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PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF THE SECURITIES DESCRIBED IN THIS BASE PROSPECTUS (THE "SECURITIES") SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND FULLY THE NATURE OF THE SECURITIES AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR EXPOSURE TO THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SECURITIES. THE MARKET PRICE AND / OR VALUE OF THE SECURITIES MAY BE VOLATILE AND HOLDERS OF THE SECURITIES MAY SUSTAIN A TOTAL LOSS IN THE VALUE OF THEIR INVESTMENT (UNLESS THE SECURITIES ARE OF A TYPE IN WHICH CAPITAL IS PROTECTED). PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS NEED TO CONSIDER THE SUITABILITY OF AN INVESTMENT IN THE SECURITIES IN LIGHT OF THEIR OWN FINANCIAL, FISCAL, REGULATORY AND OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES. PLEASE REFER, IN PARTICULAR, TO THE SECTIONS "RISK FACTORS" IN THIS BASE PROSPECTUS AND IN THE REGISTRATION DOCUMENT FOR A MORE COMPLETE EXPLANATION OF THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INVESTMENT IN THE SECURITIES.

THE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT") OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR DELIVERED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, ANY U.S. PERSON, EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT AND ANY APPLICABLE U.S. STATE SECURITIES LAWS. THE SECURITIES ARE BEING OFFERED AND SOLD ONLY: (1) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO PERSONS OTHER THAN U.S. PERSONS (AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) IN OFFSHORE TRANSACTIONS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS

**OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT; AND (II) ONLY WITH RESPECT TO THE EQUITY CERTIFICATES (AS DEFINED HEREIN) IN REGISTERED FORM TO U.S. PERSONS WHO ARE "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS" (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A OF THE SECURITIES ACT). FURTHERMORE, TRADING IN THE SECURITIES HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION UNDER THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT, AS AMENDED AND NO U.S. PERSON MAY AT ANY TIME TRADE OR MAINTAIN A POSITION IN THE SECURITIES.**

This Base Prospectus constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of Article 5.4 of Directive 2003/71/EC (the “**Prospectus Directive**”).

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the “**Issuer**”) accepts responsibility for the information contained in this document. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

Application will be made to NYSE Euronext for Securities to be admitted to trading and listed on Euronext Amsterdam N.V. (“**Euronext Amsterdam**”) by NYSE Euronext up to the expiry of 12 months from the date of this Base Prospectus. In addition, Securities may be listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on any other stock exchange or market specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Issuer may also issue unlisted Securities.

References in this Programme to Securities being “**listed**” (and all related references) shall mean that such Securities will be admitted to trading and will be listed on Euronext Amsterdam or any other regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC (the “**Markets in Financial Instruments Directive**”).

The Issuer has not authorised the making or provision of any representation or information regarding the Issuer or any Securities. Neither the delivery of this document nor the delivery of any other documents of the LaunchPAD Programme nor any information provided in the course of a transaction in Securities shall, in any circumstances, be construed as a recommendation by the Issuer to enter into any transaction with respect to any Securities. Each prospective investor contemplating a purchase of Securities should make its own independent investigation of the risks associated with a transaction involving any Securities.

The delivery of this document does not at any time imply that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer since the date of this Base Prospectus. The Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information.

The distribution of this document and the offering, sale and delivery of the Securities in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this document comes are required by the Issuer to inform themselves about, and to observe, any such restrictions. For a description of certain restrictions on offers, sales and deliveries of Securities and the distribution of this document and other offering material relating to the Securities please refer to “Selling Restrictions” in this Base Prospectus.

No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this Base Prospectus and, if given or made, such information or representations must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer.

Where information has been sourced from a third party, the Issuer confirms that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the Issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.

This Base Prospectus is to be read in conjunction with all documents that are deemed to be incorporated herein by reference and shall be read and construed on the basis that such documents are incorporated in and form part of the Base Prospectus.

The Issuer does not represent that this document may be lawfully distributed, or that Securities may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any jurisdiction, or pursuant to an exemption available thereunder, or assume any responsibility for facilitating any such distribution or offering. In particular, no action has been taken by the Issuer, which would permit a public offering of the Securities or possession or distribution of this Prospectus or any offering material in relation to the Securities in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. No offers, sales or deliveries of any Securities, or distribution of any offering material relating to the Securities, may be made in or from any jurisdiction except in circumstances which will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations and will not impose any obligation on the Issuer. For a description of certain restrictions on offers, sales and deliveries of Securities and the distribution of this document and other offering material relating to the Securities please refer to "Selling Restrictions" in this Base Prospectus.

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## SUMMARY

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*This summary must be read as an introduction to this Base Prospectus and any decision to invest in any Securities should be based on a consideration of this Base Prospectus as a whole, including the documents incorporated by reference. No civil liability attaches to the Issuer in respect of this Summary, including any translation thereof, unless it is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of this Base Prospectus. Where a claim relating to information contained in this Base Prospectus is brought before a court in a Member State of the European Economic Area (an "EEA State"), the plaintiff may, under the national legislation of the EEA State where the claim is brought, be required to bear the costs of translating the Base Prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated.*

Words and expressions defined elsewhere in this Base Prospectus shall have the same meanings in this summary.

**Issuer:**

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc (the "**Issuer**" or "**RBS**")

The Issuer is a public limited company incorporated in Scotland. The Issuer (together with its subsidiaries, the "**Issuer Group**") is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc ("**RBSG**" (RBSG together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**")). RBSG is the holding company of a large global banking and financial services group. Headquartered in Edinburgh, the Group operates in the United Kingdom, the United States and internationally through its two principal subsidiaries, the Issuer and National Westminster Bank Public Limited Company ("**NatWest**"). The Issuer and NatWest are major United Kingdom clearing banks whose origins go back over 275 years. In the United States, the Group's subsidiary Citizens Financial Group, Inc. is a large commercial banking organisation. The Group has a large and diversified customer base and provides a wide range of products and services to personal, commercial and large corporate and institutional customers in over 50 countries.

The Group had total assets of £1,696.5 billion and owners' equity of £77.7 billion as at 31 December 2009. The

Group's capital ratios as at that date, which included the equity minority interest of the State of the Netherlands and Banco Santander in ABN AMRO Holding N.V. (which was renamed RBS Holding N.V. on 1 April 2010), were a total capital ratio of 16.1 per cent., a Core Tier 1 capital ratio of 11.0 per cent. and a Tier 1 capital ratio of 14.1 per cent.

As at 31 December 2009, the Issuer had total assets of £1,333.00 billion and owners' equity of £55.05 billion. The Issuer's capital ratios as at that date were a total capital ratio of 14.8 per cent. and a Tier 1 capital ratio of 10.5 per cent.

On 17 October 2007, RFS Holdings B.V. ("**RFS Holdings**"), which at the time was owned by RBSG, Fortis N.V., Fortis S.A./N.V., Fortis Bank Nederland (Holding) N.V. and Banco Santander, S.A. ("**Santander**"), completed the acquisition of ABN AMRO Holding N.V. (which was renamed RBS Holdings N.V. on 1 April 2010). RFS Holdings, which is now jointly owned by RBSG, the Dutch State and Santander (the "**Consortium Members**"), is continuing the process of implementing an orderly separation of the business units of RBS Holdings N.V. As part of this reorganisation, on 6 February 2010, the businesses of RBS Holdings N.V. acquired by the Dutch State were legally demerged from the RBS Holdings N.V. businesses acquired by the Group and were transferred into a newly established holding company, ABN AMRO Bank N.V. (save for certain assets and liabilities acquired by the Dutch State that were not part of the legal separation and which will be transferred to the Dutch State as soon as possible). Legal separation of ABN AMRO Bank N.V. occurred on 1 April 2010, with the shares in that entity being transferred by RBS Holdings N.V. to a holding company called ABN AMRO Group N.V., which is owned by the Dutch State. Certain assets within RBS Holdings N.V. continue to be shared by the Consortium Members. RBS Holdings N.V. is a fully operational bank within the Group and is independently rated and licensed and regulated

by the Dutch Central Bank.

**Risk Factors:**

*Risks Relating to the Issuer*

Certain factors may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Securities, including:

- RBSG and its United Kingdom bank subsidiaries (including the Issuer) may face the risk of full nationalisation or other resolution procedures under the Banking Act 2009 (the "**Banking Act**").
- The Group's businesses, earnings and financial condition have been and will continue to be affected by the global economy and instability in the global financial markets.
- The performance of the Group may be affected by economic conditions impacting euro-zone member states. For example, the financial problems experienced by the government of Greece may lead to Greece issuing significant volumes of debt, which may reduce demand for debt issued by financial institutions and corporate borrowers. This could adversely affect the Group's access to the debt capital markets and may increase the Group's funding costs, having a negative impact on the Group's earnings and financial condition. In addition, euro-zone countries in which the Group operates will be required to provide financial assistance to Greece, which may in turn have a negative impact on the financial condition of those EU member states. Should the economic conditions facing Greece be replicated in other euro-zone member states, the risks above would be exacerbated.
- The Group was required to obtain State aid approval for the aid given to the Group by Her Majesty's Treasury in the United Kingdom ("**HM Treasury**"), and for the Group's state aid restructuring plan, from the European Commission. The Group is subject to a variety of risks as a result of implementing the State aid restructuring

plan. The State aid restructuring plan includes a prohibition on the making of discretionary dividend or coupon payments on existing hybrid capital instruments (including preference shares and B Shares) for a two year period commencing no later than 30 April 2010, which may impair the Group's ability to raise new Tier 1 capital through the issuance of ordinary shares and other securities.

- The Group's ability to implement its strategic plan depends on the success of the Group's refocus on its core strengths and the balance sheet reduction programme arising out of its previously announced non-core restructuring plan and the State aid restructuring plan.
- The extensive organisational restructuring may adversely affect the Group's business, results of operations and financial condition.
- The restructuring proposals for RBS Holdings N.V. (previously ABN AMRO Holding N.V.) are complex and may not realise the anticipated benefits for the Group.
- Lack of liquidity is a risk to the Group's business and its ability to access sources of liquidity has been, and will continue to be, constrained.
- Governmental support schemes may be subject to cancellation, change or withdrawal or may fail to be renewed, which may have a negative impact on the availability of funding in the markets in which the Group operates.
- The financial performance of the Group has been and will be affected by borrower credit quality.
- The actual or perceived failure or worsening credit of the Group's counterparties has adversely affected and

could continue to adversely affect the Issuer Group.

- The Group's earnings and financial condition have been, and its future earnings and financial condition may continue to be, affected by depressed asset valuations resulting from poor market conditions.
- The value or effectiveness of any credit protection that the Group has purchased from monoline and other insurers and other market counterparties (including credit derivative product companies) depends on the value of the underlying assets and the financial condition of the insurers and such counterparties.
- Changes in interest rates, foreign exchange rates, credit spreads, bond, equity and commodity prices and other market factors have significantly affected and will continue to affect the Group's business.
- The Issuer Group's borrowing costs and its access to the debt capital markets depend significantly on its and the United Kingdom government's credit ratings.
- The Group's business performance could be adversely affected if its capital is not managed effectively or if there are changes to capital adequacy and liquidity requirements.
- The value of certain financial instruments recorded at fair value is determined using financial models incorporating assumptions, judgements and estimates that may change over time or may ultimately not turn out to be accurate.
- The Group operates in markets that are highly competitive and consolidating. If the Group is unable to perform effectively, its business and results of operations will be adversely affected.
- As a condition to HM Treasury support, RBSG has agreed to certain undertakings which may serve to limit

the Group's operations.

- The Group could fail to attract or retain senior management, which may include members of the Board, or other key employees, and it may suffer if it does not maintain good employee relations.
- Each of the Group's businesses is subject to substantial regulation and oversight. Any significant regulatory developments could have an effect on how the Issuer Group conducts its business and on its results of operations and financial condition.
- The Group's results have been and could be further adversely affected in the event of goodwill impairment.
- The Group may be required to make further contributions to its pension schemes if the value of pension fund assets is not sufficient to cover potential obligations.
- The Group is and may be subject to litigation and regulatory investigations that may impact its business.
- Operational risks are inherent in the Issuer Group's operations.
- The Group is exposed to the risk of changes in tax legislation and its interpretation and to increases in the rate of corporate and other taxes in the jurisdictions in which it operates.
- HM Treasury (or UK Financial Investments Limited on its behalf) may be able to exercise a significant degree of influence over the Group.
- The Group's operations have inherent reputational risk.
- In the United Kingdom and in other jurisdictions, the Group is responsible for contributing to compensation schemes in respect of banks and other authorised financial services firms that are unable to meet their

obligations to customers.

- The Group's business and earnings may be affected by geopolitical conditions.
- The restructuring proposals for RBS Holdings N.V. (previously ABN AMRO Holding N.V.) are complex and may not realise the anticipated benefits for the Group.
- The recoverability and regulatory capital treatment of certain deferred tax assets recognised by the Group depends on the Group's ability to generate sufficient future taxable profits and there being no adverse changes to tax legislation, regulatory requirements or accounting standards.
- The Issuer has entered into a credit derivative and a financial guarantee contract with The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. which may adversely affect the Issuer Group's results.

In addition to the risk factors described above, the Group is also subject to additional risks related to the entry into the asset protection scheme, the B shares, the contingent B shares and the dividend access share.

In addition, there are certain factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with the Securities including (i) the value of the Securities may fluctuate based on the value of the Underlying, (ii) there may not be a secondary market in the Securities, (iii) holders of the Securities have no ownership interest in the Underlying and (iv) there may be limitations on a holder's right to exercise the Securities or there may be delays in effecting settlement, see "*Risk Factors*" in this Base Prospectus.

**Principal Agent:**

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

**Calculation Agent:**

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

**Listing and Admission to Trading:** Application will be made to NYSE Euronext or any other stock exchange or market specified in the Final Terms for Securities to be admitted to trading and listed on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext or any other stock exchange or market specified in the Final Terms up to the expiry of 12 months from the date of this Base Prospectus. The Issuer may also issue unlisted Securities.

**Description of the Securities:** A range of certificates may be issued under this Base Prospectus. The terms and conditions (the “**Conditions**”) applicable to such certificates are contained in the General Conditions which are applicable to all certificates, the Product Conditions applicable to the particular type of certificate being issued and the Final Terms applicable to the particular Series being issued.

Certificates are investment instruments which, at maturity or expiration and subject to due exercise in accordance with their Conditions, either pay an amount determined by reference to the value of the underlying currency, commodity, index (including in the case of an index, the index and its constituent elements), stock, bond, basket or other product (together, the “**Underlying**”) on one or more specified days or deliver the Underlying, subject to the certificate entitlement. The types of certificates that may be issued under this Base Prospectus are described below.

Dividends received by the Issuer on holding any hedge for the certificates during the life of the certificates may, if so specified in the applicable Product Conditions, be passed on to the holder of the Securities (the “**Holder**”).

**Airbag Certificates:** Airbag certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that the redemption amount payable to the Holder varies depending on the level of the Underlying at maturity. The return to the Holder is subject to a minimum amount unless the Underlying drops below a predetermined level. If the Underlying rises above its level as of the Pricing Date the Holder will participate in such rise, but such return may be

subject to a maximum amount. Airbag index certificates are not open end certificates and are automatically exercised at maturity.

**Discount Certificates:**

Discount certificates are similar to ordinary certificates, except that the redemption amount payable to the Holder is effectively capped. If the Underlying on expiration or maturity is equal to or above a pre-determined level (the “**Strike Price**”), then the Holder will receive an amount equal to the Strike Price. Alternatively, the Holder will receive delivery of the Underlying. Discount certificates are not open end certificates, are issued at a discount and are automatically exercised at maturity.

**Bonus Certificates:**

Bonus certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that the Underlying is monitored during the life of the certificates. If a knock-out event occurs (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) at any point during the life of the certificates then at expiration or maturity the Holder will receive an amount equivalent to the value of the Underlying as of the expiration or maturity. If a knock-out event has not occurred at any point during the life of the certificates then the Holder will receive at least the amount originally invested, and possibly more, as specified in the relevant Final Terms. Bonus certificates are not open end certificates and are automatically exercised at maturity.

**Double-Up Certificates:**

Double-up certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that a Strike Price is set at the issue of the certificates equal to or around the level of the Underlying at that time. If the Underlying on expiration or maturity is at or above the Strike Price, then the Holder will receive an amount equal to the value of the Underlying plus the difference between the value of the Underlying and the Strike Price, effectively “doubling-up” the increase performance of the Underlying. The amount received by the Holder will however be subject to a maximum amount. Double-up certificates are not open end certificates and are automatically exercised at maturity.

**Express Certificates:**

Express certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that the certificates may provide that (i) they will be subject to automatic early termination if, on a defined date, the level of the Underlying exceeds or falls below a defined level and (ii) they can be terminated by the Issuer upon such notice as set out in the applicable Final Terms. Express certificates which are not subject to early termination or termination by the Issuer or, if so subject, are not terminated early in accordance with their terms, pay a return at maturity that may be linked to the price of the Underlying. Express certificates are not open end certificates and are automatically exercised at maturity, subject to early termination or termination by the Issuer, if applicable. Express certificates may have a range of different Underlyings.

**Equity Certificates:**

Equity certificates are certificates where the Underlying is a share. A range of individual shares may become the Underlying in relation to an equity certificate. Equity certificates are not open end certificates.

Equity certificates may be cash settled. Equity certificates may only be physically settled by non-U.S. persons. Cash settled certificates pay, upon exercise, a cash amount determined by reference to the value of the Underlying. Physically settled certificates entitle the holder, upon exercise, to delivery of a defined amount of the Underlying and a cash payment in respect of any fractional entitlement.

**Multi-Asset Basket Linked Certificates:**

Multi-asset basket linked certificates are securities which are linked to one or more Underlyings. The cash amount payable at maturity may be a specified percentage of its Issue Price and may or may not depend upon the performance of the Underlying, as specified in the applicable Final Terms. Multi-asset basket linked certificates may be subject to early termination or an issuer call. Multi-asset basket linked certificates are not open end certificates and are automatically exercised at maturity,

subject to early termination or an issuer call.

**Indicative Issue Price:**

The Securities will be sold at a price determined by the Issuer who may, in making such determination, refer to, amongst other factors, the level of the Underlying, the relevant certificate entitlement and any applicable foreign exchange rate(s).

**Maturity:**

The Securities have a fixed maturity date, as specified in the applicable Final Terms. There are no minimum or maximum maturities.

**Interest:**

The Securities may be interest bearing.

**General Conditions**

Set out below is a summary of certain significant provisions of the General Conditions applicable to all Securities issued under this Base Prospectus.

*Status of the Securities:*

The Securities constitute unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank pari passu among themselves and with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer save for those preferred by mandatory provisions of law.

*Early Termination:*

The Issuer may terminate any Securities if it shall have determined in its absolute discretion that its performance thereunder shall have become unlawful in whole or in part as a result of compliance in good faith by the Issuer with any applicable law. In such circumstances the Issuer will, to the extent permitted by law, pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount calculated by it as the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such termination (ignoring such illegality) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements.

*Hedging Disruption:*

If a Hedging Disruption Event (as defined in General Condition 5) occurs, the Issuer will at its discretion (i) terminate the Securities and pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount calculated by it as the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such termination less the cost to the Issuer of

unwinding any related hedging arrangements or (ii) make a good faith adjustment to the relevant reference asset as described in General Condition 5(c) or (iii) make any other adjustment to the Conditions as it considers appropriate in order to maintain the theoretical value of the Securities after adjusting for the relevant Hedging Disruption Event. The Issuer may make adjustments following any event likely to have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's hedge position, subject to the conditions set out in General Condition 5(d).

*Substitution:*

The Issuer may at any time, without the consent of the Holders substitute for itself as Issuer of the Securities any entity subject to the conditions set out in General Condition 8. In certain cases, substitution may be required to be effected in accordance with the rules of one or more clearing systems specified in the applicable Final Terms.

*Taxation:*

The Holder (and not the Issuer) shall be liable for and/or pay any tax, duty or charge in connection with the ownership of and/or any transfer, payment or delivery in respect of the Securities held by such Holder. The Issuer shall have the right, but shall not be obliged, to withhold or deduct from any amount payable to any Holder such amount as shall be necessary to account for or to pay any such tax, duty, charge, withholding or other payment.

*Events of Default:*

The terms of the Securities will contain the following events of default:

- (a) default in payment of any principal or interest due in respect of the Securities, continuing for a specified period of time;
- (b) non-performance or non-observance by the Issuer of any of its other obligations under the Securities continuing for a specified period of time; and
- (c) events relating to the winding up of the Issuer.

**Product Conditions:**

Set out below is a summary of certain significant provisions of the Product Conditions applicable to the Securities to be

issued under this Base Prospectus.

*Form of Securities:*

The Securities, other than the equity certificates issued in registered form and Securities issued in dematerialised form, will be issued in global bearer form as described in the General Conditions. Equity certificates may be issued in global bearer form or in global registered form, as specified in the applicable Final Terms. Equity certificates issued in registered form may be sold to U.S. persons in reliance upon Rule 144A under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as Clearing Agent, Securities will, following their issuance, be transformed into intermediated securities in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act.

*Exercise of Securities:*

Securities may be exercised on any Exercise Date, or may automatically exercise on expiration or maturity, as specified in the applicable Final Terms. Notification of any such automatic exercise will be made in the manner set out under “General Information Notices”.

*Settlement of Securities:*

Securities may be cash or physically settled, as specified in the applicable Product Conditions.

*Market Disruption Events:*

If a Market Disruption Event occurs Holders of Securities may experience a delay in settlement or delivery and the cash price paid on settlement may be adversely affected. Market Disruption Events are defined in Product Condition 4 for each type of Security and vary depending on the type of Security.

*Emerging Market Disruption Events:*

The Emerging Market Disruption Events reflect the substantial risks associated with investing in emerging markets in addition to those risks normally associated with making investments in other countries. Potential investors should note that the securities markets in emerging market jurisdictions are generally substantially smaller and at times have been more volatile and illiquid than the major securities markets in more developed countries. If a Emerging Market Disruption Event occurs Holders may

experience a delay in settlement or delivery and the cash price paid on settlement may be adversely affected. Emerging Market Disruption Events are defined in section 1 of the Product Conditions.

*Settlement Disruption Event:*

If a Settlement Disruption Event occurs in relation to a physically settled certificate, the Holder may experience a delay in delivery of the Underlying and, where a cash price equivalent to the value of the Underlying is paid in lieu of delivery of the Underlying, the cash price paid may be adversely affected. Settlement Disruption Events are defined in the Product Conditions for Securities which may be physically settled and vary depending on the type of Security.

*Potential Adjustment Event:*

If a Potential Adjustment Event occurs the Calculation Agent may adjust one or more of the Conditions to account for the diluting or concentrative effect of the Potential Adjustment Event. Potential Adjustment Events are defined in Product Condition 4 for each type of Security (if applicable) and vary depending on the type of Security.

*Fund Event:*

If a Fund Event occurs, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, in each case acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, may adjust one or more of the Conditions to reflect the impact of the Fund Event. Fund Events are defined in Product Condition 4 for each type of Security (if applicable).

*De-listing:*

If a De-listing occurs the Calculation Agent may adjust one or more of the Conditions, including replacing the relevant Underlying, to account for such event. De-listing is defined in Product Condition 4 for each type of Security (if applicable).

*Governing Law:*

English law.

*English courts:*

The courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute arising from or in connection with the Securities.

**Final Terms:**

Each Series will be the subject of a Final Terms which will contain the final terms applicable to the Series. The form of the Final Terms applicable to each type of Security is set out in this Base Prospectus.

The Final Terms applicable to each Series may specify amendments to the General Conditions and/or the relevant Product Conditions as they apply to that Series.

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## RISK FACTORS

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*The Issuer believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under Securities issued. Most of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and the Issuer is not in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.*

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

*The Issuer believes that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent in investing in Securities issued, but the inability of the Issuer to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Securities, or to perform any delivery obligations in relation to the Securities, may occur for other reasons and the Issuer does not represent that the statements below regarding the risks of holding any Securities are exhaustive. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Base Prospectus and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.*

*Before making an investment decision with respect to any Securities, prospective investors should consult their own stockbroker, bank manager, lawyer, accountant or other financial, legal and tax advisers and carefully review the risks entailed by an investment in the Securities and consider such an investment decision in the light of the prospective investor's personal circumstances.*

*Words and expressions defined elsewhere in this Base Prospectus shall have the same meaning in this section.*

### **Factors that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Securities issued**

Each potential investor in the Securities should refer to the Risk Factors Section in the Registration Document incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus and the risk factors set out below for a description of those factors which may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Securities issued.

*The Group's businesses, earnings and financial condition have been and will continue to be affected by the global economy and instability in the global financial markets*

The performance of the Group has been and will continue to be influenced by the economic conditions of the countries in which it operates, particularly the United Kingdom, the United States and other countries throughout Europe, the Middle East and Asia. The outlook for the global economy over the near to medium term remains challenging, particularly in the United Kingdom, the United States and other European economies. In addition, the global financial system has yet to fully

overcome the difficulties which first manifested themselves in August 2007 and financial markets conditions have not yet fully normalised. These conditions led to severe dislocation of financial markets around the world and unprecedented levels of illiquidity in 2008 and 2009, resulting in the development of significant problems at a number of the world's largest corporate institutions operating across a wide range of industry sectors, many of whom are the Group's customers and counterparties in the ordinary course of its business. In response to this economic instability and illiquidity in the market, a number of governments, including the United Kingdom Government, the governments of the other EU member states and the United States Government, have intervened in order to inject liquidity and capital into the financial system, and, in some cases, to prevent the failure of these institutions.

Despite such measures, the volatility and disruption of the capital and credit markets have continued, with many forecasts predicting only modest levels of GDP growth over the course of 2010. Similar conditions are likely to exist in a number of the Group's key markets, including those in the United States and Europe, particularly Ireland. These conditions have exerted, and may continue to exert, downward pressure on asset prices and on availability and cost of credit for financial institutions, including RBSG, and will continue to impact the credit quality of the Group's customers and counterparties. Such conditions, alone or in combination with regulatory changes or actions of other market participants, may cause the Group to incur losses or to experience further reductions in business activity, increased funding costs and funding pressures, lower share prices, decreased asset values, additional write-downs and impairment charges and lower profitability.

The performance of the Group may be affected by economic conditions impacting euro-zone member states. For example, the financial problems experienced by the government of Greece may lead to Greece issuing significant volumes of debt, which may reduce demand for debt issued by financial institutions and corporate borrowers. This could adversely affect the Group's access to the debt capital markets and may increase the Group's funding costs, having a negative impact on the Group's earnings and financial condition. In addition, euro-zone countries in which the Group operates will be required to provide financial assistance to Greece, which may in turn have a negative impact on the financial condition of those EU member states. Should the economic conditions facing Greece be replicated in other euro-zone member states, the risks above would be exacerbated.

In addition, the Group will continue to be exposed to the risk of loss if major corporate borrowers or counterparty financial institutions fail or are otherwise unable to meet their obligations. The Group currently experiences certain business sector and country concentration risk, primarily focused in the United States, the United Kingdom and the rest of Europe and relating to personal and banking and financial institution exposures. The Group's performance may also be affected by future recovery rates on assets and the historical assumptions underlying asset recovery rates, which (as has already occurred in certain instances) may no longer be accurate given the unprecedented market disruption

and general economic instability. The precise nature of all the risks and uncertainties the Group faces as a result of current economic conditions cannot be predicted and many of these risks are outside the control of the Group.

***As a condition to HM Treasury support, RBSG has agreed to certain undertakings which may serve to limit the Group's operations***

Under the terms of the First Placing and Open Offer, RBSG provided certain undertakings aimed at ensuring that the subscription by HM Treasury of the relevant Ordinary Shares and preference shares and the Group's participation in the Credit Guarantee Scheme offered by HM Treasury as part of its support for the United Kingdom banking industry are compatible with the common market under EU law. These undertakings include (i) supporting certain initiatives in relation to mortgage lending and lending to SMEs until 2011, (ii) regulating management remuneration and (iii) regulating the rate of growth of the Group's balance sheet. Under the terms of the placing and open offer undertaken by RBSG in April 2009, the Group's undertakings in relation to mortgage lending and lending to SMEs were extended to larger commercial and industrial companies in the United Kingdom. Pursuant to these arrangements, RBS agreed to make available to creditworthy borrowers on commercial terms, £16 billion above the amount RBSG had budgeted to lend to United Kingdom businesses and £9 billion above the amount RBSG had budgeted to lend to United Kingdom homeowners in the year commencing 1 March 2009. For a description of these undertakings, see paragraph 9 of Part IV of the Shareholder Circular, which is incorporated by reference herein.

In relation to the 2009 commitment period, which ended on 28 February 2010, the Group's net mortgage lending to UK homeowners was £12.7 billion above the amount it had originally budgeted to lend. In relation to its business lending commitment, the Group achieved £60 billion of gross new lending to businesses, including £39 billion to SMEs but, in the economic environment prevailing at the time, many customers were strongly focused on reducing their borrowings and repayments consequently increased. Moreover, the withdrawal of foreign lenders was less pronounced than anticipated, there was a sharp increase in capital market issuance and demand continued to be weak. As a result, the Group's net lending did not reach the £16 billion targeted.

In March 2010, RBS agreed with the United Kingdom government certain adjustments to the lending commitments for the 2010 commitment period (the 12 month period commencing 1 March 2010), to reflect expected economic circumstances over the period. As part of the amended lending commitments, RBS has committed, among other things, to make available gross new facilities, drawn or undrawn, of £50 billion to UK businesses in the period 1 March 2010 to 28 February 2011. In addition, RBS has agreed with the United Kingdom government to make available £8 billion of net mortgage lending in the 2010 commitment period. This is a decrease of £1 billion on the net mortgage lending target that previously applied to the 2010 commitment period which ends on 28 February

2011, to reflect that the mortgage lending commitment for the 2009 commitment period was increased from £9 billion to £10 billion.

The Group has also agreed to certain other commitments, which are material for the structure of the Group and its operations, under the State aid restructuring plan approved by the European Commission in relation to State aid, as set out in Part I, Appendix 4 of the Shareholder Circular, which is incorporated by reference herein.

In addition, the Group, together with HM Treasury, has agreed with the European Commission a prohibition on the making of discretionary dividends (including on preference shares and B Shares) or coupon payments on existing hybrid capital instruments for a two-year period from a date commencing no later than 30 April 2010 (which the Group has subsequently announced shall be 30 April 2010). It is possible that the Group may, in future, be subject to further restrictions on payments on such hybrid capital instruments, whether as a result of undertakings given to regulatory bodies, changes to capital requirements such as the proposals published by the Basel Committee on 17 December 2009 or otherwise. The Group has also agreed to certain other undertakings in the Acquisition and Contingent Capital Agreement, as described in Part I, Appendix 3 of the Shareholder Circular, which is incorporated by reference herein.

The undertakings described above may serve to limit the Group's operations.

***The restructuring proposals for RBS Holdings N.V. (previously ABN AMRO Holding N.V.) are complex and may not realise the anticipated benefits for the Group.***

The restructuring plan in place for the integration and separation of the businesses of ABN AMRO Holding N.V., which was renamed RBS Holdings N.V. on 1 April 2010, into and among the businesses and operations of the Consortium Members is complex, involving substantial reorganisation of RBS Holdings N.V.'s operations and legal structure. The restructuring plan is being implemented and significant elements have been completed within the planned timescales and the integration of the Group's businesses continues. Certain assets and liabilities of the RBS Holdings N.V. businesses acquired by the Dutch State were not part of the legal separation which occurred on 1 April 2010 and will be transferred to the Dutch State as soon as possible. In addition, certain assets within RBS Holdings N.V. continue to be shared by the Consortium Members. The Group may not realise the benefits of the acquisition or the restructuring when expected or to the extent projected. The occurrence of any of these events, including as a result of staff losses or performance issues, or as a result of further disposals or restructurings by the Group, may have a negative impact on the Group's financial condition and results of operations.

***RBS has entered into a credit derivative and a financial guarantee contract with The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. which may adversely affect the Issuer Group's results***

RBS has also entered into a credit derivative and a financial guarantee contract with The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V., which is a subsidiary undertaking of RBSG, under which it has sold credit protection over the exposures held by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. and its subsidiaries that are subject to the APS. These agreements may adversely affect the Issuer Group's results as: (a) they cover 100% of losses on these assets whilst the APS provides 90% protection if losses on the whole APS portfolio exceed the first loss; and (b) the basis of valuation of the APS and the financial guarantee contract are asymmetrical: the one measured at fair value and the other at the higher of cost less amortisation and the amount determined in accordance with IAS 37 "Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets".

Capitalised terms used in the above risk factors have the meanings given to them in the Registration Document.

### **Factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Securities issued**

#### ***The Securities are certificates which entail particular risks***

Certificates are investment instruments which, at maturity or expiration either pay an amount determined by reference to the level of the underlying currency, commodity, index (including in the case of an index, the index and its constituent elements), stock, bond or other product or deliver the Underlying, subject to the certificate entitlement. As such, certificates entail the same level of risk as a direct investment in the Underlying. Investors should be aware that their entire investment may be lost in the event that the Underlying is valued at zero. Unlike direct investments, investors are not able to hold certificates beyond their stated maturity or expiration date in the expectation of a recovery in the price of the Underlying.

The price at which a Holder will be able to sell certificates prior to maturity or expiration may be at a potentially substantial discount to the market value of the certificates at the issue date, if, at such time and in addition to any other factors, the value of the Underlying is below, equal to or not sufficiently above the value of the Underlying at the issue date.

Airbag certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that the return to the Holder is subject to a minimum amount unless the Underlying drops below a predetermined level. The Holder is entitled to an increased return if the Underlying rises above its level as of the Pricing Date. These certificates cannot be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Discount certificates are similar to ordinary certificates, except that the return to the Holder is effectively capped. These certificates cannot be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Bonus certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that the Underlying is monitored during

the life of the certificates. If a knock-out event occurs (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) at any point during the life of the certificates then at expiration or maturity the Holder will receive an amount equivalent to the value of the Underlying as of the expiration or maturity. If a knock-out event has not occurred at any point during the life of the certificates then the Holder will receive at least the amount originally invested, and possibly more, as specified in the relevant Final Terms.. These certificates cannot be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Double-up certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that a Strike Price is set at the issue of the certificates equal to or around the level of the Underlying at that time. If the Underlying on expiration or maturity is at or above the Strike Price, then the Holder will receive an amount equal to the value of the Underlying plus the difference between the value of the Underlying and the Strike Price, effectively “doubling-up” the increase performance of the Underlying. The amount received by the Holder will however be subject to a maximum amount. These certificates cannot be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Express certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that the certificates may provide that they will be subject to automatic early termination in certain circumstances. To the extent that, at the maturity of the certificates, the Underlying has risen above its level at the Pricing Date, the Holder will participate in such rise, but such returns may be subject to a maximum amount. To the extent that, at the maturity of the certificates, the Underlying has fallen below its level at the Pricing Date, the Holder may receive less than the amount invested and, in certain cases, could lose its entire investment.

Equity certificates are certificates where the Underlying is a share. Equity certificates are not open end certificates. Equity certificates may be cash settled or physically settled. Cash settled certificates pay, upon exercise, a cash amount determined by reference to the value of the Underlying. Physically settled certificates entitle the holder, upon exercise, to delivery of a defined amount of the Underlying and a cash payment in respect of any fractional entitlement.

***The Securities may not be a suitable investment for all investors***

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

- (a) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Securities, the merits and risks of investing in the Securities and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any applicable Final Terms;
- (b) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Securities and the impact the Securities will have on its overall investment portfolio;

- (c) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Securities, including Securities with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;
- (d) understand thoroughly the terms of the Securities and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- (e) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

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

***The value of the Securities may fluctuate***

The value of the Securities may move up and down between their date of purchase and their exercise date or maturity date (as the case may be). Holders may sustain a total loss of their investment (unless the Securities are of a type in which capital is protected). Prospective purchasers should therefore ensure that they understand fully the nature of the Securities before they invest in the Securities.

Several factors, many of which are beyond the Issuer's control, will influence the value of the Securities at any time, including the following:

- (a) *Valuation of the Underlying.* The market price of the Securities at any time is expected to be affected primarily by changes in the level of the Underlying to which such Securities are linked. It is impossible to predict how the level of the relevant Underlying will vary over time. Factors which may have an affect on the value of the Underlying include the rate of return of the Underlying and the financial position and prospects of the issuer of the Underlying or any component thereof. In addition, the level of the Underlying may depend on a number of interrelated factors, including economic, financial and political events and their effect on the capital markets generally and relevant stock exchanges. Potential investors should also note that whilst the market value of the Securities is linked to the relevant Underlying and will be influenced (positively or negatively) by it, any

change may not be comparable and may be disproportionate. It is possible that while the Underlying is increasing in value, the value of the Securities may fall. Further, where no market value is available for an Underlying, the Calculation Agent may determine its value to be zero notwithstanding the fact that there may be no Market Disruption Event (including an Emerging Market Disruption Event) and/or no Potential Adjustment Events and/or no De-listing and/or no Fund Event which apply.

- (b) *Interest Rates.* Investments in the Securities may involve interest rate risk with respect to the currency of denomination of the Underlying and/or the Securities. 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 Securities at any time prior to valuation of the Underlying relating to the Securities.
- (c) *Volatility.* The term “volatility” refers to the actual and anticipated frequency and magnitude of changes of the market price with respect to an Underlying. Volatility is affected by a number of factors such as macro economic factors, speculative trading and supply and demand in the options, futures and other derivatives markets. Volatility of an Underlying will move up and down over time (sometimes more sharply than others) and different Underlyings will most likely have separate volatilities at any particular time.
- (d) *Exchange Rates.* Even where payments in respect of the Securities are not expressly linked to a rate or rates of exchange between currencies, the value of the Securities could, in certain circumstances, be affected by such factors as fluctuations in the rates of exchange between any currency in which any payment in respect of the Securities is to be made and any currency in which the Underlying is traded, appreciation or depreciation of any such currencies and any existing or future or governmental or other restrictions on the exchangeability of such currencies. There can be no assurance that rates of exchange between any relevant currencies which are current rates at the date of issue of any Securities will be representative of the relevant rates of exchange used in computing the value of the relevant Securities at any time thereafter. Where Securities are described as being “quantoed”, the value of the Underlying will be converted from one currency (the “**Original Currency**”) into a new currency (the “**New Currency**”) on the date and in the manner specified in, or implied by, the Conditions using a fixed exchange rate. The cost to the Issuer of maintaining such a fixing between the Original Currency and the New Currency will have an implication on the value of the Securities. The implication will vary during the term of the Securities. No assurance can be given as to whether or not, taking into account relative exchange rate and interest rate fluctuations between the Original Currency and the New Currency, a quanto feature in a Security would at any time enhance the return on the Security over a level of a similar security issued without such a

quanto feature.

- (e) *Disruption.* If so indicated in the Conditions, the Calculation Agent may determine that a Market Disruption Event (which includes Emerging Market Disruption Events), Fund Event, Potential Adjustment Event and/or De-listing has occurred or exists at a relevant time. Any such determination may affect the value of the Securities and/or may delay settlement in respect of the Securities. In addition, if so indicated in the Conditions, a Calculation Agent may determine that a Settlement Disruption Event has occurred or exists at any relevant time in relation to a physically settled certificate. Any such determination may cause a delay in delivery of the Underlying and, where a cash price equivalent to the value of the Underlying is paid in lieu of delivery of the Underlying, the cash price paid may be adversely affected.

Prospective purchasers should review the Conditions to ascertain whether and how such provisions apply to the Securities.

- (f) *Creditworthiness.* Any person who purchases the Securities is relying upon the creditworthiness of the Issuer and has no rights against any other person. The Securities constitute general, unsecured, contractual obligations of the Issuer and of no other person. The Securities rank *pari passu* among themselves.

***There may not be a secondary market in the Securities***

Potential investors should be willing to hold the Securities through their life. The nature and extent of any secondary market in the Securities cannot be predicted. As a consequence any person intending to hold the Securities should consider liquidity in the Securities as a risk. If the Securities are listed or quoted on an exchange or quotation system this does not imply greater or lesser liquidity than if equivalent Securities were not so listed or quoted. However, if Securities are not listed or quoted there may be a lack of transparency with regard to pricing information. Liquidity may also be affected by legal restrictions on offers for sale in certain jurisdictions. The Issuer may affect the liquidity of the Securities by purchasing and holding the Securities for its own account during trading in the secondary market. Any such Securities may be resold at any time into the market.

The Issuer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, decide to offer a secondary market in the Securities. In the event that the Issuer elects to offer such secondary market, the Issuer shall be entitled to impose such conditions as it, in its sole and absolute discretion, shall deem fit, including but not limited to:

- (a) providing a large bid/offer spread determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion by reference to the Issuer's own appreciation of the risks involved in providing such secondary market;

- (b) normal market conditions prevailing at such date; and
- (c) limiting the number of Securities in respect of which it is prepared to offer such secondary market.

Holders should note that the imposition of any of the above conditions may severely limit the availability of any such secondary market and may result in Holders receiving significantly less than they otherwise would have received if the Securities were redeemed at maturity.

As part of its issuing, market-making and/or trading arrangements, the Issuer may issue more Securities than those which are to be subscribed or purchased by third party investors. The Issuer (or any of its affiliates) may hold such Securities for the purpose of meeting any investor interest in the future. Prospective investors in the Securities should therefore not regard the issue size of any Series as indicative of the depth or liquidity of the market for such Series, or of the demand for such Series.

In the event that such a secondary market does not develop, it is unlikely that an investor in the Securities will be able to sell his Securities or at prices that will provide him with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market.

***Purchasing the Securities as a hedge may not be effective***

Any person intending to use the Securities as a hedge instrument should recognise the correlation risk. The Securities may not be a perfect hedge to an Underlying or portfolio of which the Underlying forms a part. In addition, it may not be possible to liquidate the Securities at a level which directly reflects the price of the Underlying or portfolio of which the Underlying forms a part.

***Actions taken by the Issuer may affect the value of the Securities***

The Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may carry out activities that minimise its and/or their risks related to the Securities, including effecting transactions for their own account or for the account of their customers and hold long or short positions in the Underlying whether for risk reduction purposes or otherwise. In addition, in connection with the offering of any Securities, the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may enter into one or more hedging transactions with respect to the Underlying. In connection with such hedging or market-making activities or with respect to proprietary or other trading activities by the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates, the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may enter into transactions in the Underlying which may affect the market price, liquidity or value of the Underlying and/or the Securities and which could be deemed to be adverse to the interests of the Holders. The Issuer and/or its affiliates are likely to modify their hedging positions throughout the life of the Securities whether by effecting transactions in the Underlying or in derivatives linked to the Underlying. Further, it is possible that the advisory services which the Issuer and/or its affiliates provide in the ordinary course of its/their business could lead to an adverse impact on the value of the Underlying.

The Issuer may also make adjustments to the Conditions if it determines that an event has occurred which, whilst not a Hedging Disruption Event or other disruption event is likely to have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's Hedge Position. Any such determination may affect the value of the Securities and/or may delay settlement in respect of the Securities.

***Holders have no ownership interest in the Underlying***

The Securities convey no interest in the Underlying. The Issuer may choose not to hold the Underlying or any derivatives contracts linked to the Underlying. There is no restriction through the issue of the Securities on the ability of the Issuer and/or its affiliates to sell, pledge or otherwise convey all right, title and interest in any Underlying or any derivatives contracts linked to the Underlying.

***Actions taken by the Calculation Agent may affect the Underlying***

The Calculation Agent is the agent of the Issuer and not the agent of the Holders or any of them. The Issuer may itself act as the Calculation Agent. The Calculation Agent will make such adjustments as it considers appropriate as a consequence of certain corporate actions affecting the Underlying. In making these adjustments the Calculation Agent is entitled to exercise substantial discretion and may be subject to conflicts of interest in exercising this discretion. The Calculation Agent is not required to make adjustments with respect to each and every corporate action.

***There may be limitations on a Holder's right to exercise the Securities***

- (a)  *Maximum Exercise Amount.*  If so indicated in the Conditions, the Issuer will have the option to limit the number of Securities exercisable on any date (other than the final exercise date) to the maximum number so specified and, in conjunction with such limitation, to limit the number of Securities exercisable by any person or group of persons (whether or not acting in concert) on such date. In the event that the total number of Securities being exercised on any date (other than the final exercise date) exceeds such maximum number and the Issuer has elected to limit the number of Securities exercisable on such date, a holder of Securities may not be able to exercise on such date all the Securities that it desires to exercise. In any such case, the number of Securities to be exercised on such date will be reduced until the total number of Securities exercised on such date no longer exceeds such maximum (unless the Issuer otherwise elects), such Securities being selected as specified in the Conditions. Securities tendered for exercise but not exercised on such date will be automatically exercised on the next date on which Securities may be exercised, subject to the same daily maximum limitation and delayed exercise provisions.

Prospective purchasers should review the Conditions to ascertain whether and how such provisions apply to the Securities.

- (b) *Minimum Exercise Amount.* If so indicated in the Conditions, a Holder may have to tender a specified minimum number of the Securities at any one time in order to exercise the Securities. Thus Holders with fewer than the specified minimum number of such Securities will either have to sell their Securities or purchase additional Securities, incurring transaction costs in each case, in order to realise a return on their investment, and may incur the risk that the trading price of the Securities at that time is different from, in the case of Securities settled in cash (“**Cash Settled Securities**”), the applicable Cash Amount (as defined in the Product Conditions) or, in the case of Securities settled by way of physical delivery (“**Physical Delivery Securities**”), the difference between the value of the applicable underlying asset and the exercise price, in each case upon exercise.

Prospective purchasers should review the Conditions to ascertain whether and how such provisions apply to the Securities.

***There may be delays in effecting settlement***

If the Securities are subject to provisions relating to exercise, then upon their exercise, there will be a time lag between the time a holder of the Securities gives instructions to exercise and the time the applicable Cash Amount (if the Securities are Cash Settled Securities) relating to such exercise is determined. If the Securities are Physical Delivery Securities there will be a time lag following exercise of the Securities until the Share Amount is delivered to the relevant Holder’s account. Any such delay between the time of exercise and the determination of the Cash Amount or delivery of the Share Amount will be specified in the Conditions. However, such delay could be significantly longer, particularly in the case of a delay in exercise of such Securities arising from, as described above, any daily maximum exercise limitation or, as described above, any delay consequent upon the determination by the Calculation Agent that a Market Disruption Event (which includes Emerging Market Disruption Events) or a Settlement Disruption Event occurred at any relevant time. The applicable Cash Amount or Share Amount could decrease or increase from what it would have been but for such delay.

Prospective purchasers should review the Conditions to ascertain whether and how such provisions apply to the Securities.

If the Securities are subject to provisions concerning delivery of a Notice and such notice is received by either the relevant Clearing Agent, with a copy to the Principal Agent after the latest time specified in the Conditions, it will be deemed to be duly delivered on the next following Business Day. Such deemed delay may in the case of Cash Settled Securities increase or decrease the Cash Amount from what it would have been but for such deemed delivery. In the case of Securities which are exercisable on one day only or only during an exercise period any Notice, if not delivered by the latest time specified in the Conditions, shall be void.

If the Securities require a Notice to be delivered before close of business in the place of receipt on the Cut-off Date (as defined in the Product Conditions), then delivery after the Cut-off Date may result in a delay in delivery of the applicable Share Amount (as defined in the Product Conditions).

The failure to deliver any certifications required by the Conditions could result in the loss or inability to receive amounts or deliveries otherwise due under the Securities.

Prospective purchasers should review the Conditions to ascertain whether and how such provisions apply to the Securities.

**Securities not exercised in accordance with the Conditions will (where exercise is required) expire worthless.**

***Taxes may be payable by investors***

Potential purchasers and sellers of the Securities should be aware that they may be required to pay stamp taxes or other documentary charges in accordance with the laws and practices of the country where the Securities are transferred. Holders are subject to the provisions of General Condition 9 and payment and/or delivery of any amount due in respect of the Securities will be conditional upon the payment of any Expenses as provided in the Product Conditions.

Potential purchasers who are in any doubt as to their tax position should consult their own independent tax advisers. In addition, potential purchasers should be aware that tax regulations and their application by the relevant taxation authorities change from time to time. Accordingly, it is not possible to predict the precise tax treatment which will apply at any given time.

***No tax gross-up***

If payments on the Securities are or become subject to a withholding or deduction required by law on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature, the Issuer will make the required withholding or deduction, as the case may be, and neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent nor any other person shall pay any additional amounts to the Holders in respect of such withholding or deduction. Please refer to section “General Condition 9 - Taxation”.

***The Securities may be terminated prior to their stated date***

If the Issuer determines that the performance of its obligations under the Securities has become illegal or impractical in whole or in part for any reason or the Issuer determines that it is no longer legal or practical for it to maintain its hedging arrangement with respect to the Securities for any reason, the Issuer may at its discretion and without obligation terminate early the Securities. If the Issuer terminates early the Securities, the Issuer will, if and to the extent permitted by applicable law, pay the holder of each such Security an amount determined by the Calculation Agent to be its fair market value less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements notwithstanding the illegality or impracticality.

### ***Risks associated with Securities held in global form***

The Securities (other than equity certificates issued in registered form) will initially be held by or on behalf of one or more clearing systems specified in the applicable Final Terms (each a “**Relevant Clearing System**”), either in the form of a global Security which will be exchangeable for definitive Securities only in the event of the closure of all Relevant Clearing Systems or in dematerialised form depending on the rules of the Relevant Clearing System. For as long as any Securities are held by or on behalf of a Relevant Clearing System, payments of principal, interest (if any) and any other amounts will be made through the Relevant Clearing System, where required, against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) of any relevant global Security and, in the case of a temporary global Security in bearer form, certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership. The risk is that the bearer or the registered holder, as the case may be, of the relevant global Security, typically a depository or a nominee for a depository for the Relevant Clearing System, or, in the case of Securities in dematerialised form, the Relevant Clearing System and not the Holder itself, shall be treated by the Issuer and any Agent (as defined in the Conditions) as the sole holder of the relevant Securities with respect to the payment of principal, interest (if any) and any other amounts payable in respect of the Securities or any securities deliverable in respect of the Securities. Holders therefore are required to look to the Relevant Clearing System in respect of payments made to it by the Issuer in respect of Securities in global or dematerialised form.

Securities which are held by or on behalf of a Relevant Clearing System will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of the Relevant Clearing System.

### ***Risk associated with nominee arrangements***

Where a nominee service provider is used by an investor to hold Securities or such investor holds interests in any Security through accounts with a Relevant Clearing System, such investor will receive payments in respect of principal, interest, (if any) or any other amounts due, or securities deliverable, as applicable, solely on the basis of the arrangements entered into by the investor with the relevant nominee service provider or Relevant Clearing System, as the case may be. Furthermore, such investor must rely on the relevant nominee service provider or Relevant Clearing System to distribute all payments or securities attributable to the relevant Securities which are received from the Issuer. Accordingly, such an investor will be exposed to the credit risk of, and default risk in respect of, the relevant nominee service provider or Relevant Clearing System, as well as the Issuer.

In addition, such a Holder will only be able to sell any Securities held by it prior to their stated maturity date with the assistance of the relevant nominee service provider.

None of the Issuer or any Agent shall be responsible for the acts or omissions of any relevant nominee service provider or Relevant Clearing System nor makes any representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the service provided by any relevant nominee service provider or Relevant Clearing

System.

***The return on an investment in Securities will be affected by charges incurred by investors***

An investor's total return on an investment in any Securities will be affected by the level of fees charged by the nominee service provider and/or Relevant Clearing System used by the investor. Such a person or institution may charge fees for the opening and operation of an investment account, transfers of Securities, custody services and on payments of interest, principal and other amounts or delivery of securities. Potential investors are therefore advised to investigate the basis on which any such fees will be charged on the relevant Securities.

***Change of law and jurisdiction***

The Conditions are based on English law in effect as at the date of this Base Prospectus. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible change to English law or administrative practice after the date of this Base Prospectus. Prospective investors in the Securities should note that the courts of England and Wales shall have jurisdiction in respect of any disputes involving the Securities. Holders may, however, take any suit, action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the Securities against the Issuer in any court of competent jurisdiction. English law may be materially different from the equivalent law in the home jurisdiction of prospective investors in its application to the Securities.

***Credit ratings may not reflect all risks***

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

***Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments***

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

***Modification, waivers and substitution***

The Issuer may decide to make modifications to the Securities without the consent of the Holders which may affect the Holders' interest either:

- (a) for the purpose of curing any ambiguity or of curing, correcting or supplementing any manifest error or other defective provision; or
- (b) in any other manner which is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders; or
- (c) for the purpose of the substitution of another company as principal debtor under any Securities in place of the Issuer, in the circumstances described in General Condition 8.

***Specific risks relating to Equity Certificates***

*Risks generally applicable where the Underlying is a share in a company listed in an emerging market.* Investing in Securities where the Underlying is a share in a company listed in India, Taiwan, China, Korea and other emerging markets involves substantial risks in addition to those risks normally associated with making investments in other countries and other investment products. Accordingly, investment in the equity certificates is only suitable for those investors who are aware of the risks of investing in these countries and who have the knowledge and experience in financial matters necessary to enable them to evaluate the risks and merits of an investment in the equity certificates.

Potential investors should note that the securities markets in emerging market jurisdictions are generally substantially smaller and at times have been more volatile and illiquid than the major securities markets in more developed countries. No assurance can be given that such volatility or illiquidity will not occur in the future. Many such securities markets also have clearance and settlement procedures that are less developed, less reliable and less efficient than those in more developed countries. There may also be generally less governmental supervision and regulation of the securities exchanges and securities professionals in emerging markets than exists in more developed countries.

Disclosure and regulatory standards in emerging markets are in many respects less stringent than standards in more developed countries and there may be less publicly available information about companies in such markets than is regularly published by or about companies in more developed countries. Companies in emerging markets may be subject to accounting standards and requirements that may differ in significant respects from those applicable to companies in more developed countries. The assets and liabilities and profits and losses appearing in the financial statements of such companies may not reflect their financial position or results of operations in the way they would be reflected had such financial statements been prepared in accordance with generally accepted international accounting principles in more developed countries. The valuation of assets, depreciation, exchange differences, deferred taxation, contingent liabilities and consolidation may also be treated differently than under generally accepted international accounting standards, all of which may affect the valuation of the Underlying.

*Risks related to foreign exchange controls.* Potential investors should note that payments by the Issuer of the Cash Amount in respect of equity certificates is subject to the ability of the Issuer to sell

the Underlying and to there being no foreign exchange control restrictions, including restrictions which prevent the conversion of the Underlying Currency into the Settlement Currency and the transfer of the Settlement Currency to accounts outside the jurisdiction of the Underlying. If any such event occurs at the Valuation Date, it could result in a delay in the determination of the Final Reference Price and the Settlement Date, which delay could be lengthy.

*Market disruption.* In the event of the occurrence of Market Disruption Event on a Valuation Date, a Payment Date or the Settlement Date, the obligations of the Issuer which are due on such date may be delayed, which delay could be lengthy. A Market Disruption Event includes, but is not limited to, any suspension or limitation of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange, the declaration of a general moratorium in respect of banking activities in the country where the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located, the inability of the Issuer (or its affiliate) to unwind its hedge or related trading position relating to the Underlying due to illiquidity and any Emerging Market Disruption Event.

*Force majeure.* The Issuer reserves the right to delay payments and other obligations to the holder of equity certificates where events occur outside the reasonable control of the Issuer or any of its affiliates and result in the Issuer being unable to fulfil its obligations when such obligations are due including (without limitation) failure of telecommunication or computer facilities, industrial disputes, civil unrest or acts of governmental, regulatory or supranational bodies subject to a maximum period specified in the applicable Final Terms. After such date, all obligations of the Issuer in respect of the relevant Securities shall be discharged.

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## **RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT**

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The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Base Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

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## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

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The following documents which have previously been published and have been filed with the Competent Authority (as defined below) shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and to form part of, this Base Prospectus:

1. The Issuer's registration document dated 10 March 2010 (the "**Registration Document**") prepared in accordance with Article 5(3) of the Prospectus Directive which has been (1) previously published or is published simultaneously with this Base Prospectus and (2) filed with the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (*Autoriteit Financiële Markten*) in its capacity as competent authority under the Act on Financial Supervision (*Wet op het financieel toezicht (Wft) 2007*) (the "**Competent Authority**"), other than (i) the risk factor headed "As a condition to HM Treasury support, RBSG has agreed to certain undertakings which may serve to limit the Group's operations and it may be required to agree to further restrictions in the future" on pages 20 and 21, (ii) the risk factor headed "The restructuring proposals for ABN AMRO are complex..." on page 26, (iii) the final paragraph on page 38 (as incorporated by reference pursuant to the supplementary prospectus dated 10 March 2010 and starting "On 17th October 2007, RFS Holdings...") and (iv) each of the paragraphs under the heading "No Significant Change and No Material Adverse Change" on pages 60 and 61.

The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc's organisational structure comprises the divisions set out in the "Description of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc" section of the Registration Document. The Issuer is the principal operating subsidiary of The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc ("**RBSG**" and, together with its subsidiaries, the Group). RBSG manages its operations on a divisional basis as described in the Registration Document. All of these divisions conduct business through RBS with the exception of RBS Insurance, which is conducted through a direct subsidiary of RBSG.

2. The following sections of the 2008 annual report and accounts of RBSG, which were published via the RNS of the London Stock Exchange plc on 9 March 2009:
  - (i) Independent auditors' report for the year ended 31 December 2008 on pages 172 to 173;
  - (ii) Consolidated income statement for the year ended 31 December 2008 on page 174;
  - (iii) Balance sheet as at 31 December 2008 on page 175;

- (iv) Statement of recognised income and expense for the year ended 31 December 2008 on page 176;
- (v) Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 December 2008 on page 177;
- (vi) Accounting policies on pages 178 to 188;
- (vii) Notes on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2008 on pages 189 to 266;
- (viii) Chairman's statement on pages 2 to 3;
- (ix) Group Chief Executive's review on pages 4 to 6;
- (x) Divisional review on pages 7 to 17;
- (xi) Business review on pages 23 to 144;
- (xii) Report of the Directors on pages 148 to 152;
- (xiii) Corporate governance on pages 153 to 158;
- (xiv) Letter from the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee on page 159;
- (xv) Directors' remuneration report on pages 160 to 168;
- (xvi) Directors' interests in shares on page 169;
- (xvii) Statement of directors' responsibilities on page 170;
- (xviii) Amounts in accordance with IFRS on pages 268 to 277;
- (xix) Exchange rates on page 277;
- (xx) Economic and monetary environment on page 278;
- (xxi) Supervision on page 279;
- (xxii) Regulatory reviews and developments on pages 280 to 281;
- (xxiii) Description of property and equipment on page 281;
- (xxiv) Major shareholders on page 281;
- (xxv) Material contracts on pages 281 to 284;

- (xxvi) FSA Listing Rules disclosure on page 284; and
- (xxvii) Shareholder information on pages 285 to 296.
3. The following sections of the 2008 annual report and accounts of the Issuer, which were published via the RNS of the London Stock Exchange plc on 27 April 2009:
- (i) Independent auditors' report for the year ended 31 December 2008 on page 76;
  - (ii) Consolidated income statement for the year ended 31 December 2008 on page 77;
  - (iii) Balance sheets as at 31 December 2008 on page 78;
  - (iv) Statements of recognised income and expense for the year ended 31 December 2008 on page 79;
  - (v) Cash flow statements for the year ended 31 December 2008 on page 80;
  - (vi) Accounting policies on pages 81 to 90;
  - (vii) Notes on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2008 on pages 91 to 155;
  - (viii) Financial review on pages 3 to 71;
  - (ix) Report of the directors on pages 72 to 74;
  - (x) Statement of directors' responsibilities on page 75; and
  - (xi) Additional information on page 156.
4. The following sections of the 2009 annual report and accounts of RBSG, which were published by RBSG on 18 March 2010 and filed with the Competent Authority:
- (i) Independent auditors' report on page 240;
  - (ii) Consolidated income statement on page 241;
  - (iii) Consolidated statement of comprehensive income on page 242;
  - (iv) Balance sheets as at 31 December 2009 on page 243;
  - (v) Statements of changes in equity on pages 244 to 246;

- (vi) Cash flow statements on page 247;
- (vii) Accounting policies on pages 248 to 258;
- (viii) Notes on the accounts on pages 259 to 348;
- (ix) What we have achieved on page 1;
- (x) Chairman's statement on pages 2 to 3;
- (xi) Group Chief Executive's review on pages 4 to 6;
- (xii) Our strategic plan and progress on pages 12 to 19;
- (xiii) Divisional review on pages 20 to 41;
- (xiv) Business review on pages 49 to 206;
- (xv) Report of the Directors on pages 208 to 213;
- (xvi) Corporate governance on pages 214 to 222;
- (xvii) Letter from the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee on pages 223 to 224;
- (xviii) Directors' remuneration report on pages 225 to 236;
- (xix) Directors' interests in shares on page 237;
- (xx) Statement of directors' responsibilities on page 238;
- (xxi) Financial Summary on pages 350 to 359;
- (xxii) Exchange rates on page 359;
- (xxiii) Economic and monetary environment on page 360;
- (xxiv) Supervision on page 361;
- (xxv) Regulatory developments and reviews on pages 361 to 362;
- (xxvi) Description of property and equipment on pages 362 to 363;
- (xxvii) Major shareholders on page 363;
- (xxviii) Material contracts on pages 363 to 369; and

(xxix) Glossary of terms on pages 383 to 387.

5. The following sections of the 2009 annual report and accounts of the Issuer, which were published via the RNS of the London Stock Exchange plc on 9 April 2010:

- (i) Independent auditors' report for the year ended 31 December 2009 on page 97;
- (ii) Consolidated income statement for the year ended 31 December 2009 on page 98;
- (iii) Consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2009 on page 99;
- (iv) Balance sheets as at 31 December 2009 on page 100;
- (v) Statements of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2009 on pages 101 and 102
- (vi) Cash flow statements for the year ended 31 December 2009 on page 103;
- (vii) Accounting policies on pages 104 to 114;
- (viii) Notes on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2009 on pages 115 to 194;
- (ix) Financial review on pages 3 to 92;
- (x) Report of the directors on pages 93 to 95;
- (xi) Statement of directors' responsibilities on page 96; and
- (xii) Additional information on pages 195 to 200.

6. The following sections of the Shareholder Circular published by RBSG on 27 November 2009 (the "**Shareholder Circular**"):

- (i) "Financial Information" on page 5;
- (ii) "Part I – Letter From the Chairman of RBS" on pages 10 to 20;
- (iii) "Appendix 2 to the Letter From the Chairman of RBS – Principal Terms and Conditions of the APS" on pages 46 to 75;
- (iv) "Appendix 3 to the Letter From the Chairman of RBS – Principal Terms of Issue of

- the B Shares and the Dividend Access Share” on pages 76 to 84;
- (v) “Appendix 4 to the Letter From the Chairman of RBS – Key Terms of the State Aid Restructuring Plan” on pages 85 to 86;
  - (vi) “Part II – Capital Resources and Liquidity Management” on pages 89 to 94;
  - (vii) “Part IV – Additional Information – 9 Material contracts” on pages 111 to 118;
  - (viii) “Part VI – Definitions” on pages 121 to 133;
  - (ix) “Annex 1 – Terms of Issue of the B Shares and the Dividend Access Share” on pages 134 to 170; and
  - (x) “Annex 3 – Scheme Principles” on pages 177 to 181.
7. The following sections of the prospectus published on 16 March 2009 in connection with RBSG’s placing and open offer of 16,909,716,385 ordinary shares, which comprises a prospectus prepared in accordance with the Prospectus Rules of the UK Listing Authority:
- (i) “Important Information” on pages 28 to 31;
  - (ii) Part I (Letter From the Chairman of RBS) on pages 35 to 39 excluding the paragraphs under the heading “Trading and outlook” on pages 38 and 39;
  - (iii) Appendix to the Letter From the Chairman of RBS on pages 40 to 50 excluding Part A paragraph 10 (Overseas Shareholders) on page 46, Part A paragraph 11 (UK and US Taxation) on page 46 and Part A paragraph 12 (Action to be taken in respect of the Open Offer) on pages 46 to 48;
  - (iv) the following paragraphs of Part IX (Additional Information) on pages 106 to 151:
    - 8 (Remuneration details, Directors’ service contracts and letters of appointment) on pages 122 to 126;
    - 9 (Board practices) on pages 126 to 128; and
    - 13 (RBS Employee Share Plans) on pages 130 to 138; and
  - (v) Part XI (Definitions) on pages 154 to 162.
8. The announcement headed “The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, The Royal Bank of

Scotland plc and National Westminster Bank Plc – Clarification of Contractual Position Relating to Payments Under Preference Shares and Subordinated Securities” published via the RNS on 20 October 2009.

9. The following press releases of RBSG, which were published via the RNS on 25 March 2010 headed:
  1. “The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc - Convertible Preference Share, Employee Deferral Plan and Liability Management”; and
  2. “The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc and National Westminster Bank Public Limited Company Announce a Proposed Liability Management Exercise”.
10. The press release of RBSG, which was published via the RNS on 6 April 2010 headed “The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc and National Westminster Bank Public Limited Company Launch a Cash Tender Offer for Certain Outstanding Securities; Further Details of EC Dividend/Coupon Deferral Announced”.
11. The RBSG Interim Management Statement Q1 2010 published via RNS on 7 May 2010.
12. The press release of RBSG headed “Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC – Final Settlement Reached With US Dept of Justice” published via RNS on 11 May 2010.

If the documents which are incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus themselves incorporate any information or other documents therein, either expressly or implicitly, such information or other documents will not form part of this Base Prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive except where such information or other documents are specifically incorporated by reference in, or attached to, the Base Prospectus.

In relation to those documents of which only part thereof is incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus, those parts of such documents which are not incorporated either are not relevant for the investor or are covered elsewhere in this Base Prospectus.

Copies of the above documents can be obtained from the registered office of the Issuer at 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh, EH2 2YB, Scotland and on [www.rbs.com](http://www.rbs.com); Tel. 00 44 (0)131 523 3636.

The Issuer will in the event of any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to the information included in this Base Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Securities, prepare a supplement to this Base Prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent issue of Securities.

This Base Prospectus and any supplement will be valid for listing Securities on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext and/or any other exchange in an unlimited aggregate nominal amount.

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## TAXATION

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*Potential purchasers who are in any doubt about their tax position on purchase, ownership, transfer, exercise or non-exercise of any Security should consult their professional tax advisers.*

1. GENERAL

Purchasers of Securities may be required to pay stamp taxes and other charges in accordance with the laws of practices of the country of purchase in addition to the issue or purchase price of each Security.

The Issuer shall not be liable for or otherwise obliged to pay any tax, duty or other payment which may arise as a result of the ownership, transfer or exercise of any Securities.

The Purchasers should be aware that tax treatment depends on the individual circumstances of each client and may be subject to change in future.

2. EU SAVINGS DIRECTIVE

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income, Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest (or similar income) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other Member State. However, for a transitional period Luxembourg and Austria are instead required (unless during that period they elect otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).

On 15 September 2008 the European Commission issued a report to the Council of the European Union on the operation of the Directive, which included the Commission's advice on the need for changes to the Directive. On 13 November 2008 the European Commission published a more detailed proposal for amendments to the Directive, which included a number of suggested changes. The European Parliament approved an amended version of this proposal on 24 April 2009. If any of the proposed changes are made in relation to the Directive, they may amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above.

3. 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 only which may be applicable to the Securities but do not purport to be a comprehensive description of all tax considerations which may be of relevance.

All payments by the Issuer in respect of the Securities will be made free of withholding or deduction for any taxes of whatsoever nature imposed, levied, withheld, or assessed by The Netherlands or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, unless such withholding is, in the future, required by law.

#### 4. UNITED KINGDOM

**The following applies only to persons who are the beneficial owners of Securities and is a summary of the Issuer's understanding of current United Kingdom tax law and United Kingdom HM Revenue & Customs ("HMRC") practice relating only to certain aspects of United Kingdom taxation. It does not deal with any other United Kingdom taxation implications of acquiring, holding or disposing of Securities. Some aspects do not apply to certain classes of person (such as persons carrying on a trade of dealing in Securities and persons connected with the Issuer) to whom special rules may apply. The United Kingdom tax treatment of prospective Holders of Securities depends on their individual circumstances and may be subject to change in the future. The precise tax treatment of a Holder of Securities will depend for each issue on the terms of the Securities, as specified in the terms and Conditions of the Securities as amended and supplemented by the applicable Final Terms. Prospective Holders of Securities who may be subject to tax in a jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom or who may be unsure as to their tax position should seek their own professional advice.**

##### **Withholding on account of United Kingdom tax**

Payments made in respect of the Securities may be made without deduction or withholding for or on account of United Kingdom income tax where such payments are not regarded as either interest or annual payments for United Kingdom tax purposes.

Even if such payments were to be regarded as interest or annual payments for United Kingdom tax purposes, the Issuer should not be required to withhold or deduct sums for or on account of United Kingdom income tax from payments made in respect of the Securities provided that the Securities are derivative contracts, the profits and losses arising from which are calculated in accordance with the provisions of Part 7 of the Corporation Tax Act 2009 (which broadly they should be provided that they are derivatives for the purposes of FRS25 (or International Accounting Standard 32) and are not excluded for the purposes of Part 7 of that Act by virtue of their underlying subject matter).

## **Interest on the Securities**

If interest is payable on the Securities or if payments made in respect of the Securities were to be regarded as interest for United Kingdom tax purposes, such payments may be made without deduction or withholding for or on account of United Kingdom income tax, provided that the Issuer continues to be a bank within the meaning of section 991 of the Income Tax Act 2007 (the "Act"), and provided that any such interest is paid in the ordinary course of the Issuer's business within the meaning of section 878 of the Act.

Payments of interest on or in respect of the Securities may also be made without deduction or withholding for or on account of United Kingdom income tax provided that the Securities continue to be listed on a "recognised stock exchange" within the meaning of section 1005 of the Act. Euronext Amsterdam is a recognised stock exchange for this purpose. The Securities will therefore satisfy this requirement if they are officially listed in the Netherlands in accordance with provisions corresponding to those generally applicable in EEA States and are admitted to trading on Euronext Amsterdam. Provided, therefore, that the Securities are and remain so listed, interest on the Securities will be payable without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom income tax.

Interest on or in respect of the Securities may also be paid without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom income tax where interest on or in respect of the Securities is paid by the Issuer and, at the time the payment is made, the Issuer reasonably believes (and any person by or through whom interest on or in respect of the Securities is paid reasonably believes) that the beneficial owner is within the charge to United Kingdom corporation tax as regards the payment of interest; provided that HMRC has not given a direction (in circumstances where it has reasonable grounds to believe that the above exemption is not available in respect of such payment of interest at the time the payment is made) that the interest should be paid under deduction of tax.

Interest on or in respect of the Securities may also be paid without withholding or deduction for or on account of United Kingdom income tax where the maturity of the Securities is less than 365 days and those Securities do not form part of a scheme or arrangement of borrowing intended to be capable of remaining outstanding for more than 364 days.

In other cases, an amount must generally be withheld from payments of interest on or in respect of the Securities on account of United Kingdom income tax at the basic rate (currently 20 per cent.). However, where an applicable double tax treaty provides for a lower rate of withholding tax (or for no tax to be withheld) in relation to a Holder of Securities, HMRC can issue a notice to the Issuer to pay interest to the Holder of Securities without deduction of tax (or for interest to be paid with tax deducted at the rate provided for in the relevant double tax

treaty).

Holders of Securities may wish to note that, in certain circumstances, HMRC has power to obtain information (including the name and address of the beneficial owner of the interest) from any person in the United Kingdom who either pays or credits interest to or receives interest for the benefit of a Holder of Securities. HMRC also has power, in certain circumstances, to obtain information from any person in the United Kingdom who pays amounts payable on the redemption of Securities which are deeply discounted securities for the purposes of the Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005 to or receives such amounts for the benefit of another person, although HMRC published practice indicates that HMRC will not exercise the power referred to above to require this information in respect of amounts payable on the redemption of deeply discounted securities where such amounts are paid on or before 5 April 2011. Such information may include the name and address of the beneficial owner of the amount payable on redemption. Any information obtained may, in certain circumstances, be exchanged by HMRC with the tax authorities of the jurisdiction in which the Holder of Securities is resident for tax purposes.

## **Stamp Duty**

### *Stamp duty on the issue of Securities*

A charge to United Kingdom stamp duty at a rate of 1.5 per cent. of the value of the Securities may arise on the issue of Securities in bearer form where such Securities are denominated in sterling and do not constitute loan capital (“**Loan Capital**”) for the purposes of section 78 Finance Act 1986 (“**FA 1986**”).

The issue of a Security which has the characteristics of an option or any instrument granting such a Security may be subject to United Kingdom stamp duty.

### *Stamp duty on the transfer of Securities*

No United Kingdom stamp duty should be required to be paid on transfers of Securities on sale provided no instrument of transfer is used to complete such sales.

An instrument transferring Securities on sale may be subject to stamp duty at a rate of 0.5 per cent. of the consideration paid for the Securities if the Securities are either not Loan Capital or are Loan Capital but are not Exempt Loan Capital.

### *Stamp duty on the exercise or redemption of Securities*

No United Kingdom stamp duty should be payable in relation to the exercise or redemption of a Security which is cash settled. United Kingdom stamp duty may be required to be paid in relation to the transfer of assets on the exercise or redemption of a Security which is settled by

way of physical delivery.

### **Stamp duty reserve tax ("SDRT")**

For the purposes of the following paragraphs, "**Exempt Loan Capital**" means any security which constitutes Loan Capital and: (a) does not carry rights to acquire shares or securities (by way of exchange, conversion or otherwise) that are not Exempt Loan Capital; (b) has not carried and does not carry a right to interest the amount of which exceeds a reasonable commercial return on the nominal amount of the relevant security; (c) has not carried and does not carry a right to interest the amount of which falls or has fallen to be determined to any extent by reference to the results of, or any part of, a business or to the value of any property; and (d) has not carried and does not carry a right to a premium which is not reasonably comparable with amounts payable on securities listed on the London Stock Exchange.

#### *SDRT on Loan Securities*

The following analysis applies to Securities which are capable of being cash settled only and Securities which are capable of being settled by way of physical delivery, which constitute stock and/or loan capital for the purposes of section 99(3) FA 1986 (each a "**Loan Security**", a "**Cash Settled Loan Security**" and a "**Physically Settled Loan Security**", respectively).

#### *SDRT on the issue of Loan Securities to a Clearance Service*

No SDRT should be payable in relation to the issue to any person providing a clearance service, or a nominee for any such person, within the meaning of section 96 FA 1986 (a "**Clearance Service**") of a Loan Security provided that it is Exempt Loan Capital.

Except where an election has been made under the alternative system of charge as provided for in section 97A FA 1986 (a "**s97A Election**") applies SDRT should generally be payable in relation to the issue to a Clearance Service of Loan Security which is not Exempt Loan Capital, unless that Loan Security is in bearer form and either: (i) it is denominated in sterling and it is not repayable in a different currency solely at the option of the holder; or (ii) it is not denominated in sterling (or is denominated in sterling but is repayable in a different currency solely at the option of the holder), it constitutes Loan Capital and it does not carry a right to obtain securities which are not relevant securities within the meaning of section 97(3D) FA 1986 ("**Relevant Securities**"). SDRT would be payable at a rate of 1.5 per cent. of the issue price.

The ECJ has found in *C-569/07 HSBC Holdings plc and Vidacos Nominees Ltd v The Commissioners of Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs* (Case C-569/07) (the "**HSBC Decision**") that the 1.5% charge is contrary to EU Community Law where shares are issued to

a clearance service. HMRC has subsequently indicated that it will not levy the charge on shares issued to a clearance service within the EU. It is not clear the extent to which this decision applies to the Loan Securities or the way in which any change in legislation or HMRC practice in response to this decision may alter the position outlined above.

*SDRT on the transfer of Loan Securities held within a Clearance Service*

SDRT should generally not be payable in relation to an agreement to transfer a Loan Security held within a Clearance Service provided that no s97A Election applies to the Security.

*SDRT on the transfer of Loan Securities held outside a Clearance Service or held within a Clearance Service where a s97A Election has been made*

In the case of Loan Securities held outside a Clearance Service or Loan Securities held within a Clearance Service where a s97A Election has been made, no SDRT should be payable in relation to any agreement to transfer a Loan Security provided that it is Exempt Loan Capital.

In the case of Loan Securities held outside a Clearance Service or Loan Securities held within a Clearance Service where a s97A Election has been made, SDRT should generally be payable in relation to any agreement to transfer a Loan Security which is not Exempt Loan Capital, unless that Loan Security is in bearer form and: (i) it constitutes Loan Capital, it is listed on a recognised stock exchange and it carries no right to obtain unlisted securities (for example by way of conversion or exchange); (ii) it was not exempt from stamp duty on issue because it does not constitute Loan Capital and it is denominated in sterling; or (iii) it was exempt from stamp duty on issue solely because it is denominated in a currency other than sterling and it is listed on a recognised stock exchange. SDRT would be payable at a rate of 0.5 per cent. of the consideration given under an agreement to transfer such Loan Securities, unless the transfer is to a depository for a Clearance Service or to a person issuing depository receipts (or to an agent or nominee of such a person) where SDRT may be payable at a rate of 1.5 per cent..

*SDRT on the exercise or redemption of Loan Securities*

SDRT may be required to be paid in respect of the agreement to transfer an asset pursuant to a Physically Settled Loan Security. However, any such liability to SDRT will be cancelled (or if already paid, will be repaid) if the instrument effecting the transfer is chargeable with stamp duty (or is otherwise required to be stamped) and has been stamped within six years of the agreement being made or, in the case of a conditional agreement, within six years of all conditions being satisfied.

*SDRT on Option Securities*

The following analysis applies to Securities, Securities which are capable of being cash

settled only and Securities which are capable of being settled by way of physical delivery which do not constitute stock and/or loan capital for the purposes of section 99(3) FA 1986 (each an "Option Security", a "Cash Settled Option Security" and a "Physically Settled Option Security", respectively).

*SDRT on the issue of Option Securities to a Clearance Service*

No SDRT should be payable in relation to the issue of a Cash Settled Option Security to a Clearance Service.

Except where a s97A Election applies, SDRT should generally be payable in relation to the issue to a Clearance Service of a Physically Settled Option Security which gives the holder an interest in, rights arising out of, or the right to acquire stocks, shares or loan capital that are not Exempt Loan Capital unless that Physically Settled Option Security is in bearer form and either: (i) it is denominated in sterling and it is not repayable in a different currency solely at the option of the holder; or (ii) it is not denominated in sterling (or is denominated in sterling but is repayable in a different currency solely at the option of the holder) and it grants rights to subscribe for securities which constitute Relevant Securities which are granted for a cash consideration only and exercisable only by means of a cash subscription.. SDRT would be payable at a rate of 1.5 per cent. of the issue price.

It is not clear the extent to which the HSBC Decision applies to the Option Securities or the way in which any change in legislation or HMRC practice in response to this decision may alter the position outlined above.

*SDRT on the transfer of Option Securities held within a Clearance Service*

SDRT should generally not be payable in relation to an agreement to transfer Option Securities held within a Clearance Service, provided no s97A Election has been made.

*SDRT on the transfer of Option Securities held outside a Clearance Service or held within a Clearance Service where a section 97A Election has been made*

No SDRT should be payable in relation to an agreement to transfer a Cash Settled Option Security which is held outside a Clearance Service or which is held within a Clearance Service but in respect of which a s97A Election has been made.

In the case of Physically Settled Option Securities held outside a Clearance Service or Physically Settled Option Securities held within a Clearance Service where a s97 Election has been made, SDRT should generally be payable in relation to any agreement to transfer a Physically Settled Option Security which gives the holder an interest in, rights arising out of, or the right to acquire stocks, shares or loan capital that are not Exempt Loan Capital unless that Physically Settled Option Security is in bearer form and: (i) it was not exempt from stamp

duty on issue because it is denominated in sterling; or (ii) it was exempt from stamp duty on issue solely because it is denominated in a currency other than sterling and it is listed on a recognised stock exchange. SDRT would be payable at a rate of 0.5 per cent. of the consideration given under an agreement to transfer such a Physically Settled Option Security, unless the transfer is to a depositary for a Clearance Service or to a person issuing depositary receipts (or to an agent or nominee of such a person) where SDRT may be payable at a rate of 1.5 per cent..

#### *SDRT on the exercise or redemption of Option Securities*

SDRT may be required to be paid in respect of the agreement to transfer an asset pursuant to a Physically Settled Option Security. However, any such liability to SDRT will be cancelled (or if already paid, will be repaid) if the instrument effecting the transfer is chargeable with stamp duty (or is otherwise required to be stamped) and has been stamped within six years of the agreement being made or, in the case of a conditional agreement, within six years of all conditions being satisfied.

## 5. LUXEMBOURG

The following summary is of a general nature and is included herein solely for information purposes. It is based on the laws presently in force in Luxembourg, though it is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, legal or tax advice. Prospective investors in the Securities should therefore consult their own professional advisers as to the effects of state, local or foreign laws, including Luxembourg tax law, to which they may be subject.

### **TAXATION OF THE HOLDERS OF SECURITIES**

#### **Withholding Tax**

##### **(i) Non-resident holders of Securities**

Under Luxembourg general tax laws currently in force and subject to the laws of 21 June 2005 (the "**Laws**") mentioned below, there is no withholding tax on payments of principal, premium or interest made to non-resident holders of Securities, nor on accrued but unpaid interest in respect of the Securities, nor is any Luxembourg withholding tax payable upon redemption or repurchase of the Securities held by non-resident holders of Securities.

Under the Laws implementing the Council Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments and ratifying the treaties entered into by Luxembourg and certain dependent and associated territories of EU Member States (the "**Territories**"), payments of interest or similar income made or ascribed by a paying agent

established in Luxembourg to or for the immediate benefit of an individual beneficial owner or a residual entity, as defined by the Laws, which is resident of, or established in, an EU Member State (other than Luxembourg) or one of the Territories will be subject to a withholding tax unless the relevant recipient has adequately instructed the relevant paying agent to provide details of the relevant payments of interest or similar income to the fiscal authorities of his/her/its country of residence or establishment, or, in the case of an individual beneficial owner, has provided a tax certificate issued by the fiscal authorities of his/her country of residence in the required format to the relevant paying agent. Where withholding tax is applied, it is currently levied at a rate of 20% and will be levied at a rate of 35% as of 1 July 2011. Responsibility for the withholding of the tax will be assumed by the Luxembourg paying agent. Payments of interest under the Securities coming within the scope of the Laws would at present be subject to withholding tax of 20%.

**(ii) Resident holders of Securities**

Under Luxembourg general tax laws currently in force and subject to the law of 23 December 2005 as amended (the "**Law**") mentioned below, there is no withholding tax on payments of principal, premium or interest made to Luxembourg resident holders of Securities, nor on accrued but unpaid interest in respect of Securities, nor is any Luxembourg withholding tax payable upon redemption or repurchase of Securities held by Luxembourg resident holders of Securities.

Under the Law payments of interest or similar income made or ascribed by a paying agent established in Luxembourg to or for the benefit of an individual beneficial owner who is resident of Luxembourg will be subject to a withholding tax of 10%. Such withholding tax will be in full discharge of income tax if the beneficial owner is an individual acting in the course of the management of his/her private wealth. Responsibility for the withholding of the tax will be assumed by the Luxembourg paying agent. Payments of interest under the Securities coming within the scope of the Law would be subject to withholding tax of 10 per cent.

6. UNITED STATES

**TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (THE IRS), WE INFORM YOU THAT ANY TAX DISCUSSION HEREIN WAS NOT WRITTEN AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED AND CANNOT BE USED BY ANY TAXPAYER FOR PURPOSES OF AVOIDING U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON THE TAXPAYER. ANY SUCH TAX DISCUSSION WAS WRITTEN TO**

**SUPPORT THE PROMOTION OR MARKETING OF THE TRANSACTIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN. EACH TAXPAYER SHOULD SEEK ADVICE BASED ON THE TAXPAYER'S PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES FROM AN INDEPENDENT TAX ADVISER.**

The following summary describes certain U.S. federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to a U.S. holder (as defined below) who purchases an Equity Certificate, but is not purported to be a complete analysis of all potential tax effects. This summary is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “Code”); existing and proposed regulations promulgated thereunder, and published rulings and court decisions, all as in effect and existing on the date of this Base Prospectus and all of which are subject to change at any time with retrospective or prospective effect. The rules governing the U.S. federal income taxation of option transactions and other derivative financial instruments are complex and depend on a taxpayer’s particular circumstances. Accordingly, this summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to any particular investor in an Equity Certificate. In particular, this summary deals only with Equity Certificates issued in registered form and with holders of Equity Certificates who purchase in the initial offering at the applicable issue price and in whose hands the Equity Certificates, or the stock, debt, commodity or other property underlying the Equity Certificates would be capital assets for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In addition, this discussion assumes that the Equity Certificates that are treated as options for U.S. federal income tax purposes, when issued, are not significantly “in-the-money”.

This summary also does not discuss the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a U.S. holder who is a member of a class of holders subject to special rules, such as a dealer in securities, commodities or derivative financial instruments; a trader in securities, commodities or derivative financial instruments that elects to use a mark-to-market method of accounting for securities or commodities holdings; a bank; a life insurance company; a tax-exempt organisation; entities that are treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as partnerships or other pass-through entities; an investor who purchases an Equity Certificate with respect to stock in a company that is treated as a passive foreign investment company (“PFIC”) for U.S. federal income tax purposes; an investor who purchases an Equity Certificate and holds any other position (whether long or short, direct or indirect) in any asset underlying such option; an investor who purchases an Equity Certificate that is part of a hedging transaction or that has been hedged against currency risk; an investor who purchases an Equity Certificate that is part of a straddle or conversion transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes; and an investor whose functional currency for U.S. federal income tax purposes is not the U.S. dollar.

As a consequence of the foregoing, it should be particularly noted that this summary does not address the special tax considerations that apply to an investment in a combination of Equity Certificates with respect to the same underlying assets. Further, this summary does not address alternative minimum tax consequences or the indirect effects on the holders of equity interests in a holder of an Equity Certificate.

Any of the foregoing circumstances might substantially alter the tax consequences described below, and, in some instances, may require specific identification of positions in the relevant Equity Certificate before the close of the day on which they are acquired. For example, if the straddle rules were to apply, a U.S. holder of an Equity Certificate might be required to (i) recognise all or a portion of any gain on such Equity Certificate that would otherwise be long-term or short-term capital gain, as ordinary income or, if applicable, short-term capital gain, (ii) defer all, or a portion, of any loss realised upon the sale, exchange, exercise, cancellation or lapse of such Equity Certificate and (iii) capitalise any interest or carrying charges incurred by such U.S. holder with respect to such Equity Certificate.

This summary does not address the material U.S. federal income tax consequences of every type of Equity Certificate which may be issued under the Programme. Additional U.S. federal income tax consequences, if any, applicable to a particular Equity Certificate may be set forth in the applicable Final Terms.

**The rules governing the taxation of option transactions and derivative financial instruments are complex and depend on a taxpayer's particular circumstances. U.S. holders are strongly urged to consult their tax advisors concerning the U.S. federal, state, local, foreign and other national tax consequences of the ownership and disposition of Equity Certificates in their particular circumstances. U.S. holders should also consult their tax advisors as to the possibility of changes of law affecting taxation of derivative financial instruments with contingent payments, including prepaid forward contracts. Prospective investors should consult their tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences of acquiring, owning and disposing of the Equity Certificates in light of such investor's own circumstances, including such investor's status as a U.S. holder or non-U.S. holder (as defined below), as well as any other estate, gift, or other tax consequences that may arise under the laws of any state, local, foreign or other taxing jurisdiction.**

For purposes of this discussion, a "U.S. holder" means a beneficial owner of an Equity Certificate that is:

- (i) a citizen or individual resident of the United States, as defined in Section 7701(b) of the Code,
- (ii) a corporation, including any entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes, created or organised in or under the laws of the United States, any State thereof or the District of Columbia;
- (iii) an estate the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income tax without regard to its source;
- (iv) a trust if (x) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust, and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or (y) such trust has a valid election in effect under applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations to be treated as a United States person;
- (v) otherwise subject to U.S. federal income taxation on a net income basis in respect of the Equity Certificate.

A “**non-U.S. holder**” is a beneficial owner of an Equity Certificate that is a non-resident alien individual or a foreign corporation. If a partnership holds an Equity Certificate, the tax treatment of a partner will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Partners in partnerships holding an Equity Certificate should consult their tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of acquiring, owning, exchanging and disposing of the Equity Certificates.

The Issuer generally intends to treat Equity Certificates issued under the Programme as prepaid cash-settled forward contracts, unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Final Terms. It is possible, however, that the Equity Certificates may be treated as equity or a derivative financial instrument for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The tax treatment of Equity Certificates to which a treatment other than as prepaid cash-settled forward contracts may apply may be discussed in the applicable Final Terms. The Final Terms for an issue of Equity Certificates may specify with respect to the issue of Equity Certificates to which it relates (and where relevant) the potential U.S. federal income tax consequences of the purchase, ownership, disposition of the Equity Certificates.

Holders may be subject to a variety of U.S. tax consequences depending on the subject and

the terms of the Equity Certificates. Holders should consult their own advisers about the tax consequences of purchasing Equity Certificates, particularly whether the Equity Certificates being acquired could be treated for U.S. tax purposes as debt instruments or as another type of financial instrument.

### **Classification of the Equity Certificates**

Depending on the terms of an Equity Certificate, such Equity Certificate could be treated as one or more of the following: (i) a prepaid forward contract (which, depending on the terms, may be subject to embedded options), (ii) a combination of a loan and a prepaid forward contract, (iii) an outright or constructive ownership interest in the property underlying such Equity Certificate, or (iv) a debt instrument with or without contingent payments. Additional U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to a particular issuance of Equity Certificates may be set forth in the applicable Final Terms.

No ruling is being requested from the IRS with respect to the Equity Certificates, and the treatment of the Equity Certificates described below is not binding on the IRS or the courts. As a result, significant aspects of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of an investment in the Equity Certificates are uncertain.

### **U.S. Holders**

#### ***Debt***

The following is a summary of the principal U.S. federal income tax consequences of the ownership of Equity Certificates treated as debt for U.S. federal tax purposes.

#### ***Payment of Interest***

Interest on an Equity Certificate, whether payable in U.S. dollars or a currency, composite currency or basket of currencies other than U.S. dollars (“foreign currency” interest on a “**Foreign Currency Equity Certificate**”), other than interest on a “**Discount Equity Certificate**” that is not “qualified stated interest” (each as defined below under “Original Issue Discount—General”), will be taxable to a U.S. holder as ordinary income at the time it is received or accrued, depending on the U.S. holder’s method of accounting for tax purposes. Interest paid by the Issuer on the Equity Certificates and original issue discount (“**OID**”), if any, accrued with respect to the Equity Certificates (as described below under “Original Issue

Discount”) generally will constitute income from sources outside the United States subject to the rules regarding the foreign tax credit allowable to a U.S. holder. Prospective purchasers should consult their tax advisers concerning the foreign tax credit implications of any payment of foreign taxes.

### *Original Issue Discount*

#### *General*

The following is a summary of the principal U.S. federal income tax consequences of the ownership of Equity Certificates issued with OID. The following summary does not discuss Equity Certificates that are characterized as contingent payment debt instruments for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

An Equity Certificate, other than an Equity Certificate with a term of one year or less, will be treated as issued with OID (a “**Discount Equity Certificate**”) if the excess of the Equity Certificate’s “stated redemption price at maturity” over its issue price is equal to or more than a *de minimis* amount (0.25 per cent. of the Equity Certificate’s stated redemption price at maturity multiplied by the number of complete years to its maturity). Generally, the issue price of an Equity Certificate will be the first price at which substantial amount of Equity Certificates included in the issue of which the Equity Certificate is a part is sold to persons other than bond houses, brokers, or similar persons or organisations acting in the capacity of underwriters, placement agents, or wholesalers. The stated redemption price at maturity of an Equity Certificate is the total of all payments provided by the Equity Certificate that are not payments of “qualified stated interest.” A qualified stated interest payment is generally any one of a series of stated interest payments on an Equity Certificate that are unconditionally payable at least annually at a single fixed rate, or a variable rate (as described below under “Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificates”), applied to the outstanding principal amount of the Equity Certificate. Solely for the purposes of determining whether an Equity Certificate has OID, the Issuer will be deemed to exercise any call option that has the effect of decreasing the yield on the Equity Certificate, and the U.S. holder will be deemed to exercise any put option that has the effect of increasing the yield on the Equity Certificate. If an Equity Certificate has *de minimis* OID, a U.S. holder must include the *de minimis* amount in income as stated principal payments are made on the Equity Certificate, unless the holder makes the election to treat all interest as OID.

U.S. holders of Discount Equity Certificates must include OID in income calculated on a

constant-yield method before the receipt of cash attributable to the income, and generally will have to include in income increasingly greater amounts of OID over the life of the Discount Equity Certificates. The amount of OID includible in income by a U.S. holder of Discount Equity Certificates is the sum of the daily portions of OID with respect to the Discount Equity Certificates for each day during the taxable year or portion of the taxable year on which the U.S. holder holds the Discount Equity Certificates. The amount of OID allocable to an accrual period (and pro rata to every day in the accrual period) equals the excess of (a) the product of the Discount Equity Certificate's adjusted issue price at the beginning of the accrual period and the Discount Equity Certificate's yield to maturity (determined on the basis of compounding at the close of each accrual period and properly adjusted for the length of the accrual period) over (b) the sum of the payments of qualified stated interest on the Equity Certificate allocable to the accrual period. The "adjusted issue price" of a Discount Equity Certificate at the beginning of any accrual period is the issue price of the Equity Certificate increased by (x) the amount of accrued OID for each prior accrual period and decreased by (y) the amount of any payments previously made on the Equity Certificate that were not qualified stated interest payments.

#### *Acquisition Premium*

A U.S. holder that purchases a Discount Equity Certificate for an amount less than or equal to the sum of all amounts payable on the Equity Certificate after the purchase date, other than payments of qualified stated interest, but in excess of its adjusted issue price and that does not make the election to treat all interest as OID, is permitted to reduce the daily portions of OID by a fraction, the numerator of which is the excess of the U.S. holder's adjusted basis in the Discount Equity Certificate immediately after its purchase over the Discount Equity Certificate's adjusted issue price, and the denominator of which is the excess of the sum of all amounts payable on the Equity Certificate after the purchase date, other than payments of qualified stated interest, over the Discount Equity Certificate's adjusted issue price.

#### *Market Discount*

An Equity Certificate, other than an Equity Certificate with a term of one year or less, generally will be treated as purchased at a market discount if the Equity Certificate's stated redemption price at maturity or, in the case of a Discount Equity Certificate, the Equity Certificate's "revised issue price", exceeds the amount for which the U.S. holder purchased the Equity Certificate by at least 0.25 per cent. of the Equity Certificate's stated redemption price at maturity or revised issue price, respectively, multiplied by the number of complete

years to the Equity Certificate's maturity. If this excess is not sufficient to cause the Equity Certificate to be treated as purchased at a market discount, then the excess constitutes "*de minimis* market discount". For this purpose, the "revised issue price" of an Equity Certificate generally equals its issue price, increased by the amount of any OID that has accrued on the Equity Certificate and decreased by the amount of any payments previously made on the Equity Certificate that were not qualified stated interest payments.

#### *Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificates*

Equity Certificates that provide for interest at variable rates ("**Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificates**") generally will bear interest at a "qualified floating rate" and thus will be treated as "variable rate debt instruments" under Treasury Regulations governing accrual of OID. A Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate will qualify as a "variable rate debt instrument" if (a) its issue price does not exceed the total noncontingent principal payments due under the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate by more than a specified *de minimis* amount and (b) it provides for stated interest, paid or compounded at least annually, at current values of (i) one or more qualified floating rates, (ii) a single fixed rate and one or more qualified floating rates, (iii) a single objective rate, or (iv) a single fixed rate and a single objective rate that is a qualified inverse floating rate.

A "qualified floating rate" is any variable rate where variations in the value of the rate can reasonably be expected to measure contemporaneous variations in the cost of newly borrowed funds in the currency in which the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate is denominated. A fixed multiple of a qualified floating rate will constitute a qualified floating rate only if the multiple is greater than 0.65 but not more than 1.35, whether or not a variable rate is increased or decreased by a fixed rate. A variable rate that would otherwise constitute a qualified floating rate but which is subject to one or more restrictions such as a maximum numerical limitation (i.e., a cap) or a minimum numerical limitation (i.e., a floor) may, under certain circumstances, fail to be treated as a qualified floating rate unless the cap or floor is fixed throughout the term of the Equity Certificate.

An "objective rate" is a rate that is not itself a qualified floating rate but which is determined using a single fixed formula and which is based on objective financial or economic information (e.g., one or more qualified floating rates or the yield of actively traded personal property). A rate will not qualify as an objective rate if it is based on information that is within the control of the Issuer (or a related party) or that is unique to the circumstances of the Issuer (or a related party), such as dividends, profits or the value of the Issuer's stock

(although a rate does not fail to be an objective rate merely because it is based on the credit quality of the Issuer).

A qualified floating rate or objective rate in effect at any time during the term of the instrument must be set at a “current value” of that rate – the value of the rate on any day that is no earlier than 3 months prior to the first day on which that value is in effect and no later than 1 year following that first day.

A Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate that provides for stated interest at either a single qualified floating rate or a single objective rate throughout the term thereof and that qualifies as a “variable rate debt instrument” will generally not be treated as having been issued with OID unless the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate is issued at a “true discount” (i.e., at a price below the Equity Certificate’s stated principal amount) in excess of a specified *de minimis* amount. OID on a Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate arising from true discount is allocated to an accrual period using the constant yield method described above.

In general, any other Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate that qualifies as a “variable rate debt instrument” will be converted into an equivalent fixed rate debt instrument for purposes of determining the amount and accrual of OID and qualified stated interest on the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate. Such a Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate must be converted into an equivalent fixed rate debt instrument by substituting any qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate provided for under the terms of the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate with a fixed rate equal to the value of the qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate, as the case may be, as of the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate’s issue date. Any objective rate (other than a qualified inverse floating rate) provided for under the terms of the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate is converted into a fixed rate that reflects the yield that is reasonably expected for the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate. In the case of a Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate that qualifies as a “variable rate debt instrument” and provides for stated interest at a fixed rate in addition to either one or more qualified floating rates or a qualified inverse floating rate, the fixed rate is initially converted into a qualified floating rate (or a qualified inverse floating rate, if the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate provides for a qualified inverse floating rate). Under these circumstances, the qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate that replaces the fixed rate must be such that the fair market value of the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate as of the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate’s issue date is approximately the same as the fair market value of an otherwise identical debt instrument that provides for either the qualified floating rate or qualified inverse floating rate rather than the fixed rate.

Subsequent to converting the fixed rate into either a qualified floating rate or a qualified inverse floating rate, the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate is converted into an equivalent fixed rate debt instrument in the manner described above.

Once the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate is converted into an equivalent fixed rate debt instrument pursuant to the foregoing rules, the amount of OID and qualified stated interest, if any, are determined for the equivalent fixed rate debt instrument by applying the general OID rules to the equivalent fixed rate debt instrument and a U.S. holder of the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate will account for the OID and qualified stated interest as if the U.S. holder held the equivalent fixed rate debt instrument. In each accrual period, appropriate adjustments will be made to the amount of qualified stated interest or OID assumed to have been accrued or paid with respect to the equivalent fixed rate debt instrument in the event that these amounts differ from the actual amount of interest accrued or paid on the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate during the accrual period.

If a Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate, such as an Equity Certificate the payments on which are determined by reference to an index, does not qualify as a “variable rate debt instrument”, then the Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificate will be treated as a contingent payment debt instrument. Prospective purchasers should consult with their own tax advisers concerning the proper U.S. federal income tax treatment of Variable Interest Rate Equity Certificates that are treated as contingent payment debt.

#### *Short-Term Equity Certificates*

In general, an individual or other cash basis U.S. holder of an Equity Certificate with a term of one year or less is not required to accrue OID (calculated as set forth below for the purposes of this paragraph) for U.S. federal income tax purposes unless it elects to do so (but may be required to include any stated interest in income as the interest is received). Accrual basis U.S. holders and certain other U.S. holders are required to accrue OID on Equity Certificates with a term of one year or less on a straight-line basis or, if the U.S. holder so elects, under the constant-yield method (based on daily compounding). In the case of a U.S. holder not required and not electing to include OID in income currently, any gain realised on the sale or retirement of the Equity Certificate with a term of one year or less will be ordinary income to the extent of the OID accrued on a straight-line basis (unless an election is made to accrue the OID under the constant-yield method) through the date of sale or retirement. U.S. holders who are not required and do not elect to accrue OID on Equity Certificates with a term of one year or less will be required to defer deductions for interest on borrowings

allocable to Equity Certificates with a term of one year or less in an amount not exceeding the deferred income until the deferred income is realised.

For purposes of determining the amount of OID subject to these rules, all interest payments on an Equity Certificate with a term of one year or less are included in such Equity Certificate's stated redemption price at maturity. A U.S. holder may elect to determine OID on an Equity Certificate with a term of one year or less as if such Equity Certificate had been originally issued to the U.S. holder as the U.S. holder's purchase price for the Equity Certificate. This election shall apply to all obligations with a maturity of one year or less acquired by the U.S. holder on or after the first day of the first taxable year to which the election applies, and may not be revoked without the consent of the IRS.

#### *Equity Certificates Purchased at a Premium*

A U.S. holder that purchases an Equity Certificate for an amount in excess of its principal amount, or for a Discount Equity Certificate, its stated redemption price at maturity, may elect to treat the excess as "amortisable bond premium", in which case the amount required to be included in the U.S. holder's income each year with respect to interest on the Equity Certificate will be reduced by the amount of amortisable bond premium allocable (based on the Equity Certificate's yield to maturity) to that year. Any election to amortise bond premium shall apply to all bonds (other than bonds the interest on which is excludable from gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes) held by the U.S. holder at the beginning of the first taxable year to which the election applies or thereafter acquired by the U.S. holder, and is irrevocable without the consent of the IRS. A U.S. holder that does not elect to take bond premium (other than acquisition premium, as discussed above under "Original Issue Discount—Acquisition Premium") into account currently will recognise a capital loss when the Equity Certificate matures.

#### *Purchase, Sale and Retirement of Equity Certificates*

A U.S. holder's tax basis in an Equity Certificate will generally be its cost, increased by the amount of any OID and market discount included in the U.S. holder's income with respect to the Equity Certificate and the amount, if any, of income attributable to *de minimis* OID and *de minimis* market discount included in the U.S. holder's income with respect to the Equity Certificate, and reduced by (i) the amount of any payments that are not qualified stated interest payments, and (ii) the amount of any amortisable bond premium applied to reduce interest on the Equity Certificate.

A U.S. holder will generally recognise gain or loss on the sale or retirement of an Equity Certificate equal to the difference between the amount realised on the sale or retirement and the U.S. holder's tax basis in the Equity Certificate. Except to the extent described above under "Original Issue Discount—Market Discount" or "Original Issue Discount—Short Term Equity Certificates" or attributable to accrued but unpaid interest or changes in exchange rates (as discussed below), gain or loss recognised on the sale or retirement of an Equity Certificate will be capital gain or loss and generally will be treated as from U.S. sources for purposes of the U.S. foreign tax credit limitation and may be taxable at reduced rates in the case of a U.S. holder that is an individual, estate or trust, if the Equity Certificates are held for more than one year. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

### *Foreign Currency Equity Certificates*

#### *Interest*

If an interest payment is denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency, the amount of income recognised by a cash basis U.S. holder will be the U.S. dollar value of the interest payment, based on the exchange rate in effect on the date of receipt, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted into U.S. dollars.

An accrual basis U.S. holder may determine the amount of income recognised with respect to an interest payment denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency in accordance with either of two methods. Under the first method, the amount of income accrued will be based on the average exchange rate in effect during the interest accrual period (or, in the case of an accrual period that spans two taxable years of a U.S. holder, the part of the period within the taxable year).

Under the second method, the U.S. holder may elect to determine the amount of income accrued on the basis of the exchange rate in effect on the last day of the accrual period (or, in the case of an accrual period that spans two taxable years, the exchange rate in effect on the last day of the part of the period within the taxable year). Additionally, if a payment of interest is actually received within five business days of the last day of the accrual period, an electing accrual basis U.S. holder may instead translate the accrued interest into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate in effect on the day of actual receipt. Any such election will apply to all debt instruments held by the U.S. holder at the beginning of the first taxable year to which the election applies or thereafter acquired by the U.S. holder, and will be irrevocable without the consent of the IRS.

Upon receipt of an interest payment (including a payment attributable to accrued but unpaid interest upon the sale or retirement of an Equity Certificate) denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency, the U.S. holder may recognise U.S. source exchange gain or loss (taxable as ordinary income or loss) equal to the difference between the amount received (translated into U.S. dollars at the spot rate on the date of receipt) and the amount previously accrued, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted into U.S. dollars.

#### *OID*

OID for each accrual period on a Discount Equity Certificate that is denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency, will be determined in the foreign currency and then translated into U.S. dollars in the same manner as stated interest accrued by an accrual basis U.S. holder, as described above under “Foreign Currency Equity Certificates—Interest”. Upon receipt of an amount attributable to OID (whether in connection with a payment on the Equity Certificate or a sale of the Equity Certificate), a U.S. holder may recognise U.S. source exchange gain or loss (taxable as ordinary income or loss) equal to the difference between the amount received (translated into U.S. dollars at the spot rate on the date of receipt) and the amount previously accrued, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted into U.S. dollars.

#### *Bond Premium*

Bond premium (including acquisition premium) on an Equity Certificate that is denominated in, or determined by reference to, a foreign currency, will be computed in units of the foreign currency, and any such bond premium that is taken into account currently will reduce interest income in units of the foreign currency.

On the date bond premium offsets interest income, a U.S. holder may recognise U.S. source exchange gain or loss (taxable as ordinary income or loss) measured by the difference between the spot rate in effect on that date, and on the date the Equity Certificates were acquired by the U.S. holder.

#### *Purchase, Sale and Retirement of Equity Certificates*

As discussed above under “Purchase, Sale and Retirement of Equity Certificates”, a U.S. holder will generally recognise gain or loss on the sale or retirement of an Equity Certificate equal to the difference between the amount realised on the sale or retirement and its tax basis

in the Equity Certificate. A U.S. holder's tax basis in a Foreign Currency Equity Certificate will be determined by reference to the U.S. dollar cost of the Equity Certificate. The U.S. dollar cost of an Equity Certificate purchased with foreign currency will generally be the U.S. dollar value of the purchase price on the date of purchase or, in the case of Equity Certificates traded on an established securities market, as defined in the applicable Treasury Regulations, that are purchased by a cash basis U.S. holder (or an accrual basis U.S. holder that so elects), on the settlement date for the purchase.

The amount realised on a sale or retirement for an amount in foreign currency will be the U.S. dollar value of this amount on the date of sale or retirement or, in the case of Equity Certificates traded on an established securities market, as defined in the applicable Treasury Regulations, sold by a cash basis U.S. holder (or an accrual basis U.S. holder that so elects), on the settlement date for the sale. Such an election by an accrual basis U.S. holder must be applied consistently from year to year and cannot be revoked without the consent of the IRS.

A U.S. holder will recognise U.S. source exchange rate gain or loss (taxable as ordinary income or loss) on the sale or retirement of an Equity Certificate equal to the difference, if any between the U.S. dollar values of the U.S. holder's purchase price for the Equity Certificate (or, if less, the principal amount of the Equity Certificate) (i) on the date of sale or retirement and (ii) the date on which the U.S. holder acquired the Equity Certificate. Any such exchange rate gain or loss will be realised only to the extent of total gain or loss realised on the sale or retirement.

#### *Disposition of Foreign Currency*

Foreign currency received as interest on an Equity Certificate or on the sale or retirement of an Equity Certificate will generally have a tax basis equal to its U.S. dollar value at the time the interest is received or at the time of the sale or retirement. Foreign currency that is purchased will generally have a tax basis equal to the U.S. dollar value of the foreign currency on the date of purchase. Any gain or loss recognised on a sale or other disposition of a foreign currency (including its use to purchase Equity Certificates or upon exchange for U.S. dollars) will be U.S. source ordinary income or loss.

#### *Options or Warrants*

The following is a summary of the principal U.S. federal income tax consequences of the ownership of Equity Certificates, treated as options or warrants for U.S. federal income tax

purposes.

### *Premium*

Premium paid by a U.S. holder for an Equity Certificate will generally be treated as a non-deductible capital expenditure. As described in the following two sections, the amount of such premium will be taken into account upon the exercise, sale, transfer, cash settlement, or lapse of the Equity Certificate.

### *Sale, Transfer, Cash Settlement, or Lapse of Equity Certificates*

A U.S. holder who has purchased an Equity Certificate will generally recognise capital gain or loss upon the sale, transfer, cash settlement or lapse of the Equity Certificate in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the amount realised by the investor from such sale, transfer, settlement, or lapse and (ii) the amount of the premium that the investor paid for the Equity Certificate. Such capital gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the Equity Certificate was held for more than one year. Certain exceptions to such treatment are noted below and, if appropriate, may be addressed in the applicable Final Terms.

### *Mark-to-Market Rules*

Under Section 1256 of the Code, special mark-to-market and character rules apply in the case of certain “nonequity” options and foreign currency contracts. Unless the Equity Certificates (other than Equity Certificates denominated in a currency other than the U.S. dollar) are listed on a “qualified board or exchange” for purposes of Section 1256 of the Code, however, these mark-to-market rules will not be applicable to U.S. holders of the Equity Certificates. Where relevant, the application of the Section 1256 of the Code rules to Equity Certificates denominated in a currency other than the U.S. dollar may be discussed in the applicable Final Terms.

### ***Other Treatments***

#### *Tax Treatment of Prepaid Forward Contracts (With or Without a Loan)*

If any Equity Certificates are treated as prepaid forward contracts (with or without a loan) for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the following description should apply to such Equity Certificates.

### *Interest Payments*

Payments of interest (if any) will be taxable to a U.S. holder as ordinary interest income at the time such payments are accrued or are received (in accordance with the U.S. holder's regular method of tax accounting).

### *Cash Settlement, Sale, or Other Disposition of the Equity Certificates*

If the Equity Certificates are treated, in whole or in part, as prepaid forward contracts, upon the receipt of cash upon settlement of an Equity Certificate or upon the sale or other disposition of such Equity Certificate, a U.S. holder generally will recognise taxable gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realised (generally, the amount of cash received) and such U.S. holder's tax basis in the Equity Certificate. In general, a U.S. holder's tax basis in an Equity Certificate will equal the amount that such U.S. holder paid to acquire the Equity Certificate. Subject to the discussion below under "Constructive Ownership," any such gain or loss generally will be long-term capital gain or loss if the Equity Certificate was held for more than one year at the time of settlement or at the time of sale or other disposition.

### *Constructive Ownership*

Some or all of the net long-term capital gain arising from certain "constructive ownership" transactions may be characterised as ordinary income, in which case an interest charge would be imposed on any such ordinary income. These rules have no immediate application to forward contracts in respect of most property underlying the Equity Certificates, because they are only applicable to the extent that the underlying property directly or indirectly includes shares of issuers treated as PFICs or as certain other "pass-through" entities. These rules, however, grant discretionary authority to the U.S. Treasury Department (the "**Treasury**") to expand the scope of "constructive ownership" transactions to include forward contracts in respect of the stock of all corporations, in addition to forward contracts in respect of any debt instrument. The rules also separately direct the Treasury to promulgate regulations excluding a forward contract that does not convey "substantially all" of the economic return on any underlying asset from the scope of "constructive ownership" transactions. It is not possible to predict whether such regulations will be promulgated by the Treasury, or the form or effective date that any regulations that may be promulgated might take.

### *Interest in the Underlying Property*

Depending on the terms of particular Equity Certificates, a U.S. holder could be treated as owning the property underlying those Equity Certificates for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In that event, for example, in the case of certain index linked Equity Certificates, the U.S. holder would be required to recognise appropriate amounts of capital gain on the disposition of any shares included in the underlying index each time that the index is rebalanced. In such a case, such U.S. holder also would be subject to tax on dividends on shares included in the Index in an amount equal to the gross dividends paid by the companies whose shares are included in the Index. In addition, any current expenses (including any withholding taxes) in respect of shares included in the Index would be treated as if made directly by the U.S. holder, and the deductibility of such expenses (or creditability of such withholding taxes) could be subject to certain limitations.

### *Contingent Payment Debt Instruments*

If any Equity Certificates are treated as contingent payment debt instruments, the tax consequences to a U.S. holder would be determined under U.S. Treasury Regulations governing contingent payment debt instruments (the “**Contingent Payment Regulations**”). The Contingent Payment Regulations are complex, but very generally apply the OID rules of the Code to a contingent payment debt instrument by requiring that OID be accrued by the U.S. holder every year at a “comparable yield” for the issuer of the instrument, determined at the time of issuance of the obligation. In addition, the Contingent Payment Regulations require that a projected payment schedule, which results in such a “comparable yield” be determined by the issuer. Further, a U.S. holder will be required to make adjustments to income accruals to account for differences between the actual payments received by the U.S. holder and the projected amounts of such payments. To the extent that the actual payments received by a U.S. holder exceed the projected payments on a contingent debt instrument in any taxable year, the owner of that instrument will recognise ordinary interest income for that taxable year equal to the amount of such excess. In addition, any gain realised on the sale, exchange or redemption of a contingent payment debt instrument will be treated as ordinary income. Any loss realised on such sale, exchange or redemption will be treated as an ordinary loss to the extent that the U.S. holder’s OID inclusions with respect to the obligation exceed prior reversals of such inclusions required by the adjustment mechanism described above. Any loss realised in excess of such amount generally will be treated as a capital loss.

### *Loan and One or More Options*

If any Equity Certificates are treated as a combination of a loan (or deposit) and one or more options, in general, payments of interest (if any) will be taxable to a U.S. holder as ordinary interest income at the time that such payments are accrued or are received (in accordance with the U.S. holder's regular method of tax accounting), while payments in respect of the options would be taxable in a manner similar to the taxation of corresponding payments under Equity Certificates treated as options, as described above under "Options or Warrants."

### *Possible Alternative Tax Treatment*

If an Equity Certificate is treated as a unit consisting of a loan and a forward contract, a U.S. holder could be required to accrue a significant amount of OID on a current basis during the period in which it holds the Equity Certificate. Alternatively, it is possible that the Equity Certificates could be characterised for U.S. federal income tax purposes as debt instruments that are subject to the Contingent Payment Regulations (as more fully described above under "Contingent Payment Debt Instruments"), in which case, among other matters, a U.S. holder would be required to accrue income, as OID, at a "comparable yield" for the Issuer, on the purchase price. Furthermore, any gain realised with respect to the Equity Certificates would generally be treated as ordinary income.

It is also possible that future regulations or other IRS guidance would require a U.S. holder to accrue income on the Equity Certificates on a current basis. The IRS and the Treasury recently issued proposed regulations that require the current accrual of income with respect to contingent non-periodic payments made under certain notional principal contracts. The preamble to the regulations states that the "wait and see" method of tax accounting does not properly reflect the economic accrual of income on such contracts, and requires a current accrual of income with respect to some contracts already in existence at the time the proposed regulations were released. While the proposed regulations do not apply to prepaid forward contracts, the preamble to the proposed regulations expresses the view that similar timing issues exist in the case of prepaid forward contracts. If the IRS published future guidance requiring current accrual of income with respect to contingent payments on prepaid forward contracts, it is possible that a U.S. holder could be required to accrue income over the term of the Equity Certificates.

### *Equity Certificates Denominated in a Currency Other Than the U.S. Dollar*

In general, except to the extent that the mark-to-market and character rules under Section 1256 apply (see “— Options or Warrants — Mark-to-Market Rules” above), any gain or loss realised in respect of an Equity Certificate denominated in a currency other than the U.S. dollar will be ordinary income or loss. Any such gain or loss generally must be recognised upon a sale, exchange, termination, rollover, settlement or exercise of such Equity Certificate, as well as upon an offset of one contract against another in certain circumstances. In general, if an Equity Certificate denominated in a currency other than the U.S. dollar is subject to Section 1256, a U.S. holder will be required to include mark-to-market gain or loss in respect of such Equity Certificate at the end of each year (or upon transfer, termination, exercise, lapse or other disposition), with 40% of such gain or loss being short-term capital gain or loss and 60% of such gain or loss being long-term capital gain or loss.

Additional U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to Equity Certificates denominated in the currency other than the U.S. dollar may be set forth in the applicable Final Terms.

### *Foreign Currency Rules*

Payments of premium, exercise price, sale proceeds, and cash settlement amounts in respect of Equity Certificates that are denominated in a currency other than the U.S. dollar will be subject to special U.S. tax rules regarding foreign currency transactions. U.S. holders should consult their tax advisors concerning the application of these rules in their particular circumstances.

### *Recent Developments – Revenue Ruling 2008-2*

On 7th December, 2007, the IRS released a notice that may affect the taxation of holders of the Equity Certificates. According to the notice, the IRS and the Treasury are actively considering whether the U.S. holder of an instrument such as the Equity Certificates should be required to accrue ordinary income on a current basis, and they are seeking taxpayer comments on the subject. It is not possible to determine what guidance they will ultimately issue, if any. It is possible, however, that under such guidance, U.S. holders of the Equity Certificates will ultimately be required to accrue income currently and this could be applied on a retroactive basis. The IRS and the Treasury are also considering other relevant issues,

including whether additional gain or loss from such Equity Certificates should be treated as ordinary or capital, whether non-U.S. holders of such Equity Certificates should be subject to withholding tax on any deemed income accruals, and whether the special “constructive ownership rules” of Section 1260 of the Code might be applied to such Equity Certificates. U.S. holders are urged to consult their tax advisors concerning the significance, and the potential impact, of the above considerations. The Issuers intend to continue treating the Equity Certificates for U.S. federal income tax purposes in accordance with the treatment described in this Base Prospectus unless and until such time as the Treasury and IRS determine that some alternative treatment is more appropriate.

### **Non-U.S. Holders**

Except as may be noted in the applicable Final Terms, the following summary describes the tax consequences to non-U.S. holders of investing in Equity Certificates.

A non-U.S. holder will generally not be subject to U.S. federal income tax, including withholding tax, on payments on an Equity Certificate, or on proceeds from the sale or other disposition of an Equity Certificate, provided that for purposes of U.S. federal income tax law:

- (i) the payments or proceeds are not effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States by the non-U.S. holder;
- (ii) the non-U.S. holder does not own (directly or by attribution) ten percent or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Issuer entitled to vote;
- (iii) the non-U.S. holder is not a bank holding the Equity Certificate in the context of an extension of credit made pursuant to a loan agreement entered into in the ordinary course of its trade or business;
- (iv) the non-U.S. holder does not have a “tax home” (as defined in Section 911(d)(3) of the Code) or an office or other fixed place of business in the United States; and
- (v) the beneficial owner of such securities provides an IRS Form W-8BEN or otherwise satisfies applicable documentary requirements for establishing that it is a non-U.S. holder, unless such payments or proceeds are effectively connected with the conduct by the non-U.S. holder of a trade or business in the United States.

## **Information Reporting and Backup Withholding**

The relevant Principal Agent will be required to file information returns with the IRS with respect to payments made to certain U.S. holders of Equity Certificates. In addition, certain U.S. holders may be subject to backup withholding tax in respect of such payments if they do not provide their taxpayer identification numbers to the relevant Principal Agent. In general, U.S. information reporting and backup withholding will not apply to payments on Equity Certificates held by a non-U.S. holder and received outside the United States through a non-U.S. bank or other non-U.S. financial institution. Proceeds on sales and payments on Equity Certificates received within the United States or through certain U.S.-related financial institutions may be subject to information reporting and backup withholding unless the non-U.S. holder complies with applicable certification procedures to establish that it is not a U.S. person. Persons holding Equity Certificates who are not U.S. holders may be required to comply with applicable certification procedures to establish that they are non-U.S. holders in order to avoid the application of such information reporting requirements and backup withholding tax.

Non-U.S. holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the application of information reporting and backup withholding in their particular situations, the availability of an exemption therefrom and the procedure for obtaining the exemption, if available. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld from a payment to a holder under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a credit against the holder's United States federal income tax liability and may entitle the holder to a refund of any excess amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules by timely filing the appropriate claim for refund with the IRS and furnishing all required information.

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## SELLING RESTRICTIONS

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*The statements which follow are of a general nature. Potential purchasers in each jurisdiction must ensure that they are able validly to take delivery of the Securities and any assets into which they may convert or be settled. Additional certifications may be required by the Issuer and/or any clearance system at the time of exercise and/or settlement.*

1. GENERAL

No action has been or will be taken by the Issuer that would permit a public offering of the Securities or possession or distribution of any offering material in relation to the Securities in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. No offers, sales or deliveries of any Securities, or distribution of any offering material relating to the Securities, may be made in or from any jurisdiction except in circumstances which will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations and will not impose any obligation on the Issuer.

2. PUBLIC OFFER SELLING RESTRICTION UNDER THE PROSPECTUS DIRECTIVE

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a “**Relevant Member State**”), the Issuer represents and agrees that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the “**Relevant Implementation Date**”) it has not made and will not make an offer of Securities which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the final terms in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant Member State except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of Securities to the public in that Relevant Member State::

- (a) if the final terms in relation to the Securities specify that an offer of those Securities may be made other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State (a “**Non-exempt Offer**”), following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such Securities which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by the final terms contemplating such Non-exempt Offer, in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in

such prospectus or final terms, as applicable;

- (b) at any time to legal entities which are authorised or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorised or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;
- (c) at any time to any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than €43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than €50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts;
- (d) at any time to fewer than 100 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive); or
- (e) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of Securities referred to in (b) to (e) above shall require the Issuer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an “**offer of Securities to the public**” in relation to any Securities in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Securities, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression “**Prospectus Directive**” means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State.

### 3. THE NETHERLANDS

Securities which qualify as savings certificates as defined in the Savings Certificates Act (“*Wet inzake spaarbewijzen*”) may only be transferred or accepted through the mediation of either the Issuer or an admitted institution of Euronext Amsterdam N.V. with due observance of the Savings Certificates Act and its implementing regulations (including registration requirements), provided that no mediation is required in respect of:

- (a) the initial issue of those Securities to the first holders thereof;
- (b) any transfer and delivery by individuals who do not act in the conduct of a profession or trade; and
- (c) the issue and trading of those Securities, if they are physically issued outside The Netherlands and are not distributed in The Netherlands in the course of primary

trading or immediately thereafter.

4. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Selling Restrictions set out herein apply only to those Securities which are not Equity Certificates issued in registered form.

No Securities of any Series have been, or will be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”), and trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “**CFTC**”) under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended (the “**CEA**”). No Securities of any Series, or interests therein, may at any time be offered, sold, resold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person or to others for offer, sale, resale or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person.

Offers, sales, resales or deliveries of Securities of any Series, or interests therein, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons would constitute a violation of United States securities laws unless made in compliance with the registration requirements of the Securities Act or pursuant to an exemption therefrom. In addition, in the absence of relief from the CFTC, offers, sales, resales, trades or deliveries of Securities, or interests therein, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, may constitute a violation of United States law governing commodities trading.

Securities having a maturity of more than one year will be issued in compliance with U.S. Treas. Reg. §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (the “**C Rules**”). Securities having a maturity of one year or less are not subject to the C Rules and will be referred to in the relevant Final Terms as a transaction to which the C Rules are not applicable.

The Securities subject to the C Rules may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the “**Code**”) and the U.S. Treasury regulations thereunder.

The Issuer will require each dealer participating in the distribution of Securities subject to the C Rules to agree that it will not at any time offer, sell, resell or deliver, directly or indirectly, the Securities in the United States or to others for offer, sale, resale or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States. Further, the Issuer and each dealer to which it sells the Securities will represent and agree that in connection with the original issuance of such Securities that it has not communicated, and will not communicate, directly or indirectly, with

a prospective purchaser if such purchaser is within the United States and will not otherwise involve its U.S. office in the offer or sale of such Securities. The terms used in the preceding sentence (and not otherwise defined below) have the meanings given to them by the Code and the U.S. Treasury regulations thereunder, including the C Rules.

As used herein, "**United States**" means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia), its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction; and "**U.S. person**" means (i) an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States; (ii) a corporation, partnership or other entity organized in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (iii) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (iv) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (v) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (ii) above; (vi) any entity organized principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (i) to (v) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the CFTC's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (vii) any other "U.S. Person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act or in regulations adopted under the CEA.

#### **Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Restricted Securities and Transfer Restrictions**

Each purchaser of Securities will, by its purchase of such Securities, be deemed to acknowledge, represent and agree as follows:

- (a) that trading in the Securities has not been and will not be approved by the CFTC under the CEA;
- (b) that it will not at any time offer, sell, resell or deliver, directly or indirectly, any Securities of such Series so purchased in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person or to others for offer, sale, resale or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person;
- (c) that it is not purchasing any Securities of such Series for the account or benefit of any U.S. person;
- (d) that it will not make offers, sales, resales or deliveries of any Securities of such Series (otherwise acquired), directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the

account or benefit of, any U.S. person;

- (e) that it will send each person who purchases any Securities of such issue from it a written confirmation (which shall include the definitions of **United States** and **U.S. person** set forth herein) stating that the Securities have not been registered under the Securities Act, that trading in the Securities has not been approved by the CFTC under the CEA and stating that such purchaser agrees that it will not at any time offer, sell, resell or deliver any of such Securities, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person;
- (f) that no U.S. person or person in the United States may at any time trade or maintain a position in the instruments and that a person entitled to receive an interim payment or exercising (or entitled to receive any amount at maturity or exercise under) the instrument will be required to certify that neither it nor the beneficial owner of the instrument is a U.S. person or is located in the United States;
- (g) that any person exercising a Security will be required to represent that it is not a U.S. person; and
- (h) if it is outside the United States and is not a U.S. person, that if it should resell or otherwise transfer the Securities prior to 40 days after the closing of the offer of the relevant Securities, it will do so only (a) outside the United States in compliance with Rule 903 or 904 under the Securities Act and (b) in accordance with all applicable United States state securities laws; and it acknowledges that the Global Securities will bear a legend to the following effect unless otherwise agreed to by the Issuer:

**THE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE “SECURITIES ACT”) AND THE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE EXERCISED, OFFERED, SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, ANY U.S. PERSON AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT. FURTHERMORE, TRADING IN THE SECURITIES HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION UNDER THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT, AS AMENDED AND NO U.S. PERSON MAY AT ANY TIME TRADE OR MAINTAIN A POSITION IN THE SECURITIES.**

5. UNITED KINGDOM

The Issuer represents, warrants and agrees that it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated any invitation or

inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the “FSMA”)) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Securities in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA would not, if the Issuer was not an authorised person, apply to the Issuer and it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Securities in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

## 6. INDIA

Any purchase of the Securities relating to or linked to securities listed on a stock exchange in India or indices that reference such securities should be made on the understanding that the purchaser shall be deemed to acknowledge, represent, warrant and undertake to the Group that:

- (a) it consents to the provision by the Group to any Indian governmental or regulatory authority of any information regarding it and its dealings in the Securities as required under applicable Indian regulations and/or as requested by any Indian governmental or regulatory authority;
- (b) it agrees to promptly provide to the Group, or directly to the relevant Indian governmental or regulatory authority (and confirm to the Group when it has done so), such additional information that the Group deems necessary or appropriate in order for the Group to comply with any such regulations and/or requests;
- (c) the Securities are not being purchased for the account of or pursuant to or in connection with any back-to-back transaction with: (i) a Person Resident in India as the term is used in the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999; or (ii) a “Non-Resident Indian”, a “Person of Indian Origin” or an “Overseas Corporate Body”, as such terms are used in the Foreign Exchange Management (Deposit) Regulations 2000 as notified by the Reserve Bank of India; or (iii) any entity or person that is not regulated (as such term is used in the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Foreign Institutional Investors Amendment) Regulations, 2004) (each, a “Restricted Entity”) or a nominee of a Restricted Entity;
- (d) it is not a Restricted Entity or a nominee of a Restricted Entity;
- (e) it will not, directly or indirectly, sell, transfer, assign, novate or otherwise dispose of the Securities to or for the account of any Restricted Entity or to any nominee of any Restricted Entity; and

- (f) any sale, transfer, assignment, novation or other disposal of the Securities by it, whether direct or indirect, will be subject to the acquiring entity giving substantially the same representations and warranties to it as set out in sub-paragraphs (c) to (f) (inclusive).

## 7. HONG KONG

The Securities may not be offered or sold in Hong Kong, by means of any document, other than (i) to persons whose ordinary business is to buy and sell shares and debentures (whether as principal or agent); or (ii) to “professional investors” within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder (the “SFO”); or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a “prospectus” within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong) or which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance. Unless permitted to do so under the laws of Hong Kong, no Holder may issue or have in its possession for the purpose of issue any advertisement, invitation or document relating to the Securities whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong other than with respect to the Securities intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong, or only to “professional investors” within the meaning of the SFO.

## 8. SINGAPORE

This Base Prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore under the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the “SFA”). Accordingly, this Base Prospectus and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the Securities may not be circulated or distributed, nor may the Securities be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor specified in Section 274 of the SFA; (ii) to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA; or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Each of the following relevant persons specified in Section 275 of the SFA which has subscribed or purchased Securities, namely a person who is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more

individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or

- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary is an accredited investor,

should note that shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest in that trust shall not be transferable for 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Securities under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the SFA or to a relevant person, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA;
- (ii) where no consideration is given for the transfer; or
- (iii) by operation of law.

## 9. TAIWAN

The Securities may not be sold, offered or issued in Taiwan unless they are made available for purchase through the non discretionary trust services of licensed Taiwan banks or the brokerage services of licensed Taiwan brokers acting as trustees or agents, as applicable, of their customers and not as agent of the Issuer or any other party.

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## SALES WITHIN THE UNITED STATES

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*Information under this heading is applicable only to Securities which are in registered form and are offered to QIBs in reliance on Rule 144A.*

*The Selling Restrictions set out herein apply only to those Securities which are Equity Certificates. Only the Equity Certificates and no other Securities pursuant to this Base Prospectus will be offered into the U.S. or to U.S. investors.*

### **General**

The Securities have not been registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**") or the securities laws of any state or political subdivision of the United States, and may not be offered, sold, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to the requirements of the Securities Act and any applicable U.S. state securities laws. The Securities are being offered and sold only: (i) outside the United States to persons other than U.S. persons (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) in offshore transactions that meet the requirements of Regulation S under the Securities Act ("**Regulation S**"); and (ii) to U.S. persons who are "qualified institutional buyers" (as defined in Rule 144A of the Securities Act).

Certain Series of the Securities (each a "**Relevant Series**") may be offered and sold in reliance upon Regulation S outside the United States to non-U.S. persons and, with respect to Securities in registered form only, within the United States (1) in reliance upon Rule 144A under the Securities Act ("**Rule 144A**") to qualified institutional buyers within the meaning of Rule 144A ("**QIBs**") or (2) in transactions otherwise exempt from registration, in each case as further specified herein. Prospective purchasers are hereby notified that sellers of the Securities may be relying on the exemption from the provisions of Section 5 of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A.

Effective from the date of commencement of discussions concerning a Relevant Series, each Holder and its respective employees, representatives or other agents may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the tax treatment and tax structure of the Relevant Series and all materials of any kind, including opinions or other tax analyses, if any, that have been provided to such Holder relating to such tax treatment and tax structure. However, the foregoing does not constitute an authorisation to disclose the Issuer's identity or that of its affiliates, agents or advisors or, except to the extent relating to such tax structure or tax treatment, any specific pricing terms or commercial or

financial information.

### **Notice to New Hampshire Residents**

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

### **Available Information**

To permit compliance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act in connection with sales of any Securities, the Issuer has undertaken to furnish, upon the request of a Holder of such Securities, or a beneficial owner of an interest therein, to such Holder or beneficial owner or to a prospective purchaser designated by such Holder or beneficial owner, the information required to be delivered under Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act if, at the time of the request, the Issuer is neither a reporting company under Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act nor exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Exchange Act.

### **Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Restricted Securities and Transfer Restrictions**

As a result of the following restrictions, purchasers of Securities in the United States are advised to consult legal counsel prior to making any purchase, offer, sale, resale or other transfer of such Securities.

Each purchaser of Securities will, by its purchase of such Securities, be deemed to acknowledge, represent and agree as follows (unless otherwise specified, terms used in this paragraph that are defined in Rule 144A or in Regulation S are used herein as defined therein):

- (i) that for so long as the Securities are “restricted securities” (as defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act) either: (a) it is a QIB, purchasing (or holding) the Securities for its own

account or for the account of one or more QIBs and it is aware, and each beneficial owner of such Security has been advised, that any sale to it is being made in reliance on Rule 144A, or (b) it is outside the United States and is not a U.S. person;

- (ii) that in issuing the Securities, the Issuer is not making, and has not made any representations whatsoever as to any of the issuer of the Shares (the “**Underlying Issuer**”) or any information contained in any document filed by the Underlying Issuer with any exchange or with any governmental entity regulating the purchase and sale of securities or the Securities;
- (iii) that the Issuer and any affiliate of the Issuer may, whether by virtue of the types of relationships described above or otherwise, at the date hereof or at any time hereafter be in possession of information in relation to the Underlying Issuer that is or may be material in the context of the Securities and which is or may not be known to the general public or the Holder. The Securities do not create any obligation on the part of the Issuer or any affiliate of the Issuer to disclose to the Holder any such relationship or information (whether or not confidential) and neither the Issuer nor any other affiliate of the Issuer shall be liable to the Holder by reason of such non-disclosure. No such information has been used in the selection of the Underlying Issuer for the Securities;
- (iv) that the Issuer and any affiliate of the Issuer may have existing or future business relationships with the Underlying Issuer (including, but not limited to, lending, depository, risk management, advisory or banking relationships) and will pursue actions and take steps that it deems or they deem necessary or appropriate to protect its or their interests arising therefrom without regard to the consequences for a Holder of the Securities;
- (v) that the market value of the Securities may be adversely affected by movements in the value of the Shares or in interest rates or currency exchange rates;
- (vi) trading in the Securities has not been and will not be approved by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act;
- (vii) that the Securities are being offered and sold in a transaction not involving a public offering in the United States within the meaning of the Securities Act and that the Securities have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or any other applicable United States state securities laws and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except as set forth below;
- (viii) that if in the future it decides to resell, or otherwise transfer the Securities or any beneficial interests in the Securities, it will do so, for so long as the Securities are restricted securities, only (a) to the Issuer or any affiliate thereof, (b) pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act, (c) inside the United States to a person whom the seller reasonably

believes is a QIB purchasing for its own account or for the account of a QIB in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A, (d) outside the United States in compliance with Rule 903 or 904 under the Securities Act, or (e) pursuant to an exemption from registration under the Securities Act, in each case in accordance with all applicable United States state securities laws;

- (ix) it will, and will require each subsequent Holder to, notify any purchaser of the Securities from it of the resale restrictions referred to in paragraph (viii) above, if then applicable;
- (x) that Securities offered in the United States to QIBs will be represented by one or more Rule 144A Global Securities and that Securities offered outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S will be represented by one or more Regulation S Global Securities;
- (xi) that the Rule 144A Global Securities will bear a legend to the following effect unless otherwise agreed to by the Issuer:

**“THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE “SECURITIES ACT”), OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE U.S. STATE SECURITIES LAWS AND, ACCORDINGLY, MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S. PERSONS EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND UNLESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. EACH PURCHASER OF THIS SECURITY, WHETHER UPON ORIGINAL ISSUANCE OR SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER, ACKNOWLEDGES THE RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER SET FORTH BELOW AND AGREES THAT IT SHALL TRANSFER SUCH SECURITIES ONLY AS PROVIDED HEREIN. BY ITS ACQUISITION THEREOF, THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY OR AN INTEREST HEREIN REPRESENTS THAT IT IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) PURCHASING THIS SECURITY OR AN INTEREST HEREIN FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF ONE OR MORE QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS. EACH PURCHASER OF THIS SECURITY OR AN INTEREST HEREIN IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE SELLER OF THIS SECURITY OR AN INTEREST HEREIN MAY BE RELYING ON THE EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF THE SECURITIES ACT PROVIDED BY RULE 144A THEREUNDER. THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY OR AN INTEREST HEREIN, BY ITS ACCEPTANCE THEREOF, AGREES TO OFFER, SELL OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER THIS SECURITY, FOR SO LONG AS THIS SECURITY IS A “RESTRICTED SECURITY” (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) ONLY (A) TO THE ISSUER OR ANY AFFILIATE THEREOF, (B) PURSUANT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT THAT HAS BEEN DECLARED**

EFFECTIVE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (C) TO A PERSON IT REASONABLY BELIEVES IS A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER THAT PURCHASES FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OF A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN A TRANSACTION MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, (D) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 903 OR RULE 904 UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, OR (E) PURSUANT TO ANOTHER EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT, IN EACH CASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF THE STATES OF THE UNITED STATES AND ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. THE HOLDER (OR BENEFICIAL HOLDER) WILL, AND EACH SUBSEQUENT HOLDER IS REQUIRED TO, NOTIFY ANY PURCHASER OF THIS SECURITY FROM IT OF THE TRANSFER RESTRICTIONS REFERRED TO IN THIS PARAGRAPH.

IF AT ANY TIME ANY TRANSFER AGENT SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINES OR IS SUBSEQUENTLY NOTIFIED BY THE ISSUER THAT THE HOLDER OF ANY INTEREST IN THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS GLOBAL SECURITY WAS IN BREACH, AT THE TIME GIVEN, OF ANY REPRESENTATION OR AGREEMENT SET FORTH IN ANY TRANSFER CERTIFICATE, THEN THE PURPORTED TRANSFER SHALL BE ABSOLUTELY NULL AND VOID AB INITIO AND SHALL VEST NO RIGHTS IN THE PURPORTED TRANSFEREE (SUCH PURPORTED TRANSFEREE, A “DISQUALIFIED TRANSFEREE”) AND THE LAST PRECEDING HOLDER OF SUCH INTEREST THAT WAS NOT A DISQUALIFIED TRANSFEREE SHALL BE RESTORED TO ALL RIGHTS AS A HOLDER THEREOF RETROACTIVELY TO THE DATE OF SUCH TRANSFER OF SUCH INTEREST BY SUCH HOLDER.

IF REQUESTED BY THE ISSUER OR BY A MANAGER, THE PURCHASER AGREES TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE TRANSFER OF THIS SECURITY IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT.”;

- (xii) if it is outside the United States and is not a U.S. person, that if it should resell or otherwise transfer the Securities prior to the expiration of the Distribution Compliance Period (as defined in Rule 902 under the Securities Act), it will do so only (a)(i) outside the United States in compliance with Rule 903 or 904 under the Securities Act or (ii) to a QIB in compliance with Rule 144A and (b) in accordance with all applicable United States state securities laws; and it acknowledges that the Regulation S Global Securities will bear a legend to the following effect unless otherwise agreed to by the Issuer:

“THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE “SECURITIES ACT”), OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE U.S. STATE SECURITIES LAWS AND, ACCORDINGLY, MAY NOT BE OFFERED OR SOLD WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, U.S.

**PERSONS EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OR PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT AND UNLESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER JURISDICTION.”**

- (xiii) that the Issuer and others will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements and agrees that if any of such acknowledgements, representations or agreements made by it are no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify the Issuer; and if it is acquiring any Securities as a fiduciary or agent for one or more accounts it represents that it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and that it has full power to make the foregoing acknowledgements, representations and agreements on behalf of each such account.

No sale of interests in a Rule 144A Global Security to any one purchaser, will be for less than U.S.\$100,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent) nominal amount. No interest in a Rule 144A Global Security will be issued in connection with a sale in a smaller applicable nominal amount. If the purchaser is a non-bank fiduciary acting on behalf of others, each person for whom it is acting must purchase at least U.S.\$100,000 (or its foreign currency equivalent) nominal amount of Securities.

**ERISA**

The Issuer and certain affiliates of the Issuer may each be considered a “party in interest” within the meaning of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“**ERISA**”) or a “disqualified person” within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the “**Code**”) with respect to certain employee benefit plans and individual retirement accounts, Keoghs and other plans subject to Section 4975 of the Code. Prohibited transactions within the meaning of ERISA or the Code may arise, for example, if the Securities are acquired by or with the assets of a pension or other employee benefit plan or account with respect to which the Issuer or any of its affiliates is a service provider, unless the Securities are acquired pursuant to an exemption from the prohibited transaction rules. Similar rules may also apply to certain governmental plans (as defined in Section 3(32) of ERISA) church or non U.S. plans, to the extent such plans are subject to provisions similar to the prohibited transaction rules under other federal, state, local or non-U.S. laws.

The assets of a pension or other employee benefit plan may include assets held in the general account of an insurance company that are deemed to be “plan assets” under ERISA.

The acquisition of the Securities may be eligible for one of the exemptions noted below if such acquisition:

- (a) (i) is made solely with the assets of a bank collective investment fund and (ii) satisfies the requirements and conditions of Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption (“**PTCE**”) 91-38

issued by the Department of Labor (“**DOL**”);

- (b) (i) is made solely with assets of an insurance company pooled separate account and (ii) satisfies the requirements and conditions of PTCE 90-1 issued by the DOL;
- (c) (i) is made solely with assets managed by a qualified professional asset manager and (ii) satisfies the requirements and conditions of PTCE 84-14 issued by the DOL;
- (d) (i) is made solely with assets of a governmental, church or non-U.S. plan, and (ii) is not subject to any federal, state, local or non-U.S. law that is substantially similar to the provisions of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code;
- (e) (i) is made solely with assets of an insurance company general account and (ii) satisfies the requirements and conditions of PTCE 95-60 issued by the DOL;
- (f) (i) is made solely with assets managed by an in-house asset manager and (ii) satisfies the requirements and conditions of PTCE 96-23 issued by the DOL; or
- (g) is made in accordance with Section 408(b)(17) to a non-fiduciary service provider for adequate consideration.

By its purchase of any Security and by each subsequent transferee’s purchase of any Security, each Holder and each subsequent transferee will be deemed to have represented and warranted on each day from the date on which it acquires the Security through and including the date on which it disposes of its interest in the Security, either that (A) it is not a plan subject to the fiduciary responsibility provisions of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code or a governmental, church or non-U.S. plan which is subject to any federal, state, local or non-U.S. law that is substantially similar to the provisions of Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code or, (B)(i) its purchase, holding and disposition of the Security will not result in a prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 or the Code (or, in the case of a governmental, church or non-U.S. plan, a violation of any substantially similar federal, state, local or non-U.S. law) or any other violation of an applicable requirement of ERISA of the Code (including, without limitation, Section 404(b) of ERISA and DOL regulation section 2550.404b-1) for which an exemption is not available, and (ii) neither the Issuer nor any of its affiliates is a “fiduciary” (within the meaning of Section 3(21) of ERISA) with respect to it by reason of its investment in the Securities and no advice that has been provided to it by the Issuer or any of its affiliates has formed a primary basis for any investment decision by it made in connection with the Securities. By its purchase of any Security, each Holder hereby indemnifies the Issuer, its subsidiaries and affiliates, and its officers, directors, advisors and other representatives and any of their subsidiaries or affiliates, against any direct or indirect liability that arises from any breach (whether or not intentional) of the foregoing representations.

Each purchaser of Securities will, by its purchase of such Securities, be deemed to acknowledge that

the purchase of the Security may not satisfy the indicia of ownership requirements under ERISA (Section 404(b)) and the Issuer makes no representations in connection therewith. Accordingly, benefit plan investors that are subject to ERISA should consult with their own counsel to determine whether the purchase of Securities will satisfy the indicia of ownership requirements of ERISA applicable to such purchase.

Any insurance company or pension or employee benefit plan proposing to invest in the Securities should consult with its legal counsel. Purchasers of the Securities have exclusive responsibility for ensuring that their purchase and holding of the Securities does not violate the fiduciary and prohibited transaction rules of ERISA, the Code or any similar laws or rules.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### **Authorisation**

The establishment of the Base Prospectus and the issue of Securities has been duly authorised by resolutions of (i) the Issuer's board of directors dated 18 November 2009 and 15 December 2009; (ii) resolutions of the Group Asset and Liability Management Committee dated 8 February 2010 and a sub-committee of the Group Asset and Liability Management Committee dated 27 May 2010.

### **Listing**

Application will be made to NYSE Euronext or any other stock exchange or market for Securities issued up to the expiry of 12 months from the date of this Base Prospectus to be admitted to trading and to be listed on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext or any other stock exchange or market. Certain Securities issued under this Base Prospectus may not be listed. For so long as the Securities are listed on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext and NYSE Euronext requires so there will be a paying agent in The Netherlands. Citibank International Plc, Netherlands Branch, Global Transaction Services, Hoge Mosten 2, 4822 NH Breda, The Netherlands has been appointed as the initial paying agent in The Netherlands.

### **Documents available**

During the validity of this Base Prospectus, copies of the following documents will, when published, be available, free of charge, from the registered office of the Issuer:

- (a) the incorporation documents of the Issuer;
- (b) the consolidated audited financial statements of the Issuer in respect of the financial years ended 31 December 2008 and 31 December 2009, together with the audit reports thereon;
- (c) all future consolidated financial statements of the Issuer;
- (d) a copy of the Registration Document; and
- (e) a copy of this Base Prospectus.

### **Clearing and settlement systems**

The Securities have been accepted for clearance through Clearstream Banking AG ("**Clearstream AG**"), Nederlands Centraal Instituut voor Giraal Effectenverkeer B.V. ("**Euroclear Netherlands**"), Euroclear Bank, S.A./N.V. ("**Euroclear Luxembourg**"), Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**") and SIX SIS Ltd. The appropriate WKN, Common Code, International

Securities Identification Number and Valoren for each Series allocated by Clearstream AG, Euroclear Netherlands, Euroclear, Luxembourg, Clearstream, Luxembourg and SIX SIS Ltd, and any other relevant security code allocated by any other relevant clearing system, will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. If the Securities are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system the appropriate additional or alternative information will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. Transactions will normally be effected for settlement not earlier than three days after the date of the transaction.

### **Information on the Offering of the Securities**

#### **(a) Offer Process**

The Issuer anticipates that it will deliver the Final Terms in respect of each Series of the Securities which are to be admitted to trading and listed on Euronext Amsterdam by NYSE Euronext prior to the Launch Date specified in the Final Terms. On or about the Launch Date the Issuer will, pursuant to its agreement with NYSE Euronext, offer to buy or sell the Securities of any Series to be admitted to trading and listed on Euronext Amsterdam. Any such trading, if any, will be on an as, if and when issued basis until the Issue Date specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Issuer expects that each such Series of the Securities will be admitted to trading on Euronext Amsterdam with effect from the Launch Date stated in the applicable Final Terms. Except in the case of dematerialised Securities, the Securities will be in global form and all trades will be settled in the applicable clearing systems on their usual basis for secondary market transactions.

Securities may be listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on such other or further stock exchanges or markets as the Issuer may decide. The Issuer may also issue unlisted Securities and/or Securities not admitted to trading on any market.

#### **(b) Description of the Application and Payment Process for a Prospective Purchaser**

Applications for Securities may be made by a prospective purchaser through any broker, financial adviser, banker, financial intermediary or other agent acting in such a capacity (each a "**Selling Agent**") which has a relationship with the Issuer governing the sale of the Securities. Pursuant to anti-money laundering regulations, prospective purchasers who are not an existing client of a Selling Agent may be required by their Selling Agent of choice to complete an anti-money laundering form and to provide further evidence of identification in advance of applying for any Securities.

Each prospective purchaser should ascertain from its Selling Agent of choice when that Selling Agent will require receipt of cleared funds from its clients in respect of applications for Securities and the manner in which payment should be made to the Selling Agent. Each Selling Agent may impose different arrangements relating to the purchase of Securities and prospective investors should contact the Selling Agents directly for information concerning such arrangements. Applicants for Securities

who arrange to purchase the Securities through a Selling Agent should note that in doing so they are assuming the credit risk of the relevant Selling Agent and that such arrangements will be subject to the applicable conditions of the relevant Selling Agent.

**(c) Conditions to Which the Offer is Subject**

The offer, in respect of a particular Series of Securities is subject to the Conditions as set out in this Base Prospectus, the relevant Final Terms and any document incorporated by reference (see "*Documents Incorporated by Reference*").

**(d) Minimum/Maximum Application Amount**

Investors are required to subscribe for a minimum of one (1) Security and thereafter in multiples of one (1) Security unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms in respect of the relevant Series of the Securities. There is no maximum subscription amount unless otherwise stated in the relevant Final Terms in respect of the relevant Series of the Securities.

**(e) Scale-back and Cancellation**

The Issuer reserves the right, prior to the Issue Date, in its absolute discretion to:

1. decline in whole or in part an application for Securities such that a prospective purchaser for Securities may, in certain circumstances, not be issued the number of (or any) Securities for which it has applied ("**Scale-back**"); or
2. withdraw, cancel or modify the offer of the Securities ("**Cancellation**").

The Issuer may Scale-back or Cancel the Securities without notice and will notify prospective investors of such Scale-back or Cancellation after such Scale-back or Cancellation has occurred. In the event that the Securities are not issued, no subscription monies shall be payable by prospective purchasers to the Issuer (either directly or indirectly through a Selling Agent (as defined above)) in respect of the Securities. Prospective purchasers should contact their Selling Agent of choice for details of the arrangements for the return of application monies in such circumstances. The Issuer shall have no responsibility for, or liability arising out of, the relationship between prospective purchasers and their respective Selling Agents and clearing system operators, including, without limitation, in respect of arrangements concerning the return of monies by such persons to their clients.

**(f) Details of the Manner in Which the Results of the Initial Offer are to be Made Public**

A prospective investor submitting an offer to purchase Securities will be notified of the acceptance or otherwise of such application on or prior to the Issue Date.

**(g) Categories of Investors to which Securities are Offered**

The Securities will be offered to both retail and qualified investors.

**(h) Expenses and Taxes**

Any expenses are described in the relevant Product Conditions and Final Terms for the relevant Series and will be deducted accordingly. For further information on the taxes, please refer to the section titled ("Taxation").

**(i) Responsibility Statement**

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this document. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuer (which has taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the information contained in this document is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

**(j) Post-issuance information**

The Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information.

**(k) Description of the Securities**

Certificates are investment instruments which, at maturity or expiration either pay an amount determined by reference to the level of the underlying currency, commodity, index (including in the case of an index, the index and its constituent elements), stock, bond or other product or deliver the Underlying, subject to the certificate entitlement. As such, certificates entail the same level of risk as a direct investment in the Underlying. Investors should be aware that their entire investment may be lost in the event that the Underlying is valued at zero. Unlike direct investments, investors are not able to hold certificates beyond their stated maturity or expiration date in the expectation of a recovery in the price of the Underlying.

The price at which a holder will be able to sell certificates prior to maturity or expiration may be at a potentially substantial discount to the market value of the certificates at the issue date, if, at such time and in addition to any other factors, the value of the Underlying is below, equal to or not sufficiently above the value of the Underlying at the issue date.

Airbag certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that the return to the Holder is subject to a minimum amount unless the Underlying drops below a predetermined level. The Holder is entitled to an increased return if the Underlying rises above its level as of the Pricing Date. These certificates cannot be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Discount certificates are similar to ordinary certificates, except that the return to the Holder is effectively capped. These certificates cannot be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Bonus certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that the Underlying is monitored during the life of the certificates. If a “knock-out event” is deemed to have occurred during the life of the

certificates then and at expiration or maturity the Holder will receive an amount equivalent to the value of the Underlying as of the expiration or maturity. If a knock-out event has not occurred at any point during the life of the certificates then the Holder will receive at least the amount originally invested, and might receive more, if specified in the relevant Final Terms. These certificates cannot be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Double-up certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that a Strike Price is set at the issue of the certificates equal to or around the level of the Underlying at that time. If the Underlying on expiration or maturity is at or above the Strike Price, then the Holder will receive an amount equal to the value of the Underlying plus the difference between the value of the Underlying and the Strike Price, effectively “doubling-up” the increase performance of the Underlying. The amount received by the Holder will however be subject to a maximum amount. These certificates cannot be exercised by the Holder but instead are automatically exercised at maturity.

Express certificates are similar to ordinary certificates except that the certificates may provide that they will be subject to automatic early termination in certain circumstances. To the extent that, at the maturity of the certificates, the Underlying has risen above its level at the Pricing Date, the Holder will participate in such rise, but such returns may be subject to a maximum amount. To the extent that, at the maturity of the certificates, the Underlying has fallen below its level at the Pricing Date, the Holder may receive less than the amount invested and, in certain cases, could lose its entire investment.

Equity certificates are certificates where the Underlying is a share. Equity certificates are not open end certificates. Equity certificates may be cash settled. Equity certificates may only be physically settled by non-U.S. persons. Cash settled certificates pay, upon exercise, a cash amount determined by reference to the value of the Underlying. Physically settled certificates entitle the holder, upon exercise, to delivery of a defined amount of the Underlying and a cash payment in respect of any fractional entitlement.

### **Third Party Information**

Where information has been sourced from a third party, the Issuer confirms that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the Issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.

### **Litigation**

Although it is not feasible for the Issuer to predict or to determine the outcome of all current or impending legal proceedings, the Issuer is of the opinion that, on the basis of information currently available, other than as set out in the sections entitled "Litigation" and "Investigations" on pages 42 to 44 of the Registration Document (excluding the sub-headings entitled World Online International

N.V." and "Summary of other disputes, legal proceedings and litigation) neither the Issuer or any of the Issuer Group are involved in, or, to the best of its knowledge, affected by any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware) during the 12 months prior to the date of this Base Prospectus, which may have, or have had in the recent past, a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of the Issuer and the Issuer Group taken as a whole.

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**SUMMARY CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION RELATING TO THE ISSUER FOR THE YEARS  
ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008 AND 31 DECEMBER 2009**

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Selected financial information of RBS for the years ended 31 December 2009 and 2008

	<i>Year ended 31 December 2009 £m</i>	<i>Year ended 31 December 2008 £m (restated – see footnote 1)<sup>1</sup></i>
Operating loss before tax .....	(3)	(9,216)
Tax credit .....	523	505
Profit/(loss) for the year .....	520	(8,711)
	<i>31 December 2009 £m</i>	<i>31 December 2008 £m</i>
Called up share capital .....	6,609	6,483
Reserves.....	48,442	39,475
Shareholders' equity .....	55,051	45,958
Minority interests .....	1,146	1,292
Subordinated liabilities .....	34,717	39,951
Capital resources .....	90,201	87,201
	<i>31 December 2009 £bn</i>	<i>31 December 2008 £bn</i>
Deposits .....	569.4	635.1
Loans and advances to customers and banks .....	604.6	698.9
Total assets .....	1,333.0	1,877.9

**RBS Share Capital**

The amount of RBS's issued share capital as at 31 December 2009 was £6,609 million, as derived from its audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009.

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<sup>1</sup> Restated for the amendment to IFRS 2 'Share-based Payment

	Allotted, called up and fully paid	Authorised
	<i>31 December 2009</i>	<i>31 December 2009</i>
	<i>£m</i>	<i>m</i>
Ordinary shares of £1 .....	6,609	£7,980
Non-cumulative preference shares of US\$0.01 .....	—	\$5
Non-cumulative preference shares of €0.01 .....	—	—
Perpetual zero coupon preference shares of £1 .....	—	£100
Non-cumulative preference shares of £1 .....	—	£2,200

	Allotted, called up and fully paid	Authorised
	<i>31 December 2009</i>	<i>31 December 2009</i>
<b>Number of shares - millions</b>		
Ordinary shares of £1 .....	6,609	7,980
Non-cumulative preference shares of US\$0.01 .....	59	549
Non-cumulative preference shares of €0.01 .....	1	66
Perpetual zero coupon preference shares of £1 .....	—	100
Non-cumulative preference shares of £1 .....	—	2,200

Under IFRS, certain preference shares included in the tables above are classified as debt and are included in subordinated liabilities in the balance sheet.

The information contained in the tables above has not changed materially since 31 December 2009.

#### **New Director Appointment**

Brendan Nelson was appointed as a Non-executive Director of RBSG and RBS with effect from 1 April 2010. Brendan succeeded Archie Hunter as Chairman of the Group Audit Committee with effect from the conclusion of the Group's Annual General Meeting on 28 April 2010.

#### **No Significant Change and No Material Adverse Change**

There has been no significant change in the trading or financial position of either the Issuer or the Issuer Group taken as a whole since 31 December 2009 (the end of the last financial period for which either audited financial information or interim financial information has been published).

There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of either the Issuer or the Issuer Group taken as a whole since 31 December 2009 (the last date to which the latest audited published financial information of the Issuer Group was prepared).

**No Conflicts of Interest**

There are no potential conflicts of interest between the duties to the Issuer of the directors of RBS and their other activities or any of their private interests.

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## CONDITIONS: GENERAL CONDITIONS

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*The General Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the Product Conditions and the Final Terms. The Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities or attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these General Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Product Conditions or the applicable Final Terms and, if not so defined, shall be inapplicable. References in these General Conditions to interest and Coupons (and related expressions) shall be ignored in the case of Securities which do not bear interest. References in these General Conditions to the Conditions shall mean these General Conditions and, in relation to any Securities, the Product Conditions applicable to those Securities.

2. STATUS

The Securities constitute unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* among themselves and with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer save for those preferred by mandatory provisions of law.

3. EARLY TERMINATION

The Issuer shall have the right to terminate the Securities if it shall have determined in its absolute discretion that its performance thereunder shall have become unlawful in whole or in part as a result of compliance in good faith by the Issuer with any applicable present or future law, rule, regulation, judgement, order or directive of any governmental, administrative, legislative or judicial authority or power (“**Applicable Law**”). In such circumstances the Issuer will, however, if and to the extent permitted by the Applicable Law, pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount calculated by it as the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such termination (ignoring such illegality) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements. Payment will be made to the Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 4.

#### 4. NOTICES

- (a) Notices to Holders shall be given by the delivery of the relevant notice to the Clearing Agent(s) with an instruction from the Issuer to the Clearing Agent(s) to communicate such notice to the Holders. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published, to the extent required, in a manner which complies (i) with the rules of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Securities are for the time being listed or in the country in which such Securities have been admitted to trading and (ii) with any relevant legislation.
- (b) Any such notice issued pursuant to General Condition 4(a) by being delivered to the Clearing Agent(s) will be deemed to have been given on the date of the delivery of such notice to the Clearing Agent(s). Any such notice issued pursuant to General Condition 4(a) by being published will be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication (for the avoidance of doubt, such notice having been published by any valid means) or, where required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the date of the first publication in all required newspapers.

#### 5. HEDGING DISRUPTION

- (a) Notification. The Issuer shall as soon as reasonably practicable give instructions to the Calculation Agent to notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4(a): (i) if it determines that a Hedging Disruption Event has occurred; and (ii) of the consequence of such Hedging Disruption Event as determined by the Issuer pursuant to General Condition 5(c).
- (b) Hedging Disruption Event. A “**Hedging Disruption Event**” shall occur if the Issuer, acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, determines that it is or has become not reasonably practicable or it has otherwise become undesirable, for any reason, for the Issuer or any Hedge Provider wholly or partially to (i) hold, acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of a relevant hedging transaction (a “**Relevant Hedging Transaction**”) or asset it deems necessary, appropriate or desirable to hedge the Issuer’s obligations in respect of the Securities or (ii) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s). The reasons for such determination by the Issuer may include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - (i) the Issuer or any Hedge Provider will, whether directly or indirectly, incur a material increase (as compared with circumstances existing on the Issue Date) in the amount of tax, duty, expense (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect

on its tax position) or fee (other than brokerage commissions) provided that any such materially increased amount that is incurred solely due to the deterioration of the creditworthiness of the Issuer or the Hedge Provider shall not be considered for the purposes of this sub-paragraph (i); or

- (ii) any material illiquidity in the market for, or any mandatory redemption in whole or in part of, the relevant instruments (the “**Disrupted Instrument**”) which from time to time are included in the reference asset to which the Securities relate; or
- (iii) a change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law) or the promulgation of, or change in, the interpretation by any court, tribunal or regulatory authority with competent jurisdiction of any applicable law or regulation (including any action taken by a taxing authority); or
- (iv) a material decline in the creditworthiness of a party with whom the Issuer has entered into any such Relevant Hedging Transaction; or
- (v) the general unavailability of: (A) market participants who will agree to enter into a Relevant Hedging Transaction; or (B) market participants who will so enter into a Relevant Hedging Transaction on commercially reasonable terms.

In the Conditions:

“**Hedge Position**” means any purchase, sale, entry into or maintenance of one or more (i) positions or contracts in reference assets to which the Securities relate, securities, options, futures, derivatives or foreign exchange, (ii) securities lending transactions or (iii) other instruments or arrangements (however described) by the Issuer in order to hedge the Issuer’s risk of issuing, and performing its obligations with respect to, the Securities; and

“**Hedge Provider**” includes but is not limited to the Issuer, any associate, subsidiary or affiliate thereof and/or any other party(ies) and/or any special purpose vehicle(s) holding or entering into a Hedge Position in connection with the Issuer’s hedging arrangements in respect of the Securities.

- (c) Consequences. The Issuer, in the event of a Hedging Disruption Event, may determine to:
  - (i) terminate the Securities. In such circumstances the Issuer will, however, if and to the extent permitted by the Applicable Law, pay to each Holder in respect of each Security held by such Holder an amount calculated by it as

the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such termination less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements. Where the Securities contain provisions which provide a minimum assured return of principal, howsoever expressed, on the Settlement Date or Maturity Date as applicable, or a minimum assured return of interest or coupons, howsoever expressed, on a relevant Interest Payment Date (if applicable), any such amount to be paid under this General Condition shall not be less than the present value of such minimum assured return of principal and/or interest or coupons having regard to prevailing market rates, credit spreads and market liquidity, such present value being determined by the Calculation Agent. Payment will be made to the Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holder in accordance with General Condition 4;

- (ii) make an adjustment in good faith to the relevant reference asset by removing the Disrupted Instrument at its fair market value (which may be zero). Upon any such removal the Issuer may: (A) hold any notional proceeds (if any) arising as a consequence thereof and adjust the terms of payment and/or delivery in respect of the Securities; or (B) notionally reinvest such proceeds in other reference asset(s) if so permitted under the Conditions (including the reference asset(s) to which the Securities relate);
  - (iii) make any other adjustment to the Conditions as it considers appropriate in order to maintain the theoretical value of the Securities after adjusting for the relevant Hedging Disruption Event. Where the Securities contain provisions which provide a minimum assured return of principal, howsoever expressed, on the Settlement Date or Maturity Date as applicable, or a minimum assured return of interest or coupons, howsoever expressed, on a relevant Interest Payment Date, any such adjustment will in no way affect the Issuer's obligations to make payment to the Holders not less than the minimum assured return of principal and/or interest or coupons on the relevant Settlement Date or Maturity Date, or Interest Payment Date, as applicable.
- (d) The Issuer may also make adjustments to the Conditions if it determines that an event has occurred which, whilst not a Hedging Disruption Event or other disruption event as specified in Product Condition 4, is likely to have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's Hedge Position. Where the Issuer makes adjustments to the Conditions pursuant to this General Condition 5(d), the Issuer shall notify the Holders thereof and shall offer to purchase from Holders for a period of not less than 10 days any Securities held by them at their fair market value (as determined by the Calculation

Agent acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner and taking into account the proposed adjustment) less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements.

6. PURCHASES, FURTHER ISSUES BY THE ISSUER AND PRESCRIPTION

- (a) Purchases. The Issuer or any affiliate may purchase Securities at any price in the open market or by tender or private treaty. Any Securities so purchased may be held, surrendered for cancellation or reissued or resold, and Securities so reissued or resold shall for all purposes be deemed to form part of the original series of Securities.
- (b) Further Issues. The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Holders or any of them to create and issue further securities so as to be consolidated with and form a single series with the Securities.
- (c) Prescription. Any Security or Coupon which is capable of presentation and is not so presented by its due date for presentation shall be void, and its value reduced to zero, if not so presented within five years of such due date. For the avoidance of doubt, any Securities which are subject to provisions relating to their exercise shall be void, and their value shall be zero, if not exercised in accordance with their provisions.

7. DETERMINATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

- (a) Determinations.
  - (i) In making any determinations and calculations under these Conditions, the Issuer and the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner. All such determinations and calculations by the Issuer and the Calculation Agent shall, in the absence of manifest error, be final and binding.
  - (ii) Whilst it is intended that the Issuer and the Calculation Agent will employ the methodology described in the Conditions to make determinations in respect of the Securities, no assurance can be given that market, regulatory, judicial or fiscal circumstances or, without limitation, any other circumstances will not arise that would necessitate a modification or change in such methodology in order that the Securities replicate as closely as possible investments in the assets underlying the Securities and its components. The Issuer and the Calculation Agent may make any such modification or change to such methodology that it considers necessary to reflect such circumstances.
  - (iii) Calculations made by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent in respect of the Securities shall be made on the days specified herein; however,

notwithstanding the foregoing or anything else contained in these Conditions, should the Issuer or the Calculation Agent determine that in order to give effect to the methodology described in these Conditions it is necessary to make calculations on a day or days other than that specified, then each of the Issuer and the Calculation Agent is permitted to make such calculations on such calendar day or days as it shall determine.

(iv) Due to timing considerations, process requirements and other matters that would, in the opinion of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent, be relevant in relation to the implementation of asset allocation models, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent may need to make appropriate adjustments to the methodology set out in the terms and conditions as it considers necessary in order to reflect the timing and amounts that would be applicable were the Issuer or the Calculation Agent physically implementing the methodology set out in the Securities.

(b) Modifications. The Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders or any of them, modify any provision of the Conditions which is: (i) of a formal, minor or technical nature; (ii) made to correct a manifest error; or (iii) in its absolute discretion, not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Holders. Notice of any such modification will be given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 but failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any such modification.

## 8. SUBSTITUTION

(a) Substitution of Issuer. The Issuer may at any time without the consent of the Holders substitute for itself as issuer of the Securities with regard to any and all rights, obligations and liabilities under and in connection with the Securities any entity (the "**Substitute**"), subject to:

either (x):

- (i) the Issuer having given at least 30 days' prior notice of the date of such substitution to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; and
- (ii) the Issuer having issued a legal, valid and binding guarantee of the obligations and liabilities of the Substitute under the Securities for the benefit of each and any of the Holders;

or (y):

- (i) the Issuer having given at least three months' prior notice of the date of such

substitution to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; and

- (ii) each Holder, from (and including) the date of such notice, to (and including) the date of such substitution, being entitled to terminate the Securities held by such Holder without any notice period in which event the Issuer will, if and to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, pay to such Holder with respect to each Security held by such Holder an amount calculated by the Issuer as the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such termination less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangements. Where the Securities contain provisions which provide for a minimum assured return of principal or a minimum assured return of interest or other payments, howsoever expressed, on the Settlement Date or Maturity Date as applicable, or a minimum assured return of interest or coupons, howsoever expressed, on a relevant Interest Payment Date (if applicable) any such amount to be paid shall not be less than the present value of the minimum assured return of principal and/or interest or coupons having regard to prevailing market rates, credit spreads and market liquidity, such present value being determined by the Calculation Agent. Payment will be made to the Holder in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4;

and in each case subject to all actions, conditions and things required to be taken, fulfilled and done (including the obtaining of any necessary consents) to ensure that the Securities represent legal, valid and binding obligations of the Substitute having been taken, fulfilled and done and being in full force and effect.

In the event of any substitution of the Issuer, any reference in the Conditions to the Issuer shall from such time be construed as a reference to the Substitute.

- (b) Substitution of Office. The Issuer shall have the right upon notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 to change the office through which it is acting and shall specify the date of such change in such notice.

## 9. TAXATION

The Issuer shall not be liable for or otherwise obliged to pay any tax, duty, withholding or other similar payment which may arise as a result of the ownership, transfer or exercise of any Securities. In relation to each Security the relevant Holder shall pay all Expenses as provided in the Product Conditions. All payments or, as the case may be, deliveries in respect of the Securities will be subject in all cases to all applicable fiscal and other laws and regulations (including, where applicable, laws requiring the deduction or withholding for, or on account of, any tax duty or other charge whatsoever). The Holder shall be liable for and/or pay any

tax, duty or charge in connection with the ownership of and/or any transfer, payment or delivery in respect of the Securities held by such Holder. The Issuer shall have the right, but shall not be obliged, to withhold or deduct from any amount payable such amount, as shall be necessary to account for or to pay any such tax, duty, charge, withholding or other payment.

10. REPLACEMENT OF SECURITIES AND COUPONS

If any Security or Coupon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed it may be replaced at the specified office of the Principal Agent (or such other place of which notice shall have been given to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4) upon payment by the claimant of the expenses incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Securities and Coupons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued. This General Condition will not apply to Securities issued in dematerialised form.

11. ADJUSTMENTS FOR EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION

- (a) Redenomination. The Issuer may, without the consent of any Holder, on giving notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 elect that, with effect from the Adjustment Date specified in such notice, certain terms of the Securities shall be redenominated in euro. The election will have effect as follows:
- (i) where the Settlement Currency is the National Currency Unit of a country which is participating in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty, such Settlement Currency shall be deemed to be an amount of euro converted from the original Settlement Currency into euro at the Established Rate, subject to such provisions (if any) as to rounding as the Issuer may decide and as may be specified in the notice, and after the Adjustment Date, all payments in respect of the Securities will be made solely in euro as though references in the Securities to the Settlement Currency were to euro;
  - (ii) where the Conditions contain a rate of exchange or any of the Conditions are expressed in a National Currency Unit (the “**Original Currency**”) of a country which is participating in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty, such rate of exchange and/or any other terms of the Conditions shall be deemed to be expressed in or, in the case of a rate of exchange, converted for or, as the case may be into, euro at the Established Rate; and
  - (iii) such other changes shall be made to the Conditions as the Issuer may decide

to conform them to conventions then applicable to instruments expressed in euro.

- (b) **Adjustment to Conditions.** The Issuer may, without the consent of the Holders, on giving notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 make such adjustments to the Conditions as the Issuer may determine to be appropriate to account for the effect of the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty on the Conditions.
- (c) **Euro Conversion Costs.** Notwithstanding General Condition 11(a) and/or General Condition 11(b), none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall be liable to any Holder or other person for any commissions, costs, losses or expenses in relation to or resulting from the transfer of euro or any currency conversion or rounding effected in connection therewith.
- (d) **Definitions Relating to European Economic and Monetary Union.** In this General Condition, the following expressions have the meanings set out below.

“**Adjustment Date**” means a date specified by the Issuer in the notice given to the Holders pursuant to this Condition which falls on or after the date on which the country of the Original Company or, as the case may be, the Settlement Currency first participates in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty;

“**Established Rate**” means the rate for the conversion of the Original Currency or, as the case may be, the Settlement Currency (including compliance with rules relating to rounding in accordance with applicable European community regulations) into euro established by the Council of the European Union pursuant to Article 123 of the Treaty;

“**National Currency Unit**” means the unit of the currency of a country as those units are defined on the day before the country first participates in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty; and

“**Treaty**” means the treaty establishing the European Community, as amended.

## 12. AGENTS

- (a) **Principal Agent and Agents.** The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Agent and to appoint further or additional Agents, provided that no termination of appointment of the principal agent (the “**Principal**

**Agent**”) shall become effective until a replacement Principal Agent shall have been appointed and provided that, if and to the extent that any of the Securities are listed on any stock exchange or publicly offered in any jurisdiction, there shall be an Agent having a specified office in each country required by the rules and regulation of each such stock exchange and each such jurisdiction and provided further that, if and to the extent that any of the Securities are in registered form, there shall be a Registrar and a Transfer Agent (which may be the Registrar), if so specified in the relevant Product Conditions. Notice of any appointment, or termination of appointment, or any change in the specified office, of any Agent will be given to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. Each Agent acts solely as agent of the Issuer and does not assume any obligation or duty to, or any relationship of agency or trust for or with, the Holders or any of them. Any calculations or determinations in respect of the Securities made by an Agent shall (save in the case of manifest error) be final, conclusive and binding on the Holders.

- (b) Calculation Agent. The Issuer or such other Calculation Agent as specified in the applicable Final Terms, shall undertake the duties of calculation agent (the “**Calculation Agent**” which expression shall include any successor calculation agent or assignee as approved by the Issuer) in respect of the Securities unless the Issuer decides to appoint a successor Calculation Agent in accordance with the provisions below.

The Issuer reserves the right at any time to appoint another institution as the Calculation Agent provided that no termination of appointment of the existing Calculation Agent shall become effective until a replacement Calculation Agent shall have been appointed. Notice of any termination or appointment will be given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

The Calculation Agent acts solely as agent of the Issuer and does not assume any obligation or duty to, or any relationship of agency or trust for or with, the Holders. Any calculations or determinations in respect of the Securities made by the Calculation Agent (whether or not the Issuer) shall (save in the case of manifest error) be final, conclusive and binding on the Holders.

The Calculation Agent may, with the consent of the Issuer (if it is not the Issuer), delegate any of its obligations and functions to a third party as it deems appropriate.

### 13. SURRENDER OF UNMATURED COUPONS

Each Security should be presented for redemption, where applicable, together with all unmatured Coupons relating to it. Upon the due date for redemption of any Security, where

applicable, all unmatured Coupons relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect thereof. This General Condition will not apply to Securities issued in dematerialised form.

14. CONTRACTS (RIGHTS OF THIRD PARTIES) ACT 1999

No rights are conferred on any person under the English Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any Condition. The preceding sentence shall not affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

15. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION

(a) The Securities and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Securities, are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with English law.

(b) The courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute (including any dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations) (a "**Dispute**") arising from or in connection with the Securities.

(c) Subparagraph (b) is for the benefit of the Holders only. As a result, nothing prevents any Holder from taking proceedings relating to a Dispute ("**Proceedings**") in any other courts with jurisdiction. To the extent allowed by law, Holders may take concurrent Proceedings in any number of jurisdictions.

(d) The Issuer agrees that the courts of England are the most appropriate and convenient courts to settle any Dispute and, accordingly, that it will not argue to the contrary.

16. METHOD OF PAYMENT

For purposes of any payment on a Security (other than an equity certificate issued in registered form), the Clearing Agents may not be United States persons, as defined for United States Federal income tax purposes, and their respective specified offices may not be located in the United States or any of its possessions. No payment on a Security (other than an equity certificate issued in registered form) shall be made by transfer to an account in the United States (including its possessions) or by cheque mailed to an address in the United States (including its possessions).

17. COMMISSIONS, FEES AND REBATES

From time to time, the Issuer may make payments or receive the benefit of payments in relation to the issue of Securities including the following:

(a) The Issuer may pay to a distributor, sales agent or other intermediary fees or commissions. Such fees or commissions are generally required to be disclosed by distributors, sales agents or intermediaries which, in each case, are EEA investment firms

or credit institutions to their clients. Each potential investor in the Securities should satisfy itself as to the amount of any fees or commissions received by intermediaries;

- (b) The Issuer may receive or pay management or other fees from or to third parties. Where such fees are payable, further details of them will be set out in the relevant Final Terms; and
- (c) The Issuer may make payments to or receive the benefit of generic commission, discount and rebate arrangements from Hedge Providers and other transaction counterparties. Such arrangements will be as agreed between the Issuer and the third parties.

The Issuer reserves the right to retain any amounts received without any obligation to pass the benefit of the rebates to investors in the Securities.

#### 18. EVENTS OF DEFAULT

If any one or more of the following events (each an "**Event of Default**") shall occur and be continuing:

- (a) default is made for more than 30 days in the payment of interest or principal in respect of the Securities; or
- (b) the Issuer fails to perform or observe any of its other obligations under the Securities and such failure has continued for the period of 60 days next following the service on the Issuer of notice requiring the same to be remedied; or
- (c) an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the winding up of the Issuer (excluding a solvent winding up solely for the purposes of a reconstruction, amalgamation, reorganisation, merger or consolidation in connection with which The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc or any of its subsidiaries assumes the obligations of the Issuer as principal debtor in respect of the Securities),

then any Holder may, by written notice to the Issuer at the specified office of the Principal Agent, effective upon the date of receipt thereof by the Principal Agent, declare the Security held by the holder to be forthwith due and payable whereupon the same shall become forthwith due and payable at the Early Redemption Amount (as defined below), together with accrued interest (if any) to the date of repayment, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind.

**"Early Redemption Amount"** means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent as the fair market value of the Security immediately prior to such Event of Default. Where the Securities contain provisions which provide a minimum assured return of principal, howsoever expressed, on the Settlement Date or Maturity Date as applicable, or a minimum

assured return of interest or coupons having regard to prevailing market rates, credit spreads and market liquidity, howsoever expressed, on a relevant Interest Payment Date (if applicable), any such amount to be paid under this General Condition shall not be less than the present value of such minimum assured return of principal and/or interest or coupons, such present value being determined by the Calculation Agent.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO INDEX AIRBAG CERTIFICATES**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Airbag Level**” means the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Capped Price**” means, if applicable, the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

**“Emerging Market Disruption Event”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

**“Exchange”** means each exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the shares that comprise the Index (the **“Shares”**) to compute the Index or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

**“Exchange Rate”** means the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

**“Expenses”** means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

**“Final Reference Price”** means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) a level determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the level of the Index on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent

determines relevant;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Index**” means the index specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Index Sponsor**” means the corporation or other entity that (a) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to the relevant Index and (b) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index on a regular basis during each Trading Day and references to Index Sponsor shall include any successor index sponsor pursuant to Product Condition 4;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means, if applicable and unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Initial Reference Price 1**” means, if applicable, the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Initial Reference Price 2**” means, if applicable, the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange

and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer, the circumstances so require;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Index are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the index airbag certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in

the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Trading Day**” means any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, 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 Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with

a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.
- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which

is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. The Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Valuation Date.
- (b) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due exercise, and subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Cash Amount.
- (c) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (d) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (e) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;

- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
  - (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
  - (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with any Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
  - (v) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
  - (vi) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.
  - (g) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date.

- (h) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (i) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (j) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (k) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any

amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.

- (l) Presentation and Surrender. The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“**Market Disruption Event**” means the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading in (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):

- (A) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent or more of the level of the relevant Index if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or
- (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index.

In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not

constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Adjustments to Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below.
- (i) If the Index is (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and published by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, then (in either case) the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.
- (ii) If (A) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor 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 and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish the Index; then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level(s) for the Index on the Valuation Date, the level for the Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the change of failure, but using only those securities that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed) or, in the case of a material modification of the Index only, the Calculation Agent shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or shall terminate the Securities by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4.

- (iii) If, at any time, any of the events specified in (A) to (H) below occurs and the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor has not in the opinion of the Calculation Agent made an appropriate adjustment to the level of the Index in order to account fully for such event, notwithstanding that the rules published or applied by the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor pertaining to the Index have been applied, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment to the level of the Index as it considers appropriate in order to so account: (A) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of (i) Shares; or (ii) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the issuer of the Shares equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of Shares or (iii) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price; (B) a free distribution or dividend of any Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) any cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer, provided that, in all cases, the related ex-dividend date occurs during the period from and including the Issue Date up to but excluding the Valuation Date; (G) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (H) any other similar event having dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares.
- (iv) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further certificates, make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities)

believes should in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or is required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the Exchange.

- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

#### 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO INDEX DISCOUNT CERTIFICATES**

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1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Capped Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Capped Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Capped Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s)

as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Emerging Market Disruption Event**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its

affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means each exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the shares that comprise the Index (the “**Shares**”) to compute the Index or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (i) the exercise of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant

Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Strike Currency) equal to the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the level of the Index on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Index**” means the index specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Index Sponsor**” means the corporation or other entity that (a) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to the relevant Index and (b) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index on a regular basis during each Trading Day and references to Index Sponsor shall include any successor index sponsor pursuant to Product Condition 4;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Index are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the index discount certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or

such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, 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 Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the

relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.
- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in

force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. The Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Valuation Date.
- (b) Cash Settlement. Each Security, upon due exercise, and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice, subject to General Condition 6(c), the Cash Amount or the Capped Amount, as the case may be, specified as such in the definition of Cash Settlement for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.
- (c) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (d) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount or the Capped Amount, as the case may be.
- (e) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with

- the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
  - (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with any Cash Amount or the Capped Amount;
  - (v) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
  - (vi) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.
  - (g) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount or Capped Amount for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the date determined according to Product Condition 3(b).

- (h) **Determinations.** Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (i) **Delivery of a Notice.** Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (j) **Exercise and Settlement Risk.** Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (k) **Method of Payment.** Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at

the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.

- (l) Presentation and Surrender. The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“**Market Disruption Event**” means (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on an Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise), (A) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent or more of the level of the relevant Index if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index. In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent,

constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Adjustments to Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), (3) or (4) below:
- (1) If the Index is (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and published by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, then (in either case) the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.
  - (2) If (A) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor 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 and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish the Index, then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level for the Index on the Valuation Date, the level for the Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the change or failure, but using only those securities that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed) or in the case of a material modification of the Index only, the Calculation Agent shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or to terminate the Securities by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4.
  - (3) If, at any time, any of the events specified in (A) to (G) below occurs and the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor has not in the opinion of the Calculation Agent made an appropriate adjustment to the level of the Index in order to account fully for such event, notwithstanding that the rules published or applied by the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor

Sponsor pertaining to the Index have been applied, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment to the level of the Index as it considers appropriate in order to so account: (A) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the Shares of (i) Shares; or (ii) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the issuer of the Shares equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of Shares or (iii) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price; (B) a free distribution or dividend of any Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) any cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer, provided that, in all cases, the related dividend date occurs during the period from and including the Issue Date up to but excluding the Valuation Date; (G) any other similar event having dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares.

(4) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further certificates, make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or is required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the Exchange.

(c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall,

as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO SINGLE STOCK DISCOUNT CERTIFICATES (CASH)**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Capped Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Capped Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Capped Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance

with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Emerging Market Disruption Event**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal

financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

(vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or

(vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or

(viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

(ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or

(x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (i) the exercise of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the price of the Share quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of such Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the price of the Share quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date as determined by the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks

and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the single stock discount certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Share**” means the share specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4 and “**Shares**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Share Company**” means the share company specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, 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 Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to a Share

or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.
- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal

Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. The Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Valuation Date.
- (b) Cash Settlement. Each Security, upon due exercise, and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice, subject to General Condition 6(c), the Cash Amount or the Capped Amount, as the case may be, specified as such in the definition of Cash Settlement for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.
- (c) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next

following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.

- (d) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount or the Capped Amount, as the case may be.

The purchase of Securities does not confer on any holder of such Securities any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) attached to the Shares.

- (e) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with any Cash Amount or the Capped Amount;
- (v) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held

by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vi) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.
- (g) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount or Capped Amount for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the date determined according to Product Condition 3(b).
- (h) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (i) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice,

the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.

- (j) **Exercise and Settlement Risk.** Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (k) **Method of Payment.** Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (l) **Presentation and Surrender.** The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“**Market Disruption Event**” means (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on an Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by

reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise): (A) in the Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Shares if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Potential Adjustment Events. Following a declaration by the Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Share and, if so, will:
- (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
  - (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

**“Potential Adjustment Event”** means any of the following: (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event), or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (ii) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (A) such Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (C) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (iii) an extraordinary dividend; (iv) a

distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (v) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (vi) a repurchase by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (vii) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

- (c) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to the Share Company, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii) or (iii) below:
- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on such Related Exchange; or
  - (ii) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including but not limited to any equity options or selling or otherwise realising any Shares or other instruments of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or

- (iii) following any adjustment to the settlement of terms of options contracts or futures contracts or any other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on any Related Exchange, require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any of the other terms of these Conditions, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Related Exchange. If options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are not traded on the Related Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the other terms of these Conditions as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Related Exchange to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Related Exchange if such options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts were so traded.

Upon the occurrence of a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the occurrence of such De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto.

“**De-listing**” means a Share for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Share is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

“**Merger Date**” means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

“**Merger Event**” means any (i) reclassification or change to the Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares; (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Share Company with or into another entity (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding Shares); or (iii) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise

obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares that results in a transfer of, or an irrevocable commitment to transfer a majority of the voting power of the Share Company to the offeror, in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Valuation Date.

“**Nationalisation**” means that all the Shares of a Share Company or all the assets or substantially all the assets of a Share Company are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority or entity.

“**Insolvency**” means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Company (i) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (ii) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

- (d) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO SINGLE STOCK DISCOUNT CERTIFICATES (CASH OR PHYSICAL)**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, (a) a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business; and (b) a day on which the Exchange is open for business;

“**Capped Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Delivery Details**” means, where applicable, account details and/or the name and address of any person into whose name evidence of the Share Amount is to be registered and/or any bank, broker or agent to whom documents evidencing title are to be delivered;

**“Disruption Cash Settlement Price”** means the fair market value of each Security on such day as shall be selected by the Issuer less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement, all as determined by the Issuer;

**“Emerging Market Disruption Event”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation

or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

(vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or

(vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or

(viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

(ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or

(x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (i) the exercise of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in

respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the price of the Share quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of such Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the price of the Share quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date as determined by the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the single stock discount certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant

Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Disruption Event**” means, in the determination of the Issuer, an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer cannot make delivery of the Share Amount in accordance with such market method as it decides at the relevant time for delivery of the Share Amount;

“**Share**” means the share specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4 and “**Shares**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Share Amount**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, one Share, multiplied by the Entitlement, if an Entitlement is specified. If the Share Amount is an amount comprising a fraction of any Share, the Holder will receive a Share Amount comprising the nearest whole number (rounded down) of Shares (taking into account that a Holder’s entire holding may be aggregated at the Issuer’s discretion for the purpose of delivering the relevant Share Amounts), and an amount in the Settlement Currency using the Exchange Rate, if applicable, equal to the value of the outstanding undelivered fraction of such Share, as calculated by the Calculation Agent on the basis of the Final Reference Price;

“**Share Company**” means the share company specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, 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 Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to a Share or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.
- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised

Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. The Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Valuation Date.
- (b) Settlement. Each Security, upon due exercise, and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice, subject to General Condition 6(c), the Cash Amount or the Share Amount, as the case may be, specified as such in the definition of Settlement for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.
- (c) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (d) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, the Share Amount or the Disruption Cash Settlement Price, as the case may be.

The purchase of Securities does not confer on any holder of such Securities any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) attached to the Shares.

- (e) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with any Cash Amount;

- (v) specify the Delivery Details;
  - (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
  - (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.
  - (g) Late Delivery of Notice. If the Notice is delivered to the relevant Clearing Agent or the copy is delivered to the Principal Agent after the close of business in the place of receipt on the Valuation Date, then the Share Amount will be delivered as soon as practicable after the Settlement Date (the date of delivery in relation to a Share Amount whether on or after the Settlement Date being the “**Delivery Date**”) in the manner provided below. For the avoidance of doubt, no holder of Securities or any other person shall be entitled to any payment, whether of interest or otherwise, by reason of the Delivery Date for such Securities occurring after the Settlement Date

due to such Notice (or the copy thereof) being delivered after close of business on the Valuation Date as provided above. In the event that a Holder does not, in respect of a Security which is to be redeemed by delivery of the Share Amount, deliver or procure delivery of a Notice as set out above prior to the date that is 30 calendar days after the Settlement Date, the Issuer shall have the right but not the obligation to sell the Shares comprised in the Share Amount in respect of such Security in the open market or otherwise at a price determined by the Issuer, in its sole discretion, to be the fair market value of the Shares multiplied by the Entitlement if an Entitlement is specified and shall hold the proceeds (the “**Realised Share Amount**”) for the account of the Holder until presentation of the relevant Notice. Upon payment of the Realised Share Amount as aforesaid, the Issuer’s obligations in respect of such Security shall be discharged.

- (h) Delivery of the Share Amount. Subject as provided in the Conditions, the delivery of the Share Amount shall be made at the risk of the Holder and shall be delivered and evidenced in such manner as the Issuer determines to be customary for the Shares or in such other commercially reasonable manner as the Issuer shall determine to be appropriate for such delivery. The Issuer shall be under no obligation to register or procure the registration of the Holder or any other person as the registered shareholder in respect of the Shares comprised in any Share Amount in the register of members of the Share Company.
- (i) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the date determined according to Product Condition 3(b).
- (j) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if

it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (l) Intervening Period. With respect to delivery of the Share Amount, for such period of time after the Valuation Date as the Issuer or any person on behalf of the Issuer shall continue to be the legal owner of the Shares comprising the relevant Share Amount (the “**Intervening Period**”), neither the Issuer nor any such other person shall (i) be under any obligation to deliver or procure delivery to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Shares or any other person any letter, certificate, notice, circular or any other document or payment whatsoever received by that person in its capacity as the holder of such Shares, (ii) be under any obligation to exercise or procure exercise of any or all rights (including voting rights) attaching to such Shares during the Intervening Period or (iii) be under any liability to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Shares or any other person in respect of any loss or damage which the relevant Holder or subsequent beneficial owner or any other person may sustain or suffer as a result, whether directly or indirectly, of the Issuer or any such other person being the legal owner of such Shares during such Intervening Period.
- (m) Dividends. Any dividend in respect of any Share Amount to be delivered will be payable to the party that would receive such dividend according to market practice for a sale of the Shares executed on the Valuation Date and to be delivered in the same manner as such Share Amount. Any such dividend to be paid to a Holder shall be paid to the account specified in the relevant Notice.
- (n) Settlement Disruption. If the Securities are to settle by delivery of the Share Amount and prior to delivery of the Share Amount in respect thereof, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, a Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting, then the Settlement Date for such Security shall be postponed to the first following Business Day on which no Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting. For so long as delivery of the Share Amount is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event, then in

lieu of delivery of the Share Amount and notwithstanding any other provision hereof the Issuer may elect in its sole and absolute discretion to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Security by payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price not later than on the third Business Day following the date that notice of such election is given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. Payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 that a Settlement Disruption Event has occurred. No Holder or any other person shall be entitled to any payment in respect of a Security in the event of any delay in the delivery of the Share Amount relating thereto due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer.

- (o) **Exercise and Settlement Risk.** Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (p) **Method of Payment.** Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (q) **Presentation and Surrender.** The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“**Market Disruption Event**” means (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on an Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise): (A) in the Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Shares if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) **Potential Adjustment Events.** Following a declaration by the Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Share and, if so, will:
- (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
  - (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving

brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

“**Potential Adjustment Event**” means any of the following: (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event), or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (ii) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (A) such Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (C) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (iii) an extraordinary dividend; (iv) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (v) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (vi) a repurchase by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (vii) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

- (c) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to the Share Company, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii) or (iii) below:
- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on such Related Exchange; or
  - (ii) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing,

Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including but not limited to any equity options or selling or otherwise realising any Shares or other instruments of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or

- (iii) following any adjustment to the settlement of terms of options contracts or futures contracts or any other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on any Related Exchange, require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any of the other terms of these Conditions, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Related Exchange. If options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are not traded on the Related Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the other terms of these Conditions as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Related Exchange to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Related Exchange if such options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts were so traded.

Upon the occurrence of a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the occurrence of such De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto.

“**De-listing**” means a Share for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Share is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

“**Merger Date**” means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

“**Merger Event**” means any (i) reclassification or change to the Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares; (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Share Company with or into another entity (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding Shares); or (iii) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares that results in a transfer of, or an irrevocable commitment to transfer a majority of the voting power of the Share Company to the offeror, in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Valuation Date.

“**Nationalisation**” means that all the Shares of a Share Company or all the assets or substantially all the assets of a Share Company are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority or entity.

“**Insolvency**” means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Company (i) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (ii) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

- (d) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new

factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO BONUS INDEX CERTIFICATES**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula, less Expenses:

- (a) Upper Initial Reference Price x Entitlement (“**Cash Amount 1**”).
- (b) Final Reference Price x Entitlement (“**Cash Amount 2**”).

The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Emerging Market Disruption Event**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) Price Source Disruption. It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) Governmental Default. With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its

obligations under the Securities; or

- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means each exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the shares that comprise the Index (the “**Shares**”) to compute the Index or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (a) the exercise of such Security and/or (b) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Strike Currency) equal to the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing)

an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the level of the Index on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Index**” means the index specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Index Sponsor**” means the corporation or other entity that (a) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to the relevant Index and (b) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index on a regular basis during each Trading Day and references to Index Sponsor shall include any successor index sponsor pursuant to Product Condition 4;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Knock-out Bonus Event**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that the level of the Index is at any time on any Trading Day during the Observation Period less than or equal to the Lower Initial Reference Price;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Lower Initial Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Observation Period**” means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Index are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the bonus index certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series;

“**Trading Day**” means any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules;

“**Upper Initial Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, 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 Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.
- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the

Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. The Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Valuation Date.
- (b) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due exercise, and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice, subject to General Condition 6(c):
  - (i) Cash Amount 1 if the Final Reference Price is greater than the Lower Initial Reference Price and less than or equal to the Upper Initial Reference Price and at no time has there occurred a Knock-out Bonus Event; and otherwise
  - (ii) Cash Amount 2.
- (c) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.

- (d) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (e) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with the Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S.

person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vi) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) **Verification.** In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.
- (g) **Settlement.** The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the date determined pursuant to Product Condition 3(b).
- (h) **Determinations.** Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (i) **Delivery of a Notice.** Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (j) **Exercise and Settlement Risk.** Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.

- (k) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (l) Presentation and Surrender. The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“**Market Disruption Event**” means: (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on an Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise), (A) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent or more of the level of the relevant Index if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of

determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index. In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Adjustments to Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below:
- (i) If the Index is (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and published by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, then (in either case) the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.
  - (ii) If (A) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor 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 and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish the Index, then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level for the Index on the Valuation Date, the level for the Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the change or failure, but using only those securities that

comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed) or in the case of a material modification of the Index only, the Calculation Agent shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or to terminate the Securities by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4.

- (iii) If, at any time, any of the events specified in (A) to (G) below occurs and the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor has not in the opinion of the Calculation Agent made an appropriate adjustment to the level of the Index in order to account fully for such event, notwithstanding that the rules published or applied by the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor pertaining to the Index have been applied, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment to the level of the Index as it considers appropriate in order to so account: (A) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the Shares of (aa) Shares; or (bb) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the issuer of the Shares equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of Shares or (cc) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price; (B) a free distribution or dividend of any Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) any cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer, provided that, in all cases, the related ex-dividend date occurs during the period from and including the Issue Date up to but excluding the Valuation Date; (G) any other similar event having dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares.
- (iv) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further certificates, make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or

events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or is required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the Exchange.

- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO SINGLE STOCK BONUS CERTIFICATES**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formulae specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses.

The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Emerging Market Disruption Event**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (ii) Price Source Disruption. It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) Governmental Default. With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the

Relevant Currency; or

- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series, or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next following Business Day;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (a) the exercise of such Security and/or (b) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the price of the Share quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the

then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Knock-out Bonus Event**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that the price of the Share is at any time on any Trading Day during the Observation Period less than or equal to the Lower Initial Reference Price;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Lower Initial Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Observation Period**” means the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market

conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the single stock bonus certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Share**” means the share specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series, subject to Product Condition 4 and “**Shares**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Share Company**” means the share company specified as such in the definition of the

relevant Series, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Upper Initial Reference Price**” means, if applicable, the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, 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 Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to the Share or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings

ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.
- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the

“**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. The Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due exercise, and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice, subject to General Condition 6(c), the Cash Amount.
- (c) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (d) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.

The purchase of Securities does not confer on any holder of such Securities any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) attached to the Shares.

- (e) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with the Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States

Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vi) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.
- (g) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the date determined pursuant to Product Condition 3(b).
- (h) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (i) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (j) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.

- (k) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (l) Presentation and Surrender. The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
  - (A) in the Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or
  - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives

contracts relating to the Shares on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or

- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Potential Adjustment Events. Following a declaration by the Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Share and, if so, will:

- (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
- (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

**“Potential Adjustment Event”** means any of the following: (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event), or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (ii) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (A) such Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (C) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price

as determined by the Calculation Agent; (iii) an extraordinary dividend; (iv) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (v) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (vi) a repurchase by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (vii) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

- (c) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to the Share Company, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii) or (iii) below:
- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on such Related Exchange; or
  - (ii) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including but not limited to any equity options or selling or otherwise realising any Shares or other instruments of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or

- (iii) following any adjustment to the settlement of terms of options contracts or futures contracts or any other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on any Related Exchange, require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any of the other terms of these Conditions, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Related Exchange. If options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are not traded on the Related Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the other terms of these Conditions as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Related Exchange to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Related Exchange if such options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts were so traded.

Upon the occurrence of a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the occurrence of such De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto.

“**De-listing**” means a Share for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Share is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

“**Merger Date**” means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

“**Merger Event**” means any (i) reclassification or change to the Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares; (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Share Company with or into another entity (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding Shares); or (iii) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise

obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares that results in a transfer of, or an irrevocable commitment to transfer a majority of the voting power of the Share Company to the offeror, in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Determination Date.

“**Nationalisation**” means that all the Shares of a Share Company or all the assets or substantially all the assets of a Share Company are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority or entity.

“**Insolvency**” means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Company (i) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (ii) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

- (d) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO INDEX DOUBLE UP CERTIFICATES**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formulae specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses.

The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing exchange rate, if appropriate, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Double Up Stop Level**” means the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Emerging Market Disruption Event**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) Price Source Disruption. It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) Governmental Default. With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its

obligations under the Securities; or

- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

**“Exchange”** means each exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the shares that comprise the Index (the **“Shares”**) to compute the Index or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

**“Exchange Rate”** means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

**“Expenses”** means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (a) the exercise of such Security and/or (b) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

**“Final Reference Price”** means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Strike Currency) equal to the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the level of the Index on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent

determines relevant;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Index**” means the index specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Index Sponsor**” means the corporation or other entity that (a) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to the relevant Index and (b) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index on a regular basis during each Trading Day and references to Index Sponsor shall include any successor index sponsor pursuant to Product Condition 4;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Index are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the index double up certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or

such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, 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 Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the

relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.
- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in

force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. The Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Valuation Date.
- (b) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due exercise, and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice, subject to General Condition 6(c), either:
  - (i) Cash Amount 1 – if the Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Double Up Stop Level; or
  - (ii) Cash Amount 2 – if the Final Reference Price is greater than the Initial Reference Price and lower than the Double Up Stop Level; or
  - (iii) Cash Amount 3 – if the Final Reference Price is lower than or equal to the Initial Reference Price.
- (c) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (d) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (e) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
  - (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
  - (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
  - (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with the Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
  - (v) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
  - (vi) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.

- (g) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the date determined pursuant to Product Condition 3(b).
- (h) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (i) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (j) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (k) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the

principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.

- (l) Presentation and Surrender. The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“**Market Disruption Event**” means: (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on an Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise), (A) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent or more of the level of the relevant Index if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index. In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a

Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

(b) Adjustments to Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below:

(i) If the Index is (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and published by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, then (in either case) the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.

(ii) If (A) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor 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 and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish the Index, then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level for the Index on the Valuation Date, the level for the Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the change or failure, but using only those securities that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed) or in the case of a material modification of the Index only, the Calculation Agent shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or to terminate the Securities by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4.

(iii) If, at any time, any of the events specified in (A) to (G) below occurs and the

Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor has not in the opinion of the Calculation Agent made an appropriate adjustment to the level of the Index in order to account fully for such event, notwithstanding that the rules published or applied by the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor pertaining to the Index have been applied, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment to the level of the Index as it considers appropriate in order to so account: (A) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the Shares of (aa) Shares; or (bb) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the issuer of the Shares equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of Shares or (cc) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price; (B) a free distribution or dividend of any Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) any cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer, provided that, in all cases, the related dividend date occurs during the period from and including the Issue Date up to but excluding the Valuation Date; (G) any other similar event having dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares.

- (iv) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further certificates, make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or is required to take account

of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the Exchange.

- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**SINGLE STOCK DOUBLE UP CERTIFICATES**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formulae specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses.

The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Delivery Details**” means, where applicable, account details and/or the name and address of any person into whose name evidence of the Share Amount is to be registered and/or any bank, broker or agent to whom documents evidencing title are to be delivered;

“**Disruption Cash Settlement Price**” means the fair market value of each Security on such day as shall be selected by the Issuer less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement, all as determined by the Issuer;

**“Double Up Stop Level”** means the amount calculated in accordance with the following formula:

Double Up Stop Level Percentage x Initial Reference Price;

**“Double Up Stop Level Percentage”** means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Emerging Market Disruption Event”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such

jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or

- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (a) the exercise of such Security and/or (b) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the price of the Share quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the price of the Share quoted on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date as determined by the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange

and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the single stock double up certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities series set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in

the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Disruption Event**” means, in the determination of the Issuer, an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer cannot make delivery of the Share Amount in accordance with such market method as it decides at the relevant time for delivery of the Share Amount;

“**Share**” means the share specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4, and “**Shares**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Share Amount**” means one Share, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. If the Share Amount is an amount comprising a fraction of any Share, the Holder will receive a Share Amount comprising the nearest whole number (rounded down) of Shares (taking into account that a Holder’s entire holding may be aggregated at the Issuer’s discretion for the purpose of delivering the relevant Share Amounts), and an amount in the Settlement Currency using the Exchange Rate, if applicable, equal to the value of the outstanding undelivered fraction of such Share, as calculated by the Calculation Agent on the basis of the Final Reference Price;

“**Share Company**” means the share company specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, 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 Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event ) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means the close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to a Share or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will

pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. The Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the

Valuation Date.

- (b) Settlement. Each Security, upon due exercise and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice, subject to General Condition 6(c), either:
  - (i) Cash Amount 1, if the Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Double Up Stop Level; or
  - (ii) Cash Amount 2, if the Final Reference Price is greater than the Initial Reference Price and less than the Double Up Stop Level; or
  - (iii) Share Amount, if the Final Reference Price is less than or equal to the Initial Reference Price.
- (c) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (d) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Share Amount or the Disruption Cash Settlement Price. The purchase of Securities does not confer on any holder of such Securities any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) attached to the Shares.
- (e) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a "Notice") to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with

- the Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) specify the Delivery Details;
  - (vi) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
  - (vii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.
  - (g) Late Delivery of Notice. If the Notice is delivered to the relevant Clearing Agent or the copy is delivered to the Principal Agent after the close of business in the place of receipt on the Exercise Date, then the Share Amount will be delivered as soon as practicable after the Settlement Date (the date of delivery in relation to a Share Amount whether on or after the Settlement Date being the “**Delivery Date**”) in the manner provided below. For the avoidance of doubt, no holder of Securities or any other person shall be entitled to any payment, whether of interest or otherwise, by

reason of the Delivery Date for such Securities occurring after the Settlement Date due to such Notice (or the copy thereof) being delivered after close of business on the Exercise Date as provided above. In the event that a Holder does not, in respect of a Security which is to be redeemed by delivery of the Share Amount, deliver or procure delivery of a Notice as set out above prior to the date that is 30 calendar days after the Settlement Date, the Issuer shall have the right but not the obligation to sell the Shares comprised in the Share Amount in respect of such Security in the open market or otherwise at a price determined by the Issuer, in its sole discretion, to be the fair market value of the Shares and shall hold the proceeds (the “**Realised Share Amount**”) for the account of the Holder until presentation of the relevant Notice. Upon payment of the Realised Share Amount as aforesaid, the Issuer’s obligations in respect of such Security shall be discharged.

- (h) Delivery of the Share Amount. Subject as provided in the Conditions, the delivery of the Share Amount shall be made at the risk of the Holder and shall be delivered and evidenced in such manner as the Issuer determines to be customary for the Shares or in such other commercially reasonable manner as the Issuer shall determine to be appropriate for such delivery. The Issuer shall be under no obligation to register or procure the registration of the Holder or any other person as the registered shareholder in respect of the Shares comprised in any Share Amount in the register of members of the Share Company.
- (i) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date.
- (j) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of

gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (l) Intervening Period. With respect to delivery of the Share Amount, for such period of time after the Exercise Date as the Issuer or any person on behalf of the Issuer shall continue to be the legal owner of the Shares comprising the relevant Share Amount (the “**Intervening Period**”), neither the Issuer nor any such other person shall (i) be under any obligation to deliver or procure delivery to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Shares or any other person any letter, certificate, notice, circular or any other document or payment whatsoever received by that person in its capacity as the holder of such Shares, (ii) be under any obligation to exercise or procure exercise of any or all rights (including voting rights) attaching to such Shares during the Intervening Period or (iii) be under any liability to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Shares or any other person in respect of any loss or damage which the relevant Holder or subsequent beneficial owner or any other person may sustain or suffer as a result, whether directly or indirectly, of the Issuer or any such other person being the legal owner of such Shares during such Intervening Period.
- (m) Dividends. Any dividend in respect of any Share Amount to be delivered will be payable to the party that would receive such dividend according to market practice for a sale of the Shares executed on the Exercise Date and to be delivered in the same manner as such Share Amount. Any such dividend to be paid to a Holder shall be paid to the account specified in the relevant Notice.
- (n) Settlement Disruption. If the Securities are to settle by delivery of the Share Amount and prior to delivery of the Share Amount in respect thereof, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, a Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting, then the Settlement Date for such Security shall be postponed to the first following Business Day on which no Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting. For so long as delivery of the Share Amount is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event, then in lieu of delivery of the Share Amount and notwithstanding any other provision hereof

the Issuer may elect in its sole and absolute discretion to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Security by payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price not later than on the third Business Day following the date that notice of such election is given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. Payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 that a Settlement Disruption Event has occurred. No Holder or any other person shall be entitled to any payment in respect of a Security in the event of any delay in the delivery of the Share Amount relating thereto due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer.

- (o) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (p) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (q) Presentation and Surrender. The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
- (A) in the Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or
- (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Shares on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) **Potential Adjustment Events.** Following a declaration by the Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Share and, if so, will:
- (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
- (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

“**Potential Adjustment Event**” means any of the following: (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event), or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (ii) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (A) such Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (C) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (iii) an extraordinary dividend; (iv) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (v) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (vi) a repurchase by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (vii) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

- (c) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to the Share Company, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii) or (iii) below:
- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on such Related Exchange; or

- (ii) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including but not limited to any equity options or selling or otherwise realising any Shares or other instruments of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or
- (iii) following any adjustment to the settlement of terms of options contracts or futures contracts or any other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on any Related Exchange, require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any of the other terms of these Conditions, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Related Exchange. If options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are not traded on the Related Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the other terms of these Conditions as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Related Exchange to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Related Exchange if such options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts were so traded.

Upon the occurrence of a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the occurrence of such De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto.

“**De-listing**” means a Share for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from

listing on the Exchange (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Share is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

“**Merger Date**” means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

“**Merger Event**” means any (i) reclassification or change to the Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares of such Share Company; (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Share Company with or into another entity (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding Shares); or (iii) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares that results in a transfer of, or an irrevocable commitment to transfer a majority of the voting power of the Share Company to the offeror), in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Determination Date.

“**Nationalisation**” means that all the Shares of a Share Company or all the assets or substantially all the assets of a Share Company are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority or entity.

“**Insolvency**” means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Company (i) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (ii) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

- (d) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO INDEX BASKET DOUBLE UP CERTIFICATES**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formulae specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses.

The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing exchange rate, if appropriate, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Double Up Stop Level**” means the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

**“Emerging Market Disruption Event”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) **Nationalisation.** Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Exchange**” means each exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the shares that comprise the Index (the “**Shares**”) to compute the Index or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next following Business Day;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (a) the exercise of such Security and/or (b) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Settlement Currency) equal to the sum of, in respect of each Index, the Index Final Closing Price divided by Index Initial Closing Price and then multiplied by its Weight, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent, subject to adjustment in accordance

with Product Condition 4;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Index**” means each index specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Index Closing Price**” means, in respect of each Index and any day, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Strike Currency) equal to the level of such Index at the Valuation Time on such day, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the level of the Index on such day having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Index Final Closing Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Index, the Index Closing Price on the Valuation Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Index Initial Closing Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Index, the Index Closing Price on the Pricing Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Index Sponsor**” means the corporation or other entity that (a) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to the relevant Index and (b) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index on a regular basis during each Trading Day and references to Index Sponsor shall include any successor index sponsor pursuant to Product Condition 4;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Index are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the index basket double up certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, 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 Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Valuation Time**” means the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the

closing level of the Index or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; and

“**Weight**” means in respect of each Index, the Weight specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) **Global Form.** Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depository for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) **Dematerialised Form.** Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.
- (c) **SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent.** If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent

Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. The Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon due exercise, and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice, subject to General Condition 6(c), the Cash Amount.
- (c) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next

following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.

- (d) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount.
- (e) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with the Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of

the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vi) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.
- (g) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the date determined pursuant to Product Condition 3(b).
- (h) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (i) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (j) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to

all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.

- (k) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (l) Presentation and Surrender. The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

**“Market Disruption Event”** means: (i) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which any Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or (ii) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on an Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise), (A) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per

cent or more of the level of the relevant Index if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or (B) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index. In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Adjustments to Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (i), (ii), (iii) or (iv) below:
- (i) If the Index is (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and published by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, then (in either case) the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.
  - (ii) If (A) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor 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 and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Valuation Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish the Index, then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level for the Index on the Valuation Date, the level for the Index as determined by the Calculation

Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the change or failure, but using only those securities that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed) or in the case of a material modification of the Index only, the Calculation Agent shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or to terminate the Securities by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4.

- (iii) If, at any time, any of the events specified in (A) to (G) below occurs and the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor has not in the opinion of the Calculation Agent made an appropriate adjustment to the level of the Index in order to account fully for such event, notwithstanding that the rules published or applied by the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor pertaining to the Index have been applied, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment to the level of the Index as it considers appropriate in order to so account: (A) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the Shares of (aa) Shares; or (bb) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the issuer of the Shares equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of Shares or (cc) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price; (B) a free distribution or dividend of any Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) any cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer, provided that, in all cases, the related ex-dividend date occurs during the period from and including the Issue Date up to but excluding the Valuation Date; (G) any other similar event having dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares.
- (iv) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further certificates, make adjustments or

to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or is required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the Exchange.

- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

#### 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**STOCK BASKET DOUBLE UP CERTIFICATES**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and if Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formulae specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses.

The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate if an Exchange Rate is specified and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Delivery Details**” means, if Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, where applicable, account

details and/or the name and address of any person into whose name evidence of the Share Amount is to be registered and/or any bank, broker or agent to whom documents evidencing title are to be delivered;

**“Disruption Cash Settlement Price”** means, if Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the fair market value of each Security on such day as shall be selected by the Issuer less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement, all as determined by the Issuer;

**“Double Up Stop Level”** means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

**“Emerging Market Disruption Event”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) **Inconvertibility/non-transferability.** The occurrence of any event which (A) generally

makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or

- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, where the Strike Currency is different to the Settlement Currency, the rate of exchange between the Strike Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series or, if

such day is not a Business Day, the next following Business Day;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising in connection with (a) the exercise of such Security and/or (b) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Settlement Currency) equal to the sum of, in respect of each Share, the Share Final Closing Price divided by Share Initial Closing Price and then multiplied by its Weight, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is the euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer in adverse market conditions if, in the opinion of the Issuer, circumstances so require;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the stock basket double up certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities series set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Disruption Event**” means, if Physical Settlement is specified as being applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in the

determination of the Issuer, an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer cannot make delivery of the Share Amount in accordance with such market method as it decides at the relevant time for delivery of the Share Amount;

“**Share**” means each share specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4, and “**Shares**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Share Amount**” means, if Physical Settlement is specified as being applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the number of Shares specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4. If the Share Amount is an amount comprising a fraction of any Share, the Holder will receive a Share Amount comprising the nearest whole number (rounded down) of Shares (taking into account that a Holder’s entire holding may be aggregated at the Issuer’s discretion for the purpose of delivering the relevant Share Amounts), and an amount in the Settlement Currency using the Exchange Rate, if applicable, equal to the value of the outstanding undelivered fraction of such Share, as calculated by the Calculation Agent on the basis of the Share Final Closing Price;

“**Share Closing Price**” means, in respect of each Share and any day, unless otherwise specified in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the price of such Share at the Valuation Time on such day, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such day having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Share Company**” means the share company specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Share Final Closing Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Share, the Share Closing Price on the Valuation Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Share Initial Closing Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Share, the Share Closing Price on the Pricing Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Strike Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, 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 Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Valuation Time**” means the close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to a Share or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; and

“**Weight**” means in respect of each Index, the Weight specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.
- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants

with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. The Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Settlement. Each Security, upon due exercise and subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date or, if later, five Business Days following the delivery of the Notice, subject to General Condition 6(c), either the Cash Amount or, if Physical Settlement is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Share Amount.
- (c) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (d) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Share Amount, if applicable or the Disruption Cash Settlement Price, if applicable. The purchase of

Securities does not confer on any holder of such Securities any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) attached to the Shares.

- (e) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) in the case of delivery of a Share Amount, include an undertaking to pay all Expenses and an authority to debit the account with the Clearing Agent in respect thereof or, as the case may be, to debit the account referred to in paragraph (iii) above or make a deduction from any cheque;
- (v) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with the Cash Amount (if any) or Disruption Cash Settlement Price, if applicable for such Securities;
- (vi) specify the Delivery Details;
- (vii) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held

by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (viii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (f) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.
- (g) Late Delivery of Notice. If the Notice is delivered to the relevant Clearing Agent or the copy is delivered to the Principal Agent after the close of business in the place of receipt on the Exercise Date, then the Share Amount will be delivered as soon as practicable after the Settlement Date (the date of delivery in relation to a Share Amount whether on or after the Settlement Date being the "**Delivery Date**") in the manner provided below. For the avoidance of doubt, no holder of Securities or any other person shall be entitled to any payment, whether of interest or otherwise, by reason of the Delivery Date for such Securities occurring after the Settlement Date due to such Notice (or the copy thereof) being delivered after close of business on the Exercise Date as provided above. In the event that a Holder does not, in respect of a Security which is to be redeemed by delivery of the Share Amount, deliver or procure delivery of a Notice as set out above prior to the date that is 30 calendar days after the Settlement Date, the Issuer shall have the right but not the obligation to sell the Shares comprised in the Share Amount in respect of such Security in the open market or otherwise at a price determined by the Issuer, in its sole discretion, to be the fair market value of the Shares and shall hold the proceeds (the "**Realised Share Amount**") for the account of the Holder until presentation of the relevant Notice. Upon payment of the Realised Share Amount as aforesaid, the Issuer's obligations in respect of such Security shall be discharged.
- (h) Delivery of the Share Amount. If Physical Settlement is specified as "Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject as provided in the Conditions, the delivery of the Share Amount shall be made at the risk of the Holder and shall be delivered and evidenced in such manner as the Issuer determines

to be customary for the Shares or in such other commercially reasonable manner as the Issuer shall determine to be appropriate for such delivery. The Issuer shall be under no obligation to register or procure the registration of the Holder or any other person as the registered shareholder in respect of the Shares comprised in any Share Amount in the register of members of the Share Company.

- (i) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date.
- (j) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (k) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (l) Intervening Period. If Physical Settlement is specified as “Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, with respect to delivery of the Share Amount, for such period of time after the Exercise Date as the Issuer or any person on behalf of the Issuer shall continue to be the legal owner of the Shares comprising the relevant Share Amount (the “**Intervening Period**”), neither the Issuer nor any such other person shall (i) be under any obligation to deliver or procure delivery to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Shares or

any other person any letter, certificate, notice, circular or any other document or payment whatsoever received by that person in its capacity as the holder of such Shares, (ii) be under any obligation to exercise or procure exercise of any or all rights (including voting rights) attaching to such Shares during the Intervening Period or (iii) be under any liability to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Shares or any other person in respect of any loss or damage which the relevant Holder or subsequent beneficial owner or any other person may sustain or suffer as a result, whether directly or indirectly, of the Issuer or any such other person being the legal owner of such Shares during such Intervening Period.

- (m) Dividends. If Physical Settlement is specified as “Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, any dividend in respect of any Share Amount to be delivered will be payable to the party that would receive such dividend according to market practice for a sale of the Shares executed on the Exercise Date and to be delivered in the same manner as such Share Amount. Any such dividend to be paid to a Holder shall be paid to the account specified in the relevant Notice.
- (n) Settlement Disruption. If Physical Settlement is specified as “Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and the Securities are to settle by delivery of the Share Amount and prior to delivery of the Share Amount in respect thereof, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, a Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting, then the Settlement Date for such Security shall be postponed to the first following Business Day on which no Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting. For so long as delivery of the Share Amount is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event, then in lieu of delivery of the Share Amount and notwithstanding any other provision hereof the Issuer may elect in its sole and absolute discretion to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Security by payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price not later than on the third Business Day following the date that notice of such election is given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. Payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 that a Settlement Disruption Event has occurred. No Holder or any other person shall be entitled to any payment in respect of a Security in the event of any delay in the delivery of the Share Amount relating thereto due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer.
- (o) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to

all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.

- (p) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (q) Presentation and Surrender. The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

**“Market Disruption Event”** means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):

- (A) in the Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or
  - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Shares on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Potential Adjustment Events. Following a declaration by the Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Share and, if so, will:
- (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
  - (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

**“Potential Adjustment Event”** means any of the following: (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event), or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (ii) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (A) such Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of

liquidation of the Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (C) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (iii) an extraordinary dividend; (iv) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (v) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (vi) a repurchase by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (vii) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

- (c) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to the Share Company, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii) or (iii) below:
- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on such Related Exchange; or
  - (ii) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including but not limited to any equity options or selling or otherwise realising any Shares or other instruments of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements), all as determined

by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or

- (iii) following any adjustment to the settlement of terms of options contracts or futures contracts or any other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on any Related Exchange, require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any of the other terms of these Conditions, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Related Exchange. If options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are not traded on the Related Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the other terms of these Conditions as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Related Exchange to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Related Exchange if such options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts were so traded.

Upon the occurrence of a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the occurrence of such De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto.

**“De-listing”** means a Share for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Share is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

**“Merger Date”** means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**“Merger Event”** means any (i) reclassification or change to the Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares; (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Share Company with or into another entity

(other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding Shares); or (iii) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares that results in a transfer of, or an irrevocable commitment to transfer a majority of the voting power of the Share Company (other than any such Shares owned or controlled by the offeror), in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Determination Date.

**“Nationalisation”** means that all the Shares of a Share Company or all the assets or substantially all the assets of a Share Company are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority or entity.

**“Insolvency”** means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Company (i) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (ii) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

- (d) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO INTEREST RATE EXPRESS CERTIFICATES**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means, unless Basket is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Basket Constituent**” means each Certificate or Reference Rate specified in the definition of Basket of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Calculation Period**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the number of calendar days from (but excluding) an Exchange Business Day to (and including) the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Cash Amount**” means the amount specified as such in, or the amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Certificate**” means, unless Certificate is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the certificate or certificates specified as such in the definition of Basket or in the

definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“**Current Barrier Level**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount calculated on each Reset Date (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) If “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; plus
  - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date, or
- (b) If “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; minus
  - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date.

The Current Barrier Level shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Premium**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Strike Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying

Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each Exchange Business Day, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; plus
- (b) Funding Cost.

The Current Strike Level will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Underlying Currency, 0.005 being rounded upwards. The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Early Termination Amount”** means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Early Termination Date”** means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or if, in respect of any Certificate, any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

**“Early Termination Event”** means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

**“Emerging Market Disruption Event”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) Price Source Disruption. It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or

- (iii) Governmental Default. With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive

character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means, in respect of each Certificate, each exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to that exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Business Day**” means each day specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Exchange Rate**” means the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent by reference to information published on the Screen Page without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be

determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Reference Rate or Certificate as applicable, on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Reference Rate or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Funding Cost**” means subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) Prevailing Rate plus Current Spread; multiplied by
  - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
  - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) Prevailing Rate minus Current Spread; multiplied by
  - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
  - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

**“Interest Amount”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Interest Payment Dates”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Interest Period”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

**“Interest Rate”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Interest Rate Day Count Fraction”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Issue Date”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Issuer”** means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

**“Issuer Call”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

**“Issuer Call Cash Amount”** means if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified as such in, or the amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

**“Issuer Call Commencement Date”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Issuer Call Date”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the day specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 or if, in respect of any Certificate, any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

**“Issuer Call Notice Period”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Launch Date”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Market Disruption Event”** means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

**“Payment Day”** means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open;

**“Prevailing Rate”** means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Underlying Currency in the inter-bank market for each Calculation Period, by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer, the circumstances so require;

“**Reference Banks**” means such number of leading dealers in the London interbank market which ordinarily provide quotes for the Reference Rate, or any other rate requested by the Calculation Agent pursuant to Product Condition 4, as is specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, which Reference Banks shall be selected by the Issuer in its absolute discretion;

“**Reference Rate**” means (i) each rate specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by the Calculation Agent, unless in the determination of the Calculation Agent a Market Disruption Event has occurred, in which case the Reference Rate shall be calculated in accordance with Product Condition 4, or, (ii) in relation to a Certificate, the Reference Rate to which it is linked or any successor to such Reference Rate in accordance with the terms of each Certificate, as determined by the Calculation Agent, and “**Reference Rates**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Certificates are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issue Date and thereafter, the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not an Exchange Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Screen Page**” means each of the pages specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and “**Screen Pages**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the interest rate express certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Trading Day**” means, in respect of a Certificate, any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on all the Exchanges and any Related Exchanges other than a day on which trading on the Exchanges or any Related Exchanges is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant

Series in the applicable Final Terms or if, in respect of any Certificate, any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means at or around the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and

procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Early Termination Event. Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities, in whole but not in part on any Business Day, by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) The Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) The Issuer Call Cash Amount, following an Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) The Early Termination Amount, following an Early Termination Event.
- (e) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- (f) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each security shall cease to accrue interest from (and including) exercise. No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early

Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event.

- (g) **Payment Day.** If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (h) **General.** In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.
- (i) **Notice.** All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan

for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vi) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (j) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.
- (k) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount, the Issuer Call Cash Amount or the Early Termination Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date.
- (l) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of

gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (m) **Delivery of a Notice.** Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (n) **Exercise and Settlement Risk.** Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (o) **Method of Payment.** Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (p) **Presentation and Surrender.** The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if

it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“**Market Disruption Event**”, in relation to a Reference Rate, means the situation in which a Reference Rate is not available on the relevant Screen Page, in which case the relevant rate shall be determined by the Calculation Agent, on the basis of quotations for the relevant rate or such other related rate as the Calculation Agent shall in its sole and absolute discretion specify provided by the Reference Banks at the Valuation Time for the relevant Business Day. The Issuer will request the principal London office of each of the Reference Banks to provide a quotation of the relevant rate. The relevant rate will be the arithmetic mean of the quotations, eliminating the highest quotation (or in the event of equality, one of the highest) and the lowest quotation (or, in the event of equality, one of the lowest) if more than three quotations are provided. If it is not possible to obtain quotations of the relevant rate by at least three of the Reference Banks then the Calculation Agent will determine the relevant Reference Rate at its sole and absolute discretion, which determination may be delayed for up to 180 days following the occurrence of an Emerging Market Disruption Event.

“**Market Disruption Event**”, in relation to a Certificate, means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
    - (A) in the Certificates on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Certificates are traded; or
    - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Certificates on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
  - (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.
- (b) For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a

limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event Adjustments to the Basket. If a De-Listing occurs with respect to a Basket Constituent or a Basket Constituent is for any reason cancelled or ceases to exist, the Calculation Agent may determine in its sole discretion to either (A) replace the de-listed or cancelled Basket Constituent by a successor basket constituent which has, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar structure and a substantially similar economic impact and is linked to the same asset as such Basket Constituent or (B) make such other adjustments to the Conditions as the Calculation Agent sees fit, acting in its absolute discretion. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made pursuant to this paragraph.

“**De-listing**” means that a Basket Constituent for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange or any other exchanges on which the Basket Constituent is listed (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Basket Constituent is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO COMMODITY EXPRESS CERTIFICATES**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means, unless Basket is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Basket Constituent**” means each Certificate or Commodity specified in the definition of Basket of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Calculation Period**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the number of calendar days from (but excluding) an Exchange Business Day to (and including) the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Cash Amount**” means the amount specified as such in, or an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Certificate**” means, unless Certificate is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final

Terms, the certificate or certificates specified as such in the definition of Basket or in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“**Commodity**” means each commodity specified as such in the definition of the Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, in relation to a Certificate, the Commodity to which it is linked or any successor to such Commodity in accordance with the terms of each Certificate, as determined by the Calculation Agent, subject to Product Condition 4, and “**Commodities**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Current Barrier Level**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount calculated on each Reset Date (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; plus
  - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; minus
  - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date.

The Current Barrier Level shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Premium**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant

Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Strike Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each Exchange Business Day, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; plus
- (b) Funding Cost.

The Current Strike Level will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Underlying Currency, 0.005 being rounded upwards. The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Early Termination Amount**” means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Early Termination Date**” means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Commodity or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Early Termination Event**” means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“**Emerging Market Disruption Event**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) Price Source Disruption. It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) Governmental Default. With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its

obligations under the Securities; or

- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means each exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to that exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Business Day**” means each day specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Exchange Rate**” means the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

**“Final Reference Price”** means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the relevant Commodity or Certificate as applicable, on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the relevant Commodity or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

**“Final Terms”** means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

**“Funding Cost”** means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) Prevailing Rate plus Current Spread; multiplied by
  - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
  - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) Prevailing Rate minus Current Spread; multiplied by
  - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
  - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current ay) divided by 360;

**“Governmental Authority”** is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

**“Initial Reference Price”** means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant

Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Interest Amount**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Payment Dates**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Period**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

“**Interest Rate**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Rate Day Count Fraction**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Issuer Call**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Cash Amount**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified as such in, or the amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at

the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

**“Issuer Call Commencement Date”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Issuer Call Date”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the day specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the relevant Commodity or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

**“Issuer Call Notice Period”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Launch Date”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Market Disruption Event”** means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

**“Payment Day”** means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open;

**“Prevailing Rate”** means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Underlying Currency in the inter-bank market for each

Calculation Period, by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer, the circumstances so require;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Basket Constituent are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issue Date and thereafter, the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not an Exchange Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the commodity express certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified

in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day, unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, 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 Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the relevant Commodity or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means at or around the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or such other time as the Issuer may select in its

absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.
- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Early Termination Event. Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities, in whole but not in part on any Business Day, by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call

Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.

- (d) **Cash Settlement.** Each Security upon exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) The Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) The Issuer Call Cash Amount, following an Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) The Early Termination Amount, following an Early Termination Event.
- (e) **Interest Amount.** If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- (f) **Interest Accrual.** If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each security shall cease to accrue interest from (and including) exercise. No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event.
- (g) **Payment Day.** If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (h) **General.** In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.
- (i) **Notice.** All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
  - (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
  - (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
  - (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
  - (v) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
  - (vi) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (j) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence

reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.

- (k) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount, the Issuer Call Cash Amount or the Early Termination Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date.
- (l) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (m) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (n) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to

the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.

- (o) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (p) Presentation and Surrender. The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“**Market Disruption Event**”, in relation to a Commodity, means:

- (i) Price Source Disruption. The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the price of a relevant Commodity (or the information necessary for determining such price) or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price by the Exchange; or
- (ii) Trading Suspension. The material suspension of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange; or
- (iii) Disappearance of Price. The failure of trading of a relevant Commodity to commence, or the permanent discontinuation of trading of the Commodity, on the Exchange; or
- (iv) Material Change in Formula. The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity,

quality or currency), or method of, calculating the price of a relevant Commodity; or

- (v) Material Change in Content. The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the content or composition of a relevant Commodity; or
- (vi) De Minimis Trading. The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to a relevant Commodity is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Commodity has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Commodity on the Exchange; or
- (vii) Tax Disruption. The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, a relevant Commodity (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Issue Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the price of the Commodity on the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
- (viii) Trading Limitation. The material limitation imposed on trading in a relevant Commodity with respect to it or any contract with respect to it on any exchange or principal trading market; or
- (ix) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or Related Exchange is located; or
- (x) Other Events. Any other event similar to any of the above which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

**“Market Disruption Event”**, in relation to a Certificate, means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to

effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):

- (A) in the Certificates on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Certificates are traded; or
  - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Certificates on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Adjustments to the Basket. If a De-Listing occurs with respect to a Basket Constituent or a Basket Constituent is for any reason cancelled or ceases to exist, the Calculation Agent may determine in its sole discretion to either (A) replace the de-listed or cancelled Basket Constituent by a successor basket constituent which has, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar structure and a substantially similar economic impact and is linked to the same asset as such Basket Constituent or (B) make such other adjustments to the Conditions as the Calculation Agent sees fit, acting in its absolute discretion. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made pursuant to this paragraph.

“**De-listing**” means that a Basket Constituent for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange or any other exchanges on which the Basket Constituent is listed (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Basket Constituent is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of

any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO EQUITY EXPRESS CERTIFICATES**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means, unless Basket is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Basket Constituent**” means each Certificate or Share specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Calculation Period**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the number of calendar days from (but excluding) an Exchange Business Day to (and including) the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Cash Amount**” means the amount specified as such in, or an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Certificate**” means, unless Certificate is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final

Terms, the certificate or certificates specified as such in the definition of Basket or in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“**Current Barrier Level**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount calculated on each Reset Date (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; plus
  - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; minus
  - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date.

The Current Barrier Level shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Premium**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Strike Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final

Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each Exchange Business Day, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; plus
- (b) Funding Cost; and minus
- (c) Notional Dividend Amounts.

The Current Strike Level will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Underlying Currency, 0.005 being rounded upwards. The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Early Termination Amount**” means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Early Termination Date**” means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Share or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Early Termination Event**” means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“**Emerging Market Disruption Event**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (ii) Price Source Disruption. It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) Governmental Default. With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the

Relevant Currency; or

- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means each exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to that exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Business Day**” means each day specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Exchange Rate**” means the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the

Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the relevant Share or Certificate as applicable, on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the relevant Share or Certificate as applicable, (on the Exchange, if applicable) and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Funding Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) Prevailing Rate plus Current Spread; multiplied by
  - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
  - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) Prevailing Rate minus Current Spread; multiplied by
  - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
  - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

**“Interest Amount”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Interest Payment Dates”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Interest Period”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

**“Interest Rate”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Interest Rate Day Count Fraction”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Issue Date”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Issuer”** means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

**“Issuer Call”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

**“Issuer Call Cash Amount”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified as such in, or the amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

**“Issuer Call Commencement Date”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Issuer Call Date”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the day specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the relevant Share or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

**“Issuer Call Notice Period”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Launch Date”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Market Disruption Event”** means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

**“Notional Dividend Amount”** means, if “Notional Dividend Amount” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to the cash dividends and/or other cash distributions in respect of the Share which have an ex-dividend date occurring during the Notional Dividend Period net of applicable withholding taxes at a rate adjusted by application of any relevant double tax treaty without regard to any tax credits;

**“Notional Dividend Period”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each period from (but excluding) the previous Exchange Business Day to (and including) the current Exchange Business Day;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open;

“**Prevailing Rate**” means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Underlying Currency in the inter-bank market for each Calculation Period, by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer, the circumstances so require;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Basket Constituent are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the

applicable Final Terms, the Issue Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not an Exchange Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Exchange Business Day, or (b) the ex-dividend date when the Notional Dividend Amount is equal to or greater than two per cent. of the current level of the Share, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the equity express certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Share**” means the share specified as such in the definition of the Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, in relation to a Certificate, the Share to which it is linked or any successor to such Share in accordance with the terms of each Certificate, as determined by the Calculation Agent, subject to Product Condition 4, and “**Shares**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Share Company**” means the share company (if any) specified as such in the definition of the Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4, and “**Share Companies**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its

regular weekday closing time;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day, unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, 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 Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the relevant Share or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means at or around the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be

construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.
- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the

retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Early Termination Event. Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities, in whole but not in part on any Business Day, by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) The Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) The Issuer Call Cash Amount, following an Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) The Early Termination Amount, following an Early Termination Event.
- (e) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.

- (f) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each security shall cease to accrue interest from (and including) exercise. No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event.
- (g) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (h) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.
- (i) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal

income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vi) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (j) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.
- (k) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount, the Issuer Call Cash Amount or the Early Termination Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date.
- (l) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3

shall become void.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (m) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (n) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (o) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (p) Presentation and Surrender. The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“**Market Disruption Event**”, in relation to a Basket Constituent, means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
- (A) in the Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or
- (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Shares on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) **Potential Adjustment Events.** Following a declaration by a relevant Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Share and, if so, will:
- (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
- (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

“**Potential Adjustment Event**” means any of the following: (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event), or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (ii) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (A) such Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the relevant Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (C) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (iii) an extraordinary dividend; (iv) a distribution of cash dividends on the relevant Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (v) a call by a relevant Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (vi) a repurchase by a relevant Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (vii) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

- (c) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to a relevant Share Company, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii) or (iii) below:
- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Shares traded on such Related Exchange;

or

- (ii) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including but not limited to any equity options or selling or otherwise realising any Shares or other instruments of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or
- (iii) following any adjustment to the settlement of terms of options contracts or futures contracts or any other derivatives contracts on the relevant Shares traded on any Related Exchange, require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any of the other terms of these Conditions, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Related Exchange. If options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are not traded on the Related Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the other terms of these Conditions as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Related Exchange to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Related Exchange if such options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts were so traded.

Upon the occurrence of a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the occurrence of such De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) and the action proposed to be taken in relation

thereto.

“**De-listing**” in this paragraph (c) means a Share for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Share is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

“**Merger Date**” means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent..

“**Merger Event**” means any (i) reclassification or change to the Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares; (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Share Company with or into another entity (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding Shares); or (iii) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares that results in a transfer of, or an irrevocable commitment to transfer a majority of the voting power of the Share Company to the offeror, in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as applicable.

“**Nationalisation**” means that all the Shares of a Share Company or all the assets or substantially all the assets of a Share Company are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority or entity.

“**Insolvency**” means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Company (i) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (ii) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

- (d) Adjustments to the Basket. If a De-Listing occurs with respect to a Basket Constituent or a Basket Constituent is for any reason cancelled, the Calculation Agent may determine in its sole discretion to either (A) replace the de-listed or cancelled Basket Constituent by a successor basket constituent which has in the determination of the Calculation Agent the same or a substantially similar structure and a substantially similar economic impact and is linked to the same commodity as such Basket Constituent or (B) remove the de-listed or cancelled Basket Constituent and

allocate the Final Reference Price of such Basket Constituent as of the effective date of the de-listing or cancellation *pro rata* to the remaining Basket Constituents.

The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made pursuant to the foregoing paragraph.

“**De-listing**” in this paragraph (d) means a Basket Constituent for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange or any other exchanges on which the Basket Constituent is listed (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Basket Constituent is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

- (e) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO INDEX EXPRESS CERTIFICATES**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means, unless Basket is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Basket Constituent**” means each Certificate or Index specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Calculation Period**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the number of calendar days from (but excluding) an Exchange Business Day to (and including) the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Cash Amount**” means the amount specified as such in, or an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Certificate**” means, unless Certificate is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final

Terms, the certificate or certificates specified as such in the definition of Basket or in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“**Current Barrier Level**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount calculated on each Reset Date (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; plus
  - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; minus
  - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date.

The Current Barrier Level shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Premium**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Strike Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final

Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each Exchange Business Day, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; plus
- (b) Funding Cost; and minus
- (c) Notional Dividend Amounts.

The Current Strike Level will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Underlying Currency, 0.005 being rounded upwards. The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Early Termination Amount**” means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Early Termination Date**” means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Early Termination Event**” means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

“**Emerging Market Disruption Event**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (ii) Price Source Disruption. It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) Governmental Default. With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the

Relevant Currency; or

- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the Shares to compute the relevant Index or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Business Day**” means each day specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Exchange Rate**” means the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the

Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the level of the relevant Shares or Certificate as applicable, on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Funding Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) Prevailing Rate plus Current Spread; multiplied by
  - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
  - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) Prevailing Rate minus Current Spread; multiplied by
  - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
  - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Index**” means each index specified as such in the definition of the Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, in relation to a Certificate, the Index to which it is linked or any successor to such Index in accordance with the terms of each Certificate, as determined by the Calculation Agent, subject to Product

Condition 4, and “**Indices**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Index Sponsor**” means the corporation or other entity that (a) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to the relevant Index and (b) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index on a regular basis during each Trading Day and references to Index Sponsor shall include any successor index sponsor pursuant to Product Condition 4;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Interest Amount**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Payment Dates**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Period**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

“**Interest Rate**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Rate Day Count Fraction**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

**“Issuer Call”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

**“Issuer Call Cash Amount”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified as such in, or the amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

**“Issuer Call Commencement Date”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Issuer Call Date”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the day specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

**“Issuer Call Notice Period”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Launch Date”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Market Disruption Event”** means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

**“Notional Dividend Amount”** means, if “Notional Dividend Amount” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:

The sum of the cash dividends and/or other cash distributions in respect of the Shares which have an ex-dividend date occurring during the Notional Dividend Period net of applicable withholding taxes at a rate adjusted by application of any relevant tax treaty without regard to any tax credits; or

- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:

The sum of the cash dividends and/or other cash distributions in respect of the Shares which have an ex-dividend date occurring during the Notional Dividend Period without regard to any withholding tax or other deductions multiplied by the prevailing dividend percentage payable under market standard stock borrow agreements, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion;

**“Notional Dividend Period”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each period from (but excluding) the previous Exchange Business Day to (and including) the current Exchange Business Day;

**“Payment Day”** means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open;

**“Prevailing Rate”** means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Underlying Currency in the inter-bank market for each Calculation Period, by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

**“Pricing Date”** means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer, the circumstances so require;

**“Related Exchange”** means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Basket

Constituent are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issue Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not an Exchange Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Exchange Business Day, or (b) the ex-dividend date when the Notional Dividend Amount is equal to or greater than two per cent. of the current level of the Share, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the index express certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in

the applicable Final Terms;

“**Shares**” means, for each Index, the shares or other securities that comprise the Index;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Trading Day**” means, in relation to an Index, any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules and, in relation to a Certificate, any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day, unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, 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 Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means at or around the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings

ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.
- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the

“**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Early Termination Event. Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities, in whole but not in part on any Business Day, by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any

such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.

- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) The Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) The Issuer Call Cash Amount, following an Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) The Early Termination Amount, following an Early Termination Event.
- (e) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- (f) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each security shall cease to accrue interest from (and including) exercise. No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event.
- (g) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (h) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.
- (i) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
  - (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
  - (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
  - (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
  - (v) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
  - (vi) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (j) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.

- (k) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount, the Issuer Call Cash Amount or the Early Termination Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date.
- (l) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (m) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (n) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.

- (o) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (p) Presentation and Surrender. The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“**Market Disruption Event**”, in relation to an Index, means the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):

- (i) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent or more of the level of the relevant Index (as determined by the Calculation Agent) if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately

before that suspension or limitation; or

- (ii) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index.

In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

“**Market Disruption Event**”, in relation to a Certificate, means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
  - (A) in the Certificates on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Certificates are traded; or
  - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Certificates on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Adjustments to Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), (3) or (4) below.

- (1) If a relevant Index is (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and announced by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, then (in either case) the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.
- (2) If (A) on or prior to the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor, makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating a relevant 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 and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish a relevant Index; then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level(s) for the Index on the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, the level for the Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the change or failure, but using only those securities that comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed) or, in the case of a material modification of the Index only, the Calculation Agent shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or shall terminate the Securities by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4.
- (3) If, at any time, any of the events specified in (A) to (H) below occurs and the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor has not in the opinion of the Calculation Agent made an appropriate adjustment to the level of the relevant Index in order to account fully for such event, notwithstanding that the rules published or applied by the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor pertaining to the Index have been applied, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment to the level of the Index as it considers

appropriate in order to so account: (A) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the Shares of (i) Shares; or (ii) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the issuer of the Shares equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of Shares or (iii) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price; (B) a free distribution or dividend of any Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) any cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer, provided that, in all cases, the related ex-dividend date occurs during the period from (and including) the Issue Date up to (but excluding) the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be; (G) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (H) any other similar event having dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares.

- (4) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further certificates, make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or is required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the relevant Exchange.

- (c) Adjustments to the Basket. If a De-Listing occurs with respect to a Basket

Constituent or a Basket Constituent is for any reason cancelled or ceases to exist, the Calculation Agent may determine in its sole discretion to either (A) replace the de-listed or cancelled Basket Constituent by a successor basket constituent which has, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar structure and a substantially similar economic impact and is linked to the same asset as such Basket Constituent or (B) make such other adjustments to the Conditions as the Calculation Agent sees fit, acting in its absolute discretion. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made pursuant to this paragraph.

“**De-listing**” means that a Basket Constituent for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange or any other exchanges on which the Basket Constituent is listed (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Basket Constituent is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

- (d) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO CURRENCY EXPRESS CERTIFICATES**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means, unless Basket is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Basket Constituent**” means each Certificate or Underlying FX Rate specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Calculation Period**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the number of calendar days from (but excluding) an Exchange Business Day to (and including) the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Cash Amount**” means the amount specified as such in, or an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Certificate**” means, unless Certificate is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final

Terms, the certificate or certificates specified as such in the definition of Basket or in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“**Current Barrier Level**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount calculated on each Reset Date (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; plus
  - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; minus
  - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date.

The Current Barrier Level shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Premium**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Strike Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final

Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each Exchange Business Day, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; plus
- (b) Funding Cost.

The Current Strike Level will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Underlying Currency, 0.005 being rounded upwards. The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Early Termination Amount”** means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Early Termination Date”** means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or if, in respect of any Certificate, any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

**“Early Termination Event”** means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

**“Emerging Market Disruption Event”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or

- (iii) Governmental Default. With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive

character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means, in respect of each Certificate, each exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to that exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Business Day**” means each day specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Exchange Rate**” means the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent by reference to information published on the Screen Page without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be

determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the bid-price of the Underlying FX Rate or the price of the Certificate, as applicable on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Underlying FX Rate or the price of the Certificate, as applicable and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Funding Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) Prevailing Rate plus Current Spread; multiplied by
  - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
  - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) Prevailing Rate minus Current Spread; multiplied by
  - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
  - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

**“Interest Amount”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Interest Payment Dates”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Interest Period”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

**“Interest Rate”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Interest Rate Day Count Fraction”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Issuer”** means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

**“Issuer Call”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

**“Issuer Call Cash Amount”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified as such in, or the amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

**“Issuer Call Commencement Date”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being

“Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the day specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Underlying FX Rate or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Issuer Call Notice Period**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open;

“**Prevailing Rate**” means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, for deposits in the Underlying Currency in the inter-bank market for each Calculation Period, by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant

Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer, the circumstances so require;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Certificates are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issue Date and thereafter the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not an Exchange Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Screen Page**” means each of the pages specified as such in the definition of the Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and “**Screen Pages**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the interest rate express certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified

in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Trading Day**” means, in respect of a Certificate, any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on all the Exchanges and any Related Exchanges other than a day on which trading on the Exchanges or any Related Exchanges is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time and in respect of the Exchange Rate, any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Events, would have been) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the principal financial centre of the Settlement Currency;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Underlying FX Rate**” means each rate specified as such in the definition of the Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, in relation to a Certificate, the Underlying FX Rate to which it is linked or any successor to such Underlying FX Rate in accordance with the terms of each Certificate, as determined by the Calculation Agent, and “**Underlying FX Rates**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms unless or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which

(but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Underlying FX Rate or Certificate, as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means at or around the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name

a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.

- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.

- (b) Early Termination Event. Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities, in whole but not in part on any Business Day, by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) The Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) The Issuer Call Cash Amount, following an Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) The Early Termination Amount, following an Early Termination Event.
- (e) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- (f) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each security shall cease to accrue interest from (and including) exercise. No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event.
- (g) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of

such delay.

- (h) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.
- (i) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity

pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vi) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (j) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.
- (k) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount, the Issuer Call Cash Amount or the Early Termination Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date.
- (l) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (m) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be

irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.

- (n) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (o) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (p) Presentation and Surrender. The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“**Market Disruption Event**”, in relation to an Underlying FX Rate, means:

- (i) Price Source Disruption. If it becomes impossible to obtain the Underlying FX Rate on the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination

Date, as the case may be, in the inter-bank market; or

- (ii) Governmental Default. If with respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (i) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (ii) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (iii) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iii) Inconvertibility/non-transferrability. The occurrence of any event which (i) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Underlying FX Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Underlying Currency or (ii) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Underlying Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Underlying Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Settlement Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (iv) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalization or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates), of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Underlying Currency; or
- (v) Illiquidity. Any impossibility in obtaining a firm quote for the Underlying FX Rate or the Settlement Currency for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vi) Other Events. Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make

it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

For this purpose a “**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Underlying FX Rate.

“**Market Disruption Event**”, in relation to a Certificate, means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
  - (A) in the Certificates on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Certificates are traded; or
  - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Certificates on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Adjustments to the Basket. If a De-Listing occurs with respect to a Basket Constituent or a Basket Constituent is for any reason cancelled or ceases to exist, the Calculation Agent may determine in its sole discretion to either (A) replace the de-listed or cancelled Basket Constituent by a successor basket constituent which has, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar structure and a substantially similar economic impact and is linked to the same asset

as such Basket Constituent or (B) make such other adjustments to the Conditions as the Calculation Agent sees fit, acting in its absolute discretion. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made pursuant to this paragraph.

“**De-listing**” means that a Basket Constituent for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange or any other exchanges on which the Basket Constituent is listed (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Basket Constituent is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

#### 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO REFERENCE ASSET EXPRESS CERTIFICATES**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means, unless “Basket” is specified as “Not Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Basket Constituent**” means each Certificate or Reference Asset specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Calculation Period**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the number of calendar days from (but excluding) an Exchange Business Day to (and including) the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Cash Amount**” means the amount specified as such in, or an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Certificate**” means, unless “Certificate” is specified as “Not Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the certificate or certificates specified as such in the definition of Basket or in

the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“**Current Barrier Level**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount calculated on each Reset Date (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion, as:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; plus
  - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; minus
  - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date.

The Current Barrier Level shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Premium**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Strike Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying

Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each Exchange Business Day, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; plus
- (b) Handling Cost; and minus
- (c) if such determination is to be made on a Rollover Date, the corresponding Rollover Spread.

The Current Strike Level will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Underlying Currency, 0.005 being rounded upwards. The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Early Termination Amount”** means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Early Termination Date”** means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset or Certificate, as applicable and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

**“Early Termination Event”** means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

**“Emerging Market Disruption Event”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or

- (ii) Price Source Disruption. It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) Governmental Default. With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the

Relevant Currency; or

- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means unless “Entitlement” is specified as “Not Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the entitlement specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means each exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to that exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Business Day**” means each day specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Exchange Rate**” means the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent

without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the relevant Certificate or the Reference Asset Price, as applicable on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the relevant Certificate or the Reference Asset Price, as applicable and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Handling Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) Current Spread; multiplied by
- (b) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
- (c) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means the price specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Interest Amount**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Payment Dates**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Period**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the

definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

“**Interest Rate**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Rate Day Count Fraction**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Issuer Call**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Issuer Call Cash Amount**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified as such in, or the amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Issuer Call Commencement Date**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the day specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that

there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset or Certificate as applicable, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Issuer Call Notice Period**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer, the circumstances so require;

“**Reference Asset**” means as of the Issue Date, the Reference Asset specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, in relation to a Certificate the Reference Asset to which it is linked or any successor to such Reference Asset in accordance with the terms of each Certificate and thereafter the Issuer shall, during Trading Hours on the Rollover Date, effect substitution of the next serially contract month or to the most liquid contract month (the “**Substitute Asset**”) selected by the Issuer. Thereafter the Substitute Asset shall for all purposes be the Reference Asset;

“**Reference Asset Price**” means the current price of the Reference Asset. For avoidance of doubt, this shall not be the futures contract value but the futures contract value divided by the

applicable contract factor (the value of 1.0 future's point) specified on the applicable Screen Page referred to in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and if no such page reference exists, such other page reference as the Calculation Agent determines;

**“Related Exchange”** means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Basket Constituent are traded;

**“Relevant Currency”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

**“Relevant Currency Exchange Rate”** means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

**“Relevant Number of Trading Days”** means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Reset Date”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issue Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not an Exchange Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Exchange Business Day or, if a Rollover Date occurs in such month, the Reset Date will be the Exchange Business Day following such Rollover Date;

**“Rollover Date”** means the date as selected by the Issuer prior and specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Rollover Period”** means the period from (and including) a Rollover Date to (but excluding) the next following Rollover Date;

“**Rollover Ratio**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent on a Rollover Date at the Rollover Time by reference to liquidity in the underlying market and in accordance with the formula (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Rollover Spread**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the fair value spread calculated as the price determined by the Issuer for liquidating its related hedging arrangements for the Reference Asset minus the price determined by the Issuer for establishing its related hedging arrangements for the Substitute Asset during the substitution of the Reference Asset for the Substitute Asset by reference to liquidity in the Reference Asset and the Substitute Asset. The Rollover Spread may be a negative number;

“**Rollover Time**” means the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the reference asset express certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Substitute Asset Price**” means the Reference Asset Price of the reference asset future which will be the Substitute Asset at the next following Rollover Date;

“**Trading Day**” means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its

regular weekday closing time;

“**Transaction Charge**” means a percentage rate as determined by the Calculation Agent and specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day, unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, 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 Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the relevant Reference Asset or Certificate, as applicable and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means at or around the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit

of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.

- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.
- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions,

the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Early Termination Event. Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities, in whole but not in part on any Business Day, by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4, and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) The Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) The Issuer Call Cash Amount, following an Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) The Early Termination Amount, following an Early Termination Event.
- (e) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of

the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.

- (f) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each security shall cease to accrue interest from (and including) exercise. No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event.
- (g) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (h) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.
- (i) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the

United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vi) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (j) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.
- (k) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount, the Issuer Call Cash Amount or the Early Termination Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date.
- (l) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (m) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (n) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (o) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (p) Presentation and Surrender. The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in

connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) **Market Disruption.** The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“**Market Disruption Event**”, in relation to a Reference Asset, means:

- (i) **Price Source Disruption.** The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the Reference Asset Price (or the information necessary for determining such price) or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price by the Exchange; or
- (ii) **Trading Suspension.** The material suspension of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange; or
- (iii) **Disappearance of Price.** The failure of trading of the Reference Asset to commence, or the permanent discontinuation of trading of the Reference Asset, on the Exchange; or
- (iv) **Material Change in Formula.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of, calculating the Reference Asset Price; or
- (v) **Material Change in Content.** The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the content or composition of the Reference Asset; or
- (vi) **De Minimis Trading.** The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to the Reference Asset is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Reference Asset has been impaired due to a lack of, or a material reduction in, trading in the Reference Asset on the Exchange; or
- (vii) **Tax Disruption.** The imposition of, change in, or removal of, an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, the Reference Asset (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any

government or taxation authority after the Issue Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the Reference Asset Price on the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or

- (viii) Trading Limitation. The material limitation imposed on trading in a relevant the Reference Asset with respect to it or any contract with respect to it on any exchange or principal trading market; or
- (ix) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or Related Exchange is located; or
- (x) Other Events. Any other event similar to any of the above which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

**“Market Disruption Event”**, in relation to a Certificate, means:

- (i) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
  - (A) in the Certificates on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Certificates are traded; or
  - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Certificates on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (ii) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a

limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Adjustments to the Basket. If a De-Listing occurs with respect to a Basket Constituent or a Basket Constituent is for any reason cancelled or ceases to exist, the Calculation Agent may determine in its sole discretion to either (A) replace the de-listed or cancelled Basket Constituent by a successor basket constituent which has, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar structure and a substantially similar economic impact and is linked to the same asset as such Basket Constituent or (B) make such other adjustments to the Conditions as the Calculation Agent sees fit, acting in its absolute discretion. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made pursuant to this paragraph.

“**De-listing**” means that a Basket Constituent for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange or any other exchanges on which the Basket Constituent is listed (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Basket Constituent is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

- (c) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO FUND EXPRESS CERTIFICATES**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means, unless Basket is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Basket Constituent**” means each Fund or, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, each Reference Asset specified in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Calculation Period**” means unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the number of calendar days from (but excluding) an Exchange Business Day to (and including) the next following Exchange Business Day;

“**Cash Amount**” means the amount specified as such in, or an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the

applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

“**Current Barrier Level**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount calculated on each Reset Date (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency), subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, determined by the Calculation Agent, as:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; plus
  - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date; minus
  - (ii) the Current Premium multiplied by the Current Strike Level on the current Reset Date.

The Current Barrier Level shall be rounded in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date shall be the amount specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Premium**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Spread**” means the percentage specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Current Strike Level**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary value in the Underlying Currency) determined by the Calculation Agent, on each Exchange Business Day, in accordance with the following formula:

- (a) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; plus

- (b) Funding Cost; and minus
- (c) Notional Dividend Amounts.

The Current Strike Level will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Underlying Currency, 0.005 being rounded upwards. The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is the level specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Early Termination Amount”** means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Early Termination Date”** means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, either:

- (a) An Emerging Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is no Emerging Market Disruption Event, unless the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is an Emerging Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Emerging Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Emerging Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported NAV of the Fund or, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange, and such other factors as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines to be relevant; or
- (b) a Fund Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the provisions of Product Condition 4(b) shall apply and the Early Termination Date shall be adjusted accordingly;

**“Early Termination Event”** means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf;

**“Emerging Market Disruption Event”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (a) Moratorium. A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (b) Price Source Disruption. It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (c) Governmental Default. With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (d) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (e) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (f) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations

under the Securities; or

- (g) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (h) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (i) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (j) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means each exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to that exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Business Day**” means each day specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Exchange Rate**” means the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Reference Price**” means the price or NAV specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price or NAV can be determined and no Emerging Market Disruption Event or Fund Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its estimate of the NAV of the relevant Fund or, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported NAV of the Fund or, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Fund**” means, if Basket is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, each fund specified as such in the definition of Basket in the applicable Final Terms or, if Basket is not specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the fund specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Fund Administrator**” means, in respect of the Fund, the fund administrator, manager, trustee or similar person with the primary administrative responsibilities for such Fund according to the Fund Documents;

“**Fund Adviser**” means, in respect of any Fund, any person appointed in the role of discretionary investment manager or non-discretionary investment adviser (including a non-discretionary investment adviser to a discretionary investment manager or to another non-discretionary investment adviser) for such Fund;

“**Fund Documents**” means, with respect to any Fund or Reference Asset, the constitutive and governing documents, subscription agreements and other agreements of the related Fund or Reference Asset specifying the terms and conditions relating to such Fund or Reference Asset and which shall include any Hedging Agreement, each as amended from time to time;

“**Fund Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4 and any Additional Fund Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Fund Prospectus**” means the disclosure document howsoever described prepared in connection with the marketing of the Fund and, in relation to any Replacement Fund, means the disclosure document howsoever described prepared in connection with the marketing of the Replacement Fund and that, as of the Inclusion Date, was the most recent version thereof, each as amended from time to time;

“**Fund Service Provider**” means, in respect of any Fund, any person who is appointed to provide services, directly or indirectly, for that Fund, whether or not specified in the Fund Documents or the Fund Prospectus, including but not limited to any Fund Adviser, Fund Administrator, operator, management company, depository, custodian, sub-custodian, prime broker, trustee, registrar and transfer agent or domiciliary agent;

“**Funding Cost**” means, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4 and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to:

- (a) if “Express Long” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) Prevailing Rate plus Current Spread; multiplied by
  - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
  - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360; or
- (b) if “Express Short” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms:
  - (i) Prevailing Rate minus Current Spread; multiplied by
  - (ii) the Current Strike Level on the previous Exchange Business Day; multiplied by
  - (iii) the number of calendar days elapsed in the Calculation Period (including the current day) divided by 360;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Hedging Agreement**” means any agreement, whether by way of side letter or otherwise, in respect of any hedging arrangement entered into between: (a) the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider; and (b) the Fund, the Fund Adviser, any other Fund Service Provider or the directors of the Fund;

“**Inclusion Date**” means (i) in respect of the Fund, the Issue Date and (ii) in respect of any Replacement Fund, means the Substitution Date of that Fund;

“**Initial Reference Price**” means the price or NAV specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Interest Amount**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Payment Dates**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Period**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

“**Interest Rate**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Interest Rate Day Count Fraction**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Least Performing Basket Constituent**” means, if applicable and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Basket Constituent that performed the least well compared to the other Basket Constituents according to the following formula:

Final Reference Price on the Valuation Date or the Early Termination Date, as the

case may be x Initial Reference Price.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Least Performing Basket Constituent may be a Basket Constituent subject to any of the events described or similar to Fund Events.

“**Merger Event**” means, in respect of any relevant shares, units or interests issued by a Relevant Party, any (i) reclassification or change of such shares, units or interests that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all of such shares, units or interests outstanding to another entity or person, (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of such Relevant Party with or into another entity or person (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Relevant Party is the continuing entity and which does not result in a reclassification or change of all of such shares, units or interests outstanding), (iii) takeover offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding shares, units or interests of such Relevant Party that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all such shares, units or interests (other than such shares, units or interests owned or controlled by such other entity or person), or (iv) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of the Relevant Party or its subsidiaries with or into another entity in which the Relevant Party is the continuing entity and which does not result in a reclassification or change of all such shares, units or interests outstanding but results in the outstanding shares, units or interests (other than shares, units or interests owned or controlled by such other entity) immediately prior to such event collectively representing less than 50 per cent. of the outstanding shares, units or interests immediately following such event;

“**NAV**” means net asset value;

“**Notional Dividend Amount**” means, if “Notional Dividend Amount” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount as determined by the Calculation Agent, equal to the cash dividends and/or other cash distributions in respect of the Fund which have an ex-dividend date occurring during the Notional Dividend Period net of applicable withholding taxes at a rate adjusted by application of any relevant double tax treaty without regard to any tax credits;

“**Notional Dividend Period**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each period from (but excluding) the previous Exchange Business Day to (and including) the current Exchange Business Day;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange

and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**Portfolio Guidelines**” means the investment guidelines and restrictions specified in respect of a Fund and as set out in the relevant Fund Prospectus and/or the relevant Fund Documents;

“**Prevailing Rate**” means the rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent for deposits in the Underlying Currency in the inter-bank market for each Calculation Period, by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, the circumstances so require;

“**Reference Asset**” means, if Basket is specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant interests in each Fund or if the Fund is an exchange traded fund the relevant interests specified as “Reference Assets” in the definition of Basket in the applicable Final Terms or, if Basket is not specified as being applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant interests in each Fund or if the Fund is an exchange traded fund the relevant interests specified as “Reference Assets” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Basket Constituent are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant

Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Relevant Party**” means each of the Fund and the Fund Adviser;

“**Replacement Fund**” means, in relation to a Fund, the fund selected by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf to replace that Fund in accordance with clause 4(b)(ii). Such Replacement Fund will have a similar risk profile as the Fund replaced, as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf.

“**Reset Date**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issue Date and thereafter (a) the day of each calendar month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, provided that if such day is not an Exchange Business Day, the Reset Date will be the next following Exchange Business Day, or (b) the ex-dividend date when the Notional Dividend Amount is equal to or greater than two per cent, of the current NAV of the Fund, at the determination of the Calculation Agent;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the fund express certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent from time to time;

“**Substitution Date**” means, in relation to a Fund, the date selected by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf for the replacement of the Fund by a Replacement Fund.

“**Trading Day**” means (i) in respect of a Fund, any day on which dealing in the Fund can take place and (ii) in respect of a Fund that is an exchange traded fund any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Fund Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day, unless, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, either:

- (a) an Emerging 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 or the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Emerging Market Disruption Event, unless the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is an Emerging Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Emerging Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Emerging Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall determine the Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Fund or, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange, as applicable, and such other factors as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines to be relevant; or
- (b) a Fund Event has occurred on that day in which case the provisions of Product Condition 4(b) shall apply and the Valuation Date shall be adjusted accordingly; and

“**Valuation Time**” means at or around the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or such other time as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may select and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings

ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.
- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the

“**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred, the Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Early Termination Event: Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.
- (c) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon exercise, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U. S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Cash Amount. Each Security following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U. S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Early Termination Amount.
- (d) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at

the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.

- (e) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each security shall cease to accrue interest from and including exercise. No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date or after the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to an Emerging Market Disruption Event or Fund Event.
- (f) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (g) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.
- (h) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with any Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or

other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vi) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (i) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.
- (j) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Exercise Notice for value on the Settlement Date.
- (k) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (l) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (m) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (n) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (o) Presentation and Surrender. The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with

the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

4. ADJUSTMENTS

(a) Fund Events. Each of the following events constitutes a “**Fund Event**”. The Fund Events are for the benefit of the Issuer in order that the Issuer is protected against any adverse effects of such Fund Events on its Hedge Position. The Issuer, or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, shall make all determinations in respect of such Fund Events including as to whether such Fund Event has occurred and the effective date of such occurrence. In order to constitute a Fund Event, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf must conclude that the event in question either has resulted or is reasonably likely to result in an adverse effect on the value of the Reference Assets or the NAV of the Fund or on the rights of any investor therein with respect to the Reference Assets or the Fund or otherwise has materially adversely affected its Hedge Position.

(i) Global Events:

(A) Any of: (a) the investment strategy and/or the investment objective of the Fund has changed so that it is materially different from that applicable at its Inclusion Date or (b) a material change has been made to the underlying nature, strategy or risk of the Fund’s portfolio from that which prevailed at its Inclusion Date and that is over and above that expected by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf as of the Inclusion Date with respect to the trading strategies employed by the Fund as of that date or (c) the operation or organisation of the Fund or the Fund Adviser (including, without limitation, its organisational structure and its procedures, processes or policies in respect of investment selection, due diligence, asset allocation, risk management or investment monitoring) has changed from that at the Inclusion Date or are other than as represented at such Inclusion Date or (d) any such procedures, processes or policies as are referred to in (c) above are either not being applied or are not being applied consistently with their application on the Inclusion Date or (e) an event or change affecting any of the structure, ownership, management or reputation or liquidity of the Fund or the Reference Assets and/or any other units in the capital of the Fund and/or any Fund Service Provider occurs or (f) any other

amendments, changes, modifications or variations are made after the Inclusion Date to any of the Fund Documents, the Fund Prospectus or the Portfolio Guidelines.

- (B) (a) the Fund is not being managed in accordance with the Fund Documents and/or the Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date, and no action satisfactory to the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf has been taken by the Fund or any person on its behalf with a view towards correcting such breach within five calendar days from the date on which the Fund was notified of the breach, or (b) any event occurs which causes, or will with the passage of time (in the opinion of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf) cause, the failure of the Fund and/or any Fund Service Provider to meet or maintain any obligation or undertaking under the Fund Documents.
- (C) The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that (a) the obligations of any of the Fund or any Fund Service Provider or the directors of the Fund under any Hedging Agreement do not comprise legal, valid and binding obligations of such person, enforceable in accordance with their terms or (b) any of the Fund or any Fund Service Provider was acting outside its powers or authority in executing any Hedging Agreement or in making any agreement or undertaking therein. Each of (a) and (b) shall be conclusively presumed to be the case if the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf is advised that such is the case by reputable legal counsel having expertise in such matters.
- (D) The activities of the Fund or any Fund Service Provider and/or any of their respective directors, officers, employees or agents are placed under review or become subject to any investigation, proceeding or litigation by any relevant governmental, legal, administrative or regulatory authority or court of competent jurisdiction and/or are subject to any charges or actions by any governmental, legal, administrative or regulatory authority for reasons of wrongdoing, suspected wrongdoing, alleged engagement in fraudulent activities, breach of any rule or regulation or other similar reason and/or the Fund or any Fund Service Provider and/or any of their respective directors, officers, employees or agents have any of their respective

registrations, approvals, authorisations, licences or memberships with any administrative or regulatory authorities revoked, suspended, terminated, limited or qualified.

- (E) Written notification is given by the Fund or any Fund Service Provider (or any person acting on behalf thereof) to holders of Reference Assets or to the Fund Administrator of a proposed cessation of operation of the Fund or the Fund or any Fund Service Provider (a) is dissolved or has a resolution passed for its dissolution, winding-up, official liquidation; (b) makes a general assignment or arrangement with or for the benefit of its creditors; (c) (I) institutes or has instituted against it, by a regulator, supervisor or any similar official with primary insolvency, rehabilitative or regulatory jurisdiction over it in the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization or the jurisdiction of its head or home office, a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation by it or such regulator, supervisor or similar official, or (II) has instituted against it a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation, and such proceeding or petition is instituted or presented by a person or entity not described in clause 4(a)(i)(E)(c)(I) above and in the case of this clause 4(a)(i)(E)(c)(II) either (x) results in a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or the entry of an order for relief or the making of an order for its winding-up or liquidation or (y) is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained in each case within fifteen days of the institution or presentation thereof; (d) seeks or becomes subject to the appointment of an administrator, provisional liquidator, conservator, receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for it or for all or a substantial part of its assets; (e) any security granted by the Fund or any Fund Service Provider over any of its assets is enforced or becomes capable of being enforced or any arrangement which in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf is comparable to security over any such assets (including

without limitation any repurchase agreement or prime brokerage arrangement) becomes enforceable or capable of early termination or any derivatives, repurchase agreement, securities lending or other trading or dealing arrangement relating to the assets of the Fund becomes enforceable or capable of early termination by reason of any event of default (howsoever described) relating to the Fund or the relevant Fund Service Provider; or (f) causes or is subject to any event with respect to it which, under the applicable laws of any jurisdiction, has an analogous effect to any of the events specified in clauses 4(a)(i)(E)(a) through 4(a)(i)(E)(f) above.

- (F) The Fund or any Fund Service Provider becomes party to any litigation or dispute.
- (G) Any Merger Event occurs or is threatened.
- (H) The Fund or any Fund Service Provider has experienced or is experiencing a material adverse change in its business, assets, operations or financial condition which adversely impacts its ability to provide services to the Fund and/or the quality of such services.
- (I) In respect of any Reference Assets, any fraudulent or negligent entry is made on the register of such Reference Assets maintained by or on behalf of the Fund or there is a reduction in the number of such Reference Assets held for the account of any investor in the Fund for reasons beyond the control of that investor.
- (J) (a) any change occurs in the legal, tax, accounting or regulatory treatment of (i) the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider by reason of its investment in the Fund or the Reference Assets or (ii) the Fund or any Fund Service Provider, in each case from that which was applicable at the Inclusion Date or (b) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that any of Issuer, its affiliates or any Hedge Provider is or may in the future be unable, or it may be unduly onerous or impractical for any such entity, to perform any obligation (including, without limitation, any regulatory or accounting reporting obligation) imposed on any such entity by the law or regulation of any relevant jurisdiction, any relevant regulatory or administrative body or any court of competent jurisdiction, in each case by reason of its investment in the Fund or the Reference Assets

or (c) the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider deems it necessary or appropriate, in order to comply with or remain within (i) any applicable legal and/or regulatory limits on the amounts of Reference Assets that it may hold and/or (ii) any internal exposure limits governing the maximum exposure (direct and indirect) that the Issuer, any relevant affiliate or the Hedge Provider as the case may be, is permitted to have to the Fund, to redeem all or some of the Reference Assets held by them.

- (K) A cross-contamination or other failure effectively to segregate the portfolio of assets occurs between different series, classes and/or sub-funds in relation to the Fund (if the Fund is part of an umbrella structure with more than one sub-fund).
- (L) A significant market, trading or exchange disruption and/or crisis in the major financial markets occurs.

(ii) NAV/Price and Reporting:

- (A) There is (a) a failure to calculate and/or publish the NAV of the Fund on any day on which such calculation or publication was scheduled to be made in accordance with the Fund Documents and/or the Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (b) a failure to calculate and publish the NAV of the Fund with the frequency set out in the Fund Documents and/or the Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (c) where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, a failure to publish the trading price of the Reference Assets on the Exchange.
- (B) (a) Any change is made to the methodology used for calculating either the NAV of the Fund or any estimate of the NAV of the Fund from that which prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (b) there is a failure to calculate and deliver any estimate of the NAV of the Fund in accordance with the timing within which such information has previously been provided to the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider.
- (C) (a) The time delay between calculation of the NAV (or any estimated NAV) of the Fund and the publication of such NAV (or estimated NAV) is changed so that it is no longer the same as set out in the Fund Prospectus as it prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (b)

any other information relating to the Fund that was specified to be published in accordance with the Fund Documents or the Fund Prospectus as they respectively prevailed on the Inclusion Date is not published in accordance with the timetable therefor set out in such documents.

- (D) The audited NAV of the Fund varies by more than 0.50 per cent. from the related NAV previously published by or on behalf of the Fund, or the auditors of the Fund qualify any audit report, or refuse to provide an unqualified audit report, in respect of the Fund, or the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf considers that the unaudited official NAV of the Fund published by or on behalf of the Fund in respect of any date does not reflect the NAV of such Fund as it would have been determined by the independent auditors of that Fund using the generally accepted accounting standards adopted by the Fund.
- (E) (i) In respect of any Reference Asset, the occurrence of any event affecting such Reference Asset that, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, would make it impossible or impracticable for the Issuer or the Calculation Agent to determine the value of such Reference Asset, and the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that such event will not be, or has not been, resolved within 15 calendar days from the occurrence of such event; (ii) any failure of the Fund, any Fund Service Provider or any director of the Fund to deliver, or cause to be delivered, (A) information that such person has agreed to deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, any of the Issuer's affiliates or any Hedge Provider in respect of the Fund (including, without limitation, any information required by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent in the execution of its duties and obligations under the Securities or required by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent in order to determine whether any Fund Event has occurred or to make any other determination permitted by it in respect of the Securities) or (B) information that has been previously delivered to the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, any of the Issuer's affiliates or any Hedge Provider, in accordance with such person's, or its authorised representative's, normal practice and that the Issuer or the Calculation

Agent deems necessary for it to perform its duties and obligations under the Securities or that the Issuer or the Calculation Agent deems is required by it in order to determine whether any Fund Event has occurred or to make any other determination permitted by it in respect of the Securities (including, in either case, monitoring the Fund's compliance with any Portfolio Guidelines, asset allocation methodologies, the occurrence of any Fund Event or any other similar policies relating to such Reference Assets).

(iii) Reference Assets:

Any of the following events relating to the Reference Assets occurs:

- (A) a subdivision, reclassification or distribution of Reference Assets which has a diluting or concentrative or other effect on the value (theoretical or otherwise) of the Reference Assets;
- (B) a portion of each Reference Asset is converted (whether by way of redemption and re-issue or otherwise) into new securities participating in the capital of the Fund, which securities are subject to lock-up periods during which they may not be redeemed and which relate to any segregated assets of the Fund, or the Fund creates any other form of “side-pocket” which affects the Reference Assets;
- (C) a (i) dividend (including cash and whether ordinary or extraordinary), (ii) distribution or (iii) issue of Reference Assets, capital, securities, rights or other assets or interests to existing holders of Reference Assets which has or is likely to have an adverse effect on the value (theoretical or otherwise) of the Reference Assets;
- (D) any suspension or limitation on the trading of the relevant currencies in which the Reference Assets are denominated or any amendment to the currency of denomination of the Reference Assets so that their price is no longer calculated in the same currency as at the Inclusion Date of the Fund; or

(iv) Trading and Fees:

- (A) In respect of the Reference Assets, the Fund or any Fund Service Provider increases the level of any redemption fee, subscription fee, management fee, performance fee or a bid/offer spread (or other charge however described) above the level that would have been

applicable to any Reference Assets held by any of the Issuer, any affiliate of the Issuer or any Hedge Provider on the Inclusion Date (regardless of whether any such person actually holds any Reference Assets as of such date).

- (B) Any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading of the Fund or on trading in the Reference Assets (for any reason, including, without limitation, by reason of liquidity restrictions) or any dealing request made by any investor or prospective investor in the Fund or the Reference Assets is deferred in whole or in part or is made at a value other than the related NAV or price, as applicable.
- (C) The frequency at which Reference Assets can be traded is amended or the timing for subscription or redemption of Reference Assets is amended, in each case so that it is no longer that specified in the Fund Documents and/or Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date, including, without limitation, an amendment to the timetable for payment of redemption proceeds upon redemption.
- (D) If any of the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider redeems Reference Assets or is entitled to a Notional Dividend Amount and:
  - (I) does not receive the full proceeds of such redemption or Notional Dividend Amount in cash in accordance with the timing set out in the Fund Documents or the Fund Prospectus; or
  - (II) receives any in-kind distribution in full or part satisfaction of the redemption proceeds or the Notional Dividend Amount paid or payable to it,

or the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that either (I) or (II) above would be applicable were the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider to redeem Reference Assets or be entitled to actual payment of any Notional Dividend Amount.

- (v) Fund Adviser and Fund Service Provider Failures:
  - (A) The Fund Adviser indicates or acknowledges that in its opinion the strategy/investment objective of the Fund will not be, or is no longer able to be, met.

- (B) Any representations, covenants or agreements of the Fund Adviser under the investment management agreement or investment advisory agreement (howsoever described) relating to the Fund have been breached and not cured.
  - (C) Any of: (a) the resignation, termination of appointment or replacement of the Fund Adviser from its role as such occurs or the resignation, termination of appointment or replacement of any other Fund Service Provider from its role as such occurs with respect to the Fund or (b) any change in the personnel of any Fund Service Provider occurs which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf considers materially adversely affects the ability of such Fund Service Provider to carry out its duties with respect to the Fund.
  - (D) The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf becomes aware of any failure by the Fund or any person on its behalf to disclose to the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, on or before the Inclusion Date, any information, event or circumstance that was in existence on such date and that would have been necessary to enable the Issuer or the Calculation Agent to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position and prospects of the Fund and of the rights attaching to the Reference Assets.
- (vi) General: Any other event occurs which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines is analogous to any of the events specified in subparagraphs (i) to (v) above.
- (b) Consequences of a Fund Event. In respect of each Fund Event, following the occurrence of such an event (and regardless of whether or not such event is then continuing) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may take any of following actions (each, a “**Permitted Action**”):
- (i) (A) make such adjustments to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions of the Securities as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines appropriate to account for the economic effect on the Securities of such Fund Event and (B) determine the effective date of the relevant adjustments; or
  - (ii) select a Replacement Fund and a Substitution Date. Following any such selection (A) the Replacement Fund shall replace the affected Fund on the Substitution Date, (B) references herein to the name of the affected Fund

shall be deemed to be references to the name of the Replacement Fund with effect from the Substitution Date and (C) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may make such adjustment as it determines to be appropriate, if any, to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions in relation to the Securities to reflect such substitution; or

- (iii) accelerate all, but not some only, of the Securities, on the date notified to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or
- (iv) make such adjustments to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions of the Securities as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines are necessary to reflect a notional liquidation of all of the Reference Assets (with the timing of such notional liquidations being the same timing as would be the case on an actual liquidation of Reference Assets at the relevant time) and a notional investment of the liquidation proceeds in either (A) a zero coupon bond, or equivalent, such that the amount payable at redemption of such zero coupon bond is at least an amount per Security equal to the Issue Price of the Security or, where this is not possible or practicable (as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf) or (B) an interest bearing deposit bearing interest at prevailing rates that would be offered by the Issuer in respect of such a deposit as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf or, if it is not possible or practicable to comply with subclauses (A) or (B) of this clause 4(b)(iv) (as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf), (C) commercial paper rated at least A1/P1 or above by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (any transaction costs that would be incurred in respect of an actual such investment may be notionally charged to the Securities) (any of (A), (B) or (C), a "**Suspension Asset**").

Notwithstanding that the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may have previously determined not to take a Permitted Action, or to take one Permitted Action, it shall not be prevented from subsequently or concurrently deciding to adopt an additional or different Permitted Action in respect of the same Fund Event (whether on one or any number of occasions). In such respect, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may make such adjustments to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions of the Securities as it determines appropriate to account for the

decision subsequently or concurrently made.

Notwithstanding anything in this sub-paragraph 4(b), neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent is under any obligation to determine that a Fund Event has occurred or to take any or all of the Permitted Actions. Any determinations made by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf in respect of any of the Permitted Actions shall, in the absence of manifest error, be binding.

(c) Fund Event Methodology and Determinations:

- (i) If, in respect of any determination or calculation hereunder which is made by reference to an official or estimated NAV of a Fund provided or published by or on behalf of the Fund or, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange in respect of a particular date, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that such value does not fairly represent the value of the Fund or Reference Asset as of such date, or that no such value is provided or published, then the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may use such other value as it determines as representing a fair NAV or price, as applicable, as of such date or, alternatively, may use a preceding official or estimated value where it believes that such preceding official or estimated value gives a fairer representation than the more recent figure.
- (ii) Should the Fund operate equalisation procedures in respect of performance or incentive based fees, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may make such adjustments to these Product Conditions as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines appropriate to account for such equalisation in an equitable manner and, where such equalisation procedures operate by the issuance of different classes of shares in the Fund, then each of the Issuer and the Calculation Agent is permitted to deem any notional subscription or redemption on behalf of the Securities to be in such order and in respect of such classes as appear to it to be equitable and reasonable or to deem the return of such shares to be based on a benchmark or average of the different classes.
- (iii) For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any other Condition, the Issuer and the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall be entitled to make any determination, waiver, declaration or decision with regard to a Fund Event and, without limitation, may make such determination, waiver, declaration or decision by reference to the establishment, operation and/or efficacy (whether

actual or anticipated) of any Relevant Hedging Transaction. Neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent is under any obligation to monitor or determine whether or not a Fund Event has occurred and will not be required to, and will not be responsible for any failure to, make any determination, waiver, declaration or decision whatsoever in relation to a Fund Event. In making or omitting to make any such determination, waiver, declaration or decision, neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent shall be under any fiduciary duty towards the Holders and, for the avoidance of doubt, neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent shall be responsible for any loss, underperformance or opportunity cost suffered or incurred by Holders in connection with the Securities as a result thereof, howsoever arising.

- (d) The Issuer shall give notice in accordance with General Condition 4 of any calculation or determination made by it or the Calculation Agent pursuant to this Product Condition 4 as soon as practicable after it has been made. The Issuer shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such calculations and determinations.

#### 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO INDEX AND INFLATION INDEX EXPRESS CERTIFICATES**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means, unless Basket is specified as Not Applicable in the applicable Final Terms, the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means the amount specified as such in, or an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Coupon**” means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

**“Early Termination Amount”** means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Early Termination Date”** means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Index Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

**“Early Termination Event”** means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;

**“Emerging Market Disruption Event”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and

conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or

- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means in respect of each Index the exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the shares or other securities that comprise the Index (the “**Shares**”) to compute the relevant Index or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exercise**” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Index**” means each index specified as such in the definition of the Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4, and “**Indices**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Index Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the official closing level of the Index, on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product

Condition 4;

“**Index Initial Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the official closing level of the Index, on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Inflation Index**” means each inflation index specified as such in the definition of the Basket or specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4 and “**Inflation Indices**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Inflation Index Final Reference Price**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the level of the Inflation Index for the Valuation Month, published by the Index Sponsor, as determined by the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction. Any revision or amendment to the level of the Inflation Index after the initial publication thereof shall be disregarded for the purposes of determining the relevant level unless the Inflation Index is re-based as a result of such revision or amendment, in which case the level of the Inflation Index shall be subject to such amendments as the Calculation Agent, acting in its sole and absolute discretion, considers appropriate to preserve the economic features of the Securities. If, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined (and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing), the level of the Inflation Index shall be a level determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the level of the Inflation Index for the relevant Valuation Month having regard to the last published level of the Inflation Index and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Index Sponsor**” means the corporation or other entity that (a) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to the relevant Index or Inflation Index, as applicable and (b) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index or Inflation Index, as applicable on a regular basis during each Trading Day and references to Index Sponsor shall include any successor index sponsor pursuant to Product Condition 4;

“**Interest Amount**” means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of

the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Interest Payment Dates”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Interest Period”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

**“Interest Rate”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Interest Rate Day Count Fraction”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Issue Date”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Issuer”** means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

**“Issuer Call”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3;

**“Issuer Call Cash Amount”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified as such in, or the amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in, the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount shall be converted into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate, if an Exchange Rate is applicable, and rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

**“Issuer Call Commencement Date”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being

“Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer Call Date**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the day specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Index Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Issuer Call Notice Period**” means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer, the circumstances so require;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Index are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant

Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Months**” means the number of months specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the index and inflation index express certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion

from time to time;

“**Trading Day**” means any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day, unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, 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 Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (i) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Index Final Reference Price having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Shares and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Valuation Month**” means each month specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Market Disruption Event has occurred with respect to such month in which case that Valuation Month shall be the first succeeding calendar month for which the Calculation Agent determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Calculation Agent determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Months immediately following the original month which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Valuation Month. In that case (a) the last month of the Relevant Number of Months shall be deemed to be the Valuation Month (regardless of the Market Disruption Event) and (b) the Calculation Agent shall determine the level of the Inflation Index having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last published level of the Inflation Index and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; and

“**Valuation Time**” means, in respect of an Index, the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the relevant Index or such other time as the Issuer may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.
- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i) dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the

Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Early Termination Event. Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to or on an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be.
- (c) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities, in whole but not in part on any Business Day, by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4,

and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.

- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon exercise, termination pursuant to an Issuer Call or following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date either:
  - (i) The Cash Amount, following a valid Exercise; or
  - (ii) The Issuer Call Cash Amount, following an Issuer Call; or
  - (iii) The Early Termination Amount, following an Early Termination Event.
- (e) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- (f) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each security shall cease to accrue interest from (and including) exercise. No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event.
- (g) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (h) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.
- (i) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;

- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
  - (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
  - (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
  - (v) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and
  - (vi) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (j) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.
  - (k) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount, the Issuer Call Cash Amount or the Early Termination Amount (if any) for each Security with

respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date.

- (l) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (m) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (n) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (o) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an

Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.

- (p) Presentation and Surrender. The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“**Market Disruption Event**”, in relation to an Index, means the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):

- (i) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent or more of the level of the relevant Index if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or
- (ii) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other

derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index.

In any event, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

“**Market Disruption Event**”, in relation to an Inflation Index, means the Index Sponsor fails to calculate and announce the level of the Inflation Index.

- (b) Adjustments to Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), (3) or (4) below.
- (1) If a relevant Index is (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and announced by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the Index, then (in either case) the Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.
  - (2) If (A) on or prior to the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor, makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating a relevant 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 and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish a relevant Index; then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Index Final Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level(s) for the Index on the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be, the level for the Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the change or failure, but using only those securities that

comprised the Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed) or, in the case of a material modification of the Index only, the Calculation Agent shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or shall terminate the Securities by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4.

- (3) If, at any time, any of the events specified in (A) to (H) below occurs and the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor has not in the opinion of the Calculation Agent made an appropriate adjustment to the level of the relevant Index in order to account fully for such event, notwithstanding that the rules published or applied by the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor pertaining to the Index have been applied, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment to the level of the Index as it considers appropriate in order to so account: (A) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the Shares of (i) Shares; or (ii) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the issuer of the Shares equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of Shares or (iii) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price; (B) a free distribution or dividend of any Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) any cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Shares at a time when the relevant issuer has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer, provided that, in all cases, the related ex-dividend date occurs during the period from (and including) the Issue Date up to (but excluding) the Valuation Date, Issuer Call Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be; (G) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (H) any other similar event having dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares.

- (4) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further certificates, make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or is required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the relevant Exchange.
- (c) Adjustments to the Inflation Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2) or (3) below.

  - (1) If the Inflation Index is (A) not calculated and announced in its usual way but is calculated and published in a different way but in a way acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor inflation index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the relevant Inflation Index, then (in either case) the relevant Inflation Index will be deemed to be the Inflation Index so calculated and announced by that successor inflation index, as the case may be.
  - (2) If (A) on or prior to any calculation of the level of the Inflation Index there is a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating the Inflation Index or the Index Sponsor, in any other way, materially modifies the Inflation Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Inflation Index in the event of changes in constituent securities and other routine events) then the Calculation Agent shall (a) determine the Inflation Index level using, in lieu of a published level for the Inflation Index, the level for the Inflation Index as determined by the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner or, (b) shall deem such modified Inflation Index to be the Inflation Index so calculated and announced or (c) shall terminate the Securities by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4.

- (3) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further Securities, make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should, in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent either to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or to be required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the relevant exchange.
- (d) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS  
RELATING TO EQUITY CERTIFICATES**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on the Definitive Securities or attached to the Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, each acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Applicable Taxes and Costs**” means, for the purpose of calculating any Dividend Amount, an amount as the Issuer deems to be appropriate to reflect any tax deducted or payable by the Hedge Holder in respect of the relevant cash dividend or other cash distribution included within the computation of such Dividend Amount and any costs and expenses incurred by the Hedge Holder in relation to the receipt of the relevant cash dividend or other cash distribution included within the computation of such Dividend Amount;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business and, in addition, if Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a day on which the Exchange is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses, provided that the Cash Amount shall not be less than zero. The Cash Amount shall be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s)

as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Delivery Details**” means, if Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, where applicable, account details and/or name and address of any person into whose name evidence of the Share Amount is to be registered and/or any bank, broker or agent to whom documents evidencing title are to be delivered;

“**Disruption Cash Settlement Price**” means, if Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the fair market value of each Security on such day as shall be selected by the Issuer less the cost to the Issuer of unwinding any related hedging arrangement, all as determined by the Issuer;

“**Distribution Compliance Period**” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period expiring 40 days after completion of the distribution of the Securities, in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act;

“**Dividend Amount**” means, in respect of each Security, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent to be equal to the sum of the net cash dividends or other cash distributions which are paid in respect of one Share, less any Applicable Taxes and Costs, where the Record Date in respect of such dividend or distribution falls on a date during the period from and including the Issue Date to but excluding the Exercise Date (save that where a Record Date falls on or after the Exercise Date, the Issuer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, determine that such Record Date shall be a qualifying Record Date for the purposes of calculating the Dividend Amount), multiplied by the Entitlement and converted, where applicable, into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate on or around the date of receipt of such Dividend Amount by the Hedge Holder, as determined by the Calculation Agent. For the avoidance of doubt, each Dividend Amount shall be construed as a separate amount in relation to each such cash dividend or other cash distribution;

“**Entitlement**” means the entitlement specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means, where the Underlying Currency is not the same as the Settlement

Currency, the rate of exchange between the Underlying Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if such date is not a Business Day, the next following Business Day, save that if Exercise Date Extension Option is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, by giving the notice specified in the definition of Exercise Date Extension Option in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, extend the Exercise Date to a date specified in such notice, and such date will be deemed to be the Exercise Date;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Expiration Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms provided that if the Issuer shall have discharged all its obligations in respect of the Securities on a date (the “**End Date**”) prior to such date, then the Expiration Date shall be deemed to be the End Date;

“**Final Reference Price**” means, unless specified otherwise in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the weighted average price per Share of the sale of a number of Shares equal to the number of Securities outstanding on the Valuation Date (the “**Parcel**”) where the Parcel is sold on the Exchange and at such times on the Valuation Date as the Hedge Holder (on behalf of the Issuer) in its sole and absolute judgement determines (converted, where applicable, into the Settlement Currency at the prevailing Exchange Rate on the Valuation Date, less Expenses). Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a Market Disruption Event or, where an FX Market Disruption Event is specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an FX Market Disruption Event occurs on the Valuation Date, the Issuer shall have sole discretion to (i) procure that the Hedge Holder does not sell on the Exchange all or any of the Parcel on the Valuation Date and those Shares comprising the Parcel not sold on the Valuation Date shall be sold by the Hedge Holder on the Exchange as soon thereafter as the Issuer determines in its reasonable judgement, which determination shall be conclusive and (ii) procure that, where applicable, the Hedge Holder converts the

weighted average Parcel price less Expenses using the prevailing Exchange Rate on the Valuation Date and/or the Exchange Rate as soon thereafter as the Issuer determines in its reasonable judgement, which determination shall be conclusive. In the event that the sale of all Shares comprising the Parcel is not completed within the period specified as the Final Reference Price Period in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Final Reference Price shall be deemed to be the product of (a) the weighted average price per Share of the Share(s) sold and (b) the number of Share(s) sold, such product divided by the total number of Shares in the Parcel (converted, where applicable, into the Settlement Currency at the Exchange Rate as the Issuer determines in its reasonable judgement, which determination shall be conclusive, less Expenses);

“**Force Majeure Event**” means an event or events in the jurisdiction in which the Exchange is located that are outside the reasonable control of the Issuer or any of its affiliates including, but not limited to, the failure of telecommunications or computer facilities, industrial disputes, civil unrest, failure of third parties in the jurisdiction in which the Exchange is located to carry out their obligations (provided that such third parties were appointed by the Issuer or any of its affiliates in good faith after taking due care) or the acts of governmental, regulatory or supranational bodies. For the avoidance of doubt, the insolvency of the Hedge Holder shall not constitute a Force Majeure Event;

“**Form**” means the form specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Hedge Holder**” means, as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion, the Issuer or any affiliate of the Issuer which is the holder of record of the Shares at any relevant time;

“**Issue Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Issuer**” means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

“**Launch Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Market Disruption Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4 and any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Participation**” means the rate specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks

and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross-settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

“**QIBs**” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, qualified institutional buyers within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act;

“**Registrar**” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Registrar as specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Record Date**” means the earliest date on which the register of the Share Company shows the holders of Shares who are entitled to the relevant dividend payment;

“**Regulation S**” means Regulation S under the Securities Act;

“**Regulation S Global Security**” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a Global Security in registered form sold in an offshore transaction in reliance on Regulation S;

“**Related Exchange**” means an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are traded;

“**Rule 144A**” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, Rule 144A under the Securities Act;

“**Rule 144A Global Security**” means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, a Global Security in registered form sold in a private transaction to a QIB in accordance with the requirements of Rule 144A;

“**Securities**” means each Series of the equity certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Securities Act**” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Settlement Disruption Event”** means, if Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an event determined by the Issuer to be beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer cannot make delivery of the Share Amount in accordance with such market method as it decides at the relevant time for delivery of the relevant Share Amount;

**“Share”** means the share specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4, and **“Shares”** shall be construed accordingly;

**“Share Amount”** means, if Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, one Share, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, multiplied by the Entitlement. If the Share Amount is an amount comprising a fraction of any Share, the Holders will receive a Share Amount comprising the nearest whole number (rounded down) of Shares (taking into account that a Holder’s entire holding may be aggregated at the Issuer’s discretion for the purpose of delivering the relevant Share Amount) and an amount in the Settlement Currency (using, where applicable, the Exchange Rate) equal to the value of the outstanding undelivered fraction of Share, as calculated by the Calculation Agent on the basis of the Final Reference Price;

**“Share Company”** means the share company specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

**“Trading Day”** means any day that is (or, but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time;

**“Transfer Agent”** means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Registrar;

**“Transfer Certificate”** means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the written certification in the form available for collection from the specified office of any Transfer Agent;

**“Transfer Documents”** means, if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Transfer Certificate, which a Holder desiring to transfer an interest in a Regulation S Global Security or a Rule 144A Global Security, or any beneficial interest therein, may, in certain circumstances, be required to submit or to cause the proposed transferee thereof to submit to any Transfer Agent;

“**Underlying Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**U.S. person**” has the meaning set out in Product Condition 3(g)(vii); and

“**Valuation Date**” means the Exercise Date or, if such date is not a Trading Day, the first Trading Day thereafter.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

If the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, then the Securities will be represented by a global security in registered form (a “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with the Clearing Agent (and be registered in the name of a common nominee of the Clearing Agent) and will be transferable only in accordance with the provisions of Product Condition 5, applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred.

If the Form is specified as Global Bearer in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, then the Securities will be represented by a global security in bearer form (also a “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with the Clearing Agent and will be transferable only in accordance with applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred.

Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and/or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the registered holder (if the Form is specified as Global Registered in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) or the bearer (if the Form is specified as Global Bearer in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms) of the Global Security.

## 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

(a) Exercise. The Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise

Date.

- (b) **Cash Settlement.** If Cash Settled Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security upon due Exercise, subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership (save that, in the case of Regulation S Securities, such certification will only be required during the Distribution Compliance Period), entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Cash Amount.
- (c) **Dividend Amount.** The Holder, subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership (save that, in the case of Regulation S Securities, such certification will only be required during the Distribution Compliance Period), is entitled to receive the Dividend Amount the number of days specified as Dividend Amount Days in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms following the receipt by the Issuer or the Hedge Holder of the dividend and/or cash distribution to which it relates and the person entitled to receive such Dividend Amount shall be the person who is shown in the records of the Clearing Agent as the beneficial holder of such Security as represented by the Global Security on the Record Date for the relevant dividend or cash distribution; *provided that* in no event shall either the Issuer or the Hedge Holder be obligated (a) to take any action whatsoever in pursuit of payment of any dividend or cash distribution as a result of the Share Company failing to pay any such dividend or cash distribution when due or (b) to make any payment to a Holder in respect of any such dividend received by the Issuer or the Hedge Holder after the Expiration Date; *provided further that* if any dividend or cash distribution has not been received by the Hedge Holder by the Expiration Date, all obligations of the Issuer under the Securities in respect thereof shall be discharged and the Issuer shall have no further obligation in respect thereof.
- (d) **Share Settlement.** The Securities may not be physically delivered to a U.S. person (as defined below). If Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and if a Holder gives notice to the Issuer before the Exercise Date that it wishes to receive delivery of the Share Amount in lieu of the Cash Amount (“**Share Settlement**”), the Securities of such holder may be redeemed by delivery of the Share Amount in lieu of payment of the Cash Amount and the Issuer shall be required to agree to such request unless the Issuer shall have determined in its sole and absolute discretion that delivery of the Share Amount is or would be impractical, inadvisable, impossible or unduly onerous

to the Issuer or is or would be unlawful in whole or in part as a result of compliance with any applicable present or future law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or directive of any governmental, administrative, legislative or judicial authority or power. The inability or failure, as the case may be, of the Holder to give any relevant certification required or requested by the Issuer or any Clearing Agent in connection with such delivery shall allow the Issuer to redeem the Securities by payment of the Cash Amount and not by delivery of the Share Amount. The Issuer will give notice to the Holder not later than the Settlement Date if, following a notice from the Holder for delivery of the Share Amount, such delivery will not take place for any of the reasons aforementioned. If the Securities of any Holder are to be redeemed by delivery of the Share Amount, then such Holder shall be liable for Expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Issuer in connection with the delivery of the Share Amount to such Holder and no such delivery shall take place until all Expenses have been paid or accounted for to the satisfaction of the Issuer. The Share Amount is deliverable on the Settlement Date.

- (e) **Payment Day.** If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay. Where FX Market Disruption Event is specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and if a FX Market Disruption Event occurs on or around any day on which any amount is due to be paid hereunder the effect of which makes it, in the sole determination of the Issuer, impossible, impracticable or inadvisable to make the relevant payment, then no payment shall be made until as soon as practicable thereafter, provided that if such a FX Market Disruption Event is subsisting for the period specified as the Payment Day Period in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, then all obligations of the Issuer in respect of the Securities shall be discharged and the Issuer shall have no further obligations in respect thereof.
- (f) **General.** In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent and any Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Dividend Amount, Share Amount or Disruption Cash Settlement Price, as applicable.  
  
The purchase of Securities does not confer on any Holder of such Securities any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) attached to the Shares.
- (g) **Notice.** All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a

“**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent. A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) if Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, include an undertaking to pay all Expenses and an irrevocable authority to the Clearing Agent to debit a specified account with the Clearing Agent in respect thereof or, as the case may be, to debit the account referred to in paragraph (ii) above;
- (v) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with any Cash Amount (if any) for such Securities or, as the case may be, any Disruption Cash Settlement Price and any dividends payable pursuant to Product Condition 3(o);
- (vi) if Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, include the Delivery Details;
- (vii) if the Form is specified as Global Bearer in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity

organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission's regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other "U.S. person" as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (viii) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (h) Late Delivery of Notice. If Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and if the Notice is delivered to the relevant Clearing Agent or the copy is delivered to the Principal Agent after the close of business in the place of receipt on the Exercise Date, then the Share Amount will be delivered as soon as practicable after the Settlement Date (the date of delivery in relation to a Share Amount, whether on or after the Settlement Date, being for the purposes of the Conditions, the "**Delivery Date**") in the manner provided below. For the avoidance of doubt, no holder of Securities or any other person shall be entitled to any payment, whether of interest or otherwise, by reason of the Delivery Date for such Securities occurring after the Settlement Date due to such Notice (or the copy thereof) being delivered after close of business on the Exercise Date as provided above. In the event that a Holder does not, in respect of a Security which is to be redeemed by delivery of the Share Amount, deliver or procure delivery of a Notice as set out above, prior to the date that is 30 calendar days after the Settlement Date, the Issuer shall have the right but not the obligation to sell the Shares comprised in the Share Amount in respect of such Security in the open market or otherwise at a price determined by the Issuer, in its sole discretion, to be the fair market value of the Shares, and shall hold the proceeds (the "**Realised Share Amount**") for the account of the relevant Holder until presentation of the relevant Notice. Upon payment of the Realised Share Amount as aforesaid, the Issuer's obligations in respect of such Security shall be discharged. The Holder shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such Realised Share Amount.
- (i) Verification. In respect of any Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.

- (j) Delivery of the Share Amount. If Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and subject as provided in the Conditions, the delivery of the Share Amount shall be made at the risk of the relevant Holder and shall be delivered and evidenced in such manner as the Issuer determines to be customary for the Shares or in such other commercially reasonable manner as the Issuer shall determine to be appropriate for such delivery. The Issuer shall be under no obligation to register or procure the registration of any Holder or any other person as the registered shareholder in respect of the Shares comprised in any Share Amount in the register of members of the Share Company. Where an amount equal to the value of the outstanding undelivered fraction of the Shares is payable but the Valuation Date for calculating such amount has been delayed due to a Market Disruption Event, then such amount will be payable on the Settlement Date.
- (k) Settlement. If Cash Settled Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date.
- (l) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such Notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether any such Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form or, where applicable, which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void. If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent. The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.
- (m) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice,

the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.

- (n) **Intervening Period.** If Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, for such period of time after the Exercise Date as the Issuer or any person on behalf of the Issuer shall continue to be the legal owner of the Shares comprising the relevant Share Amount (the “**Intervening Period**”), neither the Issuer nor any other such person shall (i) be under any obligation to deliver or procure delivery to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Shares or any other person any letter, certificate, notice, circular or any other document or payment whatsoever received by that person in its capacity as the holder of such Shares, (ii) be under any obligation to exercise or procure exercise of any or all rights (including voting rights) attaching to such Shares during the Intervening Period or (iii) be under any liability to the relevant Holder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such Shares or any other person in respect of any loss or damage which the relevant Holder or subsequent beneficial owner or any other person may sustain or suffer as a result, whether directly or indirectly, of the Issuer or any other such person being the legal owner of such Shares during such Intervening Period.
- (o) **Dividends.** If Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, any dividend in respect of any Share Amount to be delivered will be payable to the party that would receive such dividend according to market practice for a sale of the Shares executed on the Exercise Date and to be delivered in the same manner as such Share Amount. Any such dividend to be paid to a Holder shall be paid to the account specified in the relevant Notice.
- (p) **Settlement Disruption.** If Physical Delivery Securities is specified as Applicable in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and if, prior to the delivery in accordance with the Conditions of the Share Amount in respect of any Security, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, a Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting, then the Delivery Date for such Security shall be postponed to the first following Business Day on which no Settlement Disruption Event is subsisting. For so long as delivery of any Share Amount is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event, then in lieu of physical settlement and notwithstanding any other provision hereof the Issuer may elect in its sole discretion to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Security by payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price not later than on the third Business Day following the date that the notice of such election is given to the Holders in accordance with General Condition

4. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 that a Settlement Disruption Event has occurred and of the method of payment of the Disruption Cash Settlement Price. No Holder or any other person shall be entitled to any payment (including but not limited to interest) in respect of a Security in the event of any delay in the delivery of any Share Amount relating thereto due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer.

- (q) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.
- (r) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (s) Presentation and Surrender. The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption. The Calculation Agent shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if

it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

“**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (1) the occurrence or existence at any time on any Trading Day on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
  - (A) in the Shares on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or
  - (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Share on any Related Exchange, if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material;
- (2) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located; or
- (3) the inability of the Hedge Holder to unwind its hedge or related trading position relating to the Securities due to illiquidity if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, that illiquidity is material.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (b) Potential Adjustment Events. Following a declaration by the Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Share and, if so, will:
  - (1) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
  - (2) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to

the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

“**Potential Adjustment Event**” means any of the following: (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event), or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (ii) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (A) such Shares, or (B) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (C) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (iii) an extraordinary dividend; (iv) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (v) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (vi) a repurchase by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (vii) any other similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

- (c) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to the Share Company, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii) or (iii) below:
- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on such Related Exchange; or

- (ii) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including but not limited to any equity options or selling or otherwise realising any Shares or other instruments of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or
- (iii) following any adjustment to the settlement of terms of options contracts or futures contracts or any other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on any Related Exchange, require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any of the other terms of these Conditions, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Related Exchange. If options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are not traded on the Related Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the other terms of these Conditions as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Related Exchange to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Related Exchange if such options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts were so traded.

Upon the occurrence of a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the occurrence of such De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) and action proposed to be taken in relation thereto.

“**De-listing**” means a Share for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from

listing on the Exchange (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Share is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

“**Merger Date**” means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

“**Merger Event**” means any (1) reclassification or change to the Shares of that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares; (2) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Share Company with or into another entity (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding Shares); or (3) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares that results in a transfer of, or an irrevocable commitment to transfer, a majority of the voting power of the Share Company to the offeror, in each case if the Merger Date is on or before the Valuation Date.

“**Nationalisation**” means that all the Shares of a Share Company or all the assets or substantially all the assets of a Share Company are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority or entity.

“**Insolvency**” means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Company, (1) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (2) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

- (d) Force Majeure Event. If a Force Majeure Event occurs on any day resulting in the Issuer being unable to fulfil its obligations when such obligations are due, then such obligations shall be postponed until the first immediately succeeding Business Day on which the Force Majeure Event is no longer subsisting provided that if a Force Majeure Event is subsisting for the period specified as the Force Majeure Event Period in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, then all the obligations of the Issuer in respect of the Securities shall be discharged and the Issuer shall have no further obligations in respect thereof.
- (e) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account

for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

5. TRANSFERS

(a) Transfers of interests in Regulation S Global Securities. Transfers of a Regulation S Global Security or a beneficial interest therein may only be made:

(1) prior to the expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period:

to a non-U.S. person who is outside the United States in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S.

(2) after the expiry of the applicable Distribution Compliance Period:

to a person who is outside the United States in an offshore transaction in accordance with Regulation S.

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

and, in all cases, in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States or any other jurisdiction.

(b) In the case of Product Condition 5(a)(1) or Product Condition 5(a)(2) above, such transferee shall take delivery through a Regulation S Global Security ; and in the case of a transfer of any Regulation S Global, or any beneficial interest therein, the applicable Transfer Documents, if any, must be duly executed by the proposed transferee or such proposed transferee's duly authorised attorney-in-fact, at least three Business Days prior to the date the transfer of such Securities is desired. Any attempted transfer in which any required Transfer Documents and the proposed transfer was not effected in accordance with the foregoing procedures shall not be valid or binding on the Issuer. In addition, if any Transfer Agent subsequently determines or is subsequently notified by the Issuer that:

- (1) a transfer or attempted or purported transfer of any interest in a Security was consummated on the basis of an incorrect form or certification from the transferee or purported transferee as set forth in the relevant Transfer Documents, or
- (2) the relevant Holder was in breach, at the time given, of any representation or agreement set forth in any Transfer Document,

the purported transfer shall be absolutely null and void *ab initio* and shall vest no rights in the purported transferee and the last preceding Holder that was not a such a disqualified transferee shall be restored to all rights as a Holder thereof retroactively to the date of transfer of such interest by such Holder.

6. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

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**CONDITIONS: PRODUCT CONDITIONS**  
**RELATING TO MULTI-ASSET BASKET LINKED CERTIFICATES**

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*The Product Conditions which follow relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the applicable Final Terms and the General Conditions (whether or not attached to this document). The applicable Final Terms, the Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of the Securities and will be printed on any Definitive Securities and attached to any Global Security representing the Securities.*

1. DEFINITIONS

“**Additional Fund Events**” means those events specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Additional Market Disruption Events**” means those events specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Agent**” means each of the Principal Agent and Agent(s), each as specified in the applicable Final Terms, acting through its specified office and together, the “**Agents**”, which expression shall include any other Agent appointed pursuant to the provisions of General Condition 12;

“**Basket**” means the basket specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Basket Constituent**” means each Certificate, Commodity, FX Rate, Share, Fund (including, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the Reference Asset) or Index, as the case may be, specified as such in the definition of Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and “**Basket Constituents**” means each or all of the Certificates, Commodities, FX Rates, Shares, Funds (including, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the Reference Asset) and Indices as the case may be;

“**Basket Constituent Currency**” means, in relation to each Basket Constituent in the applicable Final Terms, the currency specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Basket Return**” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Business Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in

the applicable Final Terms, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in London and a day on which each Clearing Agent is open for business;

“**Cash Amount**” means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Cash Amount shall be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

“**Certificate**” means each certificate specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Certificate Final Reference Price**” (“**CertFRP**”) means in respect of each Certificate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Certificate Reference Price on the Valuation Date;

“**Certificate Initial Reference Price**” (“**CertIRP**”) means, in respect of each Certificate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Certificate Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

“**Certificate Reference Price**” means in respect of each Certificate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the price of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on a Trading Day, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Certificate on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Certificate on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**Certificate Return**” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Clearing Agent**” means each clearing agent and clearance system specified as such in the applicable Final Terms and such further or alternative clearing agent(s) or clearance system(s) as may be approved by the Issuer from time to time and notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 (each a “**Clearing Agent**” and together the “**Clearing Agents**”);

“**Commodity**” means each commodity specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

**“Commodity Final Reference Price” (“CFRP”)** means in respect of each Commodity, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Commodity Reference Price on the Valuation Date;

**“Commodity Initial Reference Price” (“CIRP”)** means, in respect of each Commodity, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Commodity Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

**“Commodity Reference Price”** means in respect of each Commodity, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the price of the Commodity at the Valuation Time on a Trading Day, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Commodity on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Commodity on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

**“Commodity Return”** means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Coupon”** means an interest coupon attached to each Security (if in definitive form) (if any) representing an entitlement in respect of an Interest Amount;

**“Early Termination Amount”** means the amount or amounts (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Early Termination Date”** means the date or dates (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or if, in respect of any Basket Constituent, any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day unless, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, either:

- (i) a Market Disruption Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the applicable Early Termination Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been an Early Termination Date. In that case (A) the

last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Early Termination Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (B) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall determine the Early Termination Amount having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Basket Constituent and such other factors as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines to be relevant; or

- (ii) a Fund Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the provisions of Product Condition 4(j) shall apply and the Early Termination Date shall be adjusted accordingly;

**“Early Termination Event”** means the event or events (if any) specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf;

**“Emerging Market Disruption Event”** means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each of the following events:

- (i) **Moratorium.** A general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located or in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ii) **Price Source Disruption.** It becomes impossible to obtain the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate on any relevant date, in the inter-bank market; or
- (iii) **Governmental Default.** With respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (A) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (B) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (C) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or

- (iv) Inconvertibility/non-transferability. The occurrence of any event which (A) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency or (B) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Relevant Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Relevant Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (v) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalisation or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates) of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (vi) Illiquidity. It is impossible to obtain a firm quote for the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vii) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of the Relevant Currency; or
- (viii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency; or
- (ix) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of the Relevant Currency, or where the Settlement Currency is the Relevant Currency, the unavailability of the Relevant Currency in the principal financial centre of any other applicable currency; or
- (x) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities;

“**Entitlement**” means the number specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to any adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Exchange**” means, (i) with respect to each Certificate, Commodity, Fund which is an exchange traded fund or Share, the exchange or quotation system specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to such exchange or quotation system and (ii) with respect to each Index, each

exchange or quotation system from which the Index Sponsor takes the prices of the shares that comprise the Index (the “**Index Shares**”) to compute the Index or any successor to that exchange or quotation system;

“**Exchange Rate**” means each prevailing rate of exchange between each Basket Constituent Currency and the Settlement Currency as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Exercise**” means a Holder’s right to exercise the Securities, in accordance with Product Condition 3;

“**Exercise Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Expenses**” means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including all applicable depository, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duties, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties, arising in connection with (i) the exercise of such Security and/or (ii) any payment or delivery due following exercise or otherwise in respect of such Security;

“**Final Terms**” means the document containing the specific terms relating to the Securities;

“**Form**” means Global;

“**Fund**” means each fund (including exchange traded funds) specified as such in the definition of Basket in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Fund Administrator**” means, in respect of the Fund, the fund administrator, manager, trustee or similar person with the primary administrative responsibilities for such Fund according to the Fund Documents;

“**Fund Adviser**” means, in respect of any Fund, any person appointed in the role of discretionary investment manager or non-discretionary investment adviser (including a non-discretionary investment adviser to a discretionary investment manager or to another non-discretionary investment adviser) for such Fund;

“**Fund Documents**” means, with respect to any Fund or Reference Asset, the constitutive and governing documents, subscription agreements and other agreements of the related Fund or Reference Asset specifying the terms and conditions relating to such Fund or Reference Asset and which shall include any Hedging Agreement, each as amended from time to time;

“**Fund Event**” means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4(e) and any Additional Fund Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Fund Final Reference Price**” (“**FFRP**”) means in respect of each Fund, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Fund Reference Price on the Valuation Date;

“**Fund Initial Reference Price**” (“**FIRP**”) means, in respect of each Fund, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms the Fund Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

“**Fund Prospectus**” means the disclosure document howsoever described prepared in connection with the marketing of the Fund and, in relation to any Replacement Fund, means the disclosure document howsoever described prepared in connection with the marketing of the Replacement Fund and that, as of the Inclusion Date, was the most recent version thereof, each as amended from time to time;

“**Fund Reference Price**” means in respect of each Fund, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount equal to the NAV of such Fund as quoted by the fund manager or, where such Fund is an exchange traded fund, the trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange, in each case at the Valuation Time on a Trading Day, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction, or (if in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price or NAV (as the case may be) can be determined and no Emerging Market Disruption Event or Fund Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its estimate of the NAV of such Fund or, where such Fund is an exchange traded fund, the trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange, in each case having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported NAV of such Fund or, where such Fund is an exchange traded fund, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

“**Fund Return**” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Fund Service Provider**” means, in respect of any Fund, any person who is appointed to provide services, directly or indirectly, for that Fund, whether or not specified in the Fund

Documents or the Fund Prospectus, including but not limited to any Fund Adviser, Fund Administrator, operator, management company, depository, custodian, sub-custodian, prime broker, trustee, registrar and transfer agent or domiciliary agent;

“**FX Rate**” means each rate specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to the Screen Page (if any) or to such other sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**FX Rate Final Reference Price**” (“**FXFRP**”) means in respect of each FX Rate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the FX Rate Reference Price on the Valuation Date;

“**FX Rate Initial Reference Price**” (“**FXIRP**”) means, in respect of each FX Rate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the FX Rate Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

“**FX Rate Reference Price**” means in respect of each FX Rate, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, an amount, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4, equal to the FX Rate at the Valuation Time on a Trading Day, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such rate can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the FX Rate on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported FX Rate and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant;

“**FX Rate Return**” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of either of the currencies in the Relevant Currency Exchange Rate;

“**Hedging Agreement**” means any agreement, whether by way of side letter or otherwise, in respect of any hedging arrangement entered into between: (a) the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider; and (b) the Fund, the Fund Adviser, any other Fund Service Provider or the directors of the Fund;

**“Inclusion Date”** means (i) in respect of the Fund, the Issue Date and (ii) in respect of any Replacement Fund, means the Substitution Date of that Fund;

**“Index”** means each index specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

**“Index Final Reference Price” (“IFRP”)** means in respect of each Index, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Index Reference Price on the Valuation Date;

**“Index Initial Reference Price” (“IIRP”)** means, in respect of each Index, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Index Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

**“Index Reference Price”** means in respect of each Index, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on a Trading Day, as determined by the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction or (if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such level can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing) a level determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the official closing level of the Index on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Index Shares and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant;

**“Index Return”** means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Index Sponsor”** means the corporation or other entity that (i) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to the relevant Index and (ii) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of the relevant Index on a regular basis during each Trading Day and references to Index Sponsor shall include any successor index sponsor pursuant to Product Condition 4;

**“Interest Amount”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Interest Payment Dates”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Interest Period”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Interest Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Interest Payment Date;

**“Interest Rate”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, in respect of each Interest Period, the rate specified as such, or determined in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Interest Rate Day Count Fraction”** means, if “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, that interest shall be calculated on the basis specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Issue Date”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Issuer”** means The Royal Bank of Scotland plc incorporated in Scotland with its statutory seat in Edinburgh;

**“Issuer Call”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the termination of the Securities by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3(b);

**“Issuer Call Cash Amount”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the amount specified, or determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified, in the definition of Issuer Call Cash Amount for the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, less Expenses. The Issuer Call Cash Amount payable to a Holder shall be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in the Settlement Currency, 0.005 being rounded downwards;

**“Issuer Call Commencement Date”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Issuer Call Date”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if no such date is specified, the date specified as such in the notice delivered by the Issuer in accordance with Product Condition 3 and, if such day is not a Trading Day, means the first succeeding Trading Day

unless, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf either:

- (i) a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day with respect to any Basket Constituent in which case the Issuer Call Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Issuer or Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is no Market Disruption Event, unless the Issuer or Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is a Market Disruption Event, occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been the Issuer Call Date. In that case (A) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Issuer Call Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (B) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall determine the Issuer Call Cash Amount having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Basket Constituent or, where the Basket Constituent is an exchange traded fund, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange, and such other factors as the Calculation Agent deems relevant; or
- (ii) a Fund Event has occurred on any such day, in which case the provisions of Product Condition 4(j) shall apply and the Issuer Call Date shall be adjusted accordingly;

**“Issuer Call Notice Period”** means, if “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the period specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Launch Date”** means the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

**“Market Disruption Event”** means each event specified as such in Product Condition 4, any Additional Market Disruption Event specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms and any Emerging Market Disruption Event;

**“Merger Event”** means, in respect of any relevant shares, units or interests issued by a Relevant Party, any (i) reclassification or change of such shares, units or interests that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all of such shares, units or interests outstanding to another entity or person, (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of such Relevant Party with or into another entity or person (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Relevant Party is the continuing entity and which does not result in a reclassification or change of all of such shares, units or interests outstanding), (iii) takeover offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding shares, units or interests of such Relevant Party that results in

a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all such shares, units or interests (other than such shares, units or interests owned or controlled by such other entity or person), or (iv) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of the Relevant Party or its subsidiaries with or into another entity in which the Relevant Party is the continuing entity and which does not result in a reclassification or change of all such shares, units or interests outstanding but results in the outstanding shares, units or interests (other than shares, units or interests owned or controlled by such other entity) immediately prior to such event collectively representing less than 50 per cent. of the outstanding shares, units or interests immediately following such event;

“NAV” means net asset value;

“**Payment Day**” means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign exchange currency deposits) in the principal financial centre for the Settlement Currency or, if the Settlement Currency is euro, any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System is open;

“**Portfolio Guidelines**” means the investment guidelines and restrictions specified in respect of a Fund and as set out in the relevant Fund Prospectus and/or the relevant Fund Documents;

“**Pricing Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf if, in adverse market conditions, in the opinion of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, the circumstances so require;

“**Reference Asset**” means the relevant interests in each Fund or if the Fund is an exchange traded fund the relevant interests specified as “Reference Assets” in the definition of Basket in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Related Exchange**” means in respect of each Certificate, Commodity, Share or Index, an options or futures exchange or quotation system on which options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the relevant Certificate, Commodity, Share or Index are traded;

“**Relevant Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Settlement Currency, the lawful currency in which the underlying of the Security or any constituent of such underlying is denominated, from time to time, or the lawful currency of the country in which the Exchange or the primary exchange on which an underlying or any constituent of such underlying, is located provided that Relevant Currency shall not include any lawful currency that is a Standard Currency.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the underlying of a Security is a fund, including but not limited to, an exchange traded fund, a mutual fund, a unit trust or a hedge fund, or an American Depositary Receipt (“**ADR**”) or Global Depositary Receipt (“**GDR**”), the constituents of such fund, ADR or GDR as applicable, shall not be considered for the purpose of this definition;

“**Relevant Currency Exchange Rate**” means each rate of exchange between the Relevant Currency and the Settlement Currency, or where the Relevant Currency is the Settlement Currency, between the Relevant Currency and any other applicable currency, as determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to such sources as the Calculation Agent may reasonably determine to be appropriate at such time;

“**Relevant Number of Trading Days**” means the number of Trading Days, if any, specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Relevant Party**” means each of the Fund and the Fund Adviser;

“**Replacement Fund**” means, in relation to a Fund, the fund selected by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf to replace that Fund in accordance with clause 4(j)(B). Such Replacement Fund will have a similar risk profile as the Fund replaced, as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf.

“**Screen Page**” means each page specified as such in the definition of the Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or any successor to any such page which contains the same information, or any other such page reference as the Calculation Agent determines and “**Screen Pages**” shall be construed accordingly;

“**Securities**” means each Series of multi-asset basket linked certificates specified in the applicable Final Terms and each such certificate a “**Security**”. References to the terms “**Securities**” and “**Security**” shall be construed severally with respect to each Series specified in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Series**” means each series of Securities set out in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Currency**” means the currency specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Settlement Date**” means the date specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Share**” means each share specified as such in the definition of Basket in the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Share Company**” means for each Share, the share company specified as such in the

applicable Final Terms, subject to Product Condition 4;

“**Share Final Reference Price**” (“**SFRP**”) means in respect of each Share, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Share Reference Price on the Valuation Date;

“**Share Initial Reference Price**” (“**SIRP**”) means, in respect of each Share, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Share Reference Price on the Pricing Date;

“**Share Reference Price**” means in respect of each Share, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the price determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent without regard to any subsequently published correction unless, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, no such price can be determined and no Market Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as its good faith estimate of the price of the Share on such date having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of such Share on the Exchange and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines relevant, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4;

“**Share Return**” means an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms;

“**Standard Currency**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the lawful currency of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom and the United States, or such other currency as determined by the Calculation Agent at its sole and absolute discretion from time to time;

“**Substitution Date**” means, in relation to a Fund, the date selected by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf for the replacement of the Fund by a Replacement Fund.

“**Trading Day**” means, unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, (i) with respect to each Certificate, Commodity, Fund that is an exchange traded fund or Share, any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event or Fund Event, as applicable, would have been) a trading day on each Exchange or Related Exchange other than a day on which trading on the Exchange or Related

Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time, (ii) with respect to a Fund, any day (or, but for the occurrence of a Fund Event, would have been a day) on which trading in the Fund can take place, (iii) with respect to an Index, any day on which the Index Sponsor should calculate and publish the closing level of the Index according to its rules and (v) with respect to an FX Rate, any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event, would have been) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the principal financial centre of the Settlement Currency;

“**Valuation Date**” means the date or dates specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such day is not a Trading Day, the next following Trading Day, unless, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, either

- (i) a Market Disruption Event has occurred on that day with respect to any Basket Constituent, in which case the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Trading Day on which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is no Market Disruption Event unless the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that there is a Market Disruption Event occurring on each of the Relevant Number of Trading Days immediately following the original date which (but for the Market Disruption Event) would have been a Valuation Date. In that case (a) the last day of the Relevant Number of Trading Days shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date (regardless of the Market Disruption Event); and (b) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall determine the price, level or NAV, as applicable, having regard to the then prevailing market conditions, the last reported trading price of the Basket Constituent and such other factors as the Calculation Agent determines to be relevant; or
- (ii) a Fund Event has occurred on that day in which case the provisions of Product Condition 4(i)(ii) shall apply and the Valuation Date shall be adjusted accordingly;

“**Valuation Time**” means (i) with respect to each Commodity and FX Rate at or around the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, (ii) with respect to each Index the time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the Index, (iii) with respect to each Certificate or Share, the official close of trading on the relevant Exchange, (iv) with respect to each Fund (other than those Funds which are exchange traded funds) the time with reference to which the fund manager publishes the NAV or value and (v) with respect to Funds which are exchange traded funds the time specified as such in the definition of the relevant series in the applicable Final Terms. All unless otherwise specified in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final

Terms or, such other time as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may select in its absolute discretion and notify to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; and

“**Weight**” means, for each Basket Constituent, the percentage specified as such in the definition of Basket of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, subject to adjustment in accordance with Product Condition 4.

Terms in capitals which are not defined in these Product Conditions shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Conditions.

## 2. FORM

- (a) Global Form. Except in the case of Securities issued in the form described in either Product Condition 2(b) or 2(c), the Securities will be issued in bearer form and represented by a global security (the “**Global Security**”) which will be deposited with a Clearing Agent or the depositary for one or more Clearing Agents and will be transferable only in accordance with the applicable law and the rules and procedures of the relevant Clearing Agent through whose systems the Securities are transferred. Each person (other than another Clearing Agent) who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant Clearing Agent as the owner of a particular unit quantity of the Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by the relevant Clearing Agent as to the unit quantity of the Securities standing to the credit of the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes except in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and each Agent as the holder of such unit quantity of the Securities (and the term “**Holder**” shall be construed accordingly) for all purposes, other than with respect to any payment and / or delivery obligations, the right to which shall be vested as regards the Issuer and the Agents, solely in the bearer of the Global Security.
- (b) Dematerialised Form. Certain Securities will, where required by the rules and procedures of the Clearing Agent, be issued in dematerialised form and will be registered in the book-entry system of the Clearing Agent. Title to the Securities will pass by transfer between accountholders at the Clearing Agent perfected in accordance with the legislation, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Security is registered in the book-entry settlement system of the Clearing Agent or any other person recognised as a holder of Securities pursuant to the Rules.
- (c) SIX SIS Ltd as Clearing Agent. If SIX SIS Ltd is specified as the Clearing Agent, Securities will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be issued in the form of (i)

dematerialised securities (the “**Dematerialised Securities**”) or (ii) a bearer permanent Global Security and, in either case, will be transformed into intermediated securities (the “**Intermediated Securities**”) in accordance with article 6 of the Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act (the “**FISA**”).

The Intermediated Securities will be created (i) by deposit of a Global Security with the Clearing Agent, acting as custodian as defined in article 4 FISA (the “**Custodian**”), or registration of Dematerialised Securities in the main register of the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and (ii) the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, crediting the respective rights to securities accounts of one or more of its participants with the Clearing Agent in accordance with articles 4 and 6 FISA. For each issuance of Securities in the form of Dematerialised Securities, the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, will maintain the main register as defined in article 6 para. 2 FISA which is available to the public under <https://www.sec.sisclear.com/sec/cm/index/custody-settlement/mainregister.htm>.

Title to the Intermediated Securities is construed and will pass in accordance with the legislation, in particular the FISA, rules and regulations applicable to and/or issued by the Clearing Agent, acting as Custodian, and any other custodian, if any, that are in force and effect from time to time (the “**Rules**”). Accordingly, in these Conditions, the term “**Holder**” means any person recognised as a holder of the Intermediated Securities pursuant to the Rules.

The Holders shall at no time have the right to effect or demand (i) the retransformation of the Intermediated Securities into, and the delivery of, Dematerialised Securities in the case of Dematerialised Securities being the basis for the creation of Intermediated Securities, or (ii) the conversion of the Dematerialised Securities or the Global Security into definitive Securities.

### 3. RIGHTS AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Exercise. Provided no Early Termination Event has occurred and notwithstanding notice of an Issuer Call, the Securities will be deemed to be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.
- (b) Issuer Call. If “Issuer Call” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may terminate, subject to a valid Exercise or Early Termination Event (if applicable), the Securities in whole, but not in part, on any Business Day at the Issuer Call Cash Amount by giving Holders at least the Issuer Call Notice Period notice of its intention to terminate the Securities, such notice to be given at any time from (and including) the Issuer Call

Commencement Date. Any such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of General Condition 4 and shall specify the Issuer Call Date.

- (c) Early Termination Event: Upon the occurrence of an Early Termination Event, the Securities will terminate automatically and the Issuer will give notice to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. An Early Termination Event will override an Issuer Call and/or due Exercise if the Early Termination Event occurs prior to an Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date as the case may be.
- (d) Cash Settlement. Each Security upon Exercise, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Cash Amount. Each Security following an Early Termination Event, subject to delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership, entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Early Termination Amount. Each Security upon termination pursuant to an Issuer Call, subject to the delivery by the Holder of a duly completed Notice and to certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership entitles its Holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Issuer Call Cash Amount.
- (e) Interest Amount. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each Security shall bear interest at the Interest Rate. The Interest Amount is calculated by reference to the relevant Interest Period, the Interest Rate and the Interest Rate Day Count Fraction, and is payable on each Interest Payment Date.
- (f) Interest Accrual. If “Interest” is specified as being “Applicable” in the definition of the relevant Series in the applicable Final Terms, each security shall cease to accrue interest from and including exercise. No interest shall accrue after the Exercise Date, the Issuer Call Date in respect of an Issuer Call or after the Early Termination Date in respect of which an Early Termination Event occurs, as the case may be, in the event that payment of any amount is postponed due to a Market Disruption Event or a Fund Event.
- (g) Payment Day. If the date for payment of any amount in respect of the Securities is not a Payment Day, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day and shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of such delay.
- (h) General. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Calculation Agent nor any Agent shall have any responsibility for any

errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount, Early Termination Amount or Interest Amount, if applicable.

- (i) Notice. All payments shall be subject to the delivery of a duly completed notice (a “**Notice**”) to a Clearing Agent with a copy to the Principal Agent. The form of the Notice may be obtained during normal business hours from the specified office of each Agent.

A Notice shall:

- (i) specify the number of Securities to which it relates;
- (ii) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be debited with the Securities to which it relates;
- (iii) irrevocably instruct and authorise the Clearing Agent to debit on or before the Settlement Date such account with such Securities;
- (iv) specify the number of the account with the Clearing Agent to be credited with any Cash Amount, Issuer Call Cash Amount or Early Termination Amount (if any) for such Securities;
- (v) certify that neither the person delivering the Notice nor any person on whose behalf the Notice is being delivered is a U.S. person or a person within the United States. As used herein, “**U.S. person**” means (A) an individual who is a resident or a citizen of the United States; (B) a corporation, partnership or other entity organised in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof or which has its principal place of business in the United States; (C) any estate or trust which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income; (D) any trust if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust and if one or more United States trustees have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust; (E) a pension plan for the employees, officers or principals of a corporation, partnership or other entity described in (B) above; (F) any entity organised principally for passive investment, 10 per cent. or more of the beneficial interests in which are held by persons described in (A) to (E) above if such entity was formed principally for the purpose of investment by such persons in a commodity pool the operator of which is exempt from certain requirements of Part 4 of the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission’s regulations by virtue of its participants being non-U.S. persons; or (G) any other “U.S.

person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or in regulations adopted under the United States Commodity Exchange Act; and

- (vi) authorise the production of such Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings.
- (j) Verification. In respect of each Notice, the relevant Holder must provide evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Principal Agent of its holding of such Securities.
- (k) Settlement. The Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Amount (if any) for each Security with respect to which a Notice has been delivered to the account specified in the relevant Notice for value on the Settlement Date.
- (l) Determinations. Failure properly to complete and deliver a Notice may result in such notice being treated as null and void. Any determination as to whether a Notice has been properly completed and delivered shall be made by the Principal Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the relevant Holder. Subject as set out below, any Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form, or which is not copied to the Principal Agent immediately after being delivered to a Clearing Agent as provided in the Conditions shall be void.

If such Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of the Principal Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Notice submitted at the time such correction is delivered to such Clearing Agent and copied to the Principal Agent.

Any Security with respect to which a Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the time specified in Product Condition 3 shall become void.

The Principal Agent shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the relevant Holder if it has determined that a Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, neither the Issuer nor the Principal Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Holder.

- (m) Delivery of a Notice. Delivery of a Notice by or on behalf of a Holder shall be irrevocable with respect to the Securities specified and no Notice may be withdrawn after receipt by a Clearing Agent as provided above. After the delivery of a Notice, the Securities which are the subject of such notice may not be transferred.
- (n) Exercise and Settlement Risk. Exercise and settlement of the Securities is subject to

all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force at the relevant time and neither the Issuer nor any Agent 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, regulations or practices. Neither the Issuer nor the Agents shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of any Clearing Agent in relation to the performance of its duties in relation to the Securities.

- (o) Method of Payment. Subject as provided below, where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in a currency other than euro, such payments will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to an account specified by the payee with, or by a cheque in such Settlement Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Settlement Currency; where any amount paid in connection with the Securities is in euro, payment of such amount will be made by an Agent on behalf of the Issuer by credit or transfer to a euro account or any account to which euro may be credited or transferred specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque. Payments will be made via the Clearing Agent(s) and will be made in accordance with the Rules (if applicable). All payments will be subject to applicable fiscal and legal requirements applicable thereto.
- (p) Presentation and Surrender. The Issuer shall record payment of any amount in connection with the Securities made to the relevant Agent and such record shall be prima facie evidence that the payment in question has been made. The Holder shall be the only person entitled to receive payments of any amount paid in connection with the Securities and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the Holder in respect of the amount so paid.

#### 4. ADJUSTMENTS

- (a) Market Disruption in relation to a Commodity. The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

In this Product Condition 4(a), a “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (i) Price Source Disruption. The failure by the Exchange to announce or publish the price for the Commodity (or the information necessary for determining such price), or the temporary or permanent discontinuance or unavailability of such price by the Exchange; or
- (ii) Trading Suspension. The material suspension of trading on the Exchange or

- any Related Exchange; or
- (iii) Disappearance of Price. The failure of trading to commence, or the permanent discontinuation of trading of the Commodity on the Exchange; or
  - (iv) Material Change in nature of or pricing method. The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the basis for (including but not limited to the quantity, quality or currency), or method of calculating the price of the Commodity; or
  - (v) Material Change in Content. The occurrence, since the Issue Date, of a material change in the content, composition of the Commodity; or
  - (vi) De Minimis Trading. The number of contracts traded on the Exchange with respect to the Commodity is such that the Issuer declares that its ability to enter into hedging transactions with respect to the Commodity has been impaired due to a lack of, or, a material reduction in, trading in the Commodity on the Exchange; or
  - (vii) Tax Disruption. The imposition of, change in, or removal of an excise, severance, sales, use, value-added, transfer, stamp, documentary, recording or similar tax on, or measured by reference to, the Commodity (other than a tax on, or measured by reference to, overall gross or net income) by any government or taxation authority after the Issue Date, if the direct effect of such imposition, change or removal is to raise or lower the price of the Commodity on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be, and/or on each of the three Trading Days following the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be, from what it would have been without that imposition, change or removal; or
  - (viii) Trading Limitation. The material limitation imposed on trading in the Commodity with respect to it or any contract with respect thereto on any exchange or principal trading market; or
  - (ix) Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.
- (b) Market Disruption in relation to an FX Rate. The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market

Disruption Event has occurred.

In this Product Condition 4(b), a “**Market Disruption Event**” means:

- (i) Price Source Disruption. If it becomes impossible to obtain any one or more FX Rates on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be; or
- (ii) Governmental Default. If with respect to any security or indebtedness for money borrowed or guaranteed by any Governmental Authority, there occurs a default, event of default or other similar condition or event (howsoever described) including, but not limited to, (i) the failure of timely payment in full of principal, interest or other amounts due (without giving effect to any applicable grace periods) in respect of any such security indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee, (ii) a declared moratorium, standstill, waiver, deferral, repudiation or rescheduling of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee or (iii) the amendment or modification of the terms and conditions of payment of any principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of any such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee without the consent of all holders of such obligation. The determination of the existence or occurrence of any default, event of default or other similar condition or event shall be made without regard to any lack or alleged lack of authority or capacity of such Governmental Authority to issue or enter into such security, indebtedness for money borrowed or guarantee; or
- (iii) Inconvertibility/non-transferrability. The occurrence of any event which (i) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in any one or more FX Rates through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of a Basket Constituent Currency or (ii) generally makes it impossible to deliver a Basket Constituent Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of that Basket Constituent Currency to accounts outside such jurisdiction or the Settlement Currency between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or
- (iv) Nationalisation. Any expropriation, confiscation, requisition, nationalization or other action by any Governmental Authority which deprives the Issuer (or any of its affiliates), of all or substantially all of its assets in the country of the principal financial centre of a Basket Constituent Currency; or

- (v) Illiquidity. Any impossibility in obtaining a firm quote for any one or more FX Rates or the Settlement Currency for an amount which the Issuer considers necessary to discharge its obligations under the Securities; or
- (vi) Change in Law. A change in law in the country of the principal financial centre of a Basket Constituent Currency which may affect the ownership in and/or the transferability of that Basket Constituent Currency; or
- (vii) Imposition of Tax/Levy. The imposition of any tax and/or levy with punitive character which is imposed in the country of the principal financial centre of a Basket Constituent Currency; or
- (viii) Unavailability of Settlement Currency. The unavailability of the Settlement Currency in the country of the principal financial centre of a Basket Constituent Currency; or
- (ix) Other Events. Any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities.

For this purpose a “**Governmental Authority**” is any de facto or de jure government (or agency or instrumentality thereof, court, tribunal, administrative or other governmental authority) or any other entity (private or public) charged with the regulation of the financial markets (including the central bank) in the country of the principal financial centre of the Settlement Currency.

- (c) Market Disruption in relation to a Certificate and a Share. The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

In this Product Condition 4(c), “Market Disruption Event” means:

- (1) the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):
  - (A) in the Shares or Certificates, as applicable, on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed; or

- (B) in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the Shares or Certificates, as applicable, on any Related Exchange if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material; or
- (2) a general moratorium is declared in respect of banking activities in the country in which the Exchange or any Related Exchange is located.

For the purposes of this definition, a limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the Exchange or any Related Exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the Exchange or any Related Exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (d) Market Disruption in relation to an Index. The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall as soon as reasonably practicable under the circumstances notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 if it determines that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

In this Product Condition 4(d), a “**Market Disruption Event**” means the occurrence or existence on any Trading Day during the one hour period that ends at the official close of trading on the Exchange or any Related Exchange of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading or the disruption or impairment in the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions (by reason of movements in price reaching or exceeding limits permitted by the relevant exchange or otherwise):

- (1) on any Exchange(s) in securities that comprise 20 per cent or more of the level of the relevant Index if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material. For the purpose of determining whether such suspension or limitation is material, if trading in a security included in the Index is suspended or materially limited at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security relative to (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before that suspension or limitation; or
- (2) on any Related Exchange in any options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts relating to the relevant Index. In any event, a

limitation on the hours and number of days of trading will not constitute a Market Disruption Event if it results from an announced change in the regular business hours of the relevant exchange, but a limitation on trading imposed during the course of the day by reason of movements in price otherwise exceeding levels permitted by the relevant exchange may, if so determined by the Calculation Agent, constitute a Market Disruption Event.

- (e) Potential Adjustment Events in relation to a Share. Following a declaration by the Share Company of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Share and, if so, will:
- (1) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of the Conditions as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect; and
  - (2) determine the effective date of that adjustment.

The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange. Upon making any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the adjustment to be made to the Conditions and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event.

**“Potential Adjustment Event”** means any of the following: (A) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless a Merger Event) or a free distribution or dividend of such Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation, recapitalisation or similar issue; (B) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (aa) such Shares, or (bb) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Share Company equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares, or (cc) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (cash or other) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) a distribution of cash dividends on the Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Shares; (E) a call by the Share Company in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid; (F) a repurchase by the Share Company of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or (G) any other

similar event that may have a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

- (f) De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation and Insolvency. If a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency occurs in relation to the Share Company, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (1), (2) or (3) below:
- (1) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the other terms of these Conditions to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may (but is under no obligation to) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any Related Exchange to options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on such Related Exchange; or
  - (2) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4. If the Securities are to be cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Holder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security (taking into account the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be)) on the day selected for cancellation as shall be selected by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion adjusted to account fully for any losses, expenses and costs to the Issuer and/or any affiliate of the Issuer of unwinding or adjusting any underlying or related hedging arrangements (including but not limited to any equity options or selling or otherwise realising any Shares or other instruments of any type whatsoever which the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates may hold as part of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or
  - (3) following any adjustment to the settlement of terms of options contracts or futures contracts or any other derivatives contracts on the Shares traded on any Related Exchange, require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any of the other terms of these Conditions, which adjustment will be effective as of the date determined by the

Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Related Exchange. If options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts on the Shares are not traded on the Related Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any of the other terms of these Conditions as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Related Exchange to account for the De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Related Exchange if such options contracts or futures contracts or other derivatives contracts were so traded.

Upon the occurrence of a De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Calculation Agent shall notify the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4, stating the occurrence of such De-listing, Merger Event, Nationalisation or Insolvency (as the case may be) and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto.

“**De-listing**” (in this Product Condition 4(f) only) means a Share for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and such Share is not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

“**Merger Date**” means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

“**Merger Event**” (in this Product Condition 4(f) only) means any (i) reclassification or change to the Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all or a majority of the outstanding Shares; (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Share Company with or into another entity (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Share Company is the continuing entity and which does not result in any such reclassification or change to all the outstanding Shares); or (iii) take-over offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares that results in a transfer of, or an irrevocable commitment to transfer a majority of the voting power of the Share Company to the offeror, in each case if the Merger Date is

on or before the Determination Date.

“**Nationalisation**” means that all the Shares of a Share Company or all the assets or substantially all the assets of a Share Company are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority or entity.

“**Insolvency**” means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy or insolvency of or any analogous proceeding affecting a Share Company (1) all the Shares are required to be transferred to a receiver, trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (2) holders of the Shares of that Share Company become legally prohibited from transferring them.

(g) Potential Adjustment Events in relation to an Index. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), (3) or (4) below.

(1) If any Index is (A) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and published by a successor to the Index Sponsor (the “**Successor Sponsor**”) acceptable to the Calculation Agent; or (B) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of the relevant Index, then (in either case) the relevant Index will be deemed to be the index so calculated and announced by such Successor Sponsor or that successor index, as the case may be.

(2) If (A) on or prior to the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be, the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor makes a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating any Index or in any other way materially modifies an Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain the Index in the event of changes in constituent securities and other routine events); or (B) on or prior to the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be, the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor fails to calculate and/or publish any Index; then (in either case) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Index Final Reference Price using, in lieu of a published level for the relevant Index on the Valuation Date, the level for the relevant Index as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the relevant Index last in effect prior to the change or failure, but using only those securities that comprised the relevant Index immediately prior to the change or failure (other than those securities that have

since ceased to be listed on the Exchange or any other exchange on which the Shares are listed) or, in the case of a material modification of the Index only, shall deem such modified Index to be the Index so calculated and announced or shall terminate the Securities by giving notice in accordance with General Condition 4.

- (3) If, at any time, any of the events specified in (A) to (H) below occurs and the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor has not in the opinion of the Calculation Agent made an appropriate adjustment to the level of the relevant Index in order to account fully for such event, notwithstanding that the rules published or applied by the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Sponsor pertaining to the Index have been applied, the Calculation Agent shall make such adjustment to the level of the relevant Index as it considers appropriate in order to so account: (A) a distribution or dividend to existing holders of (i) the Index Shares; or (ii) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the issuer of the Index Shares equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of Index Shares or (iii) any other type of securities, rights or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price; (B) a free distribution or dividend of any Index Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue; (C) an extraordinary dividend; (D) any cash dividends declared on the Index Shares at a time when the relevant issuer has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Index Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (E) any non-cash dividends declared on the Index Shares at a time when the relevant issuer has not previously declared or paid dividends on such Index Shares for the prior four quarterly periods; (F) any other extraordinary cash or non-cash dividend on, or distribution with respect to, the Index Shares which is, by its terms or declared intent, declared and paid outside the normal operations or normal dividend procedures of the relevant issuer, provided that, in all cases, the related ex-dividend date occurs during the period from but including the Issue Date up to and excluding the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or Valuation Date, as the case may be; (G) a distribution of cash dividends on the Index Shares equal to or greater than 8 per cent. per annum of the then current market value of the Index Shares; and (H) any other similar event having a dilutive or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Index Shares.
- (4) The Issuer reserves the right to issue further Securities, make adjustments or to distribute to the Holders any rights in connection with the Securities as it reasonably believes are appropriate in circumstances where an event or events

occur which the Issuer (in its absolute discretion and notwithstanding any adjustments previously made to the Securities) believes should, in the context of the issue of Securities and its obligations hereunder, give rise to such adjustment or distribution, provided that such adjustment is considered by the Calculation Agent either to be appropriate generally (without considering the individual circumstances of any Holder or the tax or other consequences of such adjustment in any particular jurisdiction) or to be required to take account of provisions of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction or the practices of the Exchange.

(h) Adjustments to the Basket

If a De-Listing occurs with respect to a Fund, Certificate or a Share, as applicable or a Fund, Certificate or Share, as applicable is for any reason cancelled or ceases to exist, the Calculation Agent may determine in its sole discretion to either (A) replace the de-listed or cancelled Fund, Certificate or Share, as applicable by a successor fund, certificate or share, as applicable which has in the determination of the Calculation Agent the same or substantially similar structure and a substantially similar economic impact, and is linked to the same asset as such Fund, Certificate or Share, as applicable (B) remove the de-listed or cancelled Fund, Certificate or Share, as applicable and allocate the Fund Final Reference, Certificate Final Reference Price or Share Final Reference Price, as applicable of such Fund, Certificate or Share, as applicable as of the effective date of the de-listing or cancellation, pro rata to the remaining Funds, Certificates or Shares, as applicable or (C) make such other adjustments to the Conditions as the Calculation Agent sees fit, acting in its absolute discretion.

The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Holders in accordance with General Condition 4 of any determination made pursuant to the foregoing paragraph.

“**De-listing**” means, for the purpose of the foregoing paragraph, a Basket Constituent for any reason ceases to be listed or is suspended from listing on the Exchange or any other exchanges on which they are listed (and such cessation or suspension is continuing and they are not subsequently listed or quoted on another stock exchange or quotation system acceptable to the Issuer).

(i) Fund Events.

Each of the following events constitutes a “**Fund Event**”. The Fund Events are for the benefit of the Issuer in order that the Issuer is protected against any adverse effects of such Fund Events on its Hedge Position. The Issuer, or the Calculation Agent on its

behalf, shall make all determinations in respect of such Fund Events including as to whether such Fund Event has occurred and the effective date of such occurrence. In order to constitute a Fund Event, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf must conclude that the event in question either has resulted or is reasonably likely to result in an adverse effect on the value of the Reference Assets or the NAV of the Fund or on the rights of any investor therein with respect to the Reference Assets or the Fund or otherwise has materially adversely affected its Hedge Position.

(A) Global Events:

- (1) Any of: (a) the investment strategy and/or the investment objective of the Fund has changed so that it is materially different from that applicable at its Inclusion Date or (b) a material change has been made to the underlying nature, strategy or risk of the Fund's portfolio from that which prevailed at its Inclusion Date and that is over and above that expected by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf as of the Inclusion Date with respect to the trading strategies employed by the Fund as of that date or (c) the operation or organisation of the Fund or the Fund Adviser (including, without limitation, its organisational structure and its procedures, processes or policies in respect of investment selection, due diligence, asset allocation, risk management or investment monitoring) has changed from that at the Inclusion Date or are other than as represented at such Inclusion Date or (d) any such procedures, processes or policies as are referred to in (c) above are either not being applied or are not being applied consistently with their application on the Inclusion Date or (e) an event or change affecting any of the structure, ownership, management or reputation or liquidity of the Fund or the Reference Assets and/or any other units in the capital of the Fund and/or any Fund Service Provider occurs or (f) any other amendments, changes, modifications or variations are made after the Inclusion Date to any of the Fund Documents, the Fund Prospectus or the Portfolio Guidelines.
- (2) (a) the Fund is not being managed in accordance with the Fund Documents and/or the Fund Prospectus as they

prevailed on the Inclusion Date, and no action satisfactory to the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf has been taken by the Fund or any person on its behalf with a view towards correcting such breach within five calendar days from the date on which the Fund was notified of the breach, or (b) any event occurs which causes, or will with the passage of time (in the opinion of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf) cause, the failure of the Fund and/or any Fund Service Provider to meet or maintain any obligation or undertaking under the Fund Documents.

- (3) The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that (a) the obligations of any of the Fund or any Fund Service Provider or the directors of the Fund under any Hedging Agreement do not comprise legal, valid and binding obligations of such person, enforceable in accordance with their terms or (b) any of the Fund or any Fund Service Provider was acting outside its powers or authority in executing any Hedging Agreement or in making any agreement or undertaking therein. Each of (a) and (b) shall be conclusively presumed to be the case if the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf is advised that such is the case by reputable legal counsel having expertise in such matters.
- (4) The activities of the Fund or any Fund Service Provider and/or any of their respective directors, officers, employees or agents are placed under review or become subject to any investigation, proceeding or litigation by any relevant governmental, legal, administrative or regulatory authority or court of competent jurisdiction and/or are subject to any charges or actions by any governmental, legal, administrative or regulatory authority for reasons of wrongdoing, suspected wrongdoing, alleged engagement in fraudulent activities, breach of any rule or regulation or other similar reason and/or the Fund or any Fund Service Provider and/or any of their respective directors, officers, employees or agents have any of their respective registrations, approvals,

authorisations, licences or memberships with any administrative or regulatory authorities revoked, suspended, terminated, limited or qualified.

- (5) Written notification is given by the Fund or any Fund Service Provider (or any person acting on behalf thereof) to holders of Reference Assets or to the Fund Administrator of a proposed cessation of operation of the Fund or the Fund or any Fund Service Provider (a) is dissolved or has a resolution passed for its dissolution, winding-up, official liquidation; (b) makes a general assignment or arrangement with or for the benefit of its creditors; (c) (I) institutes or has instituted against it, by a regulator, supervisor or any similar official with primary insolvency, rehabilitative or regulatory jurisdiction over it in the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization or the jurisdiction of its head or home office, a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation by it or such regulator, supervisor or similar official, or (II) has instituted against it a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation, and such proceeding or petition is instituted or presented by a person or entity not described in clause 4(i)(A)(5)(c)(I) above and in the case of this clause 4(i)(A)(5)(c)(II) either (x) results in a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or the entry of an order for relief or the making of an order for its winding-up or liquidation or (y) is not dismissed, discharged, stayed or restrained in each case within fifteen days of the institution or presentation thereof; (d) seeks or becomes subject to the appointment of an administrator, provisional liquidator, conservator, receiver, trustee, custodian or other similar official for it or for all or a substantial part of its assets; (e) any security granted by the Fund or any Fund

Service Provider over any of its assets is enforced or becomes capable of being enforced or any arrangement which in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf is comparable to security over any such assets (including without limitation any repurchase agreement or prime brokerage arrangement) becomes enforceable or capable of early termination or any derivatives, repurchase agreement, securities lending or other trading or dealing arrangement relating to the assets of the Fund becomes enforceable or capable of early termination by reason of any event of default (howsoever described) relating to the Fund or the relevant Fund Service Provider; or (f) causes or is subject to any event with respect to it which, under the applicable laws of any jurisdiction, has an analogous effect to any of the events specified in clauses 4(i)(A)(5)(a) through 4(i)(A)(5)(f) above.

- (6) The Fund or any Fund Service Provider becomes party to any litigation or dispute.
- (7) Any Merger Event occurs or is threatened.
- (8) The Fund or any Fund Service Provider has experienced or is experiencing a material adverse change in its business, assets, operations or financial condition which adversely impacts its ability to provide services to the Fund and/or the quality of such services.
- (9) In respect of any Reference Assets, any fraudulent or negligent entry is made on the register of such Reference Assets maintained by or on behalf of the Fund or there is a reduction in the number of such Reference Assets held for the account of any investor in the Fund for reasons beyond the control of that investor.
- (10) (a) any change occurs in the legal, tax, accounting or regulatory treatment of (i) the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider by reason of its investment in the Fund or the Reference Assets or (ii) the Fund or any Fund Service Provider, in each case from that which was applicable at the

Inclusion Date or (b) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that any of Issuer, its affiliates or any Hedge Provider is or may in the future be unable, or it may be unduly onerous or impractical for any such entity, to perform any obligation (including, without limitation, any regulatory or accounting reporting obligation) imposed on any such entity by the law or regulation of any relevant jurisdiction, any relevant regulatory or administrative body or any court of competent jurisdiction, in each case by reason of its investment in the Fund or the Reference Assets or (c) the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider deems it necessary or appropriate, in order to comply with or remain within (i) any applicable legal and/or regulatory limits on the amounts of Reference Assets that it may hold and/or (ii) any internal exposure limits governing the maximum exposure (direct and indirect) that the Issuer, any relevant affiliate or the Hedge Provider as the case may be, is permitted to have to the Fund, to redeem all or some of the Reference Assets held by them.

- (11) A cross-contamination or other failure effectively to segregate the portfolio of assets occurs between different series, classes and/or sub-funds in relation to the Fund (if the Fund is part of an umbrella structure with more than one sub-fund).
- (12) A significant market, trading or exchange disruption and/or crisis in the major financial markets occurs.

(B) NAV/Price and Reporting:

- (1) There is (a) a failure to calculate and/or publish the NAV of the Fund on any day on which such calculation or publication was scheduled to be made in accordance with the Fund Documents and/or the Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (b) a failure to calculate and publish the NAV of the Fund with the frequency set out in the Fund Documents and/or the Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (c) where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, a failure to publish the trading price of the

Reference Assets on the Exchange.

- (2) (a) Any change is made to the methodology used for calculating either the NAV of the Fund or any estimate of the NAV of the Fund from that which prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (b) there is a failure to calculate and deliver any estimate of the NAV of the Fund in accordance with the timing within which such information has previously been provided to the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider.
- (3) (a) The time delay between calculation of the NAV (or any estimated NAV) of the Fund and the publication of such NAV (or estimated NAV) is changed so that it is no longer the same as set out in the Fund Prospectus as it prevailed on the Inclusion Date or (b) any other information relating to the Fund that was specified to be published in accordance with the Fund Documents or the Fund Prospectus as they respectively prevailed on the Inclusion Date is not published in accordance with the timetable therefor set out in such documents.
- (4) The audited NAV of the Fund varies by more than 0.50 per cent. from the related NAV previously published by or on behalf of the Fund, or the auditors of the Fund qualify any audit report, or refuse to provide an unqualified audit report, in respect of the Fund, or the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf considers that the unaudited official NAV of the Fund published by or on behalf of the Fund in respect of any date does not reflect the NAV of such Fund as it would have been determined by the independent auditors of that Fund using the generally accepted accounting standards adopted by the Fund.
- (5) (i) In respect of any Reference Asset, the occurrence of any event affecting such Reference Asset that, in the determination of the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, would make it impossible or impracticable for the Issuer or the Calculation Agent to determine the value of

such Reference Asset, and the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that such event will not be, or has not been, resolved within 15 calendar days from the occurrence of such event; (ii) any failure of the Fund, any Fund Service Provider or any director of the Fund to deliver, or cause to be delivered, (A) information that such person has agreed to deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, any of the Issuer's affiliates or any Hedge Provider in respect of the Fund (including, without limitation, any information required by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent in the execution of its duties and obligations under the Securities or required by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent in order to determine whether any Fund Event has occurred or to make any other determination permitted by it in respect of the Securities) or (B) information that has been previously delivered to the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, any of the Issuer's affiliates or any Hedge Provider, in accordance with such person's, or its authorised representative's, normal practice and that the Issuer or the Calculation Agent deems necessary for it to perform its duties and obligations under the Securities or that the Issuer or the Calculation Agent deems is required by it in order to determine whether any Fund Event has occurred or to make any other determination permitted by it in respect of the Securities (including, in either case, monitoring the Fund's compliance with any Portfolio Guidelines, asset allocation methodologies, the occurrence of any Fund Event or any other similar policies relating to such Reference Assets).

(C) Reference Assets:

Any of the following events relating to the Reference Assets occurs:

- (1) a subdivision, reclassification or distribution of Reference Assets which has a diluting or concentrative or other effect on the value (theoretical or otherwise) of the Reference Assets;

- (2) a portion of each Reference Asset is converted (whether by way of redemption and re-issue or otherwise) into new securities participating in the capital of the Fund, which securities are subject to lock-up periods during which they may not be redeemed and which relate to any segregated assets of the Fund, or the Fund creates any other form of “side-pocket” which affects the Reference Assets;
- (3) a (i) dividend (including cash and whether ordinary or extraordinary), (ii) distribution or (iii) issue of Reference Assets, capital, securities, rights or other assets or interests to existing holders of Reference Assets which has or is likely to have an adverse effect on the value (theoretical or otherwise) of the Reference Assets;
- (4) any suspension or limitation on the trading of the relevant currencies in which the Reference Assets are denominated or any amendment to the currency of denomination of the Reference Assets so that their price is no longer calculated in the same currency as at the Inclusion Date of the Fund; or

(D) Trading and Fees:

- (1) In respect of the Reference Assets, the Fund or any Fund Service Provider increases the level of any redemption fee, subscription fee, management fee, performance fee or a bid/offer spread (or other charge however described) above the level that would have been applicable to any Reference Assets held by any of the Issuer, any affiliate of the Issuer or any Hedge Provider on the Inclusion Date (regardless of whether any such person actually holds any Reference Assets as of such date).
- (2) Any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading of the Fund or on trading in the Reference Assets (for any reason, including, without limitation, by reason of liquidity restrictions) or any dealing request made by any investor or prospective investor in the Fund or the Reference Assets is deferred in whole or in part or is made at a value other than the related NAV or price, as applicable.

(3) The frequency at which Reference Assets can be traded is amended or the timing for subscription or redemption of Reference Assets is amended, in each case so that it is no longer that specified in the Fund Documents and/or Fund Prospectus as they prevailed on the Inclusion Date, including, without limitation, an amendment to the timetable for payment of redemption proceeds upon redemption.

(4) If any of the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider redeems Reference Assets or is entitled to any other amount and:

(I) does not receive the full proceeds of such redemption or amount in cash in accordance with the timing set out in the Fund Documents or the Fund Prospectus;  
or

(II) receives any in-kind distribution in full or part satisfaction of the redemption proceeds or such other amount paid or payable to it,

or the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that either (I) or (II) above would be applicable were the Issuer, any of its affiliates or any Hedge Provider to redeem Reference Assets or be entitled to actual payment of any such other amount.

(E) Fund Adviser and Fund Service Provider Failures:

(1) The Fund Adviser indicates or acknowledges that in its opinion the strategy/investment objective of the Fund will not be, or is no longer able to be, met.

(2) Any representations, covenants or agreements of the Fund Adviser under the investment management agreement or investment advisory agreement (howsoever described) relating to the Fund have been breached and not cured.

(3) Any of: (a) the resignation, termination of appointment or replacement of the Fund Adviser from its role as such occurs or the resignation, termination of appointment or replacement of any other Fund Service Provider from its role as such

occurs with respect to the Fund or (b) any change in the personnel of any Fund Service Provider occurs which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf considers materially adversely affects the ability of such Fund Service Provider to carry out its duties with respect to the Fund.

- (4) The Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf becomes aware of any failure by the Fund or any person on its behalf to disclose to the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf, on or before the Inclusion Date, any information, event or circumstance that was in existence on such date and that would have been necessary to enable the Issuer or the Calculation Agent to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position and prospects of the Fund and of the rights attaching to the Reference Assets.

- (F) General: Any other event occurs which the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines is analogous to any of the events specified in sub-paragraphs (A) to (E) above.

- (j) Consequences of a Fund Event.

In respect of each Fund Event, following the occurrence of such an event (and regardless of whether or not such event is then continuing) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may take any of following actions (each, a **“Permitted Action”**):

- (A) (1) make such adjustments to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions of the Securities as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines appropriate to account for the economic effect on the Securities of such Fund Event and (2) determine the effective date of the relevant adjustments; or
- (B) select a Replacement Fund and a Substitution Date. Following any such selection (1) the Replacement Fund shall replace the affected Fund on the Substitution Date, (2) references herein to the name of the affected Fund shall be deemed to be references to the name of the Replacement Fund with effect from the Substitution Date and (3) the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may make such adjustment as it determines to be appropriate, if any, to any variable,

calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions in relation to the Securities to reflect such substitution; or

- (C) accelerate all, but not some only, of the Securities, on the date notified to Holders in accordance with General Condition 4; or
- (D) make such adjustments to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions of the Securities as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines are necessary to reflect a notional liquidation of all of the Reference Assets (with the timing of such notional liquidations being the same timing as would be the case on an actual liquidation of Reference Assets at the relevant time) and a notional investment of the liquidation proceeds in either (1) a zero coupon bond, or equivalent, such that the amount payable at redemption of such zero coupon bond is at least an amount per Security equal to the Issue Price of the Security or, where this is not possible or practicable (as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf) or (2) an interest bearing deposit bearing interest at prevailing rates that would be offered by the Issuer in respect of such a deposit as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf or, if it is not possible or practicable to comply with subclauses (1) or (2) of this clause 4(j)(D) (as determined by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf), (3) commercial paper rated at least A1/P1 or above by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (any transaction costs that would be incurred in respect of an actual such investment may be notionally charged to the Securities) (any of (1), (2) or (3), a "**Suspension Asset**").

Notwithstanding that the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may have previously determined not to take a Permitted Action, or to take one Permitted Action, it shall not be prevented from subsequently or concurrently deciding to adopt an additional or different Permitted Action in respect of the same Fund Event (whether on one or any number of occasions). In such respect, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may make such adjustments to any variable, calculation methodology, valuation, settlement or payment terms or any other terms and conditions of the Securities as it determines appropriate to account for the decision subsequently or

concurrently made.

Notwithstanding anything in this sub-paragraph 4(j), neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent is under any obligation to determine that a Fund Event has occurred or to take any or all of the Permitted Actions. Any determinations made by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf in respect of any of the Permitted Actions shall, in the absence of manifest error, be binding.

(k) Fund Event Methodology and Determinations:

- (A) If, in respect of any determination or calculation hereunder which is made by reference to an official or estimated NAV of a Fund provided or published by or on behalf of the Fund or, where the Fund is an exchange traded fund, the last reported trading price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange in respect of a particular date, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that such value does not fairly represent the value of the Fund or Reference Asset as of such date, or that no such value is provided or published, then the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may use such other value as it determines as representing a fair NAV or price, as applicable, as of such date or, alternatively, may use a preceding official or estimated value where it believes that such preceding official or estimated value gives a fairer representation than the more recent figure.
- (B) Should the Fund operate equalisation procedures in respect of performance or incentive based fees, the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf may make such adjustments to these Product Conditions as the Issuer or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines appropriate to account for such equalisation in an equitable manner and, where such equalisation procedures operate by the issuance of different classes of shares in the Fund, then each of the Issuer and the Calculation Agent is permitted to deem any notional subscription or redemption on behalf of the Securities to be in such order and in respect of such classes as appear to it to be equitable and reasonable or to deem the return of such shares to be based on a benchmark or average of the different classes.
- (C) For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding any other Condition,

the Issuer and the Calculation Agent on its behalf shall be entitled to make any determination, waiver, declaration or decision with regard to a Fund Event and, without limitation, may make such determination, waiver, declaration or decision by reference to the establishment, operation and/or efficacy (whether actual or anticipated) of any Relevant Hedging Transaction. Neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent is under any obligation to monitor or determine whether or not a Fund Event has occurred and will not be required to, and will not be responsible for any failure to, make any determination, waiver, declaration or decision whatsoever in relation to a Fund Event. In making or omitting to make any such determination, waiver, declaration or decision, neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent shall be under any fiduciary duty towards the Holders and, for the avoidance of doubt, neither the Issuer nor the Calculation Agent shall be responsible for any loss, underperformance or opportunity cost suffered or incurred by Holders in connection with the Securities as a result thereof, howsoever arising.

- (l) The Calculation Agent may make adjustments to the Conditions in order to account for any such event if it considers it appropriate to do so. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, advise a Holder of any determination made by it pursuant to this Product Condition 4 on or before the date of receipt of such request. The Calculation Agent shall make available for inspection by Holders copies of any such determinations. In making any such determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities, the Calculation Agent shall act at all times in good faith and a commercially reasonable manner.

## 5. EFFECT OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms applicable to any Series of Securities may specify amendments to these Product Conditions in so far as they apply to that Series. Notwithstanding the foregoing, consideration will be given as to whether such amendments constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) under Article 16 of Directive 2003/71/EC.

FORM OF FINAL TERMS

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DATED [ ]



# The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

*(incorporated in Scotland with limited liability under the Companies Acts 1948 to 1980*

*registered number SC090312)*

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[NUMBER] [UNDERLYING] [TYPE OF PRODUCT] [CERTIFICATES]

[INDICATIVE] ISSUE PRICE: [ ] [ ]

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THE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT") OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, TRANSFERRED OR DELIVERED, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN THE UNITED STATES OR TO, OR FOR THE ACCOUNT OR BENEFIT OF, ANY U.S. PERSON, EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT AND ANY APPLICABLE U.S. STATE SECURITIES LAWS. THE SECURITIES ARE BEING OFFERED AND SOLD ONLY: (i) OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES TO PERSONS OTHER THAN U.S. PERSONS (AS DEFINED IN REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) IN OFFSHORE TRANSACTIONS THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT; AND (ii) ONLY WITH RESPECT TO THE EQUITY CERTIFICATES (AS DEFINED HEREIN) IN REGISTERED FORM TO U.S. PERSONS WHO ARE "QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYERS" (AS DEFINED IN RULE 144A OF THE SECURITIES ACT). FURTHERMORE, TRADING IN THE SECURITIES HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION UNDER THE UNITED STATES COMMODITY EXCHANGE ACT, AS AMENDED AND NO U.S. PERSON MAY AT ANY TIME TRADE OR MAINTAIN A POSITION IN THE SECURITIES.

## FINAL TERMS

*Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the General Conditions and the Product Conditions applicable to each Series of Securities described herein (the “relevant Product Conditions”) as set forth in the Base Prospectus relating to Certificates dated 28 May 2010 (the “Base Prospectus”) as supplemented from time to time which constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the “Prospectus Directive”). This document constitutes the Final Terms of each Series of the Securities described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus as so supplemented. Full information on the Issuer and each Series of the Securities described herein is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus as so supplemented. The Base Prospectus as so supplemented is available for viewing at the office of the Issuer at 36 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB, Scotland and copies may be obtained from the Issuer at that address.*

*These Final Terms relate to the Securities and must be read in conjunction with, and are subject to, the General Conditions and the relevant Product Conditions contained in the Base Prospectus as so supplemented. These Final Terms, the relevant Product Conditions and the General Conditions together constitute the Conditions of each Series of the Securities described herein and will be attached to any Global Security representing each such Series of the Securities. In the event of any inconsistency between these Final Terms and the General Conditions or the relevant Product Conditions, these Final Terms will govern.*

*The Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets has provided the [names of competent authorities of host Member States] with a certificate of approval attesting that the Base Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive.*

*So far as the Issuer is aware, no person (other than the Issuer in its separate capacities as Issuer and Calculation Agent, see “Risk Factors – Actions taken by the Calculation Agent may affect the Underlying” and “Risk Factors – Actions taken by the Issuer may affect the value of the Securities” in the Base Prospectus) involved in the issue of the Certificates has an interest material to the offer. [NB: Amend as appropriate if there are interests]*

Issuer:	The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
Clearing Agents:	[Clearstream Banking AG] [Centraal Instituut voor Giraal Effectenverkeer B.V. (Euroclear Netherlands)] [Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. as operator of the Euroclear system] [Clearstream Banking, société anonyme] [SIX SIS Ltd]

[The Depository Trust Company]  
[Other, including address]

Launch Date: [ ]

Subscription Period: [ ]

As, if and when issued trading: [ ]

Issue Date: [ ]

Listing: [ ]

Listing Date: [ ]

Pricing Date: [ ]

Admission to trading: [Application has been made for the Securities to be admitted to trading on [ ] with effect from [ ].] [No application for admission to trading has been made.]

Announcements to Holders: Delivered to Clearing Agents

Principal Agent: [The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA, United Kingdom]

Registrar: [Bank Of America GSS Nominees Limited][specify other][None]

Agent(s) [and Transfer Agent(s)]: [Citibank International Plc, Netherlands Branch, Global Transaction Services, Hoge Mosten 2, 4822 NH Breda, The Netherlands]

Calculation Agent: [The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA, United Kingdom]

Indication of yield: Not Applicable

Form of the Securities: [Global Security]  
[Dematerialised form]  
[Global Security transformed into Intermediated Securities] (Only applicable to Securities where the Clearing Agent is SIX SIS Ltd)  
[Dematerialised Securities transformed into Intermediated Securities] (Only applicable to Securities where the Clearing Agent is SIX SIS Ltd)

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**INDEX AIRBAG CERTIFICATES**

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- Series: *[Index] Airbag Certificates Series [ ]*
- Issue Price: [ ]
- Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] [specify]
- Airbag Level: [[ ]% of the Initial Reference Price] *[specify other]*
- Capped Price: [[ ]% of the Initial Reference Price][Not Applicable] *[specify other]*
- Cash Amount: (a) If the Final Reference Price is less than the Airbag Level:  

$$\frac{[\text{amount}] + [\text{amount}] \times [\text{Final Reference Price} - \text{Airbag Level}]}{\text{Airbag Level}}$$
- (b) If the Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Airbag Level but less than or equal to the Initial Reference Price:  

$$[\text{amount}];$$
- (c) If the Final Reference Price is greater than the Initial Reference Price but less than or equal to the Initial Reference Price 1:  

$$\frac{[\text{amount}] + [\text{amount}] \times [\text{Final Reference Price} - \text{Initial Reference Price}]}{\text{Initial Reference Price}}$$
- (d) If the Final Reference Price is greater than the Initial Reference Price 1 but less than or equal to the Initial Reference Price 2:  

$$\frac{[\text{amount}] \times [\text{Final Reference Price} - \text{Initial Reference Price 1}]}{\text{Initial Reference Price}}$$
- (e) If the Final Reference Price is greater than the Initial Reference Price 2 but less than the Capped Price:  

$$\frac{[\text{amount}] + [\text{amount}] \times [\text{Final Reference Price} - \text{Initial Reference Price}]}{\text{Initial Reference Price}}$$
  

$$\frac{[\text{amount}] \times [\text{Final Reference Price} - \text{Initial Reference Price 1}]}{\text{Initial Reference Price}}$$
  

$$\frac{[\text{amount}] + [\text{amount}] \times [\text{Final Reference Price} - \text{Initial Reference Price}]}{\text{Initial Reference Price}}$$
  

$$\frac{[\text{amount}] \times [\text{Final Reference Price} - \text{Initial Reference Price 1}]}{\text{Initial Reference Price}}$$
  

$$\frac{[\text{amount}] \times [\text{Final Reference Price} - \text{Initial Reference Price 2}]}{\text{Initial Reference Price}}$$
- (f) If the Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Capped

Price:  
[amount]] [*specify other*]

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Final Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Index: [ ] (Bloomberg Code [ ])

Initial Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Initial Reference Price 1: [[ ]% of the Initial Reference Price] [Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Initial Reference Price 2: [[ ]% of the Initial Reference Price] [Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Pricing Date(s): [ ]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180 ]

Settlement Currency: [ ]

Settlement Date: [[Third] Business Day following the Valuation Date] [*specify other*]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Underlying Currency: [ ]

Valuation Date(s): [ ]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [ ]  
*(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [ ]

ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

Fondscod: [ ]

WKN: [ ]

Valoren: [ ]

Other Securities Code: [ ]

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("**Securities Act**") and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures

Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

#### **INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING**

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Series:                    *[Index] Airbag Certificates Series [ ]*

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**INDEX DISCOUNT CERTIFICATES**

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Series:	<i>[Index] Discount Certificates Series [ ]</i>
Issue Price:	[ ]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Capped Amount:	[Capped Price x Entitlement] <i>[specify other]</i>
Capped Price:	[ ]
Cash Amount:	[Final Reference Price x Entitlement] <i>[specify other]</i>
Cash Settlement:	[Either[, at the sole option of the Issuer]: (1) the Cash Amount [if the Final Reference Price is less than the Capped Price]; or (2) the Capped Amount [if the Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Capped Price]. <i>[specify other]</i>
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Entitlement:	[ ]
Final Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Index:	[ ] (Bloomberg Code [ ])
Relevant Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Relevant Number of Trading Days:	[5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
Settlement Currency:	[ ]
Settlement Date:	[The [fifth] Business Day following the Valuation Date] <i>[specify other]</i>
Standard Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Strike Currency:	[ ]
Valuation Date(s):	[ ]
Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions:	[ ] <i>(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)</i>
Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities:	[ ]
ISIN:	[ ]
Common Code:	[ ]
Fondscod:	[ ]

WKN: [ ]

Other Securities Code: [ ]

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("**Securities Act**") and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

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obtained:

Series: *[Index] Discount Certificates Series [ ]*

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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## SINGLE STOCK DISCOUNT CERTIFICATES (CASH)

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Series: *[Share] Discount Certificates Series [ ]*

Issue Price: [ ]

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] *[specify]*

Business Day: [As stated in Product Condition 1 ] *[specify other]*

Capped Amount: [Capped Price x Entitlement] *[specify other]*

Capped Price: [ ]

Cash Amount: [Final Reference Price x Entitlement] *[specify other]*

Cash Settlement: [Either[, at the sole option of the Issuer]:  
(1) the Cash Amount [if the Final Reference Price is less than the Capped Price];  
or  
(2) the Capped Amount [if the Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Capped Price] *[specify other]*

Emerging Market Disruption Event: [As stated in the Product Condition 1]*[specify other]*

Entitlement: [ ]

Exchange: [ ]

Final Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Initial Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Pricing Date: [ ]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1]*[specify other]*

Relevant Number of Trading Days: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1]*[specify other]*

Settlement Currency: [ ]

Settlement Date: [The [fifth] Business Day following the Valuation Date] *[specify other]*

Share: The [ordinary] shares of the Share Company (ISIN: [ ])

Share Company: [ ] [(Bloomberg Code: )]

Strike Currency: [ ]

Valuation Date(s): [ ]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [ ]  
*(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as whether such terms constitute "significant new*

*factors" and consequently trigger the need or a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 or the Prospectus Directive)*

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [ ]

ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

Fondscore: [ ]

WKN: [ ]

Other Securities Code: [ ]

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("**Securities Act**") and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

#### **INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING**

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Series: *[Share] Discount Certificates Series [ ]*

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**SINGLE STOCK DISCOUNT CERTIFICATES (CASH OR PHYSICAL)**

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Series:	<i>[Share] Discount Certificates Series</i>
Issue Price:	[ ]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Capped Price:	[ ]
Cash Amount:	[Final Reference Price x Entitlement] <i>[specify other]</i>
Emerging Market Disruption Event:	[As stated in the Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Entitlement:	[ ]
Exchange:	[ ]
Final Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Initial Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1 ] <i>[specify other]</i>
Pricing Date:	[ ]
Relevant Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Relevant Number of Trading Days:	[5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
Settlement:	[Either[, at the sole option of the Issuer]: (1) the Cash Amount [if the Final Reference Price is greater than or equity to the Capped Price]; or (2) the Share Amount [if the Final Reference Price is less than the Capped Price] <i>[specify other]</i> ]
Settlement Currency:	[ ]
Settlement Date:	[The [fifth] Business Day following the Valuation Date] <i>[specify other]</i>
Share:	The [ordinary] shares of the Share Company (ISIN: [ ])
Share Amount:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Share Company:	[ ] [(Bloomberg Code: )]
Standard Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Strike Currency:	[ ]
Valuation Date(s):	[ ]
Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions:	<i>(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base</i>

*Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [ ]

ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

Fondscore: [ ]

WKN: [ ]

Other Securities Code: [ ]

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("**Securities Act**") and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

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*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**BONUS INDEX CERTIFICATES**

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Series:	<i>Bonus [Index] Certificates Series [ ]</i>
Issue Price:	[ ]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Cash Amount:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Entitlement:	[ ]
Final Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Index:	[ ] (Bloomberg Code [ ])
Initial Reference Price:	[ ]
Knock-out Bonus Event:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Lower Initial Reference Price:	[ ]
Observation Period:	[ ]
Relevant Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Relevant Number of Trading Days:	[5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]
Settlement Currency:	[ ]
Settlement Date:	[The [fifth] Business Day following the Valuation Date] <i>[specify other]</i>
Standard Currency:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>
Strike Currency:	[ ]
Upper Initial Reference Price:	[ ]
Valuation Date(s):	[ ]
Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions:	[ ] <i>(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)</i>
Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities:	[ ]
ISIN:	[ ]
Common Code:	[ ]
Fondscore:	[ ]

WKN: [ ]

Other Securities Code: [ ]

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("**Securities Act**") and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

### **INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING**

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Series: *Bonus [Index] Certificates Series [ ]*

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**SINGLE STOCK BONUS CERTIFICATES**

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Series: *Bonus [Share] Certificates Series [ ]*

Issue Price: [ ]

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] [specify]

Business Day: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Cash Amount: [ ]

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Entitlement: [ ]

Exchange: [ ]

Exercise Date: [ ]

Final Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Initial Reference Price: [ ]

Knock-out Bonus Event: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Lower Initial Reference Price: [ ]

Observation Period: [ ]

Pricing Date(s) [ ]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Settlement Currency: [ ]

Settlement Date: [The [fifth] Business Day following the Valuation Date] [*specify other*]

Share: [ ] Bloomberg Code: [ ]; ISIN: [ ]

Share Company: [ ]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Strike Currency: [ ]

Upper Initial Reference Price: [ ] [[Not Applicable]

Valuation Date(s): [ ]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [ ]  
*(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the base prospectus under article 16 of the prospectus directive)*

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [ ]

ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

Fondscore: [ ]

WKN: [ ]

Other Securities Code: [ ]

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### INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

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Series: *[Single Stock] Bonus Certificates Series [ ]*

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**INDEX DOUBLE UP CERTIFICATES**

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Series: *[Index] Double Up Certificates Series [ ]*

Issue Price: [ ]

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] *[specify]*

Business Day:

Cash Amount: (a)  $[\text{amount}] + [\text{amount}] \times [ ]\% \times [(\text{Double Up Stop Level} / \text{Initial Reference Price}) - 1]$  (“**Cash Amount 1**”); or  
 (b)  $[\text{amount}] + [\text{amount}] \times [ ]\% \times [(\text{Final Reference Price} / \text{Initial Reference Price}) - 1]$  (“**Cash Amount 2**”); or  
 (c)  $[\text{amount}] \times (\text{Final Reference Price} / \text{Initial Reference Price})$  (“**Cash Amount 3**”) *[specify other]*

Double Up Stop Level: [ ]

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Final Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Index: [ ] (Bloomberg Code [ ])

Initial Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Pricing Date(s): [ ]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Relevant Number of Trading Days: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Settlement Currency: [ ]

Settlement Date: [The [third] Business Day following the Valuation Date] *[specify other]*

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Strike Currency: [ ]

Valuation Date(s): [ ]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [ ]  
*(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [ ]

ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

Fondscore: [ ]

WKN: [ ]

Other Securities Code: [ ]

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("**Securities Act**") and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

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Series: *[Index] Double Up Certificates Series [ ]*  
*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**SINGLE STOCK DOUBLE UP CERTIFICATES**

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Series: *[Single Stock] Double Up Certificates Series [ ]*

Issue Price: [ ]

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] *[specify]*

Business Day: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Cash Amount: (a) Initial Reference Price + Initial Reference Price x [ ]% x [(Double Up Stop Level / Initial Reference Price) - 1] (“Cash Amount 1”); or  
 (b) Initial Reference Price + Initial Reference Price x [ ]% x [(Final Reference Price / Initial Reference Price) - 1] (“Cash Amount 2”)  
*[specify other]*

Double Up Stop Level Percentage: [[ ]%][a percentage determined by the Issuer on the [Pricing] Date. The Indicative Double Up Stop Level Percentage as of the Launch Date is [ ]%] *[specify other]*

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Exchange: [ ]

Final Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Initial Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Pricing Date(s): [ ]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Relevant Number of Trading Days: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Settlement Currency: [ ]

Settlement Date: [The [third] Business Day following the Valuation Date] *[specify other]*

Share: [ ] (Bloomberg Code [ ], ISIN Code [ ])

Share Company: [ ]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Strike Currency: [ ]

Valuation Date(s): [ ]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [ ] *(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for [ ]

the Securities:

ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

Fondscore: [ ]

WKN: [ ]

Other Securities Code: [ ]

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("**Securities Act**") and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

#### **INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING**

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about the past and  
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the Underlying and its  
volatility can be  
obtained:

Series: *[Single Stock] Double Up Certificates Series [ ]*

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**INDEX BASKET DOUBLE UP CERTIFICATES**

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Series: Index Basket Double Up Certificates Series [ ]

Issue Price: [ ]

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] [specify]

Business Day: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Basket:

<b>Index</b>	<b>Strike Currency</b>	<b>Weight</b>
[ ] [Bloomberg Code: ]	[ ]	[ ]

Cash Amount: [If the Final Reference Price is greater than the Double Up Stop Level:  

$$[\text{amount}] + [\text{amount}] \times [ ]\% \times [(\text{Double Up Stop Level} / \text{Initial Reference Price}) - 1]$$
; or  
 If the Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Initial Reference Price but less than the Double Up Stop Level:  

$$[\text{amount}] + [\text{amount}] \times [ ]\% \times [(\text{Final Reference Price} / \text{Initial Reference Price}) - 1]$$
; or  
 If the Final Reference Price is less than the Initial Reference Price:  

$$[\text{amount}] \times (\text{Final Reference Price} / \text{Initial Reference Price}) ]$$
  
*[specify other]*

Double Up Stop Level: [ ]

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Exercise Date: [ ]

Final Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Initial Reference Price: [ ]

Index Closing Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Index Final Closing Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Index Initial Closing Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Pricing Date(s): [ ]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Settlement Currency: [ ]

Settlement Date: [The [third] Business Day following the Valuation Date] [*specify other*]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Strike Currency: [ ]

Valuation Date(s): [ ]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [ ]  
*(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the base prospectus under article 16 of the prospectus directive)*

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [ ]

ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

Fondscore: [ ]

WKN: [ ]

Other Securities Code: [ ]

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Series: *Index Basket Double Up Certificates Series [ ]*

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**STOCK BASKET DOUBLE UP CERTIFICATES**

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Series: Stock Basket Double Up Certificates Series [ ]

Issue Price: [ ]

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] [specify]

Basket:

Share	Share Company	Exchange	Strike Currency	Weight
[ ]	[[ISIN: [ ] ][Bloomberg: ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

Business Day: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Cash Amount: [If the Final Reference Price is greater than the Double Up Stop Level  
Initial Reference Price + Initial Reference Price x [ ]% x [(Double Up  
Stop Level / Initial Reference Price) - 1]; or  
If the Final Reference Price is greater than or equal to the Initial  
Reference Price but less than the Double Up Stop Level:  
Initial Reference Price + Initial Reference Price x [ ]% x [(Final  
Reference Price / Initial Reference Price) - 1]; or  
If the Final Reference Price is less than the Initial Reference Price:  
[amount] x (Final Reference Price / Initial Reference Price)]  
[*specify other*]

Double Up Stop Level [ ]

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Exercise Date: [ ]

Final Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Initial Reference Price: [ ]

Pricing Date(s): [ ]

Physical Settlement: [Applicable][Not Applicable]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Settlement Currency: [        ]

Settlement Date: [The [third] Business Day following the Valuation Date] [*specify other*]

Share Amount: [Not Applicable]

[If the Final Reference Price is less than the Initial Reference Price: [        ]]

[*specify other*]

Share Closing Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Share Final Closing Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Share Initial Closing Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Valuation Date(s): [        ]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [        ]  
*(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the base prospectus under article 16 of the prospectus directive)*

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [        ]

ISIN: [        ]

Common Code: [        ]

Fondscod: [        ]

WKN: [        ]

Other Securities Code: [        ]

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("**Securities Act**") and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States

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volatility can be obtained:

Series: *Stock Basket Double Up Certificates Series [ ]*

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**INTEREST RATE EXPRESS CERTIFICATES**

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Series:	<i>[interest rate] Express Certificates Series [ ]</i>		
Issue Price:	[ ]		
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>		
Basket:	<i>[Applicable]</i> [Not Applicable]		
<b>Certificate</b>	<b>Exchange</b>	<b>Reference Rate</b>	<b>Screen Page</b>
<i>[specify]</i> (ISIN: [ ])	<i>[specify]</i>	<i>[specify]</i>	<i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>		
Calculation Period:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Cash Amount:	<i>[specify]</i>		
Certificate:	[[ ] (ISIN: [ ]) [See Basket] [Not Applicable]		
Current Barrier Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1 and rounded to the next two decimal places] [The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date is [ ]] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Current Premium:	[ %] [Not Applicable]		
Current Spread:	[ %] [Not Applicable]		
Current Strike Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is [ ]] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Early Termination Amount:	[ ] [Not Applicable]		
Early Termination Date:	[ ] [Not Applicable]		
Early Termination Event:	[The Final Reference Price of the[Reference Rate][Certificate][Basket Constituent] on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than [its/the] Initial Reference Price] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>		
Entitlement:	[ ] [Not Applicable]		
Exchange:	[ ] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]		
Exchange Business Day:	[Any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event would have been) a trading day on the Exchange, other than a day on which trading on the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Exercise Date:	[ ]		
Express Long:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]		
Express Short:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]		
Final Reference Price:	[[In relation to a Reference Rate,] the price of the Reference Rate at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Early		

Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] *[specify other]*

Funding Cost: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Initial Reference Price: [[In relation to a Reference Rate,] the price of the Reference Rate at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] *[specify other]*

Interest: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Interest Amount: [[EUR ] x Interest Rate x Interest Rate Day Count Fraction] *[specify other]*

Interest Payment Dates: [[ ] [and [ ]]] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date, with the first Interest Payment Date being [ ] [Not Applicable] *[specify other]*

Interest Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Interest Rate: [In respect of the *[specify]* Interest Period[s], [ ] per cent. per annum]  
[In respect of the *[specify]* Interest Period[s], the rate determined in accordance with the following formula:  
*[specify]*]  
[Not Applicable] *[specify other]*

Interest Rate Day Count Fraction: [The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]  
[The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month)))]  
[Not Applicable] *[specify other]*

Issuer Call: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Issuer Call Cash Amount: [Not Applicable] *[specify]*

Issuer Call Commencement Date: [Not Applicable] *[specify]*

Issuer Call Notice Period: [Not Applicable] [one calendar month] *[specify]*

Launch Date: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Pricing Date(s): [ ]

Reference Banks: [five] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Reference Rate: [The [ ] rate published on the Screen Page [(quoted on a [*specify*] basis)] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purposes of :  
 Early Termination Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]  
 Valuation Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]  
 Issuer Call Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Reset Date: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Screen Page: [[ ] Screen: Page [ ]] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]

Settlement Currency: [ ]

Settlement Date: [Second Business Day following the Early Termination Date] if an Early Termination Event has occurred, the second Business Day following the Issuer Call Date if an Issuer Call has occurred and] [the Exercise Date] [*specify other*]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Underlying Currency: [ ]

Valuation Date(s): [[[Second] Business Day before] the Exercise Date] [*specify other*]

Valuation Time: [11.00 Frankfurt time][*specify other*]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [ ]  
*(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [ ]

ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

Fondscod: [ ]

WKN: [ ]

Other Securities Code: [ ]

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Series: *[interest rate] Express Certificates Series [ ]*

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**COMMODITY EXPRESS CERTIFICATES**

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Series:	[commodity] Express Certificates Series [ ]
Issue Price:	[ ]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] [Specify]
Basket:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
<b>Certificate</b>	<b>Commodity</b> <b>Screen Page</b> <b>Exchange</b>
[specify] (ISIN: [ ])	[specify]                      [specify]                      [specify]
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]
Calculation Period:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other] [Not Applicable]
Cash Amount:	[specify]
Certificate:	[[ ] (ISIN: [ ]) [See Basket] [Not Applicable]
Commodity:	[[ ] (Screen Page [ ])] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]
Current Barrier Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1 and rounded to the next two decimal places] [The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date is [ ]] [specify other] [Not Applicable]
Current Premium:	[ %] [Not Applicable]
Current Spread:	[ %] [Not Applicable]
Current Strike Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is [ ]] [specify other] [Not Applicable]
Early Termination Amount:	[ ] [Not Applicable]
Early Termination Date:	[ ] [Not Applicable]
Early Termination Event:	[The Final Reference Price of the [Commodity][Certificate][Basket Constituent] on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than the Initial Reference Price] [specify other] [Not Applicable]
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]
Entitlement:	[ ] [Not Applicable]
Exchange:	[ ] [See Basket]
Exchange Business Day:	[Any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event would have been) a trading day on the Exchange, other than a day on which trading on the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time] [specify other] [Not Applicable]
Exercise Date	[ ]
Express Long:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
Express Short:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]
Final Reference Price:	[In relation to a Commodity,] the price of the Commodity at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the

fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] [*specify other*]

Funding Cost: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Initial Reference Price: [In relation to a Commodity,] the price of the Commodity at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] [*specify other*]

Interest: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Interest Amount: [[EUR ] x Interest Rate x Interest Rate Day Count Fraction] [*specify other*]

Interest Payment Dates: [[ ] [and [ ]]] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date, with the first Interest Payment Date being [ ] [Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Interest Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Interest Rate: [In respect of the [*specify*] Interest Period[s], [ ] per cent. per annum]

[In respect of the [*specify*] Interest Period[s], the rate determined in accordance with the following formula:

[*specify*]]

[Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Interest Rate Day Count Fraction: [The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]

[The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month)))]

[Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Issuer Call: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Issuer Call Cash Amount: [Not Applicable] [*specify*]

Issuer Call Commencement Date: [Not Applicable] [*specify*]

Issuer Call Notice Period: [Not Applicable] [one calendar month] [*specify*]

Launch Date: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Pricing Date(s): [ ]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purposes of :  
 Early Termination Date:[5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]  
 Valuation Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]  
 Issuer Call Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Reset Date: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Settlement Currency: [ ]

Settlement Date: [Second Business Day following the Early Termination Date] if an Early Termination Event has occurred, the second Business Day following the Issuer Call Date if an Issuer Call has occurred and] [the Exercise Date] [*specify other*]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Underlying Currency: [ ]

Valuation Date(s): [[Second] Business Day before] the Exercise Date [*specify other*]

Valuation Time: [ ]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [ ]  
*(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [ ]

ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

Fondscore: [ ]

WKN: [ ]

Other Securities Code: [ ]

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Series: *[commodity] Express Certificates Series [ ]*  
*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**EQUITY EXPRESS CERTIFICATES**

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Series: *[equity] Express Certificates Series [ ]*

Issue Price: [ ]

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] *[Specify]*

Basket: *[Applicable]* [Not Applicable]

<b>Certificate</b>	<b>Share:</b>	<b>Share Company</b>	<b>Exchange</b>
<i>[specify]</i> [ ]	(ISIN: <i>[specify]</i> [ ] )	(ISIN: <i>[specify]</i> (Bloomberg Code: [ ] )	<i>[specify]</i>

Business Day: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Calculation Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Cash Amount: *[specify]*

Certificate: [[ ] (ISIN: [ ] ) [See Basket] [Not Applicable]

Current Barrier Level: [As stated in Product Condition 1 and rounded to the next two decimal places] [The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date is [ ] ] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Current Premium: [ %] [Not Applicable]

Current Spread: [ %] [Not Applicable]

Current Strike Level: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is [ ] ] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Amount: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Date: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Event: [The Final Reference Price of the [Share][Certificate][Basket Constituent] on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than the Initial Reference Price] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Entitlement: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Exchange: [ ] [See Basket]

Exchange Business Day: [Any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event would have been) a trading day on the Exchange, other than a day on which trading on the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Exercise Date: [ ]

Express Long: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Express Short: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Final Reference Price: [[In relation to a Share,] the price of the Share on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair

market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] [*specify other*]

Funding Cost: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Initial Reference Price: [[In relation to a Share,] the price of the Share on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] [*specify other*]

Interest: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Interest Amount: [[EUR ] x Interest Rate x Interest Rate Day Count Fraction] [*specify other*]

Interest Payment Dates: [[ ] [and [ ]]] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date, with the first Interest Payment Date being [ ] [Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Interest Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Interest Rate: [In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], [ ] per cent. per annum]  
[In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], the rate determined in accordance with the following formula:  
[specify]]  
[Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Interest Rate Day Count Fraction: [The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]  
[The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month))]  
[Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Issuer Call: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Issuer Call Cash Amount: [Not Applicable] [*specify*]

Issuer Call Commencement Date: [Not Applicable] [*specify*]

Issuer Call Notice Period: [Not Applicable] [one calendar month] [*specify*]

Launch Date: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Notional Dividend Amount: [Applicable] [Not Applicable] [As specified in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Notional Dividend Period: [Applicable] [Not Applicable] [As specified in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Pricing Date(s): [ ]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purposes of:  
 Early Termination Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]  
 Valuation Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]  
 Issuer Call Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Reset Date: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other] [Not Applicable]

Settlement Currency: [ ]

Settlement Date: [Second Business Day following the Early Termination Date] if an Early Termination Event has occurred, the second Business Day following the Issuer Call Date if an Issuer Call has occurred and [the Exercise Date] [specify other]

Share: [[ ] ISIN: [ ]] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]

Share Company: [[ ] (Bloomberg Code: [ ]) [See Basket] [Not Applicable]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Underlying Currency: [ ]

Valuation Date(s): [[Second] Business Day before] the Exercise Date [specify other]

Valuation Time: [The close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to the Share] [specify other]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [ ]  
*(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [ ]

ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

Fondscore: [ ]

WKN: [ ]

Other Securities Code: [ ]

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("**Securities Act**") and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States

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**INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING**

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Series: *[equity] Express Certificates Series [ ]*

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**INDEX EXPRESS CERTIFICATES**

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Series:	<i>[index] Express Certificates Series [ ]</i>		
Issue Price:	[ ]		
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[specify]</i>		
Basket:	<i>[Applicable]</i> [Not Applicable]		
	<b>Certificate</b>	<b>Index</b>	<b>Bloomberg Code</b>
	<i>[specify]</i> [ ]	(ISIN: <i>[specify]</i> [ ])	<i>[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>		
Calculation Period:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Cash Amount:	<i>[specify]</i>		
Certificate:	[[ ] (ISIN: [ ]) [See Basket] [Not Applicable]		
Current Barrier Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1 and rounded to the next two decimal places] [The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date is [ ]] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Current Premium:	[ %] [Not Applicable]		
Current Spread:	[ %] [Not Applicable]		
Current Strike Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is [ ]] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Early Termination Amount:	[ ] [Not Applicable]		
Early Termination Date:	[ ] [Not Applicable]		
Early Termination Event:	[The Final Reference Price of the [Index][Certificate][Basket Constituent] on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than the Initial Reference Price] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>		
Entitlement:	[ ] [Not Applicable]		
Exchange Business Day:	[Any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event would have been) a trading day on the Exchange, other than a day on which trading on the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]		
Exercise Date:	[ ]		
Express Long:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]		
Express Short:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]		
Final Reference Price:	[[In relation to an Index,] the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be, as		

determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] [*specify other*]

Funding Cost: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Index: [[ ]] (Bloomberg Code: [ ]) [See Basket] [Not Applicable]

Initial Reference Price: [[In relation to an Index,] the level of the Index at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] [*specify other*]

Interest: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Interest Amount: [[EUR ] x Interest Rate x Interest Rate Day Count Fraction] [*specify other*]

Interest Payment Dates: [[ ] [and [ ]] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date, with the first Interest Payment Date being [ ]] [Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Interest Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Interest Rate: [In respect of the [*specify*] Interest Period[s], [ ] per cent. per annum]

[In respect of the [*specify*] Interest Period[s], the rate determined in accordance with the following formula:

[*specify*]]

[Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Interest Rate Day Count Fraction: [The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]

[The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month)))]

[Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Issuer Call: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Issuer Call Cash Amount: [Not Applicable] [*specify*]

Issuer Call Commencement Date: [Not Applicable] [*specify*]

Issuer Call Notice Period: [Not Applicable] [one calendar month] [*specify*]

Launch Date: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Notional Dividend [Applicable] [Not Applicable] [As specified in Product Condition 1]

Amount: [specify other]

Notional Dividend Period: [Applicable] [Not Applicable] [As specified in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Pricing Date(s): [ ]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purposes of:  
 Early Termination Date:[5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]  
 Valuation Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]  
 Issuer Call Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Reset Date: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other] [Not Applicable]

Settlement Currency: [ ]

Settlement Date: [Second Business Day following the Early Termination Date] if an Early Termination Event has occurred, the second Business Day following the Issuer Call Date if an Issuer Call has occurred and] [the Exercise Date] [specify other]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Underlying Currency: [ ]

Valuation Date(s): [[Second] Business Day before] the Exercise Date] [specify other]

Valuation Time: [The time with reference to which the Index Sponsor calculates the closing level of the relevant Index] [specify other]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [ ]  
*(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [ ]

ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

Fondscod: [ ]

WKN: [ ]

Other Securities Code: [ ]

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**INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING**

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obtained:

Series: *[index] Express Certificates Series [ ]*

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**CURRENCY EXPRESS CERTIFICATES**

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Series:	<i>[currency] Express Certificates Series [ ]</i>			
Issue Price:	[ ]			
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] <i>[Specify]</i>			
Basket:	<i>[Applicable]</i> [Not Applicable]			
<b>Certificate</b>	<b>Exchange</b>	<b>Underlying Rate</b>	<b>FX</b>	<b>Screen Page</b>
<i>[specify]</i> (ISIN: [ ])	<i>[specify]</i>	<i>[specify]</i>		<i>[[specify]</i>
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>			
Calculation Period:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]			
Cash Amount:	<i>[specify]</i>			
Certificate:	[[ ]] (ISIN: [ ]) [See Basket] [Not Applicable]			
Current Barrier Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1 and rounded to the next two decimal places] [The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date is [ ]] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]			
Current Premium:	[ %] [Not Applicable]			
Current Spread:	[ %] [Not Applicable]			
Current Strike Level:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is [ ]] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]			
Early Termination Amount:	[ ] [Not Applicable]			
Early Termination Date:	[ ] [Not Applicable]			
Early Termination Event:	[The Final Reference Price of the [Underlying FX Rate][Certificate][Basket Constituent] on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than [its/the] Initial Reference Price] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]			
Emerging Market Disruption Events:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] <i>[specify other]</i>			
Entitlement:	[ ] [Not Applicable]			
Exchange:	[ ] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]			
Exchange Business Day:	[Any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event would have been) a trading day on the Exchange, other than a day on which trading on the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time] <i>[specify other]</i> [Not Applicable]			
Exercise Date:	[ ]			
Express Long:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]			
Express Short:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable]			
Final Reference Price:	[[In relation to an Underlying FX Rate,] the bid price of the Underlying FX Rate at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer			

Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] *[specify other]*

Funding Cost: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Initial Reference Price: [[In relation to an Underlying FX Rate,] the bid price of the Underlying FX Rate at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] *[specify other]*

Interest: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Interest Amount: [[EUR ] x Interest Rate x Interest Rate Day Count Fraction] *[specify other]*

Interest Payment Dates: [[ ] [and [ ]]] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date, with the first Interest Payment Date being [ ] [Not Applicable] *[specify other]*

Interest Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Interest Rate: [In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], [ ] per cent. per annum]

[In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], the rate determined in accordance with the following formula:

*[specify]*

[Not Applicable] *[specify other]*

Interest Rate Day Count Fraction: [The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]

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[Not Applicable] *[specify other]*

Issuer Call: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Issuer Call Cash Amount: [Not Applicable] *[specify]*

Issuer Call Commencement Date: [Not Applicable] *[specify]*

Issuer Call Notice Period: [Not Applicable] [one calendar month] *[specify]*

Launch Date: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Pricing Date(s): [ ]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purposes of :  
 Early Termination Date:[5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]  
 Valuation Date:[5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]  
 Issuer Call Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Reset Date: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Screen Page: [[ ] Screen: Page [ ]] [See Basket]

Settlement Currency: [ ]

Settlement Date: [Second Business Day following the Early Termination Date] if an Early Termination Event has occurred, the second Business Day following the Issuer Call Date if an Issuer Call has occurred and] [the Exercise Date] [*specify other*]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Underlying Currency: [ ]

Underlying FX Rate: [[ ] (Bloomberg Code: [ ])] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]

Valuation Date(s): [[Second] Business Day before] the Exercise Date [*specify other*]

Valuation Time: [ ]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [ ]  
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ISIN: [ ]

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Series: *[currency] Express Certificates Series [ ]*  
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**REFERENCE ASSET EXPRESS CERTIFICATES**

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Series: [reference asset] Express Certificates Series [ ]

Issue Price: [ ]

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] [Specify]

Basket: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

<b>Certificate</b>	<b>Reference Asset</b>	<b>Screen Page</b>	<b>Exchange</b>
[specify] (ISIN: [ ])	[specify]	[specify]	[specify]

Business Day: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Calculation Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other] [Not Applicable]

Cash Amount: [specify]

Certificate: [[ ] (ISIN: [ ])] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]

Current Barrier Level: [As stated in Product Condition 1 and rounded to the next two decimal places] [The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date is [ ]] [specify other] [Not Applicable]

Current Premium: [ %] [Not Applicable]

Current Spread: [ %] [Not Applicable]

Current Strike Level: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is [ ]] [specify other] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Amount: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Date: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Event: [The Final Reference Price of the [Reference Asset][Certificate][Basket Constituent] on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than the Initial Reference Price] [specify other] [Not Applicable]

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Entitlement: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Exchange: [ ] [See Basket]

Exchange Business Day: [Any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Market Disruption Event would have been) a trading day on the Exchange, other than a day on which trading on the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time] [specify other] [Not Applicable]

Exercise Date [ ]

Express Long: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Express Short: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Final Reference Price: [In relation to a Reference Asset,] the price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be, adjusted for any reasonable market making spreads] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Early

Termination Date, Issuer Call Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] [*specify other*]

Initial Reference Price: [In relation to a Reference Asset,] the price of the Reference Asset on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date adjusted for any reasonable market making spreads] [[In relation to a Certificate,] the fair market value of the Certificate at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date, as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent in its reasonable discretion based on the price of the underlying product to which the Certificate is linked] [*specify other*]

Interest: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Interest Amount: [[EUR ] x Interest Rate x Interest Rate Day Count Fraction] [*specify other*]

Interest Payment Dates: [[ ] [and [ ]]] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date, with the first Interest Payment Date being [ ] [Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Interest Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Interest Rate: [In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], [ ] per cent. per annum]

[In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], the rate determined in accordance with the following formula:

[specify]]

[Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Interest Rate Day Count Fraction: [The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]

[The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month)))]

[Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Issuer Call: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Issuer Call Cash Amount: [Not Applicable] [*specify*]

Issuer Call Commencement Date: [Not Applicable] [*specify*]

Issuer Call Notice Period: [Not Applicable] [one calendar month] [*specify*]

Handling Cost: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Launch Date: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Pricing Date(s): [ ]

Reference Asset: [[ ] (Screen Page [ ])] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Reset Date: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purposes of :  
 Early Termination Date:[5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]  
 Valuation Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]  
 Issuer Call Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Rollover Date: [the prompt date of the Reference Asset with an expiry month preceding the current existing Reference Asset]  
 [a date, being a Trading Day, as selected by the Issuer within the last 10 Trading Days prior to the last Trading Day of the Reference Asset]  
 [a date, being a Trading Day, as selected by the Issuer within the last 10 Trading Days prior to the last Trading Day of the Reference Asset with an expiry month preceding the existing Reference Asset]  
 [the period ending not less than 10 Trading Days prior to the first notice date of the Reference Asset]  
 [the period within the last 10 Trading Days prior to first notice date of the Reference Asset]

Rollover Ratio:  $[(A-B)/(C+D)] \times E$  where (i) A is the Reference Asset Price; (ii) B is the Transaction Charge multiplied by the Reference Asset Price; (iii) C is the Substitute Asset Price; (iv) D is the Transaction Charge multiplied by the Substitute Asset Price and (v) E is the immediately preceding Rollover Ratio] [*specify other*]

Rollover Spread; [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Rollover Time: [In the course of the usual Trading Hours on the Exchange (currently [11.02am to 8.30pm Central European Time])] [*specify other*]

Settlement Currency: [ ]

Settlement Date: [Second Business Day following the Early Termination Date] if an Early Termination Event has occurred, the second Business Day following the Issuer Call Date if an Issuer Call has occurred and] [the Exercise Date] [*specify other*]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Transaction Charge: [ % adjusted on each Rollover Date by the Calculation Agent subject to a maximum of [ %]][Not Applicable]

Underlying Currency: [ ]

Valuation Date(s): [[Second] Business Day before] the Exercise Date [*specify other*]

Valuation Time: [ ]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [ ]  
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*under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

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ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

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Series: *[reference asset] Express Certificates Series [ ]*

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**FUND EXPRESS CERTIFICATES**

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Series: *[Fund] Express Certificates Series [ ]*

Issue Price: [ ]

Additional Fund Events: [None] *[Specify]*

Basket: *[Applicable]* [Not Applicable]

<b>[Reference Asset]</b>	<b>[Fund]</b>	<b>Exchange</b>
<i>[specify]</i>	<i>[specify]</i> (Bloomberg Code: [ ])	<i>[specify]</i>

Business Day: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Calculation Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Cash Amount: *[Specify Cash Amount or formula for Cash Amount]*

Current Barrier Level: [As stated in Product Condition 1 and rounded to the next two decimal places] [The Current Barrier Level on the Launch Date is [ ]] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Current Premium: [ %] [Not Applicable]

Current Spread: [ %] [Not Applicable]

Current Strike Level: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [The Current Strike Level on the Launch Date is [ ]] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Amount: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Date: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Event: [The Final Reference Price [of the Least Performing Basket Constituent] on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than the Initial Reference Price] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]

Emerging Market Disruption Event: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]*[specify other]*

Entitlement: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Exchange: [ ] [See Basket]

Exchange Business Day: [Any day that is (or but for the occurrence of a Fund Event or Emerging Market Disruption Event would have been) a trading day on the Exchange, other than a day on which trading on the Exchange is scheduled to close prior to its regular weekday closing time ] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Exercise Date: [ ]

Express Long: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Express Short: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Final Reference Price: [[In relation to a Fund,] an amount equal to the NAV of the [Least Performing Basket Constituent that is a] Fund as quoted by the fund manager of the Fund on the Valuation Date or the Early Termination Date, as the case may be]

[[In relation to a Fund that is an exchange traded fund,] the trading price of the [Least Performing Basket Constituent that is a] Reference Asset on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Early Termination Date or the Valuation Date, as the case may be] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Fund: [*specify*] (Bloomberg Code: [ ])

Funding Cost: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Initial Reference Price: [[In relation to a Fund,] an amount equal to the NAV of the [Least Performing Basket Constituent that is a] Fund as quoted by the fund manager of the Fund on the Pricing Date]

[In relation to a Fund that is an exchange traded fund,] the trading price of the [Least Performing Basket Constituent that is a] Reference Asset on the Exchange at the Valuation Time on the Pricing Date] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Interest: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Interest Amount: [[*currency* ] x Interest Rate x Interest Rate Day Count Fraction] [*specify other*]

Interest Payment Dates: [[ ] [and [ ]]] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date, with the first Interest Payment Date being [ ] [Not

	Applicable]
	[specify other]
Interest Period:	[As stated in Product Condition 1 ] [specify other] [Not Applicable]
Interest Rate:	[In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], [ ] per cent, per annum]
	[In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], the rate determined in accordance with the following formula:
	[specify]]
	[Not Applicable] [specify other]
Interest Rate Day Count Fraction:	[The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that Fraction: for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]
	[The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day; months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month)))]
	[Not Applicable] [specify other]
Launch Date:	[ ] [Not Applicable]
Least Performing Basket Constituent:	[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies] [specify other]
	[Not Applicable]
Notional Dividend Amount:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable] [As specified in Product Condition 1] [specify other]
Notional Dividend Period:	[Applicable] [Not Applicable] [As specified in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Pricing Date(s): [ ]

Reference Asset: [[ ] of the Fund (ISIN: [ ])] [See Basket] [*Specify other*]

Relevant Currency: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies][*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purposes of:  
 Early Termination Date: [180]  
 Valuation Date: [180]

Reset Date: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Settlement Currency: [ ]

Settlement Date: [[Third Business Day following] [ the Early Termination Date if an Early Termination Event has occurred or] [the Valuation Date] [*specify other*]

Standard Currency: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies][*specify other*]

Underlying Currency: [ ]

Valuation Date(s): [[Second] Business Day before] the Exercise Date] [*specify other*]

Valuation Time: [The close of trading on the relevant Exchange in relation to a Reference Asset where the Fund is an exchange traded fund] [*specify other*]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [ ]  
*(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [ ]

ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

Fondscore: [ ]

WKN: [ ]

Other Securities Code: [ ]

Sales Restriction:

The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("**Securities Act**") and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

## INFORMATION ON THE UNDERLYING

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the past and future performance  
of the Underlying and its  
volatility can be obtained:

Series: *[Fund] Express Certificates Series [ ]*

*[repeat as above for each new  
Series]*

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**INDEX AND INFLATION INDEX EXPRESS CERTIFICATES**

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Series: *[Index and Inflation Index] Express Certificates Series [ ]*

Issue Price: [ ]

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] *[specify]*

Basket: *[Applicable]* [Not Applicable]

<b>Index</b>	<b>Inflation Index</b>	<b>Bloomberg Code</b>
<i>[specify]</i>	<i>[specify]</i>	<i>[specify]</i>

Business Day: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Cash Amount: [(i) If the Index Final Reference Price is equal to or greater than the Index Initial Reference Price:  
 [Issue Price]  
 $\times \left[ 1 + \max \left( \frac{HICP_T - HICP_0}{HICP_0}, [90\%] \times \frac{\text{Index IRP} - \text{Index FRP}}{\text{Index IRP}} \right) \right]$  (ii) If the Index Final Reference Price is less than the Index Initial Reference Price:  
 [Issue Price]

Where:

HICP<sub>T</sub> is the Inflation Index Final Reference Price for the Valuation Month in the year [ ];

HICP<sub>0</sub> is the Inflation Index Final Reference Price for the Valuation Month in the year [ ];  
*[Specify other]*

Early Termination Amount: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Date: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Event: The Index Final Reference Price on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than the Index Initial Reference Price] *[specify other]* [Not Applicable]<sup>1</sup>

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

Entitlement: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Exercise Date: [ ]

Index: [[ ] (Bloomberg Code: [ ])] [See Basket] [Not Applicable]

Index Final Reference Price (“Index FRP”): [As stated in Product Condition 1] *[specify other]*

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<sup>1</sup> Early Termination Event is only linked to the level of an Index

Index Initial Reference Price (“Index IRP”): [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Inflation Index: [[Inflation Index] published on a [monthly] [other] basis by the [ ], as displayed on Bloomberg ‘[ ] <Index>’ (or such other page as may replace that page, or such other information service as may be selected by the Calculation Agent, acting in its sole and absolute discretion, for the purpose of displaying the Inflation Index)] [*specify other*]

Inflation Index Final Reference Price: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Interest: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Interest Amount: [[EUR ] x Interest Rate x Interest Rate Day Count Fraction] [*specify other*]

Interest Payment Dates: [[ ] [and [ ]] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date, with the first Interest Payment Date being [ ]] [Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Interest Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Interest Rate: [In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], [ ] per cent. per annum]  
 [In respect of the [specify] Interest Period[s], the rate determined in accordance with the following formula:  
 [*specify*]]  
 [Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Interest Rate Day Count Fraction: [The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]  
 [The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month)))]  
 [Not Applicable] [*specify other*]

Issuer Call: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Issuer Call Cash Amount: [Not Applicable] [*specify*]

Issuer Call Commencement Date: [Not Applicable] [*specify*]

Issuer Call Notice Period: [Not Applicable] [one calendar month] [*specify*]

Launch Date: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Pricing Date(s): [ ]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Months: [2] [specify other]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purposes of:  
 Early Termination Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]  
 Valuation Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]  
 Issuer Call Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]

Settlement Currency: [ ]

Settlement Date: [Second Business Day following the Early Termination Date] if an Early Termination Event has occurred, the second Business Day following the Issuer Call Date if an Issuer Call has occurred or] [the Valuation Date] [specify other]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Underlying Currency: [ ]

Valuation Date(s): [The Exercise Date] [specify other]

Valuation Month(s): [ ]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions: [ ]  
*(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [ ]

ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

Fondscod: [ ]

WKN: [ ]

Other Securities Code: [ ]

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("**Securities Act**") and the Securities may not be exercised, offered, sold, transferred or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

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Series: *[Index and Inflation Index] Express Certificates Series [ ]*  
*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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## EQUITY CERTIFICATES

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Series:	[Share] Certificates due [ ] Series [ ]
Issue Price:	[ ]
Additional Market Disruption Events:	[None] [specify]
Business Day:	[As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]
Cash Amount:	[Participation x Final Reference Price x Entitlement] [specify other]
Cash Settled Securities:	[Applicable][Not Applicable]
Dividend Amount Days:	[five][three][specify other] Business Days
Entitlement:	[ ]
Exchange:	[ ]
Exercise Date:	[ ]
Exercise Date Extension Option:	[Applicable: [10 Business Days' notice][notice prior to the Exercise Date][specify other]] [Not Applicable]
Expiration Date:	[The date falling 3 months after the Settlement Date] [specify other]
Final Reference Price:	[As stated in Product Condition 1 applies][specify other]
Final Reference Price Period:	[a period of twenty four continuous months commencing from and including the Valuation Date] [specify other]
Force Majeure Event Period:	[either (i) a period of twelve continuous months from and including the day by which the sale of all Shares comprising the Parcel has been completed or (ii) in the event that the sale of all Shares comprising the Parcel has not been completed by the last day of a twenty four continuous month period commencing from and including the Valuation Date, for a period of twelve continuous months from but excluding the last day of such twenty four continuous month period] [specify other]
Form:	[Global Registered] [Global Bearer]
FX Market Disruption Event:	[Any of the following: [(A) it becomes impossible to obtain the prevailing Exchange Rate on the Valuation Date; or (B) the occurrence of any event which (i) generally makes it impossible to convert the currencies in the Exchange

Rate through customary legal channels for conducting such conversion in the principal financial centre of the Settlement Currency or Underlying Currency or (ii) generally makes it impossible to deliver the Settlement Currency or Underlying Currency from accounts in the country of the principal financial centre of the Settlement Currency or Underlying Currency, respectively, to accounts outside such jurisdiction or between accounts in such jurisdiction or to a party that is a non-resident of such jurisdiction; or (C) any other event similar to any of the above, which could make it impracticable or impossible for the Issuer to perform its obligations in relation to the Securities]

Any determination by the Calculation Agent that at any time a FX Market Disruption Event has occurred shall be final and binding on the Issuer and the Holder] [*specify other*]

[Not Applicable]<sup>2</sup>

Indian Selling Restriction: The text set out in the Base Prospectus applies[, subject to [*specify any relevant amendments*]]

Participation: [ ] per cent.

Payment Day Period: [a period of twelve continuous months from and including the day on which the Final Reference Price is determined] [*specify other*]

Physical Delivery Securities: [Applicable][Not Applicable] Equity certificates may only be physically settled by non-U.S. persons.

Settlement Currency: [US dollars][*specify other*]

Settlement Date: [second][tenth][eleventh][*specify other*] Business Day following the Valuation Date, save that in the event that a Market Disruption Event [or a FX Market Disruption Event]<sup>3</sup> causes the Final Reference Price to be computed later than the Valuation Date as provided in the definition of Final Reference Price, the Settlement Date shall be the [*specify*] Business Day after the Final Reference Price is determined

Share: The [ordinary][*specify other*] share of the Share Company (ISIN: [ ])

Share Company: [ ]

[Potential investors in the Securities are referred to the Indian selling restriction contained in the Base Prospectus [and the amendments to such selling restriction detailed under “Indian Selling Restriction”

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<sup>2</sup> insert Not Applicable if not Taiwan, Chinese or Indian underlying

<sup>3</sup> insert if Taiwan, Chinese or Indian underlying

above]]<sup>4</sup>

Underlying Currency: [    ]

Amendments to General Conditions and/or Product Conditions [    ]  
*(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

Amendments to the Offering Procedure for the Securities: [    ]

ISIN: [    ]

Common Code: [    ]

Fondscore: [    ]

WKN: [    ]

Other Securities Code: [    ]

Sales Restriction: The Securities have not been registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the **Securities Act**) or the securities laws of any state or political subdivision of the United States, and may not be offered, sold, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to the requirements of the Securities Act and any applicable U.S. state securities laws. The Securities are being offered and sold only: (i) outside the United States to persons other than U.S. persons (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) in offshore transactions that meet the requirements of Regulation S under the Securities Act (**Regulation S**); and (ii) only with respect to the Securities in registered form, to U.S. persons who are "qualified institutional buyers" (as defined in Rule 144A of the Securities Act). Furthermore, trading in the Securities has not been approved by the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended and no U.S. person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the Securities.

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<sup>4</sup> insert if Indian Share Company

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future performance of the Underlying and  
its volatility can be obtained:

Series: [Share] Certificates due [ ] Series [ ]

*[repeat as above for each new Series]*

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**MULTI-ASSET BASKET LINKED CERTIFICATES**

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Series: *Multi-Asset Basket Linked Certificates due [ ] [Specify other]*

Issue Price: [ ]

Additional Fund Events: [None] *[Specify other]*

Additional Market Disruption Events: [None] *[Specify other]*

Events:

Basket:

<b>["Basket Constituent"</b>	<b>"Weight"</b>	<b>"Share Company"</b>	<b>"Exchange"</b>	<b>"Basket Constituent Currency"</b>
<i>[specify each Basket Constituent and Bloomberg Code]</i>	<i>[Specify % Weight]</i>	<i>[Specify]</i>	<i>[Specify]</i>	<i>[Specify]</i>
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["Commodity4"]				
["Index1"]				
["Index2"]				
["Index3"]				
["Index4"]				
["Index5"]				
["Share1"]				
["Share2"]				



Early Termination Amount: [Specify other] [Not Applicable]  
[ ] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Date: [ ] [Not Applicable]

Early Termination Event: [The Final Reference Price [of the [Certificate] [Commodity] [Fund] [FX Rate] [Index] [Share] Basket Constituent]] on the Early Termination Date is equal to or higher than [its/the] [Certificate] [Commodity] [Fund] [FX Rate] [Index] [Share] Initial Reference Price] [specify other] [Not Applicable]

Emerging Market Disruption Events: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [specify other]

Entitlement: [Specify] [Not Applicable]

Exercise Date: [ ]

Fund Final Reference Price (FFRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]  
[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Fund Initial Reference Price (FIRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]  
[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Fund Reference Price: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]  
[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Fund Return: [Specify] [Not Applicable]

FX Rate Final Reference Price (FXFRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]  
[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

FX Rate Initial Reference Price (FXIRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]  
[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

FX Rate Reference Price: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]  
[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

FX Rate Return:  

$$25\% \times \frac{\text{FXFRPof FXRate1}}{\text{FXIRPof FXRate1}} + 25\% \times \frac{\text{FXFRPof FXRate2}}{\text{FXIRPof FXRate2}} + 16.67\% \times \frac{\text{FXFRPof FXRate3}}{\text{FXIRPof FXRate3}}$$

$$+ 16.67\% \times \frac{\text{FXFRPof FXRate4}}{\text{FXIRPof FXRate4}} + 16.66\% \times \frac{\text{FXFRPof FXRate5}}{\text{FXIRPof FXRate5}}$$
[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Index Final Reference Price (IFRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]  
[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Index Initial Reference Price (IIRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]  
[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Index Reference Price: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]  
[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Index Return:  $25\% \times \frac{\text{IFRP of Index1}}{\text{IIRP of Index1}} + 25\% \times \frac{\text{IFRP of Index2}}{\text{IIRP of Index2}} + 25\% \times \frac{\text{IFRP of Index3}}{\text{IIRP of Index3}} + 25\%$   
[Specify other] [Not Applicable]

Interest: [Applicable] [Not Applicable]

Interest Amount [Specify] [Not Applicable]

Interest Payment Dates: [Not Applicable]  
[ ] [and [ ]] in each year up to and including the Maturity Date, with the first Interest Payment Date being [ ] [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]  
[Specify other]

Interest Period: [As stated in Product Condition 1][specify other][Not Applicable]

Interest Rate: [Not Applicable]  
[[ ] per cent.] [per annum]  
[The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]  
[Specify other]

Interest Rate Day Count Fraction: [Not Applicable]  
[The actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 365 save that for a portion which any such period falls in a leap year, the number of days in such portion shall be divided by 366]  
[The number of days in the relevant period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (i) the last day of the Interest Period is the 31<sup>st</sup> day of a month but the first day of the Interest Period is a day other than the 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (ii) the last day of the Interest Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30 day month)))]  
[Specify other]

Issuer Call: [Not Applicable] [Applicable]

Issuer Call Cash Amount: [Not Applicable] [Cash Amount] [Specify other]

Issuer Call Commencement Date: [Not Applicable] [Specify other]

Issuer Call Date: [Not Applicable] [Specify other] [See Issuer notice of call]

Issuer Call Notice Period: [Not Applicable] [Specify other]

Relevant Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Relevant Number of Trading Days: For the purpose of:  
 Early Termination Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]  
 Issuer Call Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]  
 Valuation Date: [5, or in respect of an Emerging Market Disruption Event only, 180]  
 [Not Applicable]

Settlement Currency: [ ]

Settlement Date: [The fifth Business Day following (i) the Issuer Call Date following an Issuer Call, (ii) the Early Termination Date if an Early Termination Event has occurred or (iii) the Valuation Date]]  
 [*Specify other*]

Share Final Reference Price (SFRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]  
 [*Specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Share Initial Reference Price (SIRP): [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]  
 [*Specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Share Reference Price: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]  
 [*Specify other*] [Not Applicable]

Share Return: [*Specify*] [Not Applicable]

Standard Currency: [As stated in Product Condition 1] [*specify other*]

Trading Day: [The definition in Product Condition 1 applies]  
 [*Specify other*]

Valuation Date(s): [ ]

Valuation Time: [(i) in respect of each Index, Fund, Certificate and Share the definition in Product Condition 1 applies, (ii) in respect of each Commodity [The time of the London [morning] [daily] fixing currently [10:30am] [12:15pm] London time] [The time at which the Exchange publishes the daily closing price] and (iii) in respect of each FX Rate [11.00 hours Central European Time] ]  
 [*Specify other*]

ISIN: [ ]

Common Code: [ ]

Fondscod: [Not Applicable]

[Specify other]

Other Securities Code: [Not Applicable]

[Specify other]

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Indication of yield: [Not Applicable]

[Specify other]

Amendments to General [Not Applicable]

Conditions or Product [Specify other]

Conditions:

*(When making any such amendments consideration should be given to as to whether such terms constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive)*

Amendments to the Offering [ ]

Procedure for the Securities:

## INFORMATION ON THE BASKET CONSTITUENT

Page where information about the past and [Bloomberg][Reuters][specify other]  
future performance of a Basket Constituent  
and its volatility can be obtained:

Index disclaimer(s):

## RESPONSIBILITY

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms.