#### SERIES PROSPECTUS



## Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. (RABOBANK STRUCTURED PRODUCTS)

Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A.

(a cooperative (coöperatie) with limited liability established under the laws of the Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam, the Netherlands)

## Series 8347

EUR 100,000,000 Notes due 2027 linked to the EURO STOXX 50<sup>®</sup> Index

This series prospectus (this "Series Prospectus") relates to the issuance of EUR 100,000,000 Notes due 2027 (the "Notes") linked to the EURO STOXX 50® Index (the "Index") by Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. (the "Issuer") under its EUR 15,000,000,000 Structured Medium-Term Note Programme (the "Programme").

# An investment in the Notes involves certain risks. For a discussion of these risks see "*Risk Factors*" on pages 7 to 22.

This Series Prospectus is a prospectus for the purposes of Article 5(3) of Directive 2003/71/EC, as amended, to the extent that such amendments have been implemented in the Relevant Member State (the "**Prospectus Directive**").

Application has been made to the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (*Autoriteit Financiële Markten* or the "**AFM**") in its capacity as competent authority under Dutch securities laws to approve this Series Prospectus in connection with the issue by the Issuer of Notes. Application has also been made to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange for the Notes to be admitted to the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (the "**Official List**") and to be admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market (the "**Regulated Market**"). References in this Series Prospectus to the Notes being "listed" (and all related references) shall mean that the Notes have been admitted to the Official List and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market. The Regulated Market is a regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on markets in financial instruments.

The Notes have been issued into and transferred through accounts at Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("**Euroclear**") and Clearstream, Luxembourg Banking, *société anonyme* ("**Clearstream**") and the Notes were, on issue, constituted by a Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes in the limited circumstances set out in the Permanent Global Note, which were deposited with the common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Distribution of this Series Prospectus and the offering, sale or delivery of the Notes may be restricted in certain jurisdictions by law (see "*Subscription and Sale*"). Persons into whose possession this Series Prospectus comes are required by the Issuer and the Dealer to inform themselves about and to observe any such restriction.

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") or any U.S. state securities laws, and may not be offered, sold, pledged or otherwise transferred in the United States or to, or for the account or the benefit of, U.S. Persons (as such term is defined in Regulation S of the Securities Act ("Regulation S")) unless the Notes are registered under the Securities Act or an exemption from

the registration requirements of the Securities Act is available and in accordance with all applicable securities laws of any state of the United States and any other jurisdiction.

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

Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this Series Prospectus to "**Rabobank Group**", "**Rabobank**" or the "**Group**" are to Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. and its members, subsidiaries and affiliates. Rabobank is a trading name of Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. For the purposes of this Series Prospectus, references to "**Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A.** (**Rabobank Structured Products**)" or "**Rabobank Structured Products**" are to Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. as Issuer.

### Dealer

## SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE

The date of this Series Prospectus is 29 September 2016.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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

Where information has been sourced from a third party, this information has been accurately reproduced and, as far as the Responsible Person 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.

The only persons authorised to use this Series Prospectus in connection with the offer of the Notes are the Issuer and the Dealer.

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

No person is or has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in this Series Prospectus in connection with the issue or sale of the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer or the Dealer. Neither the delivery of this Series Prospectus nor any sale made in connection herewith shall, under any circumstances, create an implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer since the date hereof or the date upon which this Series Prospectus has been most recently amended or supplemented or that there has been no adverse change in the financial position of the Issuer since the date hereof or that any information supplied in connection with the Notes is correct as of any time subsequent to the date on which it is supplied or, if different, the date indicated in the document containing the same.

Neither this Series Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Notes should be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer or the Dealer that any recipient of this Series Prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with the Notes should purchase the Notes. Each investor contemplating purchasing the Notes should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the Issuer and of the terms of such Notes (see *"Risk Factors"*).

Neither this Series Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Notes constitutes an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer or the Dealer to any person to subscribe for or to purchase the Notes.

This Series Prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the Notes in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make the offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. Neither the Issuer nor the Dealer represents that this Series Prospectus may be lawfully distributed, or that any of the Notes may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any such jurisdiction, or pursuant to an exemption available thereunder, or assume any responsibility for facilitating any such distribution or offering. In particular, no action has been taken by the Issuer or the Dealer which would permit a public offering of any of the Notes or distribution of this document in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, the Notes may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Series Prospectus nor any advertisement or other offering material may be distributed or published in any such jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations. Persons into whose possession this Series Prospectus comes are

required by the Issuer and Dealer to inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions on the distribution of this Series Prospectus and the offering and sale of the Notes (see "Subscription and Sale").

## Presentation of financial information

The audited consolidated financial statements of Rabobank Group for the years ended 31 December 2013, 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2015 incorporated by reference in this Series Prospectus have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU pursuant to EU Regulation No 1606/2002 (IFRS) and comply with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

## Change in accounting policies and presentation

Changes in accounting policies and presentation which apply to Rabobank Group are described in the Rabobank Group consolidated financial statements 2014 and 2015, under note 2.1 "Changes in accounting policies and presentation as a result of new guidelines" and note 2.1 "Other changes in accounting principles and presentation", respectively.

## Forward-looking statements

This Series Prospectus includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of section 27A of the US Securities Act of 1933 and section 21E of the US Exchange Act of 1934. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this Series Prospectus, including, without limitation, those regarding the Issuer's financial position, business strategy, plans and objectives of management for future operations (including development plans and objectives relating to the Issuer's products), are forward-looking statements.

Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Issuer or industry results to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements are based on numerous assumptions regarding the Issuer's present and future business strategies and the environment in which the Issuer will operate in the future.

Important factors that could cause the Issuer's actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include, among others, changes or downturns in the Dutch economy or the economies in other countries in which the Issuer conducts business, the impact of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates and interest rates and the impact of future regulatory requirements. Additional factors that could cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially include, but are not limited to, those discussed under "Risk Factors".

These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Series Prospectus. Other than as required by law or the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange, the Issuer expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement contained herein to reflect any change in the Issuer's expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

All references in this document to "€', "euro" and "EUR" are to the lawful currency of the member states of the European Union that have adopted the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended by the Treaty on the European Union (the "EC Member States"). All references to the "U.S." and the "United States" are to the United States of America.

From time to time the credit rating agencies may revise outlooks on their ratings of the Issuer or the Issuer's securities. Unless required by applicable law, the Issuer might not prepare a supplement to this in the event that one or more of these credit rating agencies revise their ratings outlook on the Issuer or the Issuer's securities.

## Special considerations

A prospective purchaser may not rely on the Issuer, the Dealer or any of their respective affiliates in connection with its determination as to the legality of its acquisition of the Notes or as to the other matters referred to above and none of the Issuer or the Dealer or any of their respective affiliates has or assumes responsibility for the lawfulness of the acquisition of the Notes by a prospective purchaser of the Notes, whether under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or the jurisdiction in which it operates (if different), or for compliance by that prospective purchaser with any law, regulation or regulatory policy applicable to it.

The Index is calculated by a third party independent from the Issuer and, therefore, neither the Issuer nor the Dealer will accept any liability for any act or failure to act by STOXX Limited (the "**Index Sponsor**") or any of its agents in connection with, among other things, the calculation, adjustment, maintenance or cancellation of the Index.

The Index Sponsor and its licensors (the "**Licensors**") have no relationship with the Issuer, other than the licensing of the Index and the related trademarks for use in connection with the Notes, or with the Dealer. The Index Sponsor and its Licensors do not (A) sponsor, endorse, sell or promote the Notes, (B) recommend that any person invest in the Notes or any other securities, (C) have any responsibility or liability for or make any decisions about the timing, amount or pricing of the Notes, (D) have any responsibility or liability for the administration, management or marketing of the Notes, or (E) consider the needs of the Notes or the owners of the Notes in determining, composing or calculating the Index or have any obligation to do so.

The Index Sponsor and their licensors, research partners or data providers give no warranty, and exclude any liability (whether in negligence or otherwise), in connection with the Notes or their performance. The Index Sponsor does not assume any contractual relationship with the purchasers of the Notes or any other third parties. Specifically:

- the Index Sponsor and its Licensors, research partners or data providers do not give any warranty, express or implied, and exclude any liability about:
  - the results to be obtained by the Notes, the owner of the Notes or any other person in connection with the use of the Index and the data included in the Index;
  - the accuracy, timeliness and completeness of the Index and its data;
  - the merchantability and the fitness for a particular purpose or use of the Index and its data;
- the Index Sponsor and its Licensors, research partners or data providers give no warranty and exclude any liability for any errors, omissions or interruptions in the Index or its data; and
- under no circumstances will the Index Sponsor or its Licensors, research partners or data providers be liable (whether in negligence or otherwise) for any lost profits or indirect, punitive, special or consequential damages or losses, arising as a result of such errors, omissions or interruptions in the Index or its data or generally in relation to the Notes, even in circumstances where the Index Sponsor or their licensors, research partners or data providers are aware that such loss or damage may occur.

The licensing agreement between the Issuer and the Index Sponsor is solely for their benefit and not for the benefit of the owners of the Notes or any other third parties.

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#### **RISK FACTORS**

The Issuer believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under the Notes. 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 the Notes are also described below.

The Issuer believes that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent in investing in the Notes, but the Issuer may be unable to pay settlement amounts or other amounts on, or in connection with, any of the Notes for other reasons and the Issuer does not represent that the statements below regarding the risks of holding any Notes are exhaustive, provided that any risks that are not described below are either considered by the Issuer to be non-material or are currently unknown to the Issuer. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Series Prospectus (including any documents deemed to be incorporated by reference herein) and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.

#### Factors that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Notes

#### Business and general economic conditions

The profitability of Rabobank Group could be adversely affected by a worsening of general economic conditions in the Netherlands and/or globally. Banks are still facing persistent turmoil in financial markets following the European sovereign debt crisis that arose in the first half of 2010 and has continued. In 2015, the Dutch economy showed signs of a slight recovery. The still difficult economic circumstances have resulted in reduced borrowing and interest rates. Factors such as interest rates, exchange rates, inflation, deflation, investor sentiment, the availability and cost of credit, the liquidity of the global financial markets and the level and volatility of equity prices can significantly affect the activity level of customers and the profitability of Rabobank Group. Interest rates remained low in 2015 due to the measures taken by the European Central Bank (the "ECB") intended to stimulate European economies, and have declined further in 2016. Persistent low interest rates have negatively affected and continue to negatively affect the net interest income of Rabobank Group. Also, a prolonged economic downturn, or significantly higher interest rates for customers, could adversely affect the credit quality of Rabobank Group's assets by increasing the risk that a greater number of its customers would be unable to meet their obligations. Moreover, a market downturn and worsening of the Dutch and global economy could reduce the value of Rabobank Group's assets and could cause Rabobank Group to incur further mark-to-market losses in its trading portfolios or could reduce the fees Rabobank Group earns for managing assets or the levels of assets under management. In addition, a market downturn and increased competition for savings in the Netherlands could lead to a decline in the volume of customer transactions that Rabobank Group executes and, therefore, a decline in customer deposits and the income it receives from commissions and interest. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Factors affecting results of operations General market conditions" beginning on page 277 of the Base Prospectus. Continuing volatility in the financial markets or a protracted economic downturn in the Rabobank Group's major markets could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is defined as the risk that a bank will suffer economic losses because a counterparty cannot fulfil its financial or other contractual obligations arising from a credit contract. A "credit" is each legal relationship on the basis of which Rabobank Group, in its role as financial services provider, can or will obtain a claim on a debtor by providing a product. In addition to loans and facilities (with or without commitment), credit as a generic term also includes, among other things, guarantees, letters of credit and derivatives.

An economic downturn or an escalation of the European sovereign debt crisis may result in an increase in credit risk and, consequently, loan losses that are above Rabobank Group's long-term average, which could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations.

## Country risk

With respect to country risk, a distinction can be made between transfer risk and collective debtor risk. Transfer risk relates to the possibility of foreign governments placing restrictions on funds transfers from debtors in that country to creditors abroad. Collective debtor risk relates to the situation in which a large number of debtors in a country cannot meet their commitments for the same reason (e.g. war, political and social unrest or natural disasters, but also government policy that does not succeed in creating macro-economic and financial stability).

Unpredictable and unexpected events which increase transfer risk and/or collective debtor risk could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations.

## Interest rate and inflation risk

Interest rate risk is the risk, outside the trading environment, of deviations in net interest income and/or the economic value of equity as a result of changes in market interest rates. Interest rate risk results mainly from mismatches between the periods for which interest rates are fixed for loans and funds entrusted. If interest rates increase, the rate for Rabobank Group's liabilities, such as savings, can be adjusted immediately. This does not apply to the majority of Rabobank Group's assets, such as mortgages, which have longer interest rate fixation periods. Sudden and substantial changes in interest rates or very low or negative interest rates could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations. Inflation and expected inflation can influence interest rates. An increase in inflation may: (a) decrease the value of certain fixed income instruments which Rabobank Group holds; (b) result in surrenders of certain savings products with fixed rates below market rates by banking customers of Rabobank Group; (c) require Rabobank Group to pay higher interest rates on the securities that it issues; and (d) cause a general decline in financial markets.

## Funding and liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that not all (re)payment commitments can be met. This could happen if clients or other professional counterparties suddenly withdraw more funding than expected, which cannot be met by Rabobank Group's cash resources, by selling or pledging assets or by borrowing funds from third parties. Important factors in preventing this are preserving the trust of customers for retail funding and maintaining access to financial markets for wholesale funding. If either of these was seriously threatened, this could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations.

## Market risk

The value of Rabobank Group's trading portfolio is affected by changes in market prices, such as interest rates, equities, currencies, certain commodities and derivatives. Any future worsening of the situation in the financial markets could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations.

## Currency risk

Rabobank Group is an internationally active financial services provider. As such, part of its capital is invested in foreign activities. This gives rise to currency risk, in the form of translation risk. In addition, the trading books are exposed to market risk, in that they can have positions that are affected by changes in the exchange rate of currencies. Sudden and substantial changes in the exchange rates of currencies could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations.

## **Operational risk**

As a risk type, operational risk has acquired its own distinct position in the banking world. It is defined within the Rabobank Group as "the risk of losses resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people or systems or by external events". Rabobank Group operates within the current regulatory framework as regards measuring and managing operational risk, including holding capital for this risk. Events of recent decades in modern international banking have shown that operational risks can lead to substantial losses. Examples of operational risk incidents are highly diverse: fraud or other illegal conduct, failure of an institution to have policies and procedures and controls in place to prevent, detect and report incidents of non-compliance with applicable laws or regulations, inadequate control processes to manage risks, ineffective implementation of internal controls, claims relating to inadequate products, inadequate documentation, losses due to poor occupational health and safety conditions, errors in transaction processing and system failures. The occurrence of any such incidents or additional cost of complying with new regulation could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's reputation and results of operations.

#### Legal risk

Rabobank Group is subject to a comprehensive range of legal obligations in all countries in which it operates. As a result, Rabobank Group is exposed to many forms of legal risk, which may arise in a number of ways. Rabobank Group faces risk where legal and arbitration proceedings whether private litigation or regulatory enforcement action, are brought against it. The outcome of such proceedings is inherently uncertain and could result in financial loss. Defending or responding to such proceedings can be expensive and time-consuming and there is no guarantee that all costs incurred will be recovered even if Rabobank Group is successful. Failure to manage these risks could have a negative impact on Rabobank Group's reputation and could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations. In addition, banking entities generally, including the Rabobank Group, are experiencing heightened regulatory oversight and scrutiny, which may lead to additional regulatory investigations or enforcement actions. These and other regulatory initiatives may result in judgements, settlements, fines or penalties, or cause the Rabobank Group to restructure its operations and activities, any of which could have a negative impact on the Rabobank Group's reputation or impose additional operational costs, and could have a material adverse effect on the Rabobank Group's results of operations. Rabobank Group is exposed to regulatory scrutiny and potentially significant claims, in relation to, among other things, the sale of interest rate derivatives to SME clients. A negative outcome of any such potentially significant claims (including proceedings, collective-actions and settlements), action taken by supervisory authorities or other authorities, legislation, sector-wide measures, and other arrangements for the benefit of clients and third parties could have a negative impact on the Rabobank Group's reputation or impose additional operational costs, and could have a material adverse effect on the Rabobank Group's results of operations, financial condition and prospects. For further information, see "Description of Business of Rabobank Group - Legal and arbitration proceedings" on page 273 of the Base Prospectus.

#### Tax risk

Rabobank Group is subject to the tax laws of all countries in which it operates. Tax risk is the risk associated with changes in tax law or in the interpretation of tax law. It also includes the risk of changes in tax rates and the risk of failure to comply with procedures required by tax authorities. Failure to manage tax risks could lead to an additional tax charge. It could also lead to a financial penalty for failure to comply with required tax procedures or other aspects of tax law. If, as a result of a particular tax risk materialising, the tax costs associated with particular transactions are greater than anticipated, it could affect the profitability of those transactions, which could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations or lead to regulatory enforcement action or may have a negative impact on Rabobank Group's reputation.

#### Systemic risk

Rabobank Group could be negatively affected by the weakness and/or the perceived weakness of other financial institutions, which could result in significant systemic liquidity problems, losses or defaults by other financial institutions and counterparties. Financial services institutions that deal with each other are interrelated as a result of trading, investment, clearing, counterparty and other relationships. This risk is sometimes referred to as "systemic risk" and may adversely affect financial intermediaries, such as clearing agencies, clearing houses, banks, securities firms and exchanges with whom Rabobank Group interacts on a daily basis. Concerns about the creditworthiness of sovereigns and financial institutions in Europe and the United States remain. The large sovereign debts and/or fiscal deficits of a number of European countries, including those of Greece, and the United States go hand in hand with concerns regarding the financial condition of financial institutions. Any of the above-mentioned consequences of systemic risk could have an adverse effect on Rabobank Group's ability to raise new funding and its results of operations.

#### Effect of governmental policy and regulation

Rabobank Group's businesses and earnings can be affected by the fiscal or other policies and other actions of various governmental and regulatory authorities in the Netherlands, the European Union, the United States and elsewhere. Areas where changes could have an impact include, but are not limited to: the monetary, interest rate, crisis management, asset quality review, recovery and resolution and other policies of central banks and regulatory authorities, changes in government or regulatory policy that may significantly influence investor decisions in particular markets in which Rabobank Group operates, increased capital requirements and changes relating to capital treatment, changes and rules in competition and pricing environments, developments in the financial reporting environment, stress-testing exercises to which financial institutions are subject, implementation of conflicting or incompatible regulatory requirements in different jurisdictions relating to the same products or transactions, or unfavourable developments producing social instability or legal uncertainty which, in turn, may affect demand for Rabobank Group's products and services. Regulatory compliance risk arises from a failure or inability to comply fully with the laws, regulations or codes applicable specifically to the financial services industry. Non-compliance could lead to fines, public reprimands, damage to reputation, enforced suspension of operations or, in extreme cases, withdrawal of authorisations to operate.

As of 1 October 2012, the Dutch government introduced a bank tax for all entities that are authorised to conduct banking activities in the Netherlands. The tax is based on the amount of the total liabilities on the balance sheet of the relevant bank as at the end of such bank's preceding financial year, with exemptions for equity, deposits that are covered by a guarantee scheme and for certain liabilities relating to insurance business. The levy on short-term funding liabilities is twice as high as the levy on long-term funding liabilities. Rabobank Group was charged a total of  $\notin$ 172 million in bank tax and bank levies in 2015.

On 1 February 2013, the Dutch state nationalised the Dutch banking and insurance group SNS Reaal. To finance this operation, a special, one-off resolution levy of  $\triangleleft$  billion was imposed on banks based in the Netherlands. Rabobank Group's share of the resolution levy was  $\triangleleft$ 221 million and had an adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations in 2014. As of 2015, Rabobank Group needs to make yearly contributions to the resolution fund. In 2015, the contribution to the National Resolution Fund amounted to  $\triangleleft$ 172 million. On 1 January 2016 the European Single Resolution Fund (SRF) was set up. This fund will for a large part replace the National Resolution Fund, including the Dutch National Resolution Fund (NRF) that was set up on the 27 November 2015. If further financial institutions are bailed out, additional taxes or levies could be imposed, which may have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations.

In November 2015, a new way of financing the Dutch deposit guarantee scheme (the "**Dutch Deposit Guarantee Scheme**"), a pre-funded system that protects bank depositors from losses caused by a bank's inability to pay its debts when due, came into force. The target level of the scheme is 0.8 per cent. of total guaranteed deposits in the Netherlands. Each bank is required to pay a base premium per quarter of its total guaranteed deposits in the Netherlands. A risk add-on may be charged depending on the risk-weighting of the bank. Furthermore the Single Resolution Mechanism (see the risk factor entitled "*Bank recovery and resolution regimes*" on page 20 below) and other new European rules on deposit guarantee schemes will both have an impact on the Rabobank Group in the years to come. All these factors may have material adverse effects on Rabobank Group's results of operations.

In February 2013, the European Commission issued a proposal for a financial transactions tax. If the proposal is implemented in its current form, the financial transactions tax would generally be levied, in certain circumstances, on transactions involving certain financial instruments where at least one party is a financial institution and at least one party is established in a participating member state. These participating member states are Austria, Belgium, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain (however, Estonia has since stated that it will not participate). If the proposal is implemented, Rabobank Group may be required to pay the financial transactions tax on certain transactions in financial instruments. The proposal requires further approval by the Council of the European Union, and will require consultation with other European Union institutions before it may be implemented by the participating member states. Currently the proposal is still under discussion, given broad opposition in a number of countries as well as outstanding legal issues. The Dutch Parliament has not adopted the proposal, but may do so in the future. The financial transactions tax, if implemented, may have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations.

The maximum personal mortgage loan eligible for guarantee by the Dutch Homeownership Guarantee Fund (*Stichting Waarborgfonds Eigen Woningen* or "**WEW**"), an institution that was founded by the Dutch government in 1993, through the National Mortgage Guarantee Scheme (*Nationale Hypotheek Garantie* or "**NHG**") was reduced to €265,000 in 2014 and €245,000 in 2015.

Since 1 January 2013, the tax deductibility of mortgage loan interest payments for Dutch homeowners has been restricted; interest payments on new mortgage loans can only be deducted if the loan amortises within 30 years on a linear or annuity basis. Moreover, the maximum permissible amount of a residential mortgage has been reduced from 104 per cent. in 2014, to 103 per cent. in 2015, to 102 per cent. in 2016 of the value of the property. This maximum will be further reduced (by 1 percentage point each year) to 100 per cent. in 2018. In addition to these changes, further restrictions on tax deductibility of mortgage loan interest payments entered into force as of 1 January 2014. The tax rate against which the mortgage interest payments may be deducted is being gradually reduced beginning 1 January 2014. For taxpayers previously deducting mortgage interest at the highest income tax rate (52 per cent.), the interest deductibility will decrease annually at a rate of 0.5 percentage points, from 52 per cent. to 38 per cent. in 2042. Changes in governmental policy or regulation with respect to the Dutch housing market could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations.

On 21 July 2010, the United States enacted the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "**Dodd-Frank Act**"), which provides a broad framework for significant regulatory changes that extend to almost every area of U.S. financial regulation. Implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act requires detailed rulemaking by different U.S. regulators, including the Department of the Treasury, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (the "**Federal Reserve**"), the SEC, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (the "**FDIC**"), the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the "**OCC**"), the United States Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "**CFTC**") and the Financial Stability Oversight Council (the "**FSOC**"). The Dodd-Frank Act and other post-financial crisis regulatory reforms in the United States have increased costs, imposed limitations on activities and resulted in an increased intensity in regulatory enforcement.

The Dodd-Frank Act provides for new or enhanced regulations regarding, among other things: (a systemic risk oversight, (b) bank capital and prudential standards, (c) the resolution of failing systemically significant financial institutions, (d) OTC derivatives, (e) the ability of banking entities and their affiliates to engage as

principal in proprietary trading activities or to sponsor or invest in or engage in certain transactions with hedge, private equity and other similar funds (the so-called "**Volcker Rule**") and (f) consumer and investor protection. Implementation of the Dodd-Frank Act and related final regulations is ongoing and has resulted in significant costs and potential limitations on Rabobank Group's businesses and may have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations.

On 10 December 2013, five U.S. federal financial regulatory agencies adopted final regulations to implement the Volcker Rule. The regulations impose limitations and significant costs across all of Rabobank Group's subsidiaries and affiliates and their activities in scope for the Volcker Rule. While the regulations contain a number of exceptions and exemptions that may permit Rabobank Group to maintain certain of its trading and fund businesses and operations, particularly those outside of the United States, aspects of those businesses have been modified to comply with the Volcker Rule. Further, Rabobank Group has spent significant resources to develop a Volcker Rule compliance programme mandated by the final regulations, and may continue to spend resources as it deems necessary or appropriate, which may be significant, to develop or further develop the Volcker Rule compliance programme. The conformance period for the Volcker Rule generally ended on 21 July 2015 for all proprietary trading activities and for all investments in and relationships with "covered funds" (as defined in the Volcker Rule) that were not in place prior to 31 December 2013. For certain investments in and relationships with "covered funds" that were in place prior to 31 December 2013 ("legacy funds"), the Volcker Rule conformance period was extended by the Federal Reserve to 21 July 2016, and then further extended for an additional year to 21 July 2017. With respect to the activities subject to the conformance period that ended on 21 July 2015, Rabobank Group has put in place processes under the relevant Volcker Rule compliance programme reasonably designed to conform such activities to the Volcker Rule. With respect to any legacy fund activities subject to the extended conformance period, Rabobank Group must conform any such activities to the Volcker Rule and implement the related compliance programme by the end of such conformance period.

The Federal Reserve issued a final rule on 18 February 2014 imposing "enhanced prudential standards" with respect to foreign banking organisations ("**FBOs**") such as Rabobank Group. The rule will impose, among other things, new liquidity, stress testing, risk management and reporting requirements on Rabobank Group's U.S. operations, which could result in significant costs to the Group. The final rule became effective with respect to Rabobank Group on 1 July 2016.

In addition, as part of the implementation of the enhanced prudential standards requirement under the Dodd-Frank Act, the Federal Reserve proposed a rule on 4 March 2016 implementing single-counterparty credit limits for large bank holding companies, large intermediate holding companies, and large foreign banking organisations with respect to their combined U.S. operations. The proposed rule would apply to the combined U.S. operations of Rabobank Group. The Federal Reserve has not finalised (but continues to consider) requirements relating to an "early remediation" framework under which the Federal Reserve would implement prescribed restrictions on and penalties against an FBO and its U.S. operations, if the FBO and/or its U.S. operations do not meet certain requirements.

In the United Kingdom, the Banking Reform Act 2013 received Royal Assent on 18 December 2013. It is a key part of the UK Government's plan to create a banking system that supports the economy, consumers and small businesses. It implements the recommendations of the Independent Commission on Banking, set up by the Government in 2010 to consider structural reform of the UK banking sector. Measures contained in the Banking Reform Act include the structural separation of the retail banking activities of banks in the United Kingdom from wholesale banking and investment banking activities by the use of a "ring fence". A similar recommendation was made at EU level in the final report (the "Liikanen Report"), published on 2 October 2012, of the High-level Expert Group on reforming the structure of the EU banking sector under the chair of Mr. Erkki Liikanen. In November 2012, the Dutch government established a committee, the "Commissie

*Structuur Nederlandse banken*", chaired by Mr. Herman Wijffels, to investigate the applicability of the Liikanen Report to the Dutch banking sector and the manner in which a defaulting bank might be split up and resolved. The committee delivered its final report on 28 June 2013. The Dutch Parliament still has to decide on how to implement the recommendations included in the Wijffels-report. Adopting the full recommendations in the Wijffels report could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations.

Pursuant to Regulation EU 1024/2013 conferring specific tasks on the ECB for the prudential supervision of credit institutions, the ECB assumed direct responsibility from national regulators for specific aspects of the supervision of approximately 120 major European credit institutions, including the Rabobank Group, with effect from 4 November 2014. Under this "Single Supervisory Mechanism", the ECB now has, in respect of the relevant banks, all the powers available to competent authorities under the CRD IV (as defined below) including powers of early intervention if a bank breaches its regulatory requirements and powers to require a bank to increase its capital or to implement changes to its legal or corporate structures. All other tasks related to resolution remain with the relevant national authorities or the Single Resolution Mechanism, as applicable (see "Bank recovery and resolution regimes" on page 20 below). The ECB may also carry out supervisory stress tests to support the supervisory review. Such stress tests do not replace the stress tests carried out by the European Banking Authority (the "EBA") with a view to assessing the soundness of the banking sector in the European Union as a whole.

The impact of future regulatory requirements, including the Basel III Reforms (as defined below), the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive (as defined below), sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code" and such sections of the Code and the regulations thereunder being commonly referred to as "FATCA"), the framework recovery plan, the Banking Reform Act and the Dodd-Frank Act will have far-reaching implications and require implementation of new business processes and models. Compliance with the rules and regulations places ever greater demands on the Rabobank Group's management, employees and information technology.

## Minimum regulatory capital and liquidity requirements

Rabobank Group is subject to the risk, inherent in all regulated financial businesses, of having insufficient capital resources to meet its minimum regulatory capital requirements, any additional own funds requirements and/or any buffer capital requirements. Capital requirements will increase if economic conditions or negative trends in the financial markets worsen. Any failure of Rabobank Group to maintain its "Pillar 1" minimum regulatory capital ratios, any "Pillar 2" additional own funds requirements and/or any buffer capital requirements could result in administrative actions or sanctions, which, in turn, may have a material adverse impact on Rabobank Group's results of operations. A shortage of available capital may restrict Rabobank Group's opportunities.

Under the Basel III regime ("**Basel III**"), capital and liquidity requirements have increased. On 17 December 2009, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (the "**Basel Committee**") proposed a number of fundamental reforms to the regulatory capital framework in its consultative document entitled "Strengthening the resilience of the banking sector". On 16 December 2010 and on 13 January 2011, the Basel Committee issued its final guidance on a number of fundamental reforms to the regulatory capital framework (such reforms being commonly referred to as the "**Basel III Reforms**"), including new capital requirements, higher capital ratios, more stringent eligibility requirements for capital instruments, a new leverage ratio and liquidity requirements, which are intended to reinforce capital standards and to establish minimum liquidity standards for financial institutions, including building societies.

The Basel III Reforms are being implemented in the European Economic Area (the "**EEA**") through the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on prudential requirements for credit institutions

and investment firms (the "**CRR**") and the Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms (the "**CRD IV Directive**", and together with the CRR, "**CRD IV**"), which were adopted in June 2013. The CRR entered into force on 1 January 2014 and the CRD IV Directive became effective in the Netherlands on 1 August 2014 when the provisions of the CRD IV were implemented by legislation amending the Dutch Financial Supervision Act and subordinate legislation, although particular requirements will be phased in over a period of time, to be fully effective by various dates up to 31 December 2021. The EBA has proposed, and will continue to propose detailed rules through binding technical standards for many areas including, *inter alia*, liquidity requirements and certain aspects of capital requirements.

It is possible that the ECB and/or the EBA may implement the Basel III Reforms and CRD IV in a manner that is different from that which is currently envisaged, or may impose additional capital and liquidity requirements on Dutch banks.

In December 2014, the Basel Committee announced its intention to revisit the system of capital floors for internal models for credit risk. The revised capital floor framework would be relevant for the revised standardised approaches for credit risk, market risk and operational risk. The current floor for internal models (in the EU framework) is required under Article 500 of CRR and is set at 80 per cent. of the requirement of own funds as calculated under the Basel I framework. Thus, the floor does not impact the calculation of risk-weighted assets, but acting as a kind of "adjustment factor", determines what capital is required to be held, which differs from the Basel I approach.

As a result of the 2014 consultation, the Basel Committee favours a capital floor related to the standardised approaches (which are currently being revised). On 10 December 2015, the Basel Committee issued a second consultation document entitled 'Revisions to the Standardised Approach for Credit Risk', and in March 2016 the Basel Committee published its proposed revisions to the IR-based approach for credit risk. For some asset classes, like wholesale, there will be limitations to use of the IR-based (advanced) approach and for retail assets classes Probability of Default and Loss Given Default input floors will be introduced.

On 11 January 2016, the Group of Central Bank Governors and Heads of Supervision ("**GHOS**") at the Basel Committee agreed that the GHOS will review the Basel Committee's proposals on the risk-weighted framework and the design and calibration of capital floors at or around the end of 2016.

Separately, on 11 January 2016, the Basel Committee announced that it will conduct a quantitative impact assessment during 2016. As a result of this assessment, the Basel Committee will focus on not significantly increasing overall capital requirements. Rabobank expects that it will not cause an increase in required capital of more than 10 per cent. on average. It is expected that the Basel Committee's quantitative impact assessment will therefore play a crucial role in determining the nature of the proposals.

Rabobank, N.A. is subject to U.S. capital adequacy standards. Further, under section 171 of the Dodd-Frank Act (the "**Collins Amendment**") Utrecht-America Holdings, Inc., which holds Rabobank, N.A. and many of the Group's U.S. non-bank subsidiaries, became subject to U.S. capital adequacy standards as of 21 July 2015. Those standards require Rabobank Group to maintain capital at the level of Utrecht-America Holdings, Inc. in accordance with U.S. regulatory capital requirements rather than relying on capital maintained at Rabobank Group's top-level parent company. Compliance with the Collins Amendment limits Rabobank Group's ability to deploy capital most efficiently in accordance with its subsidiaries' business needs, and potentially increases the costs of the Group's operations and may result in capital deficiencies elsewhere in Rabobank Group.

If the regulatory capital requirements, liquidity restrictions or ratios applied to Rabobank Group are increased in the future, any failure of Rabobank Group to maintain such increased capital and liquidity ratios could result in administrative actions or sanctions, which may have an adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations.

For further information regarding the Basel III Reforms and CRD IV, including their implementation in the Netherlands, please see the section entitled "*Regulation of Rabobank Group*" beginning on page 326 of the Base Prospectus.

## Credit ratings

Rabobank Group's access to the unsecured funding markets is dependent on its credit ratings.

A downgrading or announcement of a potential downgrade in its credit ratings, as a result of a change in a rating agency's view of Rabobank Group, its industry outlook, sovereign rating, rating methodology or otherwise, could adversely affect Rabobank Group's access to liquidity alternatives and its competitive position, and could increase the cost of funding or trigger additional collateral requirements all of which could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations.

## Competition

All aspects of Rabobank Group's business are highly competitive. Rabobank Group's ability to compete effectively depends on many factors, including its ability to maintain its reputation, the quality of its services and advice, its intellectual capital, product innovation, execution ability, pricing, sales efforts and the talent of its employees. Any failure by Rabobank Group to maintain its competitive position could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations.

## Geopolitical developments

Concerns about geopolitical developments (such as the United Kingdom's possible exit from the European Union, the United States' upcoming presidential election, or tensions surrounding North Korea or Iran's nuclear programmes), social unrest (such as the continuing turmoil in Ukraine which resulted in EU sanctions against Russia, and continuing turmoil in Syria), political crises (such as the Greek debt crisis), commodity supply shocks and natural disasters, among other things, can affect the global financial markets. Since the beginning of the 21st century, accounting and corporate governance scandals and financial crises have significantly undermined investor confidence from time to time. The occurrence of any such developments and events could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations.

## Terrorist acts, other acts of war or hostility, civil unrest, geopolitical, pandemic or other such events

Terrorist acts, other acts of war or hostility, civil unrest, geopolitical, pandemic or other such events and responses to those acts/events may create economic and political uncertainties, which could have a negative impact on Dutch and international economic conditions generally, and more specifically on the business and results of Rabobank Group in ways that cannot necessarily be predicted. The occurrence of any such events could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations.

## Key employees

Rabobank Group's success depends to a great extent on the ability and experience of its senior management and other key employees. The loss of the services of certain key employees, particularly to competitors, could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations. The failure to attract or retain a sufficient number of appropriate employees could significantly impede Rabobank Group's financial plans, growth and other objectives and have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations.

# Factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with the Notes

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

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

- have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the Notes and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any applicable supplement;
- (b) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Notes and the impact the Notes will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (c) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Notes, including Notes with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential Investor's Currency (as defined in "*Risks related to the market generally Exchange rate risks and exchange controls*" on page 22 below);
- (d) understand thoroughly the terms of the Notes and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- (e) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

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

## No interest may be payable under the Notes

Potential investors should note that no interest may be paid on the Notes on or prior to their redemption date. An investor in the Notes, in the context of its own financial position, must be capable of holding such Notes to maturity with no income stream in the form of interest payments.

As there may be no periodic payment of interest to the Noteholders, any increase in the value of the Underlying (if any) will not be crystallised until the Notes are redeemed, and the Notes may fall in value at any time prior to redemption.

## **Contingent Coupon Notes**

The Notes are Contingent Coupon Notes, which bear interest (if any) determined by reference to the Underlying. The Calculation Agent will observe the value of the Underlying on the relevant Coupon Observation Date prior to each Interest Payment Date. The amount of interest (if any) payable in respect of the relevant Interest Period is calculated by reference to such value of the Underlying in accordance with the formulae specified in the Note Conditions (as defined below). Investors in the Notes bear the risk of receiving no interest in the event that certain coupon conditions are not met on any Coupon Observation Date.

The Notes feature a cap Rate, which will limit the amount of interest payable. Investors in the Notes may not obtain the full benefit in any increase in the performance of the Underlying, whilst still being exposed to any decrease in the performance of the Underlying.

## Equity Index Linked Notes

The Notes are Equity Index Linked Notes where the amount of principal and/or interest payable is dependent upon the level, or changes in the level, of the Index composed of equity securities (such components, the "Index Components").

Potential investors in the Notes should be aware that (a) they may receive no or a limited amount of interest, (b) payment of principal or interest may occur at a different time from that expected and (c) they may lose all or a substantial portion of their principal investment. In addition, movements in the level of the Index may be subject to significant fluctuations that may not correlate with changes in the prices of the Index Components, and the timing of changes in the level of the Index may affect the actual yield to investors, even if the average level is consistent with their expectations.

The amount of principal and/or interest payable is determined by reference to the performance of the Index. If certain conditions are not fulfilled, investors may not be able to participate in any upside in the performance of the Equity Index and the maximum Final Redemption Amount payable in respect of each Note may accordingly be limited to 100 per cent. of the Calculation Amount.

Many economic and market factors may influence the value of the Notes, including, *inter alia*, general economic, financial, political or regulatory conditions and fluctuations in the market and prices of the Index Components.

A number of events may result in the Calculation Agent making adjustments to the Index, including, *inter alia*:

- (a) the sponsor/owner of the Index announces that it will make a material change in the methodology for determining the level of such index;
- (b) the sponsor/owner of the Index permanently cancels such index and the Calculation Agent determines there is no suitable successor; or
- (c) there is a correction in the level of the Index.

In such cases, the Calculation Agent may have the power to make certain adjustments to the Notes, including making adjustments to the level used in calculating the principal and/or interest under the Notes.

The Notes will not represent a claim against or an investment in the equity securities comprising the Equity Components or in any index sponsor, owner or administrator. The Notes are not in any way sponsored, endorsed or promoted by any index sponsor, owner or administrator, and such companies have no obligation to take into account the consequences of their actions for any Noteholders. Accordingly, such parties may take any actions in respect of the Index without regard to the interests of the purchasers of the Notes, and any of these actions could adversely affect the market value of the Notes.

## Potential conflicts of interest in relation to hedging

In the ordinary course of its business including, without limitation, in connection with its market-making activities, the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates may effect transactions for its own account or for the account of its customers and hold long or short positions in the Underlying or related derivatives. In addition, in connection with the offering of the Notes, the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates may enter into one or more hedging transactions in respect of the Underlying or related derivatives. In connection with such hedging or market-making activities or in respect of 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 or related derivatives which may affect the market price, liquidity or value of the Notes and which could be adverse to the interests of the relevant Noteholders.

The Issuer and the Dealer may, at the date hereof or at any time hereafter, be in possession of information in relation to an Underlying that is or may be material in the context of the Notes and may or may not be publicly available to Noteholders. There is no obligation on the Issuer or the Dealer to disclose to Noteholders any such information.

The Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates may have existing or future business relationships with an issuer of the Underlying (including, but not limited to, lending, depositary, risk management, advisory and banking relationships), and will pursue actions and take steps that they or it deems necessary or appropriate to protect their and/or its interests arising therefrom without regard to the consequences for a Noteholder.

#### Modification, waivers and substitution

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

The Terms and Conditions may be amended by the Issuer (a) for the purposes of curing any ambiguity or for curing, correcting or supplementing any defective provision contained therein, (b) in any manner which the Issuer may deem necessary or desirable and which shall not materially adversely affect the interests of the holders of the Notes and Coupons (as defined in the "*General Conditions of the Notes*" beginning on page 124 of the Base Prospectus), (c) for the purpose of correcting any manifest error or (d) if the amendment or modification is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to comply with mandatory provisions of law, in each case, without the consent of the holders of the Notes and Coupons. The General Conditions of the Notes in place of the Issuer, in the circumstances described in General Condition 14(c).

### **FATCA Withholding**

Pursuant to certain provisions of U.S. law, commonly known as FATCA, withholding may be required on, among other things, (i) certain payments made by "foreign financial institutions" ("foreign passthru payments"), (ii) Dividend Equivalent Payments (as defined below on page 19 in "*Payments on the Notes may be subject to U.S. withholding tax on Dividend Equivalent Payments*") and (iii) payments of gross proceeds from the disposition of securities that generate Dividend Equivalent Payments, in each case, to persons that fail to meet certain certification, reporting, or related requirements. The Issuer believes that it is a foreign financial institution for these purposes. A number of jurisdictions (including the Netherlands) have entered into, or have agreed in substance to, intergovernmental agreements with the United States to implement FATCA ("IGAs"), which modify the way in which FATCA applies in their jurisdictions.

Certain aspects of the application of FATCA to instruments such as the Notes, including whether withholding would ever be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to foreign passthru payments, are not clear at this time. If withholding is required with respect to foreign passthru payments or payments of gross proceeds from the disposition of Notes that generate Dividend Equivalent Payments pursuant to FATCA or an IGA, such withholding would not apply prior to 1 January 2019. Withholding on Dividend Equivalent Payments made in respect of the Notes pursuant to FATCA generally would not apply prior to 1 July 2017. Additionally, Notes that are not treated as equity for U.S. federal income tax purposes and that have a defined term generally would be "grandfathered" for purposes of FATCA withholding (i) in respect of foreign passthru payments, if issued on or prior to the date that is six months after the date on which final regulations defining "foreign passthru payments" are filed with the U.S. Federal Register, and (ii) in respect of Dividend Equivalent Payments and payments of gross proceeds on Notes that generate Dividend Equivalent Payments, if issued on or prior to the date that is six months after the date on which final regulations defining "foreign passthru payments of gross proceeds on Notes that generate Dividend Equivalent Payments, if issued on or prior to the date that is six months after the date on which final regulations defining "foreign passthru payments of gross proceeds on Notes that generate Dividend Equivalent Payments, if issued on or prior to the date that is six months after the date on which such Notes are first treated as generating Dividend Equivalent Payments, in each case, unless the Note is materially modified after the

relevant grandfathering date. However, if additional notes (pursuant to Condition 16 (*Further Issues*)) that are not distinguishable from grandfathered Notes are issued after the expiration of the grandfathering period and are subject to withholding under FATCA, then withholding agents may treat all Notes, including grandfathered Notes, as subject to withholding under FATCA.

In the event any withholding would be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on the Notes, no person will be required to pay additional amounts as a result of the withholding. Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding how these rules may apply to their investment in the Notes.

## Payments on the Notes may be subject to U.S. withholding tax on Dividend Equivalent Payments

U.S. Treasury regulations under Section 871(m) of the Code, could impose withholding at a rate of 30 per cent. (or a lower treaty rate, if applicable) on certain payments of amounts to an Issuer or holders that are directly or indirectly contingent upon, or determined by reference to, the payment of U.S. source dividends ("**Dividend Equivalent Payments**"). These U.S. Treasury regulations generally will not apply to certain securities, such as the Notes, that generate Dividend Equivalent Payments issued prior to 1 January 2017 (the "**Grandfathering Date**"); however, securities that are issued before and significantly modified after the Grandfathering Date may lose "grandfathered" status.

As discussed above, FATCA would impose withholding at a rate of 30 per cent. on any payments in respect of a Note that are treated as Dividend Equivalent Payments when paid to persons that fail to meet certain certification, reporting, or related requirements. While a payment with respect to a Note could be subject to U.S. withholding both under FATCA and as a result of being treated as a Dividend Equivalent Payment, the maximum rate of U.S. withholding on such payment would not exceed 30 per cent.

Upon the issuance of a Note, the Issuer will state on it's website if it has determined that such issuance could give rise to Dividend Equivalent Payments under Section 871(m) and may provide additional information regarding the application of the Section 871(m) regulations to the Notes. The Issuer's determination regarding the application of Section 871(m) is binding on holders of the Notes, but it is not binding on the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (the "**IRS**"). In accordance with the applicable effective dates, the Issuer will treat any portion of a payment or deemed payment on such Notes (including, if appropriate, the repayment of the purchase price) that is substantially similar to a dividend as a Dividend Equivalent Payment, which will be subject to U.S. withholding tax unless reduced by an applicable tax treaty and a properly executed IRS Form W-8 (or other qualifying documentation) is provided. For Notes issued or deemed issued after 31 December 2016, withholding will be based on actual dividends or, if stated in writing on the issue date of the Notes, on estimated dividends used in pricing the Note. If an adjustment is made for the actual dividends, then a true-up payment (in addition to the estimated dividend) is added to the per-share dividend amount.

The imposition of this U.S. withholding tax would reduce the amounts received by holders that are not U.S. Holders. In the event that any such U.S. withholding tax would be required with respect to payments on the Notes, no person would be required to pay additional amounts as a result of such withholding. If a holder that is not a U.S. Holder becomes subject to this withholding tax, such holder may be able to claim any exemptions or reductions in tax available under its applicable double tax treaty with the United States.

The rules governing the U.S. withholding tax on Dividend Equivalent Payments are particularly complex and significant aspects of when and how these rules will apply remain unclear. Each holder should consult its own tax advisers to obtain a more detailed explanation of these rules and to learn how U.S. withholding might affect payments on the Notes.

## Statutory loss absorption

Directive 2014/59/EU for the establishment of an EU-wide framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms (the "**Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive**" or the "**BRRD**")

was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 12 June 2014. The BRRD includes provisions (known as the bail-in tool) to give regulators resolution powers, *inter alia*, to write down the debt of a failing bank (or to convert such debt into capital) to strengthen its financial position and allow it to continue as a going concern, subject to appropriate restructuring measures being taken. The BRRD was implemented into Dutch law on 26 November 2015.

Pursuant to the BRRD or other resolution or recovery rules which may in the future be applicable to the Issuer which could be used in such a way as to result in the Notes absorbing losses ("**Statutory Loss Absorption**"), the Notes could become subject to a determination by the Dutch Central Bank or another relevant authority/ies (each a "**Relevant Authority**") that all or part of the principal amount of the Notes, including accrued but unpaid interest in respect thereof, must be written off or otherwise converted into common equity Tier 1 capital or otherwise be applied to absorb losses. Such determination shall not constitute an Event of Default and Noteholders will have no further claims in respect of any amount so written off or otherwise as a result of such Statutory Loss Absorption.

Any determination that all or part of the principal amount of the Notes will be subject to Statutory Loss Absorption may be inherently unpredictable and may depend on a number of factors which may be outside the Issuer's control. Accordingly, trading behaviour in respect of Notes which are subject to Statutory Loss Absorption is not necessarily expected to follow trading behaviour associated with other types of securities. Any indication that Notes will become subject to Statutory Loss Absorption could have an adverse effect on the market price of the relevant Notes. Potential investors should consider the risk that a Noteholder may lose all of its investment in such Notes, including the principal amount plus any accrued but unpaid interest, if those Statutory Loss Absorption measures were to be taken.

It is possible that, pursuant to the exercise of any Statutory Loss Absorption measures, further new powers may be given to the Relevant Authority which could be used in such a way as to result in the Notes absorbing losses.

Potential investors should also refer to the risk factors headed "*Bank recovery and resolution regimes*" and "*Change of law*" on pages 20 and 21 respectively.

## Bank recovery and resolution regimes

In 2012, the Dutch legislator adopted banking legislation dealing with ailing banks (Special Measures Financial Institutions Act, *Wet bijzondere maatregelen financiële ondernemingen*, the "SMFI"). The SMFI, enacted before the adoption of the BRRD, contains similar legislation to the rules outlined in the BRRD – see the risk factor headed "*Statutory loss absorption*" on page 19 above. Pursuant to the SMFI, substantial powers were granted to the Dutch Central Bank and the Dutch Minister of Finance enabling them to deal with, *inter alia*, ailing Dutch banks prior to insolvency. The SMFI aimed to empower the Dutch Central Bank or the Minister of Finance, as applicable, to commence proceedings leading to: (a) transfer of all or part of the business (including deposits) of the relevant bank to a private sector purchaser; (b) transfer of all or part of the business of the relevant bank to a "bridge bank"; and (c) public ownership (nationalisation) of the relevant bank and expropriation of its outstanding debt securities (which may include the Notes). Subject to certain exceptions, as soon as any of these proceedings had been initiated by the Dutch Central Bank or the Minister of Finance, the relevant counterparties of such bank would not be entitled to invoke events of default or set off their claims against the bank.

Within the context of the resolution tools provided in the SMFI, holders of debt securities of a bank (including the Noteholders) subject to resolution could be affected by issuer substitution or replacement, transfer of debt, expropriation, modification of terms and/or suspension or termination of listings.

On 14 July 2014, Regulation (EU) No 806/2014 (the "SRM Regulation") was adopted by the European Council and came into force in part on 19 August 2014. The SRM Regulation establishes uniform rules and a uniform procedure for the resolution of credit institutions and certain investment firms in a framework of a single resolution mechanism and a single bank resolution fund (the "Single Resolution Mechanism" or "SRM"). The SRM Regulation establishes a single resolution board (consisting of representatives from the ECB, the European Commission and the relevant national authorities) (the "Single Resolution Board") that will manage the failing of any bank in the Euro area and in other EU member states participating in the European Banking Union (as defined therein). The provisions of the SRM Regulation relating to the cooperation between the Single Resolution Board and the national resolution authorities for the preparation of the banks' resolution plans became applicable from 1 January 2015. Under the SRM Regulation, the Single Resolution Board became fully operational as of 1 January 2015 and as from that date has the powers to collect information and cooperate with the national resolutions authorities for the elaboration of resolution planning. The Single Resolution Board is also granted the same resolution tools as those set out in the BRRD, including a bail-in tool. The SRM became applicable with effect from 1 January 2016 and the applicable legislation in the Netherlands was implemented on 26 November 2015. In a Dutch context, the Dutch Central Bank is the national resolution authority.

The SMFI was amended following the adoption and implementation of the BRRD and the SRM Regulation granting to the Dutch Central Bank powers including resolution tools contemplated by the BRRD, although the powers of the Minister of Finance to e.g. expropriate transfer and modify terms of debt securities (including the Notes) have remained.

More recently, on 26 May 2015, the EBA published its final guidelines on the circumstances in which an institution shall be deemed as 'failing or likely to fail' by supervisors and resolution authorities. These became applicable with effect from 1 January 2016. The guidelines set out the objective elements and criteria which should apply when supervisors and resolution authorities make such a determination and further provide guidance on the approach to consultation and exchange of information between supervisors and resolution authorities in such scenarios.

It is possible that under the SMFI, the BRRD, the Single Resolution Mechanism, the EBA guidelines mentioned above or any other future similar proposals, any new resolution powers given to the Dutch Central Bank, the Single Resolution Board or another relevant authority could be used in such a way as to result in debt instruments of the Issuer, such as the Notes, absorbing losses or otherwise affecting the rights of Noteholders either in the course of any resolution of the Issuer or, prior thereto, at the point of non-viability.

The SMFI and BRRD could negatively affect the position of Noteholders and the credit rating attached to the Notes, in particular if and when any of the above proceedings would be commenced against the Issuer, since the application of any such legislation may affect the rights and effective remedies of the Noteholders as well as the market value of the Notes.

In addition, potential investors should refer to the risk factors entitled "Statutory loss absorption" and "Change of law" on pages 20 and 21 respectively.

## Change of law

The conditions of the Notes are based on Dutch law in effect as at the date of this Series Prospectus. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to Dutch, European or any other applicable laws, regulations or administrative practices (including, but not limited to, any such laws, regulations or practices relating to the tax treatment of the Notes) after the date of this Series Prospectus. Such changes in law may include, but are not limited to, the introduction of a variety of statutory resolution and loss-absorption tools which may affect the rights of holders of securities issued by the Issuer, including the Notes. Such tools may include the ability to write off sums otherwise payable on such securities at a time

when the Issuer is no longer considered viable by its regulator or upon the occurrence of another trigger (see the risk factors headed "*Statutory loss absorption*" and "*Bank recovery and resolution regimes*" on pages 20 and 21 respectively for further details).

#### Statutory protections for creditors of Rabobank's branches

Rabobank may issue Notes under the Programme through Rabobank Structured Products and pursuant to its other funding programmes it may issue other debt securities through its branches in other jurisdictions. Investors in any such Notes or other debt securities issued by Rabobank's branches may benefit from statutory protections in such jurisdictions, which include the ability of local regulators and authorities to ring fence, or take possession of, Rabobank's assets located in such jurisdiction for the benefit of the creditors of those branches in circumstances where Rabobank is placed in liquidation or there is reason to doubt Rabobank ability to pay its creditors in full. Accordingly, in any bankruptcy, winding-up or liquidation of Rabobank in the Netherlands, creditors of Notes issued by Rabobank will not have access to any such assets until the claims of the creditors of Rabobank's branches have been satisfied.

#### The secondary market generally

Notes may have no established trading market when issued and one may never develop. If a market does develop, it may not be very liquid. Therefore, investors may not be able to sell their Notes easily or at all or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market. This is particularly the case for the Notes which are especially sensitive to market risks. As a result, the Notes generally may have a more limited secondary market and more price volatility than conventional debt securities. Illiquidity may have a severely adverse effect on the market value of the Notes.

If additional Notes are subsequently issued, the supply of such Notes in the market will increase and may cause the price at which the relevant Notes trade in the secondary market to decline significantly.

#### Exchange rate risks and exchange controls

The Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Notes in the Specified Currency (as defined in the Note Conditions). This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the "**Investor's Currency**") other than the Specified Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Specified Currency would decrease (a) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Notes, (b) the Investor's Currency-equivalent value of the principal payable on the Notes and (c) the Investor's Currency-equivalent market value of the Notes. If the Notes are denominated in a currency other than the currency of the country in which the Noteholder is resident, the Noteholder is exposed to the risk of fluctuations in the exchange rate between the two aforementioned currencies. Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal at all.

#### 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 (a) Notes are legal investments for it, (b) Notes can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (c) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Notes. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisers or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Notes under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

This Series Prospectus is to be read in conjunction with the following documents which (i) have been previously published or are published simultaneously with this Series Prospectus, (ii) have been filed with the AFM and (iii) shall be incorporated by reference in, and form part of, this Series Prospectus:

- (A) the following sections of the base prospectus dated 10 June 2016 (the "Base Prospectus"), relating to the Issuer's EUR 15,000,000,000 Structured Medium-Term Notes Programme (the "Programme"):
  - (I) the section entitled "General Conditions of the Notes" from pages 124 to 195 inclusive as applicable to Notes (the "General Conditions");
  - (II) the section entitled "Annex III: Equity Index Linked Notes" from pages 224 to 231 inclusive (the "Equity Index Conditions");
  - (III) the section entitled "Description of Business of Rabobank Group" from pages 264 to 274 inclusive excluding the paragraph under the heading 'Interest Rate Derivatives in the SME-segment' which is restated under the same heading below on page 39 under "Recent Developments";
  - (IV) the section entitled "Rabobank Group Structure" from pages 275 to 276 inclusive;
  - (V) the section entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" from pages 277 to 304 inclusive;
  - (VI) the section entitled "Selected Financial Information" from pages 305 to 308 inclusive;
  - (VII) the section entitled "Risk Management" from pages 309 to 315 inclusive;
  - (VIII) the section entitled "Governance of Rabobank Group" from pages 316 to 325 inclusive;
  - (IX) the section entitled "Regulation of Rabobank Group" from pages 326 to 336 inclusive;
  - (X) the section entitled "Capitalisation of Rabobank Group" on page 337;
  - (XI) the section entitled "Taxation" from pages 338 to 383 inclusive; and
  - (XII) the paragraphs under the headings from "The Argentine Republic" to "United States" in the section entitled "Selling Restrictions" from pages 387 to 401 inclusive as applicable to the Notes;
- (B) the audited consolidated financial statements of Rabobank Group for the year ended 31 December 2013, 2014 and 2015 (in each case, together with the independent auditor's reports thereon and explanatory notes thereto);
- (C) the audited unconsolidated financial statements of Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. for the year ended 31 December 2015 (together with the independent auditor's report thereon and explanatory notes thereto);
- (D) the audited unconsolidated financial statements of Coöperatieve Centrale Raiffeisen-Boerenleenbank B.A. for the years ended 31 December 2013 and 2014 (in each case, together with the independent auditor's reports thereon and explanatory notes thereto);
- (E) the interim report of Rabobank Group for the six months ended 30 June 2016 containing the condensed consolidated interim financial information of Rabobank Group for the six months ended 30 June 2016 (together with the independent auditor's review report thereon and explanatory notes thereto);

- (F) the English version articles of association of the Issuer, last amended on 31 December 2015 effective from 1 January 2016 (the "Articles of Association"); and
- (G) a press release dated 7 July 2016 titled "Rabobank joins interest rate derivatives recovery framework".

Any documents themselves incorporated by reference in the documents incorporated by reference in this Series Prospectus shall not form part of this Series Prospectus. Any non-incorporated parts of a document referred to in those documents are deemed not relevant for an investor. Any statement contained in this Series Prospectus or in any of the documents incorporated by reference in, and forming part of, this Series Prospectus shall be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Series Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in any document which is subsequently incorporated by reference herein by way of a supplement prepared in accordance with Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive modifies or supersedes such statement.

The Issuer will provide, without charge, to each person to whom a copy of this Series Prospectus has been delivered, upon the request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents incorporated herein by reference. Requests for such documents should be directed to the Issuer at its office set out at the end of this Series Prospectus (E-mail: ir@rabobank.com; Telephone No.: +31 (0)30 712 24 01). In addition, such documents will be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu) and available, without charge, from the offices of the Paying Agents and the website of the Issuer (*www.rabobank.com/ir*). The Issuer will, in the event of any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in this Series Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of any of the Notes, prepare a supplement to this Series Prospectus.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

The terms and conditions of the Notes shall consist of (A) the General Conditions, (B) the Equity Index Conditions and (C) the terms and conditions set out below (the "**Note Conditions**"). References in the General Conditions and the Equity Index Conditions to "Final Terms" shall be deemed to refer to the Note Conditions.

## PART A — CONTRACTUAL TERMS

1	Issuer:	Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. (Rabobank Structured Products)	
2	(a) Series Number:	8347	
	(b) Tranche Number:	1	
	(c) Date on which the Notes become fungible:	Not Applicable	
3	Specified Currency or Currencies:	Euro	
4	Aggregate Nominal Amount:		
	(a) Series:	EUR 100,000,000	
	(b) Tranche:	EUR 100,000,000	
5	Issue Price:	100 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount	
6	(a) Specified Denominations:	EUR 100,000	
	(b) Calculation Amount:	EUR 100,000	
7	(a) Issue Date:	11 August 2016	
	(b) Interest Commencement Date:	As set out in General Condition 1.	
	(c) Trade Date:	21 July 2016	
8	Scheduled Maturity Date:	11 August 2027	
9	Interest Basis:	Contingent Coupon Notes Further particulars specified in item 24 below.	
10	Change of Interest Basis:	Not Applicable	
11	Redemption Basis:	Standard Redemption – Single Underlying	
		Further particulars specified in item 49 below.	
12	Settlement Basis:	Cash Settlement	
12		Further particulars specified below.	
13	Notes linked to Underlyings:	Equity Index Linked Notes Further particulars specified below.	
14	Redemption Prior to Maturity:	runner parteulars specified below.	
11	(a) Call Option/Put Option:	Not Applicable	
	<ul><li>(b) Automatic Early Redemption:</li></ul>	**	
15	<ul><li>(a) Status of the Notes:</li></ul>	Not Applicable Senior Notes	
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	(b) Domestic Note:	Not Applicable	

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE INTEREST BASIS

16	Fixed Rate Notes:	Not Applicable
17	Floating Rate Notes:	Not Applicable
18	Zero Coupon Notes:	Not Applicable
19	Inverse Floating Rate Notes:	Not Applicable
20	CMS Linked Notes:	Not Applicable
21	Range Accrual Notes:	Not Applicable
22	Variable Rate Notes:	Not Applicable
23	Ratchet Notes:	Not Applicable

**Contingent Coupon Notes** 

24 Conditional Coupon with No Memory – Single Underlying: Applicable.

Notwithstanding Condition 5(j) of the General Conditions, each Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date. The Interest Amount payable in respect of an Interest Period will be an amount in EUR determined by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Coupon Observation Date in accordance with the provisions set out below. The Interest Amount shall be payable in arrear on the Specified Interest Payment Date immediately following the relevant Coupon Observation Date.

(A) If, on the relevant Coupon Observation Date, either (a) a European Knock-In Event has occurred, or (b) a European Knock-In Event has not occurred but the Reference Value of the Underlying is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, equal to or greater than the Coupon Trigger, the relevant Interest Amount shall be calculated as follows:

#### Calculation Amount × Rate;

(B) If, on the relevant Coupon Observation Date, (a) a European Knock-In Event has not occurred, and (b) the Reference Value of the Underlying is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, less than the Coupon Trigger, the relevant Interest Amount shall be zero.

For such purposes a "**European Knock-In Event**" shall have occurred on a Coupon Observation Date if the Reference Value on any Coupon Observation Date on or prior to such Coupon Observation Date is equal to or greater than 120 per cent. of the Initial Value.

- (a) Coupon Observation Dates:
- (i) 21 July 2017;
- (ii) 23 July 2018;
- (iii) 22 July 2019;

- (iv) 21 July 2020;
- (v) 21 July 2021;
- (vi) 21 July 2022;
- (vii) 21 July 2023;
- (viii) 22 July 2024;
- (ix) 21 July 2025;
- (x) 21 July 2026; and
- (xi) 21 July 2027.
- (i) 11 August 2017;
- (ii) 11 August 2018;
- (iii) 11 August 2019;
- (iv) 11 August 2020;
- (v) 11 August 2021;
- (vi) 11 August 2022;
- (vii) 11 August 2023;
- (viii) 11 August 2024;
- (ix) 11 August 2025;
- (x) 11 August 2026; and
- (xi) 11 August 2027.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Interest Period is not subject to adjustment.

Interest Period End Dates, provided that if the Coupon Observation Date immediately prior to such Interest Period End Date has been adjusted in accordance with the Equity Index Conditions, the Specified Interest Payment Date will be adjusted to fall on a later date as specified below. Such later date shall be determined on the basis that the period between the related Interest Period End Date and such later date shall equal the period between the respective date specified in paragraph (a) above and the actual Coupon Observation Date (following adjustment).

For the avoidance of doubt, a Specified Interest Payment Date will not be adjusted if the Coupon Observation Date immediately prior to the relevant Interest Period End Date has not been adjusted, notwithstanding that any Coupon Observation Date in any previous year has been adjusted.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Interest Amount payable in respect of an Interest Period will not be affected by any adjustments in relation to Coupon Observation Dates and/or

(b) Interest Period End Dates:

(c) Specified Interest Payment Dates:

Specified Interest Payment Dates, and, further, references to

		Interest Payment Dates, and, further, references to Interest Payment Date in the definition of "Interest Period" set
		out in General Condition 1 shall be construed as references to
		Interest Period End Date.
	(d) Coupon Triggers:	70 per cent. of the Initial Value
	(e) Rate:	4.15 per cent.
	(f) Business Day Convention	Following Business Day Convention
25	Conditional Coupon with No Memory – Worst Performer:	Not Applicable
26	Conditional Coupon with Memory – Single Underlying:	Not Applicable
27	Conditional Coupon with Memory – Worst Performer:	Not Applicable
28	Range Accrual – Single Underlying:	Not Applicable
29	Range Accrual – Worst Performer:	Not Applicable
30	Bonus Recovery – Single Underlying:	Not Applicable
31	Bonus Recovery – Worst Performer:	Not Applicable
32	Year-on-Year Inflation Linked Interest:	Not Applicable
33	Other Periodic Inflation Linked Interest:	Not Applicable
34	Digital Interest:	Not Applicable
35	FX Linked Interest:	Not Applicable
36	FX Range Interest:	Not Applicable
PR	OVISIONS RELATING TO THE REDEMPT	ION BASIS
Aut	tomatic Early Redemption	
37	Autocall – Single Underlying:	Not Applicable
38	Autocall – Worst Performer:	Not Applicable
39	Autocall – (Individual Call) – Single Underlying:	Not Applicable
40	40 Autocall – (Individual Call) – Worst Not Applicable Performer:	
Oth	er redemption prior to maturity	
41	Redemption for Taxation Reasons:	
	(a) Period of redemption:	At any time
	(b) Notice period:	Not less than 30 days and not more than 45 days.
	(c) Early Redemption Amount:	As set out in General Condition 1
	(i) Early Redemption Unwind Costs:	Standard Early Redemption Unwind Costs
42	Call Option:	Not Applicable

43	Put Option:	Not Applicable
44	Redemption for Illegality or due to an Event of Default:	
	(a) Early Redemption Amount:	As set out in General Condition 1
	(i) Early Redemption Unwind Costs:	Standard Early Redemption Unwind Costs
Fin	al Redemption	
45	Redemption at Par:	Not Applicable
46	Redemption at Discount/Premium:	Not Applicable
47	Dual Currency Redemption – Single Underlying:	Not Applicable
48	Dual Currency Redemption – Underlying Performance:	Not Applicable
49	Standard Redemption – Single Underlying:	Applicable
		Notwithstanding General Condition 6(v), provided that the Notes have not been previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled in accordance with the General Conditions, on the Maturity Date the Issuer shall redeem each Note in accordance with the following provisions: If, on the Maturity Date, either (a) a European Knock-In Event
		has occurred, or (b) the Barrier Condition has been met, the Final Redemption Amount shall be an amount in EUR calculated as follows:
		Calculation Amount × 100 per cent.
		If, on the Maturity Date, neither (a) a European Knock-In Event has occurred, nor (b) the Barrier Condition has been met, the Final Redemption Amount shall be an amount in EUR calculated as follows:
		max [0, (Calculation Amount × Final Value)]
		For such purposes a " <b>European Knock-In Event</b> " shall have occurred on the Maturity Date if the Reference Value on any Coupon Observation Date on or prior to the Maturity Date is equal to or greater than 120 per cent. of the Initial Value.
		For such purposes the " <b>Barrier Condition</b> " is met if, on the Final Redemption Observation Date the Reference Value is equal to or greater than the Strike Value.
	(a) Strike Value	60 per cent. of the Initial Value
	(b) Final Value:	Reference Value (see General Condition 1)
	(c) Final Redemption Observation Date:	21 July 2027
50	Standard Redemption – Worst Performer:	Not Applicable
51	Standard Redemption – Basket:	Not Applicable
52	Barrier Redemption – Single Underlying:	Not Applicable

53	Bar	rier Rede	emption – Worst Performer:	Not Applicable	
54		ntinuous I lerlying:	Barrier Redemption – Single	Not Applicable	
55		ntinuous H former:	Barrier Redemption – Worst	Not Applicable	
PR	OVIS	SIONS RE	ELATING TO THE SETTLEN	IENT BASIS	
56	Set	tlement B	asis:	Cash Settlement	
57	57 Variation of settlement under General Condition 9(d)(iv):			Not Applicable	
Ass	et Ar	nount			
58	Ass	et Amoun	ıt:	Not Applicable	
PR	OVIS	SIONS RE	ELATING TO THE UNDERLY	YING	
59	Con	nmodity I	Linked Notes:	Not Applicable	
60	Con	nmodity I	ndex Linked Notes:	Not Applicable	
61	Equ	ity Linke	d Notes:	Not Applicable	
62	2 Equity Index Linked Notes:		Linked Notes:	Applicable	
	(a)	Single E	Equity Index:	Applicable	
		(i)	Equity Index:	EURO STOXX 50® Index	
		(ii)	Index Sponsor:	STOXX Limited	
		(iii)	Exchange:	Multi-Exchange Equity Index	
		(iv)	Related Exchange:	Eurex	
		(v)	Reference Value:	Official closing level of the Index on such day as calculated and published by the Index Sponsor.	
		(vi)	Initial Value:	2968.4.	
		(vii)	Initial Observation Date:	21 July 2016	
		(viii)	Observation Time:	Not Applicable	
	(b)	Disrup	ted Day:	Applicable	
	(c)	Additio	nal Disruption Events:	Change in Law, Hedging Disruption and Increased Cost of Hedging	
	(d)	Basket o	of Equity Indices:	Not Applicable	
63	Fun	d Linked	Notes:	Not Applicable	
64	4 FX Linked Notes:		otes:	Not Applicable	
65	Infl	ation Ind	ex Linked Notes:	Not Applicable	
GE	GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES				
66	For	m of Note	es:	Bearer Notes	

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 Form of Notes:
 Bearer Notes

 Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global

Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes in the limited circumstances set out in the Permanent Global Note.

67 (a) Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to Payment Day in Condition 8(f):

ial TARGETin General Condition 8(f)(i) applies.

(b) **Financial Centre(s) or other special** TARGET provisions relating to Business Day:

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## PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

#### 1 LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

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(a)	Listing:	Application has been made for the Notes to be admitted to the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.
(b)	Admission to trading:	Application has been made for the Notes to be admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.
(c)	Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading:	EUR 5,460
(d)	In the case of Notes listed on Euronext Amsterdam:	Not Applicable
RATINGS		
Ratings:		The Notes to be issued have not been rated.

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

So far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has an interest material to the offer. The Dealer and their Affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer and its Affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

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

- (a) Reasons for the offer (other than Not Applicable general corporate purposes):
- (b) Estimated net proceeds: 100 per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount
- (c) Estimated total expenses: EUR 5,460

## <sup>5</sup> PERFORMANCE OF INDEX/INDICES, EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT AND ASSOCIATED RISKS AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INDEX/INDICES

All disclosures contained in this Series Prospectus regarding the Index and/or the Index Sponsor are derived from publicly available documents or other specified publicly available sources. Neither the Issuer nor the Dealer has participated in the preparation of such documents nor made any due diligence inquiry with respect to the information provided therein.

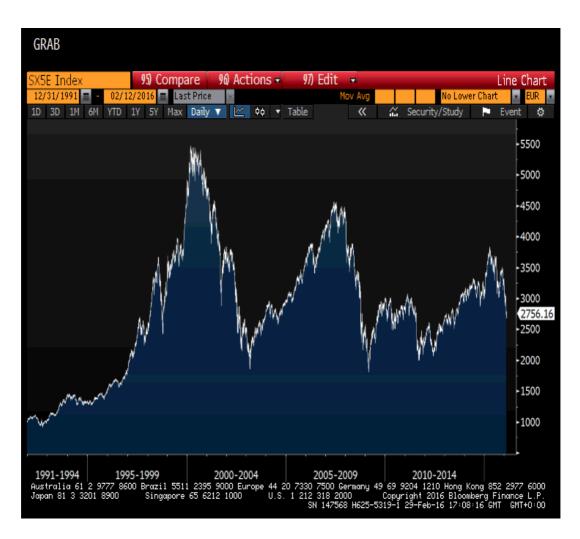
Investors in the Notes are urged to conduct their own investigation into the Index. Furthermore, there can be no assurance that all events occurring prior to the date of this Series Prospectus (including events that would affect the accuracy or completeness of such publicly available documents) that would affect the prices of the Index (and therefore the trading price of the Notes) have been publicly disclosed. Subsequent disclosure of any such events or the disclosure or failure to disclose material future events concerning the Index could affect the trading price and redemption value of the Notes.

(i) Description

The EURO STOXX 50 (Price) Index is a free-float market capitalization-weighted index of 50 European bluechip stocks from those countries participating in the EMU. Each component's weight is capped at 10% of the index's total free float market capitalization. The Index was developed with a base value of 1000 as of 31 December 1991. (Source: Bloomberg®).

(ii) Historical Performance

The following graph sets out, for the period indicated, the daily closing levels of the EURO STOXX 50<sup>®</sup> Index:



#### (iii) Further Information

Further information, including information relating to the past and further performance of the EURO STOXX 50® Index and its volatility, can be obtained from the following information sources:

Bloomberg® code: SX5E

Calculated and announced by: STOXX Limited, Selnaustrasse 30, CH-8022 Zurich, Switzerland ("STOXX")

Website: www.stoxx.com

#### (iv) Index Disclaimer

STOXX has no relationship to the Issuer, other than the licensing of the EURO STOXX 50® Index and the related trademarks for use in connection with the Notes.

#### STOXX does not:

- Sponsor, endorse, sell or promote the Notes.
- Recommend that any person invest in the Notes or any other securities.

- Have any responsibility or liability for or make any decisions about the timing, amount or pricing of the Notes.
- Have any responsibility or liability for the administration, management or marketing of the Notes.
- Consider the needs of the Notes or the owners of the Notes in determining, composing or calculating the EURO STOXX 50® Index or have any obligation to do so.

STOXX will not have any liability in connection with the Notes. Specifically, STOXX does not make any warranty, express or implied and disclaims any and all warranty about:

- The results to be obtained by the Notes, the owner of the Notes or any other person in connection with the use of the EURO STOXX 50® Index and the data included in the EURO STOXX 50® Index;
- The accuracy or completeness of the EURO STOXX 50® Index and its data;
- The merchantability and the fitness for a particular purpose or use of the EURO STOXX 50® Index and its data;
- STOXX will have no liability for any errors, omissions or interruptions in the EURO STOXX 50® Index or its data;
- Under no circumstances will STOXX be liable for any lost profits or indirect, punitive, special or consequential damages or losses, even if STOXX knows that they might occur.

The licensing agreement between the Issuer and STOXX is solely for their benefit and not for the benefit of the owners of the Notes or any other third parties.

The Issuer does not intend to provide post-issuance information. benefit of the owners of the Notes or any other third parties.

(a)	ISIN:	XS1460821496
(b)	Common Code:	146082149
(c)	German WKN-code:	Not Applicable
(d)	Private Placement number:	Not Applicable
(e)	CUSIP Number:	Not Applicable
(f)	Any clearing system(s) other than DTC, Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, <i>société anonyme</i> and the relevant identification number(s):	Not Applicable
(g)	Delivery:	Delivery against payment
(h)	Names (and addresses) of additional (Paying/Delivery) Agent(s) (if any):	Not Applicable
(i)	Names (and addresses) of Calculation Agent(s):	Société Générale, Tour Société Générale 17 Cours Valmy 92987 Paris La Défense Cedex France

#### 6 **OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

#### 7 DISTRIBUTION

(a)	Method of Distribution:	Non-syndicated
(b)	If syndicated, names and addresses of Dealers and underwriting commitments:	Not Applicable
(c)	Date of Subscription Agreement:	Not Applicable
(d)	Stabilising Manager(s):	Not Applicable
(e)	Total commission and concession/Dealer's Commission:	Not Applicable
(f)	If non-syndicated, name and address of	Société Générale,
	relevant Dealer:	Tour Société Générale
		17 Cours Valmy
		92987 Paris La Défense Cedex
		France
(g)	Applicable TEFRA exemption:	D Rules
(h)	Non-exempt Offer:	Not Applicable
(i)	General Consent:	Not Applicable
(j)	Additional United States Tax Considerations:	Not Applicable
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE		Not Applicable

8 OFFER

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds from the issues of the Notes will be used by the Issuer in connection with its banking business.

## **CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT**

The information set out below is subject to any change in or reinterpretation of the rules, regulations and procedures of, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (together, the "Book-Entry Clearing Systems") currently in effect. Investors wishing to use the facilities of any of the Book-Entry Clearing Systems are advised to confirm the continued applicability of the rules, regulations and procedures of the relevant Book-Entry Clearing System. Neither the Issuer nor any agent party to the Agency Agreement will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the Notes held through the facilities of any Book-Entry Clearing System or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

## Book-Entry Ownership: Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg

The Notes will be represented by a Temporary Global Note exchangeable with a Permanent Global Note which will be deposited with a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. Transfers of any interests in the Notes represented by a Global Note within Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be effected in accordance with the customary rules and operating procedures of the relevant clearing system.

## SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

#### **Summary of Distribution Agreement**

The Dealer has been appointed as the Dealer in relation to the issue of the Notes under a Distribution Agreement dated 10 June 2016 (the "**Distribution Agreement**") by executing a "Dealer Accession Letter" substantially in the form set out in Schedule E of the Distribution Agreement. Subject to the terms and on the conditions contained in the Distribution Agreement, the Notes may be resold at prevailing market prices, or at prices related thereto, at the time of such resale, as determined by the Dealer. The Notes may also be sold by the Issuer through the Dealer, acting as agents of the Issuer.

## Selling Restrictions

#### General

No action has been taken in any jurisdiction that would permit a public offering of any of the Notes, or possession or distribution of this Series Prospectus or any other offering material, in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required.

The Dealer has agreed that it shall, to the best of its knowledge, comply with all relevant laws, regulations and directives in each jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers the Notes or has in its possession or distributes this Series Prospectus and any other offering material.

#### 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 Dealer has represented and agreed 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 the Notes to the public in that Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State.

- (A) 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 this Series Prospectus in relation to the Notes which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, and the Issuer has consented in writing to its use for the purpose of that Non-exempt Offer;
- (B) at any time to any person or entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (C) at any time to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the Dealer; or
- (D) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of the Notes referred to in paragraphs (B) to (D) above shall require the Issuer or the Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "**offer of Notes to the public**" in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- 1 Application has been made to the AFM to approve this document as a prospectus for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive. Application has been made for the Notes to list on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and be admitted to trading on the Regulated Market.
- 2 The Issuer has obtained all necessary consents, approvals and authorisations in connection with the issue and performance of the Notes. The issuance of the Notes was authorised by a resolution of the Executive Board of Rabobank passed on 10 November 2015, by a resolution of the Supervisory Board passed on 30 November 2015 and by a secretary's certificate dated 7 June 2016.
- **3** There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Issuer or of Rabobank Group, and there has been no material adverse change in the financial position or prospects of the Issuer or of Rabobank Group, since 31 December 2015.
- 4 There are no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware) during the period covering the 12 months preceding the date of this Series Prospectus which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the Issuer's and/or Rabobank Group's financial position or profitability. Investors should refer to the paragraph headed "*Legal and arbitration proceedings*" under the section of the Base Prospectus headed "Description of Business of Rabobank Group", which has been incorporated by reference in this Series Prospectus.
- **5** Recent developments:
  - (A) Derivatives: On 7 July 2016, Rabobank announced its decision to join the Dutch Derivatives Committee's Recovery Framework (each as defined below). Implementation of the Recovery Framework is expected to last until mid-2017. The decision to take part in the framework means that Rabobank made an additional provision of EUR 514 million in its interim figures for the six months ended 30 June 2016. For further information see "Description of Business of Rabobank Group -Interest rate derivatives in the SME-segment" in the Base Prospectus.
  - (B) Interest Rate Derivatives in the SME-segment: Approximately 9,000 of Rabobank's 800,000 business customers have an interest rate derivative, with in total around 11,000 derivative contracts. During 2014 and 2015, these interest rate derivatives have been subject to a reassessment process. In 2014, Rabobank tightened the quality requirements of the reassessment of interest rate derivatives, partly at the insistence of the AFM. The reassessment on a case by case basis was close to being finalised in December 2015, in accordance with an agreement with the AFM. Rabobank sent letters on the reassessment results to inform over 90 per cent. of its customers involved by the end of 2015, with the remainder following in January 2016. In December 2015, however, Rabobank received notice that in the AFM's opinion, the interest rate derivatives reassessment conducted by Rabobank had been insufficient and that the AFM had identified flaws in its own scrutiny of reassessments. In the first two months of 2016, Rabobank was in discussion with the AFM in order to achieve a suitable solution. In March of this year, the Minister of Finance appointed an independent committee (the "Dutch Derivatives Committee"), which on 5 July 2016, published its advice and recovery framework (the "Recovery Framework") on the reassessment of SME interest rate derivatives. Implementation of the Recovery Framework is expected to last until mid 2017. Rabobank is involved in civil lawsuits regarding interest rate derivatives brought before Dutch courts, most of which are individual cases. Furthermore, a class action has been engaged against Rabobank, with claims regarding interest rate derivatives, which include EURIBOR related claims. Rabobank is defending itself against all these claims. Further, complaint procedures regarding interest rate derivatives have been entered against Rabobank before Kifid (the Netherlands Financial Services Complaints Tribunal), which opened a

desk for SMEs with interest rate derivatives in January 2015. Rabobank's decision to take part in the Recovery Framework, which was announced by Rabobank on 7 July 2016, means that Rabobank made an additional provision of EUR 514 million in its interim figures for the six months ended 30 June 2016.

- 6 The Notes, which are Bearer Note and to which "TEFRA D" applies, will bear the following legend: "Any United States person who holds this obligation will be subject to limitations under the United States income tax laws, including the limitations provided in Sections 165(j) and 1287(a) of the Internal Revenue Code".
- 7 The Notes have been accepted for clearance through the Euroclear and Clearstream systems. The address of Euroclear is Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B-1210 Brussels, the address of Clearstream is Clearstream Banking, 42 Avenue JF Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg.
- 8 The Dealer and its Affiliates may, from time to time, become involved in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer and its Affiliates in the ordinary course of business.
- **9** For the period of 12 months following the date of this Series Prospectus, copies of the following documents will be available, during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays and public holidays excepted), at the offices of the Paying Agents:
  - (A) the Agency Agreement (as amended and supplemented from time to time);
  - (B) the articles of association of the Issuer;
  - (C) the audited consolidated financial statements of Rabobank Group for the years ended 31 December 2013, 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2015 (in each case, together with the independent auditor's reports thereon and explanatory notes thereto);
  - (D) the audited statutory financial statements of Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. for the year ended 31 December 2015 (together with the explanatory notes) and the independent auditor's report in respect thereof;
  - (E) the audited unconsolidated financial statements of Coöperatieve Centrale Raiffeisen-Boerenleenbank
     B.A. for the years ended 31 December 2013 and 2014 (in each case, together with the independent auditor's reports thereon and explanatory notes thereto);
  - (F) the interim report of Rabobank Group for the six months ended 30 June 2016, containing the condensed consolidated interim financial information of Rabobank Group for the six months ended 30 June 2016 (together with the independent auditor's review report thereon and explanatory notes thereto); and
  - (G) a copy of this Series Prospectus.
- 10 For the period of 12 months following the date of this Series Prospectus, copies of the latest annual consolidated accounts of Rabobank Group may be obtained free of charge at the specified offices of each of the Paying Agents during normal business hours, so long as any of the Notes are outstanding. Copies of the latest annual non-consolidated accounts of Rabobank may be obtained free of charge at the specified offices of each of the Paying Agents during normal business hours, so long as any of the Notes are outstanding. Rabobank does not publish non-consolidated interim accounts.
- 11 Ernst & Young Accountants LLP, of which the "registeraccountants" are members of the Royal NBA (*Koninklijke Nederlandse Beroepsorganisatie van Accountants* The Royal Netherlands Institute of Chartered Accountants) has audited, and issued unqualified independent auditor's reports on the

unconsolidated financial statements of Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. for the year ended 31 December 2015, on the unconsolidated financial statements of Coöperatieve Centrale Raiffeisen-Boerenleenbank B.A. for the years ended 31 December 2013 and 2014 and on the consolidated financial statements of Rabobank Group for the years ended 31 December 2015, 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013. Due to the mandatory audit firm rotation policy in the Netherlands, Rabobank has appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers Accountants N.V. as its new external auditor with effect from 1 January 2016.

- 12 A copy of this Series Prospectus will be, filed, if required under applicable law, with the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets.
- 13 The Issuer is subject to corporate income tax.
- 14 The Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information, without prejudice to the requirements of any applicable laws and regulations.

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