% (a)	
			Hybrid inflation rates / Interest rates Hybrid inflation interest rate option priderivatives model		Correlation between interest rates and inflation rates mainly in Europe.	0% to 25%	16%	
			Floors and caps on inflation rate or on the		Volatility of cumulative inflation	0.7% to 8.8%		
Interest rate derivatives	1,034	1,184	cumulative inflation (such as redemption floors), predominantly on European and French inflation	Inflation pricing model	Volatility of the year on year inflation rate	0.3% to 2.7%	(b)	
			Forward Volatility products such as volatility swaps, mainly in euro	Interest rates option pricing model	Forward volatility of interest rates	0.4% to 0.7%	(b)	
		Balance-guaranteed fixed rate, basis or cross currency swaps, predominantly on European collateral pools  Prepayment modelling Discounted cash flows		Constant prepayment rates	0% to 18%	2% (a)		
			Callabasella ad Dakk Obligations and index		Base correlation curve for bespoke portfolios	28% to 86%	(b)	
			Collateralised Debt Obligations and index tranches for inactive index series	Base correlation projection technique and recovery modelling	Recovery rate variance for single name underlyings	0 to 25 %	(b)	
Credit derivatives	839	889	N-to-default baskets	Credit default model	Default correlation	48% to 84%	58% (a)	
			Single name Credit Default Swaps (other		Credit default spreads beyond observation limit (10 years)	34 pb to 162 pb (1)	114 pb (c)	
			than CDS on ABSs and loans indices)	Stripping, extrapolation and interpolation	Illiquid credit default spread curves (across main tenors)	3 pb to 826 bp (2)	66 pb (c)	
Equity derivet	1.704	4 402	Simple and complex derivatives on multi-	Various valetility entire models	Unobservable equity volatility	0% to 105% (3)	32% (d)	
Equity derivatives	1,706	6,683	underlying baskets on stocks	Various volatility option models	Unobservable equity correlation	27% to 99%	70% (c)	

<sup>(1)</sup> The upper part of the range relates to a significant balance sheet position on an issuer belonging to the European telecommunication sector. The remaining positions relate mainly to sovereign and financial issuers.

(2) The upper bound of the range relates to distribution, consumer and transportation sector issuers that represent an insignificant portion of the balance sheet (CDSs with illiquid underlying instruments).

(3) The upper part of the range relates to 8 equities representing a non-material portion of the balance sheet on options with equity underlying instruments. Including these inputs, the upper bound of the range would be around 203%.

(a) Weights based on relevant risk axis at portfolio level

<sup>(</sup>b) No weighting, since no explicit sensitivity is attributed to these inputs
(c) Weighting is not based on risks, but on an alternative methodology in relation with the Level 3 instruments (present value or notional)
(d) Simple averaging



### TABLE OF MOVEMENTS IN LEVEL 3 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

For Level 3 financial instruments, the following movements occurred during the year ended 31 December 2021:

	Financial assets				Fin	Financial liabilities			
In millions of euros	Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss held for trading	Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss not held for trading	Financial assets at fair value through equity	TOTAL	Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss held for trading	Financial instruments designated as at fair value through profit or loss	TOTAL		
At 31 December 2020	5,143	5,687	1,147	11,977	(11,345)	(18,113)	(29,458)		
Purchases	638	1,291	127	2,056		, , ,	_		
Issues		.,		-,		(5,691)	(5,691)		
Sales	(622)	(1,081)	(2)	(1,705)	(242)		(242)		
Settlements (1)	1,461	(442)	(169)	850	877	7,532	8,409		
Transfers to level 3	1,416	23	10	1,449	(1,226)	(3,640)	(4,866)		
Transfers from level 3	(1,118)	(46)	(31)	(1,195)	1,528	347	1,875		
Gains (or losses) recognised in profit or loss with respect to transactions expired or terminated during the period	793	457	(11)	1,239	2,620	(958)	1,662		
Gains (or losses) recognised in profit or loss with respect to unexpired instruments at the end of the period Changes in fair value of assets and liabilities recognised	(2,403)	(18)		(2,421)	(2,467)	(58)	(2,525)		
directly in equity  - Items related to exchange rate movements	16	75	1	95	1		1		
- Changes in fair value of assets and liabilities recognised in equity	10	13	46		'				
At 31 December 2021	5,324	5,946	1,121	12,391	(10,254)	(20,581)	(30,835)		

<sup>(</sup>PFor the assets, includes redemptions of principal, interest payments as well as cash inflows and outflows relating to derivatives. For the liabilities, includes principal redemptions, interest payments as well as cash inflows and outflows relating to derivatives the fair value of which is negative.

Transfers out of Level 3 of derivatives at fair value include mainly the update of the observability tenor of certain yield curves, and of market parameters related to repurchase agreements and credit transactions but also the effect of derivatives becoming only or mainly sensitive to observable inputs due to the shortening of their lifetime.

Transfers into Level 3 of instruments at fair value reflect the effect of the regular update of the observability zones.

Transfers have been reflected as if they had taken place at the beginning of the reporting period.

The Level 3 financial instruments may be hedged by other Level 1 and Level 2 instruments, the gains and losses of which are not shown in this table. Consequently, the gains and losses shown in this table are not representative of the gains and losses arising from management of the net risk on all these instruments.



### SENSITIVITY OF FAIR VALUE TO REASONABLY POSSIBLE CHANGES IN LEVEL 3 ASSUMPTIONS

The following table summarises those financial assets and financial liabilities classified as Level 3 for which alternative assumptions in one or more of the unobservable inputs would change fair value significantly.

The amounts disclosed are intended to illustrate the range of possible uncertainty inherent to the judgement applied when estimating Level 3 parameters, or when selecting valuation techniques. These amounts reflect valuation uncertainties that prevail at the measurement date, and even though such uncertainties predominantly derive from the portfolio sensitivities that prevailed at that measurement date, they are not predictive or indicative of future movements in fair value, nor do they represent the effect of market stress on the portfolio value.

In estimating sensitivities, BNP Paribas either remeasured the financial instruments using reasonably possible inputs, or applied assumptions based on the valuation adjustment policy.

For the sake of simplicity, the sensitivity on cash instruments that are not relating to securitised instruments was based on a uniform 1% shift in the price. More specific shifts were however calibrated for each class of the Level 3 securitised exposures, based on the possible ranges of the unobservable inputs.

For derivative exposures, the sensitivity measurement is based on the credit valuation adjustment (CVA), the explicit funding valuation adjustment (FVA) and the parameter and model uncertainty adjustments related to Level 3.

Regarding the credit valuation adjustment (CVA) and the explicit funding valuation adjustment (FVA), the uncertainty was calibrated based on prudent valuation adjustments described in the technical standard "Prudent Valuation" published by the European Banking Authority. For other valuation adjustments, two scenarios were considered: a favourable scenario where all or portion of the valuation adjustment is not considered by market participants, and an unfavourable scenario where market participants would require twice the amount of valuation adjustments considered by BNP Paribas for entering into a transaction.

	31 December 2021		31 Decem	nber 2020
In millions of euros	Potential impact on income	Potential impact on equity	Potential impact on income	Potential impact on equity
Debt securities	+/-7	+/-3	+/-5	+/-3
Equities and other equity securities	+/-48	+/-8	+/-48	+/-8
Loans and repurchase agreements	+/-12		+/-13	
Derivative financial instruments	+/-588		+/-620	
Interest rate and foreign exchange derivatives	+/-322		+/-360	
Credit derivatives	+/-35		+/-49	
Equity derivatives	+/-227		+/-199	
Other derivatives	+/-4		+/-12	
Sensitivity of Level 3 financial instruments	+/-655	+/-11	+/-686	+/-11



# DEFERRED MARGIN ON FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS MEASURED USING TECHNIQUES DEVELOPED INTERNALLY AND BASED ON INPUTS PARTLY UNOBSERVABLE IN ACTIVE MARKETS

Deferred margin on financial instruments ("Day One Profit") primarly concerns the scope of financial instruments eligible for Level 3 and to a lesser extent some financial instruments eligible for level 2 where valuation adjustments for uncertainties regarding parameters or models are not negligible compared to the initial margin.

The day one profit is calculated after setting aside valuation adjustments for uncertainties as described previously and released to profit or loss over the expected period for which the inputs will be unobservable. The unamortised amount is included under "Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss" as a reduction in the fair value of the relevant transactions.

In millions of euros	Deferred margin at 31 December 2020	Deferred margin on transactions during the period	Margin taken to the profit and loss account during the period	Deferred margin at 31 December 2021
Interest rate and foreign exchange derivatives	244	89	(129)	204
Credit derivatives	174	92	(102)	164
Equity derivatives	414	608	(621)	401
Other instruments	11	26	(28)	9
Financial instruments	843	815	(880)	778



## 4.e FINANCIAL ASSETS AT AMORTISED COST

## • Detail of loans and advances by nature

	31 December 2021			31 December 2020		
In millions of euros	Gross value	Impairment (note 2.h)	Carrying amount	Gross value	Impairment (note 2.h)	Carrying amount
Loans and advances to credit institutions	21,844	(93)	21,751	19,082	(100)	18,982
On demand accounts	9,009	(8)	9,001	7,241	(12)	7,229
Loans <sup>(1)</sup>	10,635	(85)	10,550	10,009	(88)	9,921
Repurchase agreements	2,200		2,200	1,832		1,832
Loans and advances to customers	833,935	(19,935)	814,000	830,979	(21,446)	809,533
On demand accounts	52,488	(3,157)	49,331	37,639	(3,409)	34,230
Loans to customers	740,080	(15,658)	724,422	752,797	(16,888)	735,909
Finance leases	41,026	(1,120)	39,906	39,220	(1,149)	38,071
Repurchase agreements	341		341	1,323		1,323
Total loans and advances at amortised cost	855,779	(20,028)	835,751	850,061	(21,546)	828,515

<sup>(1)</sup> Loans and advances to credit institutions include term deposits made with central banks.

## Contractual maturities of finance leases

In millions of euros	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Gross investment	43,823	41,899
Receivable within 1 year	12,276	11,602
Receivable after 1 year but within 5 years	27,399	26,306
Receivable beyond 5 years	4,148	3,991
Unearned interest income	(2,797)	(2,679)
Net investment before impairment	41,026	39,220
Receivable within 1 year	11,289	10,675
Receivable after 1 year but within 5 years	25,845	24,816
Receivable beyond 5 years	3,892	3,729
Impairment provisions	(1,120)	(1,149)
Net investment after impairment	39,906	38,071



## • Detail of debt securities by type of issuer

	3	1 December 202	1	31 December 2020		
In millions of euros	Gross value	Impairment (note 2.h)	Carrying amount	Gross value	Impairment (note 2.h)	Carrying amount
Governments	57,221	(20)	57,201	62,044	(22)	62,022
Other public administration	17,317	(2)	17,315	24,248	(2)	24,246
Credit institutions	10,593	(2)	10,591	10,461	(2)	10,459
Others	23,547	(144)	23,403	21,721	(132)	21,589
Total debt securities at amortised cost	108,678	(168)	108,510	118,474	(158)	118,316

## • Detail of financial assets at amortised cost by stage

	31 December 2021			31 December 2020		
In millions of euros	Gross Value	Impairment (note 2.h)	Carrying amount	Gross Value	Impairment (note 2.h)	Carrying amount
Loans and advances to credit institutions	21,844	(93)	21,751	19,082	(100)	18,982
Stage 1	21,516	(13)	21,503	18,517	(19)	18,498
Stage 2	242	(2)	240	486	(8)	478
Stage 3	86	(78)	8	79	(73)	6
Loans and advances to customers	833,935	(19,935)	814,000	830,979	(21,446)	809,533
Stage 1	701,259	(1,834)	699,425	707,664	(2,303)	705,361
Stage 2	104,857	(2,687)	102,170	93,244	(3,101)	90,143
Stage 3	27,819	(15,414)	12,405	30,071	(16,042)	14,029
Debt securities	108,678	(168)	108,510	118,474	(158)	118,316
Stage 1	108,006	(20)	107,986	117,357	(21)	117,336
Stage 2	412	(25)	387	847	(33)	814
Stage 3	260	(123)	137	270	(104)	166
Total financial assets at amortised cost	964,457	(20,196)	944,261	968,535	(21,704)	946,831



## 4.f IMPAIRED FINANCIAL ASSETS (STAGE 3)

The following tables present the carrying amounts of impaired financial assets carried at amortised cost and of impaired financing and guarantee commitments, as well as related collateral and other guarantees.

The amounts shown for collateral and other guarantees correspond to the lower of the value of the collateral or other guarantee and the value of the secured assets.

	31 December 2021				
	Impaire	Impaired financial assets (Stage 3)			
In millions of euros	Gross value	Impairment	Net	Collateral received	
Loans and advances to credit institutions (note 4.e)	86	(78)	8	1	
Loans and advances to customers (note 4.e)	27,819	(15,414)	12,405	8,068	
Debt securities at amortised cost (note 4.e)	260	(123)	137	25	
Total amortised-cost impaired assets (stage 3)	28,165	(15,615)	12,550	8,094	
Financing commitments given	1,088	(89)	999	65	
Guarantee commitments given	833	(265)	568	192	
Total off-balance sheet impaired commitments (stage 3)	1,921	(354)	1,567	257	

	Impaire	Impaired financial assets (Stage 3)		
In millions of euros	Gross value	Impairment	Net	Collateral received
Loans and advances to credit institutions (note 4.e)	79	(73)	6	123
Loans and advances to customers (note 4.e)	30,071	(16,042)	14,029	8,978
Debt securities at amortised cost (note 4.e)	270	(104)	166	39
Total amortised-cost impaired assets (stage 3)	30,420	(16,219)	14,201	9,140
Financing commitments given	1,001	(83)	918	105
Guarantee commitments given	1,364	(264)	1,100	320
Total off-balance sheet impaired commitments (stage 3)	2,365	(347)	2,018	425

The following table presents gross exposures of stage 3 assets change (EU CR2):

Gross value In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec 2021	Year to 31 Dec 2020
Impaired exposures (Stage 3) at opening balance	30,420	30,088
Transfer to stage 3	6,432	8,623
Transfer to stage 1 or stage 2	(2,548)	(2,306)
Assets Written off	(4,491)	(4,188)
Others changes	(1,648)	(1,797)
Impaired exposures (Stage 3) at closing balance	28,165	30,420



## 4.g FINANCIAL LIABILITIES AT AMORTISED COST DUE TO CREDIT INSTITUTIONS AND CUSTOMERS

In millions of euros	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Deposits from credit institutions	165,699	147,657
On demand accounts	9,105	8,995
Interbank borrowings <sup>(1)</sup>	147,635	130,999
Repurchase agreements	8,959	7,663
Deposits from customers	957,684	940,991
On demand deposits	634,784	613,311
Savings accounts	158,932	156,508
Term accounts and short-term notes	163,429	170,097
Repurchase agreements	539	1,075

<sup>(1)</sup> Interbank borrowings from credit institutions include term borrowings from central banks, of which EUR 120.1 billion of TLTRO III at 31 December 2021 (EUR 101.8 billion at 31 December 2020).

### 4.h DEBT SECURITIES AND SUBORDINATED DEBT

This note covers all issued debt securities and subordinated debt measured at amortised cost and designated as at fair value through profit or loss.

### Debt securities designated at fair value through profit or loss (note 4.a)

Issuer / Issue date In millions of euros	Currency	Original amount in foreign currency (millions)	Date of call or interest step-up	Interest rate	Interest step-up	Conditions precedent for coupon payment <sup>(1)</sup>	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Debt securities							62,334	56,882
Subordinated debt							947	851
- Redeemable subordinated debt			(2)				41	53
- Perpetual subordinated debt							906	798
BNP Paribas Fortis Dec. 2007 <sup>(3)</sup>	EUR	3,000	Dec14	3-month Euribor +200 bp		А	906	798

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{(1)}}$  Conditions precedent for coupon payment:

A Coupon payments are halted should the issuer have insufficient capital or the underwriters become insolvent or when the dividend declared for Ageas shares falls below a certain threshold.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup> After agreement from the banking supervisory authority and at the issuer's initiative, redeemable subordinated debt issues may contain a call provision authorising the Group to redeem the securities prior to maturity by repurchasing them in the stock market, via public tender offers, or in the case of private placements over the counter. Debt issued by BNP Paribas SA or foreign subsidiaries of the Group via placements in the international markets may be subject to early redemption of the capital and early payment of interest due at maturity at the issuer's discretion on or after a date stipulated in the issue particulars (call option), or in the event that changes in the applicable tax rules oblige the BNP Paribas Group issuer to compensate debt-holders for the consequences of such changes. Redemption may be subject to a notice period of between 15 and 60 days, and is in all cases subject to approval by the banking supervisory authorities.

<sup>(3)</sup> Convertible And Subordinated Hybrid Equity-linked Securities (CASHES) issued by BNP Paribas Fortis (previously Fortis Banque) in December 2007.

The CASHES are perpetual securities but may be exchanged for Ageas (previously Fortis SA/NV) shares at the holder's sole discretion at a price of EUR 239.40. However, as of 19 December 2014, the CASHES will be automatically exchanged into Ageas shares if their price is equal to or higher than EUR 359.10 for twenty consecutive trading days. The principal amount will never be redeemed in cash. The rights of the CASHES holders are limited to the Ageas shares held by BNP Paribas Fortis and pledged to them.

Ageas and BNP Paribas Fortis have entered into a Relative Performance Note (RPN) contract, the value of which varies contractually so as to offset the impact on BNP Paribas Fortis of the relative difference between changes in the value of the CASHES and changes in the value of the Ageas shares.

As at 31 December 2021, the liability is eliqible to prudential own funds for EUR 205 million.



### • Debt securities measured at amortised cost

Issuer / Issue date In millions of euros	Currency	Original amount in foreign currency (millions)	Date of call or interest step-up	Interest rate	Interest step-up	Conditions precedent for coupon payment <sup>(1)</sup>	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
in millions of euros								
Debt securities							149,723	148,303
- Debt securities in issue with an initial matur	ity of less tha	an one year					47,293	48,332
Negotiable debt securities							47,293	48,332
- Debt securities in issue with an initial matur	ity of more th	nan one year					102,430	99,971
Negotiable debt securities							27,256	38,720
Bonds							75,174	61,251
Subordinated debt							24,720	22,474
- Redeemable subordinated debt			(2)				23,000	20,739
- Undated subordinated notes							1,494	1,506
BNP Paribas SA Oct. 85	EUR	305	-	TMO - 0.25%	-	В	254	254
BNP Paribas SA Sept. 86	USD	500	-	6 month- Libor + 0.075%	-	С	240	224
BNP Paribas Cardif Nov. 14	EUR	1,000	Nov 25	4.032%	3-month Euribor + 393 bp	D	1,000	1,000
Others							-	28
- Participating notes							222	222
BNP Paribas SA July 84 (3)	EUR	337	-	(4)	-		215	215
Others							7	7
- Expenses and commission, related debt							4	7

<sup>(1)</sup> Conditions precedent for coupon payment

B Payment of the interest is mandatory, unless the Board of Directors decides to postpone these payments after the Shareholders' General Meeting has officially noted that there is no income available for distribution, where this occurs within the 12-month period preceding the due date for payment of the interest. Interest payments are cumulative and are payable in full once dividend payments resume.

C Payment of the interest is mandatory, unless the Board of Directors decides to postpone these payments after the Shareholders' General Meeting has validated the decision not to pay out a dividend, where this occurs within the 12-month period preceding the due date for payment of the interest. Interest payments are cumulative and are payable in full once dividend payments resume. The bank has the option of resuming payment of interest arrears, even where no dividend is paid out.

D Payment of the interest is mandatory, except for cases of regulatory deficiency, in agreement with the regulator, or of suspension of payments. Interest payments are cumulative and are payable in full, once coupon payments resume, or, if these events occur before, when the issuance is redeemed or when the issuer is liquidated.

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{(2)}}$  See reference relating to "Debt securities at fair value through profit or loss".

<sup>(3)</sup> The participating notes issued by BNP Paribas SA may be repurchased as provided for in the law of 3 January 1983. The number of notes in the market is 1,434,092.

<sup>(4)</sup> Depending on net income subject to a minimum of 85% of the TMO rate and a maximum of 130% of the TMO rate.



### 4.i FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS OF INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	3	1 December 202	1	3	1 December 2020	0
In millions of euros	Assets not representative of unit-linked insurance contracts	Assets representative of unit-linked insurance contracts (financial risk supported by policyholders)	Total	Assets not representative of unit-linked insurance contracts	Assets representative of unit-linked insurance contracts (financial risk supported by policyholders)	Total
Financial instruments designated as at fair value through profit or loss	50,940	87,108	138,048	45,867	73,151	119,018
Derivative financial instruments	1,033		1,033	1,365		1,365
Available-for-sale financial assets	127,413		127,413	130,594		130,594
Held-to-maturity financial assets	981		981	1,443		1,443
Loans and receivables	3,145		3,145	3,214		3,214
Equity-method investments	349		349	354		354
Investment property	2,875	4,354	7,229	2,857	3,732	6,589
Total	186,736	91,462	278,198	185,694	76,883	262,577
Reinsurers' share of technical reserves	2,568		2,568	2,779		2,779
Financial investments of insurance activities	189,304	91,462	280,766	188,473	76,883	265,356

Investments in financial instruments of insurance activities are accounted for according to IAS 39 principles.

The fair value of financial assets with contractual cash-flows corresponding only to payments of principal and interest on principal amounts to EUR 108.6 billion as at 31 December 2021. It amounted to EUR 116.4 billion as at 31 December 2020, which represents a variation of EUR -7.8 billion over the period.

The fair value of other financial assets amounts to EUR 170 billion, and corresponds to all financial instruments that do not meet the previously mentioned criteria, derivatives and financial assets managed on a market value basis. It amounted to EUR 146.5 billion as at 31 December 2020, which represents a variation of EUR +23.5 billion over the period.

The fair value of investment properties which are not representative of unit-linked insurance contracts accounted for at amortised cost amounts to EUR 4.4 billion as at 31 December 2021, compared with EUR 4.3 billion as at 31 December 2020.



### • Measurement of the fair value of financial instruments

The criteria for allocating instruments to the levels of the fair value hierarchy, the corresponding valuation methodologies and the principles of transfer between the levels of the hierarchy for insurance investments are similar to those applied for the Group's other financial instruments (note 4.d).

		31 Decem	ber 2021		31 December 2020			
In millions of euros	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Available-for-sale financial assets	110,750	16,196	467	127,413	112,156	18,218	220	130,594
Equity instruments	9,767	1,338	367	11,472	7,963	1,370	195	9,528
Debt securities	100,983	14,858	100	115,941	104,193	16,848	25	121,066
Financial instruments designated as at fair value through profit or loss	86,497	43,486	8,065	138,048	90,733	21,419	6,865	119,017
Equity instruments	85,749	34,660	8,037	128,446	89,691	13,036	6,804	109,531
Debt securities	748	8,826	28	9,602	1,042	8,383	61	9,486
Derivative financial instruments	1	909	123	1,033	-	1,162	203	1,365
Financial assets measured at fair value	197,248	60,591	8,655	266,494	202,889	40,799	7,288	250,976

Level 1: this level comprises equities and liquid bonds, derivative instruments traded on organised markets (futures, options, *etc.*), units of funds and UCITS for which the net asset value is calculated on a daily basis.

Level 2: this level comprises equities, certain government or corporate bonds, other fund units and UCITS and over-the-counter derivatives.

Level 3: this level consists mainly of fund units and shares which are not quoted on active markets, consisting mainly of units in venture capital companies and funds.

## • Table of movements in Level 3 financial instruments

For Level 3 financial instruments, the following movements occurred during the period:

		Financial assets	
In millions of euros	Available-for-sale financial instruments	Financial instruments as at fair value through profit or loss	Total
At 31 December 2020	220	7,068	7,288
Purchases	240	4,993	5,233
Sales	(105)	(3,933)	(4,038)
Settlements	(12)	(336)	(348)
Transfers to Level 3	154	207	361
Transfers from Level 3	(27)	(858)	(885)
Gains recognised in profit or loss	22	1,034	1,056
Items related to exchange rate movements		13	13
Changes in fair value of assets and liabilities recognised in equity	(25)		(25)
At 31 December 2021	467	8,188	8,655



### • Details of available-for-sale financial assets

	3	1 December 2021		31 December 2020			
In millions of euros	Balance sheet value	of which impairment	of which changes in value recognised directly in equity	Balance sheet value	of which impairment	of which changes in value recognised directly in equity	
Debt securities	115.941		9,408	121,066		14,934	
Equity instruments	11,472	(664)	3,257	9,528	(697)	2,117	
Total available-for-sale financial assets	127,413	(664)	12,665	130,594	(697)	17,051	

### • Fair value of financial instruments carried at amortised cost

	31 December 2021					31 [	December 2	020		
In millions of euros	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Carrying value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Carrying value
Held-to-maturity financial assets	1,150			1,150	981	1,686			1,686	1,443
Loans and receivables	-	3,152	3	3,155	3,145	65	3,183	-	3,248	3,214



### 4.j TECHNICAL RESERVES AND OTHER INSURANCE LIABILITIES

In millions of euros	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Technical reserves - Non-Life insurance contracts	4,212	4,668
Technical reserves - Life insurance contracts	168,910	155,129
- Insurance contracts	87,325	85,961
- Unit-linked contracts	81,585	69,168
Technical liabilities - investment contracts	50,723	48,528
- Investments contracts with discretionary participation feature	41,850	40,916
- Investment contracts without discretionary participation feature - Unit-linked contracts	8,873	7,612
Policyholders' surplus reserve - liability	27,011	27,860
Total technical reserves and liabilities related to insurance and investment contracts	250,856	236,185
Debts arising out of insurance and reinsurance operations	2,890	2,948
Derivative financial instruments	1,049	1,608
Total technical reserves and other insurance liabilities	254,795	240,741

The policyholders' surplus reserve arises from the application of shadow accounting. It represents the interest of policyholders within French and Italian life insurance subsidiaries in unrealised gains and losses and impairment losses on assets where the benefit paid under the policy is linked to the return on those assets. It is obtained from stochastic calculations modelling the unrealised gains and losses attributable to policyholders based on economic scenarios and assumptions as regards rates paid to customers and new business inflows. For France, this resulted in an interest of 92% in 2021, unchanged from 2020.

The Liability Adequacy Test required by IFRS 4 and performed by contract portfolio consists of comparing reserves (net of deferred acquisition costs) with an evaluation of future discounted cash flows.

As at 31 December 2021, this test led to additional provisions on the Asian life insurance entities for a total amount of EUR 4 million (EUR 18 million for the year ended 31 December 2020).

The change in technical reserves and liabilities related to insurance contracts breaks down as follows:

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020
Liabilities related to insurance contracts at start of period	236,185	232,309
Additions to insurance contract technical reserves and deposits taken on financial contracts related to life insurance	24,687	21,309
Claims and benefits paid	(18,721)	(17,708)
Effect of changes in value of admissible investments related to unit-linked contracts	8,242	708
Effect of movements in exchange rates	811	(527)
Effect of changes in the scope of consolidation	(348)	94
Liabilities related to insurance contracts at end of period	250,856	236,185

See note 4.i for details of reinsurers' share of technical reserves.



## 4.k CURRENT AND DEFERRED TAXES

In millions of euros	31 December 2021	31 December 2019
Current taxes	1,862	2,016
Deferred taxes	4,004	4,543
Current and deferred tax assets	5,866	6,559
Current taxes	1,787	1,671
Deferred taxes	1,316	1,330
Current and deferred tax liabilities	3,103	3,001

Change in deferred tax by nature over the period:

In millions of euros	31 December 2020	Changes recognised in profit or loss	Changes recognised in equity that may be reclassified to profit or loss	Changes recognised in equity that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	Effects of exchange rates, consolidation scope and other movements	31 December 2021
Financial instruments	(1,061)	(233)	498	(32)	(29)	(857)
Provisions for employee benefit obligations	872	44	-	(96)	(82)	738
Unrealised finance lease reserve	(556)	(14)	-	-	89	(481)
Credit risk impairment	3,145	(319)	-	-	(121)	2,705
Tax loss carryforwards	1,046	(274)	-	-	2	774
Other items	(233)	36	-	-	6	(191)
Net deferred taxes	3,213	(760)	498	(128)	(135)	2,688
Deferred tax assets Deferred tax liabilities	4,543 (1,330)	- -	-	-	- -	4,004 (1,316)

In order to determine the amount of the tax loss carryforwards recognised as assets, the Group conducts every year a specific review for each relevant entity based on the applicable tax regime, notably incorporating any time limit rules, and a realistic projection of their future revenue and charges in line with their business plan.

Deferred tax assets recognised on tax loss carryforwards are mainly related to BNP Paribas Fortis for EUR 452 million as at 31 December 2021, with a 4-year expected recovery period (unlimited carryforward period).

Unrecognised deferred tax assets totalled EUR 1,408 million at 31 December 2021 compared with EUR 1,117 million at 31 December 2020.



## 4.1 ACCRUED INCOME/EXPENSE AND OTHER ASSETS/LIABILITIES

In millions of euros	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Guarantee deposits and bank guarantees paid	136,142	103,199
Collection accounts	242	677
Accrued income and prepaid expenses	4,617	3,985
Other debtors and miscellaneous assets	38,122	33,043
Total accrued income and other assets	179,123	140,904
Guarantee deposits received	101,923	61,454
Collection accounts	2,870	3,243
Accrued expense and deferred income	7,739	6,701
Lease liabilities	3,248	3,595
Other creditors and miscellaneous liabilities	29,619	32,853
Total accrued expense and other liabilities	145,399	107,846



## 4.m EQUITY-METHOD INVESTMENTS

Cumulated financial information of associates and joint ventures is presented in the following table:

	Year to 31 Dec. 2021			31 December 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020			31 December 2020
In millions of euros	Share of net income	Share of changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity	Share of net income and changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity	Equity-method investments	Share of net income	Share of changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity	Share of net income and changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity	Equity-method investments
Joint ventures	5	128	133	1,022	33	(35)	(2)	832
Associates (1)	489	184	673	5,506	390	(93)	297	5,564
Total equity-method entities	494	312	806	6,528	423	(128)	295	6,396

 $<sup>^{(1)}</sup>$  Including controlled but nonmaterial entities consolidated under the equity method.

Financing and guarantee commitments given by the Group to joint ventures are listed in the note 7.j Other related parties.

The carrying amount of the Group's investment in the main joint ventures and associates is presented in the following table:

In millions of euros	Country of registration	Activity	Interest (%)	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Joint ventures					
Bpost banque	Belgium	Retail banking	50%	111	114
Union de Creditos Inmobiliarios	Spain	Retail mortgage	50%	203	196
BoB Cardif Life Insurance	China	Life Insurance	50%	231	186
BNPP Cardif TCB Life Insurance	Taiwan	Life Insurance	49%	214	208
Associates					
AG Insurance	Belgium	Insurance	25%	1,704	1,685
Bank of Nanjing	China	Retail banking	15%	2,306	1,795
Allfunds Group Plc	United Kingdom	Financial Services	14%	370	580



## 4.n Property, plant, equipment and intangible assets used in operations, investment property

	31 December 2021			31 December 2020			
In millions of euros	Gross value	Accumulated depreciation, amortisation and impairment	Carrying amount	Gross value	Accumulated depreciation, amortisation and impairment	Carrying amount	
Investment property	869	(294)	575	926	(322)	604	
Land and buildings Equipment, furniture and fixtures Plant and equipment leased as lessor under operating leases Other property, plant and equipment	12,023 7,172 33,890 1,932	(4,817) (5,312) (9,285) (1,095)	7,206 1,860 24,605 837	13,180 7,262 30,435 2,387	(5,626) (5,333) (8,204) (1,206)	7,554 1,929 22,231 1,181	
Property, plant and equipment	55,017	(20,509)	34,508	53,264	(20,369)	32,895	
Of which right of use	6,117	(3,314)	2,803	6,871	(3,728)	3,143	
Property, plant and equipment and investment property	55,886	(20,803)	35,083	54,190	(20,691)	33,499	
Purchased software Internally developed software Other intangible assets	3,303 5,995 2,157	(2,651) (4,657) (488)	652 1,338 1,669	3,880 5,435 2,307	(3,080) (4,095) (548)	800 1,340 1,759	
Intangible assets	11,455	(7,796)	3,659	11,622	(7,723)	3,899	

## • Investment property

Land and buildings leased by the Group as lessor under operating leases are recorded in "Investment property".

The estimated fair value of investment property accounted for at amortised cost at 31 December 2021 is EUR 736 million, compared with EUR 743 million at 31 December 2020.

### • Operating leases

Operating leases and investment property transactions are in certain cases subject to agreements providing for the following minimum future payments:

In millions of euros	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Future minimum lease payments receivable under non-cancellable leases	7,757	7,366
Payments receivable within 1 year	3,364	3,167
Payments receivable after 1 year but within 5 years	4,341	4,139
Payments receivable beyond 5 years	52	60

Future minimum lease payments receivable under non-cancellable leases are payments that the lessee is required to make during the lease term.



### • Intangible assets

Other intangible assets include leasehold rights, goodwill and trademarks acquired by the Group.

### • Amortisation and provision

Net depreciation and amortisation expense for the year ended 31 December 2021 was EUR 2,336 million, compared with EUR 2,256 million for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The net increase in impairment on property, plant, equipment and intangible assets taken to the profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2021 amounted to EUR 8 million, compared with EUR 6 million for the year ended 31 December 2020.



## 4.0 GOODWILL

In millions of euros	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Carrying amount at start of period	7,493	7,817
Acquisitions	47	5
Divestments	(90)	-
Impairment recognised during the period	(26)	
Transfer to assets held for sale (note 7.d)	(2,533)	-
Exchange rate adjustments	230	(329)
Carrying amount at end of period	5,121	7,493
Gross value	8,350	11,247
Accumulated impairment recognised at the end of period	(3,229)	(3,754)

## Goodwill by cash-generating unit is as follows:

	Carrying	amount	Recognised impairment		Acquisitions	
In millions of euros	31 December 2021	31 December 2020	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Retail Banking & Services	3,908	6,311	(26)		47	5
Domestic Markets	1,437	1,424	(26)		32	5
Arval	523	510			1	5
Leasing Solutions	150	149				
New Digital Businesses	159	159				
Personal Investors	568	600	(26)			
Others	37	6			31	
International Financial Services	2,471	4,887			15	
Asset Management	186	181				
Insurance	296	352				
BancWest		2,362				
Personal Finance	1,236	1,238				
Real Estate	406	403				
Wealth Management	316	314			15	
Other	31	37				
Corporate & Institutional Banking	1,210	1,179				
Corporate Banking	276	273				
Global Markets	478	460				
Securities Services	456	446				
Other Activities	3	3				
Total goodwill	5,121	7,493	(26)		47	5
Negative goodwill			117	5		
Change in value of goodwill recognised in the profit and loss account			91	5		



The Group carried out a detailed analysis of goodwill to identify whether impairments were necessary in connection with the health crisis.

This analysis is based in particular on the assumptions of economic scenarios (see note 2.h).

The cash-generating units to which goodwill is allocated are:

**Arval**: Specialist in vehicle long-term leasing and mobility, Arval offers corporates (from multinational companies to small and medium companies), employees and individuals tailored solutions that optimise their mobility.

**Leasing Solutions**: BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions uses a multi-channel partnership approach (sales *via* referrals, partnerships, direct sales and banking networks) to offer corporate and small business clients an array of leasing and rental solutions, ranging from equipment financing to fleet outsourcing.

**New digital businesses:** they include in particular the account management service "Nickel", open to all, without any conditions regarding income, deposits or personal wealth, and without any overdraft or credit facility. This service, which operates in real time using the latest technology, is available through over 7,112 points of sale.

**Personal Investors**: BNP Paribas Personal Investors is a digital specialist of banking and investment services. Mainly based in Germany, India and Spain, it provides a wide range of banking, savings and long and short-term investment services to individual clients via the internet, and also on the phone and face-to-face. In addition to its activities destined to private clients, Personal Investors offers its services and IT platform to independent financial consultants, asset managers and FinTechs.

**Asset Management**: BNP Paribas Asset Management is the dedicated asset management business line of the BNP Paribas Group and offers services to individual investors (through internal distributors – BNP Paribas private and retail banking – and external distributors), to corporates and to institutional investors (insurance companies, retirement funds, official institutions, consultants). Its aim is to offer an added value based on a broad range of expertise throughout its active management of equities and bonds, its activity of private debt and real assets management and its multi-asset, quantitative and solutions division.

**Insurance**: BNP Paribas Cardif, a world leader in personal insurance, has designed, developed and marketed savings and protection products and services to protect individuals, their projects and their assets.

BNP Paribas Cardif also offer products in damage insurance, health insurance, budget insurance, revenue and means of payment insurance, unexpected event protection (unemployment, accident, death, theft or breakage) or the protection of private digital data to meet the evolution of customers' needs.

**BancWest**: In the United States, the Retail Banking business is conducted through Bank of the West, which markets a very broad range of retail banking products and services to individuals, small businesses and corporate clients, through branches and offices in 24 States, mainly in western and mid-western America. It also has strong positions across the USA in several specialised lending activities, such as marine, recreational vehicles and agribusiness, and develops its commercial set up particularly in Corporate Banking, Wealth Management, and Small and Medium Enterprise businesses.

On 18 December 2021, the Group concluded an agreement with BMO Financial Group for the sale of its retail and commercial banking activities in the United States operated by BancWest for a total price of USD 16.3 billion to be paid in cash at the time of the transaction.

The total price consideration represents 1.7 times the value of BancWest's tangible net assets confirming the absence of any impairment trigger.

Since the loss of control within one year is highly probable, the Group applies the provisions of IFRS 5 on groups of assets and liabilities held for sale, leading to the reclassification of the goodwill into "Assets held for sale" (see note 7.d).



**Personal Finance**: BNP Paribas Personal Finance is the Group's consumer credit specialist. Through its brands and partnerships such as Cetelem, Cofinoga, Findomestic, AlphaCredit, Opel Vauxhall or SevenDay Finans AB, Personal Finance provides a full range of consumer loans at point of sale (retail stores and car dealerships) or through its customer relation centres and websites and mobile applications. The business line, in some countries outside the domestic markets, is integrated into the BNP Paribas group's retail banking.

**Real Estate**: BNP Paribas Real Estate serves the needs of its clients, whether institutional investors, corporates, public entities or individuals, at all stages of the life cycle of their property (from the conception of a construction project to its daily management).

**Wealth Management**: Wealth Management encompasses the private banking activities of BNP Paribas and serves a clientele of wealthy individuals, shareholder families and entrepreneurs seeking a one-stop shop for all their wealth management and financial needs.

**Corporate Banking:** Corporate Banking combines financing solutions to corporates, all transaction banking products, corporate finance advisory services in mergers and acquisitions and primary equity activities.

**Global Markets**: Global Markets provides investment, hedging, financing and research services across asset classes, to corporate and institutional clients – as well as private and retail banking networks. The sustainable, long-term business model of Global Markets connects clients to capital markets throughout EMEA (Europe, Middle East & Africa), Asia Pacific and the Americas, with innovative solutions and digital platforms. Global Markets includes activities of Fixed Income, Currencies & Commodities and Equity & Prime Services.

**Securities Services**: BNP Paribas Securities Services is one of the major global players in securities services and provides integrated solutions for all actors involved in the investment cycle, sell side, buy side and issuers.

Goodwill impairment tests are based on three different methods: observation of transactions related to comparable businesses, share price data for listed companies with comparable businesses, and discounted future cash flows (DCF).

If one of the two comparables-based methods indicates the need for impairment, the DCF method is used to validate the results and determine the amount of impairment required.

The DCF method is based on a number of assumptions in terms of future revenues, expenses and cost of risk (cash flows) based on medium-term business plans over a period of five years. Cash flow projections beyond the 5-year forecast period are based on a growth rate to perpetuity and are normalised when the short-term environment does not reflect the normal conditions of the economic cycle.

The key parameters which are sensitive to the assumptions made are the cost of capital, the cost/income ratio, the cost of risk and the growth rate to perpetuity.

Cost of capital is determined on the basis of a risk-free rate, an observed market risk premium weighted by a risk factor based on comparables specific to each cash-generating unit. The values of these parameters are obtained from external information sources.

Allocated capital is determined for each cash-generating unit based on the "Common Equity Tier One" regulatory requirements for the legal entity to which the cash-generating unit belongs, with a minimum of 7%.



The growth rate to perpetuity used is 2% for mature economies in Europe. For CGUs implemented in countries with high levels of inflation, a specific add-on is taken into account (calculated according to inflation rates disclosed by external sources).

The following table shows the sensitivity of the valuation of the Personal Finance cash generating unit to changes in the value of parameters used in the DCF calculation: the cost of capital, the cost/income ratio in terminal value, the cost of risk in terminal value and the growth rate to perpetuity.

• Sensitivity of the main goodwill valuations to a 10-basis point change in the cost of capital, a 1% change in the cost/income ratio in terminal value, a 5 % change of the cost of risk in terminal value and a 50-basis point change in the growth rate to perpetuity

In millions of euros	Personal Finance
Cost of capital Adverse change (+10 basis points) Positive change (- 10 basis points)	10.0% (216) 221
Cost/income ratio Adverse change (+ 1 %) Positive change (-1 %)	<b>46.6%</b> (458) 458
Cost of risk Adverse change (+ 5 %) Positive change (- 5 %)	(1,720) (530) 530
Growth rate to perpetuity Adverse change (-50 basis points) Positive change (+50 basis points)	2.1% (426) 484

Concerning the homogeneous Personal Finance set, there would be no need to depreciate even by using, for the impairment test, the four most unfavourable variations in the table.



# 4.p Provisions for contingencies and charges

## • Provisions for contingencies and charges by type

In millions of euros	31 December 2020	Net additions to provisions	Provisions used	Changes in value recognised directly in equity	Effect of movements in exchange rates and other movements	31 December 2021
Provisions for employee benefits	6,604	1,226	(1,003)	(255)	(40)	6,532
of which post-employment benefits (note 6.b)	4,045	195	(230)	(249)	(34)	3,727
of which post-employment healthcare benefits (note 6.b)	148	3	(4)	(6)	(26)	115
of which provision for other long-term benefits <i>(note 6.c)</i> of which provision for voluntary departure, early	1,220	384	(255)		15	1,364
retirement plans, and headcount adaptation plan <i>(note 6.d)</i>	468	47	(159)		(1)	355
of which provision for share-based payments (note 6.e)	723	597	(356)		6	970
Provisions for home savings accounts and plans	122	(29)				93
Provisions for credit commitments (note 2.h)	1,347	173	(53)		(42)	1,425
Provisions for litigations	519	558	(112)		27	992
Other provisions for contingencies and charges	956	344	(138)		(17)	1,145
Total provisions for contingencies and charges	9,548	2,272	(1,306)	(255)	(72)	10,187

## • Provisions and discount for home savings accounts and plans

In millions of euros	31 December 2021	31 december 2020
Deposits collected under home savings accounts and plans	17,378	18,203
of which deposits collected under home savings plans	15,239	16,030
Aged more than 10 years	5,652	5,333
Aged between 4 and 10 years	8,108	8,420
Aged less than 4 years	1,479	2,277
Outstanding loans granted under home savings accounts and plans	23	23
of which loans granted under home savings plans	4	4
Provisions and discount recognised for home savings accounts and plans	93	122
provisions recognised for home savings plans	93	122
provisions recognised for home savings accounts	-	-
discount recognised for home savings accounts and plans	-	-



### 4.q OFFSETTING OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The following tables present the amounts of financial assets and liabilities before and after offsetting. This information, required by IFRS 7, aims to enable the comparability with the accounting treatment applicable in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (US GAAP), which are less restrictive than IAS 32 as regards offsetting.

"Amounts set off on the balance sheet" have been determined according to IAS 32. Thus, a financial asset and a financial liability are offset and the net amount presented on the balance sheet when, and only when, the Group has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. Amounts set off derive mainly from repurchase agreements and derivative instruments traded with clearing houses.

The "impacts of master netting agreements and similar agreements" are relative to outstanding amounts of transactions within an enforceable agreement, which do not meet the offsetting criteria defined by IAS 32. This is the case of transactions for which offsetting can only be performed in case of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of one of the contracting parties.

"Financial instruments given or received as collateral" include guarantee deposits and securities collateral recognised at fair value. These guarantees can only be exercised in case of default, insolvency or bankruptcy of one of the contracting parties.

Regarding master netting agreements, the guarantee deposits received or given in compensation for the positive or negative fair values of financial instruments are recognised in the balance sheet in accrued income or expenses and other assets or liabilities.



In millions of euros, at 31 December 2021 Assets	Gross amounts of financial assets	Gross amounts set off on the balance sheet	Net amounts presented on the balance sheet	Impact of Master Netting Agreements (MNA) and similar agreements	Financial instruments received as collateral	Net amounts
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss						
Securities	191,507		191,507			191,507
Loans and repurchase agreements	398,413	(148,605)	249,808	(34,906)	(194,920)	19,982
Derivative financial instruments (including derivatives used for hedging purposes)	711,002	(461,899)	249,103	(159,997)	(32,435)	56,671
Financial assets at amortised cost	944,261		944,261	(355)	(1,983)	941,923
of which repurchase agreements	2,541		2,541	(355)	(1,983)	203
Accrued income and other assets	179,123		179,123		(31,945)	147,178
of which guarantee deposits paid	136,142		136,142		(31,945)	104,197
Other assets not subject to offsetting	820,642		820,642			820,642
TOTAL ASSETS	3,244,948	(610,504)	2,634,444	(195,258)	(261,283)	2,177,903

In millions of euros, at 31 December 2021	Gross amounts of financial liabilities	Gross amounts set off on the balance sheet	Net amounts presented on the balance sheet	Impact of Master Netting Agreements (MNA) and similar agreements	Financial instruments given as collateral	Net amounts
Liabilities						
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss						
Securities	112,338		112,338			112,338
Deposits and repurchase agreements	442,061	(148,605)	293,456	(34,156)	(241,481)	17,819
Issued debt securities	70,383		70,383			70,383
Derivative financial instruments (including derivatives used for hedging purposes)	709,373	(461,899)	247,474	(159,997)	(34,076)	53,401
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	1,123,383		1,123,383	(1,105)	(7,816)	1,114,462
of which repurchase agreements	9,498		9,498	(1,105)	(7,816)	577
Accrued expense and other liabilities	145,399		145,399		(30,655)	114,744
of which guarantee deposits received	101,923		101,923		(30,655)	71,268
Other liabilities not subject to offsetting	519,504		519,504			519,504
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,122,441	(610,504)	2,511,937	(195,258)	(314,028)	2,002,651



In millions of euros, at 31 December 2020	Gross amounts of financial assets	Gross amounts set off on the balance sheet	Net amounts presented on the balance sheet	Impact of Master Netting Agreements (MNA) and similar agreements	Financial instruments received as collateral	Net amounts
Assets						
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss						
Securities	167,927		167,927			167,927
Loans and repurchase agreements	369,927	(125,049)	244,878	(42,976)	(190,936)	10,966
Derivative financial instruments (including derivatives used for hedging purposes)	688,709	(396,329)	292,380	(196,222)	(40,626)	55,532
Financial assets at amortised cost	946,831		946,831	(554)	(2,460)	943,817
of which repurchase agreements	3,155		3,155	(554)	(2,460)	141
Accrued income and other assets	140,904		140,904		(51,135)	89,769
of which guarantee deposits paid	103,199		103,199		(51,135)	52,064
Other assets not subject to offsetting	695,571		695,571			695,571
TOTAL ASSETS	3,009,869	(521,378)	2,488,491	(239,752)	(285,157)	1,963,582

In millions of euros, at 31 December 2020	Gross amounts of financial liabilities	Gross amounts set off on the balance sheet	Net amounts presented on the balance sheet	Impact of Master Netting Agreements (MNA) and similar agreements	Financial instruments given as collateral	Net amounts
Liabilities						
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss						
Securities	94,263		94,263			94,263
Deposits and repurchase agreements	413,644	(125,049)	288,595	(42,250)	(231,061)	15,284
Repurchase agreements						
Issued debt securities	64,048		64,048			64,048
Derivative financial instruments (including derivatives used for hedging purposes)	692,258	(396,329)	295,929	(196,222)	(53,721)	45,986
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	1,088,648		1,088,648	(1,280)	(6,996)	1,080,372
of which repurchase agreements	8,738		8,738	(1,280)	(6,996)	462
Accrued expense and other liabilities	107,846		107,846		(36,263)	71,583
of which guarantee deposits received	61,454		61,454		(36,263)	25,191
Other liabilities not subject to offsetting	431,813		431,813			431,813
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,892,520	(521,378)	2,371,142	(239,752)	(328,041)	1,803,349



#### 4.r Transfers of financial assets

Financial assets that have been transferred but not derecognised by the Group are mainly composed of securities sold temporarily under repurchase agreements or securities lending transactions, as well as securitised assets. The liabilities associated to securities temporarily sold under repurchase agreements consist of debts recognised under the "repurchase agreements" heading. The liabilities associated to securitised assets consist of the securitisation notes purchased by third parties.

#### • Securities lending, repurchase agreements and other transactions:

	31 Decem	ber 2021	31 Decem	nber 2020
In millions of euros, at	Carrying amount of transferred assets	Carrying amount of associated liabilities	Carrying amount of transferred assets	Carrying amount of associated liabilities
Securities lending operations				
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss Financial assets at amortised cost	7,382 1,613		5,890 2,517	
Financial assets at fair value through equity	317		434	
Repurchase agreements				
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	28,413	28,413	39,105	39,104
Financial assets at amortised cost	6,437	6,437	5,500	5,167
Financial assets at fair value through equity	1,524	1,524	1,117	1,086
Financial investments of insurance activities	6,180	6,226	6,872	6,842
Total	51,866	42,600	61,435	52,199

### Securitisation transactions partially refinanced by external investors, whose recourse is limited to the transferred assets:

In millions of euros, at 31 December 2021	Carrying amount of transferred assets	Carrying amount of associated liabilities	Fair value of transferred assets	Fair value of associated liabilities	Net position
Securitisation					
Financial assets at amortised cost	19,129	17,747	19,134	17,748	1,386
Total	19,129	17,747	19,134	17,748	1,386

In millions of euros, at 31 December 2020	Carrying amount of transferred assets	Carrying amount of associated liabilities	Fair value of transferred assets	Fair value of associated liabilities	Net position
Securitisation					
Financial assets at amortised cost	18,718	17,715	18,980	17,721	1,258
Total	18,718	17,715	18,980	17,721	1,258

There have been no significant transfers leading to partial or full derecognition of the financial assets in which the Bank has a continuing involvement.



# 5. FINANCING AND GUARANTEE COMMITMENTS

# 5.a FINANCING COMMITMENTS GIVEN OR RECEIVED

Contractual value of financing commitments given and received by the Group:

In millions of euros	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Financing commitments given		
- to credit institutions	3,501	6,646
- to customers	362,902	343,480
Confirmed financing commitments	328,741	306,312
Other commitments given to customers	34,161	37,168
Total financing commitments given	366,403	350,126
of which stage 1	321,368	332,035
of which stage 2	22,529	15,440
of which stage 3	1,088	1,001
of which insurance activities	1,810	1,650
of which financing commitments given associated with assets held for sale	19,608	
Financing commitments received		
- from credit institutions	38,708	48,622
- from customers	6,729	5,511
Total financing commitments received	45,437	54,133
of which financing commitments received associated with assets held for sale	8,711	-

# 5.b GUARANTEE COMMITMENTS GIVEN BY SIGNATURE

In millions of euros	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Guarantee commitments given		
- to credit institutions	30,221	40,912
- to customers	141,074	120,045
Property guarantees	2,474	2,758
Sureties provided to tax and other authorities, other sureties	64,571	62,803
Other guarantees	74,029	54,484
Total guarantee commitments given	171,295	160,957
of which stage 1	159,247	152,288
of which stage 2	10,953	7,305
of which stage 3	833	1,364
of which insurance activities	262	-
of which guarantee commitments given associated with assets held for sale		



### 5.c SECURITIES COMMITMENTS

In connection with the settlement date accounting for securities, commitments representing securities to be delivered or securities to be received are the following:

In millions of euros	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Securities to be delivered	11,608	6,089
Securities to be received	10,604	7,857

### 5.d OTHER GUARANTEE COMMITMENTS

### • Financial instruments given as collateral:

In millions of euros	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Financial instruments (negotiable securities and private receivables) lodged with central banks and eligible for use at any time as collateral for refinancing transactions after haircut	158,111	150,370
- Used as collateral with central banks - Available for refinancing transactions	120,777 37,334	103,321 47,049
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	457,168	439,642
Other financial assets pledged as collateral for transactions with credit institutions, financial customers or subscribers of covered bonds issued by the Group <sup>(1)</sup>	231,877	212,169

<sup>(1)</sup> Notably including "Société de Financement de l'Économie Française" and "Caisse de Refinancement de l'Habitat" financing.

The fair value of financial instruments given as collateral or transferred under repurchase agreements by the Group that the beneficiary is authorised to sell or reuse as collateral amounted to EUR 610,170 million at 31 December 2021 (EUR 579,622 million at 31 December 2020).

### • Financial instruments received as collateral:

In millions of euros	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Financial instruments received as collateral (excluding repurchase agreements)	212,910	234,212
of which instruments that the Group is authorised to sell and reuse as collateral	99,407	119,915
Securities received under repurchase agreements	418,435	408,394

The fair value of financial instruments received as collateral or under repurchase agreements that the Group effectively sold or reused as collateral amounted to EUR 328,084 million at 31 December 2021 (compared with EUR 382,304 million at 31 December 2020).



# 6. SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

#### 6.a SALARY AND EMPLOYEE BENEFIT EXPENSE

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5
Fixed and variable remuneration, incentive bonuses and profit-sharing	12,379	11,951
Employee benefit expense Payroll taxes	3,508 530	3,469 522
Total salary and employee benefit expense	16,417	15,942

### **6.b** Post-employment benefits

IAS 19 distinguishes between two categories of plans, each handled differently depending on the risk incurred by the entity. When the entity is committed to paying a fixed amount, stated as a percentage of the beneficiary's annual salary, for example, to an external entity handling payment of the benefits based on the assets available for each plan member, it is described as a defined-contribution plan. Conversely, when the entity's obligation is to manage the financial assets funded through the collection of contributions from employees and to bear the cost of benefits itself or to guarantee the final amount subject to future events, it is described as a defined-benefit plan. The same applies, if the entity entrusts management of the collection of premiums and payment of benefits to a separate entity, but retains the risk arising from management of the assets and/or from future changes in the benefits.

#### • Main Defined-contribution pension plans for Group entities

The BNP Paribas Group has implemented over the past few years a wide campaign of converting defined-benefit plans into defined-contribution plans.

Thus, in France, the BNP Paribas Group pays contributions to various nationwide basic and top-up pension schemes. BNP Paribas SA and certain subsidiaries have set up a funded pension plan under a company-wide agreement. Under this plan, employees will receive an annuity on retirement in addition to the pension paid by nationwide schemes.

Since defined-benefit plans have been closed to new employees in most countries outside France, they are offered the benefit of joining defined-contribution pension plans.

The amount paid into defined-contribution post-employment plans for the year ended 31 December 2021 was EUR 670 million, compared with EUR 661 million for the year ended 31 December 2020.



The breakdown by major contributors is determined as follows:

Contribution amount In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5
France	349	334
Italy	94	95
UK	56	54
Turkey	25	28
Hong-Kong	22	25
Luxembourg	22	25
USA	11	11
Others	91	89
TOTAL	670	661

In Italy, the plan introduced by BNL is funded by employer contributions (4.2% of salaries) and employee contributions (2% of salaries). Employees can also make additional voluntary contributions.

In the United Kingdom, the employer contributes 12% of salaries for the majority of employees; employees can make additional voluntary contributions.

In the US, the bank matches the voluntary contributions made by employees, within certain limits.

#### Main defined-benefit pension plans for Group entities, of which indemnities payable on retirement

#### - Defined-benefit plans

In Belgium, BNP Paribas Fortis funds a defined-benefit plan, based on final salary and number of years of service, for its management and employees who joined the bank before its pension plans were harmonised on 1 January 2002. Actuarial liabilities under this scheme are pre-funded at 93% at 31 December 2021 (compared with 97% at 31 December 2020) through AG Insurance, in which the BNP Paribas Group owns a 25% equity interest.

BNP Paribas Fortis senior managers are covered by a top-up pension plan, paying a lump sum based on the number of years of service and final salary. This plan is pre-funded at 100% as at 31 December 2021 (101% at 31 December 2020) through insurance companies.

Since 1 January 2015, senior managers benefit from a defined-contribution scheme. The other employees benefit as well from the defined-contribution scheme. Since there is a legal obligation for the employer to guarantee a minimum return on financial assets invested under defined-benefit pension plans, a provision was recognised for these defined-contribution schemes, as this guarantee is not entirely covered by the insurance company.

In France, BNP Paribas pays a top-up banking industry pension arising from rights acquired to 31 December 1993 by retired employees and active employees in service at that date. At 31 December 2021, the Group's residual obligations for these employees were recognised on the balance sheet in full.

The defined-benefit plans previously granted to some Group senior managers have all been closed to new employees and converted into top-up type schemes. The amounts allocated to residual beneficiaries, subject to their presence within the Group at retirement, were fixed when these schemes were closed. At 31 December 2021, 148% of these pension plans were funded through insurance companies (130% at 31 December 2020).



In the United Kingdom, defined-benefit pension plans (pension funds) still exist but are closed to new employees. Under these plans, the defined pension is generally based on final salary and number of years of service. Pension schemes are managed by independent management bodies (Trustees). At 31 December 2021, obligations for all UK entities were 127% covered by financial assets, compared with 112% at 31 December 2020.

In Switzerland, liabilities relate to top-up pension plans based on the principle of defined-contribution schemes with guaranteed returns, paying an annuity under pre-defined terms. These schemes are managed by a foundation. At 31 December 2021, obligations were 102% covered by financial assets, compared with 95% at 31 December 2020.

In the United States, defined-benefit pension plans are based on annual vesting rights to a lump sum comprising a pension expressed as a percentage of annual salary and paying interest at a pre-defined rate. These plans are closed to new entrants and have offered almost no new vesting rights. At 31 December 2021, the obligation was 95% covered by financial assets, (96% at 31 December 2020).

In Germany, liabilities are mainly related to defined-benefit pension plans, closed to new employees. Under these plans, the defined pension is generally based on the number of years of service and final salary. They offer the payment of an annuity under pre-defined terms. At 31 December 2021, the obligation was 55% covered by financial assets, (51% at 31 December 2020).

In Turkey, the pension plan replaces the national pension scheme (these obligations are measured based on the terms of the eventual transfer to the Turkish State) and offers guarantees exceeding the minimal legal requirements. At the end of 2021, obligations under this plan are fully funded by financial assets held with an external foundation; these financial assets exceed the related obligations, but this surplus is not recognised as an asset by the Group.

#### - Other post-employment benefits

Group employees also receive various other contractual post-employment benefits, such as indemnities payable on retirement, determined according to minimal legal requirements (Labour Code, collective agreements) or according to specific company-level agreements.

In France, the obligations for these benefits are funded through a contract held with a third-party insurer. At 31 December 2021, this obligation was 108% covered by financial assets, compared with 96% at 31 December 2020.

In May 2021, IFRIC issued its decision on the method of assessing the liability to be recognised under certain post-employment benefit plans.

This decision modifies the measurement of the obligations of the Group's French entities relating to indemnities payable on retirement, whose fee schedule is either capped in terms of total length of service, or composed of steps of incremental rights, or both, by specifying the timing of recording of the corresponding costs.

Its implementation led, as at 1 January 2021, to a decrease in the present value of the gross obligation of EUR 96 million, recognised as an increase in reserves for an after-tax amount of EUR 74 million.

In other countries, the gross obligations of the Group related to post-employment benefits are mainly concentrated in Italy. They are representative of rights vested up to 31 December 2006, when pension reforms changed Italian termination indemnity schemes into defined-contribution plans.



### Obligations under defined-benefit plans and other post-employment benefits

- Assets and liabilities recognised on the balance sheet

In millions of euros, at 31 December 2021	Defined-benefit obligation arising from wholly or partially funded plans	Defined-benefit obligation arising from unfunded plans	Present value of defined- benefit obligation	Fair value of plan assets	Fair value of reimburse- ment rights <sup>(1)</sup>	Effect of asset ceiling	Net obligation	of which asset recognised in the balance sheet for defined- benefit plans	of which net assets of defined- benefit plans	of which fair value of reimburse- ment rights	of which obligation recognised in the balance sheet for defined-benefit plans
Belgium	3,189		3,189	(157)	(2,930)		102	(2,930)		(2,930)	3,032
UK	1,769		1,769	(2,248)			(479)	(481)	(481)		2
France	1,058	81	1,139	(1,175)			(36)	(191)	(191)		155
Switzerland	1,146		1,146	(1,172)		29	3				3
USA	572	79	651	(579)			72	(16)	(16)		88
Italy		238	238				238				238
Germany	132	71	203	(112)			91				91
Turkey	134	32	166	(238)		104	32				32
Others	504	55	559	(401)	(2)		156	(8)	(6)	(2)	164
TOTAL	8,504	556	9,060	(6,082)	(2,932)	133	179	(3,626)	(694)	(2,932)	3,805
of which continuing activities	8,129	479	8,608	(5,691)	(2,932)	133	118	(3,609)	(677)	(2,932)	3,727
of which discontinued activities	375	77	452	(391)	-	-	61	(17)	(17)	-	78

In millions of euros, at 31 December 2020	Defined-benefit obligation arising from wholly or partially funded plans	Defined-benefit obligation arising from unfunded plans	Present value of defined- benefit obligation	Fair value of plan assets	Fair value of reimburse- ment rights <sup>(1)</sup>	Effect of asset ceiling	Net obligation	of which asset recognised in the balance sheet for defined- benefit plans	of which net assets of defined- benefit plans	of which fair value of reimburse- ment rights	of which obligation recognised in the balance sheet for defined-benefit plans
Belgium	3,209	24	3,233	(127)	(3,048)		58	(3,048)		(3,048)	3,106
UK	1,852	1	1,853	(2,066)			(213)	(231)	(231)		18
France	1,214	88	1,302	(1,187)			115	(64)	(64)		179
Switzerland	1,153	1	1,154	(1,099)		4	59				59
USA	543	82	625	(538)			87	(2)	(2)		89
Italy		271	271				271				271
Germany	143	78	221	(113)			108				108
Turkey	148	32	180	(331)		182	31				31
Others	539	50	589	(409)	(2)		178	(6)	(4)	(2)	184
TOTAL	8,801	627	9,428	(5,870)	(3,050)	186	694	(3,351)	(301)	(3,050)	4,045

<sup>(1)</sup> The reimbursement rights are principally found on the balance sheet of the Group's insurance subsidiaries and associated companies - notably AG Insurance with respect to BNP Paribas Fortis' defined-benefit plan - to hedge their commitments to other Group entities that were transferred to them to cover the post-employment benefits of certain employee categories.



- Change in the present value of the defined-benefit obligation including discontinued activities

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020
Present value of defined-benefit obligation at start of period	9,428	9,438
Current service cost	222	232
Interest cost	61	90
Past service cost	(1)	(50)
Settlements	(25)	(47)
Actuarial (gains)/losses on change in demographic assumptions	(24)	(1)
Actuarial (gains)/losses on change in financial assumptions	(327)	537
Actuarial (gains)/losses on experience gaps	195	(72)
Actual employee contributions	22	24
Benefits paid directly by the employer	(105)	(109)
Benefits paid from assets/reimbursement rights	(419)	(434)
Exchange rate (gains)/losses on obligation	108	(198)
(Gains)/losses on obligation related to changes in the consolidation scope	21	18
Others (1)	(96)	-
Present value of defined-benefit obligation at end of period	9,060	9,428

<sup>(1)</sup> Impact of the May 2021 IFRIC decision.

- Change in the fair value of plan assets and reimbursement rights including discontinued activities

	Plan a	ssets	Reimbursement rights	
In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020
Fair value of assets at start of period	5,870	5,909	3,050	3,002
Expected return on assets	73	95	2	13
Settlements	(26)	(42)		
Actuarial gains/(losses) on assets	216	325	(29)	113
Actual employee contributions	13	14	9	9
Employer contributions	65	62	98	110
Benefits paid from assets	(220)	(235)	(199)	(199)
Exchange rate gains/(losses) on assets	70	(260)		
Gains/(losses) on assets related to changes in the consolidation scope	21	2	1	2
Fair value of assets at end of period	6,082	5,870	2,932	3,050



- Components of the cost of defined-benefit plans

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5
Service costs	222	177
Current service cost	222	232
Past service cost	(1	(50)
Settlements	1	(5)
Net financial expense	9	7
Interest cost	61	90
Interest income on plan asset	23	25
Interest income on reimbursement rights	(73	(95)
Expected return on asset ceiling	(2	(13)
Total recognised in salary and employee benefit expense	231	184
of which continuing activities	228	181
of which discontinued activities	3	3

# - Other items recognised directly in equity

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5
Actuarial (losses)/gains on plan assets or reimbursement rights	187	438
Actuarial (losses)/gains of demographic assumptions on the present value of obligations	24	1
Actuarial (losses)/gains of financial assumptions on the present value of obligations	327	(537)
Experience (losses)/gains on obligations	(195)	72
Variation of the effect of assets limitation	27	15
Total of other items recognised directly in equity	370	(11)
of which continuing activities	350	(34)
of which discontinued activities	20	23



- Main actuarial assumptions used to calculate obligations

In the eurozone, United Kingdom and United States, the Group discounts its obligations using the yields of high quality corporate bonds, with a term consistent with the duration of the obligations.

The ranges of rates used are as follows:

	31 Decen	nber 2021	31 December 2020		
In %	Discount rate	Compensation increase rate (1)	Discount rate	Compensation increase rate (1)	
Belgium	0.00% / 1.10%	2.90% / 3.60%	0.00% / 0.80%	2.60% / 3.20%	
UK	1.30% / 1.90%	2.00% / 3.50%	0.30% / 1.50%	2.00% / 3.20%	
France	0.10% / 1.10%	1.40% / 3.25%	0.00% / 0.50%	1.40% / 2.95%	
Switzerland	0.20% / 0.30%	1.50%	0.05% / 0.10%	1.50%	
USA	2.60% / 2.90%	2.50%	1.40% / 2.50%	4.00%	
Italy	0.30% / 1.00%	1.80% / 2.50%	0.00% / 0.60%	1.50% / 2.40%	
Germany	0.60% / 1.10%	1.80% / 2.50%	0.30% / 0.80%	2.00% / 2.50%	
Turkey	20.01%	17.03%	14.50%	11.03%	

<sup>(1)</sup> Including price increases (inflation)

Observed weighted average rates are as follows:

- In the eurozone: 0.60% at 31 December 2021 (0.15% at 31 December 2020);
- In the United Kingdom: 1.88% at 31 December 2021 (1.31% at 31 December 2020);
- In Switzerland: 0.30% at 31 December 2021 (0.05% at 31 December 2020).

The impact of a 100 bp change in discount rates on the present value of post-employment benefit obligations is as follows:

	31 Decem	ber 2021	31 Decem	nber 2020
Change in the present value of obligations In millions of euros	Discount rate -100bp	Discount rate +100bp	Discount rate -100bp	Discount rate +100bp
Belgium	327	(266)	314	(274)
UK	403	(302)	443	(330)
France	129	(107)	149	(125)
Switzerland	177	(140)	163	(143)
USA	30	(24)	79	(65)
Italy	18	(16)	19	(18)
Germany	41	(32)	43	(36)
Turkey	15	(12)	16	(13)



- Actual rate of return on plan assets and reimbursement rights over the period

	Year to 31	Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020		
In %	Range of value (reflecting the existence of several plans in the same country)	Weighted average rates	Range of value (reflecting the existence of several plans in the same country)	Weighted average rates	
Belgium	-5.65% / 13.35%	0.45%	-3.90% / 4.85%	4.30%	
UK	6.60% / 14.80%	7.70%	-4.95% / 12.10%	11.10%	
France	2.00%	2.00%	3.25% / 3.35%	3.35%	
Switzerland	1.00 % / 9.45%	7.85%	1.50 % / 3.25%	3.25%	
USA	2.00%	2.00%	11.75% / 18.60%	14.20%	
Germany	-6.65% / 5.25%	4.60%	0.40% / 2.95%	0.55%	
Turkey	20.60%	20.60%	12.85%	12.85%	

### - Breakdown of plan assets

	31 December 2021				31 December 2020							
In %	Shares	Governm ental bonds	Non- Governm ental bonds	Real- estate	Deposit account	Others	Shares	Governm ental bonds	Non- Governm ental bonds	Real- estate	Deposit account	Others
Belgium	7%	53%	14%	1%	0%	25%	6%	52%	17%	1%	0%	24%
UK	8%	72%	8%	0%	2%	10%	8%	72%	8%	0%	1%	11%
France <sup>(1)</sup>	7%	69%	16%	8%	0%	0%	5%	72%	15%	8%	0%	0%
Switzerland	36%	0%	26%	20%	4%	14%	36%	0%	26%	20%	4%	14%
USA	18%	0%	73%	1%	6%	2%	23%	15%	55%	0%	3%	4%
Germany	23%	66%	0%	0%	2%	9%	26%	64%	0%	0%	1%	9%
Turkey	0%	0%	0%	4%	93%	3%	0%	0%	0%	4%	94%	2%
Others	9%	17%	10%	2%	2%	60%	9%	15%	11%	1%	3%	61%
GROUP	11%	49%	15%	4%	4%	17%	11%	47%	17%	4%	5%	16%

(1)In France, the breakdown of plan assets reflects the breakdown of the general fund of the insurance company through which the Group's obligations are funded.

The Group introduced an asset management governance for assets backing defined-benefit pension plan commitments, the main objectives of which are the management and control of the risks in terms of investment.

It sets out investment principles, in particular, by defining an investment strategy for plan assets, based on financial objectives and financial risk management, to specify the way in which plan assets have to be managed, via financial management servicing contracts.

The investment strategy is based on an assets and liabilities management analysis that should be realised at least every three years for plans with assets in excess of EUR 100 million.

### · Post-employment healthcare benefits

The Group offers some healthcare benefit plans for retired employees, mainly in Belgium.

The present value of post-employment healthcare benefit obligations stood at EUR 115 million at 31 December 2021, compared with EUR 148 million at 31 December 2020.



### **6.c** OTHER LONG-TERM BENEFITS

BNP Paribas offers its employees various long-term benefits, mainly long-service awards, the ability to save up paid annual leave in time savings accounts, and certain guarantees protecting them in the event they become incapacitated. The net provision amounted to EUR 457 million at 31 December 2021 (EUR 443 million at 31 December 2020).

As part of the Group's variable compensation policy, annual deferred compensation plans are set up for certain high-performing employees or pursuant to special regulatory frameworks. Under these plans, payment is deferred over time and is subject to the performance achieved by the business lines, divisions and Group.

Since 2013, BNP Paribas has introduced a Group loyalty scheme with a cash payment, at the end of a three-year vesting period, which fluctuates according to the Group's intrinsic performance. The aim of this loyalty scheme is to make different categories of managerial staff partners in the Group's development and profitability objectives. These personnels are representative of the Group's talent and the breadth of its managerial framework i.e. senior managers, managers in key positions, line managers and experts, high-potential managers, high-performing young executives with good career development prospects and key contributors to the Group's results.

The amounts allocated under this plan are linked to changes in the Group's operational performance over three years (for 80%) and to the achievement of the Group's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) targets (for 20%). These nine targets are in line with the four pillars on which the Group's CSR policy is based. In addition, the final payment is subject to continuous service within the Group between the grant date and the payment date, provided that the Group's operating income and pre-tax income for the year prior to payment are strictly positive. For employees subject to special regulatory frameworks, this loyalty scheme is adjusted in accordance with the CRD4 European Directive.

The net obligation related to deferred compensation plans and loyalty schemes amounts to EUR 817 million at 31 December 2021 (EUR 694 million at 31 December 2020).

In millions of euros	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Net provisions for other long-term benefits	1,274	1,137
Asset recognised in the balance sheet under the other long-term benefits	(90)	(83)
Obligation recognised in the balance sheet under the other long-term benefits	1,364	1,220



### **6.d** TERMINATION BENEFITS

BNP Paribas has implemented a number of voluntary redundancy plans and headcount adaptation plans for employees who meet certain eligibility criteria. The obligations to eligible active employees under such plans are provided for as soon as a bilateral agreement or a bilateral agreement proposal for a particular plan is made.

In millions of euros	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Provision for voluntary departure, early retirement plans, and headcount adaptation plans	355	468

### 6.e SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

As part of the Group's variable remuneration policy, deferred annual compensation plans offered to certain high-performing employees or set up pursuant to special regulatory frameworks may entitle beneficiaries to variable compensation settled in cash but linked to the share price, payable over several years.

- Variable compensation for employees, subject to special regulatory frameworks

Since the publication of the Decree by the French ministry of finance on 13 December 2010, and following the provisions of the European Directive CRD4 of 26 July 2013 transposed into the French law in the Monetary and Financial Code by the Order of 20 February 2014 as well as the Decrees and Orders of 3 November 2014 and the delegated European regulation of 4 March 2014, the variable compensation plans apply to Group employees performing activities that may have a material impact on the Group's risk profile.

Under these plans, payment is deferred over time and is contingent on the performance achieved by the business lines, core businesses and Group.

Sums will mostly be paid in cash linked to the increase or decrease in the BNP Paribas share price.

- Deferred variable compensation for other Group employees

Sums due under the annual deferred compensation plans for high-performing employees are partly paid in cash linked to the increase or decrease in the BNP Paribas share price.

#### Expense of share-based payments

Expense / (revenue) in millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020
Prior deferred compensation plans	67	(110)
Deferred compensation plans for the year	530	441
Total	597	331



# 7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### 7.a CHANGES IN SHARE CAPITAL AND EARNINGS PER SHARE

At 31 December 2021, the share capital of BNP Paribas SA amounts to EUR 2,468,663,292, and was divided into 1,234,331,646 shares. The nominal value of each share is EUR 2 (EUR 2,499,597,122 and 1,249,798,561 shares at 31 December 2020).

### • Ordinary shares issued by BNP Paribas and held by the Group

	Proprietary t	Proprietary transactions		nsactions (1)	Total		
	Number of shares	Carrying amount (in millions of euros)	Number of shares	Carrying amount (in millions of euros)	Number of shares	Carrying amount (in millions of euros)	
Shares held at 31 December 2019	726,451	38	481,070	25	1,207,521	63	
Disposals	(4,480)				(4,480)		
Net movements			498,244	17	498,244	17	
Shares held at 31 December 2020	721,971	38	979,314	42	1,701,285	80	
Acquisitions	15,466,915	900			15,466,915	900	
Capital decrease	(15,466,915)	(900)			(15,466,915)	(900)	
Net movements			(979,314)	(42)	(979,314)	(42)	
Shares held at 31 December 2021	721,971	38	-	-	721,971	38	

<sup>(1)</sup> Transactions realised in the framework of an activity of trading and arbitrage transactions on equity indices.

Throughout the fourth quarter of 2021, BNP Paribas SA bought back on the market and cancelled 15,466,915 of its own shares in accordance with the decision made by the Board of Directors on 28 September 2021.

At 31 December 2021, the Group holds 721,971 BNP Paribas shares representing an amount of EUR 38 million, which are recognised as a decrease in equity.



### • Preferred shares and Undated Super Subordinated Notes eligible as Tier 1 regulatory capital

- Preferred shares issued by the Group's foreign subsidiaries

BNP Paribas Personal Finance made in 2004 two issues of undated non-voting preferred shares through a structured entity governed by UK law and which is exclusively controlled.

On 15 April 2021, BNP Paribas Personal Finance redeemed the issues, for an amount of EUR 80 million. These notes paid a TEC 10 rate coupon.

Undated Super Subordinated Notes issued by BNP Paribas SA

BNP Paribas SA has issued Undated Super Subordinated Notes which pay a fixed, fixed adjustable or floating rate coupon and are redeemable at the end of a fixed period and thereafter at each coupon date or every five years. If the notes are not redeemed at the end of this period, some of these issues will pay a coupon indexed to Euribor, Libor or a swap rate or a fixed-rate coupon.

On 25 February 2020, BNP Paribas SA has issued Undated Super Subordinated Notes for an amount of USD 1,750 million which pay a 4.5% fixed-rate coupon. These notes could be redeemed at the end of a period of 10 years. If the notes are not redeemed in 2030, a US 5-year Constant Maturity Treasury rate coupon will be paid half-yearly. This issue is eligible to Additional Tier 1 capital.

On 17 October 2020, BNP Paribas SA redeemed the October 2005 issue, for an amount of USD 400 million. These notes paid a 6.25% fixed-rate coupon.

On 19 February 2021, BNP Paribas SA has issued Undated Super Subordinated Notes for an amount of USD 1,250 million which pay a 4.625% fixed-rate coupon. These notes could be redeemed at the end of a period of 10 years. If the notes are not redeemed in 2031, a US 5-year Constant Maturity Treasury rate coupon will be paid half-yearly. This issue is eligible to Additional Tier 1 capital.

On 8 March 2021, BNP Paribas SA redeemed the June 2007 issue, for an amount of USD 600 million. These notes paid a 6.5% fixed-rate coupon.

On 30 March 2021, BNP Paribas SA redeemed the March 2016 issue, for an amount of USD 1,500 million, before the first call date. These notes paid a 7.625% fixed-rate coupon.

On 3 January 2022, BNP Paribas SA redeemed the July 2006 and June 2007 issues, for EUR 150 million and USD 1,100 million respectively. These notes are not eligible to Additional Tier 1 capital at 31 December 2021.



- The following table summarises the characteristics of these various issues:

Date of issue	Currency	Amount (in millions of currency units)	Coupon payment date	Rate and term before 1st (	call date	Rate after 1st call date
July 2006	EUR	150	annual	5.450%	20 years	3-month Euribor + 1.920%
June 2007	USD	1,100	semi-annual	7.195%	30 years	USD 3-month Libor + 1.290%
June 2015	EUR	750	semi-annual	6.125%	7 years	EUR 5-year swap + 5.230%
August 2015	USD	1,500	semi-annual	7.375%	10 years	USD 5-year swap + 5.150%
December 2016	USD	750	semi-annual	6.750%	5.25 years	USD 5-year swap +4.916%
November 2017	USD	750	semi-annual	5.125%	10 years	USD 5-year swap +2.838%
August 2018	USD	750	semi-annual	7.000%	10 years	USD 5-year swap + 3.980%
March 2019	USD	1,500	semi-annual	6.625%	5 years	USD 5-year swap + 4.149%
July 2019	AUD	300	semi-annual	4.500%	5,5 years	AUD 5-year swap + 3.372%
February 2020	USD	1,750	semi-annual	4.500%	10 years	US 5 years CMT + 2.944%
February 2021	USD	1,250	semi-annual	4.625%	10 years	US 5 years CMT + 3.340%
Total at 31 December 2021 in e equivalent historical value	uro-	9,207	(1)			

<sup>(1)</sup> Net of shares held in treasury by Group entities

BNP Paribas has the option of not paying interest due on these Undated Super Subordinated Notes. Unpaid interest is not carried forward.

For the notes issued before 2015, the absence of coupon payment is conditional on the absence of dividend payment on BNP Paribas SA ordinary shares or on Undated Super Subordinated Note equivalents during the previous year. Interest due is payable once dividend payment on BNP Paribas SA ordinary shares resumes.

The contracts relating to these Undated Super Subordinated Notes contain a loss absorption clause. Under the terms of this clause, in the event of insufficient regulatory capital, the nominal value of the notes may be reduced in order to serve as a new basis for the calculation of the related coupons until the capital deficiency is made up and the nominal value of the notes is increased to its original amount.

The proceeds from these issues are recorded in equity under "Capital and retained earnings". In accordance with IAS 21, issues denominated in foreign currencies are recognised at their historical value based on their translation into euros at the issue date. Interest on the instruments is treated in the same way as dividends.

At 31 December 2021, the BNP Paribas Group held EUR 14 million of Undated Super Subordinated Notes which were deducted from shareholders' equity.



### • Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing the net income for the period attributable to holders of ordinary shares by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. The net income attributable to ordinary shareholders is determined by deducting the net income attributable to holders of preferred shares.

Diluted earnings per share correspond to the net income for the period attributable to holders of ordinary shares, divided by the weighted average number of shares outstanding as adjusted for the maximum effect of the conversion of dilutive equity instruments into ordinary shares. In-the-money stock subscription options are taken into account in the diluted earnings per share calculation, as are performance shares granted under the Global Share-based Incentive Plan. Conversion of these instruments would have no effect on the net income figure used in this calculation.

	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5
Net profit used to calculate basic and diluted earnings per ordinary share (in millions of euros) (1)	9,052	6,626
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year	1,247,014,704	1,247,821,717
Effect of potentially dilutive ordinary shares	-	206
Weighted average number of ordinary shares used to calculate diluted earnings per share	1,247,014,704	1,247,821,923
Basic earnings per share (in euros)	7.26	5.31
of which continuing activities (in euros)	6.68	5.01
of which discontinued activities (in euros)	0.58	0.30
Diluted earnings per share (in euros)	7.26	5.31
of which continuing activities (in euros)	6.68	5.01
of which discontinued activities (in euros)	0.58	0.30

<sup>(1)</sup> The net profit used to calculate basic and diluted earnings per share is the net profit attributable to equity shareholders, adjusted for the remuneration on the Undated Super Subordinated Notes issued by BNP Paribas SA (treated as preferred share equivalents), which for accounting purposes is handled as dividends, as well as the related foreign exchange gain or loss impact recognised directly in shareholders' equity in case of repurchase.

The dividends per share paid in June and September 2021 out of the 2020 net income amounted to EUR 1.11 and EUR 1.55 respectively, totalling EUR 2.66.

In accordance with the Annual General Meeting of 19 May 2020, no dividend was paid out of the 2019 net income.



### 7.b LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AND ARBITRATION

BNP Paribas (the "Bank") is party as a defendant in various claims, disputes and legal proceedings (including investigations by judicial or supervisory authorities) in a number of jurisdictions arising in the ordinary course of its business, including inter alia in connection with its activities as market counterparty, lender, employer, investor and taxpayer.

The related risks have been assessed by the Bank and are subject, where appropriate, to provisions disclosed in note 4.p "Provisions for liabilities and charges" of the consolidated Financial Statements at 31 December 2021; a provision is recognized when it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle an obligation arising from a past event and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The main contingent liabilities related to pending legal, governmental, or arbitral proceedings as of 31 December 2021 are described below. The Bank currently considers that none of these proceedings is likely to have a material adverse effect on its financial position or profitability; however, the outcome of legal or governmental proceedings is by definition unpredictable.

The Bank and certain of its subsidiaries are defendants in several actions pending before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York brought by the Trustee appointed for the liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC ("BLMIS"). These actions, known generally as "clawback claims", are similar to those brought by the BLMIS Trustee against numerous institutions, and seek recovery of amounts allegedly received by the BNP Paribas entities from BLMIS or indirectly through BLMIS-related "feeder funds" in which BNP Paribas entities held interests. The BLMIS Trustee claims in these actions that the amounts which BNP Paribas entities received are avoidable and recoverable under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and New York state law. In the aggregate, the amount initially sought to be recovered in these actions approximated USD 1.3 billion. BNP Paribas has substantial and credible defenses to these actions and is defending against them vigorously.

In two decisions dated 22 November 2016 and 3 October 2018, the Bankruptcy Court rejected most of the claims brought by the BLMIS Trustee against BNP Paribas entities. On 25 February 2019 the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit reversed the Bankruptcy Court's 22 November 2016 decision. On 29 August 2019 the defendants filed a petition with the Supreme Court requesting that it review the Second Circuit's decision but this was denied by the Court. By common agreement amongst the parties all proceedings were stayed pending a decision by the Court of Appeals regarding a separate proceeding between the Trustee and a third party addressing legal issues related to the 3 October 2018 decision of the Bankruptcy Court which could affect the Trustee's clawback claims against the Bank. On 30 August 2021, the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit issued its decision in that proceeding, which effectively overrules the 3 October 2018 decision of the Bankruptcy Court by instructing the Bankruptcy Court on the legal standard that it should have applied to the Trustee's claims. The Trustee may therefore seek to re-file certain claims that were previously dismissed by the Bankruptcy Court under the prior legal standard.

Litigation was brought in Belgium by minority shareholders of the previous Fortis Group against the Société fédérale de Participations et d'Investissement, Ageas and BNP Paribas seeking (amongst other things) damages from BNP Paribas as restitution for part of the BNP Paribas Fortis shares that were contributed to BNP Paribas in 2009, on the ground that the transfer of these shares was null and void. On 29 April 2016, the Brussels Commercial court decided to stay the proceedings until the resolution of the pending Fortis criminal proceeding in Belgium. The criminal proceeding, in which the Public Prosecutor had requested a dismissal, is now definitively closed, as the Council Chamber of the Brussels Court of first instance issued on 4 September 2020 a ruling (which has since become final) that the charges were time-barred. Certain minority shareholders are continuing the civil proceedings against BNP Paribas and the Société fédérale de Participations et d'Investissement before the Brussels Commercial court; BNP Paribas continues to defend itself vigorously against the allegations of these shareholders.



Like many other financial institutions in the banking, investment, mutual funds and brokerage sectors, the Bank has received or may receive requests for information from, or be subject to investigations by supervisory, governmental or self-regulatory agencies. The Bank responds to such requests, and cooperates with the relevant authorities and regulators and seeks to address and remedy any issues that may arise.

On 26 February 2020, the Paris Criminal Court found BNP Paribas Personal Finance guilty of misleading commercial practice and concealment of this practice. BNP Paribas Personal Finance was ordered to pay a fine of EUR 187,500 and damages and legal fees to the civil plaintiffs. The damages award was of immediate effect. BNP Paribas Personal Finance filed an appeal on the merits on 6 March 2020. It also sought to suspend the immediate effectiveness of the judgment, which the court rejected by decision dated 25 September 2020. BNP Paribas Personal Finance paid to the civil plaintiffs the damages awarded, without prejudice to the pending appeal before the Court of Appeal of Paris and to the civil legal proceedings that are otherwise ongoing.

There are no other legal, governmental or arbitral proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened) that could have, or during the last twelve months have had, significant effects on the Bank's financial condition or profitability.



### 7.c Business combinations and loss of control or significant influence

#### • Verner Investissements

On 13 July 2021, BNP Paribas SA purchased the residual 50% stake in Verner Investissements, the holding company of Exane entities.

The Group BNP Paribas has therefore taken exclusive control of this entity and fully consolidates it from the second half of 2021.

The Group's balance sheet increased by EUR 6 billion at acquisition date, in particular EUR 3.7 billion in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss.

The acquisition of control over the group is analysed as the disposal of previously held share and a new acquisition on the date of the acquisition of control.

The first consolidation in full integration requires a revaluation at fair value of all assets and liabilities of Verner Investissements. The difference between revalued net equity and the amount of securities generates a negative goodwill of EUR 111 million recognised in the profit and loss account.

Including the loss on disposal of equity method, the net impact on net income is EUR -51 million.

### • Allfunds Group Plc

On 3 October 2020, a new partnership was established between BNP Paribas and Allfunds (AFB), a European market leader in fund distribution platforms. This operation generated an overall gain of EUR 371 million before tax, recognised in the profit and loss account.

At 31 December 2020, BNP Paribas held a stake of 22.5% in AFB UK Ltd and exercised a significant influence.

On 23 April 2021, the Group participated in the initial public offering of Allfunds, contributing 6.7% of the capital. Following this operation, the Group retains a significant influence and holds 15.8% of the capital of AFB Group Plc. This operation generated an overall gain of EUR 300 million before tax, recognised in the profit and loss account.

On 16 September 2021, the Group sold a stake of 2% of Allfunds and retains a significant influence with 13.8% of the capital of AFB Group Plc. This operation generated an overall gain of EUR 144 million before tax, recognised in the profit and loss account.



### 7.d DISCONTINUED ACTIVITIES

On 18 December 2021, BNP Paribas concluded an agreement with BMO Financial Group for the sale of 100% of its retail and commercial banking activities in the United States, operated by the BancWest cash-generating unit, for a total consideration of USD 16.3 billion in cash.

The transaction is expected to formally close during 2022, subject to customary conditions precedent, including approval by the competent authorities. The Group therefore considers that the loss of control within one year is highly probable.

The group of assets covered by the agreement comprises most of the entities of the homogeneous BancWest set (see reference D2 in note 7.1 *Scope of consolidation*). BancWest is therefore classified as a discontinued activity (see note 1.i *Assets held for sale and discontinued operations*).

As required by IFRS 5 related to groups of assets and liabilities held for sale, the Group's consolidated financial statements are adapted to present BancWest separately:

- the assets are reclassified on a separate line of the balance sheet "Assets held for sale";
- the liabilities are also reclassified in a separate line "Liabilities associated with assets held for sale";
- amounts accounted for in equity for the revaluation of assets and liabilities are presented separately in the statement of net income and changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity. This presentation is also carried out for 2020;
- revenues and expenses are reclassified in a separate line "Net income from discontinued activities" in the profit and loss statement. This income includes revenues and expenses from internal transactions with BancWest, provided that, following the sale, the Group will no longer receive these revenues or incur these expenses. This reclassification is also carried out for 2020;
- The net change in cash and cash equivalents is isolated in the cash flow statement. This is also carried out for 2020.

#### • Net income from discontinued activities

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5
Revenues	2,473	2,496
Operating Expenses and Dep.	(1,645)	(1,689)
Gross Operating Income	828	807
Cost of Risk	46	(322)
Operating Income	874	485
Net gain on non-current assets	19	
Pre-tax Income	893	485
Corporate income tax	(173)	(106)
Net income from discontinued activities	720	379



• Statement of net income and changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity of discontinued activities

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5
Net income from discontinued activities	720	379
Changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity of discontinued activities	580	(637)
Items that are or may be reclassified to profit or loss	571	(658)
- Changes in fair value through profit or loss	739	(793)
- Changes in fair value of financial assets through equity		
Changes in fair value recognised in equity	(173)	136
Changes in fair value reported in profit or loss	(30)	(50)
- Deferred value changes in hedging derivatives		
Changes in fair value recognised in equity	(61)	98
Changes in fair value reported in profit or loss		
- Income taxes	96	(49)
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	9	21
- Revaluation effects on post-employment benefit plans	12	32
- Income taxes	(3)	(11)
Total	1,300	(258)

#### • Balance sheet of discontinued activities

In millions of euros	31 December 2021
Cash and balances at central banks	14,654
Financial assets at fair value through equity	5,009
Financial assets at amortised cost	65,775
Property, plan and equipment	428
Intangible assets and goodwill	2,770
Other assets	2,631
Total assets held for sale	91,267
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	73,041
Other liabilities	1,325
Total liabilities associated with assets held for sale	74,366

# Changes in assets and liabilities recognized directly in equity of discontinued activities as at 31 December 2021

In millions of euros	31 December 2021
Items that are or may be reclassified to profit or loss	608
Exchange differences	687
Financial assets at fair value through equity	(41)
Derivatives used for hedging purposes	(38)
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	(125)
Remeasurement gains (losses)related to postemployment benefits plans	(125)
Changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity of discontinued activities	483



### • Financial assets at amortised cost classified as "Assets held for sale"

	31 December 2021						
In millions of euros	Gross Value	Impairment	Carrying amount				
Loans and advances to credit institutions	52		52				
Stage 1	52	-	52				
Loans and advances to customers	50,530	(476)	50,054				
Stage 1	45,751	(172)	45,579				
Stage 2	4,370	(217)	4,153				
Stage 3	409	(87)	322				
Debt securities	15,669		15,669				
Stage 1	15,669	-	15,669				
Total financial assets at amortised cost	66,251	(476)	65,775				

### • Cash flows from discontinued activities

In millions of euros	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020 restated according to IFRS 5
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents generated by operating activities	9,772	4,386
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents related to investing activities	(111)	(229)
Increase (Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents related to financing activities	406	(1,676)
Effect of movement in exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	672	(289)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents from discontinued activities	10,739	2,192



### 7.e EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

### • Bpost Banque

On 3 January 2022, BNP Paribas Fortis purchased the residual 50% stake in Bpost Banque, leading to the exclusive control and a full consolidation of this entity from 2022.

This operation will enable the Group to optimise Belgium Retail Banking activity.

The estimated impact on the Group's balance sheet at acquisition date is approximately EUR 12 billion, of which EUR 8 billion in Loans and advances to customers at amortised cost.

This operation generates an estimated positive impact of EUR 0.2 billion net of tax, to be recognised in the profit and loss account of 2022.

#### • FLOA

On 31 January 2022, BNP Paribas SA acquired 100% of FLOA, leading to its full consolidation from 2022.

The acquisition of FLOA, leader of online and mobile payment solutions, is part of BNP Paribas' development strategy in payments and consumer credit in Europe.

The estimated impact on the Group's balance sheet at acquisition date is approximately EUR 2.2 billion, of which EUR 2 billion in loans and advances to customers at amortised cost.



# 7.f MINORITY INTERESTS

In millions of euros	Capital and retained earnings	Changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	Changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity that may be reclassified to profit or loss	Minority interests
Capital and retained earnings at 1 January 2020	4,442	17	(67)	4,392
Appropriation of net income for 2019	(84)			(84)
Increases in capital and issues				-
Reduction or redemption of capital				-
Remuneration on preferred shares	(1)			(1)
Impact of internal transactions on minority shareholders				-
Movements in consolidation scope impacting minority shareholders	5			5
Acquisitions of additional interests or partial sales of interests	1			1
Change in commitments to repurchase minority shareholders' interests	(69)			(69)
Other movements	(2)			(2)
Changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity		(8)	(32)	(40)
Net income for 2020	348			348
Capital and retained earnings at 31 December 2020	4,640	9	(99)	4,550
Appropriation of net income for 2020	(221)			(221)
Increases in capital and issues	10			10
Reduction or redemption of capital	(73)			(73)
Remuneration on preferred shares				-
Impact of internal transactions on minority shareholders				
Movements in consolidation scope impacting minority shareholders	(139)			(139)
Acquisitions of additional interests or partial sales of interests	55			55
Change in commitments to repurchase minority shareholders' interests	38			38
Other movements	9			9
Realised gains or losses reclassified to retained earnings	1	(1)		
Changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity		7	(7)	
Net income for 2021	392			392
Capital and retained earnings at 31 December 2021	4,712	15	(106)	4,621



### • Main minority interests

The assessment of the material nature of minority interests is based on the contribution of the relevant subsidiaries to the Group balance sheet (before elimination of intra-group balances and transactions) and to the Group profit and loss account.

	31 December 2021		Year to 31 Dec. 2021					
In millions of euros	Total assets before elimination of intra-group transactions	Revenues	Net income	Net income and changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity	Minority shareholders' interest (%)	Net income attributable to minority interests	Net income and changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity - attributable to minority interests	Dividends paid to minority shareholders
Contribution of the entities belonging to the BGL BNP Paribas group	98,967	1,779	585	557	34%	179	167	163
Other minority interests						213	225	58
TOTAL						392	392	221

	31 December 2020		Year to 31 Dec. 2020					
In millions of euros	Total assets before elimination of intra-group transactions	Revenues	Net income	Net income and changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity	Minority shareholders' interest (%)	Net income attributable to minority interests	Net income and changes in assets and liabilities recognised directly in equity - attributable to minority interests	Dividends paid to minority shareholders
Contribution of the entities belonging to the BGL BNP Paribas group	89,607	1,699	552	541	34%	171	162	-
Other minority interests						177	146	84
TOTAL						348	308	84

There are no particular contractual restrictions on the assets of BGL BNP Paribas related to the presence of the minority shareholder.

#### Internal restructuring that led to a change in minority shareholders' interest in the equity of subsidiaries

No significant internal restructuring operation occurred in 2021, nor in 2020.



 Acquisitions of additional interests and partial sales of interests leading to changes in minority interests in the equity of subsidiaries

	Year to 31 I	Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020	
In millions of euros	Attributable to shareholders	Minority interests	Attributable to shareholders	Minority interests
Bank BGZ BNP Paribas Partial disposal of 1.26% of the total share, reducing the Group's share to 87.43%	(11)	37		
Financit Spa Implementation of a partnership, reducing the Group's share to 60%	21	18		
Other	(2)		(1)	1
Total	8	55	(1)	1

### • Commitments to repurchase minority shareholders' interests

In connection with the acquisition of certain entities, the Group granted minority shareholders put options on their holdings.

The total value of these commitments, which are recorded as a reduction in shareholders' equity, amounts to EUR 322 million at 31 December 2021, compared with EUR 500 million at 31 December 2020.



### 7.g SIGNIFICANT RESTRICTIONS IN SUBSIDIARIES, JOINT VENTURES AND ASSOCIATES

#### Significant restrictions related to the ability of entities to transfer cash to the Group

The ability of entities to pay dividends or to repay loans and advances depends, *inter alia*, on local regulatory requirements for capitalisation and legal reserves, as well as the entities' financial and operating performance. During 2021, none of the BNP Paribas Group entites were subject to significant restrictions other than those related to regulatory requirements.

# Significant restrictions relative to the Group's ability to use the assets lodged in consolidated structured entities

Access to the assets of consolidated structured entities in which third-party investors have invested is limited inasmuch as these entities' assets are reserved for the holders of units or securities. These assets total EUR 34 billion as at 31 December 2021 (EUR 35 billion as at 31 December 2020).

# Significant restrictions related to the Group's ability to use assets pledged as collateral or under repurchase agreements

The financial instruments pledged by the BNP Paribas Group as collateral or under repurchase agreements are presented in notes 4.r and 5.d.

#### Significant restrictions related to liquidity reserves

Significant restrictions related to liquidity reserves correspond to the mandatory deposits placed with central banks presented in chapter 5 of the Universal Registration Document under "Liquidity risk".

#### Assets representative of unit-linked insurance contracts

Financial assets representative of unit-linked insurance contracts designated as at fair value through profit or loss, which amount to EUR 87 billion as at 31 December 2021 (compared with EUR 73 billion as at 31 December 2020), are held for the benefit of the holders of these contracts.



### 7.h STRUCTURED ENTITIES

The BNP Paribas Group is engaged in transactions with sponsored structured entities mainly through its activities of securitisation of financial assets - as either originator or sponsor -, fund management and specialised asset financing.

In addition, the BNP Paribas Group is also engaged in transactions with structured entities that it has not sponsored, notably in the form of investments in funds or securitisation vehicles.

The method for assessing control for structured entities is detailed in note 1.b.2. Consolidation methods.

#### Consolidated structured entities

The main categories of consolidated structured entities are:

**ABCP** (Asset-Backed Commercial Paper) conduits: the ABCP securitisation conduits Starbird, Matchpoint and Scaldis fund securitisation transactions managed by the BNP Paribas Group on behalf of its customers. Details on how these are financed and the Group's risk exposure are presented in Chapter 5 of the Universal Registration Document under Securitisation as sponsor on behalf of clients / Short-term refinancing.

**Proprietary securitisation:** proprietary securitisation positions originated and held by the BNP Paribas Group are detailed in Chapter 5 of the Universal Registration Document under *Proprietary securitisation activities (originator).* 

**Funds managed by the Group:** the BNP Paribas Group structures different types of funds for which it may act as fund manager, investor, custodian or guarantor. These funds are consolidated when the Group is both the manager and a significant investor and is therefore exposed to variable returns.

### • Unconsolidated structured entities

The BNP Paribas Group has entered into relations with unconsolidated structured entities in the course of its business activities to meet the needs of its customers.

### Information relative to interests in sponsored structured entities

The main categories of unconsolidated sponsored structured entities are as follows:

**Securitisation:** the BNP Paribas Group structures securitisation vehicles for the purposes of offering customers financing solutions for their assets, either directly or through consolidated ABCP conduits. Each vehicle finances the purchase of customers' assets (receivables, bonds, *etc.*) primarily by issuing bonds backed by these assets and whose redemption is linked to their performance.

**Funds:** the Group structures and manages funds to offer investment opportunities to its customers. Dedicated or public funds are offered to institutional and individual customers and are distributed and commercially monitored by the BNP Paribas Group. The entities of the BNP Paribas Group responsible for managing these funds may receive management fees and performance commission. The BNP Paribas Group may hold units in these funds, as well as units in funds dedicated to the insurance activity not managed by the BNP Paribas Group.

**Asset financing:** the BNP Paribas Group establishes and finances structured entities that acquire assets (aircraft, ships, *etc.*) intended for lease, and the lease payments received by the structured entity are used to repay the financing, which is guaranteed by the asset held by the structured entity.



**Other:** on behalf of its customers, the Group may also structure entities which invest in assets or are involved in debt restructuring.

An interest in an unconsolidated structured entity is a contractual or non-contractual link that exposes the BNP Paribas Group to variable returns from the performance of the entity.

The Group's assets and liabilities related to the interests held in sponsored structured entities are as follows:

In millions of euros, at 31 December 2021	Securitisation	Funds	Asset Financing	Others	Total
INTERESTS ON THE GROUP BALANCE SHEET					
ASSETS					
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	5	1,009	4	95	1,113
Derivatives used for hedging purposes	11	1,404	23	18	1,456
Financial instruments at fair value through equity	190				190
Financial assets at amortised cost	14,230	117	1,709	9	16,065
Other assets	3	93			96
Financial investments of insurance activities		24,114			24,114
TOTAL ASSETS	14,439	26,737	1,736	122	43,034
LIABILITIES					
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	18	542	3	54	617
Derivatives used for hedging purposes					
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	1,058	12,809	140	27	14,034
Other liabilities	5	140	118		263
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,081	13,491	261	81	14,914
MAXIMUM EXPOSURE TO LOSS	21,888	27,061	3,047	212	52,208
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SIZE OF STRUCTURED ENTITIES (1)	121,665	332,150	4,933	5,263	464,011

In millions of euros, at 31 December 2020	Securitisation	Funds	Asset Financing	Others	Total
INTERESTS ON THE GROUP BALANCE SHEET					
ASSETS					
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	169	818	11	316	1,314
Derivatives used for hedging purposes	55	511	140	4	710
Financial instruments at fair value through equity	231				231
Financial assets at amortised cost	14,172	367	1,168	9	15,716
Other assets		203		1	204
Financial investments of insurance activities		19,231			19,231
TOTAL ASSETS	14,627	21,130	1,319	330	37,406
LIABILITIES					
Financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss	80	574	1	786	1,441
Derivatives used for hedging purposes					
Financial liabilities at amortised cost	820	11,115	130	760	12,825
Other liabilities	2	158	105	4	269
TOTAL LIABILITIES	902	11,847	236	1,550	14,535
MAXIMUM EXPOSURE TO LOSS	23,096	21,938	1,674	632	47,340
SIZE OF STRUCTURED ENTITIES (1)	117,188	305,525	4,945	6,438	434,096

<sup>(1)</sup> The size of sponsored structured entities equals the total assets of the structured entity for securitisation vehicles, the net asset value for funds (excluding management mandates) and the structured entity's total assets or the amount of the BNP Paribas Group's commitment for asset financing and other structures.



The BNP Paribas Group's maximum exposure to losses on sponsored structured entities is the carrying amount of the assets, excluding, for financial assets at fair value through equity, changes in value taken directly to equity, as well as the nominal amount of the financing commitments and guarantee commitments given and the notional amount of credit default swaps (CDS) sold.

#### Information relative to interests in non-sponsored structured entities

The main interests held by the BNP Paribas Group when it acts solely as an investor in non-sponsored structured entities are detailed below:

- Units in funds that are not managed by the Group, which are held by the Insurance business line: as part of the asset allocation strategy corresponding to investments related to the premiums for unit-linked contracts or for the general fund, the Insurance business line subscribes to units of structured entities. These short- or medium-term investments are held for their financial performance and meet the risk diversification criteria inherent to the business. They amounted to EUR 39 billion as at 31 December 2021 (EUR 33 billion as at 31 December 2020). Changes in value and the majority of the risks associated with these investments are borne by policyholders in the case of assets representative of unit-linked contracts, and by the insurer in the case of assets representative of the general fund;
- Other investments in funds not managed by the Group: as part of its trading business, the BNP Paribas Group invests in structured entities without any involvement in either managing or structuring these entities (investments in mutual funds, securities funds or alternative funds), particularly as economic hedge for structured products sold to customers. The Group also invests in minority holdings in investment funds, in support of companies, as part of its venture capital business. These investments amounted to EUR 10 billion as at 31 December 2021 (7 billion as at 31 December 2020);
- Investments in securitisation vehicles: the breakdown of the Group's exposure and the nature of
  the securities held are presented in Chapter 5 of the Universal Registration Document in the
  section Securitisation as investor.

Besides, in the framework of its asset financing activity, the BNP Paribas Group provides financing to structured entities that are established by and for its clients and whose purpose is to acquire assets (aircraft, ships, *etc.*) intended for lease to those same clients. These financings amount to EUR 5 billion as at 31 December 2021 (EUR 6 billion as at 31 December 2020).



### 7.i COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS AWARDED TO THE GROUP'S CORPORATE OFFICERS

The Group's corporate officers, their spouses and their dependent children are considered related parties.

The remuneration and benefits policy relating to the Group's corporate officers, as well as the detailed information on an individual basis, are presented in chapter 2 Corporate Governance of the Universal Registration Document.

### • Remuneration and benefits awarded to the Group's corporate officers

	Year to 31 Dec. 2021	Year to 31 Dec. 2020
Gross remuneration, including remuneration linked to the term of directorship and benefits in kind		
- payable for the year	€ 8,486,731	€ 6,070,060
- paid during the year	€ 6,526,149	€ 5,532,930
Post-employment benefits		
Retirement bonuses: present value of the benefit obligation (payroll taxes excluded)	€ 788,884	€ 294,833
Defined contribution pension plan: contributions paid by BNP Paribas during the year	€ 6,400	€ 5,306
Welfare benefits: premiums paid by BNP Paribas during the year	€ 18,836	€ 14,962
Share-based payments		
Stock subscription options	Nil	Nil
Performance shares	Nil	Nil
Long-term compensation		
- fair value at grant date (*)	€ 1,327,391	€ 1,065,536

<sup>(\*)</sup> Valuation according to the method described in note 6.e.

As at 31 December 2021, no corporate officer is eligible to a contingent collective defined-benefit top-up pension plan.

### · Remuneration linked to the term of directorship paid to members of the board of directors

Remuneration linked to the term of directorship paid in to all members of the Board of Directors in 2021 amounts to EUR 1,402,804. This amount was EUR 1,300,000 in 2020. The amount paid in 2021 to members other than corporate officers was EUR 1,273,940 compared with EUR 1,183,106 in 2020.

## • Remuneration and benefits awarded to directors representing the employees

In euros	Year to 31 December 2021	Year to 31 December 2020
Gross remuneration paid during the year	120,963	123,020
Remuneration linked to the term of directorship (paid to the trade unions)	190,887	180,227
Premiums paid by BNP Paribas during the year into schemes related to Garantie Vie Professionnelle Accidents benefits and healthcare expense coverage	2,092	2,063
Contributions paid by BNP Paribas during the year into the defined-contribution plan	1,423	1,386



# • Loans, advances and guarantees granted to the Group's corporate officers

At 31 December 2021, the total outstanding loans granted directly or indirectly to the Group's corporate officers and their spouses and dependent children amounted to EUR 6,392,970 (EUR 15,233,737 at 31 December 2020). These loans representing normal transactions were carried out on an arm's length basis.

# 7.j OTHER RELATED PARTIES

Other related parties of the BNP Paribas Group comprise consolidated companies (including entities consolidated under the equity method) and entities managing post-employment benefit plans offered to Group employees (except for multi-employer and multi-industry schemes).

Transactions between the BNP Paribas Group and related parties are carried out on an arm's length basis.

#### RELATIONS BETWEEN CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES

A list of companies consolidated by the BNP Paribas Group is provided in note 7.1 *Scope of consolidation*. Transactions and outstanding balances between fully-consolidated entities are eliminated. The tables below show transactions with entities accounted for under the equity method.

# • Outstanding balances of related-party transactions:

	31 Decem	ber 2021	31 Decem	ber 2020
In millions of euros	Joint ventures	Associates	Joint ventures	Associates
ASSETS				
On demand accounts		118	1	112
Loans	3,923	116	3,826	65
Securities	516	268	642	-
Other assets	1	74	3	93
Financial investments of insurance activities	1	2	-	4
Total	4,441	578	4,472	274
LIABILITIES				
On demand accounts	137	525	192	518
Other borrowings	48	1,034	30	1,402
Other liabilities	7	26	10	19
Technical reserves and other insurance liabilities	1	159	-	130
Total	193	1,744	232	2,069
FINANCING COMMITMENTS AND GUARANTEE COMMITMENTS				
Financing commitments given	23	553	43	646
Guarantee commitments given	1,469	41	2,162	55
Total	1,492	594	2,205	701

The Group also carries out trading transactions with related parties involving derivatives (swaps, options and forwards, *etc.*) and financial instruments purchased or underwritten and issued by them (equities, bonds, *etc.*).



# • Related-party profit and loss items:

	Year to 31	Dec. 2021	Year to 31	Dec. 2020
In millions of euros	Joint ventures	Associates	Joint ventures	Associates
Interest income	26	7	30	5
Interest expense	(5)	(2)	(5)	(6)
Commission income Commission expense	5	305 (76)	145 (8)	279 (38)
Services provided Services received	-	46 (7)	-	32 (6)
Lease income Net income from insurance activities	(2)	(3)	(3)	(1) (4)
Total	24	270	159	261

GROUP ENTITIES MANAGING CERTAIN POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFIT PLANS OFFERED TO GROUP EMPLOYEES

In Belgium, BNP Paribas Fortis funds a number of pension schemes managed by AG Insurance in which the BNP Paribas Group has a 25% equity interest.

In other countries, post-employment benefit plans are generally managed by independent fund managers or independent insurance companies, and occasionally by Group companies (in particular BNP Paribas Asset Management and BNP Paribas Cardif). In Switzerland, a dedicated foundation manages pension plans for BNP Paribas Switzerland's employees.

At 31 December 2021, the value of plan assets managed by Group companies or by companies over which the Group exercises significant influence was EUR 4,048 million (EUR 4,102 million as at 31 December 2020). Amounts received by Group companies in the year to 31 December 2021 totalled EUR 4 million and were mainly composed of management and custody fees (EUR 5 million as at 31 December 2020).



# 7.k FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS CARRIED AT AMORTISED COST

The information supplied in this note must be used and interpreted with the greatest caution for the following reasons:

- These fair values are an estimate of the value of the relevant instruments as at 31 December 2021. They are liable to fluctuate from day to day as a result of changes in various parameters, such as interest rates and credit quality of the counterparty. In particular, they may differ significantly from the amounts actually received or paid on maturity of the instrument. In most cases, the fair value is not intended to be realised immediately, and in practice might not be realised immediately. Consequently, this fair value does not reflect the actual value of the instrument to BNP Paribas as a going concern;
- Most of these fair values are not meaningful, and hence are not taken into account in the management of the commercial banking activities which use these instruments;
- Estimating a fair value for financial instruments carried at historical cost often requires the use of modelling techniques, hypotheses and assumptions that may vary from bank to bank. This means that comparisons between the fair values of financial instruments carried at historical cost as disclosed by different banks may not be meaningful;
- The fair values shown below do not include the fair values of finance lease transactions, non-financial instruments such as property, plant and equipment, goodwill and other intangible assets such as the value attributed to demand deposit portfolios or customer relationships. Consequently, these fair values should not be regarded as the actual contribution of the instruments concerned to the overall valuation of the BNP Paribas Group.



		Estimated		Carrying value	
In millions of euros, at 31 December 2021	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Carrying value
FINANCIAL ASSETS					
Loans and advances to credit institutions and customers (1)		88,058	716,147	804,205	795,845
Debt securities at amortised cost (note 4.e)	89,374	17,203	3,172	109,749	108,510
Assets held for sale	4,587	11,081	49,838	65,507	64,847
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES					
Deposits from credit institutions and customers		1,123,937		1,123,937	1,123,383
Debt securities (note 4.h)	64,660	86,854		151,514	149,723
Subordinated debt (note 4.h)	18,211	7,360		25,571	24,720
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	-	73,077		73,077	73,041

<sup>(1)</sup> Finance leases excluded

	93,011 25,190 3,261 121,462 1,089,464 1,089,464			Carrying value	
In millions of euros, at 31 December 2020	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Carrying value
FINANCIAL ASSETS					
Loans and advances to credit institutions and customers (1)		68,617	735,232	803,849	790,444
Debt securities at amortised cost (note 4.e)	93,011	25,190	3,261	121,462	118,316
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES					
Deposits from credit institutions and customers		1,089,464		1,089,464	1,088,648
Debt securities (note 4.h)	45,760	103,990		149,750	148,303
Subordinated debt (note 4.h)	15,568	7,683		23,251	22,474

<sup>(1)</sup> Finance leases excluded

The valuation techniques and assumptions used by BNP Paribas ensure that the fair value of financial assets and liabilities carried at amortised cost is measured on a consistent basis throughout the Group. Fair value is based on prices quoted in an active market when these are available. In other cases, fair value is determined using valuation techniques such as discounting of estimated future cash flows for loans, liabilities and debt securities at amortised cost, or specific valuation models for other financial instruments as described in note 1, Summary of significant accounting policies applied by the BNP Paribas Group. The description of the fair value hierarchy levels is also presented in the accounting principles (see note 1.e.10). In the case of loans, liabilities and debt securities at amortised cost that have an initial maturity of less than one year (including demand deposits) or of most regulated savings products, fair value equates to carrying amount. These instruments have been classified in Level 2, except for loans to customers, which are classified in Level 3.



# 7.1 SCOPE OF CONSOLIDATION

BNP Paribas, a société anonyme (Public Limited Company), registered in France, is the Group's lead company, which holds key positions in its two areas of activity: Retail Banking and Services and Corporate and Institutional Banking. During the year, the parent company did not change its name.

BNP Paribas has its principal place of business in France and its head office is located at 16 boulevard des Italiens 75009 Paris, France.

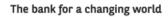
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Business	Name	Country	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.
	BNP Paribas SA	France	(1)				(1)			
	BNPP SA (Argentina branch)	Argentina	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Australia branch)	Australia	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Austria branch)	Austria	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Bahrain branch)	Bahrain	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Belgium branch)	Belgium	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Bulgaria branch)	Bulgaria	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Canada branch)	Canada	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Cayman Islands branch)	Cayman Islands								S1
	BNPP SA (Czech Republic branch)	Czech Rep.	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Denmark branch)	Denmark	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Finland branch)	Finland	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Germany branch)	Germany	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Hong Kong branch)	Hong Kong	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Hungary branch)	Hungary	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (India branch)	India	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Ireland branch)	Ireland	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Italy branch)	Italy	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Japan branch)	Japan	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Jersey branch)	Jersey				S1	Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Kuwait branch)	Kuwait	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Luxembourg branch)	Luxemburg	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Malaysia branch)	Malaysia	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Monaco branch)	Monaco	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Netherlands branch)	Netherlands	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Norway branch)	Norway	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Panama branch)	Panama	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Philippines branch)	Philippines	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Poland branch)	Poland	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Portugal branch)	Portugal	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Qatar branch)	Qatar	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Republic of Korea branch)	Rep. of Korea	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Romania branch)	Romania	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Saudi Arabia branch)	Saudi Arabia	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Singapore branch)	Singapore	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	5 100.0%	

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Business	Name	Country	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.
	BNPP SA (South Africa branch)	South Africa	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Spain branch)	Spain	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Sweden branch)	Sweden	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Taiwan branch)	Taiwan	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Thailand branch)	Thailand	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP SA (United Arab Emirates branch)	United Arab Emirates	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP SA (United Kingdom branch)	UK	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP SA (United States branch)	USA	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP SA (Viet Nam branch)	Viet Nam	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
ETAIL BANKING & SER	RVICES									
OMESTIC MARKETS										
etail Banking - France										
	Banque de Wallis et Futuna	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%	51.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%	51.0%	
	BNPP Antilles Guyane	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Développement	France	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Développement Oblig	France	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Factor	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Factor (Spain branch)	Spain	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Factor Sociedade Financeira de Credito SA	Portugal	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Nouvelle Calédonie	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Réunion	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Compagnie pour le Financement des Loisirs	France	Equity	46.0%	46.0%		Equity	46.0%	46.0%	
	Copartis	France	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	D1/V
	Euro Securities Partners	France	Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	50.0%	50.0%		Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	50.0%	50.0%	
	GIE Ocean	France	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Jivago Holding	France	Full	100.0%	100.0%	E3				
	Partecis	France	Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	50.0%	50.0%		Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	50.0%	50.0%	
	Paylib Services	France	Equity	14.3%	14.3%		Equity	14.3%	14.3%	
	Portzamparc	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Protection 24	France				S2	Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Société Lairoise de Participations	France	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
etail Banking - Belgium	1									
	Axepta BNPP Benelux	Belgium	Full	100.0%	99.9%		Full	100.0%	99.9%	E1
	Bancontact Paytoniq Company	Belgium	Equity	22.5%	22.5%		Equity	22.5%	22.5%	
	Banking Funding Company SA	Belgium	Equity	33.5%	33.5%		Equity	33.5%	33.5%	
	BASS Master Issuer NV <sup>1</sup>	Belgium	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	Batopin	Belgium	Equity	25.0%	25.0%	E1				
	Belgian Mobile ID	Belgium	Equity	12.2%		V3	Equity	15.0%	15.0%	
	BNPP Commercial Finance Ltd	UK	Full	100.0%			Full	100.0%		
	BNPP Factor AB	Sweden				S1	Full	100.0%		
	BNPP Factor AS	Denmark	Full	100.0%	99.9%		Full	100.0%		
		Germany	Full	100.0%			Full	100.0%		
	BNPP Factor GmbH								-	
	BNPP Factor GmbH BNPP Factor NV	Netherlands				S1	Full	100.0%	99.9%	

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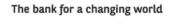
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Business	Name	Country	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.
	BNPP Fortis	Belgium	Full	99.9%	99.9%		Full	99.9%	99.9%	
	BNPP Fortis (Spain branch)	Spain	Full	99.9%	99.9%		Full	99.9%	99.9%	
	BNPP Fortis (United States branch)	USA	Full	99.9%	99.9%		Full	99.9%	99.9%	
	BNPP Fortis Factor NV	Belgium	Full	100.0%	99.9%		Full	100.0%	99.9%	
	BNPP Fortis Film Finance	Belgium	Full	100.0%	99.9%	V4	Full	99.0%	98.9%	
	BNPP Fortis Funding SA	Luxemburg	Full	100.0%	99.9%		Full	100.0%	99.9%	
	BNPP FPE Belgium	Belgium	Full	100.0%	99.9%		Full	100.0%	99.9%	
	BNPP FPE Expansion	Belgium	Full	100.0%	99.9%		Full	100.0%	99.9%	
	BNPP FPE Management	Belgium	Full	100.0%	99.9%		Full	100.0%	99.9%	
	Bpost Banque	Belgium	Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	50.0%	50.0%		Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	50.0%	50.0%	
	Credissimo	Belgium	Full	100.0%	99.9%		Full	100.0%	99.9%	
	Credissimo Hainaut SA	Belgium	Full	99.7%	99.7%		Full	99.7%	99.7%	
	Crédit pour Habitations Sociales	Belgium	Full	81.7%	81.6%		Full	81.7%	81.6%	
	Epimede <sup>s</sup>	Belgium	Equity	-	-		Equity	-	-	
	Esmee Master Issuer <sup>t</sup>	Belgium	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	Immo Beaulieu	Belgium								S3
	Immobilière Sauveniere SA	Belgium	Full	100.0%	99.9%		Full	100.0%	99.9%	
	Isabel SA NV	Belgium	Equity	25.3%	25.3%		Equity	25.3%	25.3%	
	Microstart	Belgium	Full	42.3%	76.8%	V4	Full	70.3%	76.7%	
	Private Equity Investments (a)	BE/FR/LU	FV	-	-		FV	-	-	
	Sagip	Belgium	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Sowo Invest SA NV	Belgium	Full	87.5%	87.5%		Full	87.5%	87.5%	
etail Banking - Luxem	nburg									
	BGL BNPP	Luxemburg	Full	66.0%	65.9%		Full	66.0%	65.9%	
	BGL BNPP (Germany branch)	Germany	Full	66.0%	65.9%		Full	66.0%	65.9%	
	BNPP Lease Group Luxembourg SA	Luxemburg	Full	100.0%	65.9%		Full	100.0%	65.9%	
	BNPP SB Re	Luxemburg	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cofhylux SA	Luxemburg	Full	100.0%	65.9%		Full	100.0%	65.9%	
	Compagnie Financière Ottomane SA	Luxemburg	Full	97.3%	97.3%		Full		97.3%	
	Le Sphinx Assurances Luxembourg SA	Luxemburg	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%	
	Lion International Investments SA	Luxemburg	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	Luxhub SA	Luxemburg	Equity	28.0%			Equity		18.5%	E1
	Visalux	Luxemburg	Equity		16.7%		Equity		16.7%	
etail Banking - Italy			. ,				. ,			
3 3	Artigiancassa SPA	Italy	Full	73.9%	73.9%		Full	73.9%	73.9%	
	Axepta SPA	Italy	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	Banca Nazionale Del Lavoro SPA	Italy	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	EMF IT 2008 1 SRL <sup>1</sup>	Italy	Full	-			Full	-		
	Era Uno SRL <sup>†</sup>	Italy	Full		-	E2				
	Eutimm SRL	Italy	Full		100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Financit SPA (Ex- BNL Finance SPA)	Italy	Full		60.0%	V2	Full		100.0%	
	Immera SRL <sup>1</sup>	Italy	Full		-	E1		100.070		
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	International Factors Italia SPA	Italy	Full	99 7%	99.7%		Full	99.7%	99.7%	

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Business	Name	Country	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.	
	Serfactoring SPA	Italy				S2	Equity	27.0%	26.9%	•	
	Servizio Italia SPA	Italy	Full	100.0%	5 100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%		
	Sviluppo HQ Tiburtina SRL	Italy	Full	100.0%	5 100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%		
	Tierre Securitisation SRL <sup>t</sup>	Italy	Full				Full	-	-		
	Vela ABS SRL <sup>†</sup>	Italy								S3	
	Vela Consumer 2 SRL <sup>t</sup>	Italy				S1	Full	-	-		
	Vela Consumer SRL <sup>t</sup>	Italy								S1	
	Vela Home SRL <sup>†</sup>	Italy	Full				Full	-	-		
	Vela Mortgages SRL <sup>t</sup>	Italy	Full				Full	-	-		
	Vela OBG SRL <sup>†</sup>	Italy	Full				Full	-	-		
	Vela RMBS SRL <sup>t</sup>	Italy	Full				Full	-	-		
rval											
	Artel	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		
	Arval AB	Sweden	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		
	Arval AS	Denmark	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	5 99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		
	Arval AS Norway	Norway	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	5 99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		
	Arval Austria GmbH	Austria	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	5 99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		
	Arval Belgium NV SA	Belgium	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			
	Arval Benelux BV	Netherlands	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			
	Arval Brasil Ltda	Brazil	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			
	Arval BV	Netherlands	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			
	Arval CZ SRO	Czech Rep.	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			
	Arval Deutschland GmbH	Germany	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			
	Arval Fleet Services	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			
	Arval Fuhrparkmanagement GmbH	Austria	T dili**	100.07	, ,,,,,,	S4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		E3	
	Arval Hellas Car Rental SA	Greece	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	5 99.9%	34	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		LJ	
	Arval India Private Ltd	India	Fulley	100.07	37.7/0	S3	Full <sup>(2)</sup>				
			(2)	400.00		33		100.0%			
	Arval LLC	Russia	Full <sup>(2)</sup>		99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>		99.9%		
	Arval Luxembourg SA	Luxemburg	Full <sup>(2)</sup>		99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			
	Arval Magyarorszag KFT	Hungary	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			
	Arval Maroc SA	Morocco	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			
	Arval OY	Finland	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			
	Arval Relsa SPA	Chile	Equity	50.0%			Equity	50.0%			
	Arval Schweiz AG	Switzerland	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			
	Arval Service Lease	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		
	Arval Service Lease Aluger Operational Automoveis SA	Portugal	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		
	Arval Service Lease Italia SPA	Italy	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		
	Arval Service Lease Polska SP ZOO	Poland	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		
	Arval Service Lease Romania SRL	Romania	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		
	Arval Service Lease SA	Spain	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		
	Arval Slovakia SRO	Slovakia	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		
	Arval Trading	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		
	Arval UK Group Ltd	UK	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		
	Arval UK Leasing Services Ltd	UK	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		

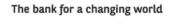
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Business	Name	Country	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.
	Arval UK Ltd	UK	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%	
	BNPP Fleet Holdings Ltd	UK	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%	
	Cent ASL	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%	E2				
	Cofiparc	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%	
	Greenval Insurance DAC	Ireland	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%	V3
	Locadif	Belgium	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%	
	Louveo	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%	
	Public Location Longue Durée	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	99.9%	
	TEB Arval Arac Filo Kiralama AS	Turkey	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	75.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	75.0%	
easing Solutions										
	All In One Vermietung GmbH	Austria	Full	100.0%	83.0%		Full	100.0%	83.0%	
	Aprolis Finance	France	Full	51.0%	42.3%		Full	51.0%	42.3%	
	Artegy	France	Full	100.0%	83.0%		Full	100.0%	83.0%	
	BNL Leasing SPA	Italy	Full	100.0%	95.5%		Full	100.0%	95.5%	
	BNPP 3 Step IT	France	Full	51.0%	42.3%		Full	51.0%	42.3%	
	BNPP 3 Step IT (Belgium branch)	Belgium	Full	51.0%	42.3%		Full	51.0%	42.3%	
	BNPP 3 Step IT (Germany branch)	Germany	Full	51.0%	42.3%		Full	51.0%	42.3%	
	BNPP 3 Step IT (Italy branch)	Italy	Full	51.0%			Full	51.0%	42.3%	
	BNPP 3 Step IT (Netherlands branch)	Netherlands	Full	51.0%			Full	51.0%	42.3%	
	BNPP 3 Step IT (United Kingdom branch)	UK	Full	51.0%			Full	51.0%	42.3%	
	BNPP Finansal Kiralama AS	Turkey	Full	100.0%			Full	100.0%	82.5%	
	BNPP Lease Group	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	83.0%	
	BNPP Lease Group (Germany branch)	Germany	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	83.0%	
	BNPP Lease Group (Italy branch)	Italy	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	83.0%	
	BNPP Lease Group (Portugal branch)	Portugal	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	83.0%	
	BNPP Lease Group (Spain branch)	Spain	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	83.0%	
	BNPP Lease Group Belgium	Belgium	Full	100.0%			Full	100.0%	83.0%	
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	BNPP Lease Group GmbH & Co KG	Austria	5.0	400.000	05.50/	S4	Full	100.0%		
	BNPP Lease Group Leasing Solutions SPA	Italy	Full		95.5%		Full	100.0%		
	BNPP Lease Group PLC	UK	Full	100.0%	83.0%		Full	100.0%	83.0%	
	BNPP Lease Group Rentals Ltd	UK				S1	Full	100.0%		
	BNPP Lease Group SP ZOO	Poland	Full	100.0%			Full	100.0%	83.0%	
	BNPP Leasing Services	Poland	Full	100.0%		V3	Full	100.0%	88.7%	
	BNPP Leasing Solution AS	Norway	Full	100.0%			Full	100.0%	83.0%	
	BNPP Leasing Solutions	Luxemburg	Full	100.0%			Full	100.0%	83.0%	
	BNPP Leasing Solutions AB	Sweden	Full	100.0%		E1				
	BNPP Leasing Solutions IFN SA	Romania	Full	100.0%			Full	100.0%		
	BNPP Leasing Solutions Ltd	UK	Full	100.0%			Full	100.0%		
	BNPP Leasing Solutions NV	Netherlands	Full	100.0%	83.0%		Full	100.0%	83.0%	
	BNPP Leasing Solutions Suisse SA	Switzerland	Full	100.0%	83.0%		Full	100.0%	83.0%	
	BNPP Rental Solutions Ltd	UK	Full	100.0%	83.0%		Full	100.0%	83.0%	
	BNPP Rental Solutions SPA	Italy	Full	100.0%	83.0%		Full	100.0%	83.0%	
	Claas Financial Services	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%	42.3%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%	42.3%	
	Claas Financial Services (Germany branch)	Germany	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%	42.3%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%	42.3%	

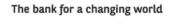
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Business	Name	Country	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.
	Claas Financial Services (Italy branch)	Italy	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%	42.3%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%	42.3%	
	Claas Financial Services (Poland branch)	Poland	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%	42.3%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%	42.3%	
	Claas Financial Services (Spain branch)	Spain	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%	42.3%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%	42.3%	
	Claas Financial Services Ltd	UK	Full	51.0%	42.3%		Full	51.0%	42.3%	
	CMV Mediforce	France								S4
	CNH Industrial Capital Europe	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	50.1%	41.6%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	50.1%	41.6%	
	CNH Industrial Capital Europe (Belgium branch)	Belgium	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	50.1%	41.6%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	50.1%	41.6%	
	CNH Industrial Capital Europe (Germany branch)	Germany	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	50.1%	41.6%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	50.1%	41.6%	
	CNH Industrial Capital Europe (Italy branch)	Italy	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	50.1%	41.6%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	50.1%	41.6%	
	CNH Industrial Capital Europe (Poland branch)	Poland	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	50.1%	41.6%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	50.1%	41.6%	
	CNH Industrial Capital Europe (Spain branch)	Spain	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	50.1%	41.6%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	50.1%	41.6%	
	CNH Industrial Capital Europe BV	Netherlands	Full	100.0%	41.6%		Full	100.0%	41.6%	
	CNH Industrial Capital Europe GmbH	Austria	Full	100.0%	41.6%		Full	100.0%	41.6%	
	CNH Industrial Capital Europe Ltd	UK	Full	100.0%	41.6%		Full	100.0%	41.6%	
	Commercial Vehicle Finance Ltd	UK								S1
	ES Finance	Belgium	Full	100.0%	99.9%		Full	100.0%	99.9%	
	FL Zeebrugge <sup>s</sup>	Belgium	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	Folea Grundstucksverwaltungs und Vermietungs Gmbh & Cos	Germany	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	Fortis Lease	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	83.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	83.0%	
	Fortis Lease Belgium	Belgium	Full	100.0%	83.0%		Full	100.0%	83.0%	
	Fortis Lease Deutschland GmbH	Germany	Full	100.0%	83.0%		Full	100.0%	83.0%	
	Fortis Lease Iberia SA	Spain	Full	100.0%	86.6%		Full	100.0%	86.6%	
	Fortis Lease Portugal	Portugal	Full	100.0%	83.0%		Full	100.0%	83.0%	
	Fortis Lease UK Ltd	UK	Full	100.0%	83.0%		Full	100.0%	83.0%	
	Fortis Vastgoedlease BV	Netherlands	Full	100.0%	83.0%		Full	100.0%	83.0%	
	Heffiq Heftruck Verhuur BV	Netherlands	Full	50.1%	41.5%		Full	50.1%	41.5%	
	JCB Finance	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	41.6%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	41.6%	
	JCB Finance (Germany branch)	Germany	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	41.6%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	41.6%	
	JCB Finance (Italy branch)	Italy	Full <sup>(1)</sup>		41.6%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>		41.6%	
	JCB Finance Holdings Ltd	UK	Full		41.6%		Full		41.6%	
	Manitou Finance Ltd	UK	Full	51.0%	42.3%		Full	51.0%		
	MGF	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%	42.3%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%		
	MGF (Germany branch)	Germany	Full <sup>(1)</sup>		42.3%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>		42.3%	E:
	MGF (Italy branch)	Italy	Full <sup>(1)</sup>				Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%		E2
	Natio Energie 2	France	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	Natiocredibail	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>		100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>		100.0%	
	Pixel 2021 <sup>1</sup>	France	Full	100.070	-	E2	· un ·	.50.070	. 20.070	
	RD Leasing IFN SA	Romania	Tull			S4	Full	100.09/	83.0%	
	Same Deutz Fahr Finance	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.00	83.0%	34	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%		
	SNC Natiocredimurs	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>		100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>		100.0%	
			rull''	100.0%	100.0%		rulky	100.0%	100.0%	
Digital Design	UCB Bail 2	France								S
Digital Businesses		F	E.J.	05.00	0E 00'		FII	05.00	05.001	
	Financière des Paiements Electroniques	France	Full	95.0%	95.0%		Full	95.0%	95.0%	

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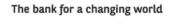
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Business	Name	Country	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.
	Financière des Paiements Electroniques (Portugal branch)	Portugal	Full	95.0%	95.0%	E2		'		
	Financière des Paiements Electroniques (Spain branch)	Spain	Full	95.0%	95.0%		Full	95.0%	95.0%	
	Lyf SA	France	Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	43.8%	43.8%		Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	43.8%	43.8%	
	Lyf SAS	France	Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	49.1%	49.1%		Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	49.1%	49.1%	V4
ersonal Investors										
	Espresso Financial Services Private Limited (Ex- Sharekhan Comtrade Private Limited)	India	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	E1
	Geojit Technologies Private Ltd	India	Equity	35.0%	35.0%		Equity	35.0%	35.0%	
	Human Value Developers Private Ltd	India	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Sharekhan BNPP Financial Services Ltd	India	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Sharekhan Commodities Private Ltd	India								S3
	Sharekhan Ltd	India	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
NTERNATIONAL FINA	ANCIAL SERVICES									
NP Paribas Personal	Finance									
	Alpha Crédit SA	Belgium	Full	100.0%	99.9%		Full	100.0%	99.9%	
	AutoFlorence 1 SRL <sup>†</sup>	Italy	Full		-		Full	-	-	
	AutoFlorence 2 SRL <sup>t</sup>	Italy	Full	-	-	E2				
	Autonoria 2019 <sup>t</sup>	France	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	Autonoria Spain 2019 <sup>t</sup>	Spain	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	Autonoria Spain 2021 FT <sup>t</sup>	Spain	Full			E2				
	Autop Ocean Indien	France	Full	100.0%	97.8%		Full	100.0%	97.8%	
	Axa Banque Financement	France	Equity	35.0%			Equity	35.0%		
	Banco BNPP Personal Finance SA	Portugal	Equity	00.070	00.070		Equity	00.070	00.070	S4
	Banco Cetelem SA	Spain	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	0.
	Banco Cetelem SA	Brazil	Full	100.0%			Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BGN Mercantil E Servicos Ltda		Full				Full			
		Brazil		100.0%				100.0%		
	BNPP Personal Finance	France	Full	100.0%			Full		100.0%	
	BNPP Personal Finance (Austria branch)	Austria	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	BNPP Personal Finance (Bulgaria branch)	Bulgaria	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	BNPP Personal Finance (Czech Republic branch)	Czech Rep.	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	BNPP Personal Finance (Portugal branch)	Portugal	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	E2
	BNPP Personal Finance (Romania branch)	Romania	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Personal Finance (Slovakia branch)	Slovakia	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Personal Finance BV	Netherlands	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Personal Finance South Africa Ltd	South Africa	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cafineo	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%	50.8%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%	50.8%	
	Carrefour Banque	France	Equity	40.0%	40.0%		Equity	40.0%	40.0%	
	Central Europe Technologies SRL	Romania	Full	100.0%	100.0%	E1				
	Cetelem Algérie	Algeria				S1	Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cetelem America Ltda	Brazil	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cetelem Bank LLC	Russia								S2
	Cetelem Gestion AIE	Spain	Full	100.0%	96.0%		Full	100.0%	96.0%	
	Cetelem SA de CV	Mexico	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cetelem Servicios Informaticos AIE	Spain	Full	100.0%	81.0%		Full	100.0%	81.0%	
	Cetelem Servicios SA de CV	Mexico	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	

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Business	Name	Country	Method	Voting (%)	nterest (%)	Ref.	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.
	Cetelem Servicos Ltda	Brazil	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	•
	Cofica Bail	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cofinoga Funding Two LP <sup>s</sup>	UK				S1	Full	-	-	
	Cofiplan	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Creation Consumer Finance Ltd	UK	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Creation Financial Services Ltd	UK	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Crédit Moderne Antilles Guyane	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Crédit Moderne Océan Indien	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	97.8%	97.8%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	97.8%	97.8%	
	Domofinance	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	55.0%	55.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	55.0%	55.0%	
	Domos 2011 <sup>t</sup>	France								S1
	Domos 2017 <sup>t</sup>	France	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	E Carat 10 <sup>t</sup>	France	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	E Carat 6 PLC <sup>t</sup>	UK								S1
	E Carat 7 PLC!	UK				S3	Full	-	-	
	E Carat 8 PLC <sup>t</sup>	UK				S3	Full	-	-	
	E Carat 9 PLC <sup>t</sup>	UK				S3	Full	-		
	E Carat 10 PLC <sup>t</sup>	UK	Full				Full	-		
	E Carat 11 PLC <sup>t</sup>	UK	Full				Full			E1
	E Carat 12 PLC <sup>t</sup>	UK	Full		_	E2	1 201			
	E Carat SA <sup>†</sup>	Luxemburg	T dii			S3	Full			
	Ekspres Bank AS	Denmark	Full	100.0%	100.0%	- 55	Full		100.0%	
	Ekspres Bank AS (Norway branch)	Norway	Full		100.0%		Full	100.0%		
	Ekspres Bank AS (Sweden branch)	Sweden	Full				Full			
					100.0%			100.0%		
	Eos Aremas Belgium SA NV	Belgium	Equity	50.0%	49.9%	F2	Equity	50.0%	49.9%	
	Evollis	France	Equity	41.0%	41.0%	E3		400.00	100.00/	
	Findomestic Banca SPA	Italy	Full		100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Florence Real Estate Developments SPA	Italy	Full	100.0%	100.0%	E1				
	Florence SPV SRL <sup>1</sup>	Italy	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	GCC Consumo Establecimiento Financiero de Credito SA	Spain	Full		51.0%		Full		51.0%	
	Genius Auto Finance Co Ltd	China	Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	20.0%			Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	20.0%	20.0%	
	International Development Resources AS Services SA	Spain	Full	100.0%	100.0%	E1				
	Iqera Services (Ex- Effico)	France	Equity	24.5%	24.5%		Equity	24.5%	24.5%	
	Laser ABS 2017 Holding Ltd	UK								S3
	Laser ABS 2017 PLC <sup>t</sup>	UK								S3
	Leval 20	France								S4
	Loisirs Finance	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%	51.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	51.0%	51.0%	
	Magyar Cetelem Bank ZRT	Hungary	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Neuilly Contentieux	France	Full	95.9%	95.6%		Full	95.9%	95.6%	V3
	Noria 2018-1 <sup>t</sup>	France	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	Noria 2020 <sup>t</sup>	France	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	E2
	Noria 2021 <sup>t</sup>	France	Full	-	-	E2				
	Noria Spain 2020 FT <sup>t</sup>	Spain	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	E2
	Norrsken Finance	France								S4
	Olympia SAS	France				S3	Full	50.0%	50.0%	

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Business	Name	Country	Method	Voting I (%)	nterest (%)	Ref.	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.
	Oney Magyarorszag ZRT	Hungary		•						S2
	Opel Bank	France	Full	50.0%	50.0%		Full	50.0%	50.0%	
	Opel Bank (Austria branch)	Austria	Full	50.0%	50.0%		Full	50.0%	50.0%	E2
	Opel Bank (Germany branch)	Germany	Full	50.0%	50.0%		Full	50.0%	50.0%	
	Opel Bank (Greece branch)	Greece				S1	Full	50.0%	50.0%	
	Opel Bank (Italy branch)	Italy	Full	50.0%	50.0%		Full	50.0%	50.0%	
	Opel Bank (Spain branch)	Spain	Full	50.0%	50.0%		Full	50.0%	50.0%	
	Opel Finance BV	Belgium	Full	100.0%	50.0%		Full	100.0%	50.0%	
	Opel Finance International BV	Netherlands								S4
	Opel Finance NV	Netherlands	Full	100.0%	50.0%		Full	100.0%	50.0%	
	Opel Finance SA	Switzerland	Full	100.0%	50.0%		Full	100.0%	50.0%	
	Opel Leasing GmbH	Germany								S4
	Opel Leasing GmbH (Austria branch)	Austria								S4
	Personal Finance Location	France	Full	100.0%	100.0%	E1				
	PF Services GmbH	Germany	Full	100.0%	100.0%	E1				
	Phedina Hypotheken 2010 BV <sup>t</sup>	Netherlands	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	Projeo	France								S4
	RCS Botswana Pty Ltd	Botswana	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	E1
	RCS Cards Pty Ltd	South Africa	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	RCS Investment Holdings Namibia Pty Ltd	Namibia	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	E1
	Securitisation funds UCI and RMBS Prado (b) <sup>t</sup>	Spain	Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-		Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	-	-	
	Servicios Financieros Carrefour EFC SA	Spain	Equity	37.3%	40.0%		Equity	37.3%	40.0%	
	Solfinéa	France				S3	Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	45.0%	45.0%	
	Suning Consumer Finance Co Ltd	China	Equity	15.0%	15.0%		Equity	15.0%	15.0%	
	Sygma Fundings Two Ltd	UK				S3	Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Symag	France				S2	Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	TEB Finansman AS	Turkey	Full	100.0%	92.8%		Full	100.0%	92.8%	
	Union de Creditos Inmobiliarios SA	Spain	Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	50.0%	50.0%		Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	50.0%	50.0%	
	United Partnership	France	Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	50.0%	50.0%		Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	50.0%	50.0%	
	Vauxhall Finance PLC	UK	Full	100.0%	50.0%		Full	100.0%	50.0%	
	XFERA Consumer Finance EFC SA	Spain	Full	51.0%	51.0%		Full	51.0%		E1
	Zhejiang Wisdom Puhua Financial Leasing Co Ltd	China	Equity <sup>(3)</sup>		20.0%	E3				
rnational Retail Bar	nking - BancWest									
	BancWest Holding Inc	USA	Full	100.0%	100.0%	D2	Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BancWest Holding Inc Grantor Trust ERC Subaccount <sup>s</sup>	USA	Full	-	-	D2	Full	-		
	Bancwest Holding Inc Umbrella Trust <sup>s</sup>	USA	Full	-	-	D2	Full	-	-	E2
	BancWest Investment Services Inc	USA	Full		100.0%	D2	Full		100.0%	
	Bank of the West	USA	Full		100.0%	D2	Full		100.0%	
	Bank of the West Auto Trust 2018-1 <sup>t</sup>	USA	Full	-	-	D2	Full		-	
	Bank of the West Auto Trust 2019-1 <sup>1</sup>	USA	Full	-	-	D2	Full			
	Bank of the West Auto Trust 2019-2 <sup>1</sup>	USA	Full		_	D2	Full		-	
	BNPP Leasing Solutions Canada Inc	Canada	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
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	BOW Auto Receivables LLC <sup>t</sup>	USA								

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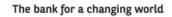
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Business	Name	Country	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.
	BWC Opportunity Fund Inc <sup>t</sup>	USA	Full	-	-	D2	Full	-	-	
	CFB Community Development Corp	USA	Full	100.0%	100.0%	D2	Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Claas Financial Services LLC	USA	Full	51.0%	51.0%	D2	Full	51.0%	51.0%	
	Commercial Federal Affordable Housing Inc	USA	Full	100.0%	100.0%	D2	Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Commercial Federal Community Development Corp	USA				S1	Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Commercial Federal Insurance Corp	USA				S1	Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Commercial Federal Investment Service Inc	USA				S1	Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	First Santa Clara Corp <sup>s</sup>	USA	Full	-	-	D2	Full	-	-	
	Liberty Leasing Co	USA				S1	Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	United California Bank Deferred Compensation Plan Trust <sup>s</sup>	USA	Full	-	-	D2	Full	-	-	E2
	Ursus Real Estate Inc	USA	Full	100.0%	100.0%	D2	Full	100.0%	100.0%	
nternational Retail Ban	king - Europe Mediterranean									
	Bank of Nanjing	China	Equity	15.0%	15.0%	V1	Equity	14.0%	14.0%	V3
	Banque Internationale pour le Commerce et l'Industrie de la Côte d'Ivoire	Ivory Coast	Full	59.8%	59.8%		Full	59.8%	59.8%	
	Banque Internationale pour le Commerce et l'Industrie de la Guinée	Guinea				S2	Full	55.6%	55.6%	
	Banque Internationale pour le Commerce et l'Industrie du Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso				S2	Full	51.0%	51.0%	
	Banque Internationale pour le Commerce et l'Industrie du Gabon	Gabon								S2
	Banque Internationale pour le Commerce et l'Industrie du Mali	Mali								S2
	Banque Internationale pour le Commerce et l'Industrie du Sénégal	Senegal	Full	54.1%	54.1%		Full	54.1%	54.1%	
	Banque Marocaine pour le Commerce et l'Industrie	Morocco	Full	67.0%	67.0%		Full	67.0%	67.0%	
	Banque Marocaine pour le Commerce et l'Industrie Banque Offshore	Morocco	Full	100.0%	67.0%		Full	100.0%	67.0%	
	Banque pour l'Industrie et le Commerce des Comores	Comoros								S2
	Bantas Nakit AS	Turkey	Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	33.3%	16.7%		Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	33.3%	16.7%	
	BDSI	Morocco	Full	100.0%	96.4%		Full	100.0%	96.4%	
	BGZ Poland ABS1 DAC <sup>1</sup>	Ireland	Full	-	_		Full		-	
	BICI Bourse	Ivory Coast	Full	90.0%	52.0%	V4	Full	90.0%	51.6%	V3
	BMCI Leasing	Morocco	Full	86.9%			Full	86.9%		
	BNPP Bank Polska SA	Poland	Full		87.4%	V3	Full	88.8%		
	BNPP El Djazair	Algeria	Full	100.0%	100.0%	*5	Full	100.0%		
	BNPP Faktoring Spolka ZOO	Poland	Full	100.0%			Full		100.0%	
	• .									
	BNPP Fortis Yatirimlar Holding AS	Turkey	Full	100.0%	99.9%		Full	100.0%		
	BNPP IRB Participations	France	Full	100.0%	100.0%	1/2	Full	100.0%		
	BNPP Solutions Spolka ZOO	Poland	Full	100.0%	87.4%	V3	Full	100.0%		
	BNPP Yatirimlar Holding AS	Turkey	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%		
	Joint Stock Company Ukrsibbank	Ukraine	Full	60.0%	60.0%		Full	60.0%	60.0%	
	TEB ARF Teknoloji Anonim Sirketi	Turkey	Full	100.0%		E2				
	TEB Faktoring AS	Turkey	Full	100.0%	72.5%		Full	100.0%		
	TEB Holding AS	Turkey	Full	50.0%	50.0%		Full	50.0%	50.0%	
	TEB Portfoy Yonetimi AS	Turkey								S3
	TEB SH A	Serbia	Full	100.0%	50.0%		Full	100.0%	50.0%	
	TEB Yatirim Menkul Degerler AS	Turkey	Full	100.0%	72.5%		Full	100.0%	72.5%	
	Turk Ekonomi Bankasi AS	Turkey	Full	100.0%	72.5%		Full	100.0%	72.5%	
	Union Bancaire pour le Commerce et l'Industrie	Tunisia				S2	Full	50.1%	50.1%	

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Business	Name	Country	Method	Voting I (%)	nterest (%)	Ref.	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.
Insurance										
	AEW Immocommercial <sup>s</sup>	France	FV	-	-		FV			
	AG Insurance	Belgium	Equity	25.0%	25.0%		Equity	25.0%	25.0%	
	Agathe Retail France	France	FV	33.3%	33.3%		FV	33.3%	33.3%	
	Ambrosia Avril 2025s	France				S1	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	•		
	Ambrosia Mars 2026 <sup>s</sup>	France				S1	Full <sup>(4)</sup>			
	Astridplaza	Belgium	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.5%	V4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	Batipart Participations SAS	Luxemburg	FV	29.7%	29.7%		FV	29.7%	5 29.7%	
	Becquerels	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>		-	E1
	BNPP Actions Croissance <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>		-	
	BNPP Actions Entrepreneurs <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>			
	BNPP Actions Euros	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>		-	
	BNPP Actions Monde <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>			
	BNPP Actions PME <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>		-	
	BNPP Actions PME ETIS	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	E1	10			
	BNPP Aqua <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>			
	BNPP Best Selection Actions Euros	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>			
	BNPP Cardif	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	BNPP Cardif BV	Netherlands	Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	BNPP Cardif Compania de Seguros y Reaseguros SA	Peru	Equity *		100.0%		Equity *	100.0%		
	BNPP Cardif Emeklilik AS	Turkey	Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	BNPP Cardif General Insurance Co Ltd	Rep. of Korea	Equity *	94.5%	94.5%	V4	Equity *	92.5%		V4
	BNPP Cardif Hayat Sigorta AS	Turkey	Equity *	100.0%	100.0%		Equity *	100.0%		
	BNPP Cardif Levensverzekeringen NV	Netherlands				S4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	BNPP Cardif Livforsakring AB	Sweden	Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%	D1	Equity *	100.0%		
	BNPP Cardif Livforsakring AB (Denmark branch)	Denmark	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	D1	Equity *	100.0%		
	BNPP Cardif Livforsakring AB (Norway branch)	Norway	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		D1	Equity *		5 100.0%	
	BNPP Cardif Pojistovna AS	Czech Rep.	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP Cardif Schadeverzekeringen NV	Netherlands				S4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	BNPP Cardif Seguros de Vida SA	Chile	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	BNPP Cardif Seguros Generales SA	Chile	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	BNPP Cardif Services SRO	Czech Rep.	Equity *	100.0%			Equity *	100.0%		E1
	BNPP Cardif Servicios y Asistencia Ltda	Chile	Equity *		100.0%		Equity *	100.0%		
	BNPP Cardif Sigorta AS	Turkey	Equity *	100.0%			Equity *		5 100.0%	
	BNPP Cardif TCB Life Insurance Co Ltd	Taiwan	Equity		49.0%		Equity	49.0%		
	BNPP Cardif Vita Compagnia di Assicurazione E Riassicurazione SPA	Italy	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	5 100.0%	
	BNPP Convictions <sup>S</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>			
	BNPP CP Cardif Alternative <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>			
	BNPP CP Cardif Private Debt <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>			
	BNPP CP Infrastructure Investments Fund <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>			
	BNPP Deep Value <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>			
	BNPP Développement Humain <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>			
	BNPP Diversipierre <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-		

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Business	Name	Country	Method	Voting Interest (%)	Ref.	Method	Voting (%)	nterest (%)	Ref.
	BNPP European SME Debt Fund 2 SCSP RAIF <sup>s</sup>	Luxemburg	Full <sup>(4)</sup>		E1				
	BNPP Europe High Conviction Bonds	France			S1	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	
	BNPP France Crédit <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	
	BNPP Global Senior Corporate Loans <sup>5</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>			Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	
	BNPP Indice Amerique du Nord <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>			Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	
	BNPP Indice Euros	France			S3	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	E1
	BNPP Indice France <sup>s</sup>	France				- ::(0			S3
	BNPP Midcap France <sup>s</sup>	France	- u(A)		S3	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	
	BNPP Moderate Focus Italias	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>			Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	
	BNPP Monétaire Assurance <sup>5</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>			Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	E1
	BNPP Multistratégies Protection 80s	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>		F1	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	
	BNPP Next Techs  BNPP Protection Mondes	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>		E1	Full <sup>(4)</sup>			
			Full <sup>(4)</sup>			Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	
	BNPP Selection Dynamique Mondes	France		<u> </u>			-	-	
	BNPP Sélection Flexibles	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	<u> </u>		Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	
	BNPP Smallcap Eurolands	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>			Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	F1
	BNPP Social Business Frances	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	 E0.00/ E0.00/		Full <sup>(4)</sup>	- - -	- E0.00/	E1
	BOB Cardif Life Insurance Co Ltd	China	Equity	50.0% 50.0%		Equity	50.0%	50.0%	
	C Santés	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	
	Camgestion Obliflexible <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-		
	Capital France Hotel	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	98.5% 98.5%	V4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	98.4%		
	Cardif Alternatives Part Is	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	
	Cardif Assurance Vie	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	Cardif Assurance Vie (Austria branch)	Austria	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	Cardif Assurance Vie (Belgium branch)	Belgium	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Assurance Vie (Bulgaria branch)	Bulgaria	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	Cardif Assurance Vie (Germany branch)	Germany	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	Cardif Assurance Vie (Italy branch)	Italy	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>			
	Cardif Assurance Vie (Netherlands branch)	Netherlands	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		E2
	Cardif Assurance Vie (Portugal branch)	Portugal	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	Cardif Assurance Vie (Romania branch)	Romania	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	Cardif Assurance Vie (Spain branch)	Spain	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	Cardif Assurance Vie (Switzerland branch)	Switzerland	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Assurance Vie (Taiwan branch)	Taiwan	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	Cardif Assurances Risques Divers	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	Cardif Assurances Risques Divers (Austria branch)	Austria	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	Cardif Assurances Risques Divers (Belgium branch)	Belgium	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	Cardif Assurances Risques Divers (Bulgaria branch)	Bulgaria	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Assurances Risques Divers (Germany branch)	Germany	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		
	Cardif Assurances Risques Divers (Italy branch)	Italy	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Assurances Risques Divers (Luxemburg branch)	Luxemburg	100			400			S1
	Cardif Assurances Risques Divers (Netherlands branch)	Netherlands	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		E2
	Cardif Assurances Risques Divers (Poland branch)	Poland	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	

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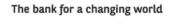
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Business	Name	Country	Method	Voting I (%)	nterest (%)	Ref.	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.
	Cardif Assurances Risques Divers (Portugal branch)	Portugal	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Assurances Risques Divers (Romania branch)	Romania	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Assurances Risques Divers (Spain branch)	Spain	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Assurances Risques Divers (Switzerland branch)	Switzerland	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Assurances Risques Divers (Taiwan branch)	Taiwan	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Biztosito Magyarorszag ZRT	Hungary	Equity *	100.0%	100.0%		Equity *	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif BNPP AM Emerging Bonds	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>		-	E1
	Cardif BNPP AM Frontier Markets <sup>s</sup>	France								S3
	Cardif BNPP AM Global Senior Corporate Loans <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	
	Cardif BNPP IP Convertibles World <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>		=	
	Cardif BNPP IP Signatures <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	
	Cardif BNPP IP Smid Cap Euro <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>		-	
	Cardif BNPP IP Smid Cap Europe <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	E1				
	Cardif Colombia Seguros Generales SA	Colombia	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif CPR Global Return <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>		-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>		-	
	Cardif do Brasil Seguros e Garantias SA	Brazil	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif do Brasil Vida e Previdencia SA	Brazil	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Edrim Signatures <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>		=	
	Cardif El Djazair	Algeria	Equity *	100.0%	100.0%		Equity *	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Forsakring AB	Sweden	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		D1	Equity *	100.0%		
	Cardif Forsakring AB (Denmark branch)	Denmark	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		D1	Equity *		100.0%	
	Cardif Forsakring AB (Norway branch)	Norway	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	D1	Equity *	100.0%		
	Cardif IARD	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	66.0%	66.0%	D1	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	66.0%		
							Full <sup>(2)</sup>			
	Cardif Insurance Co LLC	Russia	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%					100.0%	
	Cardif Life Insurance Co Ltd	Rep. of Korea	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	85.0%	85.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	85.0%		
	Cardif Life Insurance Japan	Japan	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	75.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	75.0%		
	Cardif Ltda	Brazil	Equity *	100.0%			Equity *		100.0%	
	Cardif Lux Vie	Luxemburg	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	88.6%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>		88.6%	
	Cardif Mexico Seguros de Vida SA de CV	Mexico	Equity *	100.0%	100.0%		Equity *	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Mexico Seguros Generales SA de CV	Mexico	Equity *	100.0%	100.0%		Equity *	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Non Life Insurance Japan	Japan	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	75.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	75.0%	
	Cardif Nordic AB	Sweden	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Pinnacle Insurance Holdings PLC	UK	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Pinnacle Insurance Management Services PLC	UK	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Polska Towarzystwo Ubezpieczen Na Zycie SA	Poland	Equity *	100.0%	100.0%		Equity *	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Seguros SA	Argentina	Equity *	100.0%	100.0%	D1	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Services AEIE	Portugal	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Servicios SA	Argentina								S3
	Cardif Servicios SAC	Peru	Equity *	100.0%	100.0%		Equity *	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cardif Vita Convex Fund Eur <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>		-	
	Cardimmo	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cargeas Assicurazioni SPA	Italy				S2	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Carma Grand Horizon SARL	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cedrus Carbon Initiative Trends <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>		-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>		-	

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	CFH Algonquin Management Partners France Italia	Italy	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.5%	V4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.4%	
	CFH Bercy	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.5%	V4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.4%	
	CFH Bercy Hotel	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.5%	V4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.4%	
	CFH Bercy Intermédiaire	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.5%	V4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.4%	
	CFH Berlin Holdco SARL	Luxemburg	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.5%	E2				
	CFH Boulogne	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.5%	V4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.4%	
	CFH Cap d'Ail	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.5%	V4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.4%	
	CFH Milan Holdco SRL	Italy	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.5%	V4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.4%	
	CFH Montmartre	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.5%	V4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.4%	
	CFH Montparnasse	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.5%	V4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.4%	
	Corosa	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Darnell DAC	Ireland	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Défense CB3 SAS	France	FV	25.0%	25.0%		FV	25.0%	25.0%	
	Diversipierre DVP 1	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	88.7%	E1				
	Diversipierre Germany GmbH	Germany	Equity *	100.0%	88.7%	E1				
	DVP European Channel	France	Equity *	100.0%	88.7%	E1				
	DVP Green Clover	France	Equity *	100.0%	88.7%	E1				
	DVP Haussmann	France	Equity *	100.0%	88.7%	E1				
	DVP Heron	France	Equity *	100.0%	88.7%	E1				
	Eclair <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>		-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	
	Elegia Septembre 2028 <sup>s</sup>	France				S1	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	E
	EP L <sup>S</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	
	EP1 Grands Moulins <sup>s</sup>	France	Equity *	-	-		Equity *	-	-	E
	FDI Poncelet	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	Е
	Fleur SAS	France	FV	33.3%	33.3%		FV	33.3%		
	Foncière Partenaires <sup>s</sup>	France	FV				FV			
	Fonds d'Investissements Immobiliers pour le Commerce et la	France	FV	25.0%	25.0%		FV	25.0%		
	Distribution  FP Cardif Convex Fund USD <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	20.070	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	201070		
	Fundamenta <sup>s</sup>	Italy	Full <sup>(2)</sup>				Full <sup>(2)</sup>			
	G C Thematic Opportunities IIs	Ireland	Full <sup>(2)</sup>				Full <sup>(2)</sup>			
	GIE BNPP Cardif	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	- 00.09/	99.9%	V2	Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%	
	GPinvest 10	France	FUILEY	50.0%	50.0%	E3	Full	100.076	100.076	
	Harewood Helena 2 Ltd	UK	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		LJ	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Hemisphere Holding	France	Equity	20.0%	20.0%	\//	Equity	20.0%		
	High Street Retail	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	90.5%	V4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%		,
	High Street Retail	France	EV.	// 70:	42.004	S2	FV	26.2%		٧
	Horizon Development GmbH	Germany	FV	66.7%		V3	FV	66.7%		
	lcare	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%	
	Icare Assurance	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	ID Cologne A1 GmbH	Germany	Equity *		74.1%	E3				
	ID Cologne A2 GmbH	Germany	Equity *	79.2%	74.1%	E3				
	Karapass Courtage	France	Equity *	100.0%	100.0%		Equity *	100.0%	100.0%	E
	Korian et Partenaires Immobilier 1	France	FV	24.5%	24.5%		FV	24.5%	24.5%	Е

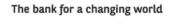
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	Korian et Partenaires Immobilier 2	France	FV	24.5%	24.5%		FV	24.5%	24.5%	E2
	Luizaseg	Brazil	Equity	50.0%	50.0%		Equity	50.0%	50.0%	
	Natio Assurance	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Natio Fonds Ampère 1 <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	
	Natio Fonds Athenes Investissement N 5s	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	
	Natio Fonds Colline International <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	
	Natio Fonds Collines Investissement N 1 <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	
	Natio Fonds Collines Investissement N 3 <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	
	NCVP Participacoes Societarias SA	Brazil	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	New Alpha Cardif Incubator Fund <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	=	-	
	OC Health Real Estate GmbH	Germany	FV	35.0%	31.0%	E3				
	Opéra Rendement <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	
	Paris Management Consultant Co Ltd	Taiwan	Equity *	100.0%	100.0%		Equity *	100.0%	100.0%	
	Permal Cardif Co Investment Funds	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	
	Pinnacle Insurance PLC	UK	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Poistovna Cardif Slovakia AS	Slovakia	Equity *	100.0%	100.0%		Equity *	100.0%	100.0%	
	Preim Healthcare SAS <sup>s</sup>	France	FV	-	-		FV	-	-	
	PWH	France	FV	47.5%	47.5%		FV	47.5%	47.5%	V4
	Reumal Investissements	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Rubin SARL	Luxemburg	FV	50.0%	50.0%		FV	50.0%	50.0%	
	Rueil Ariane	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	SAS HVP	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.5%	V4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	98.4%	
	Schroder European Operating Hotels Fund 1s	Luxemburg	FV	-	-	E1				
	SCI 68/70 rue de Lagny - Montreuil	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	SCI Alpha Park	France	FV	50.0%	50.0%		FV	50.0%	50.0%	
	Sci Batipart Chadesrent	France	FV		20.0%	E2				
	SCI Biv Malakoff	France	FV	23.3%		E3				
	SCI BNPP Pierre I	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	SCI BNPP Pierre II	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%	
	SCI Bobigny Jean Rostand	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%	
	SCI Bouleragny	France	FV		50.0%		FV	50.0%		
	SCI Cardif Logement	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%	
	SCI Citylight Boulogne	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%	
	SCI Clichy Nuovo	France	FV		50.0%		FV	50.0%		
	SCI Défense Etoile	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%	
	SCI Défense Vendôme	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%	
	SCI Etoile du Nord	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%	
	SCI Fontenay Plaisance	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%	
	SCI Imefa Velizy	France	FV	21.8%			FV		21.8%	
	SCI Le Mans Gare	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%	
	SCI Liberté	France	_ (0)			S2	FV	50.0%		
	SCI Nanterre Guilleraies	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%	
	SCI Nantes Carnot	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%	
	SCI Odyssée	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	

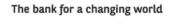
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	SCI Pantin Les Moulins	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	SCI Paris Batignolles	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	SCI Paris Cours de Vincennes	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	SCI Paris Grande Armée	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	E2
	SCI Paris Turenne	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	SCI Portes de Claye	France	Equity	45.0%	45.0%		Equity	45.0%	45.0%	
	SCI Rue Moussorgski	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	SCI Rueil Caudron	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	SCI Saint Denis Landy	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	SCI Saint Denis Mitterrand	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	SCI Saint-Denis Jade	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	SCI SCOO	France	Equity	46.4%	46.4%		Equity	46.4%	46.4%	
	SCI Vendôme Athènes	France	FV	50.0%	50.0%		FV	50.0%	50.0%	
	SCI Villeurbanne Stalingrad	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Secar	France	FV	55.1%	55.1%		FV	55.1%	55.1%	
	Seniorenzentren Deutschland Holding SARL	Luxemburg	FV	20.0%	17.7%		FV	20.0%	17.7%	
	Seniorenzentren Reinbeck Oberursel München Objekt GmbH	Germany	FV	35.0%	31.0%		FV	35.0%	31.0%	
	Seniorenzentrum Butzbach Objekt GmbH	Germany	FV	35.0%	31.0%		FV	35.0%	31.0%	
	Seniorenzentrum Heilbronn Objekt GmbH	Germany	FV	35.0%	31.0%		FV	35.0%	31.0%	
	Seniorenzentrum Kassel Objekt GmbH	Germany	FV	35.0%	31.0%		FV	35.0%	31.0%	
	Seniorenzentrum Wolfratshausen Objekt GmbH	Germany	FV	35.0%	31.0%		FV	35.0%	31.0%	
	SNC Batipart Mermoz	France	FV	25.0%	25.0%	E2				
	SNC Batipart Poncelet	France	FV	25.0%	25.0%	V1	FV	23.3%	23.3%	E2
	Société Francaise d'Assurances sur la Vie	France	Equity	50.0%	50.0%		Equity	50.0%	50.0%	
	Société Immobilière du Royal Building SA	Luxemburg	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	88.6%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	88.6%	
	Tikehau Cardif Loan Europe <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	
	Valeur Pierre Epargne	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Valtitres FCPs	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	
	Velizy Holding	France	FV	33.3%	33.3%		FV	33.3%	33.3%	
	Vietcombank Cardif Life Insurance Co Ltd	Viet Nam								S2
Wealth Management										
	BNPP Wealth Management DIFC Ltd	United Arab Emirates	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	E1
	BNPP Wealth Management Monaco	Monaco	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
Asset Management										
	Alfred Berg Kapitalforvaltning AB	Sweden								S3
	Alfred Berg Kapitalforvaltning AS	Norway	Full	100.0%	98.2%		Full	100.0%	98.2%	
	Alfred Berg Kapitalforvaltning AS (Sweden branch)	Sweden	Full	100.0%	98.2%		Full	100.0%	98.2%	
	Bancoestado Administradora General de Fondos SA	Chile	Equity	50.0%	49.1%		Equity	50.0%	49.1%	
	BNPP AM International Hedged Strategies <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	E1				
	BNPP Asset Management Asia Ltd	Hong Kong	Full	100.0%	98.2%		Full	100.0%	98.2%	
	BNPP Asset Management Be Holding	Belgium	Full	100.0%	98.2%		Full	100.0%	98.2%	
	BNPP Asset Management Belgium	Belgium	Full	100.0%	98.2%		Full	100.0%		
	BNPP Asset Management Brasil Ltda	Brazil	Full	100.0%	99.5%		Full	100.0%		
	BNPP Asset Management France	France	Full	100.0%	98.2%		Full	100.0%		
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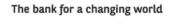
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	BNPP Asset Management France (Austria branch)	Austria	Full	100.0%	98.2%		Full	100.0%	98.2%	
	BNPP Asset Management France (Germany branch)	Germany	Full	100.0%	98.2%		Full	100.0%	98.2%	
	BNPP Asset Management France (Italy branch)	Italy	Full	100.0%	98.2%		Full	100.0%	98.2%	
	BNPP Asset Management France (Netherlands branch)	Netherlands	Full	100.0%	98.2%		Full	100.0%	98.2%	E2
	BNPP Asset Management Holding	France	Full	99.9%	98.2%		Full	99.9%	98.2%	
	BNPP Asset Management India Private Ltd	India	Full	100.0%	98.2%		Full	100.0%	98.2%	
	BNPP Asset Management Japan Ltd	Japan	Full	100.0%	98.2%		Full	100.0%	98.2%	
	BNPP Asset Management Luxembourg	Luxemburg	Full	99.7%	97.9%		Full	99.7%	97.9%	
	BNPP Asset Management Nederland NV	Netherlands				S4	Full	100.0%	98.2%	
	BNPP Asset Management NL Holding NV	Netherlands	Full	100.0%	98.2%		Full	100.0%	98.2%	
	BNPP Asset Management PT	Indonesia	Full	100.0%	98.2%		Full	100.0%	98.2%	
	BNPP Asset Management Services Grouping	France	Full	100.0%	98.2%		Full	100.0%	98.2%	
	BNPP Asset Management UK Ltd	UK	Full	100.0%	98.2%		Full	100.0%	98.2%	
	BNPP Asset Management USA Holdings Inc	USA	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Asset Management USA Inc	USA	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	BNPP B Control <sup>5</sup>	Belgium								S
	BNPP B Institutional II <sup>s</sup>	Belgium	Full <sup>(4)</sup>				Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-		
	BNPP Capital Partners	France	T dil			S4	Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Dealing Services	France	Full	100.0%	98.2%	34	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	98.2%	
			Full <sup>(4)</sup>				Full <sup>(4)</sup>	100.076	70.270	E
	BNPP Flexi IS	Luxemburg	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>			
	BNPP Funds <sup>S</sup>	Luxemburg	Fully	-	-	C2		-	-	
	BNPP L1s	Luxemburg	- ··(4)			S3	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	
	BNPP Multigestion <sup>s</sup>	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	E
	BNPP Perspectives <sup>s</sup>	France				S3	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	
	Drypnir AS	Norway	Full	100.0%			Full	100.0%	0.1%	Е
	EAB Group PLC	Finland	Equity	17.6%	17.3%		Equity	17.6%	17.3%	
	Fund Channel	Luxemburg								S
	Fundquest Advisor	France	Full	100.0%	98.2%		Full	100.0%	98.2%	
	Fundquest Advisor (United Kingdom branch)	UK	Full	100.0%	98.2%		Full	100.0%	98.2%	
	Gambit Financial Solutions	Belgium	Full	100.0%	98.2%	V1	Full	86.0%	84.4%	
	Groeivermogen NV	Netherlands				S3	Full	100.0%	98.2%	
	Haitong Fortis Private Equity Fund Management Co Ltd	China	Equity	33.0%	32.4%		Equity	33.0%	32.4%	
	Harewood Helena 1 Ltd	UK	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	HFT Investment Management Co Ltd	China	Equity	49.0%	48.1%		Equity	49.0%	48.1%	
	Impax Asset Management Group PLC	UK	Equity	13.8%	13.5%	V3	Equity	14.0%	13.7%	٧
	Parworld <sup>s</sup>	Luxemburg								S
	Services Epargne Entreprise	France	Equity	35.6%	35.6%		Equity	35.6%	35.6%	٧
	Shinhan BNPP Asset Management Co Ltd	Rep. of Korea				S2	Equity	35.0%	34.4%	
	SME Alternative Financing DACs	Ireland	Full		-		Full	-	-	
	Theam Quant <sup>s</sup>	Luxemburg	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	
Estate Services										
	Auguste Thouard Expertise	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Immobilier Promotion Immobilier d'Entreprise	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Immobilier Résidences Services	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>		100.0%	

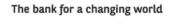
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	BNPP Immobilier Résidentiel	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	)%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Immobilier Résidentiel Service Clients	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	)%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	0%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate (United Arab Emirates branch)	United Arab Emirates	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	9%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Advisory & Property Management Luxembourg SA	Luxemburg	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	9%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Advisory & Property Management UK Ltd	UK	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	0%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Advisory and Property Management Ireland Ltd	Ireland	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	)%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Advisory Belgium SA	Belgium			S4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Advisory Italy SPA	Italy	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Advisory Netherlands BV	Netherlands	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	0%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Advisory SA	Romania							S2
	BNPP Real Estate APM CR SRO	Czech Rep.			S2	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Conseil Habitation & Hospitality	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	0%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Consult France	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	0%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Consult GmbH	Germany	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	0%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Facilities Management Ltd	UK	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	0%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Financial Partner	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	0%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate GmbH	Germany	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	0%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Holding Benelux SA	Belgium	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	0%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Holding GmbH	Germany	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	0%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Investment Management Belgium	Belgium	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	0%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Investment Management France	France	Full	100.0% 100.0	0%	Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Investment Management Germany GmbH	Germany	Full	94.9% 94.9	%	Full	94.9%	94.9%	
	BNPP Real Estate Investment Management Germany GmbH (Italy branch)	Italy	Full	94.9% 94.9	%	Full	94.9%	94.9%	
	BNPP Real Estate Investment Management Germany GmbH (Spain branch)	Spain	Full	94.9% 94.9	%	Full	94.9%	94.9%	
	BNPP Real Estate Investment Management Italy SPA	Italy	Full	100.0% 100.0	)%	Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Investment Management Ltd	UK	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	)%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Investment Management Luxembourg SA	Luxemburg	Full	100.0% 100.0	)%	Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Investment Management Spain SA	Spain	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	)%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Investment Management UK Ltd	UK	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	0%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Italy SRL	Italy	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	0%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Magyarorszag Tanacsado Es Ingatlankezelo ZRT	Hungary			S2	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Poland SP ZOO	Poland	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	0%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Portugal Unipersonal LDA	Portugal	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	)%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Property Development & Services GmbH	Germany	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	)%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Property Development UK Ltd	UK	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	)%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Property Developpement Italy SPA	Italy	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	)%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Property Management Belgium	Belgium			S4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Property Management France SAS	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	)%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Property Management GmbH	Germany	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	)%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Property Management Italy SRL	Italy	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	)%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Singapore Pte Ltd	Singapore	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	)%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Real Estate Spain SA	Spain	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0% 100.0	)%	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	

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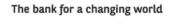
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Business	Name	Country	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.
	BNPP Real Estate Transaction France	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	96.6%	96.6%	V2	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	96.9%	96.9%	V1
	BNPP Real Estate Valuation France	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Cariboo Development SL	Spain	Equity	65.0%	65.0%		Equity	65.0%	65.0%	V2
	Construction-Sale Companies (c)	France	Full / Equity <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full / Equity <sup>(2)</sup>	-	=	
	GIE Siège Issy	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Horti Milano SRL	Italy	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Lifizz	France				S4	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Nanterre Arboretum	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	E2
	Parker Tower Ltd	UK	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Partner's & Services	France	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	REPD Parker Ltd	UK	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Société Auxiliaire de Construction Immobilière	France								S4
	Sviluppo Residenziale Italia SRL	Italy	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Wapiti Development SL	Spain	Equity	65.0%	65.0%	E1				
CORPORATE & INSTITU	UTIONAL BANKING									
SECURITIES SERVICES	6									
	Allfunds Group PLC (Ex- Allfunds UK Ltd)	UK	Equity	13.8%	13.7%	V2	Equity	22.5%	22.4%	E3
	AssetMetrix	Germany	Equity	14.9%	14.9%	V4	Equity	14.2%	14.2%	E1
	BNPP Financial Services LLC	USA	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Fund Administration Services Ireland Ltd	Ireland	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Fund Services Australasia Pty Ltd	Australia	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%		
	BNPP Fund Services Australasia Pty Ltd (New Zealand branch)	New Zealand	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%		
	BNPP Global Securities Operations Private Ltd	India	Full	100.0%			Full	100.0%		
	BNPP Securities Services	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%		
	BNPP Securities Services (Australia branch)	Australia	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%		
	BNPP Securities Services (Belgium branch)	Belgium	Full <sup>(1)</sup>		100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%		
	BNPP Securities Services (Germany branch)	Germany	Full <sup>(1)</sup>		100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%		
	BNPP Securities Services (Greece branch)	Greece	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%		
	BNPP Securities Services (Guernsey branch)	Guernsey	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%		
	BNPP Securities Services (Hong Kong branch)	Hong Kong	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Securities Services (Hungary branch)	Hungary	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%		
	BNPP Securities Services (Ireland branch)	Ireland	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Securities Services (Italy branch)	Italy	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Securities Services (Jersey branch)	Jersey	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Securities Services (Luxembourg branch)	Luxemburg	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Securities Services (Netherlands branch)	Netherlands	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Securities Services (Poland branch)	Poland	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Securities Services (Portugal branch)	Portugal	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Securities Services (Singapore branch)	Singapore	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Securities Services (Spain branch)	Spain	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Securities Services (Switzerland branch)	Switzerland	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Securities Services (United Kingdom branch)	UK	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Services Logiciels d'Intégration Boursière	France	Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	66.6%	66.6%		Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	66.6%	66.6%	

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Mangath   Paramo	Business	Name	Country	Method	Voting (%)		Ref.	Method		Interest (%)	Ref.
Flance	B EMEA (Europe, Mid	dle East, Africa)									
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ByPP Availage		Atargatis <sup>s</sup>	France	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
Compagnic framestocoment lictories**   Factors   Full		Austin Finance <sup>s</sup>	France	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
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Flance   F		Compagnie d'Investissement Italiens <sup>s</sup>	France	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
Examet		Compagnie d'Investissement Opéra <sup>s</sup>	France	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
Europhination		Ellipsis Asset Management	France	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D3				
Excest   France   Full   France   France   Full		Esomet	France								S4
Except (Germany Interacts)		Eurotitrisation	France	Equity	21.7%	21.7%	V3	Equity	23.0%	23.0%	
Exame (Bully branch)		Exane	France	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D3				
Exame Cycain branch    Spain   Full   100.0%   100.0%   17.03		Exane (Germany branch)	Germany	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D3				
Exame (Sweden branch)		Exane (Italy branch)	Italy	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D3				
Exame (Switzerland branch)		Exane (Spain branch)	Spain	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D3				
Exame Portrogations France   Full   100.0%   100		Exane (Sweden branch)	Sweden	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D3				
Exame Asset Management   France   Equity   50.0%   50.0%   V1.03		Exane (Switzerland branch)	Switzerland	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D3				
Exame Derivatives (Italy branch)   Italy   Full   100.0%   100.0%   171/03		Exane (United Kingdom branch)	UK	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D3				
Exame Derivatives (trialy branch)   Raby   Full   100.0%   100.0		Exane Asset Management	France	Equity	50.0%	50.0%	V1/D3				
Exame Derivatives (Sultzerland branch)   Switzerland   Full   100.0%   10		Exane Derivatives	France	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D3				
Exame Derivatives (United Kingdom branch)		Exane Derivatives (Italy branch)	Italy	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D3				
Exame Derivatives Gerance   France   Full   100.0%   100.0%   V1/103		Exane Derivatives (Switzerland branch)	Switzerland	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D3				
Exame Finance   France   Full   100.0%   100.0%   V1/103		Exane Derivatives (United Kingdom branch)	UK	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D3				
Exame Participations		Exane Derivatives Gerance	France	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D3				
FCT Julce <sup>1</sup> France Full		Exane Finance	France	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D3				
Financière des Italiens*   France   Full   100.0%   100.0%   Full   100.0%   100.0%   Full   100.0%   100.0%   100.0%   Full   100.0%   100.0%   100.0%   Full   100.0%   I00.0%   Full   100.0%   I00.0%   Full   100.0%   I00.0%   Full   I00.0%   I00.0%   Full   I00.0%		Exane Participations	France	Full	99.0%	99.0%	V1/D3				
Financière du Marché Saint Honoré   France   Full   100.0%   100.0%   100.0%   Full   100.0%   100.0%   100.0%   Full   100.0%   100.0%   Full   100.0%   100.0%   100.0%   Full   100.0%   100.0%   100.0%   Full   100.0%   100.0%   100.0%   Full   100.0%   100.0%   Full   100.0%   100.0%   100.0%   Full   100.0%   100.0%   100.0%   Full   100.0%   100.0%   100.0%   Full   100.0%		FCT Juice <sup>t</sup>	France	Full	-	_		Full	-	-	
Financière du Marché Saint Honoré   France   Full   100.0%   100.0%		Financière des Italiens <sup>s</sup>	France	Full	-			Full	-	-	
Financière Paris Haussmann's   France   Full     Fu			France	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
Financière Taliboul*   France   Full     Full											
Mediterraneas					-					-	
Optichamps   France   Full     -   -     Full     -   -											
Parilease         France         Full(¹)         100.0%         100.0%         Full(¹)         100.0%         10											
Participations Opéra <sup>5</sup> France         Full											
SNC Taltbout Participation 3         France         Full         100.0%											
Société Orbaisienne de Participations   France   Full   100.0%   100.0%   Full   100.0%   100.0%   100.0%   Full   100.0%   100											
Verner Investissements         France         Full         100.0%         100.0%         V1/D3         Equity         40.0%         50.0%           Verner Investissements NewCo1         France         Full         100.0%         100.0%         E3           Verner Investissements NewCo2         France         Full         100.0%         100.0%         E3           her European countries         Ireland         S3         Full         -           Alectra Finance PLC¹         Ireland         Full         -         -         Full         -         -		<u> </u>									
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Verner Investissements NewCo2 France Full 100.0% 100.0% E3  ther European countries  Alectra Finance PLC¹ Ireland Full Full Full								Equity	40.0%	JU.U%	
Alectra Finance PLC    Ireland   S3   Full       Aquarius + Investments PLC    Ireland   Full     Full											
Alectra Finance PLC¹         Ireland         S3         Full            Aquarius + Investments PLC¹         Ireland         Full          Full	hor European		France	Full	100.0%	100.0%	E3				
Aquarius + Investments PLC <sup>†</sup> Ireland Full Full	ner European countri		ter to the				62	F."			
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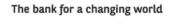
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Business	Name	Country	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.
	BNP PUK Holding Ltd	UK	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Bank JSC	Russia	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Emissions Und Handels GmbH <sup>I</sup>	Germany	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	BNPP Invest Holdings BV	Netherlands	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Ireland Unlimited Co	Ireland	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Islamic Issuance BV <sup>t</sup>	Netherlands	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	BNPP Issuance BV <sup>1</sup>	Netherlands	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	BNPP Net Ltd	UK	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Prime Brokerage International Ltd	Ireland	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Suisse SA	Switzerland	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Suisse SA (Guernsey branch)	Guernsey	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Technology LLC	Russia	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	E2
	BNPP Vartry Reinsurance DAC	Ireland	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Diamante Re SRL	Italy	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Ejesur SA	Spain	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Ellipsis AM Suisse SARL	Switzerland	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D3				
	Exane Solutions Luxembourg SA	Luxemburg	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D3				
	FScholen	Belgium	Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	50.0%	50.0%		Equity <sup>(3)</sup>	50.0%	50.0%	
	Greenstars BNPP	Luxemburg	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%			Full <sup>(2)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Kantox Ltd	UK	Equity	9.5%		V4	Equity	8.8%	8.8%	E3
	Madison Arbor Ltd <sup>t</sup>	Ireland	Full		-		Full	-	-	
	Matchpoint Finance PLC <sup>1</sup>	Ireland	Full		-		Full	-	-	
	Ribera Del Loira Arbitrage	Spain	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Scaldis Capital Ltd <sup>t</sup>	Jersey								S3
	Securasset SA <sup>1</sup>	Luxemburg	Full			E1				
	Single Platform Investment Repackaging Entity SA <sup>t</sup>	Luxemburg	Full		-		Full	-	_	E2
	Utexam Logistics Ltd	Ireland	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	Utexam Solutions Ltd	Ireland	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
iddle East	OteAan Solutions Eta	ii eidilu	i uii	100.070	100.070		i uii	100.070	100.070	
idule East	BNPP Investment Co KSA	Saudi Arabia	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
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WERIOAS	Banco BNPP Brasil SA	Brazil	Full	100.00/	100.0%		Full	100.00/	100.0%	
	BNPP Canada Corp  BNPP Capital Services Inc	Canada	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	·	USA	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	BNPP Colombia Corporacion Financiera SA	Colombia	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	C1
	BNPP Energy Trading GP	USA								S1
	BNPP Energy Trading LLC	USA	F							S1
	BNPP EQD Brazil Fund Fundo de Investmento Multimercados	Brazil	Full		-		Full		- 400.00/	
	BNPP FS LLC	USA	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	BNPP IT Solutions Canada Inc	Canada	Full		100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Mexico Holding	Mexico	Full		100.0%	E1				
	BNPP Mexico SA Institucion de Banca Multiple	Mexico	Full		100.0%	E1				
	BNPP Proprietario Fundo de Investimento Multimercados	Brazil	Full	-			Full	-		
	BNPP RCC Inc	USA	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	

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Business	Name	Country	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.
	BNPP Securities Corp	USA	Full	100.0%	100.0%	•	Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP US Investments Inc	USA	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP US Wholesale Holdings Corp	USA	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP USA Inc	USA	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP VPG Brookline Cre LLCs	USA	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	BNPP VPG EDMC Holdings LLC <sup>s</sup>	USA	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	BNPP VPG Express LLCs	USA	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	BNPP VPG I LLC <sup>s</sup>	USA	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	BNPP VPG II LLC <sup>s</sup>	USA	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	BNPP VPG III LLC (Ex- BNPP VPG CT Holdings LLC) <sup>s</sup>	USA	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	BNPP VPG Master LLC <sup>s</sup>	USA	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
	Dale Bakken Partners 2012 LLC	USA	FV	23.8%	23.8%		FV	23.8%	23.8%	
	Decart Re Ltds	Bermuda	Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	
	Exane Inc	USA	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D3				
	FSI Holdings Inc	USA	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Starbird Funding Corp <sup>t</sup>	USA	Full	-	-		Full	-	-	
ACIFIC ASIA	• •									
	Bank BNPP Indonesia PT	Indonesia	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Arbitrage Hong Kong Ltd	Hong Kong	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	BNPP China Ltd	China	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	BNPP Commodities Trading Shanghai Co Ltd	China								S3
	BNPP Finance Hong Kong Ltd	Hong Kong	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP India Holding Private Ltd	India	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	BNPP India Solutions Private Ltd	India	Full		100.0%		Full	100.0%		
	BNPP Malaysia Berhad	Malaysia	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	BNPP Securities Asia Ltd	Hong Kong	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	BNPP Securities India Private Ltd	India	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	BNPP Securities Japan Ltd	Japan	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	BNPP Securities Korea Co Ltd	Rep. of Korea	Full		100.0%		Full		100.0%	
	BNPP Securities Taiwan Co Ltd	Taiwan	Full	100.0%			Full	100.0%		
	BNPP Sekuritas Indonesia PT	Indonesia	Full	99.0%			Full	99.0%		
	BPP Holdings Pte Ltd	Singapore	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%		
	Contour Pte Ltd (Ex - Global Trade Network Pte Ltd)	Singapore				S2	Equity	7.5%	7.5%	E3
THER BUSINESS UN										
incipal Investments										
	BNPP Agility Capital	France	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	E1
	BNPP Agility Fund Equity SLPs	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	E1
	BNPP Agility Fund Private Debt SLPs	France	Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-		Full <sup>(4)</sup>	-	-	E1
operty Companies (F	Property Used In Operations) and Others									
	Antin Participation 5	France	Full	100.0%	100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Home Loan SFH	France	Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Partners for Innovation	France	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D4	Equity	50.0%	50.0%	
	BNPP Partners for Innovation Belgium	Belgium	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D4				
	BNPP Partners for Innovation Italia SRL	Italy	Full	100.0%	100.0%	V1/D4				

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			31 December 2021			31 December 2020				
Business	Name	Country	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.	Method	Voting (%)	Interest (%)	Ref.
	BNPP Procurement Tech	France	Full	100.0%	5 100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	BNPP Public Sector SA (Ex- BNPP Public Sector SCF)	France	Full	100.0%	5 100.0%		Full <sup>(1)</sup>	100.0%	100.0%	
	Euro Secured Notes Issuer <sup>s</sup>	France	Full				Full	-	-	
	FCT Lafayette 2021 <sup>1</sup>	France	Full			E2				
	FCT Laffitte 2016 <sup>t</sup>	France				S1	Full	-	-	
	FCT Laffitte 2021 <sup>t</sup>	France	Full			E2				
	FCT Opéra 2014 <sup>t</sup>	France	Full				Full	-	-	
	GIE Groupement Auxiliaire de Moyens	France	Full	100.0%	5 100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	GIE Groupement d'Etudes et de Prestations	France	Full	100.0%	5 100.0%		Full	100.0%	100.0%	
	Transvalor	France	Equity	20.2%	20.2%	E1				

(a) At 31 December 2021, 11 Private Equity investment entities versus 12 Private Equity investment entities at 31 December 2020

(b) At 31 December 2021, the securitisation funds UCI and RMBS Prado include 15 funds (FCC UCI 11, 12, 14 à 17, Fondo de Titulizacion Structured Covered Bonds, RMBS Prado iII to IX et Green Belem I) versus 16 funds (FCC UCI 9 to 12, 14 to 17, Fondo de Titulizacion Structured Covered Bonds, RMBS Prado II to VII and Green Belem I) at 31 December 2020

(c) At 31 December 2021, 115 Construction-sale companies (89 Full and 26 Equity) versus 112 at 31 December 2020 (89 Full and 23 Equity)

As requested by the ANC 2016 regulation, the list of entities that are controlled by the Group, jointly controlled or under significant influence, but excluded from the scope of consolidation since their contribution to the consolidated financial statements would be immaterial to the Group, and the list of are available "Regulated Information" investments, the on page https://invest.bnpparibas.com website.

Changes	s in the scope of consolidation
New enti	ries (E) in the scope of consolidation
E1	Passing qualifying thresholds
E2	Incorporation
E3	Purchase, gain of control or significant influence
Remova	ls (S) from the scope of consolidation
S1	Cessation of activity (dissolution, liquidation, etc.)
S2	Disposal, loss of control or loss of significant influence
S3	Passing qualifying thresholds
S4	Merger, Universal transfer of assets and liabilities
Variance	e (V) in voting or ownership interest
V1	Additional purchase
V2	Partial disposal
V3	Dilution
V4	Increase in %
Miscella	neous
D1	Consolidation method change not related to fluctuation in voting or ownership interest

D1	ownership interest
D2	Entities of a business held for sale

The Verner Investissements group was consolidated under equity method in BNP Paribas Group until 13 July 2021. Following the additional purchase of interest by BNP Paribas Group, the Verner Investments group is fully D3 consolidated (see note 7.c.)

The BNPP Partners for Innovation group was consolidated under equity method in BNP Paribas Group until 31 December 2021. Following the D4 additional purchase by the Group, the BNPP Partners for Innovation group is fully consolidated.

Equity *	Controlled but non material entities consolidated under the equity method as associates
Equity	Controlled but non-material entities consolidated under the equity method as associates

Joint control or investment in associates measured at Fair Value through P&L

Structured entities Securitisation funds

- French subsidiaries whose supervision of prudential requirements is complied (1) with through the supervision on a consolidated basis of BNP Paribas SA, in accordance with article 7.1 of Regulation n°575/2013 of the European Parliament and
- Entities consolidated under the equity method in the prudential scope (3)
  - Jointly controlled entities under proportional consolidation in the prudential scope
- Collective investment undertaking excluded from the prudential scope.



# 7.m FEES PAID TO THE STATUTORY AUDITORS

Year to 31 Dec. 2021	c. 2021 Deloitte PricewaterhouseCoopers		Coopers	rs Mazars		TOTAL		
Excluding tax, in thousands of euros	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Statutory audits and contractual audits, including	16,037	76%	17,925	70%	12,979	88%	46,941	76%
- Issuer	3,774		4,780		3,179		11,733	
- Consolidated subsidiaries	12,263		13,145		9,800		35,208	
Services other than those required for their statutory audit engagement, including	5,081	24%	7,727	30%	1,694	12%	14,502	24%
- Issuer	1,801		2,310		825		4,936	
- Consolidated subsidiaries	3,280		5,417		869		9,566	
TOTAL	21,118	100%	25,652	100%	14,673	100%	61,443	100%
of which fees paid to statutory auditors in France for the statutory audit and contractual audit	5,710		5,225		5,962		16,897	
of which fees paid to statutory auditors in France for services other than those required for their statutory audit engagements	1,634		2,427		983		5,044	

Year to 31 Dec. 2020	Deloitte	:	PricewaterhouseCoopers		ouseCoopers Mazars		TOTAL	
Excluding tax, in thousands of euros	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Statutory audits and contractual audits, including	14,383	74%	18,661	74%	12,315	81%	45,359	76%
- Issuer	3,567		4,795		2,463		10,825	
- Consolidated subsidiaries	10,816		13,866		9,852		34,534	
Services other than those required for their statutory audit engagement, including	5,061	26%	6,517	26%	2,826	19%	14,404	24%
- Issuer	1,094		919		354		2,367	
- Consolidated subsidiaries	3,967		5,598		2,472		12,037	
TOTAL	19,444	100%	25,178	100%	15,141	100%	59,763	100%
of which fees paid to statutory auditors in France for the statutory audit and contractual audit	4,355		5,525		5,132		15,012	
of which fees paid to statutory auditors in France for services other than those required for their statutory audit engagements	1,364		1,588		1,640		4,592	

The audit fees paid to auditors which are not members of the network of one of the auditors certifying the consolidated financial statements and the non-consolidated financial statements of BNP Paribas SA, mentioned in the table above, amount to EUR 373 thousand for the year 2021 (EUR 621 thousand in 2020).

Services other than those required for the statutory audit engagement are mainly composed this year of reviews of the entity's compliance with regulatory requirements, and reviews of internal control quality by comparison with international standards (such as ISAE 3402) as part of services provided to customers, particularly in the Securities and Asset Management businesses, and expertise on the Bank's transformation projects.

# APPENDIX 7 — EXTRACT OF THE INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE ISSUER FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

The information set out in this Appendix 7 has been extracted from our interim financial statements for the six-month period ended 30 June 2021. References to page numbers on the following pages are to the page numbers of our interim financial statements.

Our interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with our usual accounting policies and procedures.

Herengracht 595 1017 CE Amsterdam, the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce Amsterdam no. 33215278

Interim financial statements for the six months period ended 30 June 2021

# Independent auditor

MAZARS ACCOUNTANTS N.V. Watermanweg 80, P.O. Box 23123 – 3001 KC Rotterdam

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### Management Board Report

### Description and principal activity of the Company

BNP Paribas Issuance B.V. (the Company) was incorporated on 10 November 1989 under the law of the Netherlands.

The principal objectives of the Company are to issue securities, such as warrants, certificates, private placements, notes, to enter into related OTC agreements and to issue and acquire financial instruments of any nature for account of various entities of the BNP Paribas group.

#### **Audit committee**

The Company qualifies as an organisation of public interest pursuant to Dutch and EU law. By making use of the exemption for groups the Company did not install an audit committee. The Company belongs to the BNP Paribas group which has an audit committee that complies with international corporate governance rules.

#### Operating result

The net profit for the period was EUR 18,453 (the six months' period ended 30 June 2020 profit EUR 19,484).

#### Liquidity and shareholder's equity

No significant changes to liquidity resources occurred. Equity increased with the result for the period. Liquidity and capital resources are considered sufficient given the objective and activities of the Company.

#### Risk appetite

The company has a low risk appetite and does not enter into unhedged economic positions.

#### Financial risk management

#### Market risk

The Company takes on exposure to market risks arising from positions in interest rates, currency exchange rates, commodities and equity products, all of which are exposed to general and specific market movements. However, these risks are hedged by swap agreements with BNP Paribas group entities and OTC option agreements or collateral arrangements and therefore these risks are mitigated in principle.

#### Credit risk

The Company has significant concentration of credit risks as all OTC contracts are acquired from its parent company and other group companies. Taking into consideration the objective and activities of the Company and the fact that the BNP Paribas group is under supervision of the European Central Bank and the *Autorité de controle prudentiel et de résolution*, Paris, management considers these risks as acceptable. The long term senior debt of BNP Paribas is rated (A+) by Standard & Poor's and (Aa3) by Moody's.

#### Liquidity risk

The Company has significant liquidity risk exposure. To mitigate this exposure, the Company entered into netting agreements with its parent company and other group companies.

#### **Employees**

The Company employs no personnel.

#### COVID-19

The coronavirus outbreak characterised by the World Health Organisation as a pandemic on 11 March 2020 as well as measures introduced by governments and regulators to tackle the outbreak have affected the global supply chain as well as demand for goods and services and therefore had a significant impact on the global growth. At the same time, fiscal and monetary policies have been eased to sustain the economy.

The consolidated financial statements 2020 of BNP Paribas have been prepared on a going concern basis. The impacts of the pandemic, mitigated by all countercyclical measures such as government and financial support to customers, mainly relate to expected credit losses and asset valuation. These impacts were estimated against a background of uncertainty about the magnitude of the impact of the outbreak on local and global economies.

#### **Future outlook**

It is expected that the activities of the Company in the second half of 2021 will remain on the same level as in the first half of 2021.

#### Statement

To the best of our knowledge we declare that:

- 1. the interim financial statements at 30 June 2021 give a fair view of the assets, the financial position and the profit of the Company; and
- the financial report at 30 June 2021 gives a fair view of the Company's condition on balance sheet date, the development of the Company during the financial period ended 30 June 2021 and all material risks to which the Company is exposed.

Amsterdam, 25 August 2021 The Management Board,

Signed by BNP Paribas Finance B.V.

# **Balance sheet**

(before appropriation of the net result)

		30-6-2021	31-12-2020
	Notes	EUR	EUR
ASSETS			
Financial fixed assets	1		
Repurchase agreements		548,494,555	791,938,317
OTC contracts		72,749,372,754	54,747,474,465
		73,297,867,309	55,539,412,782
Current assets			
OTC contracts	1	21,388,270,232	14,071,158,518
Taxes receivable		23,227	18,649
Accounts receivable		1,062,745	11,559,920
Cash at banks		819,766	163,341
		21,390,175,970	14,082,900,427
TOTAL ASSETS		94,688,043,280	69,622,313,210
Shareholder's equity	2	45.070	45.070
Share capital issued and paid up		45,379	45,379
Retained earnings		572,663	530,180
Result for the period		18,453 636,495	42,483 618,042
Liabilities			
Long term liabilities			
Issued securities	3	73,297,867,309	55,539,412,782
Current liabilities			
Issued securities	3	21,388,270,232	14,071,158,518
Other liabilities		1,269,243	11,123,868
		21,389,539,475	14,082,282,386
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		94,688,043,280	69,622,313,210

# **Profit and loss account**

		Period 1-1 to 30-6-2021	Period 1-1 to 30-6-2020
	Notes	EUR	EUR
Net result financial instruments	4		
Fee income and other income	5	228,760	256,737
Operating income		228,760	256,737
Operating expenses			
General and administrative expenses		-204,042	-228,841
Operating result		24,718	27,896
Interest income		-	-
Bank costs and similar charges		-3,007	-4,562
Profit before taxation		21,709	23,334
Corporate income tax	6	-3,256	-3,850
Profit after taxation		18,453	19,484

# Cash flow statement

		Period 1-1 to 30-6-2021	Period 1-1 to 30-6-2020
Cash flow from operating activities	Notes	EUR	EUR
dash now from operating activities			
Issuing of securities against OTC coverage		-	-
Received reimbursed issuing expenses		6,121,629	2,704,699
Received reimbursed general expenses		578,379	600,028
Paid issuing expenses		-5,690,932	-3,781,976
Paid general expenses		-449,396	-227,339
Received interest	7	12,302,857	27,192,544
Paid interest and fee's	7	-12,302,857	-27,193,312
Received taxes		96,744	110,337
Cash flow from operating activities		656,425	-595,018
Cash flow from financing activities		-	-
Cash flow from investing activities		-	-
Increase/ (decrease) cash at banks		656,425	-595,018
Movements in cash at banks			
Cash at banks at 1 January		163,341	726,569
Increase / (decrease)		656,425	-595,018
Cash at banks at 30 June		819,766	131,551

Refer to page 10 for the principles for preparation of the cash flow statement.

#### Notes to the financial statements

#### **GENERAL**

BNP Paribas Issuance B.V. (the Company), having its registered address at Amsterdam, was incorporated under the law of the Netherlands on 10 November 1989 as a private limited liability company.

The company is registered at Chamber of Commerce Amsterdam with no. 33215278

The principal objectives of the Company are to issue securities, such as warrants, certificates, private placements, notes, to enter into related OTC agreements and to issue and acquire financial instruments of any nature for account of various entities of the BNP Paribas group.

All outstanding shares of the Company are owned by BNP Paribas S.A., Paris, France, which company consolidates the figures of the Company. The financial statements of BNP Paribas S.A. can be found on the website group.bnpparibas.com.

#### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of presentation

The annual accounts of the Company are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the Netherlands. All amounts are stated in euros, the reporting currency, unless stated otherwise.

The accounting principles of the Company are summarised below. These accounting principles have all been applied consistently throughout the financial year and the preceding year unless indicated otherwise.

#### Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention, except for derivatives that are measured at fair value with changes through profit and loss.

#### Going concern basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Company has a master hedging agreement with BNP Paribas group entities under which issued securities are hedged by swap agreements and OTC option agreements or collateral arrangements. In addition, the Company has an agreement with BNP Paribas group entities to recharge its operating expenses with a margin of 10%.

#### Use of estimates and judgements

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

Information about critical judgements in applying accounting policies that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements is included in note 3.

#### COVID-19

The coronavirus outbreak characterised by the World Health Organisation as a pandemic on 11 March 2020 as well as measures introduced by governments and regulators to tackle the outbreak have affected the global supply chain as well as demand for goods and services and therefore had a significant impact on the global growth. At the same time, fiscal and monetary policies have been eased to sustain the economy.

The consolidated financial statements 2020 of BNP Paribas have been prepared on a going concern basis. The impacts of the pandemic, mitigated by all countercyclical measures such as government and financial support to customers, mainly relate to expected credit losses and asset valuation. These impacts were

estimated against a background of uncertainty about the magnitude of the impact of the outbreak on local and global economies.

#### Recognition of income and expenses

The net result financial instruments includes capital gains and losses, currency results, interest income and expense and changes in fair value on the issued securities and related OTC contracts. As the Company enters into a swap agreement with a BNP Paribas group company and an OTC option at exactly the same terms and conditions of the issued security or a collateral arrangement at each issue of securities, there is a complete hedge of the economic risk of the Company. Therefore, the net result on the derivatives equals zero and is recorded on a net basis.

Fee income, other income and general and administrative expenses are taken in the year to which they relate. Profits are recognised in the year they are realised; losses are taken as soon as they are foreseeable. If securities are exercised against the Company, the Company fulfils its obligation by exercising the related swap agreements or OTC contracts with entities of the BNP Paribas groups as the case may be. Issued securities and related swap agreements and OTC contracts are released simultaneously. Issued securities not exercised at maturity and the related swap agreements and OTC contracts are released without any further future obligation for the Company.

#### Valuation of assets and liabilities - general

Unless indicated otherwise, assets and liabilities are stated at amortised cost.

#### Financial instruments

Financial instruments include accounts receivable and accounts payable, cash at banks and cash equivalents, issued securities and acquired swap agreements and OTC contracts.

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised on the balance sheet when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets and liabilities are derecognised when those contractual provisions are expired or transferred.

Non-derivative financial instruments are measured and accounted for at fair value upon initial recognition and subsequently at amortised cost.

# Derivatives (Issued securities and OTC's)

Derivatives are measured and accounted for at fair value upon initial recognition and at subsequent dates. Gains and losses are directly recognised in profit and loss. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in the principal market or most advantageous market, at the measurement date. Reference is made to note 3 for details about the determination of fair values.

The fair values of OTC contracts are calculated in the same way as their related issued securities.

The Company does not apply hedge accounting.

#### Currencies

The functional currency of the Company is the euro.

Balance sheet items denominated in currencies other than the euro are translated at the rate of exchange prevailing on balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies (not concerning derivatives) during the reporting period have been incorporated at the rate of settlement.

The premiums of the issued securities and the cost of the related OTC contracts are denominated in different currencies. Moreover, the underlying contracts of the securities have their own currency denominations, which are often based on a basket of currencies. The net effect of the currency risk is nil though, as this risk is completely hedged.

#### Corporate income tax

Tax on result is calculated by applying the rates for the financial year to the result in the profit and loss account.

#### PRINCIPLES FOR PREPARATION OF THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The cash flow statement is prepared according to the direct method and consists of cash only; paid interest is taken into account under paid general expenses.

Netting agreements between the Company and entities of the BNP Paribas group have been drawn up for all flows resulting from securities and OTC contracts to avoid that payments have to be made for these flows. The outcome of this procedure is reflected in the cash flow report under the heading "Issuing of securities against OTC coverage".

#### FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

#### Market risk

The Company takes on exposure to market risks arising from positions in interest rates, currency exchange rates, commodities and equity products, all of which are exposed to general and specific market movements. However, these risks are hedged by swap agreements with BNP Paribas group entities and OTC option agreements or collateral arrangements and therefore these risks are mitigated in principle.

#### Credit risk

The Company has a significant concentration of credit risks as all swap agreements and OTC contracts are acquired from its parent company and other group companies. Taking into consideration the objective and activities of the Company and the fact that BNP Paribas group is under supervision of the European Central Bank and the *Autorité de controle prudentiel et de résolution*, Paris, management considers these risks as acceptable. The long term senior debt of BNP Paribas is rated (A+) by Standard & Poor's and (Aa3) by Moody's.

#### Liquidity risk

The Company has significant liquidity risk exposure. To mitigate this exposure, the Company entered into netting agreements with its parent company and other group companies.

#### **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Company has entered into various agreements with its parent company and other group companies relating to the issuing of securities, the hedging of the related exposures and the reimbursement of costs. Taking into account the position of the Company within the group these agreements are at arms-length and have as objective to limit cash flow, credit and market risks.

#### NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET

#### 1. Financial fixed assets

For almost all issued securities OTC contracts with BNP Paribas group companies are agreed having the same characteristics as the issued securities. This means that the underlying quantity, issue price, strike, parity, maturity and quoted price for exercise are identical. Concerning one issued security the Company entered into repurchase agreements with BNP Paribas.

The Company is also active into repack transactions: the Company is issuing securitized notes, backed by Bonds

Refer to note 3 for the details of the issued securities and hence the OTC contracts.

#### 2. Shareholder's equity

Share capital: The Company's share capital amounts to EUR 45,379 composed by 45,379 issued and fully paid-up shares.

During the financial year under review, there have been no changes in the issued or paid up capital. The authorised capital has been annulled pursuant to a change of the articles of association.

Condensed schedule of changes in equity:

	Share capital and share premium	Retained earnings	Result for the period	Total equity
Balance as at 31 december 2019	45.379	497.275	32.905	575.559
Appropriation of result	-	32.905	-32.905	-
Net result of the period	-	-	19.484	19.484
Balance as at 30 june 2020	45.379	530.180	19.484	595.044
	Share capital and share premium	Retained earnings	Result for the period	Total equity
Balance as at 31 december 2020	45.379	530.180	42.483	618.042
Appropriation of result	-	42.483	-42.483	-
Net result of the period	-	-	18.453	18.453
Balance as at 30 june 2021	45.379	572.663	18.453	636.495

#### 3. <u>Issued securities</u>

The Company establishes securities programmes and issues securities such as warrants, notes and certificates exercisable pursuant to the terms and conditions of such securities programmes. Entities of the BNP Paribas group have agreed to purchase the securities at the same time. The entities of the BNP Paribas group distribute the securities to third parties. BNP Paribas S.A. acts as guarantor for the securities programmes towards the investors.

Remaining maturity of the issued securities	Fair value 30-06-2021	Fair value 31-12-2020
	EUR	EUR
Up to 1 year	21,388,270,232	14,071,158,518
From 1- 5 years	40,705,986,754	32,516,006,379
Exceeding 5 years	32,591,880,556	23,023,406,403
Financial fixed assets	73,297,867,309	55,539,412,782
Total as per 31 December	94,686,137,541	69,610,571,300

Methods of valuation of the issued securities 30-06-2021	Level 2 Level 3		Total	
	EUR	EUR	EUR	
Warrants	4,036,770,142	4,470,419,495	8,507,189,637	
Certificates	40,451,467,922	17,205,295,081	57,656,763,003	
MTN	22,037,794,265	6,484,390,637	28,522,184,902	
Total	66,526,032,329	28,160,105,213	94,686,137,541	
Methods of valuation of the	Level 2	Level 3	Total	
issued securities 31-12-2020			I Ottal	
issued securities 31-12-2020	EUR	EUR	EUR	
Warrants	EUR 3,249,098,561			
		EUR	EUR	
Warrants	3,249,098,561	EUR 2,905,127,050	EUR 6,154,225,612	

BNP Paribas group including the Company determines the fair value of financial instruments either by using prices obtained directly from external data or by using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques are primarily market and income approaches encompassing generally accepted models (e.g. discounted cash flows, Black-Scholes model and interpolation techniques). They maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. They are calibrated to reflect current market conditions and valuation adjustments are applied as appropriate, when some factors such as model, liquidity and credit risks are not captured by the models or their underlying inputs but are nevertheless considered by market participants when setting the exit price.

The unit of measurement is generally the individual financial asset or financial liability but a portfolio-based measurement can be elected subject to certain conditions. Accordingly, the group retains this portfolio based measurement exception to determine the fair value when some group of financial assets and financial liabilities with substantially similar and offsetting market risks or credit risks are managed on the basis of a net exposure, in accordance with the documented risk management strategy.

Assets and liabilities measured or disclosed at fair value are categorised into the three following levels of the fair value hierarchy:

Level 1: fair values are determined using directly quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities. Characteristics of an active market include the existence of a sufficient frequency and volume of activity and of readily available prices.

Level 2: fair values are determined based on valuation techniques for which significant inputs are observable market data, either directly or indirectly. These techniques are regularly calibrated and the inputs are corroborated with information from active markets.

Level 3: fair values are determined using valuation techniques for which significant inputs are unobservable or cannot be corroborated by market-based observations, due for instance to illiquidity of the instrument and significant model risk. An unobservable input is a parameter for which there are no market data available and that is therefore derived from proprietary assumptions about what other market participants would consider when assessing fair value. The assessment of whether a product is illiquid or subject to significant model risks is a matter of judgment.

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the asset or liability is categorised in its entirety is based upon the lowest level input that is significant to the entire fair value. All given estimated fair values are related to the market conditions prevailing at year end; the future values may differ.

When issued, securities are publicly offered or privately placed. Sometimes privately placed securities are listed for the secondary market. Listed securities are listed on stock exchanges in- and outside of the European Union; the related OTC contracts are not listed. The majority of the issued securities are not traded actively in active markets.

No accrued interest is presented in the balance sheet because the accrued interest is part of the market value of the derivatives as disclosed in the balance sheet. The net result on the derivatives equals zero and is recorded on a net basis in the profit and loss account, see note 4.

#### Conditions that can influence the future cash flow

In general it is assumed that the securities and the related swap agreements and OTC contracts are exercised at the exercise dates mentioned in the final terms of the securities against the fair value as determined. Based on these two assumptions the above specification based on maturity has been prepared. Netting agreements between the Company and entities of the BNP Paribas group have been drawn up for all flows resulting from securities, OTC contracts, swap agreements and collateral arrangements to avoid that payments have to be made for these flows. Conditions that could influence future cash flows will have therefore no impact on the cash flow of the Company.

#### NOTES TO THE PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

#### 4. Net result financial instruments

The net result derivatives includes capital gains and losses, currency results, interest income and expense and changes in fair value on the issued securities and related swap agreements and OTC contracts. As the Company enters into a OTC option or swap agreement with a BNP Paribas group company at exactly the same terms and conditions of the issued security at each issue of securities, there is a complete hedge of the economic risk of the Company. Therefore, the net result on the derivatives equals zero and is recorded on a net basis.

#### 5. Fee income and other income

Other income concerns recharged general and administrative expenses increased with an up-count of 10%, based on cost plus agreements concluded for an indefinite period of time. These costs have been or will be invoiced to BNP Paribas group companies.

### 6. Corporate income tax

The corporate income tax is the estimated charge for the period amounting to EUR 3,256. The rate for the financial year 2021 is 15% (for taxable amount up to 245,000 EUR).

As from 1 January 2020 BNP Paribas Issuance B.V. makes no more part of the consolidated tax group (fiscale eenheid) for Dutch corporate income tax purposes with other BNP Paribas group entities domiciled in the Netherlands.

#### Issuing expenses and remunerations

Issuing expenses are expenses related to the issuing of the securities for account of the Company and are reimbursed by BNP Paribas group companies, if charged to the Company.

The sole member of the Management Board will charge a management fee of EUR 32,250 over the reporting period (over the first six months of 2020: EUR 32,250).

Mazars Accountants N.V. will charge a fee of EUR 8,250 for the financial half-year 2021 as fee for the review of the interim financial statements (2020: EUR 8,250). No additional amount has been charged to the Company during the reporting period for audit-related fees.

#### NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

#### 7. Received interest and paid interest and fees

These cash flows relate to a new repack transaction in 2020 (notes issued by the Company backed by bonds). The company receives monthly interest and pays fees to BNP Paribas Group entities. The remainder is paid as interest to the noteholders.

#### **OTHER**

# Commitments, contingencies and off-balance items

The Company has issued securities with pledged collateral. The value of the pledged collateral amounts to EUR 6,915,841,698 (31.12. 2020: EUR 6,300,568,911).

#### **Employees**

The Company employs no personnel.

#### Subsequent events

No subsequent events have occurred.

Amsterdam, 25 August 2021 The Management Board,

Signed by BNP Paribas Finance B.V.

#### Other information

#### Statutory arrangements concerning the appropriation of profits

Paragraphs 1 and 2 of article 19 of the articles of association:

19.1 The allocation of profits accrued in a financial year shall be determined by the Shareholders' Body. If the Shareholders' Body does not adopt a resolution regarding the allocation of the profits prior to or at latest immediately after the adoption of the annual accounts, the profits will be reserved.

19.2 Distribution of profits shall be made after adoption of the annual accounts if permissible under the law given the contents of the annual accounts.

The Shareholders' Body is defined as the body of the Company consisting of shareholders entitled to vote.

#### **Audit**

The independent review report is included on the next page.

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