# THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL

#### TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS DATED 19 DECEMBER 2019

### de Volksbank N.V.

(incorporated as a public limited liability company under Dutch law and having its statutory seat in Utrecht, the Netherlands)

# € 15,000,000,000 Covered Bond Programme guaranteed as to payments of interest and principal by

# VOLKS COVERED BOND COMPANY B.V.

(incorporated as a private limited liability company under Dutch law and having its statutory seat in Amsterdam, the Netherlands)

Under its € 15,000,000,000 Covered Bond Programme (the "**Programme**") de Volksbank N.V. (the "**Issuer**" or "de **Volksbank**") may from time to time issue covered bonds (the "**Covered Bonds**") denominated in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer, if any.

This supplement (the "**Supplement**") is based on Article 23 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129, including any commission delegated regulation thereunder (the "**Prospectus Regulation**") and constitutes the third supplement to the base prospectus dated 19 December 2019 of de Volksbank N.V. supplemented by the first supplement dated 3 April 2020 and the second supplement dated 28 August 2020 (the "**Base Prospectus**") and is prepared to update and amend the Base Prospectus, and is supplemental to, forms part of and should be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus. Terms defined in the Base Prospectus shall have the same meaning in this Supplement, unless specified otherwise.

This Supplement has been approved by the Dutch Authority for the Financial Markets ("**Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten**", the "**AFM**"), as competent authority under the Prospectus Regulation for the purpose of giving information with regard to the issue of Covered Bonds under the Programme during the period of twelve months after the date of the Base Prospectus.

The Issuer has requested the AFM to provide the competent authority in Luxembourg with a certificate of approval attesting that this Supplement has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Regulation (the "Notification").

An investment in the Covered Bonds involves certain risks. Prospective investors should have regard to the risk factors described in section 3 (*Risk factors*) of the Base Prospectus.

This Supplement is supplemental to, forms part of, and must be read and construed together with the Base Prospectus and with the documents incorporated by reference therein (which can be found on the website of the Issuer, <u>www.devolksbank.nl</u> and may be obtained by contacting the Issuer by telephone (+31 30 291 42 46/+31 30 291 48 07) or by email: jacob.bosscha@devolksbank.nl and davey.hak@devolksbank.nl), and in relation to any Tranche, the Base Prospectus and this Supplement should be read and construed together with the applicable Final Terms.

The date of this Supplement is 6 November 2020.

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

#### **Responsibility statement**

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and the CBC accepts responsibility for the information relating to the CBC. To the best of their knowledge the information (in the case of the CBC, in respect of the information that relates to it) contained in this Supplement is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. Any information from third parties identified in this Supplement as such has been accurately reproduced and as far as the Issuer and the CBC are aware and are able to ascertain from the information published by a third party, does not omit any facts which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. The Issuer and the CBC accept responsibility accordingly.

Neither the Arranger, the Dealers nor the Security Trustee have independently verified the information contained herein. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made and no responsibility or liability is accepted by the Arranger, the Dealers or the Security Trustee as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained or referred to in this Supplement or any other information provided by the Issuer and the CBC in connection with the Programme. Neither the Arranger, the Dealers nor the Security Trustee accepts any liability in relation to the information contained in this Supplement or any other information provided by the Issuer and the CBC in connection with the Programme.

#### Notice

This Supplement has been approved by the AFM as competent authority under the Prospectus Regulation. The AFM only approves this Supplement as meeting the standards of completeness, comprehensibility and consistency imposed by the Prospectus Regulation. Such approval should not be considered as an endorsement of the Issuer or the CBC that is the subject of this Supplement nor as an endorsement of the quality of any Covered Bonds that are the subject of this Supplement. Investors should make their own assessment as to the suitability of investing in the Covered Bonds.

The Issuer will furnish a supplement to the Base Prospectus in case of any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to the information contained in this Supplement which is capable of affecting the assessment of the Covered Bonds and which arises or is noticed between the time when this Supplement has been approved and the final closing of any Series or Tranche of Covered Bonds offered to the public or, as the case may be, when trading of any Series or Tranche of Covered Bonds on a regulated market begins, in respect of Covered Bonds issued on the basis of the Base Prospectus and this Supplement.

No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Supplement or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the offering of the Covered Bonds and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, the CBC, the Arranger or any of the Dealers.

Neither this Supplement nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Covered Bonds should be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer or the CBC that any recipient of this Supplement or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Covered Bonds should purchase any Covered Bonds. Each investor contemplating purchasing any Covered Bonds should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness of the Issuer and the CBC. In particular, each potential investor should:

(i) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Covered Bonds and the merits of investing in the Covered Bonds (including an evaluation of the financial condition, creditworthiness and affairs of the Issuer) and the information contained or incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus, the applicable Final Terms and this Supplement;

(ii) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Covered Bonds and the impact the Covered Bonds will have on its overall investment portfolio;

(iii) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Covered Bonds, including Covered Bonds 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;

(iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the Covered Bonds and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and

(v) 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 (including, without limitation, those described in 'Risk Factors' in the Base Prospectus).

Some Covered Bonds 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 and appropriate addition of risk to their overall portfolios. A potential investor should not invest in Covered Bonds unless it has the expertise (either alone or with a financial adviser) to evaluate how the Covered Bonds will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the value of the Covered Bonds and the impact this investment will have on the potential investor's overall investment portfolio.

Neither this Supplement nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the issue of any Covered Bonds constitutes an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer to any person to subscribe for or to purchase any Covered Bonds.

The distribution of this Supplement and the offering, sale and delivery of the Covered Bonds may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. Persons into whose possession the Base Prospectus, this Supplement or any Covered Bond comes must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions. For a description of certain restrictions on offers, sales and deliveries of Covered Bonds and on distribution of this Supplement and other offering material relating to the Covered Bonds, see section 7 (*Covered Bonds*) under '*Subscription and Sale*' in the Base Prospectus.

The Covered Bonds have not been approved or disapproved by the US Securities and Exchange Commission, any state securities commission or any other regulatory authority, nor have any of the foregoing authorities passed upon or endorsed the merits of the accuracy or adequacy of this Supplement. Any representation to the contrary is unlawful.

The Covered Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 (as amended) (the "**Securities Act**") and include Covered Bonds in bearer form that are subject to United States tax law requirements. The Covered Bonds may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to United States persons as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act, except in certain transactions permitted by US tax regulations and the Securities Act. See *Subscription and Sale* in the Base Prospectus. The Covered Bonds and the Guarantee have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act, or the securities laws or any state of the U.S. or other jurisdiction. The securities may not be offered or sold within the U.S. or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act ("**Regulation S**")), except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state or local securities laws. Accordingly, the Covered Bonds are being offered, sold or delivered only to non-U.S. persons (as defined in Regulation S) outside the U.S. in reliance on Regulation S.

**Prohibition of sales to EEA retail investors**: The Covered Bonds shall not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to, any retail investor in the European Economic Area ("**EEA**"). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "**MiFID II**"); (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive 2016/97 (the "**Insurance Distribution Directive**"), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Regulation. Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (the "**PRIIPs Regulation**") for offering or selling the Covered Bonds or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPS Regulation.

**MiFID II product governance / target market**: The Final Terms in respect of any Covered Bonds will include a legend entitled "MiFID II Product Governance" which will outline the manufacturer('s/s') target market assessment in respect of the Covered Bonds and which channels for distribution of the Covered Bonds are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Covered Bonds (a "**distributor**") should take into consideration the manufacturer('s/s') target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Covered Bonds (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer('s/s') target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels. A determination will be made in relation to each issue about whether, for the purpose of the MiFID Product Governance Rules "), any Dealer subscribing for any Covered Bonds is a manufacturer in respect of such Covered Bonds, but otherwise neither the Arranger nor the Dealers nor any of their respective affiliates will be a manufacturer for the purpose of the MiFID Product Governance Rules.

Interest and/or other amounts payable under the Covered Bonds may be calculated by reference to certain reference rates. Any such reference rate may constitute a benchmark under Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 ("**the Benchmark Regulation**"). If any such reference rate does constitute such a benchmark, the relevant Final Terms will indicate whether or not the administrator thereof is included in the register of administrators and benchmarks established and maintained by ESMA pursuant to Article 36 (*Register of administrators and benchmarks*) of the Benchmark Regulation. Not every reference rate will fall within the scope of the Benchmark Regulation. Furthermore, transitional provisions in the Benchmark Regulation may have the result that an administrator and/or a benchmark is not required to appear in the register of administers and benchmarks at the date of the relevant Final Terms. The registration status of any administrator or benchmark under the Benchmark Regulation is a matter of public record and, save where required by applicable law, the Issuer does not intend to update any Final Terms to reflect any change in the registration status of the administrator.

# MODIFICATIONS TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS

The following are amendments to the Base Prospectus.

References to page numbers are to page numbers of the Base Prospectus (unless stated otherwise below).

 On page 41 in chapter "3. RISK FACTORS", paragraph "RISK FACTORS REGARDING THE ISSUER" under heading "E. ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE RISKS" the following risk factor will be added:

# 25. Risks related to the recent and potential future changes of the composition of the Issuer's Board of Directors and/or the Issuer's Supervisory Board

At the date of this Base Prospectus, the Issuer's Board of Directors consists of the members referred to in paragraph 'Governance de Volksbank' in section 5 (de Volksbank N.V.). As set out in the paragraph 'Changes to the Board of Directors' in section 5 (de Volksbank N.V.), as of 15 August 2020, Maurice Oostendorp resigned as Chief Executive Officer and was succeeded by Martijn Gribnau. On 5 September 2020, NLFI decided to dismiss the Chief Financial Officer Pieter Veuger, following up on the announcement of the Issuer's Supervisory Board on 14 August 2020 to part ways with the CFO because the dynamics between the members of the Issuer's Board of Directors did not provide an adequate basis for constructive cooperation. The statutory Chief Financial Officer responsibilities are currently, on an interim basis, taken over by Martijn Gribnau. On 14 August 2020 the Issuer's Board of Directors, in which the Issuer's new strategy for the period 2021 - 2025 is the key element. As a result of the recent departures, regulatory authorities may ask the Issuer questions or even commence investigations with respect to the governance of the Issuer. The current circumstances and further developments may lead to additional changes in the composition of the Issuer's Board of Directors did not provise and/or the Issuer's Supervisory Board.

It usually takes time for a newly composed board to find the right fit and balance for all members. Further changes may therefore - at least during a transitory period - give rise to difficulties in managing the Issuer's operations, including a possible inability to in time identify and prevent all risks. Any further changes could affect the Issuer's ability to implement strategic initiatives, which may lead to lagging growth or slower adaption to market changes. In addition, such changes and the uncertainty associated with the ongoing review by the Issuer's Supervisory Board and potential investigations by regulatory authorities may have a negative effect on the Issuer's reputation (see also the risk factor '*The Issuer is exposed to risks of damage to its reputation*'). Furthermore, it may influence market or rating agency perception of the Issuer and could limit its access to money markets and capital markets, which may lead to higher funding and refinancing costs.

2. On page 83 in chapter in chapter "**5. DE VOLKSBANK N.V.**, paragraph "*Governance de Volksbank*" the description of the "**Board of Directors**" and "**Supervisory Board**" will be replaced in its entirety by the following:

The Board of Directors and the Supervisory Board of de Volksbank consist of the members set out below.

#### **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors consists of, and the principal activities performed by the members of the Board of Directors outside de Volksbank, which are significant with respect to de Volksbank, are as follows:

*Mr. M.H.J. Gribnau, Chief Executive Officer* Member of the Board of the Dutch Banking Association

Vacancy, Chief Financial Officer Mr. M.H.J. Gribnau acts as Chief Financial Officer a.i.

Mr. J.R. Dijst, Chief Risk Officer None

*Mrs. M.L. van der Meer, Chief Customer Officer* Member Committee on Consumer Affairs of the Dutch Banking Association

*Mrs. M.N. Verhoeven, Chief Operations Officer* None

All members of the Board of Directors of de Volksbank have full time positions and have elected domicile at the registered office of de Volksbank.

# **Supervisory Board**

The Supervisory Board consists of and the principal activities outside de Volksbank of the members of the Supervisory Board are as follows:

Mr. J.C.M. van Rutte, Chairman

Member Supervisory Board of BNG Bank N.V. Member Supervisory Board of PGGM N.V. / Member of Audit Committee Member Board of ABN AMRO Foundation Member Board of Stichting Administratiekantoor Aandelen KAS Bank

Mrs. S. Barendregt-Roojers Member Supervisory Board of ASR Nederland N.V. Member Supervisory Board of Robeco Institutional Asset Management B.V. Expert Member Accounting Program Erasmus University Rotterdam

Mr. J.H.P.M. van Lange

Member Supervisory Board of Bouwinvest N.V / Chairman Audit, Risk & Compliance Committee Member Board of Governors of Tilburg University Chairman Supervisory Board of the Central Bureau on Fundraising (CBF) (monitors fundraising by charities) Chairman Catholic Higher Education Foundation Member Investment Advisory Committee of DELA (insurance company) *Mrs. M.R. Milz* Member Supervisory Board of Handelsveem Beheer B.V. Member Board of Stichting Arbo Unie

*Mr. A.H.P. Kregting* Chief Information Officer of AkzoNobel N.V. Member Supervisory Board of UMC Utrecht.

3. On page 92 in chapter "**5. DE VOLKSBANK N.V.**, paragraph "**Recent Developments**" the following paragraph will be added after the last paragraph of "*Changes to the Board of Directors*":

On Saturday 5 September 2020 a meeting was held with NLFI on the intended dismissal of Pieter Veuger (CFO). The purpose of this meeting was to give all members of the Board of Directors and Supervisory Board the opportunity to render their advice, following the positive advice of the Works Council.

4. On page 94 in the chapter "**5. DE VOLKSBANK N.V.**, paragraph "**Recent Developments**" the following paragraph will be added as the last paragraph thereof:

# Call of EUR 500 million Tier 2 Subordinated Notes

On 5 October 2020 de Volksbank announced its call of EUR 500 million Tier 2 Subordinated Notes. With reference to the terms and conditions of the EUR 500,000,000 3.75% Callable Resettable Dated Subordinated Notes due 5 November 2025 (ISIN XS1315151388) callable on 5 November 2020 and issued under the debt issuance programme, de Volksbank announced to exercise its right to redeem these notes in full on 5 November 2020.

5. On page 253 in the chapter "**19. DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**" the following document shall be added to the list of documents incorporated in and to form part of, the Base Prospectus (with the replacement of ";" at the end of paragraph (r) with "; and"):

(s) A press release published by the Issuer on 5 September 2020 regarding the decision of NLFI to dismiss the CFO of de Volksbank, which can also be obtained from: <u>https://www.devolksbank.nl/assets/files/Press-release-NLFI-decision-CFO.pdf</u>