

# ABN AMRO Bank N.V.

(incorporated in The Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam and registered in the Commercial Register of the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce under number 34334259)

# **Programme for the Issuance of Medium Term Notes**

# Supplement to the Base Prospectus dated 29 June 2012

This Supplement dated 16 October 2012 (the "**Supplement**") is supplemental to, forms part of and must be read and construed in conjunction with, the base prospectus dated 29 June 2012 issued by ABN AMRO Bank N.V. as supplemented by the first supplement dated 27 August 2012 (the "**Base Prospectus**"). The Base Prospectus has been issued by ABN AMRO Bank N.V. in respect of a Programme for the Issuance of Medium Term Notes. This Supplement, together with the Base Prospectus, constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of Article 5.4 of Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council (the "**Prospectus Directive**"). Terms given a defined meaning in the Base Prospectus shall, unless the context otherwise requires, have the same meaning when used in this Supplement. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Supplement and (b) any other statement in or incorporated by reference into the Base Prospectus, the statements in (a) above will prevail.

ABN AMRO Bank N.V. accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and declares that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, such information is, to the best of their knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

#### Arranger

# ABN AMRO

No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Supplement or the Base Prospectus, the applicable Final Terms or any document incorporated by reference herein or therein, or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, the Arranger or any Dealer.

This Supplement and the Base Prospectus do not, and are not intended to, constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any of the Notes by or on behalf of the Issuer or the Arranger or any Dealer in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorised or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction.

Neither this Supplement, the Base Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme should be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer, the Arranger or any Dealer that any recipient of this Supplement, the Base Prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme should purchase any Notes. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made by the Arranger or any Dealer in their capacity as such. Each investor contemplating purchasing any Notes should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the Issuer.

Neither the delivery of this Supplement, the Base Prospectus nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Notes shall in any circumstances imply that the information contained herein concerning the Issuer is correct at any time subsequent to the dates thereof or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Notes is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. The Arranger and any Dealer expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer during the life of the Programme.

The Issuer, the Arranger and any Dealer do not represent that this Supplement or the Base Prospectus may be lawfully distributed, or that Notes may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any jurisdiction. In particular, no action has been taken by the Issuer, the Arranger or any Dealer appointed under the Programme which is intended to permit a public offering of the Notes or distribution of this Supplement or the Base Prospectus 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 Supplement, the Base Prospectus, together with its attachments, nor any advertisement or other offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction where such distribution and/or publication would be prohibited and each Dealer (if any) will be required to represent that all offers and sales by it will be made on these terms.

The distribution of this Supplement and the Base Prospectus and the offer or sale of Notes may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. Persons into whose possession this Supplement, the Base Prospectus or any Notes come must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions. See "Subscription and Sale" on page 110 in the base prospectus dated 29 June 2012. In particular, the Notes have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States, and include Notes in bearer form that are subject to United States tax law requirements. The Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of. U.S. persons (as defined in Regulation S) except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration

requirements of the Securities Act. Subject to certain exceptions, the Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to United States persons, as these terms are defined by the Code and by U.S. Treasury regulations thereunder.

So long as the Base Prospectus and this Supplement are valid as described in Article 9 of the Prospectus Directive, copies of this Supplement and the Base Prospectus, together with the other documents listed in "Documents incorporated by reference" on page 35 of the base prospectus dated 29 June 2012 will be available free of charge during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted) from the Issuer (at its registered office of the Issuer at Gustav Mahlerlaan 10, 1082 PP Amsterdam, The Netherlands, by telephone +31 20 6282282 or by e-mail: investorrelations@nl.abnamro.com).

# AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS

With effect from the date of this Supplement the information appearing in, or incorporated by reference into, the Base Prospectus shall be amended and/or supplemented in the manner described below. References to page numbers are to the pages of the base prospectus dated 29 June 2012.

1. In the section "Summary of the programme and terms and conditions of the notes" on page 14, the following new paragraph shall be inserted between the paragraph titled "Risks related to the market generally" and the paragraph titled "Risks relating to Renminbi-denominated Notes":

# "Risks related to Singapore taxation

- Notes issued in Singapore Dollar that are "qualifying debt securities" may lose the tax concessions in connection therewith should the relevant tax laws be amended or revoked at any time."
- 2. In the section "Risk Factors" on page 31, the following new paragraph shall be inserted between the paragraph titled "Risks related to the market generally" and the paragraph titled "Risks relating to Renminbi-denominated Notes":

#### "Risks related to Singapore taxation

The Notes to be issued are intended to be "qualifying debt securities" for the purposes of the Income Tax Act, Chapter 134 of Singapore (the "**ITA**"), subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions more particularly described in "Singapore Taxation".

However, there is no assurance that such Notes will continue to enjoy the tax concessions in connection therewith should the relevant tax laws be amended or revoked at any time, which amendment or revocation may be prospective or retroactive."

3. In the section "Taxation" on page 109, the following new paragraph shall be inserted after the paragraph titled "EU council directive on taxation of savings income":

#### **"SINGAPORE TAXATION**

The statements below are general in nature and are based on certain aspects of current tax laws in Singapore and administrative guidelines issued by the Monetary Authority of Singapore ("MAS") in force as at the date of this Base Prospectus and are subject to any changes in such laws or administrative guidelines, or the interpretation of those laws or guidelines, occurring after such date, which changes could be made on a retroactive basis. Neither these statements nor any other statements in this Base Prospectus are intended or are to be regarded as advice on the tax position of any holder of the Notes or of any person acquiring, selling or otherwise dealing with the Notes or on any tax implications arising from the acquisition, sale or other dealings in respect of the Notes. The statements made herein do not purport to be a comprehensive or exhaustive description of all the tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to subscribe for, purchase, own or dispose of the Notes and do not purport to deal with the tax consequences applicable to all categories of investors, some of which (such as dealers in securities or financial institutions in Singapore which have been granted the relevant Financial Sector Incentive tax incentive(s)) may be subject to special rules. Prospective Noteholders are advised to consult their own professional tax advisers as to the Singapore or other tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership or disposal of the Notes, including the effect of any foreign, state or local tax laws to which they are subject. It is emphasised that neither the Issuer, the Arranger, the Dealers nor any other persons involved in the Programme accept responsibility for any tax effects or liabilities resulting from the subscription, purchase, holding or disposal of the Notes.

# The descriptions below are not intended to apply to any Notes issued by, or issued for the purposes of funding, the Singapore Branch of the Issuer.

#### 1. Interest and Other Payments

As the dealers for more than half of the Notes issued under a tranche of the Programme are Financial Sector Incentive (Bond Market) Companies (as defined in the Income Tax Act, Chapter 134 of Singapore ("ITA")), the Notes issued pursuant to this Base Prospectus (the "**Relevant Notes**") on or before 31 December 2013 would be "qualifying debt securities" for the purposes of the ITA and, subject to certain conditions having been fulfilled (including the furnishing of a return on debt securities for the Relevant Notes) interest, discount income (not including discount income arising from secondary trading), prepayment fee, redemption premium and break cost (collectively, the "**Specified Income**") from the Relevant Notes derived by any company or body of persons (as defined in the ITA) in Singapore is subject to tax at a concessionary rate of 10 per cent.

However, notwithstanding the foregoing:

- (A) if during the primary launch of any tranche of Relevant Notes, the Relevant Notes of such tranche are issued to fewer than 4 persons and 50 per cent. or more of the issue of such Relevant Notes is beneficially held or funded, directly or indirectly, by related parties of the Issuer, such Relevant Notes would not qualify as "qualifying debt securities"; and
- (B) even though a particular tranche of Relevant Notes are "qualifying debt securities", if, at any time during the tenure of such tranche of Relevant Notes, 50 per cent. or more

of the issue of such Relevant Notes is beneficially held or funded, directly or indirectly, by related parties of the Issuer, Specified Income from such Relevant Notes derived by:

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

shall not be eligible for the concessionary rate of tax of 10 per cent. as described above.

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

"**break cost**" means any fee payable by the issuer of the securities on the early redemption of the securities, the amount of which is determined by any loss or liability incurred by the holder of the securities in connection with such redemption;

"**prepayment fee**" means any fee payable by the issuer of the securities on the early redemption of the securities, the amount of which is determined by the terms of the issuance of the securities; and

"**redemption premium**" means any premium payable by the issuer of the securities on the redemption of the securities upon their maturity.

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

The term "**related party**", in relation to a person, means any other person who, directly or indirectly, controls that person, or is controlled, directly or indirectly, by that person, or where he and that other person, directly or indirectly, are under the control of a common person.

# 2. Capital Gains

Any gains considered to be in the nature of capital made from the sale of the Notes will not be taxable in Singapore. However, any gains derived by any person from the sale of the Notes which are gains from any trade, business, profession or vocation carried on by that person, if accruing in or derived from Singapore, may be taxable as such gains are considered revenue in nature.

Holders of the Notes who are adopting Singapore Financial Reporting Standard 39 ("**FRS 39**") may, for Singapore income tax purposes, be required to recognise gains or losses (not being gains or losses in the nature of capital) on the Notes, irrespective of disposal, in accordance with FRS 39. Please see the section below on "*Adoption of FRS 39 Treatment for Singapore Income Tax Purposes*".

# 3. Adoption of FRS 39 Treatment for Singapore Income Tax Purposes

The Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore has issued a circular entitled "Income Tax Implications arising from the adoption of FRS 39 — Financial Instruments: Recognition & Measurement" (the "**FRS 39 Circular**"). The ITA has since been amended to give effect to the FRS 39 Circular.

The FRS 39 Circular generally applies, subject to certain "opt-out" provisions, to taxpayers who are required to comply with FRS 39 for financial reporting purposes.

Holders of the Notes who may be subject to the tax treatment under the FRS 39 Circular should consult their own accounting and tax advisers regarding the Singapore income tax consequences of their acquisition, holding or disposal of the Notes.

# 4. Estate Duty

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

4. In the section "Subscription and Sale" on page 114, the following new paragraph shall be inserted after the paragraph titled "People's Republic of China":

# "Singapore

This Base Prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore under the Securities and Futures Act, Cap. 289 of Singapore (the "SFA") and accordingly, the Notes may not be offered or sold, nor may the Notes be the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, nor may this Base Prospectus or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase of the Notes be circulated or distributed, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (a) to an institutional investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA) pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA, (b) to a relevant person (as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA) pursuant to Section 275(1) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (c) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where the Notes are acquired by persons who are relevant persons specified in Section 276 of the SFA, namely:

- a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (ii) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

the shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within 6 months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Notes pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- (i) to an institutional investor (under Section 274 of the SFA) or to a relevant person as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to an offer that is made on terms that such shares, debentures and units of shares and debentures of that corporation or such rights or interest in that trust are acquired at a consideration of not less than S\$200,000 (or its equivalent in a foreign currency) for each transaction, whether such amount is to be paid for in cash or by exchange of securities or other assets and further for corporations, in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275(1A) of the SFA;
- (ii) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (iii) where the transfer is by operation of law; or
- (iv) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA.".