COÖPERATIEVE RABOBANK U.A.
(incorporated in the Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam
and registered in the Commercial Register of the Chamber of Commerce under number 30046259)

€25,000,000,000 Covered Bond Programme
guaranteed as to payments of interest and principal by

RABO COVERED BOND COMPANY B.V.
(incorporated in the Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam and registered in the Commercial Register of the Chamber of Commerce under number 67959687)

This Base Prospectus has been approved by the Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten ("**AFM**") as competent authority under the Prospectus Regulation for a period of 12 months from the date of this Base Prospectus (such date, the "**2021 Programme Date**"). The AFM only approves this Base Prospectus 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 that is the subject of this Base Prospectus nor as an endorsement of the quality of any Covered Bonds (as defined below) that are the subject of this Base Prospectus. Investors should make their own assessment as to the suitability of investing in the Covered Bonds. This Base Prospectus will be published in electronic form on https://www.rabobank.com/en/investors/funding/funding-programmes/rabobank-eur-25-billion-covered-bonds-programme.html

This Base Prospectus shall be valid for use only by the Issuer or others who have obtained the Issuer's consent for a period of up to 12 months after its approval by the AFM and shall expire on 18 May 2022, at the latest. The obligation to supplement this Base Prospectus, in the event of significant new factors, material mistakes or material inaccuracies only, shall cease to apply upon the expiry of the validity period of this Base Prospectus.

Under this €25,000,000,000 covered bond programme (the "**Programme**"), Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. (the "**Issuer**" or "**Rabobank**") may from time to time issue covered bonds with an extendable maturity date in global or definitive form and in bearer or registered form (the "**Covered Bonds**") denominated in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s).

Rabo Covered Bond Company B.V. (the "**CBC**") will as an independent obligation irrevocably undertake to pay scheduled interest and scheduled principal payable under the Covered Bonds pursuant to a guarantee issued under the Trust Deed and will pledge to Stichting Security Trustee Rabo Covered Bond Company (the "**Trustee**") the Transferred Assets and certain other assets as security therefor. Recourse against the CBC under its guarantee will be limited to the Transferred Assets and such other assets of the CBC.

The aggregate nominal amount of all Covered Bonds from time to time outstanding under the Programme will not exceed €25,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described in the Programme Agreement described herein), subject to any increase as described herein.

The Covered Bonds may be issued on a continuing basis to purchasers thereof, which may include any dealer or dealers, including any affiliates of the Issuer, appointed under the Programme from time to time by the Issuer (each a "**Dealer**" and together the "**Dealers**"). Such appointment may be for a specific issue or on an ongoing basis. The Dealer or Dealers who (intend to) subscribe an issue of any Covered Bonds is or are (as the case may be) collectively referred to as the "**relevant Dealers**" in respect of those Covered Bonds.

The minimum denomination of Covered Bonds offered by the Issuer will be (i) such denomination as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank or regulatory authority (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency (as defined below) and (ii) in respect of Covered Bonds which will be offered to the public within a member state of the European Economic Area for which the Issuer will seek their admission to trading on a regulated market situated or operating within such a member state, in each case in circumstances which would require the approval of a prospectus under Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (as amended, the "**Prospectus Regulation**"), €100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency at the date of issue of the Covered Bonds).

Application may be made for Covered Bonds issued under the Programme to be admitted to listing on (i) Euronext in Amsterdam ("**Euronext Amsterdam**"), (ii) the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (the "**Luxembourg Stock Exchange Official List**") and admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (the "**Luxembourg Stock Exchange**") or (iii) such other or further stock exchange(s) or market as may be agreed between the Issuer, the CBC, the Trustee and the relevant Dealer or Dealers. Each of Euronext Amsterdam and the Luxembourg Stock Exchange Official List is a regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "**EU MiFID II**"). The Issuer may also issue unlisted and/or privately placed Covered Bonds. The relevant final terms to this Base Prospectus (the "**Final Terms**") in respect of the issue of any Covered Bonds will specify whether such Covered Bonds will be listed on Euronext Amsterdam or the Luxembourg Stock Exchange Official List (or any other stock exchange) or whether the Covered Bonds will be unlisted. References in this Base Prospectus to Covered Bonds being "listed" (and all related references) shall mean that such Covered Bonds have been admitted to trading and have been listed on Euronext Amsterdam, the Luxembourg Stock Exchange Official List and the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or such other or further stock exchange(s) or market which may be agreed between the Issuer, the CBC, any Dealer and the Trustee.

Notice of the aggregate nominal amount of the relevant Covered Bonds, interest (if any) payable in respect of such Covered Bonds, the issue price of such Covered Bonds and any other terms and conditions not contained herein which are applicable to each Tranche (as defined under section 1.3 (*Terms and Conditions of Covered Bonds*) below) of such Covered Bonds will be set out in the Final Terms substantially in the form as set out herein, which, with respect to such Covered Bonds to be listed on Euronext Amsterdam, the Luxembourg Stock Exchange Official List or on such other or further stock exchange(s) or market(s) as may be agreed and specified in the applicable Final Terms, will be delivered to Euronext Amsterdam, the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or on such other or further stock exchange(s) or market(s) on or before the date of issue of such Tranche.

The Issuer and the CBC may agree with any Dealer and the Trustee that Covered Bonds will be issued in a form not contemplated by the Conditions of the Covered Bonds set out herein, in which event a supplement, if appropriate, will be made available which will describe the effect of the agreement reached in relation to such Covered Bonds.

The Covered Bonds of each Tranche shall be either in bearer form or in registered form. Bearer Covered Bonds will (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms) initially be represented by a Global Covered Bond. Global Covered Bonds will be deposited on or about the issue date thereof either (a) with a common safekeeper of Euroclear Bank SA/NV as operator of the Euroclear System ("**Euroclear**") and/or Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**"), (b) with Nederlands Centraal Instituut voor Giraal Effectenverkeer B.V. ("**Euroclear Netherlands**") and/or (c) with a depositary for any other agreed clearing system. Registered Covered Bonds will either be issued (i) to each holder by way of a Registered Covered Bonds Deed or (ii) in respect of any Series which contains one or more Tranches offered or sold in reliance on Rule 144A, by way of a Registered Global Covered Bond certificate (all as defined herein). See section 1.1 (*Form of Covered Bonds*) below.

The Covered Bonds are expected on issue to be assigned an Aaa rating by Moody's France SAS ("**Moody's**"). A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning Rating Agency (as defined in section 2 (*Asset Backed Guarantee*) below). Moody's is established in the European Economic Area and registered under the Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies, as amended (the "**CRA Regulation**"). Where a Tranche of Covered Bonds is rated, the applicable rating(s) will be specified in the relevant Final Terms. Whether or not a rating in relation to any Tranche of Covered Bonds will be treated as having been issued in accordance with the CRA Regulation by a credit rating agency established in the European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation or by a credit rating agency

outside the European Union of which the credit ratings assigned are endorsed by a credit rating agency established in the European Union and registered in accordance with the CRA Regulation will be disclosed in the relevant Final Terms.

This Base Prospectus is to be read in conjunction with any supplement hereto, any Final Terms and with all documents which are deemed to be incorporated in it by reference (see section E.1 (*Incorporation by reference*) below). This Base Prospectus shall be read and construed on the basis that such documents are incorporated into, and form part of, this Base Prospectus. Capitalised terms used herein will have the meaning ascribed thereto in section 9 (*Glossary of Defined Terms*). Capitalised terms which are used but not defined in section 9 (*Glossary of Defined Terms*) of this Base Prospectus, will have the meaning attributed thereto in any other section of this Base Prospectus.

Investing in Covered Bonds issued under the Programme involves certain risks. The principal risk factors that may affect the abilities of the Issuer and the CBC to fulfil their respective obligations under the Covered Bonds as well the principal risk factors associated with the Covered Bonds themselves are discussed under section B (*Risk Factors*) below.

This Base Prospectus supersedes and replaces the base prospectus dated 28 May 2020 in respect of a €25,000,000,000 Covered Bond programme (which was supplemented on 13 August 2020 and 12 February 2021).

Arranger and Dealer for the Programme
Rabobank

The date of this Base Prospectus is 18 May 2021.

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A. KEY FEATURES OF THE PROGRAMME

The following description of the key features of the Programme does not purport to be complete and is taken from, and is qualified in all respects by (a) the remainder of this Base Prospectus (including any future supplements thereto) and the information incorporated by reference herein (as defined in section E.1 (Incorporation by Reference) below), (b) in relation to the terms and conditions of any particular Tranche of Covered Bonds, the applicable Final Terms and (c) in relation to the terms and conditions of any particular Transaction Document, the applicable Transaction Document.

Any decision to invest in the Covered Bonds should be based on a consideration of this Base Prospectus as a whole, including any amendment and supplement hereto and the documents incorporated herein by reference.

Words and expressions defined elsewhere in this Base Prospectus shall have the same meaning in this description. An index of certain defined terms is contained at the end of this Base Prospectus.

The following description of the key features of the Programme is not a summary as referred to in Article 7 of the Prospectus Regulation.

1. COVERED BONDS

Issuer: Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A., a cooperative with excluded liability (*coöperatie met uitgesloten aansprakelijkheid*) incorporated under the laws of the Netherlands, having its statutory seat (*statutaire zetel*) at Amsterdam, the Netherlands and its registered and head office at Croeselaan 18, 3521 CB Utrecht, the Netherlands and registered with the Commercial Register of the Chamber of Commerce under number 30046259. The Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) code of the Issuer is DG3RU1DBUFHT4ZF9WN62. Further information on the Issuer can be found in section F (*Rabobank Group*) below.

Guarantor: Rabo Covered Bond Company B.V., a private company with limited liability (*besloten vennootschap met beperkte aansprakelijkheid*) incorporated under the laws of the Netherlands, having its statutory seat (*statutaire zetel*) at Amsterdam, the Netherlands and its registered office at Prins Bernhardplein 200, 1097 JB Amsterdam, the Netherlands and registered with the Commercial Register of the Chamber of Commerce under number 67959687. The Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) code of the CBC is 724500XGXEWE59EU0D81. Further information on the Guarantor can be found in section 2.3 (*CBC*) below.

Risk factors: There are certain factors that may affect the Issuer's and/or CBC's ability to fulfil its obligations under Covered Bonds issued under the Programme or the Guarantee, as the case may be, that are specific to the Issuer, the Covered Bonds and/or the Guarantee and which are material for taking an informed investment decision. These are set out in section B (*Risk Factors*) and include, amongst other things, the fact that the Issuer's and/or the CBC's results and the performance of the Covered Bonds can be adversely affected by (i) general economic conditions and other business conditions, (ii) competition, (iii) regulatory change, (iv) standard banking risks including changes in interest and foreign exchange rates and (v) operational, credit, market, liquidity and legal risk.

There are certain factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks and other risks associated with Covered Bonds issued under the Programme. These include, amongst other things, risks related to (a) suitability for investors, (b) the structure of a particular issue of Covered Bonds, (c) the Guarantee, (d) the CBC, (e) the Covered Bonds generally, (f) the market generally, (g) asset monitoring, (h) servicing and custody of assets, (i) legal and

tax risks, (j) underlying swaps (if any) and (k) Transferred Assets.

The following factors are set out below per category:

Risk factors regarding the Issuer

A. Risks related to the Issuer's financial position;
B. Risks related to the Issuer's business activities and industry;
C. Legal and regulatory risk; and
D. Taxation risk.

Risk factors regarding the Covered Bonds

A. Risks related to the nature and structure of the Covered Bonds;
B. Market and liquidity risks related to the Covered Bonds;
C. Legal and regulatory risks related to the Covered Bonds;
D. Risks related to benchmarks; and
E. Tax risks related to the Covered Bonds.

Risk factors regarding the Guarantor and the Guarantee

Risk factors regarding the Transferred Receivables, Security Rights, Beneficiary Rights and Set-off

A. Risks related to the payments under the Transferred Receivables transferred to the CBC;
B. Risks related to the Property and other Security Rights;
C. Risks related to the Beneficiary Rights; and
D. Set-off risks and other defences that may affect the proceeds received under the Transferred Receivables.

Risk factors regarding Swaps

See section B (*Risk Factors*) below.

Programme description: Programme for the issue of Covered Bonds by the Issuer to Covered Bondholders on each Issue Date.

Programme size: Up to €25,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described in the Programme Agreement) of Covered Bonds outstanding at any time. The Issuer may increase the amount of the Programme in accordance with the terms of the Programme Agreement.

Distribution: Covered Bonds may be distributed (i) outside the United States to persons other than U.S. persons (as such terms are defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) or (ii) within the United States to "qualified institutional buyers" within the meaning of, and in reliance on, Rule 144A under the Securities Act or another available exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act, and in each case on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis.

Selling restrictions: There are selling restrictions in relation to the United States, the European Economic Area (including the Netherlands, Italy, Luxembourg and Belgium), the United Kingdom and Japan. Other restrictions may apply in connection with the offering and sale of a particular Tranche or Series. See section 1.5 (*Subscription and Sale*) below.

Specified Currencies: Subject to any applicable legal or regulatory restrictions, such currencies as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) (as set out in the

applicable Final Terms).

Certain restrictions: Each issue of Covered Bonds denominated in a currency in respect of which particular laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements apply will only be issued in circumstances which comply with such laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements from time to time including the restrictions applicable as at the 2021 Programme Date.

Maturities: Such maturities as set forth in the applicable Final Terms, subject to such minimum or maximum maturities as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank or regulatory authority (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the Issuer or the relevant Specified Currency (as defined in the applicable Final Terms) subject to a maximum maturity for each Series of 45 years.

Amortisation: All Covered Bonds will have soft bullet maturities (allowing payment by the CBC of Guaranteed Final Redemption Amounts to be extended to the relevant Extended Due for Payment Date).

Issue Price: Covered Bonds shall be issued on a fully-paid basis and at an issue price which is at par or at a discount to, or premium over, par.

Interest Payment Dates: Interest in respect of Covered Bonds (other than Zero Coupon Covered Bonds) shall be payable on the Covered Bonds of each Series on the Interest Payment Dates agreed by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer or Dealers and up to and including the Final Maturity Date or Extended Due for Payment Date (if applicable), as specified in and subject to the applicable Final Terms. Interest shall be payable monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually or upon redemption of the relevant Covered Bonds, or such other date provided for in the applicable Final Terms.

Form of Covered Bonds: Each Covered Bond will be issued in bearer form or in registered form. Registered Covered Bonds will not be exchangeable for Bearer Covered Bonds.

Each Tranche of Bearer Covered Bonds will (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms) initially be represented by a Temporary Global Covered Bond. Each Temporary Global Covered Bond (i) which is intended to be issued in NGN form will be deposited on or around the relevant Issue Date with a common safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or (ii) which is not intended to be issued in NGN form may be deposited on or around the relevant Issue Date with (a) Euroclear Netherlands or (b) with (a depositary for) any other agreed clearing system. A Temporary Global Covered Bond will be exchangeable as described therein for a Permanent Global Covered Bond.

A Permanent Global Covered Bond is exchangeable for Definitive Covered Bonds only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event, all as described in section 1.1 (*Form of Covered Bonds*) below, in accordance with the terms of the Permanent Global Covered Bond. Any interest in a Global Covered Bond will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of (i) Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or (ii) Euroclear Netherlands, and/or (iii) any other agreed clearing system, as appropriate. See section 1.1 (*Form of Covered Bonds*) below.

Upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event, in the case of Bearer Covered Bonds, the relevant Permanent Global Covered Bond will become exchangeable for Definitive Covered Bonds or, in the case of Registered Covered Bonds, the relevant Registered Global Covered Bond will become exchangeable for Registered Definitive Covered Bonds, except that in each case a Covered Bond which is held through Euroclear Netherlands shall only be

exchangeable within the limited circumstances described in the Wge and such exchange will be made in accordance with the Wge and with the terms and conditions of Euroclear Netherlands and its operational documents. If any Permanent Global Covered Bond or, as the case may be, Registered Global Covered Bond is not duly exchanged, the terms of such Permanent Global Covered Bond or Registered Global Covered Bond, as the case may be, will provide a mechanism for relevant account holders with Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, Euroclear Netherlands or DTC and/or any other agreed clearing system(s) to whose securities account(s) with such clearing system(s) the beneficial interests in such Permanent Global Covered Bond or Registered Global Covered Bond, as the case may be, are credited to be able to enforce rights directly against the Issuer.

Registered Covered Bonds will (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms) be either issued (i) to each holder by way of a Registered Covered Bonds Deed or (ii) with respect to any Series which contain one or more Tranches of Covered Bonds being offered or sold in reliance on Rule 144A, in the form of a Registered Global Covered Bond certificate.

Fixed Rate Covered Bonds: Fixed Rate Covered Bonds will bear interest at a fixed rate, payable on such date or dates as set forth in the applicable Final Terms and on redemption and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction as set forth in the applicable Final Terms.

Floating Rate Covered Bonds: Floating Rate Covered Bonds will bear interest at a rate determined, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, being either:

(a) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest-rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Covered Bonds of the relevant Series); or

(b) on the basis of a reference rate appearing on the agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service.

The margin (if any) relating to such floating rate will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Other provisions in relation to Floating Rate Covered Bonds: Floating Rate Covered Bonds may also have a Cap, a Floor or both. Interest on Floating Rate Covered Bonds in respect of each Interest Period, as agreed prior to issue by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer or Dealers, will be payable on such Interest Payment Dates, and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction, as set forth in the applicable Final Terms.

Interest Rate after Final Maturity Date: If the Covered Bonds are not redeemed on the Final Maturity Date, interest on the Covered Bonds will switch to a fixed rate of interest payable monthly in arrear or to a floating rate of interest payable monthly in arrear at a rate set out in the applicable Final Terms.

Zero Coupon Covered Bonds: Zero Coupon Covered Bonds may be offered and sold at a discount to their nominal amount and will not bear interest except in the case of late payment.

Redemption: The applicable Final Terms will indicate either that (a) the relevant Covered Bonds cannot be redeemed prior to their stated maturity (other than in specified events, if applicable, or for taxation reasons or following an Issuer Event of Default or a CBC Event of Default) or (b) such Covered Bonds will be redeemable at the option of the Issuer upon giving notice to the Covered

Bondholders, on a date or dates specified prior to such stated maturity and at a price or prices and on such other terms as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer or Dealers (as set out in the applicable Final Terms).

Denomination of Covered Bonds: Covered Bonds will be issued in such denominations as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer or Dealers and as specified in the applicable Final Terms save that (i) the minimum denomination of each Covered Bond will be such as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant central bank or regulatory authority (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency and (ii) the minimum denomination of each Covered Bond which will be offered to the public within a member state of the EEA or which will be admitted to trading on a regulated market situated or operating within such a member state, in each case in circumstances which would require the approval of a prospectus under the Prospectus Regulation, will be at least €100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency at the date of issue of the Covered Bonds).

Taxation: All payments in respect of the Covered Bonds will be made without withholding or deduction of taxes imposed by any Tax Jurisdiction, unless required by law. In the event that any such withholding or deduction is required by law, the Issuer will make the required withholding or deduction and, save in certain circumstances as provided in Condition 7 (*Taxation*), be required to pay additional amounts to cover the amounts so withheld or deducted or, if the Issuer elects, it may redeem the Series affected. The CBC will not be required or liable to pay any such additional amounts under the Guarantee.

FATCA Withholding: The Issuer and the CBC shall be permitted to withhold or deduct any amounts required pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code 1986 (as amended), any regulations or agreements thereunder, any official interpretations thereof or any law implementing an intergovernmental agreement thereto (FATCA Withholding). The Issuer and the CBC will have no obligation to pay additional amounts or otherwise indemnify an investor for any such FATCA Withholding deducted or withheld by the Issuer, the CBC, a Paying Agent, the Registrar or any other party.

Default: None of the Covered Bonds will accelerate automatically on an Issuer Event of Default or a CBC Event of Default. All Covered Bonds will accelerate following a failure to pay (subject to applicable grace periods) by the Issuer or the CBC in respect of any Series (or any other Issuer Event of Default or CBC Event of Default) if (a) the Trustee exercises its discretion to accelerate or (b) the Trustee accelerates following an instruction to accelerate by a Programme Resolution.

Use of Proceeds: The net proceeds from each issue of Covered Bonds will be used by the Issuer for (i) its general corporate purposes or (ii) such other purposes as further specified in the Final Terms. The Issuer may issue Covered Bonds under the Programme where the use of proceeds is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be for the financing and/or refinancing of mortgage loans for Green Buildings, in accordance with certain prescribed eligibility criteria as in such case shall be set out in item 4(i) of Part B (*Reasons for the offer*) of the applicable Final Terms.

Status of the Covered Bonds: The Covered Bonds issued from time to time in accordance with the Programme will constitute unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, guaranteed by the Guarantee, and will rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves and at least *pari passu* with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, save for any obligations preferred by a mandatory operation of applicable law.

Ratings: As at the 2021 Programme Date, the Issuer has a counterparty risk assessment from Moody's of 'Aa2(cr)' and 'P-1(cr)'. The Covered Bonds are expected to be assigned a rating from Moody's of Aaa (to the extent Moody's is a Rating Agency at the time of the issue of the Covered Bonds). Tranches of Covered Bonds issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. Where a Tranche of Covered Bonds is rated, such rating will be specified in the relevant Final Terms. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

Listing: Application may be made for listing of the Covered Bonds to (i) Euronext Amsterdam or (ii) the Luxembourg Stock Exchange Official List and admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, in each case, during the period of 12 months from the 2021 Programme Date. The Covered Bonds may also be listed, quoted and/or traded on or by such other or further competent listing authority(ies), stock exchange(s) and/or quotation system(s) as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer or Dealers in relation to each Series.

Unlisted Covered Bonds may also be issued.

The applicable Final Terms will state whether or not the relevant Covered Bonds are to be listed, quoted and/or traded and, if so, on or by which competent listing authority(ies) or stock exchange(s) and/or quotation system(s).

Clearing: Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or Euroclear Netherlands and/or DTC and/or any other agreed clearing system.

Governing law: The Covered Bonds will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, Dutch law.

2. ASSET-BACKED GUARANTEE

Guarantee, Security, CBC: Pursuant to the Guarantee issued under the Trust Deed, the CBC will as an independent obligation irrevocably undertake to pay scheduled interest and scheduled principal payable under the Covered Bonds. The obligations of the CBC under the Guarantee will constitute unsubordinated and unguaranteed obligations of the CBC, secured (indirectly through a parallel debt) by a pledge of the CBC's Secured Property to the Trustee. Recourse under the Guarantee will be limited to the Secured Property from time to time.

Payments made by the CBC under the Guarantee will be made subject to, and in accordance with, the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments or the Post-CBC-Acceleration-Notice Priority of Payments, as applicable.

Principal Transaction Documents: Trust Deed, Master Receivables Pledge Agreement, Accounts Pledge Agreement and CBC Rights Pledge Agreement.

Extendable obligations under the Guarantee: In respect of each Series of Covered Bonds, if the CBC is obliged under the Guarantee to pay a Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount, then:

(a) the obligation of the CBC to pay such Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount in respect of such Series of Covered Bonds shall be deferred to, and shall under the Guarantee be due on, the Extended Due for Payment Date, unless, on the Extension Date or any subsequent Interest Payment Date which applies pursuant to paragraph (b) below and which falls prior to the Extended Due for Payment Date, any monies are available to the CBC after the CBC shall under the relevant

Priority of Payments have paid or provided for (1) all higher ranking amounts and (2) all Guaranteed Final Redemption Amounts pertaining to any Series of Covered Bonds with an Extended Due for Payment Date falling prior to the CBC Payment Period in which the Extended Due for Payment Date for such Series of Covered Bonds falls, in which case the CBC shall (i) give notice thereof to the relevant holders of the Covered Bonds (in accordance with Condition 13 (*Notices; Provision of Information*)), the Rating Agency, the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar (in the case of Registered Covered Bonds) as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event at least two Business Days prior to the Extension Date and/or such Interest Payment Date, respectively, and (ii) apply such remaining available monies in payment, in whole or in part, of such Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount, if applicable *pro rata* with any Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount pertaining to a Series of Covered Bonds with an Extended Due for Payment Date falling in the same CBC Payment Period in which the Extended Due for Payment Date for the Series of Covered Bonds falls (and to such extent such Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount shall for the purpose of the relevant Priority of Payments and all other purposes deemed to be due) as well as any other *pari passu* ranking amounts on the Extension Date and/or such Interest Payment Date, respectively; and

(b) the CBC shall under the Guarantee owe interest over the unpaid portion of such Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount, which shall accrue and be payable on the basis set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out therein, Condition 4 (*Interest*), provided that for this purpose all references in Condition 4 (*Interest*) to the Final Maturity Date of such Series of Covered Bonds are deemed to be references to the Extended Due for Payment Date, *mutatis mutandis*,

all without prejudice to the CBC's obligation to pay any other Guaranteed Amount (i.e. other than the Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount) when Due for Payment.

Principal Transaction Document: Trust Deed.

3. GUARANTEE SUPPORT

Transfers, Retransfers, Eligible Assets, Originators: As consideration for the CBC assuming the Guarantee, and in order to enable the CBC to meet its obligations under the Guarantee, the Originators have transferred and will transfer Eligible Assets from time to time (to the extent they are an Originator) to the CBC in accordance with the Guarantee Support Agreement. At the option of the Issuer and subject always to Rating Agency Confirmation, New Originators may accede to the Guarantee Support Agreement. The Originators are obliged, upon request of the CBC, to transfer or procure the transfer of Eligible Assets, and the CBC will use reasonable endeavours, to ensure, amongst other things, that the Asset Cover Test is satisfied as at the end of each calendar month, as calculated on the immediately succeeding Calculation Date.

Principal Transaction Document: Guarantee Support Agreement.

4. ASSET MONITORING

Tests, Sale of Selected Receivables, Asset Monitor: The following tests for Covered Bonds will be carried out in order to monitor the CBC's assets from time to time.

The Asset Cover Test is intended to ensure that the ratio of the Transferred Assets to the Covered Bonds is maintained at a certain level.

A Breach of the Asset Cover Test will entitle the Trustee to serve a Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice on the CBC.

The Amortisation Test is only carried out following service of a Notice to Pay or a Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice, and is like the Asset Cover Test intended to ensure that the ratio of the Transferred Assets to the Covered Bonds is maintained at a certain level. A Breach of the Amortisation Test will entitle the Trustee to serve a CBC Acceleration Notice.

In addition, under the CB Legislation the Issuer will, among other things, be required to ensure that (i) a statutory minimum level of overcollateralisation of eligible cover assets is maintained, (ii) the value of the Transferred Assets (subject to certain deductions in accordance with the CB Legislation) is at all times at least equal to the Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds and (iii) at all times sufficient liquidity is maintained or generated by the CBC to cover for the following 6 month-period interest payments on the Covered Bonds and certain higher and *pari passu* ranking payments, in each case as calculated and determined in accordance with the CB Legislation. Among other things, the Asset Cover Test, the mandatory liquidity fund to cover for the following 6 month-period interest payments and mandatory asset quantity tests are used to comply with such statutory overcollateralisation, minimum value and liquidity requirements under the CB Legislation.

Principal Transaction Documents: Asset Monitor Agreement and Administration Agreement.

Sale or Refinancing of Selected Assets:

The Asset Monitor Agreement provides that the CBC shall sell or refinance Selected Receivables following the service of a Notice to Pay and an Issuer Acceleration Notice, but prior to the service of a CBC Acceleration Notice, if on any date the Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds have, an Extended Due for Payment Date which falls within twelve months of such date, or such longer term as the Trustee may approve.

The proceeds from any such sale or refinancing will, in the case of each Participation Receivable, after deduction of an amount equal to the relevant Redemption Amount, be applied as set out in the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments.

In each case the CBC will be obliged to sell or refinance Selected Receivables in the Portfolio in accordance with the Asset Monitor Agreement, subject to the rights of pre-emption enjoyed by the Originators to purchase Selected Receivables pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement.

If the CBC is required to sell or refinance Selected Receivables as abovementioned, the Asset Monitor Agreement provides that the CBC shall ensure that (a) Selected Receivables will be selected on a random basis as described in the Asset Monitor Agreement and (b) no more Selected Receivables will be selected than are necessary for the estimated sale or refinancing proceeds to equal the Adjusted Required Redemption Amount and (c) the Amortisation Test is not breached following the proposed sale or refinancing.

The CBC will offer the portfolio of such Selected Receivables (or part of such portfolio) for sale to Purchasers for the best terms reasonably available but in any event for an amount not less than the Adjusted Required Redemption Amount plus, in the case of Participation Receivables, an amount equal to the

aggregate Participations.

Principal Transaction Documents: Asset Monitor Agreement and Administration Agreement.

5. SERVICING AND CUSTODY

Servicing, Servicers, Custody:

The Servicer has entered into the Servicing Agreement with the CBC and the Trustee, pursuant to which it provides administrative services in respect of the Portfolio. The Servicer also services any New Receivables, unless it is agreed between the CBC, the Trustee and the Servicer that the Originator transferring such New Receivables (or an eligible third party servicer) shall act as Servicer in relation to such New Receivables. The Servicer is, and each New Servicer will be, permitted to sub-contract its servicing role to a third party servicer subject to any applicable conditions in the relevant Servicing Agreement. If Substitution Assets are transferred to the CBC, the CBC will appoint a custodian to provide custody services in relation to such Substitution Assets.

Principal Transaction Document: Servicing Agreement.

6. SWAPS

Structured Swaps, Interest Rate Swaps, Portfolio Swaps:

There may be certain mismatches between, amongst others, the currency in which interest and principal are received on the Transferred Assets, the Authorised Investments, the Substitution Assets and the balance of the AIC Account and in which interest and principal are payable under the Covered Bonds. In order to address these mismatches and solely following the occurrence of certain events described in the Swap Undertaking Letter, the CBC will be required to enter into hedging arrangements which may be in the form of Structured Swaps.

In addition, mismatches are possible in the rates of interest payable on the Transferred Receivables (which may, for instance, include variable rates of interest, discounted rates of interest, fixed rates of interest or rates of interest which track a base rate) or the rates of interest or revenue payable on the other Transferred Assets, the Authorised Investments, the Substitution Assets and the balance of the AIC Account and the rate of interest payable on the outstanding Covered Bonds. In order to address these mismatches, the CBC may, but is not required to, enter into hedging arrangements which may be in the form of Interest Rate Swaps or Portfolio Swaps.

The Interest Rate Swaps may be entered into to hedge the risk of any possible mismatch between any (fixed or floating) interest basis as determined by the Issuer and the rate of interest payable under any euro denominated Series. The CBC is not required to enter into any Interest Rate Swap.

The Portfolio Swaps may be entered into to hedge the risk of any mismatches between (i) the interest to be received on the Transferred Assets, the Authorised Investments, the Substitution Assets and the balance of the AIC Account multiplied by the Portfolio Swap Fraction and (ii) (x) the amounts of interest payable under one or more Series or all Series of Covered Bonds or (y) any amount payable under any Structured Swap and/or any Interest Rate Swap in respect of a specific Series of Covered Bonds. The CBC is not required to enter into any Portfolio Swap.

In the Swap Undertaking Letter, Rabobank undertakes to, or to procure an Eligible Swap Provider to, enter into one or more (as agreed between the CBC and such Eligible Swap Provider) Swap Agreements with the CBC governing (a)

Structured Swap(s) for each Series denominated in a currency other than Euro if (i) a Notification Event occurs, (ii) a Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice is served or (iii) the rating(s) of Rabobank are, or fall, below the minimum rating(s) set for an Eligible Swap Provider (in which case Structured Swaps will be required) or (b) as may be determined by the Issuer, one or more Portfolio Swap(s) and/or one of more Interest Rate Swap(s) for any Series.

Principal Transaction Documents: Swap Agreement(s) (if any) and the Swap Undertaking Letter.

7. CASH FLOWS

Ledgers, Priority of Payments, CBC Accounts: For as long as no Notification Event has occurred and no Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice has been served on the CBC, no cash flows will run through the CBC. In those circumstances the Originators will be entitled to receive and retain the proceeds from the Transferred Assets for their own benefit. In addition, the Issuer will, as consideration for the CBC assuming the Guarantee, pay (a) all costs and expenses of the CBC and (b) make and receive all payments to be made or received by the CBC under any Swap Agreement (except that any collateral to be provided by a Swap Provider following its downgrade will be delivered to the CBC irrespective of whether any Notification Event has occurred or any Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice has been served at such time). Upon the earlier to occur of a Notification Event and service of a Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice on the CBC, cash flows will run through the CBC and will be applied in accordance with the relevant Priority of Payments.

Principal Transaction Documents: Trust Deed, Guarantee Support Agreement, Administration Agreement and AIC Account Agreement.

8. GENERAL INFORMATION

General Information: Copies of the principal Transaction Documents and various other documents are available free of charge during usual business hours on any weekday (public holidays excepted) from the registered office of the Issuer, the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent or the specified office of the Listing Agent.

9. DUTCH COVERED BOND LEGISLATION

Regulated Covered Bonds: On the 2021 Programme Date, the Issuer and the Covered Bonds are admitted to the DNB-register. On the 2021 Programme Date, the Covered Bonds comply with Article 52(4) UCITS.

Compliance with Article 129 CRR: On the 2021 Programme Date, the Covered Bonds are in the DNB-register registered as being compliant with Article 129 CRR.

Hard Bullet Maturities: No.

Extendable Maturities: Yes, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Extendable Due for Payment Date in respect of each Series of Covered Bonds: The date falling twelve (12) calendar months after the Final Maturity Date of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Primary Cover Assets: For the purpose of the CB Legislation, the primary cover assets (*primaire dekkingsactiva*) under the Programme solely comprise loans backed by

	residential property as referred to in Article 129 CRR, paragraph 1(d)(i).
Residence of Debtors of Transferred Receivables:	The Netherlands.
Governing Law of Transferred Receivables:	Dutch law.
Location of Mortgaged Properties:	The Netherlands.

10. OVERVIEW OF RATING THRESHOLDS

The following overview of rating thresholds does not purport to be complete and is qualified in all respects by the remainder of this Base Prospectus and the Transaction Documents. A specific rating or period in the following overview shall be deemed a reference to such other rating or period as may be determined to be applicable or agreed from time to time by the relevant credit rating agency. References in this overview to "LT" mean the relevant long-term rating, references to "ST" mean the relevant short-term rating and "BDR" mean bank deposit rating.

Transaction Party	Moody's rating threshold	Event/Action if below rating threshold	Section in Base Prospectus
Rabobank, as party to the Swap Undertaking Letter	P-2(cr) (ST) and A3(cr) (LT)	In relation to any non-euro denominated Series of Covered Bonds, Structured Swaps to be entered into with the CBC	6 (*Swaps*)
Account Bank	P-1(BDR) (ST)	Replacement of Account Bank, Account Bank to obtain guarantee or other remedy	7.4 (*CBC Accounts*)
Issuer	A3(cr) (LT)	Unless rating is regained within 12 months, other appropriate remedy is found or a deduction is made in the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test, Originators to pledge Residual Claims to the CBC	3.1 (*Transfers*)
	Baa1(cr) (LT)	Item "Y" of the Asset Cover Test is activated	4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*)
		Unless other appropriate remedy is found or a deduction is made in the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test, Originators to pledge Residual Claims to the CBC	3.1 (*Transfers*)
	Baa3(cr)	Notification Event	3.1 (*Transfers*)
	P-1(cr) (ST)	Reserve Fund Required Amount to be at least Rating Trigger Required Amount	7 (*Cash flows*)
		Item "X" of the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test is activated	4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*) 4.2 (*Amortisation Test*)
		Item "α" paragraph (g) of the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test is activated	4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*) 4.2 (*Amortisation Test*)
		For the definition of "Authorised Investments", investments to have a remaining maturity date of 30 days or less and to mature on or before next following CBC Payment Date	4.2 (*Amortisation Test*)
	P-2(cr) (ST)	CBC to sell all Substitution Assets	4.3 (*Sale or Refinancing of*

Transaction Party	Moody's rating threshold	Event/Action if below rating threshold	Section in Base Prospectus
			Selected Assets)
Swap Provider	Minimum rating specified in the relevant Swap Agreement	Replacement of relevant Swap Provider or other remedy	6 (*Swaps*)

B. RISK FACTORS

Each of the Issuer and the CBC (in respect of the CBC only as far as it concerns the CBC) believe that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under the Covered Bonds issued under the Programme and/or the CBC's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Guarantee. All of these risk factors and events are contingencies which may or may not occur and the Issuer and the CBC are 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 Covered Bonds issued under the Programme and the Guarantee are also described below.

Although the most material risk factors have been presented first within each category, the order in which the remaining risks are presented is not necessarily an indication of the likelihood of the risks actually materialising, of the potential significance of the risks or of the scope of any potential negative impact to the Issuer's or the CBC's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. The Issuer and/or the CBC may face a number of these risks described below simultaneously and some risks described below may be interdependent. While the risk factors below have been divided into categories, some risk factors could belong in more than one category and prospective investors should carefully consider all of the risk factors set out in this section.

The Issuer and the CBC believe that the factors described below represent the material risks inherent in investing in the Covered Bonds issued under the Programme, but the inability of the Issuer and the CBC to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Covered Bonds or the Guarantee, as applicable, may occur for other reasons which may not be considered significant risks by the Issuer and the CBC. Additional risks, events, facts or circumstances not presently known to the Issuer and/or the CBC, or that the Issuer and/or the CBC currently deems to be immaterial could, individually or cumulatively, prove to be important and may have a significant negative impact on the Issuer's or the CBC's group business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects. Prospective investors should carefully read and review the entire Base Prospectus and should form their own views before making an investment decision with respect to the Covered Bonds.

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

B.1 RISK FACTORS REGARDING THE ISSUER

A. RISKS RELATED TO THE ISSUER'S FINANCIAL POSITION

1. Rabobank faces substantial funding and liquidity risk

Rabobank's primary source of funding is customer deposits (2020: €361.0 billion; 2019: €338.5 billion) followed by wholesale funding (2020: €131.4 billion; 2019: €151.7 billion). Customer deposits are, generally speaking, volatile in nature and therefore no clear predictions can be made as to their amounts. Given that Rabobank's funding requirements are greater than the amount of customer deposits, Rabobank is also reliant on wholesale funding to fund its balance sheet, which requires access to capital and money markets. Access to wholesale funding may be negatively affected by concerns about Rabobank's credit strength or a downgrade of any of its credit ratings. Access can also be influenced by concerns about the market segments in which Rabobank is active or by a general market disruption. For example, the current coronavirus (or COVID-19) and measures taken to contain its spread have resulted in significant market disruptions.

Net profit and income of Rabobank in 2020 was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, mainly as a result of materially increased impairment charges on financial assets in DRB, W&R and DLL, the impact of the continued low interest rate environment and a decrease in new business volume and economic activity generally. Any such factors as described above may result in higher funding and refinancing costs in the capital and money markets, which may also affect or effectively limit access to these markets. Although, in addition to the aforementioned funding sources, Rabobank may have access to the ECB facilities, the sensitivity of Rabobank to a liquidity risk could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Funding risk is the risk of not being able to meet both expected and unexpected current and future cash outflows and collateral needs without affecting either daily operations or the financial position of Rabobank. Liquidity risk is the risk that the bank will not be able to meet all of its payment obligations on time, as well as the risk that the bank will not be able to fund increases in assets at a reasonable price. Important factors in preventing this are maintaining an adequate liquidity position and retaining the confidence of institutional market participants and retail customers to maintain the deposit base and access to public money and the capital markets for the Group. However, if these are seriously threatened, this could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations.

2. Rabobank is subject to significant exposure to systemic risk

The Group could be negatively affected by the weakness 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. This risk is sometimes referred to as 'systemic risk' and may adversely affect financial institutions as well as financial intermediaries, such as clearing agencies, clearing houses, banks, securities firms and exchanges with whom the Group interacts on a daily basis. Concerns about, or a default by, a financial institution could lead to significant liquidity problems and losses or defaults by other financial institutions, since the commercial and financial soundness of many financial institutions is closely related and inter-dependent as a result of credit, trading, clearing and other relationships. Any perceived lack of creditworthiness of a counterparty may lead to market-wide liquidity problems and losses for the Group. Concerns about the creditworthiness of sovereigns and financial institutions in Europe and the United States remain. The large sovereign debts or fiscal deficits of a number of European countries and the United States go hand in hand with concerns regarding the financial condition of financial institutions. Banks typically hold large amounts of (national) sovereign debt instruments for liquidity, securities' finance and collateral management purposes. As a result, changes affecting the value of these debt instruments affect financial institutions directly. Increased debt financing by sovereigns ultimately would lead to higher debt financing, rating adjustments and will likely have a negative impact on banks. The Group is exposed to the financial institutions industry, including sovereign debt securities, banks, financial intermediation providers and securitised products. Due to the Group's exposure to the financial industry, it also has exposure to shadow banking entities (ie, entities which carry out banking activities outside a regulated framework, such as payment platforms and crowdfunding platforms). Recently, there has been increasing regulatory focus on shadow banking. In particular, the European Banking Authority Guidelines (EBA/GL/2015/20) require the Group to identify and monitor its exposure to shadow banking entities, implement and maintain an internal framework for the identification, management, control and mitigation of the risks associated with exposure to shadow banking entities, and ensure effective reporting and governance in respect such exposure. If the Group is unable to properly identify and monitor its shadow banking exposure, maintain an adequate framework, or ensure effective reporting and governance, any of the above-mentioned consequences of systemic risk could have an adverse effect on the Group's ability to raise new funding, its business, financial condition and results of operations.

3. Rabobank is exposed to the risk of a credit rating downgrade of any of its credit ratings

Rabobank's access to capital and money markets is dependent on its credit ratings. The Group's credit ratings could be negatively affected by a number of factors that can change over time, including a credit rating agency's assessment of the Group's strategy and management's capability; its financial condition including in respect of profitability, asset quality, capital, funding and liquidity; the legal and regulatory frameworks applicable to the Group's legal structure and business activities; changes in rating methodologies; the competitive environment, political and economic conditions in the Group's key markets. A downgrading, an announcement of a potential downgrade in its credit ratings or a withdrawal of its credit rating, or a deterioration in the market's perception of the Group's financial position could significantly affect the Group's access to money markets, reduce the size of its deposit base and trigger additional collateral or other requirements in derivatives contracts and other secured funding arrangements or the need to amend such arrangements, which could adversely affect the Group's cost of funding, its access to capital markets and lead to higher refinancing costs and could limit the range of counterparties willing to enter into transactions with the Group. In addition, it might even limit access to these respective markets, and adversely affect Rabobank's competitive position. This could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank's prospects, business, financial condition and results of operations.

4. **Rabobank is exposed to credit risk, which could result in economic losses**

Rabobank is exposed to credit risk arising from third parties that owe money, securities or other assets. These parties include customers, issuers whose securities are being held by an entity within Rabobank, trading counterparties, counterparties under swaps and credit and other derivative contracts, clearing agents, exchanges, clearing houses and other financial intermediaries. The credit quality of the Group's borrowers and other counterparties is impacted by prevailing economic and market conditions and by the legal and regulatory landscape in the relevant market and any deterioration in such conditions or changes to legal or regulatory landscapes could worsen borrower and counterparty credit quality and consequently impact the Group's ability to enforce contractual security rights. These parties may default on their obligations to Rabobank due to bankruptcy, lack of liquidity, downturns in the economy or real estate values, operational failure or other reasons and could have an adverse effect on Rabobank's business, financial position and results of operations. Any such defaults will reflect the adequacy of Rabobank's credit provisions. These provisions relate to the possibility that a counterparty may default on its obligations which arise from lending or other financial transactions. If future events or the effects thereof do not fall within any of the assumptions, factors or assessments used by the Group to determine its credit provisions, these provisions could be inadequate. Inadequate provisions and economic losses in general have a material adverse effect on Rabobank's business, financial condition and results of operations.

See also the risk factor "*The outbreak of communicable diseases around the world has and may continue to materially and adversely affect Rabobank's business, financial condition and results of operations*" on how COVID-19 may contribute to increasing credit risk for the Group.

5. **Rabobank's business is primarily concentrated in the Netherlands**

Rabobank generates a large part of its income in the Netherlands (in 2020, 42 per cent. of its operating profit before tax was derived from its operations in the Netherlands) and therefore is particularly exposed to the economic, political and social conditions in the Netherlands. Economic conditions in the Netherlands may be negatively influenced by conditions in the global financial markets and economy. Following growth of 2.2 per cent. in 2016, Dutch gross domestic product ("**GDP**") grew by 2.9 per cent. in 2017, 2.6 per cent. in 2018, 1.6 per cent. in 2019 and GDP decreased by 3.8 per cent. in 2020 due to COVID-19 and subsequent containment measures. Any further deterioration or merely a long-term persistence of a difficult economic environment in the Netherlands could negatively affect the demand for products and services of Rabobank, as well as the credit risk of its borrowers. Net profit of Rabobank in 2020 was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, mainly as a result of materially increased impairment charges on financial assets in DRB, W&R and Leasing. In addition to the Netherlands, Rabobank is active in 37 countries, including, amongst others, Australia, New Zealand, North America and Latin America. In addition, Rabobank is generally exposed to transfer and/or collective debtor risk outside of the Netherlands. 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's business, financial condition and results of operations.

6. **Conditions in the global financial markets and economy could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations**

The profitability of the Group could be adversely affected by a downturn in general economic conditions in the Netherlands or globally. Financial markets are volatile. 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 the Group. In addition, developments like Brexit (as defined below) could adversely affect the general economic conditions and thereby the profitability of the Group. Interest rates remained low in 2020. Persistent low interest rates have negatively affected and continue to negatively affect the net interest income of the Group. An economic downturn, or significantly higher interest rates for customers, could adversely affect the credit quality of the 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 in the Dutch or global economy could reduce the value of the Group's assets and could cause the Group to incur marked-to-market losses in its trading portfolios or could reduce the fees the 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 the 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 — Material factors affecting results of operations — General market conditions*" for (other) factors that could affect the Group's results of operations. Continuing volatility in the financial markets or a protracted economic downturn in the Group's major markets or the Group's inability to accurately predict or respond to such developments could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Rabobank performs a number of operations in the United Kingdom for its customers, including products and services for international clients in the field of corporate banking, commercial financing and operations relating to global financial markets. In 2020, Rabobank's revenue in relation to the aforementioned operations in the United Kingdom was €523 million. On 31 January 2020, the United Kingdom left the European Union. In December 2020 the United Kingdom and the European Union reached an agreement on their future relationship. This agreement, which has been provisionally applicable since 1 January 2021, is known as the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement (the "**TCA**"). The TCA removes all tariffs and quotas and avoids the alternative of having to resort to WTO rules, making it highly significant and beneficial for certain (agri-) sectors and manufacturing industries in particular. The TCA marks the start of what is expected to be a complex and evolving future trading relationship. In order to manage this relationship, an entirely new institutional infrastructure, known as the Joint Partnership Council, is being set up. This process may entail frictions, any of which could affect the results of the Group's operations in the European Union or the United Kingdom. The United Kingdom moving away from agreed and implemented EU legislation as a result of Brexit could lead to increased regulatory uncertainty and might adversely impact the Group.

See also the risk factor "*The outbreak of communicable diseases around the world has and may continue to materially and adversely affect Rabobank's business, financial condition and results of operations*" on how COVID-19 has affected, and may continue to affect, conditions in the global financial markets and economy.

Any of these factors could have a material adverse effect on the Group's results of operations and the value of the Covered Bonds.

7. The outbreak of communicable diseases around the world has and may continue to materially and adversely affect Rabobank's business, financial condition and results of operations

The outbreak of communicable diseases, pandemics and epidemics or health emergencies all impact the business and economic environment in which Rabobank operates. Certain of these risks are often experienced globally as well as in specific geographic regions where Rabobank does business. The coronavirus (or COVID-19) outbreak, which has spread globally since the beginning of 2020, has disrupted various markets and resulted in uncertainty about the development of the economies affected by the outbreak. Rabobank has been, and could be further, affected by the COVID-19 outbreak through its direct and indirect impact on, among others, the customers or other counterparties of Rabobank, both in the Netherlands and elsewhere. Net profit was significantly impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020, mainly as a result of materially increased impairment charges on financial assets in DRB, W&R and DLL and lower income, which had a material adverse impact on Rabobank's financial position. More specifically, the impact is expected on instruments measured at fair value and on expected credit losses. The COVID-19 pandemic is also expected to affect Rabobank's results in 2021. There are still many uncertainties and ongoing developments which make the exact ramifications of the COVID-19 outbreak uncertain. There can also be no assurances that a potential tightening of liquidity conditions in the future as a result of, for example, further deterioration of public finances of certain European countries will not lead to new funding uncertainty, resulting in increased volatility and widening credit spreads. Any of the foregoing factors could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank's business, financial condition and results of operations.

8. Rabobank is exposed to changes in the interest rate environment as well as other market risks

Rabobank's results could potentially be adversely impacted by the level of and changes in interest rates, exchange rates, commodity prices, equity prices and credit spreads. Persistent low interest rates have in particular negatively affected and continue to negatively affect the net interest income of Rabobank (2020: €8,184 billion; 2019: €8,455 billion). This is mainly from mismatches between lending and borrowing costs given the periods for which interest rates are fixed for loans and funds entrusted. If interest rates increase, the rate for Rabobank's liabilities, such as savings, may need to be adjusted immediately. At the same time, the rates on the majority of the Group's assets, such as mortgages, which have longer interest rate fixation periods, will not change before the end of the fixed rate period. As a result, rising interest rates may have an adverse impact on Rabobank's earnings. In addition, there is no certainty with regards to the successfulness of Rabobank's interest rate risk management or the potential negative impact of risks associated with sustained low, flat or even negative interest rates.

B. RISKS RELATED TO THE ISSUER'S BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AND INDUSTRY

9. Rabobank's results are to a large extent related to its domestic residential mortgage portfolio

Rabobank's residential mortgage portfolio constitutes €188.8 billion (30 per cent. of the balance sheet total as at December 2020). As a result, any material changes affecting this portfolio could have a material impact on Rabobank. An economic downturn, stagnation or drop in property values, changes in or abolition of the tax deductibility of interest payments on residential mortgage loans in the Netherlands, increased and/or decreased interest rates, the financial standing of borrowers or a combination thereof, could lead to a decrease in the production of new mortgage loans and/or increased default rates on existing mortgage loans. A decrease in the level of interest rates on residential mortgage loans could affect Rabobank through, among other things, (i) increased prepayments on the loan and mortgage portfolio, for instance when as a result of low interest rates on saving accounts prepayments on mortgage loans are considered more beneficial to customers than savings, (ii) interest rate averaging, (iii) low margins for mortgage loans, in particular long term mortgages loans and (iv) other measures enabling customers to benefit from the low interest rate environment.

Any of the above factors, events and developments may have a negative impact on Rabobank's interest margins on new and existing residential mortgage loans and may result in a decrease of its existing portfolio and/or in the production of new mortgage loans. The higher the loan-to-income ratio, the larger the proportion of the earnings of a borrower that will be needed to pay interest and principal under mortgage loans, especially when confronted with unexpected costs or expenses, or, in respect of an interest-only mortgage loan, the repayment of principal. This loan-to-income ratio and factors such as loss of earnings, illness, divorce and other similar factors may lead to an increase in delinquencies and bankruptcy filings by borrowers and could ultimately have an adverse impact on the ability of borrowers to repay their mortgage loans and lead to losses for Rabobank.

The tax rate against which the mortgage interest payments may be deducted (the "**deductibility maximum**") by Dutch homeowners has been gradually reduced since 1 January 2014 by 0.5 percentage points per year. For taxpayers previously deducting mortgage interest at the 52 per cent. rate (highest income tax rate), the deductibility maximum is set at 46 per cent. in 2020. With effect from 1 January 2020, the deductibility maximum will be reduced by 3 percentage points per year to 37.05 per cent. in 2023. This acceleration could ultimately have an adverse impact on the ability of borrowers to pay interest and principal on their mortgage loans and may lead to different prepayment behaviour by borrowers on their mortgage loans and may thus result in higher or lower prepayment rates of such loans. Any such increase in prepayment rates, could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank's financial condition and results of operations.

Changes in governmental policy or regulation with respect to the Dutch housing market could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations.

10. Rabobank faces substantial competitive pressure both domestically as well as internationally, which could adversely affect its results

Rabobank's business environment in the Netherlands as well as internationally is highly competitive. Not only does Rabobank face competition from traditional banking parties, but also from non-banking parties, such as pension funds, insurance companies, technology giants, fintech companies, payment specialists,

retailers, telecommunication companies and crowd-funding initiatives, all of which are offering some form of traditional banking services. Some of these parties have for example started to provide more segmented offers in the field of residential mortgages. In the Netherlands specifically, competition is reflected by an increased level of consolidation. This could result in increased pressure with regards to pricing particularly as competitors seek to win market share and may harm Rabobank's ability to maintain or increase its market share and profitability. Rabobank'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 to maintain its competitive position could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank's prospects, business, financial condition and results of operations.

11. Rabobank's financial condition is to a large extent dependent on its ability to accurately price its services and products

Rabobank's financial condition is to a large extent dependent on the ability to set accurately its prices and rates. Accuracy on both is necessary to generate sufficient profits to cover costs and sustain losses. However, the ability to do so is subject to a range of uncertainties. For example, the interest rates or pricing of products and or services provided by Rabobank (such as loans and derivatives) may be based on references to various benchmarks (such as EURIBOR and USD LIBOR)), most of which are subject to recent national and international regulatory guidance and proposals for reform (including the Benchmarks Regulation which entered into force on 1 January 2018). Reforms such as the discontinuation of USD LIBOR (or any other reference rate or index) may cause benchmarks to perform differently than in the past, or to disappear entirely, or have other consequences which cannot be fully anticipated. This may result in rates and prices of products and services being determined on the basis of inadequate or inaccurate data or inappropriate analyses, assumptions or methodologies. If Rabobank fails to establish adequate rates and prices for its products and services, its revenues derived from such products could decline while its expenses increase resulting in proportionately greater financial losses. The replacement benchmarks, and the timing of and mechanisms for implementation have not yet been confirmed by benchmark administrators and central banks. Accordingly, it is not currently possible to determine whether, or to what extent, any such changes would affect Rabobank.

12. Rabobank is exposed to operational risks, including cybercrime risk

Operational risks faced by Rabobank are risk of losses resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people or systems or by external events (this includes, amongst others, financial reporting risk, cyber risk, model risk, compliance risk, legal risk, BCM/IT risk, outsourcing risk and fraud risk). These arise from day-to-day operations and are relevant to every aspect of the business. These include all non-financial risk types and can have a material adverse effect on Rabobank's reputation or have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition and results of operations. Events 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, claims relating to inadequate products, inadequate documentation, errors in transaction processing, system failures, as well as the inability to retain and attract key personnel. Although Rabobank seeks to adhere to a robust Risk and Control Framework, Rabobank cannot ensure that interruptions, failures or breaches of its communication and information systems as a result of fraud or human error will not occur. In addition, if such events do occur, Rabobank cannot ensure that they will be adequately addressed in a timely manner.

Finally, cybercrime risk is also a relevant and ongoing threat that may lead to an interruption of services to customers, loss of confidential information or erosion of trust and reputation. The above may also apply for third parties on which the Group depends. The global environment Rabobank is operating in requires constant adjustment to changing circumstances. Projects relating to cybercrime (including projects intended to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements) continue to take place within the bank but may result in an increased risk profile and could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank's business, reputation, financial condition and results of operations. Any failure in the Group's cybersecurity policies, procedures or controls, may result in significant financial losses, major business disruption, inability to deliver customer services, or loss of data or other sensitive information (including as a result of an outage) and may cause associated reputational damage. Any of these factors could increase costs, result in regulatory investigations or sanctions being imposed or may affect the Group's ability to retain and attract

customers. Regulators in Europe, the US, the United Kingdom and Asia continue to recognise cybersecurity as an increasing systemic risk to the financial sector and have highlighted the need for financial institutions to improve their monitoring and control of, and resilience to cyberattacks, and to provide timely notification of them, as appropriate.

C. LEGAL AND REGULATORY RISK

13. The Group faces risk where legal and arbitration proceedings are brought against it. The outcome of such proceedings is inherently uncertain and could adversely affect its financial and business operations

Rabobank is subject to a comprehensive range of legal obligations in all countries in which it operates. As a result, Rabobank is exposed to many forms of legal risk, which may arise in a number of ways. Failure to manage and or a negative outcome of potentially significant claims (including proceedings, collective-actions and settlements and including the developments described above), 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 Rabobank's reputation or impose additional operational costs, and could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank's prospects, business, financial condition and results of operations. An example of this is the (re-)assessment of the interest rate derivatives of Rabobank's Dutch small and medium-sized enterprises ("**SME**") customers and the advance payments made.

In March 2016 the Dutch Minister of Finance appointed an independent committee which on 5 July 2016 published a recovery framework (the "**Recovery Framework**") on the reassessment of Dutch SME interest rate derivatives. Rabobank announced its decision to take part in the Recovery Framework on 7 July 2016. The final version of the Recovery Framework was published by the independent committee on 19 December 2016. Rabobank is involved in civil proceedings in the Netherlands relating to interest rate derivatives entered into with Dutch business customers. The majority of these concern individual cases. In addition, there is a collective action regarding interest rate derivatives pending before the Court of Appeal (for which a standstill was agreed to, due to the Recovery Framework, and the few remaining out-of-scope customers will be assessed on an individual basis). These actions concern allegations of misinforming clients with respect to interest rate derivatives. Some of these actions also concern allegations in connection with Rabobank's EURIBOR submissions. Rabobank will defend itself against all these claims. With respect to the (re-)assessment of the interest rate derivatives of its Dutch SME business customers and the advance payments made and due on grounds of settlements having been concluded, Rabobank recognised at 31 December 2020 a provision of €12 million (2019: €107 million). At year-end 2020, Rabobank's payments to clients under the Recovery Framework amounted to €758 million. By 31 December 2019, all Dutch SME business customers eligible under the Recovery Framework received clarity on the remuneration of the reassessment of their interest rate derivatives. When customers agree to the remuneration amount, Rabobank will draw up a closing letter and an independent reviewer will review the reassessment. All reassessments and reviews are expected to be finished in 2021.

A negative outcome of potentially significant claims (including proceedings, collective-actions and settlements and including the developments described above), 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 Group's reputation or impose additional operational costs, and could have a material adverse effect on the Group's prospects, business, financial condition and results of operations. For an overview of the legal and arbitration proceedings of the Group, see "*Description of Business of Rabobank Group — Legal and arbitration proceedings*" on pages 297 to 298 of this Base Prospectus. For relevant specific proceedings, reference is made to pages 164 to 165 of the Group's audited consolidated financial statements, including the notes thereto, for year ended 31 December 2020, incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus.

14. Rabobank's financial condition is exposed to changes as a result of transitions in benchmark rates

Regulators are driving a transition from the use of certain benchmark rates, including LIBOR, to alternative risk-free rates. In the United Kingdom, on 5 March 2021, the FCA announced that (i) immediately after 31 December 2021, the publication of 24 LIBOR settings (as detailed in the FCA announcement) would cease, (ii) immediately after 30 June 2023, the publication of the overnight and 12-month USD LIBOR settings will cease, (iii) immediately after 31 December 2021, certain other LIBOR settings (including, but

not limited to, 1-month, 3-month and 6-month sterling LIBOR) would no longer be representative of the underlying market and economic reality that such settings are intended to measure, and that representativeness would not be restored thereafter, and (iv) immediately after 30 June 2023, that 1-month, 3-month and 6-month USD LIBOR settings will no longer be representative of the underlying market and economic reality that such settings are intended to measure, and that representativeness will not be restored thereafter. The FCA has strongly urged market participants to transition to alternative rates, as has the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("**CFTC**") and other regulators in the US.

The Group has a significant exposure to benchmark rates, and continues to reference LIBOR in certain products, primarily its derivatives, commercial lending and legacy securities. Although the Group is actively engaged with customers and industry working groups to manage the risks relating to such exposure, and is exploring ways to utilise alternative risk free rates to the extent possible, the legal mechanisms to effect transition cannot be confirmed, and the impact cannot be determined nor any associated costs accounted for, until such time that alternative risk free rates are utilised exclusively, and there is market acceptance on the form of alternative risk free rates for different products, and certain benchmark obligations may not be able to be changed. The transition and uncertainties around the timing and manner of transition to alternative risk-free rates represent a number of risks for the Group, its customers and the financial services industry more widely, including:

- legal risks arising from potential changes required to documentation for new and existing transactions, which may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business and prospects;
- financial risks arising from any changes in the valuation of financial instruments linked to benchmark rates, which may have a material adverse effect on the Group's results of operations and financial condition;
- operational risks arising from the potential requirement to adapt IT systems, trade reporting infrastructure and operational processes, which may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business and results of operations; and
- conduct risks arising from the potential impact of communication with customers and engagement during the transition period, which may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business and prospects.

Accordingly, it is not currently possible to determine whether, or to what extent, any such changes would affect Rabobank. However, the implementation of alternative benchmark rates may, as a result of one or more of the risks set out in the preceding paragraph, have a material adverse effect on Rabobank's business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

See also the risk factor "*Rabobank's financial condition is to a large extent dependent on its ability to accurately price its services and products*" for other examples relating to benchmark reform which could have a material adverse impact on Rabobank.

15. The Group's participation in the Dutch deposit guarantee scheme may have a material adverse effect on its business, results of operations and financial condition

Since 2015, the Group has been required to make yearly contributions to the resolution funds which were established to ensure the efficient application of resolution tools and the exercise of the resolution powers conferred to the SRB by the SRM Regulation. In 2020, the contribution to the Dutch National Resolution Fund amounted to €225 million.

Furthermore, the SRM (see the risk factor entitled "*Resolution regimes may lead to fewer assets of the Issuer being available to investors for recourse for their claims, and may lead to lower credit ratings and possibly higher cost of funding*") and other new European rules on deposit guarantee schemes could have an impact on the Group in the years to come. All these factors could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations.

In November 2015, a new way of financing 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. As of 2016, banks were required to pay a premium on a quarterly basis. The target size of the

scheme is 0.8 per cent. of total guaranteed deposits of all banks in the Netherlands. In 2020, the Group's contribution to the Dutch deposit guarantee scheme amounted to €177 million compared to €137 million in 2019.

There can be no assurance that additional taxes or levies will not be imposed, which could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations.

For further information on regulation applicable to Rabobank, please see the section entitled "*Regulation of Rabobank Group*".

16. The Issuer is subject to stress tests and other regulatory enquiries, the outcome of which could materially and adversely affect the Issuer's reputation, financing costs and trigger enforcement action by supervisory authorities

The banking sector, which includes the Group, is subject to periodic stress testing and other regulatory enquiries to examine the resilience of banks to adverse market developments. Such stress tests are initiated and coordinated by the EBA or the ECB. Stress tests and the announcements of their results by supervisory authorities can destabilise the banking or the financial services sector and lead to a loss of trust with regard to individual banks or the financial services sector as a whole. The outcome of stress tests could materially and adversely affect the Issuer's reputation, financing costs and trigger enforcement action by supervisory authorities. The outcome of stress tests could also result in the Group having to meet higher capital and liquidity requirements, which could have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's business, results of operations, profitability or reputation.

In addition, stress tests could divulge certain information that would not otherwise have surfaced or which until then, the Issuer had not considered to be material and worthy of taking remedial action on. This could lead to certain measures or capital and funding requirements by supervisory authorities being imposed or taken, which could have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's business, results of operations, profitability or reputation.

17. Rabobank is subject to changes in financial reporting standards and or policies, which might have an adverse impact on its reported results and financial condition

The Group's consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union, which is periodically revised or expanded. Accordingly, from time to time, the Group is required to adopt new or revised accounting standards issued by recognised bodies, including the International Accounting Standards Board. It is possible that future accounting standards which the Group is required to adopt, could change the current accounting treatment that applies to its consolidated financial statements and that such changes could have a material adverse effect on the Group's results of operations and financial condition and may have a corresponding material adverse effect on capital ratios.

18. Resolution regimes may lead to fewer assets of the Issuer being available to investors for recourse for their claims, and may lead to lower credit ratings and possibly higher cost of funding

The Intervention Act, the BRRD and the SRM Regulation set out the intervention and resolution framework applicable to the Issuer.

Recovery and resolution plans and powers to address impediments to resolvability

The Group has drawn up a recovery plan. In addition, the SRB, in cooperation with DNB acting in its capacity as the national resolution authority draws up a resolution plan for the Group on a yearly basis providing for resolution actions it may take if the Group is failing or is likely to fail. In drawing up the Group's resolution plan, the SRB can identify any material impediments to its resolvability. Where necessary, the SRB may require the removal of such impediments. This may lead to mandatory restructuring of the Group, which could lead to high transaction costs, or could make the Group's business operations or its funding mix to become less optimally composed or more expensive.

Early intervention measures

If the Group would infringe or, due to a rapidly deteriorating financial condition, would be likely to infringe capital or liquidity requirements in the near future, the ECB has power to impose early intervention measures on the Group. A rapidly deteriorating financial condition could, for example, occur in the case of a deterioration of the Group's liquidity position, or in the case of increasing levels of leverage, non-performing loans or concentrations of exposures. Intervention measures include the power to require changes to the legal or operational structure of the Group, or its business strategy, and the power to require the Managing Board to convene a meeting of the General Members' Council of Rabobank, failing which the ECB can directly convene such meeting, in both cases with the power of the ECB to set the agenda and require certain decisions to be considered for adoption. Furthermore, if these early intervention measures are not considered sufficient, management may be replaced or a temporary administrator may be installed. A special manager may also be appointed who will be granted management authority over the Issuer instead of its existing executive board members, in order to implement the measures decided on by the ECB. These measures, when implemented, may lead to fewer assets of the Issuer being available to investors for recourse for their claims.

(Pre-)Resolution measures

If Rabobank or the Group were to reach a point of non-viability but not (yet) meet the conditions for resolution, the SRB in close cooperation with the national resolution authority can take pre-resolution measures. These measures include the power to write down capital instruments or convert them into Common Equity Tier 1 Capital instruments.

If Rabobank meets the conditions for resolution, the SRB may take resolution measures. Conditions for resolution are: (i) the ECB or the SRB determines that Rabobank is failing or is likely to fail, (ii) having regard to the circumstances, there is no reasonable prospect that any alternative private sector or supervisory action would, within a reasonable timeframe, prevent the failure of Rabobank, and (iii) the resolution measure is necessary in the public interest.

Rabobank would be considered to be failing or likely to fail, *inter alia*, if it infringes capital or liquidity requirements or Rabobank's liabilities exceed its assets, or Rabobank is unable to pay its debts and liabilities as they fall due, or there are objective elements to support a determination that this will be the case in the near future.

Resolution tools of the SRB include a sale of a business or part of a business, a bridge institution tool, an asset separation tool and a bail-in tool that would enable the write-down and conversion of debt into shares and other instruments of ownership to strengthen the financial condition of the failing bank and allow it to continue as a going concern subject to appropriate restructuring. The SRB also has the power to require the mandatory write-down of capital instruments when a bank enters resolution.

When applying the resolution tools and exercising the resolution powers, including the preparation and implementation thereof, the SRB can exercise its powers irrespective of any restriction on, or requirement for consent for, transfer of the financial instruments, rights, assets or liabilities in question that might otherwise apply. Any such exercise may lead to fewer assets of the Issuer being available to investors for recourse for their claims.

Risks relating to the EU Banking Reforms

On 23 November 2016, the European Commission announced amendments of certain provisions of, *inter alia*, CRD IV, CRR, the BRRD and the SRM Regulation which were included in the EU banking reform package adopted in April 2019 (the "**EU Banking Reforms**") and which, amongst other things, are intended to implement the final total loss-absorbing capacity ("**TLAC**") standard and clarify its interaction with MREL (as defined below).

The Intervention Act, BRRD, SRM and the EU Banking Reforms may lead to lower credit ratings and may increase the Issuer's cost of funding and thereby have an adverse impact on the Issuer's funding ability, financial position and results of operations. In case of a capital shortfall, the Issuer would first be required

to carry out all possible capital raising measures by private means, including the conversion of junior debt into equity, before one is eligible for any kind of restructuring State aid.

In addition, potential investors should refer to the risk factor entitled '*Any difficulty in raising minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial position and results of operations*'.

19. Any difficulty in raising minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial position and results of operations

In order to ensure the effectiveness of bail-in and other resolution tools introduced by BRRD and the SRM Regulation, the BRRD and SRM Regulation require that all institutions (including Rabobank) must meet a minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities ("**MREL**") set by the relevant resolution authorities.

The EU Banking Reforms have made changes to the existing MREL framework and furthermore introduced changes to the CRD IV, CRR, BRRD and the SRM Regulation. On 20 May 2020, the SRB published its final MREL Policy under the EU Banking Reforms. MREL decisions by the SRB implementing the new MREL Policy are based on this policy in the 2020 resolution planning cycle. These decisions replace those issued under the previous MREL framework. On 29 March 2021, Rabobank received its updated MREL requirement from the Dutch Central Bank (acting in its capacity as National Resolution Authority), as decided on by the SRB on 29 January 2021. This MREL requirement, under the revised framework, is 23.11% of risk weighted assets ("**RWA**") (27.62% of RWA when including Rabobank's combined buffer requirements) and 7.5% of Leverage Ratio Exposure, each on a Group consolidated basis, to be met as an intermediate requirement by 1 January 2022 and as an end-state requirement by 1 January 2024. Any future changes may also require the Group to raise additional regulatory capital or hold additional liquidity buffers which may adversely affect the Group's financial position and results of operation. As a result, it is not possible to give any assurances as to the ultimate scope, nature, timing, disclosure and consequences of breach of any resulting obligations, or the impact that they will have on Rabobank once implemented. If the Group were to experience difficulties in raising MREL eligible liabilities, it may have to reduce its lending or investments in other operations which would have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial position and results of operations. In addition, the above requirements and the market's perception of the Group's ability to satisfy them may adversely affect the market value of the Covered Bonds.

20. Any increase in the Group's minimum regulatory capital and liquidity requirements may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations

Under CRD IV, institutions (including Rabobank) are required to hold a minimum amount of regulatory capital equal to 8 per cent. of the aggregate total risk exposure amount of the Group ("**Risk-Weighted Assets**") (of which at least 4.5 per cent. must be Common Equity Tier 1 Capital). In addition to these so-called minimum or "Pillar 1" "own funds" requirements, the CRD IV also introduced capital buffer requirements that are in addition to the minimum "own funds" requirements and are required to be met with Common Equity Tier 1 Capital. It provides for five capital buffers: (i) the capital conservation buffer, (ii) the institution-specific countercyclical capital buffer, (iii) the global systemically important institutions buffer (the **"G-SII Buffer**"), (iv) the other systemically important institutions buffer (the "**O-SII Buffer**") and (v) the systemic risk buffer. The capital conservation buffer (2.5 per cent.), O-SII Buffer (2.0 per cent) and countercyclical capital buffer (0.01 per cent. as of 31 December 2020) all apply to the Group (the systemic risk buffer was suspended by DNB due to the implementation of CRD V and some or all of the other buffers may be applicable to the Group from time to time, as determined by the ECB, the DNB or any other competent authority at such time. Any increase in the pillar 2 requirements and/or capital buffer requirements, including an increase of the systemic risk buffer by DNB, may require the Group to increase its CET1 Ratio (as defined below) and also its overall amount of capital and MREL which could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial position and results of operations.

In addition to the "Pillar 1" and capital buffer requirements described above, CRD IV contemplates that competent authorities may require additional "Pillar 2" capital to be maintained by an institution relating to elements of risks which are not fully captured by the minimum "own funds" requirements ("**additional own funds requirements**") or to address macro-prudential requirements.

On 15 December 2019, Rabobank published its 2020 ECB capital requirements, determined pursuant to the SREP (as defined below). The ECB decision requires that Rabobank maintains a total supervisory review and evaluation process ("**SREP**") capital requirement of 9.75 per cent. on a consolidated and unconsolidated basis. The requirement consists of an 8 per cent. minimum own funds requirement and a 1.75 per cent. Pillar 2 requirement ("**P2R**"). The total Common Equity Tier 1 Capital minimum requirement is 6.25 per cent., consisting of the minimum Pillar 1 requirement (4.5 per cent.) and the P2R (1.75 per cent.). On 8 April 2020, the ECB informed Rabobank that the proportion of the P2R which needs to be held in the form of Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital may be reduced from 100 per cent. CET1 capital to a minimum of 56.25 per cent. of CET1 capital and 75 per cent. of Tier 1 capital. This effectively lowers the total Common Equity Tier 1 Capital component of the P2R to 0.77 per cent. The above capital requirements continue to apply to Rabobank as at the date of this Base Prospectus.

In addition, Rabobank is required to comply with the combined buffer requirements consisting of a capital conservation buffer (2.5 per cent. as of 2019), an O-SII buffer of 2.0 per cent and a countercyclical capital buffer (0.01 per cent. as of 31 December 2020) that needs to be applied on top of these Common Equity Tier 1 Capital requirements. A systemic risk buffer imposed by DNB of 3.0 per cent. as of 2019 has been suspended due to the implementation of CRD V. When taking into account the suspended systemic risk buffer imposed by DNB, this would translate into an aggregate 10.00 per cent. Common Equity Tier 1 Capital requirement for 2020. At the date of this Base Prospectus, the Common Equity Tier 1 Capital requirement for 2020 continues to apply to Rabobank and the Group complies with these requirements.

In the Netherlands, the countercyclical capital buffer currently has been set at zero per cent. by DNB. However, DNB and (in respect of exposures outside the Netherlands) local regulators may set the countercyclical capital buffer at a level other than zero per cent resulting in a countercyclical capital buffer of 0.01 per cent as of 31 December 2020. Furthermore, DNB has noted that once the situation is back to normal, it will compensate the systemic buffers reduction by gradually increasing the countercyclical capital buffer to 2.0 per cent.

The ECB decision also requires that Rabobank maintains a CET1 Ratio of 8.75 per cent. on an unconsolidated basis. This 8.75 per cent. capital requirement is comprised of the minimum Pillar 1 requirement (4.5 per cent.), the P2R (1.75 per cent.) and the capital conservation buffer (2.5 per cent. as of 2019). On 8 April 2020, the ECB informed Rabobank that the proportion of the P2R which needs to be held in the form of Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital may be reduced from 100 per cent. CET1 capital to a minimum of 56.25 per cent. of CET1 capital and 75 per cent. of Tier 1 capital componenet of the P2R. This effectively lowers the total Common Equity Tier 1 Capital component of the P2R to 0.77 per cent.

Rabobank currently intends to maintain an internal management buffer comprising Common Equity Tier 1 Capital over the combined buffer requirement applicable to the Group. As part of its Strategic Framework 2016-2020 and an update of the strategy, in anticipation of the expected impact of new rules on capital requirements, the Group aims at a long term CET1 Ratio of a minimum of 14 per cent., but there can be no assurance that this target ratio will be maintained. This target could be revised as a result of regulatory developments. As at 31 December 2020, the CET1 Ratio of the Group was 16.8 per cent. and the solo CET1 Ratio of the Group as at 31 December 2020 was 16.0 per cent. There can be no assurance, however, that Rabobank will continue to maintain such internal management buffer or that any such buffer would be sufficient to protect against a breach of the combined buffer requirement resulting in restrictions on payments on its Common Equity Tier 1 and additional tier 1 instruments.

The 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 or any capital buffer requirements. Capital requirements may increase if economic conditions or negative trends in the financial markets worsen. Any failure of the Group to maintain its "Pillar 1" minimum regulatory capital ratios, any "Pillar 2" additional own funds requirements or any capital buffer requirements could result in administrative actions or sanctions, which in turn could have a material adverse impact on the Group's results of operations. A shortage of available capital may restrict the Group's opportunities.

In December 2017, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (the "**Basel Committee**") finalised the Basel III reforms (also referred to as "Basel IV" by the industry) (the "**Basel III Reforms**").

Of the Basel III Reforms, the introduction of the standardized credit risk RWA (REA) floor is expected to have the most significant impact on the Group. The standards for the new standardized credit risk RWA (REA) calculation rules include (i) introduction of new risk drivers, (ii) introduction of higher risk weights and (iii) reduction of mechanistic reliance on credit ratings (by requiring banks to conduct sufficient due diligence, and by developing a sufficiently granular non-ratings-based approach for jurisdictions that cannot or do not wish to rely on external credit ratings). The implementation of the standardized RWA (REA) floors is expected to have a significant impact on the calculation of the Group's risk weighted assets due to the substantial difference in RWA (REA) calculated on the basis of advanced approaches and such calculation on the basis of new standardized rules for mortgages and exposures to corporates.

If the regulatory capital requirements, liquidity restrictions or ratios applied to the Group are increased in the future, any failure of the Group to maintain such increased capital and liquidity ratios may result in administrative actions or sanctions, which may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations. For further information regarding Basel III Reforms and CRD IV, including their implementation in the Netherlands, please see the section entitled "*Regulation of Rabobank Group*".

21. The Issuer's ability to retain and attract qualified employees is critical to the success of its business and the failure to do so may adversely affect the Issuer's business, financial condition and results of operations

The 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 the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations. The failure to attract or retain a sufficient number of appropriate employees could significantly impede the Group's financial plans, growth and other objectives and have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations.

D. TAXATION RISK

22. Tax risk

The Group is subject to the tax laws of all countries in which it operates. The main categories of relevant taxes are corporate income tax, wage tax, value added tax, bank tax and withholding taxes. 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 the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations or lead to regulatory enforcement action or may have a negative impact on the Group's reputation.

23. Bank tax

In 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 of 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. The Group was charged a total of €136 million in Dutch bank tax in 2020 (as compared to €133 million in 2019 and €139 million in 2018).

In addition in 2020, the bank levy payable by Rabobank in Belgium amounted to €10 million in 2020 (as compared to €10 million in 2019). Any future increases of the bank tax charged to the Group could have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations.

B.2 RISK FACTORS REGARDING THE COVERED BONDS

A. RISKS RELATED TO THE NATURE AND STRUCTURE OF THE COVERED BONDS

1. Risk that the Covered Bonds are the sole payment obligations of the Issuer

The payment obligation under the Covered Bond (other than pursuant to the Guarantee) will solely be the obligation of the Issuer. The payment obligations under the Covered Bonds will not represent an obligation or be the responsibility of the Arranger, any Dealer, the Originators, the Trustee or any other party to the Programme, their officers, members, directors, employees, security holders or incorporators, other than the Issuer. The Issuer will be liable solely in its corporate capacity for its obligations in respect of the Covered Bonds and such obligations will not be the obligations of its respective officers, members, directors, employees, security holders or incorporators. An investment in the Covered Bonds involves the risk that subsequent changes in the creditworthiness of the Issuer could, amongst others, increase the costs of funding and may adversely affect the possibility to make payments by the Issuer under the relevant Covered Bonds. If the Issuer is unable to comply with its payment obligation under the Covered Bond this may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds and, to the extent the payments of the Issuer are guaranteed, may lead to an extension of the payment obligations and are subject to the risk relating to the Guarantee, as further described in section '*Risk factors regarding the Guarantor and the Guarantee*'.

2. Risk of changes without the Covered Bondholders' or other Secured Creditors' prior consent as the Trustee may agree to, or is obliged to concur with the Issuer and/or the CBC in making changes and waivers to or under the Programme

Pursuant to the terms of the Trust Deed the Trustee may from time to time and at any time without any consent or sanction of any of the Covered Bondholders or any of the other Secured Creditors (other than the Trustee (where applicable)) agree to, or concur with the Issuer and the CBC and agree to, any modifications, authorisations or waivers under the Covered Bonds of any Series, the related Coupons or any Transaction Documents to which the Trustee is a party or over which it has Security, as set out in more detail in Condition 14 (*Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modification and Waiver*).

Changes may therefore be made to the Programme to which one or more, or all Covered Bondholders did not agree or would have disapproved of if proposed to them. In addition, the fact that changes may be made to the Transaction Documents without the Covered Bondholder's prior knowledge or consent and which changes may be conflicting with the interests of such Covered Bondholder or potential Covered Bondholder, could have an adverse effect on the value of such Covered Bonds that are intended to be sold by a Covered Bondholder. Also, there is a risk that the Trustee is not willing to agree to certain modifications because these would expose the Trustee to any liability against which it has not been indemnified and/or secured and/or pre-funded to its satisfaction or increase the Trustee's contractual obligations or duties, or decrease its contractual protections. These matters could have an adverse effect on (value of the) the Covered Bonds, also if a Covered Bondholder intends to sell any Covered Bonds.

3. Risk related to failure of enforcement by the Trustee

Subject to the provisions of the Trust Deed, only the Trustee may enforce the provisions of the Covered Bonds and the Transaction Documents. Neither the Covered Bondholders nor any other person shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer or the CBC to enforce any provision of the Covered Bonds and/or the Transaction Documents, unless the Trustee fails to take any steps to enforce the Security in accordance with the Trust Deed within a reasonable time and such failure is continuing. All limitations and restrictions imposed under or by virtue of the Trust Deed, the Covered Bonds or any other Transaction Document on the Trustee in relation to the enforcement of rights and the availability of remedies, shall *mutatis mutandis* also fully apply to such Secured Creditors. Consequently, the Secured Creditors, including the Covered Bondholders, either have no right or are limited in their rights to proceed directly against the Issuer or the CBC, which ultimately may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

4. Risk of certain decisions of Covered Bondholders taken at Programme level and not at Series level

Certain decisions of Covered Bondholders cannot be decided upon at a meeting of Covered Bondholders of a single Series. A resolution to direct the Trustee to (i) accelerate the Covered Bonds pursuant to Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*), (ii) take any enforcement action, or (iii) remove or replace the Trustee's Director, must be passed by a Programme Resolution, as set out in more detail in

Condition 14 (*Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modification and Waiver*) and can therefore not be decided upon at a meeting of Covered Bondholders of a single Series.

A validly adopted Programme Resolution will be binding on all Covered Bondholders and Couponholders, including Covered Bondholders and Couponholders who did not attend or vote at the relevant meeting and Covered Bondholders who voted against such Programme Resolution at the relevant meeting or, as applicable, did not participate in the relevant written resolution. Covered Bondholders may therefore be dependent on the votes of the holders of other outstanding Covered Bonds and are exposed to the risk that decisions are taken at a programme level which may conflict with the interest of such Covered Bondholder and this may have an adverse effect on the (value of) the Covered Bonds, also if a Covered Bondholder intends to sell any Covered Bonds.

5. Risks related to conflict of interest between the Calculation Agent and Covered Bondholders

The Calculation Agent for an issue of Covered Bonds is the agent of the Issuer and not the agent of the Covered Bondholders. It is possible that the Issuer will itself be the Calculation Agent for certain issues of Covered Bonds. The Calculation Agent will make such determinations and adjustments as it deems appropriate, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the specific issue of Covered Bonds. In making its determinations and adjustments, the Calculation Agent will be entitled to exercise substantial discretion and may be subject to conflicts of interest in exercising this discretion that may influence the amount receivable upon redemption of the Covered Bonds.

Where the Issuer acts as Calculation Agent, potential conflicts of interest may exist between the Calculation Agent and Covered Bondholders, as the Issuer typically has an interest to limit the amounts payable on the Covered Bonds and the Covered Bondholders have an opposite interest. Such potential conflict may for example exist with respect to certain determinations and judgements that the Calculation Agent may make pursuant to the Conditions that may influence any interest amount due on, and the amount to be received upon redemption of, the Covered Bonds. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

6. Green Covered Bonds may be issued and Green Buildings may serve as collateral for Eligible Receivables

The Issuer may issue Covered Bonds under the Programme where the use of proceeds is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be for the financing and/or refinancing of mortgage loans for Green Buildings, in accordance with certain prescribed eligibility criteria as in such case shall be set out in item 4(i) of Part B (*Reasons for the offer*) of the applicable Final Terms.

Issuances of Green Covered Bonds by the Issuer will be in accordance with the Rabobank Sustainable Funding Framework and the sub-framework 'Green Residential Real Estate' of the Rabobank Sustainable Funding Framework. The Issuer has requested Second Party Opinion(s) confirming that the Rabobank Sustainable Funding Framework and the sub-framework 'Green Residential Real Estate' of the Rabobank Sustainable Funding Framework are in compliance with the the ICMA Green Bond Principles. Any issuances under the Rabobank Sustainable Funding Framework are therefore expected to be compliant with the ICMA Green Bond Principles.

The ICMA Green Bond Principles are a set of voluntary guidelines that recommend transparency and disclosure and promote integrity in the development of the green bond market. While the ICMA Green Bond Principles do provide a high level framework, there is currently no global market consensus on what precise attributes are required for a particular project to be defined as 'green' or 'sustainable' (including, without limitation, a 'green building') and therefore no assurance can be provided to potential investors that the Green Buildings to be specified in the applicable Final Terms will meet all investors' expectations regarding the environmental and sustainability performance or continue to meet the relevant eligibility criteria. Although Green Buildings are expected to be selected in accordance with the categories recognised by the Rabobank Sustainable Funding Framework and the sub-framework 'Green Residential Real Estate' of the Rabobank Sustainable Funding Framework, and are expected to be developed in accordance with applicable legislation and standards, there can be no guarantee that adverse environmental and/or social impacts will not occur during the design, construction, commissioning and/or operation of any such Green Buildings or that the anticipated environmental benefits will be realised. Where any negative impacts are insufficiently mitigated, Green Buildings may become controversial and/or may be criticised by activist groups or other stakeholders. Potential investors should be aware that any

Second Party Opinion will not be incorporated into, and will not form part of, this Base Prospectus or the applicable Final Terms and will not be issued in connection with an issue of Green Covered Bonds. Any such Second Party Opinion is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and is only current as of its date of issue.

Further, although the Issuer may agree at the Issue Date of any Green Covered Bonds to certain allocation and/or impact reporting and to use the proceeds for the financing and/or refinancing of mortgage loans for Green Buildings (as specified in the applicable Final Terms), it would not be an Issuer Event of Default under the Green Covered Bonds if (i) the Issuer were to fail to comply with such obligations or were to fail to use the proceeds in the manner specified in the applicable Final Terms (notwithstanding the Issuer's intention to allocate the net proceeds in such manner that the relevant Covered Bonds qualify as Green Covered Bonds, as specified in the applicable Final Terms) and/or (ii) the Second Party Opinion were to be withdrawn. Furthermore, any such event or failure by the Issuer will not (i) lead to an obligation of the Issuer to redeem such Green Covered Bonds or be a relevant factor for the Issuer in determining whether or not to exercise any optional redemption rights in respect of any Green Covered Bonds. Any failure to use the net proceeds of any Series of Green Covered Bonds in connection with mortgage loans for Green Buildings and/or any failure to meet, or to continue to meet, the investment requirements of certain environmentally focused investors with respect to such Green Covered Bonds may affect the value, trading price and/or liquidity of the Green Covered Bonds, and/or may have consequences for certain investors with portfolio mandates to invest in green or sustainable assets which may cause one or more of such investors to dispose of the Green Covered Bonds held by them which may affect the value, trading price and/or liquidity of the relevant Series of Green Covered Bonds.

Neither the Issuer, the CBC nor the Dealers make any representation as to the suitability for any purpose of any Second Party Opinion or whether any Green Covered Bonds fulfil the relevant environmental and sustainability criteria. Potential investors should be aware that if Green Covered Bonds are issued by the Issuer, compliance of such Green Covered Bond with the ICMA Green Bond Principles and/or the Rabobank Sustainable Funding Framework only relates to the use of proceeds of such issue of Green Covered Bonds and does not relate to the cover pool.

In addition, if the Issuer issues a Green Covered Bond under the Programme, pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement it shall procure that, as at the Issue Date of the relevant Series of Green Covered Bonds and for so long as such Green Covered Bonds are outstanding under the Programme, the Portfolio transferred to the CBC comprises Eligible Receivables secured by Mortgages over Properties qualifying as Green Buildings, whose aggregate Gross Outstanding Principal Balance is at least equal to the Principal Amount Outstanding of all Green Covered Bonds outstanding under the Programme (including the Principal Amount Outstanding of the relevant Series of Green Covered Bonds being issued at such time). However, any failure by the Issuer to procure the same would not be an Issuer Event of Default under the Green Covered Bonds or any Notification Event or Notice to Pay under the relevant Transaction Documents.

Prospective investors in Green Covered Bonds should note the following:

(i) Green Eligible Receivables provide support, indirectly through the Guarantee, to all Covered Bonds from time to time outstanding under the Programme (and therefore not merely to the relevant Series of Green Covered Bonds);

(ii) the criteria for determining what Green Buildings are, can, with (for example, as a result of a change in the Rabobank Sustainable Funding Framework) or without (for example, as a result of a change in the characteristics of the relevant Property or a change in domestic or EU regulations or otherwise) the control of the Issuer or any member of the Group, change over time as a result of which the relevant Eligible Receivables may not or no longer qualify as Green Eligible Receivables and therefore there may be insufficient Green Eligible Receivables (if any) in the Portfolio to meet the Minimum Green Buildings Collateral Support Amount (as if it would be determined at such time);

(iii) whether a Property meets the criteria for qualifying as a Green Building will be determined by or on behalf of the relevant Originator on the basis of factual information delivered by the Borrower at the time of application for the relevant Loan or Further Advance which information may not be accurate or

complete at the time that such information is provided or may no longer be accurate or complete at any time thereafter;

(iv) neither the Issuer, the CBC nor the Originator assumes any obligation to monitor or verify (or cause to be verified by an auditor or other verification agent) whether such information is or remains accurate and complete and whether the relevant Eligible Receivable is or remains a Green Eligible Receivable for the purpose of the Programme or otherwise;

(v) there is no obligation included in the terms and conditions applicable to the Loans that the Borrower must retain an 'energy performance certificate' or comply with any requirements in respect thereof;

(vi) a Green Eligible Receivable may at any time fail to meet the Eligibility Criteria resulting in it no longer being an Eligible Receivable under the Programme which in turn may result in there being insufficient Green Eligible Receivables in the Portfolio to meet the Minimum Green Buildings Collateral Support Amount;

(vii) the Issuer (or any other Originator) may not have sufficient Green Eligible Receivables available for inclusion in the Portfolio to meet the Minimum Green Buildings Collateral Support Amount; and

(viii) Green Covered Bonds will not necessarily qualify as "Green Securitised Bonds" under the ICMA Green Bond Principles given that the proceeds of the Green Covered Bonds may not be used to (re)finance Green Eligible Receivables forming part of the Portfolio and the repayment of Green Covered Bonds will not necessarily be sourced from payments made by Borrowers in respect of Green Eligible Receivables (if any).

Each potential purchaser of any Series of Green Covered Bonds should determine for itself the relevance of the information contained in this Base Prospectus and the relevant Transaction Documents regarding the inclusion of Green Eligible Receivables in the Portfolio as indirect support for all Covered Bonds under the Programme and whether such inclusion, together with any potential investment in Green Covered Bonds, would satisfy its investment policies and requirements.

Also, any failure of a Green Covered Bond or Green Eligible Receivable to meet the relevant eligibility or investment criteria may adversely affect the value of the Covered Bonds and/or may have consequences for certain investors with portfolio mandates to invest in green assets.

B. MARKET AND LIQUIDITY RISKS RELATED TO THE COVERED BONDS

7. Risk of no Eurosystem eligibility

Covered Bonds may be issued with the intention to be held in a manner which will allow Eurosystem eligibility. In that case such Covered Bonds are intended upon issue to be deposited with one of the international central securities depositories and/or central securities depositories that fulfil the minimum standard established by the European Central Bank. However, it does not necessarily mean that each Covered Bond will be recognised as eligible collateral for monetary policy of the Eurosystem and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will, as in any particular case, depend upon satisfaction of all Eurosystem eligibility criteria at the relevant time and there can be no assurance that such Covered Bonds will be recognised as such or will remain to be recognised as such. If the Covered Bonds are in this case not recognised as such, this is likely to have a negative impact on the liquidity and/or market value of such Covered Bonds.

8. Risk that Covered Bonds that are subject to optional redemption by the Issuer, including for tax reasons, have a lower market value and reinvestment risk

The applicable Final Terms will indicate whether the Covered Bonds are subject to an optional redemption feature. In general, an optional redemption feature of Covered Bonds is likely to limit their market value. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem Covered Bonds, the market value of those Covered Bonds generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This may also be the case prior to any optional redemption period.

If the Issuer redeems the Covered Bonds prior to maturity, a holder of such Covered Bonds is exposed to the risk that, due to early redemption, its investment will have a lower than expected yield. The Issuer may

be expected to redeem Covered Bonds pursuant to an optional redemption feature when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Covered Bonds or when the Covered Bonds become subject to changes in tax law. If the Covered Bonds are redeemed at the option of the Issuer, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Covered Bonds being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a (significantly) lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

Any redemption prior to the Final Maturity Date as set out above could have a material adverse effect on the value of the Covered Bonds as the relevant redemption amount may be less than the then current market value of the Covered Bonds.

9. Risk that no secondary market may develop and limited liquidity risks

There can be no assurance that a secondary market for the Covered Bonds will develop or provide efficient liquidity. Even though application is made for Covered Bonds to be admitted to listing on Euronext Amsterdam, the Luxembourg Stock Exchange Official List, any other regulated or unregulated market within the EEA or the UK or any further or other stock exchange(s), there can be no assurance that a secondary market for any of the Covered Bonds will develop, or, if a secondary market does develop, that it will provide the holders of the Covered Bonds with liquidity or that any such liquidity will continue for the life of the Covered Bonds. Illiquidity may have a severely adverse effect on the market value of the Covered Bonds.

A decrease in the liquidity of Covered Bonds may cause, in turn, an increase in the volatility associated with the price of such Covered Bonds. Therefore, investors may not be able to sell their Covered Bonds easily 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 Covered Bonds which have certain specifc features, such as Covered Bonds which are especially sensitive to interest rate, currency or market risks, or Covered Bonds which are designed for specific investment objectives or strategies or have been structured to meet the investment requirements of limited categories of investors. These types of Covered Bonds generally would have a more limited secondary market and more price volatility than conventional debt securities. Any investor in the Covered Bonds must be prepared to hold such Covered Bonds until redemption of the Covered Bonds. If any person begins making a market for the Covered Bonds, it is under no obligation to continue to do so and may stop making a market at any time. As a result thereof, the market values of the Covered Bonds may fluctuate and may be difficult to determine. Any of such fluctuations could be significant.

10. Risk that the interest basis of Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds may be converted at the discretion of the Issuer

The Final Terms allow the Issuer to issue Covered Bonds with a fixed/floating feature. Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds may bear interest at a rate that the Issuer may elect to convert from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. The Issuer's ability to convert the interest rate will affect the secondary market and the market value of an investment in the relevant Covered Bonds since the Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing which may result in a lower interest return for the Covered Bondholders. If the Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds may be less favourable than the then prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Covered Bonds tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate at any time may be lower than the rates on other Covered Bonds. If the Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate, the fixed rate may be lower than the then prevailing rates on its Covered Bonds, therefore such specific feature could affect the market value of an investment in the relevant Covered Bonds from the onset and at the moment it is exercised.

11. Risk of price volatility of Covered Bonds issued at a substantial discount or premium

The market value of Covered Bonds issued at a substantial discount or premium from their principal amount tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates related to Covered Bonds than to prices for conventional interest-bearing Covered Bonds which are not issued at a substantial discount or premium. Generally, the longer the remaining term of the Covered Bonds, the greater the price volatility as compared to conventional interest-bearing Covered Bonds with comparable maturities.

Therefore, the market value of such Covered Bonds may be lower than the market value of such conventional interest-bearing Covered Bonds with comparable maturities.

12. Risk that Covered Bonds issued with integral multiples in excess of the minimum Specified Denomination in case of Definitive Covered Bonds may be illiquid and difficult to trade

In relation to the Covered Bonds consisting of the minimum Specified Denomination (as defined in the applicable Final Terms) plus a higher integral multiple of another smaller amount, it is possible that the Covered Bonds may be traded in amounts that are not integral multiples of such minimum Specified Denomination. In such a case a Covered Bondholder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds a principal amount of less than the minimum Specified Denomination in its account with the relevant clearing system at the relevant time (i) may not be able to transfer such Covered Bond(s) and (ii) may not receive a Definitive Covered Bond in respect of such holding (should Definitive Covered Bonds be printed) and would need to purchase a principal amount of Covered Bonds such that its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination. If Definitive Covered Bonds are issued, Covered Bondholders should be aware that Definitive Covered Bonds which have a denomination that is not an integral multiple of the minimum Specified Denomination, may be illiquid and difficult to trade, which may negatively affect the market value of the Covered Bonds.

13. Risks related to ECB asset purchase programme

In September 2014, the ECB initiated an asset purchase programme whereby it envisaged to bring inflation back to levels in line with the ECB's objective to maintain the price stability in the euro area and, also, to help enterprises across Europe to enjoy better access to credit, boost investments, create jobs and thus support the overall economic growth in Europe. The asset purchase programme also encompasses the covered bond purchase programme. On 14 June 2018, the ECB announced that at the end of December 2018 the covered bond purchase programme would end. As of 2019, the ECB would, however, maintain its policy to reinvest the principal payments from maturing securities under the programmes as long as deemed necessary. On 18 March 2020, the Governing Council of the ECB decided to launch a new temporary asset purchase programme of private and public sector securities to counter the serious risks to the monetary policy transmission mechanism and the outlook for the euro area posed by the outbreak and escalating diffusion of the coronavirus, COVID-19 (the "**Coronavirus**"). This new Pandemic Emergency Purchase Programme (PEPP) initially had an overall envelope of EUR 750 billion. On 4 June 2020 the Governing Council of the ECB decided to increase the original EUR 750 billion envelope for the PEPP by EUR 600 billion, to a total of EUR 1,350 billion. On 10 December 2020 the overall envelope of the PEPP was increased to EUR 1,850 billion, and extended by nine months to at least the end of March 2022. All asset categories eligible under the existing asset purchase programme are also eligible under the new programme. The Governing Council will terminate net asset purchases under the PEPP once it judges that the COVID-19 crisis phase is over, but in any case not before the end of June 2021. It remains to be seen what the effect of this restart of the purchase programmes and the new Pandemic Emergency Purchase Programme will be on the volatility in the financial markets and the overall economy in the Eurozone and the wider European Union and the UK. The Covered Bondholders should be aware that they may suffer loss if they intend to sell any of the Covered Bonds on the secondary market for such Covered Bonds as a result of the impact the restart of the asset purchase programmes and/or a potential termination of the asset purchase programmes may have on the secondary market value of the Covered Bonds and the liquidity in the secondary market for the Covered Bonds.

14. Exchange rate risks and exchange controls

The Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Covered Bonds in the Specified Currency. 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 Covered Bonds, (b) the Investor's Currency-equivalent value of the principal payable on the Covered Bonds and (c) the Investor's Currency-equivalent market value of the Covered Bonds.

Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate and/or restrict the convertibility or transferability of currencies within and/or outside of a particular jurisdiction. As a result, investors of the Covered Bonds may receive less interest or principal than expected, or receive it later than expected or receive no interest or principal at all.

C. LEGAL AND REGULATORY RISKS RELATED TO THE COVERED BONDS

15. Risk that Covered Bonds do not comply with the CB Legislation, CRR and/or the UCITS Directive

On the Programme Date, DNB admitted the Issuer and the Covered Bonds to the DNB-register in accordance with the CB Legislation and the Covered Bonds comply with both Article 52(4) UCITS and are in the DNB-register registered as being compliant with Article 129 CRR.

If a Covered Bond no longer meets the requirements prescribed by the CB Legislation, or if the Issuer would no longer comply with its ongoing administration and/or reporting obligations towards DNB as the competent regulator, DNB can take several measures, which include, without limitation, imposing an issuance-stop on the Issuer, which may be disclosed by DNB in the relevant register, and DNB has the authority to terminate the registration of the Issuer. However, under the CB Legislation the registration of the Covered Bonds that have already been issued cannot be terminated.

In addition, DNB has the authority to include in the register that the Covered Bonds are no longer or are not compliant with Article 129 CRR as a result of which the Covered Bonds would no longer maintain the status of being compliant with the requirements set out in Article 129 of the CRR (the "**CRR Status**"). Although under the CB Legislation Covered Bonds will always continue to be registered as legal covered bonds and continue to keep the Regulated Status (except for the CRR Status), there is a risk that the CRR Status for other Series will not be maintained until redemption in full of the relevant non-compliant Series.

If at any time an issuance stop is published, the registration of the Issuer is revoked and/or the CRR Status is withdrawn or otherwise lost, a Covered Bondholder may experience adverse consequences (i.e. an adverse effect on the market value or on the regulatory treatment of the Covered Bonds), depending on the reasons for making the investment in such Covered Bonds.

16. Uncertainty relating to the implementation of the Covered Bond Directive

On 27 November 2019, the Covered Bond Directive has been adopted. The Covered Bond Directive aims to foster the development of covered bonds across the European Union. The Covered Bond Directive (i) provides a common definition of covered bonds, which will represent a consistent reference for prudential regulation purposes, (ii) defines the structural features of covered bonds, (iii) defines the tasks and responsibilities for the supervision of covered bonds and (iv) sets out the rules allowing the use of the 'European Covered Bonds' label. The Covered Bond Directive should be implemented in each Member State by 8 July 2021 and should apply at the latest from 8 July 2022. On 8 March 2021, a legislative proposal for an Act regarding the implementation of the Covered Bond Directive in the Netherlands has been published for consultation, while most of the new rules at lower legislative level were not yet made available. Until the Covered Bond Directive has been implemented, it is uncertain if or how the proposals will affect the Issuer, the CBC, the market for covered bonds in general and/or the Covered Bonds. This new legislation may require that amendments have to be made to the Programme. Pursuant to Condition 14 (*Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modification and Waiver*), such amendments to the Programme may be made without any consent or sanction of any of the Covered Bondholders (also see the risk factor '*Risk of changes without the Covered Bondholders' or other Secured Creditors' prior consent as the Trustee may agree to, or is obliged to concur with the Issuer and/or the CBC in making changes and waivers to or under the Programme*'). Such amendments could be detrimental to the Covered Bondholders and may negatively affect the value of the Covered Bonds.

D. RISKS RELATED TO BENCHMARKS

17. The regulation and reform of "benchmarks" may adversely affect the liquidity and value of, and return on, Floating Rate Covered Bonds linked to or referencing such "benchmarks"

The interest payable on the Covered Bonds may be determined by reference to EURIBOR, SONIA, €STR, SOFR or another reference rate (as defined in the applicable Final Terms), or another benchmark (each of

these indices as well as any substitute, alternative or successor rate determined in accordance with Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*), including the applicable tenor and currency, the "**Reference Rate**").Various benchmarks (including interest rate benchmarks that may apply to the Covered Bonds, such as EURIBOR, SONIA, €STR and SOFR) are the subject of ongoing regulatory reform (including as a result of the Benchmarks Regulation which entered into force on 1 January 2018). Further to these reforms, a transitioning away from the interbank offered rates ("**IBORs**") to 'risk-free rates' is expected. Given the uncertainty in relation to the timing and manner of implementation of any such reforms and in the absence of clear market consensus at this time, the Issuer is not yet in a position to determine the reforms that it will apply and the timing of applying such reforms.

For example, in March 2017, the European Money Markets Institute ("**EMMI**") (formerly EURIBOR-EBF) published a position paper referring to certain proposed reforms to EURIBOR, which reforms aim to clarify the EURIBOR specification, to develop a transaction-based methodology for EURIBOR and to align the relevant methodology with the Benchmarks Regulation, the IOSCO Principles for Financial Benchmarks and other regulatory recommendations. EMMI has since indicated that there has been a "change in market activity as a result of the current regulatory requirements and a negative interest rate environment" and "under the current market conditions it will not be feasible to evolve the current EURIBOR methodology to a fully transaction-based methodology following a seamless transition path. EMMI has since strengthened its governance framework and has developed a hybrid methodology for EURIBOR. On 28 November 2019, EMMI confirmed it has completed the transitioning of the panel banks from the quote-based EURIBOR methodology to the hybrid methodology.

Following the implementation of any such (potential) reforms (such as changes in methodology or otherwise) or further to other pressures (including from regulatory authorities), (i) the manner of administration of benchmarks may change, with the result that benchmarks may perform differently than in the past, (ii) one or more benchmarks could be eliminated entirely, (iii) it may create disincentives for market participants to continue to administer or participate in certain benchmarks, or (iv) there could be other consequences, including those which cannot be predicted.

The potential elimination of, or the potential changes in the manner of administration of, EURIBOR, SONIA, €STR, SOFR or any other benchmark could require an adjustment to the terms and conditions to reference an alternative benchmark, or result in other consequences, including those which cannot be predicted, in respect of any Floating Rate Covered Bonds linked to such benchmark (including but not limited to Floating Rate Covered Bonds whose interest rates are linked to EURIBOR, SONIA, €STR, SOFR or any such other benchmark that is subject to reform) and may adversely affect the trading market and the value of and return on any such Floating Rate Covered Bonds. See also the risk factor '*Future discontinuance of EURIBOR, SONIA, €STR, SOFR or other interest rate benchmarks may affect the value or payment of interest under the Covered Bonds*'.

Moreover, any of the above changes or any other consequential changes to the Reference Rate or any other relevant benchmark, or any further uncertainty in relation to the timing and manner of implementation of such changes could affect the ability of the Issuer to meet its obligations under the Covered Bonds and could have a material adverse effect on the value or liquidity of, and amounts payable under, the Covered Bonds based on or linked to a Reference Rate or other benchmark.

18. Risk that future discontinuance of EURIBOR, SONIA, €STR, SOFR or other interest rate benchmarks may affect the value or payment of interest under the Covered Bonds

Investors should be aware that, if EURIBOR, SONIA, €STR, SOFR or any other benchmark were discontinued or otherwise unavailable, the rate of interest on Floating Rate Covered Bonds which reference any such benchmark will be determined for the relevant period by the fall-back provisions applicable to such Floating Rate Covered Bonds. Depending on the manner in which the relevant benchmark rate is to be determined under such fall-back provisions as set out in the Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds, this may (i) be reliant upon the provision by reference banks of offered quotations for such rate which, depending on market circumstances, may not be available at the relevant time or (ii) result in the effective application of a fixed rate based on the rate which applied in the previous period when the relevant benchmark was available.

Due to the uncertainty concerning the availability of successor rates and alternative reference rates, the involvement of an Independent Adviser and the possibility that a licence or registration may be required under applicable legislation for establishing and publishing fallback interest rates, the relevant fallback provisions may not operate as intended at the relevant time. In addition, uncertainty as to the continuation of a benchmark, the availability of quotes from reference banks to allow for the continuation of the floating rate or certain reset rates on any Floating Rate Covered Bonds, and the rate that would be applicable if the relevant benchmark is discontinued may also adversely affect the trading market and the value of the Floating Rate Covered Bonds. At this time, it is not possible to predict what the effect of these developments will be or what the impact on the value of the Floating Rate Covered Bonds will be. More generally, any of the above changes or any other consequential changes to EURIBOR, SONIA, €STR or SOFR or any other "benchmark" as a result of international, national, or other proposals for reform or other initiatives or investigations, or any further uncertainty in relation to the timing and manner of implementation of such changes, could have a material adverse effect on the liquidity and value of, and return on, any Floating Rate Covered Bonds based on or linked to a "benchmark". Moreover, any of the above matters or any other significant change to the setting or existence of any relevant reference rate could affect the ability of the Issuer to meet its obligations under the Floating Rate Covered Bonds or could have a material adverse effect on the value or liquidity of, and the amount payable under, the Floating Rate Covered Bonds based on or linked to a benchmark.

In the event that the benchmark referenced in the Conditions of a Series of Covered Bonds, the Swap Agreement and the other Transaction Documents ceases to exist then the fall-back Reference Banks position set out in Condition 4(b) (*Interest on Floating Rate Covered Bonds*) may not operate as intended as it would be dependent on the provision of quotations by major banks for the rate at which euro deposits are offered. In such a case the Reference Rate applicable to the Floating Rate Covered Bonds during the relevant Interest Period will be the Reference Rate last determined. This mechanism is not suitable for determining the interest rate payable on the Floating Rate Covered Bonds on a longterm basis. Accordingly, in the event that a Reference Rate is permanently disrupted or discontinued ceases to be published for a period of at least 5 Business Days or it becomes unlawful for the Issuer or Paying Agent to calculate any payments to Covered Bondholders referring to a specific benchmark, the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC may in certain circumstances modify or amend the relevant Reference Rate in respect of the Floating Rate Covered Bonds to an Alternative Benchmark Rate or (in the case of Covered Bonds referencing a SOFR Reference Rate) or a Benchmark Replacement without the Covered Bondholders' prior consent as provided in Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*) and Condition 14B (*Effect of Benchmark Transition Event*). See further risk factor '*Risk of changes without the Covered Bondholders' or other Secured Creditors' prior consent as the Trustee may agree to, or is obliged to concur with the Issuer and/or the CBC in making changes and waivers to or under the Programme*'.

While an amendment may be made under Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*) and Condition 14B (*Effect of Benchmark Transition Event*) to change the relevant "benchmark" rate to an Alternative Benchmark Rate or (in the case of Covered Bonds referencing a SOFR Reference Rate) or a Benchmark Replacement under certain events broadly related to disruption or discontinuation of the relevant "benchmark" and subject to certain conditions, there can be no assurance that any such amendment will be made or, if made, that it will (i) fully or effectively mitigate interest rate risks or result in an equivalent methodology for determining the interest rates on the Covered Bonds or (ii) be made prior to any date on which any of the risks described in this risk factor may become relevant or (iii) result in a Covered Bondholder receiving a lower amount of interest had the relevant "benchmark" rate not been discontinued; and there can be no assurance that the applicable fall-back provisions under any Swap Agreement would operate so as to ensure that the base floating interest rate used to determine payments under any Swap Agreement is the same as that used to determine interest payments under the Covered Bonds which are purported to be hedged by such Swap, or that any such amendment made under Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*) or Condition 14B (*Effect of Benchmark Transition Event*) would allow the transactions under the Swap Agreement to effectively mitigate interest rate risks on the Covered Bonds. Such mismatches may adversely affect the realisation value of the Transferred Receivables, and/or the CBC's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

19. Risk that the market continues to develop in relation to risk-free rates (including SONIA, SOFR and €STR) as reference rates for floating rate Covered Bonds

(i) Nascent risk-free rates and market

Investors should be aware that the market continues to develop in relation to risk-free rates, such as the SONIA, SOFR and €STR, as reference rates in the capital markets for sterling, U.S. dollar or euro bonds, as applicable, and their adoption as alternatives to the relevant interbank offered rates.

SONIA, SOFR and €STR are, in the case of SONIA only, recently reformed and in the case of SOFR and €STR, newly established risk-free rates. Therefore, such risk-free rates have a limited performance history and the future performance of such risk-free rates is impossible to predict. As a consequence, no future performance of such risk-free rate or Covered Bonds referencing such risk-free rate may be inferred from any of the hypothetical or actual historical performance data. In addition, investors should be aware that risk-free rates may behave materially differently to interbank offered rates as interest reference rates. For example, since publication of SOFR began, daily changes in SOFR have, on occasion, been more volatile than daily changes in comparable benchmarks or other market rates.

(ii) Calculation of Interest

Interest is calculated on the basis of the compounded risk-free rate e.g. Compounded Daily SONIA, which is calculated using the relevant specific formula set out in the Conditions, not the risk-free rate published on or in respect of a particular date during such Observation Period. For this and other reasons, the interest rate on the Covered Bonds during any Observation Period will not be the same as the interest rate on other investments linked to the risk-free rate that use an alternative basis to determine the applicable interest rate.

In addition, market conventions for calculating the interest rate for Covered Bonds referencing risk-free rates continue to develop and market participants and relevant working groups are exploring alternative reference rates based on risk-free rates. For example, on 2 March 2020, the Federal Resere Bank of New York, as administrator of SOFR, began publishing the SOFR Compounded Index and on 3 August 2020, the Bank of England, as the administrator of SONIA, began publishing the SONIA Compounded Index. Accordingly, the specific formula for calculating the rate used in the Covered Bonds issued under this Base Prospectus may not be widely adopted by other market participants, if at all. The Issuer may in the future also issue Covered Bonds referencing risk-free rates that differ materially in terms of interest determination when compared with any previous Covered Bonds referencing risk-free rates issued by it. If the market adopts a different calculation method, that could adversely affect the market value of Covered Bonds issued pursuant to this Base Prospectus.

Interest on the Covered Bonds which reference a risk-free rate is only capable of being determined immediately prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date. It may be difficult for investors in Covered Bonds which reference risk-free rates to reliably estimate the amount of interest which will be payable on such Covered Bonds. Further, if the Covered Bonds become due and payable pursuant to an Event of Default, or are otherwise redeemed early on a date which is not an Interest Payment Date, the Rate of Interest payable shall be determined on the date the Covered Bonds become due and payable and shall not be reset thereafter.

Each risk-free rate is published and calculated by third parties based on data received from other sources and the Issuer has no control over their respective determinations, calculations or publications. There can be no guarantee that the relevant risk-free rate (or the SOFR Compounded Index or SONIA Compounded Index) will not be discontinued or fundamentally altered in a manner that is materially adverse to the interests of investors in Covered Bonds linked to or which reference such risk-free rate (or that any applicable benchmark fallback provisions provided for in the relevant Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds will provide a rate which is economically equivalent for Covered Bondholders). None of the Bank of England, the Federal Reserve or the ECB have an obligation to consider the interests of Covered Bondholders in calculating, adjusting, converting, revising or discontinuing the relevant risk-free rate (or the SOFR Compounded Index or SONIA Compounded Index). If the manner in which the relevant risk-free rate is calculated is changed, that change may result in a reduction of the amount of interest payable on such Covered Bonds and the trading prices of such Covered Bonds.

(iii) Market Adoption

The market or a significant part thereof may adopt an application of risk-free rates that differs significantly from that set out in the Terms and Conditions and used in relation to the Covered Bonds that reference a risk-free rate issued under this Base Prospectus. Investors should carefully consider how any mismatch between the adoption of such reference rates in the bond, loan and derivatives markets may impact any hedging or any other financial arrangements which they may put in place in connection with any acquisition, holding or disposal of any Covered Bonds.

E. TAX RISKS RELATED TO THE COVERED BONDS

20. Risk of no Gross-up by the CBC for Taxes

Payments by the CBC under the Guarantee will be made without withholding or deduction of any present or future taxes or duties of whatever nature imposed or levied by or on behalf of any Tax Jurisdiction, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In such event, the CBC shall make the required withholding or deduction of such taxes or duties for the account of the holder of Covered Bonds or Coupons, as the case may be. Any amounts withheld or deducted will be treated as paid for all purposes under the Guarantee and the CBC shall not pay any additional amounts to the holder of the Covered Bonds or Coupons in respect of any amounts withheld or deducted.

21. If the Covered Bonds become subject to a withholding tax on interest in the Netherlands, the Issuer will make the required withholding or deduction for the account of the Covered Bondholders subject to withholding and shall not be obliged to pay additional amounts to such Covered Bondholders

The Netherlands has introduced a new withholding tax on (deemed) interest payments as of 1 January 2021 pursuant to the Dutch Withholding Tax Act 2021 (*Wet bronbelasting 2021*). The new withholding tax will generally apply to interest payments made by an entity tax resident in the Netherlands, like the Issuer, to a *related entity* (as described below), if such related entity (i) is considered to be tax resident in a Listed Jurisdiction (as defined below), (ii) has a permanent establishment located in a Listed Jurisdiction to which the interest payment is attributable, (iii) is entitled to the interest payment for the main purpose or one of the main purposes to avoid taxation for another person, (iv) is a hybrid entity (a hybrid mismatch), or (v) is not resident in any jurisdiction, all within the meaning of the Dutch Withholding Tax Act 2021.

For purposes of the Dutch Withholding Tax Act 2021, an entity is considered a *related entity* if (i) such entity has a Qualifying Interest (as defined below) in the Issuer; (ii) the Issuer has a Qualifying Interest in such entity; or (iii) a third party has a Qualifying Interest (as defined below) in both the Issuer and such entity. The term "**Qualifying Interest**" means a directly or indirectly held interest – either individually or jointly as part of a collaborating group (*samenwerkende groep*) – that confers a definite influence over the company's decisions and allows the holder of such interest to determine its activities (within the meaning of case law of the European Court of Justice on the freedom of establishment (*vrijheid van vestiging*)).

A jurisdiction is considered a listed jurisdiction (a "**Listed Jurisdiction**"), if it is listed in the yearly updated Dutch Regulation on low-taxing jurisdictions and non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes (*Regeling laagbelastende staten en niet-coöperatieve rechtsgebieden voor belastingdoeleinden*) which includes (i) jurisdictions with a corporation tax on business profits with a general statutory rate of less than 9% and (ii) jurisdictions that are included in the EU list of non-cooperative jurisdictions.

For the fiscal year 2021, the following 23 jurisdictions are Listed Jurisdictions: American Samoa, Anguilla, the Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Fiji, Guam, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey, Palau, Panama, Samoa, Seychelles, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, Turks and Caicos Islands, Vanuatu, the United Arab Emirates, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

In practice, the Issuer may not always be able to assess whether a holder of Covered Bonds is a related entity with respect to the Issuer or located in a Listed Jurisdiction. The parliamentary history is unclear on the Issuer's responsibilities to determine the absence of related entities in respect of covered bonds issued in the market, like the Covered Bonds.

As provided in Condition 7 (*Taxation*), if withholding or deduction is required under the Dutch Withholding Tax Act 2021, the Issuer or the Paying Agent (as the case may be) will make the required withholding or

deduction of such taxes for the account of the holder of Covered Bonds and shall not be obliged to pay any additional amounts to the holder of Covered Bonds in respect of the withholding or deduction. Prospective investors are advised to seek their own professional advice in relation to the new withholding tax in the Netherlands.

B.3 RISK FACTORS REGARDING THE GUARANTOR AND THE GUARANTEE

1. Risk that payments under the Guarantee are the sole obligation of the CBC

The payment obligations under the Guarantee will not represent an obligation or be the responsibility of the Arranger, any Dealer, the Originators, the Trustee or any other party to the Programme, their officers, members, directors, employees, security holders or incorporators, other than the CBC. The CBC will be liable solely in its corporate capacity for its obligations in respect of the Guarantee and such obligations will not be the obligations of its respective officers, members, directors, employees, security holders or incorporators. To the extent that the CBC's corporate assets are not sufficient to fulfil its obligations under Guarantee, Covered Bondholders may not be able to take recourse against third parties for payment and the CBC's obligations under the Guarantee may not be fully met. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

2. Risk relating to limited resources of the CBC

The CBC's ability to meet its obligations under the Guarantee will depend on the realisable value of Transferred Assets (net of, without limitation, amounts due to any Participants in the case of Participation Receivables), the amount of principal and revenue proceeds generated by the Transferred Assets (net of, without limitation, amounts due to any Participants in the case of Participation Receivables) and Authorised Investments and the timing thereof and amounts received from the Swap Providers (if any), any Participants and the Account Bank. The CBC will not have any other source of funds available to meet its obligations under the Guarantee and the recourse of the Secured Creditors on the CBC is limited to such assets.

If a CBC Event of Default occurs and the Security created by or pursuant to the Security Documents is enforced, the Secured Property may not be sufficient to meet the claims of all the Secured Creditors, including the Covered Bondholders. Upon the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default or a CBC Event of Default, the CBC or the Trustee, as the case may be, could experience difficulty with any sale of the relevant Transferred Receivables, more in particular, the sale proceeds may be lower than expected or the sale proceeds could suffer delays. If, following enforcement of the Security constituted by or pursuant to the Security Documents, the Secured Creditors have not received the full amount due to them pursuant to the terms of the Transaction Documents, they may still have an unsecured claim against the Issuer for the shortfall. There is no guarantee that the Issuer will have sufficient funds to pay that shortfall. Therefore, Covered Bondholders may not receive all amounts they expected to receive. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

3. Risk that counterparties of the CBC will not perform their obligations, including the obligation to appoint a substitute servicer after termination of the Servicing Agreement

The CBC has entered into agreements with a number of third parties, such as the Servicer, Administrator and Asset Monitor, which have agreed to perform services for the CBC. In the event that any of those parties fails to perform its obligations under the relevant agreement *vis-à-vis* the CBC, or Borrowers do not perform their obligations under the Loans, the realisable value of the Transferred Assets or any part thereof may be affected, or, pending such realisation (if the Transferred Assets or any part thereof cannot be sold), the ability of the CBC to make payments under the Guarantee may be affected.

If a Servicer Event of Default occurs pursuant to the terms of a Servicing Agreement, then the CBC and/or the Trustee will be entitled to terminate the appointment of the relevant Servicer and appoint a new servicer in its place. There can be no assurance that a substitute servicer with sufficient experience of administering mortgages of residential properties who would be willing and able to service the Transferred Receivables on the terms of the Servicing Agreement will be found. The ability of a substitute servicer to fully perform the required services will depend, amongst other things, on the information, software and records available at the time of the appointment. The Trustee is not obliged in any circumstances to act as a Servicer or to monitor the performance by any Servicer of its obligations. Any delay or inability to appoint a substitute servicer may affect the realisable value of the Transferred Receivables or any part thereof,

and/or the ability of the CBC to make payments under the Guarantee. If the CBC cannot meet its obligations under the Guarantee, this may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

Covered Bondholders will have no right to consent to or approve of any actions taken by a Servicer under a Servicing Agreement. None of the Servicers have (or will have) any obligation to advance payments that Borrowers fail to make in a timely fashion, which may result in the CBC not being able to meet its obligations under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

4. Risk that obligations under the Guarantee are extended

If the CBC is obliged under the Guarantee to pay a Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount in respect of a Series of Covered Bonds and has insufficient monies available under the relevant Priority of Payments to pay the Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount in respect of such Series of Covered Bonds on the Extension Date, then the obligation of the CBC to pay such Guaranteed Amount shall automatically be deferred to the relevant Extended Due for Payment Date ("**Guaranteed Amount Payment Extension Trigger**").

The Extended Due for Payment Date will fall twelve (12) calendar months after the Final Maturity Date. Interest will continue to accrue and be payable on the unpaid Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount in respect of such Series of Covered Bonds on the basis set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out therein, Condition 4 (*Interest*), *mutatis mutandis*.

In these circumstances, except where the CBC has failed to apply monies in accordance with the relevant Priority of Payments in accordance with Condition 3 (*The Guarantee*), failure by the CBC to pay the relevant Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount in respect of such Series of Covered Bonds on the Extension Date or any subsequent Interest Payment Date falling prior to the Extended Due for Payment Date (or the relevant later date in case of an applicable grace period) shall not constitute a CBC Event of Default. However, failure by the CBC to pay such Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount or the balance thereof, as the case may be, on the relevant Extended Due for Payment Date and/or pay any other amount due under the Guarantee will (subject to any applicable grace period) constitute a CBC Event of Default. Therefore, Covered Bondholders may not receive payments at the moment they anticipated to receive payments and these payments may not cover all amounts Covered Bondholders may expect to receive.

5. Risks related to maintenance and realisable value of Transferred Assets

Prior to the service of a Notice to Pay or a Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice, the Asset Monitor will, no later than five Business Days following receipt of the relevant information, perform agreed upon procedures with respect to the arithmetic accuracy of the calculations performed by the Administrator in respect of the Asset Cover Test on the Calculation Date immediately preceding each anniversary of the Programme Date, i.e. once a year and will carry out such agreed upon procedures more frequently in certain circumstances as set out in the Asset Monitoring Agreement. Following the service of a Notice to Pay or Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice, the Asset Monitor will no later than five Business Days following receipt of the relevant information be required to carry out the agreed upon procedures with respect to the arithmetic accuracy of the calculations performed by the Administrator on each Calculation Date in respect of each Amortisation Test. Such tests are limited in scope and provide no guarantee that the tests are met in all respects. This may therefore result in losses under the Covered Bonds.

If the collateral value of the Transferred Assets has not been maintained in accordance with the terms of the Asset Cover Test or the Amortisation Test, then that may adversely affect the realisable value of the Transferred Assets or any part thereof (both before and after the occurrence of a CBC Event of Default) and/or the ability of the CBC to make payments under the Guarantee.

Accordingly, to the extent that Transferred Assets are not maintained and monitored properly, the realisable value of such Transferred Assets by the CBC may be adversely affected, along with the CBC's ability to meet its obligations under the Guarantee.

6. Risk that income on the Transferred Assets will run through the CBC only upon certain events and risk of delay or loss of income prior thereto

For as long as no Notification Event has occurred and no Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice has been served on the CBC, no cash flows will run through the CBC.

In those circumstances the Originators will be entitled to receive and retain the proceeds from the Transferred Assets for their own benefit. In addition, the Issuer will, as consideration for the CBC assuming the Guarantee, pay all costs and expenses of the CBC and make, receive all payments to be made or received by the CBC under any Swap Agreement (if any) and fund the Reserve Fund up to the Reserve Fund Required Amount. Upon the earlier to occur of a Notification Event and service of a Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice on the CBC, cash flows will run through the CBC and will be applied in accordance with the relevant Priority of Payments (except that any collateral to be provided by a Swap Provider following its downgrade will be delivered to the CBC irrespective of whether any Notification Event has occurred or any Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice has been served at such time). As the CBC does not have control over the cash flows from Transferred Receivables unless one of the events described above occurs, the CBC's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Guarantee may be limited. If the Issuer for whatever reason does not make the requested payments for the CBC and the Originators received and retained the relevant proceeds for their own benefit this may potentially adversely affect the CBC's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Guarantee and this may result in losses under the Covered Bonds.

7. The CBC is only obliged to pay Guaranteed Amounts when the same are Due for Payment

The CBC has no obligation to pay the Guaranteed Amounts payable under the Guarantee until service by the Trustee:

(a) on the Issuer of an Issuer Acceleration Notice and on the CBC of a Notice to Pay; or

(b) if earlier, on the Issuer and the CBC of a CBC Acceleration Notice.

A Notice to Pay can only be served on the CBC if an Issuer Event of Default occurs and results in service by the Trustee of an Issuer Acceleration Notice on the Issuer. A CBC Acceleration Notice can only be served if a CBC Event of Default occurs.

Following service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice on the Issuer, a Notice to Pay will be served by the Trustee on the CBC. However, a failure by the Issuer to make a payment in respect of one or more Series will not automatically result in the service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice. The Trustee may, but is not obliged to, serve an Issuer Acceleration Notice provided that if the Issuer fails to make a payment in respect of one or more Series on the due date it is obliged to serve such notice if, *inter alia*, (a) default is made by the Issuer for a period of 30 calendar days or more in the payment of principal or interest, or if the Issuer is adjudged bankrupt, or (b) requested or directed by a Programme Resolution of the Covered Bondholders of all Series then outstanding.

Following service of a Notice to Pay on the CBC (provided no CBC Acceleration Notice has been served) under the terms of the Guarantee the CBC will be obliged to pay Guaranteed Amounts as and when the same are Due for Payment. Such payments will be subject to and will be made in accordance with the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments. In these circumstances, the CBC will not be obliged to pay any amount other than the Guaranteed Amounts, for example in respect of broken funding indemnities, penalties, premiums, default interest or interest on interest which may accrue on or in respect of the Covered Bonds.

Subject to applicable grace periods, if the CBC fails to make a payment when Due for Payment under the Guarantee or any other CBC Event of Default occurs, then the Trustee may accelerate the Covered Bonds (to the extent not yet accelerated) by service of a CBC Acceleration Notice, whereupon the CBC will owe under the Guarantee the Early Redemption Amount of each Covered Bond, together with accrued interest and certain other amounts then due under the Covered Bonds. Following service of a CBC Acceleration Notice, the Trustee may enforce the Security over the Secured Property. The proceeds of enforcement of the Security shall be applied by the Trustee in accordance with the Post-CBC-Acceleration-Notice Priority of Payments, and Covered Bondholders will receive amounts from the CBC on an accelerated basis. If a CBC Acceleration Notice is served on the CBC then the Covered Bonds may be repaid sooner or later than expected or they may only be repaid partially or not at all.

Therefore, Covered Bondholders may not receive payments at the moment they anticipated to receive payments and these payments may not cover all amounts Covered Bondholders may expect to receive.

8. Risks related to the sale or refinancing of Selected Receivables

If an Issuer Event of Default has occurred and results in, amongst other things, a Notice to Pay being served on the CBC, the CBC may be obliged to sell or refinance Selected Receivables (selected on a random basis) in order to make funds available to the CBC to make payments to the CBC's creditors including to make payments under the Guarantee.

There is no guarantee that a buyer will be found to acquire Selected Receivables or that such Selected Receivables can be refinanced at the times required and there can be no guarantee or assurance as to the price or level of refinancing which may be able to be obtained, which may affect payments under the Guarantee.

Furthermore, there is no limit on the amount of Selected Receivables that may be elected for such sale or refinancing in proportion to other Transferred Receivables and other Transferred Assets of the CBC, which would take into account the CBC's guarantee obligations in respect of later maturing Covered Bonds. Although the intention of the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test is to ensure that the ratio of the Transferred Assets to the Covered Bonds is maintained at a certain level, there can be no guarantee or assurance that, following any such sale or refinancing of Selected Receivables in relation to Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds or any other Series, there are sufficient Transferred Assets available to the CBC to make payments under, amongst other things, the Guarantee in respect of later maturing Covered Bonds.

Thus, the CBC may be unable to fulfil fully and/or timely its payment obligations under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

Following the service of a Notice to Pay on the CBC, but prior to the service of a CBC Acceleration Notice, the CBC may be obliged to sell Selected Receivables to third party purchasers, subject to a right of pre-emption enjoyed by the Originators pursuant to the terms of the Guarantee Support Agreement. In respect of any sale or refinancing of Selected Receivables to third parties, however, the CBC will not be permitted to give warranties or indemnities in respect of those Selected Receivables (unless expressly permitted to do so by the Trustee). There is no assurance that the Originators would give any warranties or representations in respect of the Selected Receivables. Any Representations or Warranties previously given by the Originators in respect of the Transferred Receivables may not have value for a third party purchaser if the Originators are subject to an Insolvency Proceeding. Accordingly, there is a risk that the realisable market value of the Selected Receivables could be adversely affected by the lack of representations and warranties, which in turn may adversely affect the ability of the CBC to meet its obligations under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

9. Not all risks are deducted from the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test

As the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test are composed of multiple tests, not all tests included therein provide for deduction of all the risks that are described in this Base Prospectus. In particular certain set-off risks and other risks which are deducted from the Adjusted Aggregate Asset Amount are not deducted for the purpose of the calculation of the First Regulatory Current Balance Amount and the Second Regulatory Balance Amount. Therefore, the First Regulatory Current Balance Amount and the Second Regulatory Balance Amount do not include a deduction in respect of these risk mitigating factors. Therefore, where in the risk factors it is stated that such risks are to be deducted from the Asset Cover Test and/or the Amortisation Test, this means that these will be deducted from the Adjusted Aggregate Asset Amount and/or Amortisation Test Aggregate Asset Amount and does not mean that these are deducted from the First Regulatory Current Balance Amount and the Second Regulatory Balance Amount. Furthermore, not all risks in relation to the Transferred Assets are provided for in the Asset Cover Test and/or the Amortisation Test (see section 4 (*Asset Monitoring*)). This could lead to losses under the Transferred Assets in case such risks materialise and, consequently, the CBC may not be able to meet its obligations under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

10. Risk that the rights of pledge to the Trustee in case of insolvency of the CBC are not effective in all respects

Under or pursuant to the Security Documents, various Dutch law pledges are granted by the CBC to the Trustee. On the basis of these pledges the Trustee can exercise the rights afforded by Dutch law to pledgees notwithstanding bankruptcy or suspension of payments of the CBC. The CBC is a special purpose entity and it is therefore unlikely that the CBC becomes subject to Dutch Insolvency Proceedings.

Should the CBC nevertheless be subjected to a Dutch Insolvency Proceeding, the Trustee as pledgee can exercise the rights afforded by Dutch law to pledgees as if there were no Dutch Insolvency Proceedings. However, Dutch Insolvency Proceedings involving the CBC would affect the position of the Trustee as pledgee in some respects and, subsequently, the Covered Bondholders, in some respects, the most important of which are: (i) payments made by the Borrowers to the CBC prior to notification of the relevant pledge but after Dutch Insolvency Proceedings of the CBC taking effect, the amounts so paid will be part of the estate of the CBC, although the Trustee has the right to receive such amounts by preference after deduction of certain costs, (ii) a statutory stay of execution ('cooling-off period') of up to two months - with a possible extension by up to two more months - may be imposed during each type of Dutch Insolvency Proceedings by court order, which, if applicable, will prevent the Trustee from taking recourse against any amounts so collected during such stay of execution and selling pledged assets to third parties, (iii) the liquidator in bankruptcy can force the Trustee to enforce its security right within a reasonable period of time, failing which the liquidator in bankruptcy will be entitled to sell the pledged assets and distribute the proceeds. In such case, the Trustee will receive payment prior to ordinary, non-preferred creditors having an insolvency claim but after creditors of the estate (*boedelschuldeisers*). It should be noted, however, that this power of the liquidator in bankruptcy is intended to prevent a secured creditor from delaying the enforcement of security without good reason, and (iv) excess proceeds of enforcement must be returned to the CBC in its Dutch Insolvency Proceedings; they may not be set-off against an unsecured claim (if any) of the Trustee on the CBC.

Similar or different restrictions may apply in the event of any Insolvency Proceedings. Therefore, the Trustee's enforcement rights of the pledges by the CBC may be adversely affected. As a result, the Trustee may be unable to enforce the CBC's pledges in full or in time, in turn affecting the amounts available for payments due to the holders of the Covered Bonds. Therefore, the Trustee may have insufficient funds available to fulfil the CBC's payment obligations under the Covered Bonds. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

If and to the extent that assets purported to be pledged by the CBC to the Trustee are future assets (i.e. assets that have not yet been acquired by the CBC or that have not yet come into existence) at the moment Dutch Insolvency Proceedings take effect (i.e. at 0:00 hours on the date Dutch Insolvency Proceedings are declared), such assets are no longer capable of being pledged by the CBC. This would for example apply with respect to amounts that are paid to the CBC Accounts following the CBC's Dutch Insolvency Proceedings taking effect. In the risk factor '*Risk related to payments received by the Originator prior to notification to the Borrowers of the assignment to the CBC*', the position of the CBC is described in respect of payments made to the relevant Originator prior to or after such Originator's possible Dutch Insolvency Proceedings taking effect.

11. Risks related to the creation of pledges on the basis of a parallel debt

It is intended that the CBC grants pledges to the Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Creditors. However, under Dutch law there is no concept of trust and it is uncertain whether a pledge can be granted to a party other than the creditors of the receivables purported to be secured by such pledge. Therefore, the Trust Deed creates a parallel debt of the CBC to the Trustee, equal to the corresponding Principal Obligations, so that the Security can be granted to the Trustee in its own capacity as creditor of the parallel debt. There is no statutory law or case law available on the concept of parallel debts and the question arises whether a parallel debt constitutes a valid basis for the creation of security rights. Should the Parallel Debt not constitute a valid basis for the creation of security rights as included in the Security Documents, such pledges will not be effective and therefore the Trustee may have insufficient funds available to fulfil the CBC's payment obligations under the Covered Bonds. This may result in losses under the Covered Bonds. The Issuer, however, has been advised that under Dutch law a 'parallel debt' structure can be used to give a trustee its own, separate, independent claim which can be secured by a right of pledge.

In the Trust Deed it is agreed that obligations of the CBC to the Trustee under the parallel debt shall be decreased to the extent that the corresponding principal obligations to the Secured Creditors are reduced (and *vice versa*). In the Trust Deed the Trustee agrees to act as trustee as abovementioned and agrees:

(a) to act for the benefit of the Secured Creditors in administering and enforcing the Security; and

(b) to distribute the proceeds of the Security in accordance with the provisions set out in the Trust Deed.

Any payments in respect of the parallel debt and any proceeds of the Security (in each case to the extent received by the Trustee) are if the Trustee becomes subject to Dutch Insolvency Proceedings not separated from the Trustee's other assets, so the Secured Creditors accept a credit risk on the Trustee. However, the Trustee is a special purpose entity and is therefore unlikely to become subject to an Insolvency Proceeding. If an Insolvency Proceeding is nevertheless commenced against the Trustee, any payments in respect of the Parallel Debt and any proceeds of the enforcement of the Security (in each case to the extent received by the Trustee) are, in the event that the Trustee becomes subject to Dutch Insolvency Proceedings, not separated from the Trustee's other assets, in such event the holders of the Covered Bonds may not receive full or timely payments due to them from the enforcement of the CBC's pledges and any proceeds of the Security. Should the Trustee become insolvent, the Secured Creditors will have an unsecured claim on the bankrupt estate of the Trustee.

12. Risks in relation to defaults by Borrowers

Upon service of a Notice to Pay on the CBC (provided no CBC Acceleration Notice has been served), the CBC is expected to make payments under the Guarantee. The ability of the CBC to meet its obligations under the Guarantee will depend solely on the proceeds of the Transferred Assets. In this respect it should be noted that Borrowers may default on their obligations due under the Transferred Receivables. Defaults may occur for a variety of reasons. The Transferred Receivables are affected by credit, liquidity and interest rate risks. Various factors influence mortgage delinquency rates, prepayment rates, repossession frequency and the ultimate payment of interest and principal, such as changes in the national or international economic climate, regional economic or housing conditions, changes in tax laws, interest rates, inflation, the availability of financing, yields on alternative investments, political developments and government policies.

Other factors in Borrowers' individual, personal or financial circumstances may affect the ability of Borrowers to make the required payments under the Transferred Receivables. Loss of earnings, illness, divorce and other similar factors may lead to an increase in delinquencies by and bankruptcies of Borrowers or the Borrowers becoming subject to debt rescheduling arrangements (*schuldsaneringsregelingen*), and could ultimately have an adverse impact on the ability of Borrowers to make the required payments under the Transferred Receivables. In addition, the ability of a Borrower to sell a Property at a price sufficient to repay the amounts outstanding under that Transferred Receivable will depend upon a number of factors, including the availability of buyers for that Property, the value of that Property and property values in general at the time. As set forth herein, however, Defaulted Receivables will be excluded from the calculation of the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test and Transferred Receivables which are three months or more in arrears will be included for 30 per cent. of the Current Balance of such Transferred Receivable in the calculation of the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test.

As a Borrower's ability to meet its obligations under the Transferred Receivables depends on numerous factors beyond the control of the CBC, Borrowers may default on such obligations at any point, thereby adversely affecting the CBC's realisation under affected Transferred Receivables and, in turn, the CBC's ability to meet its obligations under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

13. The risk that the WHOA when applied to the CBC or other parties could affect the rights of the Trustee under the Security and the Covered Bondholders under the Guarantee and therefore the Covered Bonds

The Dutch legislator approved a bill for the implementation of a composition outside bankruptcy or moratorium of payments proceedings and is referred to as the Act on Confirmation of Extrajudicial Restructuring Plans (Wet Homologatie Onderhands Akkoord, "**CERP**" or "**WHOA**") which entered into force on 1 January 2021.

Under the WHOA, a proceeding somewhat similar to the chapter 11 proceedings under United States bankruptcy law and the scheme of arrangement under English bankruptcy laws, is available for companies in financial distress, where the debtor stays in possession and can offer a composition plan to its creditors (including secured creditors and shareholders) which is binding on them and changes their rights provided all conditions are met.

A judge can, *inter alia*, refuse to accept a composition plan if an affected creditor who did not vote in favour

of such composition plan and who will be worse off than in case of an insolvency so requests. If a proposal has been made or if the debtor undertakes to make a proposal within 2 months from the date it deposits a statement with the court that it has started to make such proposal, a judge may during such proceedings grant a stay on enforcement of a maximum of 4 months, with a possible extension of 4 months. During such period, *inter alia*, a pledgee of claims may not collect nor notify the borrowers in case of an undisclosed pledge. The new legislation also allows that group companies providing guarantees for the debtor's obligations are included in the plan, if (i) the relevant group companies are reasonably expected to be unable to pay their debts as they fall due, (ii) they have agreed to the proposed restructuring plan insofar as it concerns their obligations and (iii) the court has jurisdiction over the relevant group companies. A debtor may offer its creditors a composition plan which may also entail changes to the rights of any of its creditor. As a result thereof, it may well be that claims of creditors against the CBC can be compromised as a result of a composition if the relevant majority of creditors within a class vote in favour of such a composition. The WHOA can provide for restructurings that stretch beyond Dutch borders.

The WHOA is not applicable to banks and insurers. Although the WHOA is not applicable to banks and insurers and seems inappropriate to be applied for the CBC with a view to the structure of the transaction and the security created under the Security, the WHOA when applied to the CBC could affect the rights of the Trustee under the Security and the Covered Bondholders under the Guarantee and therefore the Covered Bonds. The WHOA may also affect other counterparties of the CBC and/or the Trustee which may include the the Borrowers and, therefore, this may also impact the performance by such parties vis-à-vis the CBC and/or the Trustee and result in losses under the Covered Bonds as further described above in '*Risk that counterparties of the CBC will not perform their obligations, including the obligation to appoint a substitute servicer after termination of the Servicing Agreement*'.

B.4 RISK FACTORS REGARDING THE TRANSFERRED RECEIVABLES, SECURITY RIGHTS, BENEFICIARIES RIGHTS AND SET-OFF

A. RISKS RELATED TO THE PAYMENTS UNDER THE TRANSFERRED RECEIVABLES TRANSFERRED TO THE CBC

1. Risk related to payments received by the Originator prior to notification to the Borrowers of the assignment to the CBC

The Guarantee Support Agreement provides that the transfer of the Eligible Receivables will be effected through a silent assignment (*stille cessie*) by the relevant Originator to the CBC. This means that legal ownership of the Eligible Receivables will be transferred to the CBC by registration of a duly executed deed of assignment with the tax authorities (*Belastingdienst*), without notifying the debtors of such assignment of Eligible Receivables. The assignment will only be notified to the debtors if a Notification Event occurs. Notification is necessary in order to ensure that the debtors can no longer discharge their obligations by paying to the relevant Originator.

As long as no notification of the assignment has taken place, the debtors under the Transferred Receivables must continue to make payments to the relevant Originator or its nominee. In respect of payments made to an Originator prior to a Dutch Insolvency Proceeding of the relevant Originator taking effect and not on-paid to the CBC, the CBC will in the relevant Originator's Dutch Insolvency Proceedings be an ordinary, non-preferred creditor, having an insolvency claim. In respect of post-insolvency payments made by debtors to an insolvent Originator, the CBC will be a creditor of the estate (*boedelschuldeiser*), and will receive payment prior to creditors with insolvency claims, but after preferred creditors of the estate. Therefore, the CBC may be unable to collect fully and/or timely on payments due from an Originator under the Transferred Receivables in the event of a Dutch Insolvency Proceeding against such Originator. This may in turn adversely affect the CBC's ability to make full and/or timely payments to the holders of the Covered Bonds. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

2. Risk related to relatively slow rate of principal repayment of Borrowers

The fiscal incentives in relation to interest deductibility have resulted in a tendency amongst borrowers to opt for products that do not directly involve principal repayment. The most common mortgage loan types in the Netherlands are interest-only, linear, savings, life and investment mortgage loans or a combination of these types. Under the interest-only, savings, life and investment types of mortgage loans no principal is

repaid during the term of the contract. Instead, save in the case of interest-only mortgage loans, the Borrower makes payments into a savings account, towards endowment insurance or into an investment fund. Upon maturity, amounts available pursuant to the savings accounts, the insurance contract or the investment funds are applied to repay the mortgage loans.

Prepayment penalties that are incorporated in mortgage loan contracts tend to lower prepayment rates in the Netherlands. Penalties are generally calculated as the net present value of the interest loss to the lender upon prepayment.

Lower rates of prepayment may lead to slower repayments of the principal amount outstanding of mortgage loans in the Netherlands. As a result, the exposure of the Originators to the Borrowers of the Loans tends to remain high over time. If and to the extent that the CBC has to rely on cash flows from the Loans to fund its obligation under the Guarantee, the relatively slower rate of principal repayment may adversely impact the Transferred Assets' value realisation, and, consequently, the CBC's ability to meet fully and/or timely its obligations under the Guarantee.This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

3. Risks related to interest rate reset rights

The interest rate of each of the Loans is to be reset from time to time. The Issuer has been advised that a good argument can be made that the right to reset the interest rate on the Loans should be considered as an ancillary right and follows the Receivables upon their assignment to the CBC and the pledge to the Trustee. The question whether the right to reset the interest rate on the Loans should be considered as an ancillary right, is not addressed by Dutch law. However, the view that the right to reset the interest rate in respect of the Receivables should be considered as an ancillary right, is supported by a judgment of the Dutch Supreme Court (HR 10 July 2020, ECLI:NL:HR:2020:1276 (*Van Lanschot/Promontoria*)). In this ruling, an example is given of the exercise by an assignee of the right to reset the interest rate, demonstrating the framework the Dutch Supreme Court has given for the special duty of care an assignee has vis-à-vis a debtor/bank-client. To the extent that the interest rate reset right passes upon the assignment of the Receivables to the CBC or upon the pledge of the Receivables to the Trustee, such assignee or pledgee will also be bound by the contractual provisions relating to the reset of interest rates and any applicable law (including, without limitation, applicable principles of reasonableness and fairness, the right of the Borrower to invoke all defences available, specific duty of care obligations and the mortgage conditions relating to the reset of interest rates) and regulations. This means that the CBC or the Trustee may not have discretionary power to set the interest rates and may be required to set the interest at a lower level than the level the CBC or the Trustee would otherwise have set, taking into account the interest of Covered Bondholders, if they were not bound by the contractual provisions relating to the reset of interest rates and any applicable law. If the interest rates are set at a lower level at their interest reset dates than the interest rates prior to such interest reset dates or than the level the CBC or the Trustee would otherwise have set such interest rate, the proceeds resulting from the Receivables may be lower than expected, and this may result in losses under the Covered Bonds.

If such interest reset right remains with the relevant Originator despite the assignment, this means that in case the relevant Originator becomes subject to a Dutch Insolvency Proceeding, the co-operation of the liquidator in insolvency would be required to reset the interest rates. Accordingly, the ability of the CBC to reset the interest on Loans may be limited, thereby affecting adversely the CBC's ability to influence the interest rates applicable to the Loans, in turn limiting the CBC's ability to meet fully and/or timely its obligations under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

4. Risk related to increase of prepayments

The rate of prepayment of Loans granted pursuant to the Loan Agreements is influenced by a wide variety of economic, social and other factors, including prevailing market interest rates, changes in tax laws (including but not limited to amendments to mortgage interest rate tax deductibility), local and regional economic conditions and changes in borrowers' behaviour (including but not limited to home owner mobility). Currently the market interest rates are low compared to the historic average mortgage interest rates, this may lead to an increase in the rate of prepayments of the Loans. No assurance can be given as to the level of prepayment that the Loans granted may experience, and variation in the rate of prepayments of principal on the Loans may affect the ability and the timing of the payments of the CBC under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

Pursuant to the ongoing campaign "*Word ook aflossingsblij*" which was prompted by the AFM, several banks and insurance companies, including the Originator, encourage borrowers to repay their interest-only mortgage before the maturity date. Depending on the risk profile, the Originator may proactively contact Borrowers to discuss measures that can be taken, for example additional prepayments or conversion of the loan type. Such measures may lead to an increase in the rate of prepayments of the Loans which may affect the ability and the timing of the payments of the CBC under the Guarantee.

5. Risk related to a downward effect of interest received in case of interest rate averaging

Subject to certain conditions, the Originator offers 'interest rate averaging' (*rentemiddeling*) to Borrowers for Loans. In case of interest rate averaging (*rentemiddeling*) a borrower of a mortgage loan is offered a new fixed interest rate whereby the (agreed-upon) fixed interest will be reduced taking into account the current interest rate offered by such offeror for the relevant period, the risk profile and the prepayment penalty for the fixed interest period. The Originator has allowed borrowers to apply for interest rate averaging (*rentemiddeling*) as of 1 July 2016.

A prepayment penalty may be charged in case the borrower applies for interest rate averaging. As of 1 July 2019, the prepayment penalty for the fixed interest period charged in case of interest rate averaging may not exceed the financial loss incurred by the provider of the mortgage loan. Pursuant thereto, the Originator no longer allowed borrowers to apply for interest rate averaging, although interest rate averaging was reintroduced to a limited extent on 1 October 2020 (only for interest-only loans where the borrower can choose a fixed-rate interest period of five or ten years). A number of claims are pending regarding the prepayment penalties charged by the Originator, one of which is submitted to the Dutch Supreme Court. As at the date of this Base Prospectus, virtually all claims have been rejected. The volume of interest rate averaging is likely to increase if the Originator reintroduces interest rate averaging as it will be beneficial for borrowers of the Originator. It should be noted that interest rate averaging (*rentemiddeling*) may have a downward effect on mortgage interest rates received by the relevant Originator and/or the CBC.

6. Risk related to interest rate adjustments

As of 1 December 2019, the Issuer has amended its policy in respect of the risk premiums taken into account when determining interest rates and pro-active adjustment of interest rates if, due to a lowering of the LTV-ratio, the risk premium would fall below certain thresholds in this respect. As a result thereof, the rate of interest in respect of some Receivables with a fixed rate of interest is subject to (automatic) adjustment which could lead to lower interest collections by the Issuer and could affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under the Covered Bonds and may limit the CBC's ability to fulfil its obligations fully and/or timely under the Guarantee which may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

Receivables transferred to the CBC may carry a floating rate of interest. Although there are no precise rules which require a floating rate of interest on the Loans to be set at a specific level, in a recent case KiFID ruled, with regard to mortgage loans with a floating rate of interest, that on the basis of the information provided and the terms and conditions applicable to the mortgage loan, the floating rate of interest should have moved with the market interest rate and ordered the relevant offeror, which was not any of the Originators, to recalculate the interest. If the recalculation shows that the consumer paid more than the relevant offeror was allowed to charge, then the relevant offeror must repay the overpaid interest according to KiFID. If an Originator has offered Loans with a floating rate of interest and has not complied with the terms and conditions applicable to the Loans and did not follow the relevant market interest rate, this could result in a repayment obligation of the relevant Originator and therefore the proceeds resulting from such Receivables may be lower than expected, which may result in losses under the Covered Bonds.

7. Risks related to payment holidays

Governments in various countries have introduced measures aimed at preventing the further spread of the Coronavirus and at mitigating the economic consequences of the outbreak. The Dutch government has announced economic measures aimed at protecting jobs, households' wages and companies, such as tax payment holidays, guarantee schemes and a compensation scheme for heavily affected sectors in the economy. Some Borrowers which were in distress due to the Coronavirus requested payment holidays. The Issuer allowed, subject to certain conditions being met, Borrowers to defer making payments under the Receivables for a period of initially three months, possibly with an extension. Receivables where (only) a payment holiday was granted were not treated as defaulted in the administration of the Issuer nor as

Defaulted Mortgage Loans under the Programme. The amount deferred does not accrue interest and is separately accounted for in the administration of the Issuer. For this reason the Issuer does not include the amount deferred in the Gross Outstanding Principal Balance nor in the Net Outstanding Principal Balance of the Receivables. The amount deferred as a result of the payment holidays is, until payment of such amount deferred, reported separately and will result in a limited increase of the debt of the Borrower, a disruption in the scheduled payment of interest and principal and could result in higher losses under the Receivables (albeit that the amounts are not included in the Gross Outstanding Principal Balance nor in the Net Outstanding Principal Balance of the Receivables) and higher delinquencies in the future as a result of the increased payment obligations when the deferred payments are due. Currently, the Issuer no longer grants its Borrowers payment holidays, although it is uncertain whether such measures will be reintroduced in the future. As a result, if the CBC is required to pay under the Guarantee and the amounts collected are disrupted by a significant number of payment holidays, or the delinquencies increase, the CBC may not be able to pay all amounts due under the Guarantee timely.

8. Risks related to the NHG Guarantee

Certain Eligible Receivables may have the benefit of an NHG Guarantee. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the NHG Guarantee, WEW has no obligation to pay any loss (in whole or in part) incurred by a lender after a private or a forced sale of the mortgaged property if such lender has not complied with the terms and conditions of the NHG Guarantee. Under or pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement, each Originator represents and warrants in relation to any of its Eligible Receivables which is secured by an NHG Guarantee that:

(i) (A) it is granted for its full amount outstanding of the relevant loan part of the Loan at origination, provided that in respect of Loans offered as of 1 January 2014 in determining the loss incurred after foreclosure of the relevant Property, an amount of ten (10) per cent. will be deducted from such loss in accordance with the NHG Conditions and (B) it constitutes legal, valid and binding obligations of WEW, enforceable in accordance with such NHG Guarantee's terms;

(ii) all terms and conditions (*voorwaarden en normen*) applicable to the "Nationale Hypotheek Garantie" at the time of origination of the related Loans were complied with; and

(iii) the relevant Originator is not aware of any reason why any claim under any NHG Guarantee in respect of the relevant Receivable should not be met in full and in a timely manner.

The terms and conditions of an NHG Guarantee (irrespective of the type of redemption of the mortgage loan) stipulate that the guaranteed amount is reduced on a monthly basis by an amount which is equal to the amount of the monthly repayments plus interest as if the mortgage loan were to be repaid on a thirty year annuity basis. The actual redemption structure of an Eligible Receivable can be different. Furthermore, for mortgage loans originated after 1 January 2014, the mortgage lender is obliged to participate for 10 per cent. in any loss claims made under the NHG Guarantee. The lender is not entitled to recover this amount from the borrower. The foregoing may result in the lender not being able to fully recover any loss incurred from WEW under NHG Guarantee and consequently, in the CBC having insufficient funds to meet its obligations under the Guarantee. See section 0 (*NHG Guarantee Programme*) below for further information on WEW and the NHG Guarantee.

9. Risks related to Loans becoming due and payable after the Extended Due for Payment Date

The conditions applicable to some of the Loans do not provide for a maturity date. The Borrower is only obliged to repay the principal sum of the Loan (or the relevant loan-part) in certain events provided for in the applicable general terms and conditions of the loan. One of these events is death of a Borrower, in such event if the partner of the Borrower cannot continue to make payments under the loan, the loan becomes due and payable, if reasonable. It is uncertain whether or when any of the other events will occur and, consequently, it is possible that such long term loans will only become due and repayable upon death of a Borrower. This may adversely impact the Transferred Assets' value realisation, and, consequently, the CBC's ability to meet fully and/or timely its obligations under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

10. Limited recourse to the Originator

The CBC and the Trustee have not undertaken and will not undertake any investigations, searches or other actions on any Receivable and have relied and will rely instead on the Representations and Warranties given in the Guarantee Support Agreement by the relevant Originators in respect of the Transferred Receivables.

Subject to the terms of the Guarantee Support Agreement, if any Transferred Receivable was in material breach of the Receivable Warranties as of the relevant Transfer Date or is or becomes a Defaulted Receivable, then such Transferred Receivable will be excluded from the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test.

There is no further recourse to the relevant Originator in respect of a breach of a Representation or Warranty. There is no other recourse to the assets of the Originators if an Issuer Event of Default occurs or a CBC Event of Default occurs (save as is generally the case insofar as the assets of the Issuer for its obligations under the Covered Bonds are concerned).

Due to the CBC's limited recourse to the Originators, the CBC may not be able to fully recover on the Transferred Assets which, in turn, may adversely affect the CBC's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

11. Risk that changes to the Lending Criteria of the Originators will impact the soundness of the Receivables

Each of the Receivables originated by each Originator will have been originated in accordance with its Lending Criteria at the time of origination. The Lending Criteria have to comply with, *inter alia*, the Wft and any other relevant rules at the time of origination. It is expected that each Originator's Lending Criteria will generally consider the type of Property, term of loan, age of applicant, loan-to-value ratio, loan-to-income ratio, mortgage indemnity guarantee policies, high loan-to-value fees, status of applicants, credit history and Valuation Procedures. In the event of a transfer of Receivables by an Originator to the CBC, each Originator will represent and warrant only that such Receivables were originated in accordance with such Originator's Lending Criteria applicable at the time of origination. Each Originator retains the right to revise its Lending Criteria from time to time, provided that it acts as a Reasonable Prudent Lender. If the Lending Criteria change in a manner that affects the soundness of the Receivables, that may lead to increased defaults by Borrowers and may affect the realisable value of the Transferred Receivables, or part thereof, and the ability of the CBC to make payments under the Guarantee. However, Defaulted Receivables will be excluded from the calculation of the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test.

Accordingly, the CBC's ability to meet fully and/or timely its obligations under the Guarantee may be adversely affected by changes to the Lending Criteria of the Originators. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

12. Risk that the Lending Criteria of New Originators are less stringent and could impact the soundness of the Receivables

The Issuer may propose that any member of the Group will become a New Originator and be allowed to transfer Eligible Assets to the CBC. However, this would only be permitted if the conditions precedent relating to New Originators acceding to the Programme are met in accordance with the Programme Agreement, including Rating Agency Confirmation.

Any Receivables originated by a New Originator will have been originated in accordance with the Lending Criteria of the New Originator, which may differ from the Lending Criteria of Receivables originated by the Initial Originators. If the Lending Criteria differ in a way that affects the soundness of the Receivables, that may lead to increased defaults by Borrowers and may affect the realisable value of the Transferred Receivables or any part thereof or the ability of the CBC to make payments under the Guarantee.

Nevertheless, as described above, different Lending Criteria by New Originators transferring the Transferred Receivables to the CBC may increase the defaults under such Transferred Receivables, thereby decreasing the CBC's realisation value on the Transferred Receivables and thereby may affect the CBC's ability to fulfil its obligations fully and/or timely under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

13. Risk related to license requirements under the Wft

By acquiring the Eligible Receivables, the CBC is deemed to provide consumer credit, which is a licensable activity under the Wft. The CBC can rely on an exemption from this licence requirement, if the CBC outsources the servicing of the Eligible Receivables and the administration thereof to an entity which is adequately licensed under the Wft to act as consumer credit provider and intermediary and which complies with certain information duties towards the Borrowers. Pursuant to the Servicing Agreements, the CBC outsources the servicing and administration of the Eligible Receivables to the Servicers. In the Servicing Agreement, each Servicer represents and warrants that it is, and covenants that it shall remain, adequately licensed under the Wft to act as consumer credit provider and intermediary and undertakes to comply with the information duties towards the Borrowers under or pursuant to the Wft. Furthermore, each Servicer has covenanted that it shall only engage any sub-contractor with due observance of the applicable rules under the Wft. If a Servicing Agreement is terminated, the CBC will need to appoint a New Servicer which must be adequately licensed in order for the CBC to keep the benefit of exemptive relief. Alternatively, the CBC could, in theory, obtain a licence itself, although it is not certain that it would be able to do so. Each Servicing Agreement stipulates that the Servicer may only terminate the Servicing Agreement if a New Servicer is appointed prior to such termination which holds the requisite licences, including being duly licensed under the Wft to act as consumer credit provider and intermediary.

If the CBC does not appoint such a licensed Servicer or alternatively does not manage to obtain a licence itself, the servicing and custody of the Transferred Receivables may be interrupted or otherwise adversely affected, which, in turn, may adversely affect the rights of the holders of the Covered Bonds.

B. RISKS RELATED TO THE PROPERTY AND OTHER SECURITY RIGHTS

14. Risks of losses associated with declining values of Property

No assurance can be given that values of the Property remain or will remain at the level at which they were on the date of origination of the related Loans. House prices in the Netherlands have, on average (regional differences in the rate of change can be noticed), declined until the second half of 2013 and substantially increased in recent years (see in this respect section 3.4 (*Overview of the Dutch Residential Mortgage Market*). If the CBC is required to pay under the Guarantee, a decline in value of the Property may result in a loss being incurred upon the sale of the Property. These circumstances could affect receipts on the Loans and ultimately result in losses on the Covered Bonds. The Originators will not be liable for any losses incurred by the Covered Bondholders, or for any deficiency incurred by the CBC as a result of such decline in value in connection with the relevant Loans.

15. Risk that the valuations may not accurately reflect the up-to-date value of Property

In general, valuations represent the analysis and opinion of the person or entity performing the valuation at the time the valuation is prepared and are not guarantees of, and may not be indicative of, present or future value of the relevant Property. There can be no assurance that another person would have arrived at the same valuation, even if such person used the same general approach to and same method of valuing the property. An inaccurate valuation of Property may have as a result that the relevant Receivable has a higher value in the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test than it should have and can thus affect the value of Transferred Assets and thereby the calculation of the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test. If the valuation does not accurately reflect the up-to-date value of the Property, this may result in a loss being incurred upon the sale of the Property. These circumstances could affect receipts on the Loans and ultimately result in losses on the Covered Bonds.

16. Risk that the Mortgages on long leases cease to exist

Certain Eligible Receivables are secured by a mortgage on a long lease (*erfpacht*). A long lease will, amongst other things, end as a result of expiration of the long lease term (in the case of a lease for a fixed period), or termination of the long lease by the leaseholder or the landowner. The landowner can terminate the long lease in the event the leaseholder has not paid the long lease fee (*canon*) due for a period exceeding two consecutive years or seriously breaches other obligations under the long lease. In case the long lease ends, the landowner will have the obligation to compensate the leaseholder. In such event the mortgage will, by operation of law, be replaced by a pledge on the claim of the (former) leaseholder on the landowner for such compensation. The amount of the compensation will, amongst other things, be determined by the conditions of the long lease and may be less than the market value of the long lease. In addition, after the expiration of the long lease term, the long lease fee due may be increased unless the

long lease fee due has been fixed. Such increase may be material and could increase the risk of non-payment by the Borrower and could lead to a deterioration of the loan-to-value-ratio as a result of a decrease of the value of the Property after such increase.

When underwriting a loan to be secured by a mortgage on a long lease, the relevant Originator has taken into consideration the conditions of the long lease, including the term thereof in comparison to the proposed term of the loan. Pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement each Originator represents and warrants if an Eligible Receivable is secured by a right of mortgage on a long lease (*erfpacht*) or right of superficies (*opstal*), the underwriting guidelines provide that with respect to each Loan secured by a Mortgage on a long lease (*erfpacht*) or right of superficies (*opstal)* (i) the related Loan should have a maturity that is equal to or shorter than the term of the long lease or right of superficies (unless the relevant conditions contain a right for the relevant Borrower to extend the term of the long lease under the same conditions) and (ii) the principal amount outstanding of the related Loan, including interest, will become immediately due and payable if the long lease or right of superficies terminates for whatever reason.

Accordingly, certain Loans may become due and payable prior to their proposed terms and earlier than anticipated as a result of early termination of a long lease due to a leaseholder default or for other reasons, thereby potentially limiting the CBC's recovery of the full value of the Loans and, in turn, the CBC's ability to meet its full obligations under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

By way of exception, Eligible Receivables may be secured by a mortgage on a right of superficies (*opstal*). The above paragraphs relating to long lease applies, *mutatis mutandis*, to a right of superficies, provided that where the context so permits, all references therein to a "long lease" and "leaseholder" are for this purpose deemed to be references to a right of superficies and a superficiary (*opstaller*), respectively.

17. Risk that the All-monies Security will not follow the Transferred Receivables upon assignment to the CBC

Under Dutch law, mortgage rights and pledges are accessory rights (*afhankelijk recht*) which follow by operation of law the receivable with which they are connected. Furthermore, mortgage rights and pledges are ancillary rights (*nevenrecht*) and the assignee of a receivable secured by an ancillary right will have the benefit of such right, unless the ancillary right by its nature is, or has been construed as, a purely personal right of the assignor or such transfer is prohibited by law. The mortgages and pledges securing the Eligible Receivables qualify as either:

(a) Fixed Security; or

(b) All-monies Security.

Although the view prevailing in the past, that such all monies security right will as a general rule not follow as an accessory right upon assignment of a receivable which it secures, is still defended, the Issuer and the CBC have been advised that the better view is that as a general rule an all monies security right in view of its nature follows the receivable as an accessory right upon its assignment. Whether in the particular circumstances involved the all monies security right will remain (wholly or partially) with the original holder of the security right, will be a matter of interpretation of the relevant deed creating the security right.

Furthermore, the Originators have under or pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement represented and warranted that the relevant mortgage and pledge deeds relating to All-monies Security contain either (i) no specific wording regarding the transfer of any right of mortgage or pledge securing the Eligible Receivables or (ii) an express confirmation to the effect that upon a transfer of the relevant Eligible Receivable, the Eligible Receivable will following the transfer continue to be secured by the mortgage or pledge pursuant to the All-monies Security. The CBC has been advised that, not only in case a clear indication is provided that the security transfers but also in the absence of circumstances giving an indication to the contrary, the All-monies Security should (partially) follow the receivable as an accessory and ancillary right upon its assignment, but that there is no case law explicitly supporting this advice and that, consequently, it is not certain what the courts in the Netherlands would decide if this matter were to be submitted to them, particularly taking into account the prevailing view of Dutch commentators on all monies security rights in the past, which view continues to be defended by some legal authors.

If an All-monies Security has not (partially) followed the Receivable upon its assignment, the CBC and/or the Trustee will not have the benefit of such security right. This will materially affect the ability of the CBC to take recourse on the mortgaged property and the Borrower in case the Borrower defaults under the Mortgage Loans and may affect the ability of the CBC to meet its payment obligations under the Covered Bonds. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

The preceding paragraph applies *mutatis mutandis* with respect to the pledge of the Receivables by the CBC to the Trustee.

18. Risk related to jointly-held All-monies Security by the Originator and the CBC

As a consequence of the transfer to the CBC of Eligible Receivables secured by All-monies Security (or Fixed Security if not all receivables which are secured or if not the entire contractual relationship (*rechtsverhouding*) from which receivables may arise which will be secured, by the relevant security right are or is, respectively, transferred to the CBC), the relevant All-monies Security (or where applicable Fixed Security) will become part of a joint estate (*gemeenschap*) of the CBC and the original mortgagee or pledgee, as the case may be.

For this purpose, the Guarantee Support Agreement contains an intercreditor arrangement granting the CBC the right to (i) foreclose on the All-monies Security (or where applicable Fixed Security) without involvement of the relevant Originator and (ii) take recourse to the foreclosure proceeds prior to the relevant Originator. The Issuer has been advised that it is uncertain whether such arrangement is binding on the relevant Originator's liquidator or administrator in Dutch Insolvency Proceedings. However, the Issuer has also been advised that there are good arguments to state that such arrangement would be binding.

The above-mentioned intercreditor arrangement will be supported by an undertaking of each relevant Originator to pledge forthwith to the CBC its Residual Claims each time the Residual Claims come into existence vis-à-vis the relevant Borrowers that are secured by the relevant All-monies Security (or where applicable Fixed Security), unless either (x) an appropriate remedy to the satisfaction of the Trustee is found after having received Rating Agency Confirmation or (y) the Issuer has delivered the RC Deduction Notice upon the occurrence of the RC Trigger Event.

The pledge (if implemented) of such Residual Claims will secure an indemnity created in the Guarantee Support Agreement under which each relevant Originator undertakes to pay to the CBC an amount equal to its share in the foreclosure proceeds. Recourse in respect of the indemnity is limited to the relevant Originator's share in the foreclosure proceeds, see section 3.1 (*Transfers*) below.

If an Originator becomes subject to a Dutch Insolvency Proceeding and, as a result, the All-monies Security in respect of the Receivable transferred by that Originator becomes part of a joint estate between the CBC and the relevant Originator, the CBC would have to rely, in the first instance, on an intercreditor arrangement to ensure its priority, relative to the relevant Originator, in such All-monies Security. If the intercreditor arrangement is not binding in the insolvency of the relevant Originator, the CBC would need to rely on its rights under a pledge of the Residual Claims or an alternative arrangement, to the extent in place as described above. If the CBC is unable to rely on the intercreditor arrangement and has to rely on a pledge or other alternative arrangement, or if the CBC is unable to rely on such pledge or alternative arrangement, this may reduce or delay the amount which the CBC may recover under the relevant mortgage which, in turn, could adversely affect the ability of the CBC to meet its obligations under the Guarantee fully and/or timely. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

19. Risk related to limited information received in relation to the Transferred Assets and changes in the composition of the Transferred Asset over time

Covered Bondholders will receive only certain statistical and other information in relation to the Transferred Assets, as set out in the Monthly Investor Reports which shall be prepared by the Administrator with assistance from the Servicer. Such information will not reflect any subsequent changes to the Portfolio between the relevant cut-off date for the preparation of such information and the relevant date on which it is published. It is expected that the constitution of the Transferred Assets may constantly change due to, for instance:

(a) the Originators transferring additional and/or new types of Eligible Assets to the CBC;

(b) New Originators acceding to the Transaction and transferring Eligible Assets to the CBC;

(c) Originators re-acquiring Transferred Assets pursuant to their obligations, or right of pre-emption, under the Guarantee Support Agreement; and

(d) payments made by the debtors in respect of the relevant Transferred Assets.

There is no assurance that the characteristics of new Eligible Assets will be the same as, or similar to, those of the Eligible Assets in the Portfolio as at the relevant Transfer Date. Nevertheless, on each Transfer Date, each Transferred Receivable and Substitution Asset will be required to meet the applicable eligibility criteria and the Representations and Warranties set out in the Guarantee Support Agreement (although such eligibility criteria and Representations and Warranties may change in certain circumstances). At the same time, the ability of the holders of the Covered Bonds to fully evaluate their potential investment may be limited by the fact that they will not receive detailed statistics or information in relation to the Transferred Assets.

C. RISKS RELATED TO THE BENEFICIARY RIGHTS

20. The CBC's rights in insurance policies pledged by Borrowers may be limited by Dutch law

Some of the Eligible Receivables relate to a mortgage loan agreement between the Borrower and the relevant Originator, which is connected to an insurance policy with a risk and/or capital element which are pledged to the relevant Originator. The pledge on the insurance policies is notified to the relevant insurer, such pledge is in principle an accessory right, so that upon a transfer of the relevant Receivable to the CBC, the CBC will in principle become entitled to (a share in) the pledge. In addition to being granted a pledge of rights under insurance policies, as abovementioned, either:

1. the relevant Originator has been appointed as beneficiary or has been granted a power of attorney to appoint a beneficiary (including itself) under the relevant insurance policy; or

2. a Partner Instruction has been provided by the Partner in favour of the Originator.

Beneficiary Rights

With respect to the first alternative, the Issuer has been advised that under Dutch law it is unlikely that Beneficiary Rights will follow the relevant Eligible Receivable upon assignment thereof to the CBC (and subsequent pledge thereof to the Trustee). For this purpose the Beneficiary Rights will, insofar as they will not follow the relevant Eligible Receivable upon assignment, themselves be assigned by the relevant Originator to the CBC by way of silent assignment and be pledged by the CBC to the Trustee by way of undisclosed pledge. The assignment and pledge of the beneficiary rights must be notified to the relevant insurance company before becoming effective vis-à-vis the relevant insurance company. In addition, the appointment as beneficiary must be accepted to become binding. In the Guarantee Support Agreement the relevant Originator undertakes to, upon the occurrence of a Notification Event, notify the relevant insurer of the (purported) transfer (and pledge). However, the Issuer has been advised that under Dutch law it is uncertain whether such assignment (and subsequent pledge) will be effective.

Insofar as the transfer of the Beneficiary Rights as abovementioned is not effective each Originator will in the Guarantee Support Agreement undertake to, upon the occurrence of a Notification Event, use its best endeavours to procure the entry into of a Beneficiary Waiver Agreement, in which it is, amongst other things, agreed that to the extent necessary:

(i) the insurer (a) accepts the waiver by such Originator of its Beneficiary Rights and then (b) accepts the (purported) appointment of the CBC as beneficiary in the relevant Originator's place; and

(ii) the Originator and insurer will use their best endeavours to obtain the co-operation from all relevant Borrowers and, where applicable, other relevant parties, to change the Beneficiary Rights in favour of the CBC.

The Originator may not be able to enter into a Beneficiary Waiver Agreement without the co-operation of the liquidator, if and to the extent that such Notification Event has occurred as a result of any such Originator having become subject to any Dutch Insolvency Proceedings.

Partner Instruction

With respect to the Partner Instruction, the Issuer has been advised that it is uncertain whether the Partner Instruction implies that the insurer should pay the insurance proceeds to the relevant Originator or, following assignment of the relevant Eligible Receivable, to the CBC. This depends on the interpretation of the Partner Instruction. Insofar as the Partner Instructions do not imply that the relevant insurer should, following assignment of the relevant Eligible Receivable, pay the insurance proceeds to the CBC, the CBC, the Trustee and the relevant insurer will agree in each Beneficiary Waiver Agreement that the Originator and the insurer will use their best efforts to obtain the co-operation from all relevant Borrowers and Partners to change the Partner Instructions in favour of the CBC.

If:

(a) (i) the transfer of the Beneficiary Rights is not effective, (ii) the appointment of the CBC as beneficiary in the place of the relevant Originator is not effective and (iii) the waiver of Beneficiary Rights by the relevant Originator is ineffective; or

(b) the Partner Instructions do not imply that insurance proceeds should be paid to the CBC,

and, in either case, (a) no Beneficiary Waiver Agreements has been entered into with each relevant insurer and/or (b) the relevant Borrowers and/or Partners do not co-operate as described above, then the proceeds under the relevant insurance policies could, as the case may be, either be paid to:

(c) the relevant Originator, in which case such Originator will be obliged to on-pay the proceeds to the CBC or the Trustee, as the case may be. If an Originator breaches such payment obligation, for example because the Originator is subject to an Insolvency Proceeding, this may result in the proceeds not being applied towards (partial) redemption of the relevant Eligible Receivable; or

(d) the (other) beneficiary or the Partner, which may result in the proceeds not being applied towards (partial) redemption of the relevant Eligible Receivable.

Accordingly, the CBC's rights in insurance policies pledged by Borrowers or containing a beneficiary clause or Partner Instruction in favour of the relevant Originator may be limited by Dutch law, which in turn may limit the CBC's ability to fulfil its obligations fully and/or timely under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

21. Risks related to Beneficiary Rights under insurance policies containing a beneficiary clause or partner instruction

Some of the Eligible Receivables relate to a mortgage loan agreement between the Borrower and the relevant Originator which is connected to (a) an insurance policy with a risk and/or capital element, (b) a securities account, or (c) a Bank Savings Account, as the case may be. If the relevant mortgage conditions provide that rights of such Borrower in respect of such an insurance policy, securities account or a Bank Savings Account, as the case may be, are to be pledged, such rights of such a Borrower have been pledged to the relevant Originator. The above considerations on pledge and insolvency, made in the context of pledges to the Trustee (see the section '*Risk factors regarding the Guarantor and the Guarantee*'), apply *mutatis mutandis* to pledges and mortgages by the Borrowers.

In particular, the Issuer has been advised that under Dutch law it is possible that the receivables purported to be pledged by the Borrowers in respect of insurance policies, qualify as future receivables. As mentioned above, if an asset is a future asset at the moment a bankruptcy, suspension of payments or debt restructuring arrangement (*schuldsaneringsregeling*) takes effect in relation to the relevant pledgor, such assets are no longer capable of being pledged (unless the relevant insolvency official would agree). The Issuer has been advised that under Dutch law there is no clear rule to determine whether a claim arising from an insurance policy is an existing or a future claim. As a result, it is uncertain whether and to what extent the pledges of receivables under said insurance policies by the Borrowers are effective. Accordingly, if insurance claims qualify as future assets, the CBC's ability to recover the full amount of the

related Loans may be adversely affected, which may in turn adversely affect the CBC's ability to meet timely and/or fully its obligations under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

D. SET-OFF RISKS AND OTHER DEFENCES THAT MAY AFFECT THE PROCEEDS RECEIVED UNDER THE TRANSFERRED RECEIVABLES

22. Risk that set-off by Borrowers may affect the proceeds under the Transferred Receivables

Under Dutch law a debtor has a right of set-off if it has a claim that is due and payable which corresponds to its debt owed to the same counterparty and it is entitled to pay its debt as well as to enforce payment of its claim. Subject to these requirements being met, each Borrower will be entitled to set off amounts due by the relevant Originator to it (if any) with amounts it owes in respect of the relevant Receivable prior to notification of the assignment of the relevant Receivable to the CBC having been made.

Therefore, notwithstanding the assignment and pledge of the Eligible Receivables to the CBC and the Trustee, respectively, the Borrowers may be entitled to set off the relevant Eligible Receivable against a claim they may have vis-à-vis the relevant Originator (if any), such as (i) counterclaims resulting from a current account relationship, (ii) counterclaims resulting from damages incurred by a Borrower as a result of acts performed by the Originator, for example for investment services and services for which it is liable, or (iii) other counterclaims such as those (a) resulting from a deposit made by a Borrower, including, without limitation, deposits that pursuant to the terms of the relevant Bank Savings Loan have been made by the Borrower in the related Bank Savings Account or (b) relating to an employment agreement with the Borrower as employee. In the absence of contractual provisions expanding statutory set-off possibilities, mutuality of claims is one of the requirements for set-off to be allowed: the parties have to be each other's creditor and debtor.

Following an assignment of an Eligible Receivable by an Originator to the CBC, the Originator would no longer be the creditor of the Receivable. However, for as long as the assignment has not been notified to the relevant Borrower, the Borrower remains entitled to set off the Eligible Receivable against receivables it has vis-à-vis the relevant Originator as if no assignment had taken place. After notification of the assignment or pledge and provided that the aforementioned requirements are met, the relevant Borrower can still invoke set-off rights against the CBC as assignee (and the Trustee as pledgee) if the Borrower's claim vis-à-vis the relevant Originator (if any) stems from the same legal relationship as the Receivable (such as the Borrower's right to receive payments from the Bank Savings Account stemming from the same legal relationship as the related Bank Savings Receivable) or became due and payable before the notification. A balance on a current account is due and payable at any time and, therefore, this requirement for set-off will be met. In the case of deposits it will depend on the terms of the deposit whether the balance thereof will be due and payable at the moment of assignment and notification of the assignment. The question whether a court will come to the conclusion that the Receivable and the claim of the relevant Borrower against the relevant Originator result from the same legal relationship will depend on all relevant facts and circumstances involved.

If notification of the assignment of the Receivables is made after the bankruptcy or suspension of payments of the Originator having become effective, it is defended in legal literature that the Borrower will, irrespective of the notification of the assignment, continue to have the broader set-off rights afforded to it in the Dutch Bankruptcy Code (*Faillissementswet*). Under the Dutch Bankruptcy Code a person who is both debtor and creditor of the bankrupt entity can set off its debt with its claims, if both its debt and its claim (i) came into existence prior to the moment at which the bankruptcy became effective or (ii) resulted from transactions with the bankrupt entity concluded prior to the bankruptcy becoming effective. A similar provision applies in case of suspension of payments.

Furthermore, if a Borrower has a claim against any affiliate of the relevant Originator that is a separate legal entity (e.g. on the basis of a current account relationship with such an affiliate), the legal requirement under Dutch law for set-off that the parties have to be each other's creditor and debtor, is as such not met. There may however be other circumstances which could lead to set-off or other defences being successfully invoked by such a Borrower. Also, if a Loan is granted by the relevant Originator to a Borrower, who is also an employee of an entity which is an affiliate of the relevant Originator and a separate legal entity, the requirement under Dutch law for set-off that the parties have to be each other's

creditor and debtor, is as such not met. There may however be other circumstances which could lead to set-off or other defences being successfully invoked by such an employee.

In the case of investment loans, the relevant Originator may provide for certain services, for example for investment advice to the Borrowers. A Borrower may hold the Originator liable for any damages if it does not meet its obligations towards such Borrower, including its services as investment adviser. In particular liability could arise if the value of the investments held in connection with the investment loans is not sufficient to repay the investment loan at maturity. This may lead to set-off by the Borrower under the Mortgage Receivable, provided that the legal requirements for set-off are met.

The Guarantee Support Agreement provides that if a Borrower sets off amounts due to it by an Originator against the relevant Transferred Receivable, the relevant Originator will pay to the CBC an amount equal to the amount so set-off.

Notwithstanding certain deductions from the Asset Cover Test and the mitigants described in the risk factor '*Risk of set-off or defences by Borrowers in the event of an insolvency of insurers or the Bank Savings Deposit Bank*' below, the CBC and/or the Trustee may be unable to obtain full payment in respect of Transferred Receivables where Borrowers may be entitled to set-off claims against the relevant Originators. As a result of such possible set-off amounts, the CBC and/or the Trustee may be unable to meet their payment obligations to holders of the Covered Bonds fully and/or timely. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

23. Risks related to Construction Deposits

Certain Eligible Receivables result from a mortgage loan agreement under which the relevant Borrower has requested a Construction Deposit. The intention is that when the applicable conditions are met, the Construction Deposit is applied towards the relevant construction or improvement costs of the Borrower and/or in repayment of the relevant part of the loan. In the Guarantee Support Agreement it is agreed that in cases as abovementioned, the full Eligible Receivable will be transferred to the CBC. The Construction Deposits are held with the relevant Originator. There is a risk that the relevant Originator becomes subject to an Insolvency Proceeding and that the relevant Originator cannot pay out the Construction Deposits. If this happens, a Borrower may be allowed to set-off his receivable in respect of the Construction Deposit against the related Transferred Receivable. To address this risk, it has been agreed in the Asset Monitor Agreement that an amount equal to the Construction Deposit will be deducted from the Current Balance of the Transferred Receivables for the purpose of the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test.

Thus, the CBC's rights to the Construction Deposits may be limited in the event of an Insolvency Proceeding against the relevant Originator, adversely affecting the CBC's rights to full payment under the Transferred Receivables and in turn, the CBC's ability to fulfil fully and/or timely its obligations under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

24. Risk of set-off or defences by Borrowers in the event of an insolvency of insurers or the Bank Savings Deposit Bank

Some of the Eligible Receivables relate to a mortgage loan agreement between the Borrower and the relevant Originator, which is connected to an insurance agreement between the Borrower and an insurer (or to a Bank Savings Account with the Bank Savings Deposit Bank, see below). The insurance agreement relates to a combined risk and capital insurance product. The Borrower of such an Eligible Receivable does not repay principal during the term of the relevant mortgage loan, but instead, apart from paying a risk premium, invests capital premium under the insurance policy. Such investments may include a savings or an investment part. The intention is that at maturity, the principal savings proceeds or the investments proceeds can be used to repay the loan, in whole or in part, following pay-out of such proceeds by the insurer. However, it is possible that the relevant insurer becomes subject to an Insolvency Proceeding or for any other reason does not (fully) pay out such proceeds. In such cases where such proceeds are so lost and a Borrower is requested to repay the principal amount of the relevant mortgage loan, the Borrower may invoke defences purporting to establish that an amount equal to such lost proceeds is deducted from the Transferred Receivable he owes to the CBC. If such defence is successful there may be a Deduction Risk.

The Issuer has been advised that a Borrower's relationships with the relevant Originator and insurer are in principle two separate relationships. The Issuer has been advised that under Dutch law generally a range

of defences is available to the Borrower, but that in cases as described above, the Borrower's defence is likely to focus on information provided by or on behalf of an Originator which may have led the relevant Borrower to believe that he was not entering into two separate relationships. In this respect, a general factor which to a certain extent increases the Deduction Risk, is that all Borrowers are consumers, many of whom may have limited or no legal knowledge.

On the above basis the Issuer has been advised that insofar as the Deduction Risk is concerned, the products to which the Eligible Receivables relate can generally be divided into four categories (as further set out below). The Bank Savings Deduction Risk will only be relevant for Category 4 Receivables.

In summary and as further set out below for each of the four categories:

(a) the Deduction Risk does not apply to products with no savings part, no investment part and no Mixed Insurance Policy;

(b) the Deduction Risk may apply to:

  (i) products with a Mixed Insurance Policy where the Borrower selects the insurer;

  (ii) products with a Mixed Insurance Policy where the Originator pre-selects the insurer; and

(c) the Bank Savings Deduction Risk may apply to products with a savings part (but no Mixed Insurance Policy).

The four categories can be divided as follows:

1. *Products with no savings, no investment part and no Mixed Insurance Policy*

Certain Eligible Receivables do not relate to any savings and/or investment product or Mixed Insurance Policy. Under or pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement, each Originator represents and warrants in relation to any of its Eligible Receivables which is related to an Interest-Only Loan, an Annuity Loan or a Linear Loan, that the relevant Receivable does not relate to any savings and/or investment product or Mixed Insurance Policy.

Therefore, provided that these representations and warranties are correct, the Deduction Risk does not apply to Loans containing neither a savings part, an investment part nor a Mixed Insurance Policy.

2. *Products with Mixed Insurance Policy where Borrower selects insurer*

The Deduction Risk may apply to Eligible Receivables relating to a Mixed Insurance Policy where Borrowers select insurers.

Certain Eligible Receivables are linked to a Mixed Insurance Policy between the relevant Borrower and an insurer chosen by the Borrower (and approved by the relevant Originator). The Mixed Insurance Policy provides for (a) a risk element for which risk premium is paid and (b) a capital element for which capital premium is paid and which consists of a savings or an investment part, but does not relate to a Saving Loan. The insurer administers the savings or the investments in its own name. The Issuer has been advised that for Eligible Receivables of this category, the Deduction Risk cannot be excluded, as there may be specific circumstances, which for example justify an erroneous impression with the relevant Borrower that he was not entering into two separate relationships. For example, (a) sales people or sales materials may have created an impression (or sales people may have allowed to subsist an apparent impression) with the Borrower that his payments of capital premium should be considered as repayments of the relevant loan or that the Borrower could not himself choose the relevant insurer and/or (b) the insurance conditions may have been printed on the letterhead of, or otherwise contain eye catching references to, the relevant Originator (or *vice versa*).

Under or pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement, each Originator represents and warrants in relation to any of its Eligible Receivables which is related to a Loan falling under this category 2,

that (i) the relevant Mixed Insurance Policy and the relevant Loan are not offered as one product or under one name and (ii) the relevant Borrowers are not obliged to enter into a Mixed Insurance Policy with an insurer which is a group company of the relevant Originator and are free to choose the insurer (subject to prior approval by the relevant Originator).

The fact that the Borrower selects an insurer of his own choice (subject to prior approval by the relevant Originator) emphasises that it concerns two separate relationships. Also and in view of the representation set out above, a factor which generally decreases the extent to which the Deduction Risk applies, is that Eligible Receivables of this category relate to different insurers.

3. *Products with Mixed Insurance Policy where Originator pre-selects insurer*

3.1 *The Deduction Risk may apply to Eligible Receivables relating to a Mixed Insurance Policy where Originators pre-select insurers.*

Certain Eligible Receivables relate to a Mixed Insurance Policy between the relevant Borrower and an insurer pre-selected by the relevant Originator. A factor which may increase the extent to which the Deduction Risk becomes relevant in respect of Eligible Receivables of this category, is that there is only a limited number of insurers which are pre-selected by the Originators. The Mixed Insurance Policy provides for (a) a risk element for which risk premium is paid and (b) a capital element for which capital premium is paid and which consists of a savings or an investment product. In case it relates to a savings product, the insurer administers the savings in its own name and the interest base applicable to the savings and the regular instalments are directly linked to or are the same as the interest payable by the Borrower on the Loan and change when the interest payable on the Loan changes. Also the regular instalments are calculated and recalculated in such manner that at the end of the term the Savings Loan can be fully repaid with the savings. The Issuer has been advised that for Eligible Receivables of this category resulting from a Loan other than a Saving Loan, the Deduction Risk can certainly not be excluded and that for Transferred Receivables of this category resulting from a Savings Loan, there is a considerable risk (*aanmerkelijk risico*) that the Deduction Risk applies.

There may be specific circumstances which for example justify an erroneous impression with the relevant Borrower that he was not entering into two separate relationships. For example, sales people or sales materials may have created an impression (or sales people may have allowed to subsist an apparent impression) with the Borrower that his payments of capital premium were 'as good as' repayments of the relevant loan. The Issuer has been advised that, although such specific circumstances may be absent, in general there may be a Deduction Risk for Eligible Receivables of this category. As the Borrower has no option to choose an insurer this could, possibly with other circumstances, have led the Borrower to believe that he was not entering into two separate relationships. Other relevant circumstances include whether:

(a) the mortgage loan agreement and the insurance agreement, respectively, or documents or general terms and conditions pertaining thereto, have been printed on the letterhead of, or otherwise contain eye catching references to, the insurer or the relevant Originator or a group company of the relevant Originator, respectively;

(b) the representative of the relevant Originator also represents the insurer (or *vice versa*), for example in taking care of the medical acceptance of the Borrower or otherwise in entering into, executing or carrying out the insurance or mortgage loan agreement; and/or

(c) the insurer is, or was when entering into the agreements, an affiliate of or otherwise associated with or a group company of the relevant Originator.

Depending on the factors described above, the CBC may be unable to recover or recover fully on Eligible Receivables relating to a Mixed Insurance Policy where the Originators select the insurers. The Deduction Risk in relation to Transferred Receivables of this category resulting from a Life Loan will not be addressed.

The Deduction Risk will be addressed only in relation to Transferred Receivables of this category resulting from a Savings Loan (such Transferred Receivables, the "**Category 3 Receivables**") in the manner described below.

3.2 *Deduction from Asset Cover Test and Amortisation Test*

Unless and until a Master Sub-Participation Agreement is in effect in relation to the relevant Category 3 Receivables, an amount calculated on the basis of a method notified to the Rating Agency by the Administrator relating to the relevant paid-in savings premium amounts will be deducted for the purposes of the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test in relation to Category 3 Receivables. Such a deduction means that the outcome of the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test will be negatively influenced each time when further savings premiums are paid to the insurer by the relevant Borrower (unless further Eligible Assets are transferred to the CBC under or pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement).

3.3 *Master Sub-Participation Agreement*

Each Originator undertakes in the Guarantee Support Agreement to use its best efforts to procure that upon the occurrence of a Notification Event, a Master Sub-Participation Agreement in relation to Category 3 Receivables is, or is put, in place between the relevant insurer and the CBC and the relevant Originator. Pursuant to each Master Sub-Participation Agreement relating to a Savings Receivables, an Initial Settlement Amount and Further Settlement Amounts will be payable by the Participant to the CBC in return for a Participation. If the relevant Borrower invokes a defence and/or claims that he may set-off, or set-off is applied by operation of law, in relation to any Savings Set-Off Amount and, as a consequence thereof, the CBC will not have received such amount in respect of such Participation Receivable, the relevant Participation will be reduced by an amount equal to such Savings Set-Off Amount.

Unless and until (i) both an Issuer Acceleration Notice and a Notice to Pay are served or (ii) a CBC Acceleration Notice is served, all amounts expressed to be payable by or to the CBC under the relevant Master Sub-Participation Agreement, shall instead be payable by or to the Issuer for its own account in accordance with the Pre-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments. However, if (i) an Issuer Acceleration Notice and a Notice to Pay are served or (ii) a CBC Acceleration Notice is served, all further Initial Settlement Amounts and Further Settlement Amounts will be collected by or on behalf of the CBC and be applied in accordance with the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments or Post-CBC-Acceleration-Notice Priority of Payments, as the case may be. For the purpose of the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test, the Net Outstanding Principal Balance of the relevant Transferred Receivable will be taken into account. This means that in relation to Category 3 Receivables in respect of which a Master Sub-Participation Agreement is in effect, an amount equal to the relevant Participation will be deducted.

Once a Master Sub-Participation Agreement enters into force, the Participant may not be in a position to on-pay savings premiums to the CBC, for example because it has in principle committed itself to keep the savings in its bank account with the relevant Originator. In such circumstances and unless otherwise agreed between the relevant Originator and the relevant Participant, the monthly on-payment obligations of the relevant Participant will be funded by a Sub-Participation Loan. If:

(a) the Participant becomes insolvent and the Borrower claims that he may deduct the lost Savings Proceeds from the relevant Eligible Receivable, then (i) the Participant will not be paid under the Master Sub-Participation Agreement and (ii) the Originator will set-off (x) its obligation to pay out to the Participant the savings standing to the credit of the Participant's bank account against (y) its right to receive repayment of the Sub-Participation Loan; or

(b) the Originator becomes insolvent and as a result, the Participant is not able to pay out the Savings Proceeds to the Borrower and the Borrower claims that he may deduct the lost Proceeds from the relevant Eligible Receivable, then (i) the Participant will not be paid under the Master Sub-Participation Agreement and (ii) the Participant will set-off (x) its

receivable for the savings balance in its bank account with the Originator against (y) its obligation to repay the Sub-Participation Loan to the Originator.

Notwithstanding the measures described in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3 above, the CBC may face difficulties in enforcing claims against relevant Borrowers in connection with Eligible Receivables relating to insurance policies where the Borrowers are to pay risk premiums and capital premiums to insurers pre-selected by the Originators if the relevant insurer becomes subject to an Insolvency Proceeding or for some other reason does not make payments in respect of the relevant insurance policy or in respect of the relevant Savings Loan. Thus, the CBC's ability to meet its obligations under the Guarantee may be adversely affected. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

4. *Products with bank savings part (but no investment part and no Mixed Insurance Policy) (Category 4)*

The Bank Savings Deduction Risk (as defined above) may apply to Loans with savings account but no investment part and no Mixed Insurance.

Certain Eligible Receivables relate to a mortgage loan agreement between the Borrower and the relevant Originator, which is connected to a Bank Savings Accounts with the Bank Savings Deposit Bank. The Borrower of a Bank Savings Receivable does not repay principal during the term of the relevant mortgage loan, but instead, deposits regular instalments on the Bank Savings Accounts. Such payments are intended to be used to repay the Loans at maturity.

In respect of Bank Savings Loans, if the deposit guarantee scheme is activated in respect of the Bank Savings Deposit Bank by DNB or the Bank Savings Deposit Bank is declared bankrupt (*failliet*) amounts standing to a Bank Savings Account will by operation of law be set off against the related Bank Savings Loan, irrespective of whether the Bank Savings Loan is owed to an Originator, the CBC or a third party.

In addition to (a) set-off by operation of law if the deposit guarantee scheme is activated in respect of the Bank Savings Deposit Bank by DNB or the Bank Savings Deposit Bank becomes subject to a Dutch Insolvency Proceeding or (b) the legal set-off rights in the event that the Bank Savings Deposit Bank and the Originator are the same legal entity (see the risk factor '*Set-off by Borrowers may affect the proceeds under the Transferred Receivables*' above), a Borrower may invoke defences purporting to establish that an amount equal to the amount standing to the credit of the Bank Savings Account in respect of which the set-off is applied is deducted from the Transferred Receivable he owes to the CBC if for any reason the Bank Savings Deposit Bank does not (fully) pay out such amounts standing to the credit of the Bank Savings Account. The Borrower will then do so on the basis of the same arguments as set out in the previous paragraph.

This Bank Savings Deduction Risk in relation to Category 4 Receivables will be addressed by Rabobank entering in into a Master Sub-Participation Agreement prior to its first transfer of Bank Savings Receivables to the CBC. Alternatively, the Issuer may opt to deduct an amount equal to the amount standing to the credit of the related Bank Savings Account in the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test.

Pursuant to a Master Sub-Participation Agreement relating to any Bank Savings Receivable, an Initial Settlement Amount and Further Settlement Amounts will be payable by Rabobank as Participant to the CBC in return for a Participation. If the relevant Borrower invokes any defence and/or claims that he may set-off, or set-off is applied by operation of law, in relation to the Bank Savings Set-Off Amount and, as a consequence thereof, the CBC will not have received such amount in respect of such Participation Receivable, the relevant Participation of Rabobank will be reduced by an amount equal to such Bank Savings Set-Off Amount. Unless and until (i) both an Issuer Acceleration Notice and a Notice to Pay are served or (ii) a CBC Acceleration Notice is served, all amounts expressed to be payable by or to the CBC under the relevant Master Sub-Participation Agreement, shall instead be payable by or to the Issuer for its own account in accordance with the Pre-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments. However, if (i) an Issuer Acceleration Notice and a Notice to Pay are served or (ii) a CBC Acceleration Notice is served, all Initial

Settlement Amounts and Further Settlement Amounts will be collected by or on behalf of the CBC and be applied in accordance with the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments or Post-CBC-Acceleration-Notice Priority of Payments, as the case may be. For the purpose of the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test, the Net Outstanding Principal Balance of the relevant Transferred Receivable will be taken into account, meaning in relation to Bank Savings Receivables that an amount equal to the relevant Participation will be deducted.

Furthermore, under or pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement, each Originator represents and warrants in relation to any of its Eligible Receivables which is related to a Bank Savings Loan, that the relevant Receivable does not relate to any investment product or Mixed Insurance Policy.

Notwithstanding the measures described above taken to mitigate the Bank Savings Deduction Risk in respect of Loans where Borrowers make payments to a Bank Savings Account but no principal payments on the Loans, the Banks Savings Deduction Risk cannot be fully eliminated. Thus, the CBC may be unable to enforce fully its claims against the relevant Borrowers in respect of Loans with a savings part if the Bank Savings Deposit Bank becomes subject to an Insolvency Proceeding or for some other reason does not make payments in respect of the relevant Bank Savings Account and therefore, may be unable to meet fully and/or timely its payment obligations to Covered Bondholders under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

25. Risks related to Loans linked with an investment product and Life Loans

Some of the Eligible Receivables relate to a mortgage loan agreement between the Borrower and the relevant Originator, which is connected to an investment product, i.e. Life Loans. The Borrower of such an Eligible Receivable does not repay principal during the term of the relevant mortgage loan, but instead invests in the investment product (where applicable combined with or part of a Mixed Insurance Policy). The intention is that at maturity, the principal proceeds of the investment can be used to repay the loan, in whole or in part. However, it is possible that the value of the investment will have reduced considerably and will be insufficient to repay the loan in full.

Apart from the general obligation of contracting parties to provide information, there are several provisions of Dutch law applicable to offerors of financial products, such as Life Loans and Life Loans to which Mixed Insurance Policies are connected. In addition, several codes of conduct apply on a voluntary basis. On the basis of these provisions and codes of conduct, offerors of these products (and intermediaries) have a duty, *inter alia*, to provide the customers with accurate, complete and non-misleading information about the product, the costs and the risks involved. These duties have become stricter over time. A breach of these duties may lead to a claim for damages from the customer on the basis of a breach of contract or tort or the relevant contract may be dissolved (*ontbonden*) or nullified or a Borrower may claim set-off or defences against the Originator or the CBC. For example a Borrower might successfully claim that he was not properly informed of the risks involved in making the investment and, for example, that therefore he may deduct or set off an amount equal to such shortfall as a result of reduced value of the investment from the Transferred Receivable he owes to the CBC or invoke another defence on such basis. The merits of such claims will, to a large extent, depend on the manner in which the product was marketed and the promotional material provided to the Borrower. Also, depending on the relationship between the offeror and any intermediary involved in the marketing and sale of the product, the offeror may be liable for actions of the intermediaries which have led to a claim. The risk of such claims being made increases if the value of investments made under Life Loans or Mixed Insurance Policies is not sufficient to redeem the relevant Life Receivables.

After the market downturn in 2001, in many cases the development of value in investment-linked insurances (*beleggingsverzekeringen*), such as Mixed Insurance Policies with an investment part, was less than policyholders had hoped for and less than the value forecast at the time the investment-linked insurances were concluded. This had led to public attention regarding these products, particularly since 2006, commonly known as the *woekerpolisaffaire* (usury insurance policy affair). There was a particular focus by the general public on the lack of information provided in some cases on investment-linked insurances regarding costs, and/or risk premiums and/or investment risks. As a result, in 2008, the KiFID ombudsman issued a recommendation in which he proposed to limit the cost level of investment-linked insurances and to compensate policyholders of investment-linked insurances for costs exceeding a certain level.

On the base of this recommendation, consumer organisations representing policyholders have engaged with various large insurers to come to a farther-reaching settlement with each of these insurers. For all large insurance companies, this led to the conclusion of a compensation agreement with some of these consumer organisations regarding a refund of costs above a certain percentage specified in the relevant compensation agreement and a refund for the leverage risk and the capital consumption risk if materialised. Compensation was not only provided to policyholders who were specifically represented, but to all holders of such policies of such insurance company. Other smaller insurers offer similar compensation. The compensation agreements are not conclusive as the agreements were entered into with consumer organisations and not with individual policyholders and the agreements do not provide for discharge (*kwijting*) of the insurers. It is, therefore, open to policyholders to claim additional or other compensation. A number of individual policyholders are actively pursuing claims, some of whom are assisted by a number of claim organisations.

If Mixed Insurance Policies with an investment part are for reasons described in this paragraph dissolved or terminated, this would affect the collateral granted to secure the related Life Loans. The Issuer has been advised that in such case the related Life Loans could also be dissolved or nullified, depending on the particular circumstances involved. Even if the related Life Loans were not affected, the policyholder may invoke set-off or other defences against the Issuer. No actions have yet been announced against the Initial Originators in relation to the risks described above in relation to Life Loans.

Life Loans with an Optimaal policy
On 3 January 2019, a summons (*dagvaarding*) was issued to Achmea Pensioen- en Levensverzekering N.V. ("**Achmea**") and by the Vereniging Woekerpolis.nl and the Consumentenbond (the "**Vereniging cs**"). The summons has also been issued by two individual parties. One of these parties has an OpMaat (Interpolis) investment policy linked to a Rabobank OpMaat mortgage. The collective claim relates to the accusations made by the Vereniging cs against Achmea with regard to all the investment policies taken out. One of the example policies that are worked out in the summons, is the OpMaat policy. The accusations the Vereniging cs makes in this procedure apply to all OpMaat insurance policies. The district court gave verdict on 24 June 2020.

According to the district court, Achmea should have informed its private customers better regarding the costs of the OpMaat policy. Furthermore, Achmea should have informed its private customers better regarding certain specific risks of the OpMaat policy, notably the risk that, because of high costs, the OpMaat policy would not reach its desired end value (*inteer- en hefboomeffect*).

The Vereniging cs have appealed; the appeal proceedings will start in September 2021. The outcome of the appeal proceedings and how it may affect the Issuer is uncertain.

A significant part of the investment-linked insurances (*beleggingsverzekeringen*) of the Life Loans offered by the Issuer has been taken out with Achmea, therefore the risks described above might also be relevant to the Issuer. The Issuer has been advised that the above risks largely depend on which specific information has been provided to the relevant Borrower through sales people and/or sales materials and that in this respect it is also relevant whether applicable statutory and contractual duties, including statutory duties to provide information to prospective investors, have been complied with. The risks described in this risk factor will not be mitigated through the Asset Cover Test or the Amortisation Test in connection with the calculations of the deductions.

Under or pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement, each Originator represents and warrants in relation to any of its Eligible Receivables which is connected to an investment product where the related investment product is offered by the relevant Originator itself (and not by a third party securities institution or bank), that such investment product has been offered in accordance with all applicable laws and legal requirements prevailing at the time of origination, including those relating to the information that is to be provided to prospective investors.

In view of the potential inability of Borrowers to repay Loans where investment proceeds are insufficient for such repayment or the potentially successful claims by Borrowers that they were not properly informed of the risks involved in making the investments in question, as well as the potential for other actions against the Originators in relation to the Loans described above, there is a risk that the CBC would not be able to recover fully on Transferred Receivables based on Loans arranged as part of an investment product.

Consequently, the CBC may be unable to meet fully and/or timely its obligations to Covered Bondholders under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

B.5 RISK FACTORS REGARDING SWAPS

1. Risks related to mismatches between income and liabilities, including under the Swap Agreements

There may be certain mismatches between the currency in which interest and principal are received on the Transferred Assets, the Substitution Assets, the Authorised Investments and the balance of the AIC Account and in which interest and principal are payable under the Covered Bonds. The CBC will provide, to a certain extent, a hedge against these mismatches by entering into Structured Swaps. Such Structured Swaps will only be required following the occurrence of certain events described in the Swap Undertaking Letter.

These Structured Swaps are entered into to hedge certain interest rate and/or currency risks of any possible mismatch between (i) any (fixed or floating) interest basis as determined by the Issuer and the rate of interest payable under any non-euro denominated Series and/or (ii) euro denominated Principal Receipts and amounts of principal payable under any non-euro denominated Series.

The CBC may, but is not required to, enter into any Portfolio Swap or any Interest Swap to mitigate any mismatch possible in the rates of interest and revenue received on the Transferred Receivables (which may, for instance, include variable rates of interest, discounted rates of interest, fixed rates of interest or rates of interest which track a base rate) or the rates of interest or revenue payable on the other Transferred Assets, the Substitution Assets, the Authorised Investments and the balance of the AIC Account and the rate of interest and principal payable on the outstanding Covered Bonds. Any Portfolio Swap may be entered into to hedge the risk of any mismatches between (i) the interest to be received on part of the Transferred Assets, the Authorised Investments, the Substitution Assets and the balance of the AIC Account multiplied by the Portfolio Swap Fraction and (ii) (x) the amounts of interest payable under one or more Series or all Series of Covered Bonds or (y) any amount payable under any Structured Swap and/or any Interest Rate Swap in respect of a specific Series of Covered Bonds.

Any Interest Rate Swap may be entered into to hedge the risk of any possible mismatch between any (fixed or floating) interest basis as determined by the Issuer and the rate of interest payable under any euro denominated Series.

Pursuant to the Swap Undertaking Letter, the Issuer undertakes to, or to procure an Eligible Swap Provider to, enter into one or more (as agreed between the CBC and such Eligible Swap Provider) Swap Agreements with the CBC governing (a) Structured Swap(s) for each Series if (i) a Notification Event occurs, (ii) a Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice is served, or (iii) the rating(s) of the Issuer are, or fall, below the minimum rating(s) set for an Eligible Swap Provider in which case Structured Swaps will be required) or (b) as may be determined by the Issuer, one or more Portfolio Swap(s) and/or one of more Interest Rate Swap(s) for any Series.

The Swaps may be insufficient to correct mismatches in the rates of interest and revenue on the Transferred Receivables or the rates of interest or revenue payable on the other Transferred Assets, the Substitution Assets, the Authorised Investments and the balance of the AIC Account, foreign currency and euro exchange rates and the rate of interest and principal payable on the outstanding Covered Bonds, as well as other mismatches which may adversely affect the realisation value of the Transferred Receivables, and/or the CBC's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

2. Risks related to defaults under the Swap Agreement

If the CBC (or the Issuer on its behalf) fails to make timely payments of amounts due under any Swap, then it will have defaulted under that Swap and the relevant Swap Agreement may be terminated. If a Swap Agreement terminates or the Swap Provider defaults in its obligations to make payments of amounts in the relevant currency equal to the full amount to be paid to the CBC on the payment date under the Swap Agreements, the CBC will be exposed to changes in the relevant currency exchange rates to euro and to any changes in the relevant rates of interest. As a result, unless a replacement swap is timely entered into, the CBC may have insufficient funds to make payments under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

3. Risks related to termination payments under the Swap Agreements

A Swap Agreement may govern the terms of a Portfolio Swap and/or one or more Interest Rate Swaps and/or one or more Structured Swaps. There is no obligation for the CBC and the relevant Eligible Swap Provider to enter into a Swap Agreement for each Swap separately. Therefore, a default or termination event under a Swap Agreement could result in early termination of all Swaps governed by such Swap Agreement. If a Swap terminates, then the CBC may be obliged to make a termination payment to the relevant Swap Provider. There can be no assurance that the CBC will have sufficient funds available to make such a termination payment, nor can there be any assurance that the CBC will be able to enter into a replacement swap agreement, or if one is entered into, that the rating of the replacement swap counterparty will be sufficiently high to prevent a downgrade of the then current ratings of the Covered Bonds by a Rating Agency.

If the CBC is obliged to make a termination payment under the Swap Agreement governing a Swap, such termination payment for an amount not exceeding the Capped Portfolio Termination Amount will rank ahead of amounts due under the Guarantee in respect of each Series except where default by, or downgrade of, the relevant Swap Provider has caused the relevant Swap Agreement to terminate. If the CBC is obliged to make a termination payment under any Swap Agreement governing one or more Interest Rate Swaps and/or Structured Swaps, such termination payment (or any remaining termination payment attributable to the relevant Interest Rate Swap or Structured Swap if the relevant Swap Agreement also governs a Portfolio Swap) will rank *pari passu* with amounts due under the Guarantee in respect of each Series except where default by, or downgrade of, the relevant Swap Provider has caused the relevant Swap Agreement to terminate. The obligation to make a termination payment other than arising from default by, or downgrading of, the Swap Provider, may adversely affect the ability of the CBC to meet its obligations under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

4. Risks related to the differences in timing between the obligations of the CBC and the relevant Swap Provider

With respect to the Interest Rate Swaps and the Structured Swaps, the CBC (or the Issuer on its behalf) may be obliged to make monthly payments to the relevant Swap Provider, whereas the relevant Swap Provider may not be obliged to make corresponding swap payments for up to twelve months. If the relevant Swap Provider does not meet its payment obligations to the CBC, the CBC may have a larger shortfall than it would have had if the relevant Swap Provider's payment obligations had coincided with CBC's payment obligations under the relevant Swap Agreement. Hence, the difference in timing between the obligations of the CBC and the relevant Swap Provider may adversely affect the CBC's ability to make payments under the Guarantee. This may lead to losses under the Covered Bonds.

5. Risks related to a Swap Provider's default under a Swap Agreement with the CBC

When the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments applies, there is a risk that, should a Swap Provider default in the performance of its obligation to pay to the CBC an amount of interest or principal under any Portfolio Swap, Interest Rate Swap or Structured Swap, the corresponding Scheduled Interest or Scheduled Principal that is Due for Payment in such CBC Payment Period under the Guarantee in respect of such Series cannot be paid. Despite risk mitigation, a Swap Provider's default under a Swap Agreement with the CBC, when the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments applies, continues to present a risk that interest and principal payments due under the Guarantee in respect of the relevant hedged Series may not be paid timely and/or in full.

6. Risks related to the validity and/or enforceability of "flip clauses"

The validity of contractual priorities of payments such as those contemplated in the Transaction Documents has been challenged in the English and U.S. courts. In particular, there is uncertainty as to the validity and/or enforceability of a provision which (based on contractual and/or trust principles) subordinates certain payment rights of a creditor to the payment rights of other creditors of the same debtor, upon the occurrence of insolvency proceedings relating to that creditor. Recent cases have focused on provisions involving the subordination of a swap counterparty's payment rights in respect of certain termination payments upon the occurrence of insolvency proceedings or other default on the part of such swap counterparty (so-called "**flip clauses**") and have considered whether such flip clauses breach the "anti-deprivation" principle under English and U.S. insolvency law. Flip clauses are similar in effect to the terms which are included in the Transaction Documents relating to the subordination of Excluded Swap Termination Amounts.

The "anti-deprivation" principle prevents a party from agreeing to a provision that deprives its creditors of an asset upon its insolvency. This is an aspect of cross border insolvency law which remains untested. Whilst the priority issue is considered largely resolved in England and Wales, concerns still remain that the English and U.S. courts will diverge in their approach, which the case of an unfavourable decision in the U.S., may adversely affect the CBC's ability to make payments under the Guarantee. The Issuer has been advised that such a flip clause would be valid under Dutch law.

In light of the above, if a creditor of the CBC (such as a Swap Provider) or a related entity becomes subject to insolvency proceedings in any jurisdiction outside England and Wales or the Netherlands (including, but not limited to, the United States), and it is owed a payment by the CBC, a question arises as to whether the insolvent creditor or any insolvency official appointed in respect of that creditor could successfully challenge the validity and/or enforceability of subordination provisions included in the English and Dutch law governed Transaction Documents (such as a provision of each of the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments and the Post-CBC-Acceleration-Notice Priority of Payments which refers to the ranking of the Swap Provider's payment rights in respect of Excluded Swap Termination Amounts). In particular, there is a risk that such subordination provisions would not be upheld under U.S. bankruptcy laws. Such laws may be relevant in certain circumstances with respect to a Swap Provider which has assets and/or operations in the U.S. and notwithstanding that it is a non-US established entity (and/or with respect to any replacement counterparty or other Swap Provider, depending on certain matters in respect of that entity). In general, if a subordination provision included in the Transaction Documents was successfully challenged under the insolvency laws of any relevant jurisdiction outside England and Wales or the Netherlands and any relevant foreign judgment or order was recognised by the English or Dutch courts, there can be no assurance that such actions would not adversely affect the rights of the Covered Bondholders, the market value of the Covered Bonds and/or the ability of the CBC to satisfy its obligations under the Guarantee.

Lastly, given the general relevance of the issues under discussion in the judgments referred to above and that the Transaction Documents will include terms providing for the subordination of Excluded Swap Termination Amounts, there is a risk that the final outcome of the dispute in such judgments (including any recognition action by the English or Dutch courts) may result in negative rating pressure in respect of the Covered Bonds. If any rating assigned to the Covered Bonds is lowered, the market value of the Covered Bonds may reduce.

C. IMPORTANT NOTICES

This Base Prospectus has been approved by the AFM as competent authority under the Prospectus Regulation for a period of 12 months from the date of this Base Prospectus. The AFM only approves this Base Prospectus 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 that is the subject of this Base Prospectus nor as an endorsement of the quality of any Covered Bonds that are the subject of this Base Prospectus. Investors should make their own assessment as to the suitability of investing in the Covered Bonds. This Base Prospectus shall be valid for use only by the Issuer or others who have obtained the Issuer's consent for a period of up to 12 months after its approval by the AFM and shall expire on 18 May 2022, at the latest. The obligation to supplement this Base Prospectus, in the event of significant new factors, material mistakes or material inaccuracies only, shall cease to apply upon the expiry of the validity period of this Base Prospectus.

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Base Prospectus and the CBC accepts responsibility for the information contained in section 2.3 (*CBC*) of this Base Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer and the CBC the information (with respect to section 2.3 (*CBC*), the CBC only) contained in this Base Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and makes no omission likely to affect the import of such information.

Neither the Arranger nor any Dealer (except for Rabobank in its capacity as Issuer) nor the Trustee nor any of their respective affiliates has 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, any Dealer or the Trustee or any of their respective affiliates as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained or incorporated in this Base Prospectus or any other information provided by the Issuer and the CBC in connection with the Programme. Neither the Arranger, nor any Dealer (except for Rabobank in its capacity as Issuer) nor the Trustee nor any of their respective affiliates accepts any liability in relation to the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any other information provided by the Issuer and the CBC in connection with the Programme.

No person is or has been authorised by the Issuer, the CBC, the Arranger, any Dealer or the Trustee to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Base Prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or 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, any Dealer or the Trustee.

Neither this Base Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Covered Bonds should be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer, the CBC, the Originators, the Arranger, any Dealer or the Trustee that any recipient of this Base Prospectus 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 shall be taken to have made its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the Issuer and the CBC. Neither this Base Prospectus 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, the CBC, the Originators, the Arranger, any Dealer or the Trustee to any person to subscribe for or to purchase any Covered Bonds.

Neither the delivery of this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Covered Bonds shall in any circumstances imply that the information contained in this Base Prospectus is true subsequent to the date hereof or the date upon which this Base Prospectus has been most recently amended or supplemented or that there has been no adverse change, or any event reasonably likely to involve any adverse change, in the prospects or financial or trading position of the Issuer or the CBC since the date hereof or, if later, the date upon which this Base Prospectus has been most recently amended or supplemented, or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct at any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. The Arranger, each Dealer and the Trustee expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer, the CBC or the Originators during the life of the Programme or to advise any investor in the Covered Bonds of any information coming to their attention. Neither the Issuer nor the CBC has any obligation to update this Base Prospectus, except when required by and in accordance with the Prospectus Regulation.

This Base Prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any Covered Bonds in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make the offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The distribution of this Base Prospectus and any Final Terms and the offering, sale and delivery of Covered Bonds may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. The Issuer, the CBC, the Originators, the Arranger, each Dealer and the Trustee do not represent that this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms may be lawfully distributed, or that any Covered Bonds 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, the CBC, the Originators, the Arranger, any Dealer or the Trustee which would permit a public offering of any Covered Bonds or distribution of this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, no Covered Bonds may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Base Prospectus nor any Final Terms nor any advertisement or other offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations. Persons into whose possession this Base Prospectus, any Final Terms or any Covered Bonds may come must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions on the distribution of this Base Prospectus and any Final Terms and the offering and sale of Covered Bonds. In particular, there are selling restrictions in relation to the United States, the European Economic Area (including the Netherlands, France, Italy, Luxembourg and Belgium), the United Kingdom and Japan and other restrictions as may apply, see section 1.5 (*Subscription and Sale*) below.

The Covered Bonds and the Guarantee (as defined under section 1.3 (*Terms and Conditions of Covered Bonds*) below) from the CBC 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. Bearer Covered Bonds for U.S. federal income tax purposes are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, the Covered Bonds may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Covered Bonds may be distributed (i) outside the United Stated to persons other than U.S. persons or (ii) within the United Stated to "qualified institutional buyers" within the meaning of, and in reliance on, Rule 144A under the Securities Act or another available exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act, see section 1.5 (*Subscription and Sale*) below for more information.

This Base Prospectus has been prepared on the basis that any offer of Covered Bonds in any Member State of the European Economic Area will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Regulation from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of Covered Bonds. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Member State of Covered Bonds which are the subject of an offering contemplated in this Base Prospectus as completed by Final Terms in relation to the offer of those Covered Bonds may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer, the CBC or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 8 of the Prospectus Regulation or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation, in each case, in relation to such offer, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by Final Terms which specify that offers may be made other than pursuant to Article 1(4) of the Prospectus Regulation in that Member State and such offer is made in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified for such purpose in such prospectus or final terms or drawdown prospectus, as applicable. Neither the Issuer, the CBC nor any Dealer has authorised, nor does any of them authorise, the making of any offer of Covered Bonds in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Issuer, the CBC or any Dealer to publish or supplement a prospectus for such offer.

BENCHMARKS REGULATION – 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 for the purposes of the Benchmarks Regulation. If any such reference rate does constitute such a benchmark, the Final Terms will indicate whether or not the benchmark is provided by an administrator included in the register of administrators and benchmarks established and maintained by ESMA pursuant to Article 36 (*Register of administrators and benchmarks*) of the Benchmarks Regulation.

Transitional provisions in the Benchmarks Regulation may have the result that the administrator of a particular benchmark is not required to appear in the register of administrators and benchmarks at the date of the Final Terms. The registration status of any administrator under the Benchmarks Regulation is a matter of public record and, save where required by applicable law, the Issuer does not intend to update the Final Terms to reflect any change in the registration status of the administrator.

Amounts payable under the Covered Bonds may, *inter alia*, be calculated by reference to EURIBOR which is provided by the European Money Markets Institute ("**EMMI**"). As at the 2021 Programme Date, EMMI in relation to it providing EURIBOR appears in the register of administrators and benchmarks established and maintained by ESMA pursuant to Article 36 of the Benchmarks Regulation.

Amounts payable under the Covered Bonds may, *inter alia*, be calculated by reference to €STR, SONIA or SOFR which are provided by the European Central Bank, the Bank of England and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, respectively. As at the 2021 Programme Date, as far as the Issuer is aware, the European Central Bank, the Bank of England and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York are excluded from the scope of the Benchmarks Regulation pursuant to Article 2(2)(a) of the Benchmarks Regulation, as a consequence whereof the European Central Bank as administrator of €STR, the Bank of England as administrator of SONIA and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York as administrator of SOFR, are not currently required to obtain authorisation or registration and therefore does not appear in the aforementioned register.

EEA RETAIL INVESTORS - The Covered Bonds are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the 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 "**EU MiFID II**"); (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive 2016/97/EU (as amended, "**IDD**"), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of EU 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 (as amended, the "**EU PRIIPs Regulation**") for offering or selling the Covered Bonds or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Covered Bonds or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the EU PRIIPs Regulation.

EU MIFID II PRODUCT GOVERNANCE / TARGET MARKET – The Final Terms in respect of any Covered Bonds will include a legend entitled "*EU MiFID II Product Governance*" which will outline the 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 (an "**EU distributor**") should take into consideration the target market assessment; however, an EU distributor subject to EU MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Covered Bonds (by either adopting or refining the 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 EU MiFID Product Governance rules under the EU 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 EU MiFID Product Governance Rules.

UK RETAIL INVESTORS - The Covered Bonds are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the UK. For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("**EUWA**"); (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the FSMA and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA. Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the "**UK PRIIPs Regulation**") for offering or selling the Covered Bonds or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Covered Bonds or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.

UK MIFIR PRODUCT GOVERNANCE / PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS AND ECPS ONLY TARGET MARKET – The Final Terms in respect of any Covered Bonds may include a legend entitled "*UK MiFIR Product Governance*" which will outline the 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

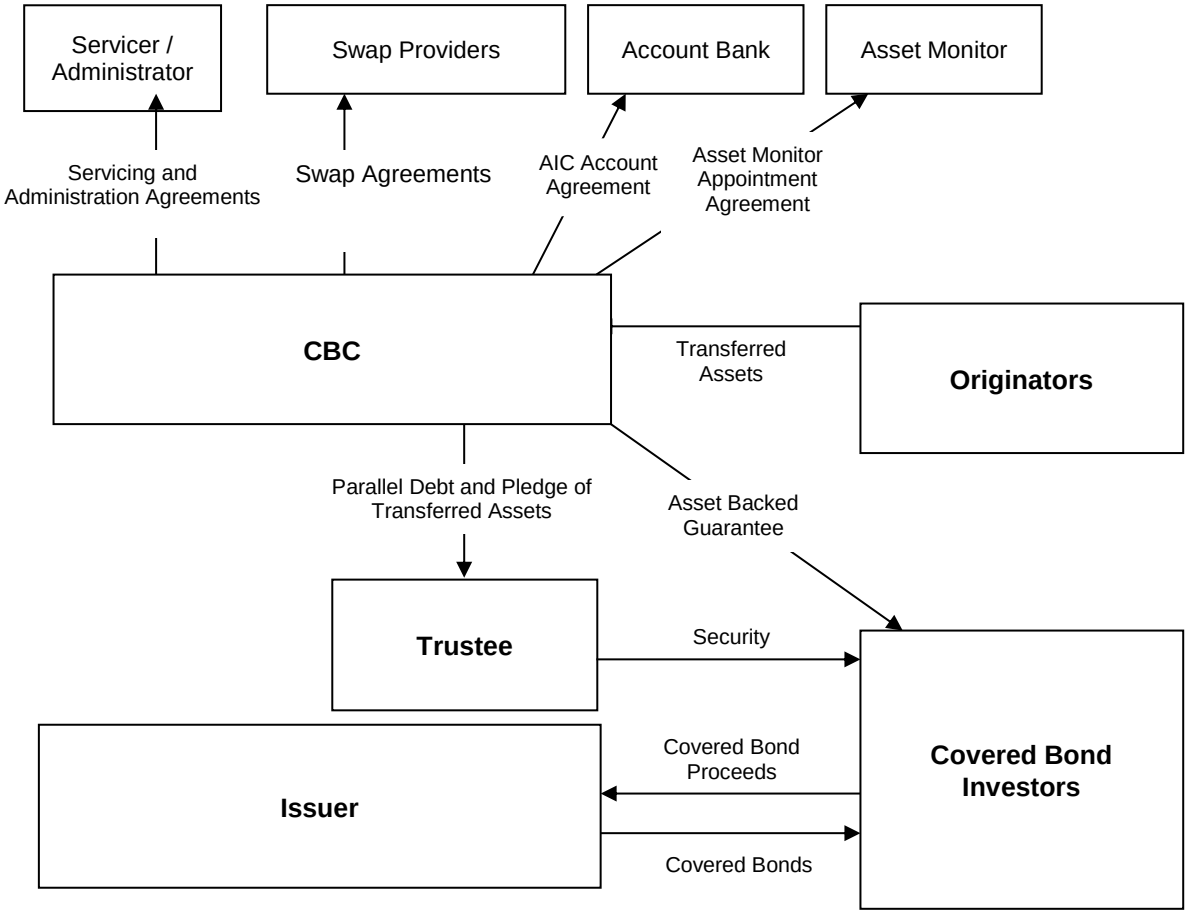
Covered Bonds (a "**UK distributor**") should take into consideration the target market assessment; however, a UK distributor subject to the FCA Handbook Product Intervention and Product Governance Sourcebook (the "**UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules**") is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Covered Bonds (by either adopting or refining the target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

All references in this document to "**EUR**", "**euro**" and "**€**" are to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union, and as defined in Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 974/98 of 3 May 1998 on the introduction of the euro, as amended, references to "Sterling" are to pounds sterling and references to "U.S. Dollars" are to United States dollars.

In connection with the issue and distribution of any Tranche of Covered Bonds, any Dealer named as Stabilising Manager (if any) (or any person acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager) in the applicable Final Terms may over-allot Covered Bonds or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Covered Bonds of the Series (as defined under section 1.3 (*Terms and Conditions of Covered Bonds*) below) of which such Tranche forms part at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, stabilisation may not necessarily occur. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the Final Terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche of Covered Bonds is made and, if begun, may cease at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of Covered Bonds and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche of Covered Bonds. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilising Manager(s) (or person(s) acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

D. STRUCTURE DIAGRAM; PRINCIPAL TRANSACTION PARTIES

D.1 STRUCTURE DIAGRAM



D.2 PRINCIPAL TRANSACTION PARTIES

The following list does not purport to be complete and is qualified in all respects by the remainder of this Base Prospectus. The parties set out below may be replaced from time to time.

Account Bank:	Rabobank.
Administrator:	Rabobank.
Arranger:	Rabobank.
Asset Monitor:	KPMG Accountants N.V.
CBC:	Rabo Covered Bond Company B.V.
CBC's Director:	Intertrust Management B.V.
Dealer:	Rabobank.
Guarantor:	CBC.
Holding:	Stichting Holding Rabo Covered Bond Company.
Issuer:	Rabobank.
Listing Agent:	In relation to any Covered Bonds to be listed on Euronext Amsterdam: Rabobank. In relation to any Covered Bonds to be listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange: Deutsche Bank Luxembourg S.A.
Originators:	Rabobank including any of its predecessors (and any other originator that will accede to the Programme subject to and in accordance with the Programme Agreement and the Guarantee Support Agreement).
Principal Paying Agent:	Citibank, N.A., London Branch.
Registrar (for Covered Bonds evidenced by a Registered Covered Bonds Deed):	Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG.
Servicer:	Rabobank.
Trustee:	Stichting Security Trustee Rabo Covered Bond Company.
Trustee's Director:	Amsterdamsch Trustee's Kantoor B.V.

E. INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE; DEFINITIONS & INTERPRETATION; FINAL TERMS AND DRAWDOWN PROSPECTUSES; OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

E.1 INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

This Base Prospectus is to be read in conjunction with the relevant Final Terms and the following documents which have been previously published or are published simultaneously with this Base Prospectus and that have been approved by the AFM or filed with it and shall be incorporated in, and form part of, this Base Prospectus:

(a) the articles of association of Rabobank effective from 1 January 2018 (https://www.rabobank.com/en/images/statuten-rabobank-eng.pdf);

(b) the audited consolidated financial statements of Rabobank Group for the year ended 31 December 2018, as set out on pages 119 to 214 in relation to the consolidated financial statements and the auditors' report thereon on pages 241 to 257 of the Rabobank Annual Report 2018 (https://www.rabobank.com/nl/images/annual-report-2018.pdf), the audited consolidated financial statements of Rabobank Group for the year ended 31 December 2019, as set out on pages 101 to 200 in relation to the consolidated financial statements and the auditors' report thereon on pages 223 to 237 of the Rabobank Annual Report 2019 (https://www.rabobank.com/nl/images/annual-report-2019.pdf) and the audited consolidated financial statements of Rabobank Group for the year ended 31 December 2020, as set out on pages 107 to 210 in relation to the consolidated financial statements and the auditors' report thereon on pages 234 to 254 of the Rabobank Annual Report 2020 (https://www.rabobank.com/en/images/annual-report-2020.pdf);

(c) the articles of association of the CBC (https://www.rabobank.com/en/images/articles-of-association-rabo-cbc-nl-eng-46363661-62549001.pdf);

(d) the audited financial statements of the CBC for the years ended 31 December 2019 (https://www.rabobank.com/en/images/81298-rabo-cbc-financial-statements-2019.pdf and https://www.rabobank.com/en/images/rabo-covered-bond-company-controleverklaring-for-publication-on-website62477541.pdf) and 31 December 2020 (https://www.rabobank.com/en/images/rabo-cbc-financial-statements-2020.pdf and (https://www.rabobank.com/en/images/auditors-report-2020-rabo-covered-bond-company.pdf) (together with the independent auditor's report thereon and explanatory notes thereto); and

(e) the press release of Rabobank dated 11 February 2021, https://www.rabobank.com/en/press/search/2021/20210211-rabobank-posts-net-result-of-eur-1096- million-for-2020.html.

Save that any statement contained in this Base Prospectus or in any of the documents incorporated by reference in, and forming part of, this Base Prospectus shall be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Base 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 23 of the Prospectus Regulation modifies or supersedes such statement.

The Issuer and the CBC will provide, without charge, to each person to whom a copy of this Base Prospectus has been delivered, upon the request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents deemed to be incorporated herein by reference, unless such documents have been modified or superseded as specified above, in which case the modified or superseding version of such document will be provided. Requests for such documents should be directed either to the Issuer (at its registered office at: Croeselaan 18, 3521 CB Utrecht, the Netherlands or by telephone: + 31 (0)30 216 0000) or the CBC at its office set out at the end of this Base Prospectus. In addition, such documents will be available upon request from the principal office of the Listing Agent, the Principal Paying Agent, any Paying Agent and, in the case of Registered Covered Bonds, the Registrar. Such documents can also be obtained in electronic form from the Issuer's website (https://www.rabobank.com). The other information included on or linked to through this website or in any website referred to in any document incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus is not a part of this Base Prospectus.

The Issuer and the CBC will, in the event of a significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to the information contained in this Base Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Covered Bonds issued by the Issuer prepare a supplement to this Base Prospectus or publish a new Base Prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent issue of Covered Bonds by the Issuer to be admitted to trading on an EU regulated market.

Any non-incorporated parts of a document referred to herein are either deemed not relevant and/or material for an investor or are otherwise covered elsewhere in this Base Prospectus.

Any information contained in or accessible through any website, including https://www.rabobank.com/en/home/index.html, does not form a part of the Base Prospectus and has not been scrutinised or approved by the AFM, unless specifically stated in the Base Prospectus, in any supplement hereto or in any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus that all or any portion of such information is incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus. Any statements on the Issuer's competitive position included in a document which is incorporated by reference herein and where no external source is identified are based on the Issuer's internal assessment of generally available information.

E.2 SUPPLEMENTARY PROSPECTUS

The Issuer has given an undertaking to the Dealer that, if at any time during the duration of the Programme there is a significant new factor, material mistake or material inaccuracy relating to information contained in this Base Prospectus which is capable of affecting an assessment by investors of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profits and losses and prospects of the Issuer and the rights attaching to the Covered Bonds, the Issuer shall prepare and publish an amendment or supplement to this Base Prospectus or a replacement prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent offering of the Covered Bonds to be admitted to trading on an EU regulated market and shall supply to the AFM and the Dealer such number of copies of such supplement hereto as the AFM or the Dealer may reasonably request.

From time to time, the credit rating agencies may revise their ratings of the Issuer or the Issuer's securities or the outlooks on these ratings. Unless required by applicable law, the Issuer may not prepare a supplement to this Base Prospectus or publish a new prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent offer of the Covered Bonds in the event that one or more of these credit rating agencies revise their rating or their outlook on the ratings of the Issuer or the Issuer's securities.

E.3 DEFINITIONS & INTERPRETATION

Capitalised terms used herein will have the meaning ascribed thereto in section 9 (*Glossary of Defined Terms*). Capitalised terms which are used but not defined in section 9 (*Glossary of Defined Terms*) of this Base Prospectus, will have the meaning attributed thereto in any other section of this Base Prospectus.

Any reference to any Transaction Document or any other agreement or document in this Base Prospectus shall be construed as a reference to such Transaction Document or, as the case may be, such other agreement or document as the same may have been, or may from time to time be, amended, varied, novated, supplemented or replaced.

A reference to any transaction party in this Base Prospectus or in the Conditions shall be construed in order to include its successors and transferees and any subsequent successors and transferees in accordance with their respective interests.

The language in this Base Prospectus is English. Certain references and terms have been cited in their original language in order that the correct meaning may be ascribed to them under applicable law.

Headings used in this Base Prospectus are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation thereof.

E.4 FINAL TERMS AND DRAWDOWN PROSPECTUSES

Each Tranche of Covered Bonds will be issued on the terms set out herein under section 1.3 (*Terms and Conditions of Covered Bonds*) below, as amended and/or supplemented by the Final Terms specific to such Tranche, or in a separate prospectus specific to such Tranche (a "**Drawdown Prospectus**") as described below or without a prospectus. This Base Prospectus must be read and construed together with any amendments or supplements hereto and with any information incorporated by reference herein and, in relation to any Tranche of Covered Bonds which is the subject of Final Terms, must be read and construed together with the relevant Final Terms.

In this section E.4 (*Final Terms and Drawdown Prospectuses*) the expression "**necessary information**" means, in relation to any Tranche of Covered Bonds, the information necessary to enable investors to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profits and losses and prospects of the Issuer and the CBC and of the rights attaching to the Covered Bonds. In relation to the different types of Covered Bonds which may be issued under the Programme the Issuer and the CBC (in respect of the CBC, regarding information relating to the CBC) have endeavoured to include in this Base Prospectus all of the necessary information except for information relating to the Covered Bonds which is not known at the 2021 Programme Date and which can only be determined at the time of an individual issue of a Tranche of Covered Bonds.

Any information relating to a Tranche of Covered Bonds which is not included in this Base Prospectus and which is required in order to complete the necessary information in relation to such Tranche will be contained either in the relevant Final Terms or in a separate Drawdown Prospectus. Such information will be contained in the relevant Final Terms unless any of such information constitutes a significant new factor relating to the information contained in this Base Prospectus in which case such information, together with all of the other necessary information in relation to the relevant series of Covered Bonds, may be contained in a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation or, in case of a Tranche of Covered Bonds which is the subject of a Drawdown Prospectus, in a Drawdown Prospectus.

For a Tranche of Covered Bonds which is the subject of Final Terms, those Final Terms will, for the purposes of that Tranche only, supplement this Base Prospectus and must be read in conjunction with this Base Prospectus. The terms and conditions applicable to any particular Tranche of Covered Bonds which is the subject of Final Terms are the Conditions as supplemented, amended and/or replaced to the extent described in the relevant Final Terms.

The terms and conditions applicable to any particular Tranche of Covered Bonds which is the subject of a Drawdown Prospectus will be the Conditions either contained in such Drawdown Prospectus, or as contained in this Base Prospectus as supplemented, amended and/or replaced to the extent described in the relevant Drawdown Prospectus. In the case of a Tranche of Covered Bonds which is the subject of a Drawdown Prospectus, each reference in this Base Prospectus to information being specified or identified in the relevant Final Terms shall be read and construed as a reference to such information being specified or identified in the relevant Drawdown Prospectus unless the context requires otherwise.

Each Drawdown Prospectus will be constituted either (a) by a single document containing the necessary information relating to the Issuer and the CBC and the relevant Covered Bonds or (b) by a registration document containing the necessary information relating to the Issuer and the CBC, a securities note containing the necessary information relating to the relevant Covered Bonds and, if necessary, a summary note. In addition, if the Drawdown Prospectus is constituted by a registration document and a securities note, any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to the information included in that registration document which arises or is noted between the date of the registration document and the date of the securities note which is capable of affecting the assessment of the relevant Covered Bonds will be included in the securities note.

E.5 OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Key performance indicators and non-IFRS measures

This Base Prospectus presents certain financial measures that are not measures defined under IFRS, including operating results. These non-IFRS financial measures are not measures of financial performance under IFRS and should not be considered as a replacement for any IFRS financial measure. In addition, such measures, as defined by Rabobank Group, may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures used by other companies,

because the above-mentioned non-IFRS financial measures are not defined under IFRS, other companies may calculate them in a different manner than Rabobank Group which limits their usefulness as comparative measures. Rabobank Group believes that these non-IFRS measures are important to understand Rabobank Group's performance and capital position.

This Base Prospectus also presents certain financial measures that are not measures defined under EU IFRS, including regulatory capital, risk-weighted assets and underlying results. As of 2014, capital metrics and risk exposures are reported under the Basel III framework.

Rounding and negative amounts

Certain figures contained in this Base Prospectus, including financial information, have been rounded. Accordingly, in certain instances the sum of the numbers in the text or a column or a row in tables contained in this Base Prospectus may not conform exactly to the total figure given for that column or row.

In tables, negative amounts are shown between brackets. Otherwise, negative amounts are shown by "-" or "negative" before the amount.

Actual results might differ substantially from the projections in this Base Prospectus

Forecasts and estimates in this Base Prospectus are forward looking statements which relate, but are not limited, to the Issuer's potential exposure to various types of market risks, such as counterparty risk, interest rate risk, foreign exchange rate risk and commodity and equity price risk and are speculative in nature. Such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties and therefore not historical facts and represent only the Issuer's beliefs regarding future events, many of which, by their nature, are inherently uncertain and beyond the control of the Issuer. It can be expected that some or all of the assumptions underlying the projections will not prove to be correct or will vary from actual results. Consequently, the actual result might differ from the projections and such differences might be significant.

F. RABOBANK GROUP

F.1 DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS OF RABOBANK GROUP

(Chamber of Commerce registration number 30046259)

General

Rabobank Group is an international financial services provider operating on the basis of cooperative principles. Rabobank Group comprises Rabobank as the top holding entity together with its subsidiaries in the Netherlands and abroad. Rabobank Group operates in 38 countries. Its operations include DRB, W&R, leasing and real estate. It serves approximately 9.6 million clients around the world. In the Netherlands, its focus is on maintaining Rabobank Group's position in the Dutch market and, internationally, on food and agriculture.

Rabobank Group's cooperative core business is carried out by the local Rabobanks. With 287 branches at 31 December 2020, the local Rabobanks form a dense banking network in the Netherlands. Together the local Rabobanks serve approximately 8.1 million private customers, and approximately 0.8 million corporate clients, offering a comprehensive package of financial services. Clients can become members of Rabobank.

Historically, Rabobank Group has engaged primarily in lending to the agricultural and horticultural sectors in the Dutch market. Since the 1990s, Rabobank Group has also offered a wide variety of commercial banking and other financial services not only in the Netherlands but also internationally. As part of an on-going programme, Rabobank Group has increased both the number and type of products and services available to its customers in order to diversify from a traditional savings and mortgage-based business to become a provider of a full range of financial products and services, both in the Netherlands and internationally. Rabobank Group provides an integrated range of financial services comprising primarily DRB, W&R, Leasing, Property Development and distribution of insurance products to a wide range of both individual and corporate customers.

As at 31 December 2020, Rabobank Group had total assets of €632.3 billion, a private sector loan portfolio of €409.4 billion, amounts due to customers of €361.0 billion (of which savings deposits total €155.9 billion) and equity of €40.6 billion. Of the private sector loan portfolio, €192.2 billion, virtually all of which were mortgages, consisted of loans to private individuals, €111.7 billion of loans to the trade, industry and services sector and €105.4 billion of loans to the food and agriculture sector. As at 31 December 2020, its CET1 Ratio, which is the ratio between Common Equity Tier 1 Capital and total risk-weighted assets, was 16.8 per cent. and its capital ratio, which is the ratio between qualifying capital and total risk-weighted assets, was 24.2 per cent. Rabobank Group's cost/income ratio, which is the ratio between total operating expenses (regulatory levies included) and total income, was 65.8 per cent. for the year ended 31 December 2020 and 63.3 per cent. for the year ended 31 December 2019. Rabobank Group realised a net profit of €1,096 million for the year ended 31 December 2020. As at 31 December 2020, Rabobank Group employed 43,272 employees (internal and external full-time employees ("**FTEs**")).

The return on equity ("**RoE**") is calculated by dividing net profit by the average equity in the reporting year. For the year ended 31 December 2020, Rabobank's RoE was 2.7 per cent. As at 31 December 2019, it was 5.3 per cent.

Group overview

The overview below provides an overview of the business of Rabobank Group. The figures presented in the overview are provided as at 31 December 2020.

Business activities of Rabobank Group

Through the local Rabobanks, Rabobank and its other subsidiaries, Rabobank Group provides services in the following core business areas: DRB; W&R; Leasing; and Property Development.

Domestic Retail Banking

DRB comprises the local Rabobanks and Obvion N.V. ("**Obvion**"). In the Netherlands, Rabobank is a significant mortgage bank, savings bank and insurance agent. Based on internal estimates, Rabobank believes it is also the leading bank for the small and medium-sized enterprises sector in the Netherlands. Obvion focuses exclusively on collaboration with independent brokers.

As at 31 December 2020, DRB had total external assets of €275.0 billion, a private sector loan portfolio of €271.3 billion, deposits from customers of €279.4 billion (of which savings deposits total €134.8 billion). For the year ended 31 December 2020, DRB accounted for 55 per cent., or €5,959 million, of Rabobank Group's total income and 89 per cent., or €971 million, of Rabobank Group's net profit. As at 31 December 2020, DRB employed 26,280 FTEs.

Local Rabobanks

Proximity and commitment to their clients enhance the local Rabobanks' responsiveness and speed of decision-making. Their commitment is reflected in their close ties with local associations and institutions. The local Rabobanks are committed to providing maximum service to their clients by making optimum use of different distribution channels, such as branch offices, the internet and mobile telephones. Many private individuals have current, savings or investment accounts or mortgages with the local Rabobanks. The local Rabobanks constitute a major financier of Dutch industry, from small high street shops to listed enterprises. Furthermore, the local Rabobanks traditionally have had close ties with the agricultural sector.

Obvion

Obvion is a provider of mortgages and a number of service products, including guarantees and bridging loans. Obvion focuses exclusively on collaboration with independent brokers.

Wholesale & Rural

W&R focuses its activities on the food and agri sector and has an international network of branches with offices and subsidiaries in various countries. Rabobank also operates RaboDirect internet savings banks. The wholesale banking division serves the largest domestic and international companies (Corporates, Financial Institutions, Traders and Private Equity). Rural banking is focused on offering financial solutions for the specific needs of leading farmers and their communities in a selected number of key Food & Agri countries. The total number of internal and external employees in W&R stood at 9,663 FTEs at year-end 2020.

All sectors in the Netherlands are being serviced, while outside the Netherlands Rabobank focuses on the Food & Agri and trade-related sectors. Internationally, Rabobank Group services food & agri clients, ranging from growers to the industrial sector, through its global network of branches. Rabobank Group services the entire food value chain, with specialists per sector. Rabobank Group advises its clients and prospects in these sectors by offering them finance, knowledge and its network. Rabobank is active in the main food-producing countries such as the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil and main food consumption countries.

As at 31 December 2020, W&R had total external assets of €135.5 billion and a private sector loan portfolio of €105.9 billion. For the year ended 31 December 2020, W&R accounted for 25 per cent., or €2,722 million, of Rabobank Group's total income and 1 per cent., or €16 million, of Rabobank Group's net profit.

Leasing

Within Rabobank, DLL is the entity responsible for Rabobank Group's leasing business supporting manufacturers and distributors selling products and services worldwide with vendor finance. DLL, active in more than 30 countries and 9 industries, is a global provider of asset-based financial solutions in the agriculture, food, healthcare, clean technology, transportation, construction, industrial and office technology industries. DLL is committed to delivering integrated financial solutions that support the complete asset life cycle. As of 31 December 2020, DLL employed 5,509 FTEs (including external staff).

Rabobank owned a 100 per cent. equity interest in DLL as at 31 December 2020. Its issued share capital amounted to €98,470,307 as at 31 December 2020, all of which is owned by Rabobank. As at 31 December 2020, Rabobank's liabilities to DLL amounted to €2,774 million. As at 31 December 2020, Rabobank's claims on DLL amounted to €29,096 million (loans, current accounts, financial assets and derivatives).

As at 31 December 2020, DLL had a private sector loan portfolio of €31.9 billion. For the year ended 31 December 2020, DLL accounted for 14 per cent., or €1,498 million, of Rabobank Group's total income and 15 per cent., or €164 million, of Rabobank Group's net profit.

Property Development

The Property Development segment results almost completely comprise the results of Bouwfonds Property Development ("**BPD**"). Responsible for developing residential real estate areas, BPD focuses on residential areas, multifunctional projects and public facilities. BPD has been positioned as a direct subsidiary of Rabobank

since 1 July 2017. As of 31 December 2020, the Property Development segment employed 748 FTEs (including external staff).

For the year ended 31 December 2020, BPD sold 8,901 houses. The loan portfolio of the Property Development segment amounted to €0.1 billion. For the year ended 31 December 2020, the Property Development segment accounted for 3 per cent., or €294 million, of Rabobank Group's total income and 10 per cent., or €115 million, of Rabobank Group's net profit.

Participations

As of 31 December 2020, Rabobank held a 30 per cent. interest in Achmea B.V. ("**Achmea**"). Rabobank does not exercise control over Achmea and therefore does not consolidate Achmea as a subsidiary in Rabobank's audited consolidated financial statements. Achmea is accounted for as an associate in Rabobank's audited consolidated financial statements in accordance with the equity method. Achmea is a major insurance company in the Netherlands, where it serves a broad customer base of private individuals as well as government agencies and corporate clients. Achmea occupies a relatively minor position outside the Netherlands, operating in four other European countries and Australia. Rabobank and Achmea work closely together in the area of insurance.

Recent Developments

Rabobank intends to make a quarterly distribution of EUR 0.13674 per Rabobank Certificate in the first three quarters of 2021

On 11 February 2021 Rabobank announced its intention to make a quarterly distribution of EUR 0.13674 per Rabobank Certificate on 29 March 2021, 29 June 2021 and 29 September 2021 respectively (and subsequently paid the first of such quarterly distributions on 29 March 2021). This intention is the outcome of discussions with the European Central Bank (ECB) and remains subject to the full discretion of the Executive Board of Rabobank. On 15 December 2020 the ECB issued a recommendation to banks to refrain from or limit dividends until at least 30 September 2021. Rabobank announced on 21 December 2020 that it will adhere to the recommendation, and that it will discuss the prudence of any distributions on Rabobank Certificates prior to 30 September 2021 with the ECB. Rabobank has the intention to revert to the intended distribution as described in its payment policy in case the ECB withdraws any recommended limitations on dividend distribution. At that time Rabobank will - at its full discretion – decide on any future distributions thereby considering whether it is prudent to make a distribution, and if so, the level of such distribution.

Anti-Money Laundering, Counter Terrorism Financing & Sanctions

Rabobank's role as a gatekeeper to the financial system is a top priority for the bank. Furthering a foundation for compliance with applicable laws and regulations and good customer service, Rabobank has substantially improved its KYC (know your customer) activities and increased its investments in KYC compliance in recent years. The bank operates a global program to enhance the quality of our customer files and data to identify (potential) criminal activity. In September 2018, Rabobank received an injunction (*last onder dwangsom*) from De Nederlandsche Bank (DNB). Commencing from 1 April 2020, DNB carried out an investigation related to whether Rabobank met the requirements of the aforementioned injunction. Despite our efforts, DNB determined that Rabobank did not meet the requirements of the injunction. As a result, a penalty (*dwangsom*) of €500,000 has been forfeited.

Rabobank's credit ratings

At the date of this Base Prospectus, Rabobank has, at its request, been assigned the following ratings: S&P ("A+"), Moody's ("Aa3"), Fitch ("A+") and DBRS ("AA"). Rabobank's outlook with Moody's and DBRS is "Stable". In April 2020, S&P and Fitch revised their outlooks to "Negative". In March 2021 DBRS revised its rating on Rabobank to AA (low) and the Trend to Stable (from "Negative").

As defined by S&P, an obligation rated 'A' is somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than obligations in higher-rated categories. However, the obligor's capacity to meet its financial commitments on the obligation is still strong. The plus (+) sign shows relative standing within the rating categories.

As defined by Moody's, an obligation rated 'Aa3' is judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk. The modifier '3' indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category.

As defined by Fitch, an obligation rated ‘A’ denotes expectation of low default risk. It indicates strong capacity for payment of financial commitments. This capacity may, nevertheless, be more vulnerable to adverse business or economic conditions than is the case for higher ratings. The modifier "+" appended to the rating denotes relative status within major rating categories.

As defined by DBRS, an obligation rated "AA" reflects a superior credit quality. The capacity for payment of financial obligations is considered high. Credit quality differs from AAA only to a small degree. Unlikely to be significantly vulnerable to future events.

All the rating agencies view Rabobank’s leading position in the Dutch banking sector and the International Food and Agri sector as important rating drivers. The Rating Agencies also note Rabobank’s significant equity and subordinated debt, which is an important factor in determining the Group’s ratings.

A rating outlook is an opinion regarding the likely direction of an issuer’s rating over the medium term. Actual or anticipated declines in Rabobank’s credit ratings may affect the market value of the Covered Bonds. There is no assurance that a rating will remain unchanged during the term of the Covered Bonds of any series.

The ratings represent the relevant rating agency’s assessment of Rabobank’s financial condition and ability to pay its obligations, and do not reflect the potential impact of all risks relating to the Covered Bonds. Any rating assigned to the long-term unsecured debt of Rabobank does not affect or address the likely performance of the Covered Bonds other than Rabobank’s ability to meet its obligations.

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 the agency’s view of Rabobank, 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.

Strategy of Rabobank Group

In 2020, Rabobank continued the implementation of its Strategic Framework 2016-2020, which describes how it wants to achieve its ambitions. This strategy provides a sharpened focus on improving customer service and realising a fundamental improvement in financial performance across Rabobank in order to safeguard its future success. To fulfil its ambitions for the coming years, Rabobank is focusing on the following three core objectives.

1. *Excellent customer focus*. In the Netherlands, Rabobank strives to be the most customer-focused bank in the country and Rabobank aims for a sharp increase in customer satisfaction outside the Netherlands as well. The management of Rabobank believes that this is where its strength and distinctiveness lie. Rabobank expects to undergo a fundamental transformation in the coming years in terms of working methods, culture, attitudes and conduct. By doing so, Rabobank is responding to changes in customer needs, the uncertain economic climate, expectations of society and the stricter requirements of regulators. Rabobank wants to become the most customer-focused bank in the Netherlands and in the food & agri sector internationally by excelling in basic services, being the closest to its customers at key moments and fulfilling its role as a financial partner serving Rabobank’s customers. This will enable Rabobank to expand its services as an intermediary, for example in the fields of crowdfunding and working with institutional investors.

2. *Increased flexibility and reduction of the balance sheet*. In the years to come, Rabobank anticipates a further tightening of the regulatory environment. For example, the implementation of the proposed reforms to Basel III and implementation of MREL require Rabobank’s balance sheet to be more flexible. Rabobank wants to achieve balance sheet optimisation by, among other things, placing parts of its loan portfolio with external parties and maintaining a liquidity buffer that is in line with the reduced balance sheet total. Rabobank is carefully monitoring ongoing developments with regard to the pending Basel regulations, the final outcome of which will ultimately determine the extent of the required balance sheet reduction.

3. *Performance improvement*. Rabobank aims to improve its performance by improvements in efficiency and cost reductions within Rabobank’s central organisation, the local Rabobanks and the international organisation. The improvement should be effected by both higher revenues and lower costs through increasing efficiency and new ways of working (e.g. increased digitalisation and more flexible working spaces).

Implementation accelerators

The strategy calls for a substantial transformation of Rabobank. In view of the challenges Rabobank faces, Rabobank has identified three accelerators to realise and strengthen the transformation:

1. *Strengthening innovation*: Innovation allows Rabobank to improve its services and respond rapidly to opportunities in the market. In addition, innovation is essential to provide support to Rabobank's customers.

2. *Empowering employees*: Achieving the strategic objectives will require a transformation into an organisation in *which* there is scope for professionalism and entrepreneurship, with a continual focus on development and training, employee diversity and a good, learning corporate culture.

3. *Creating a better cooperative organisation*: The new governance structure (see "*Structure and Governance of Rabobank Group*") will contribute to the transformation that Rabobank as an organisation must go through to fulfil its strategy. This will allow an organisation to emerge that is flexible for the future and centres on maximum local entrepreneurship.

Strategy implementation

The Strategic Framework 2016-2020 has initiated a group wide transition process consisting of a wide range of change initiatives that impact Rabobank's organisational structure, the way it works and the way it serves its customers. In addition to many initiatives in the line organisation, several large, strategic projects are also expected to be implemented. The strategic implementation agenda has been designed along four strategic pillars: Complete customer focus, Rock-solid bank, Meaningful cooperative and Empowered employees. The transition process is dynamic and is expected to be adjusted based on evolving circumstances.

An integrated process for the coordination of the transition is essential to ensure timely and coherent implementation of the strategic goals. This process began in 2016 and is expected to continue in the coming years. Strategy implementation is facilitated by a central oversight and coordination office for performance and strategic initiatives, which reports frequently to the Managing Board, Supervisory Board and supervisors. Processes have been established to ensure short-cycle steering by the Managing Board members in their respective domains, based on goals that have been translated into concrete activities, key performance indicators ("**KPI**") and clearly allocated responsibilities. This approach enables the line organisation to remain in the lead of the transition process.

Competition in the Netherlands

Rabobank Group competes in the Netherlands with several other large commercial banks such as ABN AMRO and ING Group, with insurance companies and pension funds and also with smaller financial institutions in specific markets. Rabobank Group expects competition in the Dutch savings market to continue.

The Dutch mortgage loan market is highly competitive. Driven by the tax deductibility of mortgage loan interest payments, Dutch homeowners usually take out relatively high mortgage loans. This does not necessarily indicate a high risk for banks with mortgage-lending operations. The local Rabobanks and Obvion have a balanced mortgage loan portfolio. Historically, mortgage lending in the Netherlands has been relatively low risk and all mortgage loans are collateralised. Mortgage loan defaults do not occur frequently, either in Rabobank Group's mortgage-lending operations or in the Netherlands generally. Almost all mortgages in the Netherlands have a maturity of 30 years. Generally, mortgages have a long-term (greater than five years) fixed interest rate, after which period the rate is reset at the current market rate. Customers generally only have the option to prepay a certain percentage on the principal amount on their mortgage loan without incurring a penalty fee, thus reducing the interest rate risks related to mortgage loan refinancing for Rabobank Group.

Market Shares in the Netherlands

Rabobank Group offers a comprehensive package of financial products and services in the Netherlands. Set forth below is information regarding Rabobank Group's shares in selected markets. The percentages of market share should be read as percentages of the relevant Dutch market as a whole.

Residential mortgages: As at 31 December 2020, Rabobank Group had a market share of 22.0 per cent. of the total amount of new home mortgages in the Dutch mortgage market by value (15.7 per cent. by local Rabobanks, 5.0 per cent. by Obvion, and 1.3 per cent. by Vista; source: Dutch Land Registry Office (*Kadaster*)). Rabobank Group is the largest mortgage-lending institution in the Netherlands (measured by Rabobank's own surveys).

Saving deposits of individuals: As at 31 December 2020, Rabobank Group had a market share of 33.9 per cent. of the Dutch savings market (source: Statistics Netherlands (*Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek*)). Rabobank Group is one of the largest savings institutions in the Netherlands measured as a percentage of the amount of saving deposits (source: Statistics Netherlands).

Property, Plant and Equipment

Rabobank and the local Rabobanks typically own the land and buildings used in the ordinary course of their business activities in the Netherlands. Outside the Netherlands, some Group entities also own the land and buildings used in the ordinary course of their business activities. In addition, Rabobank Group's investment portfolio includes investments in land and buildings. Rabobank Group believes that its facilities are adequate for its present needs in all material respects. The table below provides an overview of Rabobank Group's material owned facilities:

Location	Country	Owned / Rented	Encumbrances
Croeselaan 18 – 22, Utrecht	The Netherlands	Owned	None
Bloemmolen 2 – 4, Boxtel	The Netherlands	Owned	None

Material Contracts

There are no contracts, other than contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, to which Rabobank or any member of Rabobank Group is party, for the two years prior to the date of this Base Prospectus that are material to Rabobank Group as a whole. There are no other contracts (not being contracts entered in the ordinary course of business) entered into by any member of Rabobank Group which contain any provision under which any member of Rabobank Group has any obligation or entitlement which is material to Rabobank Group as at the date of this Base Prospectus.

Insurance

On behalf of all entities of Rabobank Group, Rabobank has taken out a group policy that is customary for the financial industry taking into consideration the scope and complexity of the business of Rabobank Group. Rabobank Group is of the opinion that this insurance, which is banker's blanket and professional indemnity, is of an adequate level for the business of Rabobank Group.

Legal and Arbitration Proceedings

Rabobank Group is active in a legal and regulatory environment that exposes it to substantial risk of litigation. As a result, Rabobank Group is involved in legal cases, arbitrations and regulatory proceedings in the Netherlands and in other countries, including the United States. The most relevant legal and regulatory claims which could give rise to liability on the part of Rabobank Group are described on pages 164 and 165 in Rabobank Group's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020, including the notes thereto, incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus. In addition, see the risk factor "*Legal Risk*" in the "*Risk Management*" section of this Base Prospectus. If it appears necessary on the basis of the applicable reporting criteria, provisions are made based on current information; similar types of cases are grouped together and some cases may also consist of a number of claims. The estimated loss for each individual case (for which it is possible to make a realistic estimate) is not reported, because Rabobank Group feels that information of this type could be detrimental to the outcome of individual cases.

When determining which of the claims is more likely than not (i.e., with a likelihood of over 50 per cent.) to lead to an outflow of funds, Rabobank Group takes several factors into account. These include (but are not limited to) the type of claim and the underlying facts; the procedural process and history of each case; rulings from legal and arbitration bodies; Rabobank Group's experience and that of third parties in similar cases (if known); previous settlement discussions; third party settlements in similar cases (where known); available indemnities; and the advice and opinions of legal advisers and other experts.

The estimated potential losses, and the existing provisions, are based on the information available at the time and are for the main part subject to judgements and a number of different assumptions, variables and known and unknown uncertainties. These uncertainties may include the inaccuracy or incompleteness of the information available to Rabobank Group (especially in the early stages of a case). In addition, assumptions made by Rabobank Group about the future rulings of legal or other instances or the likely actions or attitudes of supervisory bodies or the parties opposing Rabobank Group may turn out to be incorrect. Furthermore, estimates of potential

losses relating to the legal disputes are often impossible to process using statistical or other quantitative analysis instruments that are generally used to make judgements and estimates. They are then subject to a still greater level of uncertainly than many other areas where Rabobank Group needs to make judgements and estimates.

The group of cases for which Rabobank Group determines that the risk of future outflows of funds is higher than 50 per cent. varies over time, as do the number of cases for which Rabobank can estimate the potential loss. In practice the end results could turn out considerably higher or lower than the estimates of potential losses in those cases where an estimate was made. Rabobank Group can also sustain losses from legal risks where the occurrence of a loss may not be probable, but is not improbable either, and for which no provisions have been recognised. For those cases where (a) the possibility of an outflow of funds is less likely than not but also not remote or (b) the possibility of an outflow of funds is more likely than not but the potential loss cannot be estimated, a contingent liability is shown.

Rabobank Group may settle legal cases or regulatory proceedings or investigations before any fine is imposed or liability is determined. Reasons for settling could include (i) the wish to avoid costs and/or management effort at this level, (ii) to avoid other adverse business consequences and/ or (iii) pre-empt the regulatory or reputational consequences of continuing with disputes relating to liability, even if Rabobank Group believes it has good arguments in its defence. Furthermore, Rabobank Group may, for the same reasons, compensate third parties for their losses, even in situations where Rabobank Group does not believe that it is legally required to do so.

Information on any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which Rabobank is aware), during the 12 months prior to the date of this Base Prospectus which may have, or have had in the past, significant effects on Rabobank and Rabobank Group's financial position or profitability are described under "Legal and arbitration proceedings" in Rabobank Group's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020, including the notes thereto, incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus. In addition, see the risk factor "*Legal risk*" in the "*Risk Management*" section of this Base Prospectus.

F.2 STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE OF RABOBANK GROUP

Rabobank structure

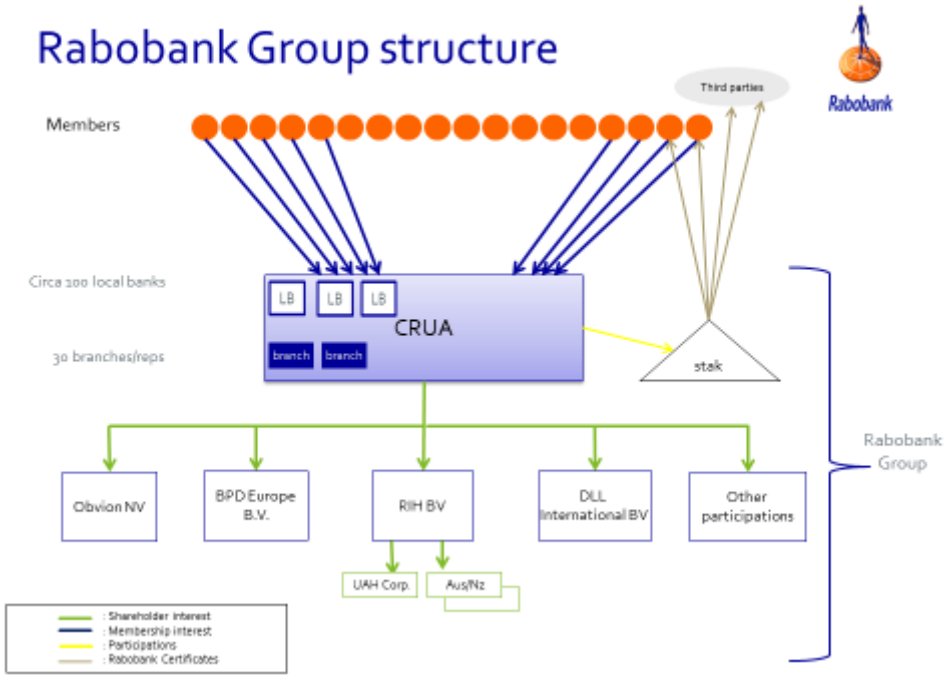
Rabobank Group comprises Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. and its subsidiaries and participations in the Netherlands and abroad. Rabobank operates not only from the Netherlands but also from branches and representative offices all over the world. These branches and offices all form part of the legal entity Rabobank. Rabobank branches are located in Sydney, Antwerp, Toronto, Beijing, Shanghai, Dublin, Frankfurt, Madrid, Paris, Mumbai, Milan, Nairobi, Wellington, New York, Singapore, Hong Kong and London. Rabobank representative offices are located in Mexico City, Buenos Aires, Istanbul, Atlanta, Chicago, Roseville, San Francisco and St. Louis.

Rabobank also conducts business through separate legal entities worldwide. Rabobank is shareholder of such entities. Rabobank has its executive office in Utrecht (Croeselaan 18, 3521 CB), the Netherlands (telephone number +31 (0)30 216 0000). Its statutory seat is in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Rabobank is registered in the commercial register of the Chamber of Commerce under number 30046259. Rabobank uses various tradenames.

General

Rabobank is a licensed bank, in the legal form of a cooperative with excluded liability (coöperatie U.A.). It was established under Dutch law. Rabobank uses amongst others the trade names Rabobank Nederland and Rabobank. Rabobank was formed as a result of the merger of the Coöperatieve Centrale Raiffeisen Bank and the Coöperatieve Centrale Boerenleenbank, the two largest banking cooperative entities in the Netherlands. It was established with unlimited duration on 22 December 1970. Until 1 January 2016, the Dutch local Rabobanks were separate legal cooperative entities. On 1 January 2016, a legal merger under universal title took place between Rabobank and all local banks. Rabobank was the surviving entity.

The Managing Board is responsible for the management of Rabobank, including the local banks and, indirectly, its affiliated entities. Managing Board members are appointed by the Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board is responsible for the supervision of the management by the Managing Board. Supervisory Board members are appointed by the General Members' Council of Rabobank. For further information regarding the governance of Rabobank Group, see "— *Member influence within Rabobank Group*" below and "*Governance of Rabobank Group*".



Corporate purpose

The objective of a cooperative is to provide for certain material needs of its members by whom it is effectively owned and controlled. Pursuant to Article 3 of the Rabobank Articles, the corporate object of Rabobank is to promote the interests of its members and to do so by:

(i) conducting a banking business, providing other financial services, and, in that context, concluding agreements with its members;

(ii) participating in, otherwise assuming an interest in, and managing other enterprises of any nature whatsoever, and financing third parties, providing security in any way whatsoever or guaranteeing the obligations of third parties;

(iii) contributing to society, including promoting economic and social initiatives and developments; and

(iv) performing any activities which are incidental to or may be conducive to this object.

Rabobank is furthermore authorised to extend its activities to parties other than its members.

Member influence within Rabobank Group

As a cooperative, Rabobank has members, not shareholders. Customers of Rabobank in the Netherlands have the opportunity to become members of Rabobank. As at the date of this Base Prospectus, Rabobank has approximately 2.1 million members. Members do not make capital contributions to Rabobank and do not have claims on the equity of Rabobank. The members do not have any obligations and are not liable for the obligations of Rabobank.

Main characteristics of Governance

Rabobank is a decentralised organisation with decision making powers at both a local and central level. The governance reflects the unity of cooperative and bank. Although the Dutch Corporate Governance Code does not apply to the cooperative, Rabobank's corporate governance is broadly consistent with this code. Rabobank also observes the Dutch Banking Code.

The members of Rabobank are organised, based on, amongst other things, geographical criteria into about 86 Departments. Each local bank is linked to a Department. Within each Department, members are organised into delegates' election assemblies. These assemblies elect the members of the local members' councils.

The local members' councils consist of 30 to 50 members and were established pursuant to the Articles of Association. Local members' councils report to and collaborate with the management team of the local bank on the quality of services and the contribution on social and sustainable development of the local environment. These councils have a number of formal tasks and responsibilities. One of the powers of the local members' council is appointment, suspension and dismissal of the local supervisory body, including its chairman.

The local supervisory body consists of three to seven members and is part of the Department. It is a corporate body established pursuant to the Articles of Association and performs various tasks and has various responsibilities, including a supervisory role on the level of the local bank. As part of that role, the Executive Board has granted the local supervisory body a number of powers in respect of material decisions of the management team chairman. The local supervisory body monitors the execution by the management team chairman of the local strategy. The local supervisory body also exercises the functional employer's role in relation to the management team chairman of the local bank. The local supervisory body is accountable to the local members' council.

Regional assemblies are not formal corporate bodies in the Rabobank governance. These assemblies are important for the preparation for the General Members' Council of Rabobank. The assemblies are consultative bodies where the chairmen of the supervisory bodies and the management chairmen of the local banks meet to discuss.

The members of the local supervisory body have to be members of Rabobank. Every chairman of a local supervisory body represents the members of its Department in the General Members' Council of Rabobank. This council is the highest decision-making body in the Rabobank governance. Although the chairmen of the local supervisory bodies participate in the General Members' Council of Rabobank without instruction and consultation, they will also take the local points of view into account. The General Members' Council of Rabobank has a focus on strategy, identity, budget and financial results of Rabobank and has powers on these matters. On behalf of the members, the General Members' Council of Rabobank safeguards continuity as well as acts as the custodian of

collective values. The General Members' Council of Rabobank has three permanent committees: the urgency affairs committee, the coordination committee and the committee on confidential matters.

The members of the Supervisory Board of Rabobank are appointed by the General Members' Council of Rabobank. Two thirds of the number of members of the Supervisory Board must be members of Rabobank. The Supervisory Board performs the supervisory role and is accountable to the General Members' Council of Rabobank. In this respect, the Supervisory Board monitors compliance with laws and regulations and *inter alia* achievement of Rabobanks' objectives and strategy. The Supervisory Board has the power to approve material decisions of the Managing Board. The Supervisory Board also has an advisory role in respect to the Managing Board. The Supervisory Board has several committees, *inter alia* a risk committee and an audit committee that perform preparatory and advisory work for the Supervisory Board. For further information regarding the Supervisory Board, see "*Governance of Rabobank Group*".

The local business is organised through about 90 local banks. These local banks are not separate legal entities but are part of the legal entity Rabobank. To preserve local orientation and local entrepreneurship as distinguishing features of Rabobank, the Executive Board of Rabobank has granted the management team chairmen of the local banks a number of authorisations. Consequently, these chairmen are able to perform their tasks locally and to take responsibility for their designated local bank. The management team chairmen have additional responsibilities for the Department that is connected with the local bank.

The Managing Board of Rabobank is responsible for the management of Rabobank including the local banks and, indirectly, its affiliated entities. The Managing Board has the ultimate responsibility for defining and achieving the targets, strategic policy and associated risk profile, financial results and corporate social responsibility aspects. In addition, the Managing Board is in charge of Rabobank Groups' compliance with relevant laws and regulations. Rabobank, represented by the Managing Board, is the hierarchical employer of the management team chairmen of the local banks. The Managing Board members are appointed by the Supervisory Board and are accountable to the Supervisory Board and the General Members' Council of Rabobank. For further information regarding the Managing Board, see "Governance of Rabobank Group".

The directors' conference was established pursuant to the Articles of Association but is not a decision-making body. It is a preparatory, informative and advisory meeting for proposals and policies concerning the business of the local banks. The Managing Board, management team chairmen of the local banks and directors of local banks participate in this meeting.

Employee Influence within Rabobank Group

Rabobank Group attaches great value to consultations with the various employee representative bodies. Employee influence within Rabobank Group has been enabled at various levels. Issues concerning the Dutch business of Rabobank are handled by the works council (*ondernemingsraad*) of Rabobank (the "**Works Council**"). Local issues concerning the business of one, two or three local banks are handled by the local work(s) council(s). Issues concerning a subsidiary are handled by the works council of that subsidiary. Rabobank has also installed a European works council for issues concerning the businesses that operate in more than one EU member state.

Material Subsidiaries or other interests

Rabobank also conducts business through separate legal entities, not only in the Netherlands but also worldwide. At 31 December 2020 Rabobank was the (ultimate) shareholder of 376 subsidiaries and participations.

Rabobank has assumed liability for debts arising from legal transactions for 15 of its Dutch subsidiaries under Section 2:403 DCC.

F.3 MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the rest of the Base Prospectus, including the information set forth in "Selected Financial Information" and the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements and the notes thereto of Rabobank Group incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus.

Certain figures for Rabobank Group at and for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 included in the following discussion and analysis have been adjusted as a result of changes in accounting policies and presentation. The adjusted figures for the year ended 31 December 2019 have been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 and the adjusted figures for the year ended 2018 have been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019. See "Change in accounting policies and presentation" below for further information. The Audited Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union and comply with Part 9 of Book 2 of the DCC.

The financial data in the (sub) paragraphs in this chapter marked with an asterisk (*) has not been directly extracted from the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements but instead is derived from the accounting records of Rabobank and therefore this information is unaudited and unreviewed.

The following discussion and analysis do not cover any period since 1 January 2021. For information on certain developments in this period, see "Description of Business of Rabobank Group – Recent Developments" and "Risk Factors - The outbreak of communicable diseases around the world may materially and adversely affect Rabobank's business, financial condition and results of operations".

Material Factors Affecting Results of Operations

*General market conditions**

Rabobank Group's results of operations are affected by a variety of market conditions, including economic cycles, fluctuations in stock markets, interest rates and exchange rates, and increased competition. Competition for mortgages and savings in the Netherlands continues in 2021.

In 2020, 42 per cent. of Rabobank Group's operating profit before tax was derived from its Dutch operations. Accordingly, changes in the Dutch economy, the levels of Dutch consumer spending and changes in the Dutch real estate, securities and other markets may have a material effect on Rabobank Group's operations. However, because of Rabobank Group's high level of product diversification, it has not experienced major fluctuations in its levels of profitability in the past. Outside of the Netherlands, the markets Rabobank Group focuses on, i.e. principally Food and Agri, have historically been impacted by business cycles only in a limited way.

Although Rabobank Group expects that the foregoing factors will continue to affect its consolidated results of operations, it believes that the impact of any one of these factors is mitigated by its high level of product diversification. However, a protracted economic downturn in the Netherlands or Rabobank Group's other major markets could have a material negative impact on its results of operations. See "*Risk Factors – Section B: Risks related to the Issuer's business activities and industry*".

Interest rates

Changes in prevailing interest rates (including changes in the difference between the levels of prevailing short-term and long-term rates) can materially affect Rabobank Group's results. For example, a sustained low interest rate environment could adversely affect Rabobank Group's results, as due to the structure of its balance sheet, Rabobank has a significant level of non- and low-interest-bearing liabilities (its reserves, balances on payment accounts and current accounts). Generally, a sustained period of lower interest rates will reduce the yields on the assets that are financed with these liabilities. Conversely, rising interest rates should, over time, increase investment income but may, at the same time, reduce the market value of pre-existing investment portfolios. Rising rates can also lead to higher or lower interest margins depending on whether Rabobank Group's interest-earning assets reprice at a faster rate than interest-bearing liabilities or the degree to which the spreads on assets or liabilities narrow or widen. Rabobank expects that the relatively low interest rate environment that it has faced in the recent past is likely to continue in 2021, with a corresponding impact on Rabobank Group's results.

Critical accounting policies

The accounting policies that are most critical to Rabobank Group's business operations and the understanding of its results are identified below. In each case, the application of these policies requires Rabobank to make complex judgements based on information and financial data that may change in future periods, the results of which can have a significant effect on Rabobank Group's results of operations. As a result, determinations regarding these items necessarily involve the use of assumptions and judgements as to future events and are subject to change. Different assumptions or judgements could lead to materially different results. See the notes to the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus for additional discussion of the application of Rabobank Group's accounting policies.

Impairment charges on financial assets

Rabobank regularly assesses the adequacy of the impairment allowance on financial assets by performing ongoing evaluations of the relevant portfolio. Rabobank's policies and procedures to measure impairment are IFRS-9 compliant. IFRS-9 works with a Credit Deterioration Model which requires banks to define three different stages reflecting different degrees of credit risk. Rabobank considers a financial asset to be impaired when, based on current information and events, it is likely that Rabobank will not be able to collect all amounts due (principal and interest) according to the original contractual terms of the financial asset.

Based on IFRS-9, the impairment allowance on financial assets consists of three components, or stages:

- Stage 1 allowance: for facilities for which no significant credit risk deterioration has been identified since initial recognition (no objective evidence for Default/Impairment). In this case, a 12-Months ECL (Expected Credit Loss) is recorded as an allowance. This allowance reflects the portion of lifetime expected credit losses resulting from default events on a financial instrument that are possible within the 12 months period after the reporting date. Calculation of such allowance is model-based.
- Stage 2 allowance: for facilities for which a significant increase in credit risk has been identified since initial recognition, but for which there has not been any objective evidence of Default/Impairment, a Lifetime ECL is recorded as an allowance. This allowance reflects the expected loss related to credit granting over the expected residual lifetime of such facility. Calculation of such allowance is model-based.
- Stage 3 allowance: for facilities that are in Default for which an objective evidence of Default/Impairment is available), a Lifetime ECL is recorded as an allowance. Calculation of such allowance depends on the nature of the borrower as described below:
- Stage 3A allowance: for Retail (such as Private Individuals and Retail SME), the calculation of the allowance is model-based.
- Stage 3B allowance: for Other (such as Corporate, Institutions, Central Banks and Central Governments), the allowance is calculated based on the weighted average of the NPV of expected cash flows in three different scenarios.

The impairment amount thus determined is recorded in the profit and loss account as an impairment charge and for the corresponding financial asset an allowance is posted against the financial asset balance in the balance sheet.

Trading activities

Rabobank's trading portfolio is carried at fair value based on market prices or model prices if the market prices are not available. The market value of financial instruments in Rabobank Group's trading portfolio is generally based on listed market prices or broker-dealer price quotations. If prices are not readily determinable, fair value is based on valuation models. The fair value of certain financial instruments, including OTC derivative instruments, are valued using valuations models that consider, among other factors, contractual and market prices, correlations, time value, credit, yield curve volatility factors or prepayment rates of the underlying positions.

Change in accounting policies and presentation

As a result of changes in accounting policies and presentation, certain figures for Rabobank Group for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 have been adjusted. See Rabobank Group's audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019 under note 2.1, "Basis of Preparation". Where the year ended 31 December 2020 is compared with the year ended 31 December 2019, the adjusted figures for 2019 are discussed. Where the year ended 31 December 2019 is compared with the year ended 31 December 2018 the adjusted figures for 2018 are discussed.

As per the financial statement for the year ended 31 December 2020, Expenses related to payment services have been reclassified from "Other administrative expenses" to "Fee and commission expense" to align with the supervisory financial reporting. The comparative figures were reclassified for an amount of €159 million on 31 December 2019.

As per the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019 IT staff costs, training and travel expenses have been reclassified from “Other Administrative Expenses” to “Staff Costs” to better reflect the type of costs incurred. The comparative figures were reclassified for an amount of € 590 million on 31 December 2018.

Results of operations

The following table sets forth certain summarised financial information for Rabobank Group for the periods indicated:

	Year ended 31 December			
(in millions of euro)	**2020**	**2019 (adjusted)[1]**	**2019**	**2018 (adjusted)[1]**
Net interest income	8,184	8,455	8,483	8,559
Net fee and commission income	1,780	1,858	1,989	1,931
Other results	818	1,443	1,443	1,530
Income	**10,782**	**11,756**	**11,915**	**12,020**
Staff costs	4,684	4,821	4,821	4,868
Other administrative expenses	1,463	1,715	1,874	2,190
Depreciation and amortisation	395	420	420	388
Total operating expenses	**6,542**	**6,956**	**7,115**	**7,446**
Gross result	**4,240**	**4,800**	**4,800**	**4,574**
Impairment losses on goodwill and associates	283	300	300	-
Impairment charges on financial assets	1,913	975	975	190
Regulatory levies	548	484	484	478
Operating profit before tax	**1,496**	**3,041**	**3,041**	**3,906**
Income tax	400	838	838	902
Net profit	**1,096**	**2,203**	**2,203**	**3,004**

Note:

(1) Prior-year figures adjusted; see paragraph “Change in accounting policies and presentation”.

Comparison results of operations for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019 (adjusted)

Total income. Rabobank Group’s total income decreased by 8 per cent. in 2020 to €10,782 million compared to €11,756 million in 2019. The decrease was mainly due to a decrease in net interest income and other results, as further described below.

Net interest income. Net interest income decreased by 3 per cent. to €8,184 million in 2020 compared to €8,455 million in 2019. Both the divestment of our international retail activities (mainly RNA) and the low interest rate environment had a downward effect on our net interest income. Although we see volumes rising in DRB, margins, mainly on payments accounts and savings are under severe pressure. The decrease in net interest income at W&R is primarily the result of retail activities that we divested in 2019. This result was partly off-set by increasing commercial margins.

Net fee and commission income. Net fee and commission income decreased by €78 million to €1,780 million in 2020 compared to €1,858 million in 2019. At DRB, lower net fee and commission income resulted mainly from higher commission expenses for payment services and fewer payment transactions by private individuals and SME clients. At W&R, net fee and commission income decreased as COVID-19 slowed down the economy with lower market activity. DLL's net fee and commission income decreased by 15 per cent. primarily due to a drop in syndication activities caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other results. Other results decreased by €625 million to €818 million in 2020 compared to €1,443 million in 2019. The absence of positive revaluations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in lower income from our Corporate Investment division. Our other results were positively impacted by a higher result on our stake in Achmea. In 2019 our other results were boosted by the sale of Rabobank National Association (RNA) to Mechanics Bank.

Total operating expenses. Rabobank Group's total operating expenses decreased by €414 million in 2020 to €6,542 million compared to €6,956 million in 2019, primarily due to a decrease in staff costs and other administrative expenses.

Staff costs. Staff costs decreased by €137 million to €4,684 million in 2020 compared to €4,821 million in 2019. In 2020, Rabobank's total staff numbers (including external hires) decreased by 550 FTEs to 43,272 in 2020 compared to 43,822 FTEs in 2019. Staff level at DRB decreased by 609 FTEs as a consequence of centralizing services, but this decrease was offset by FTE increases for Customer Due Diligence (CDD), transaction monitoring and investing in the bank's digital infrastructure. Driven by our divestment of retail operations in Indonesia, staff numbers at W&R decreased by 234 FTEs. Additionally, lower travel and hotel expenses and lower variable pay helped control our staff costs. Staff levels at DLL increased to accommodate business growth and provide extra staff to address the needs of customers arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other administrative expenses. Other administrative expenses decreased by €252 million to €1,463 million in 2020 compared to €1,715 million in 2019. Lower expenses related to the SME derivatives recovery framework, lower restructuring expenses and VAT relief in 2020 had a downward effect on other administrative expenses in 2020. Lower expenses at W&R were also driven by the divestment of our retail activities in 2019. Higher other administrative expenses at DLL were mainly caused by higher costs related to collection and recovery. In addition, other administrative expenses were upwardly impacted by an impairment on our data centers.

Depreciation and amortisation. Depreciation and amortisation decreased by €25 million to €395 million in 2020 compared to €420 million in 2019, mainly as a result of the reduction of property in own use by DRB. This decrease was tempered by higher depreciation at W&R in the Netherlands and Australia.

Impairment losses on goodwill and associates. Impairment losses on investments in associates decreased by €17 million to €283 million in 2020 compared to €300 million in 2019. In 2020, operating profit before tax was pressured by an impairment of Rabobank's equity stake in Achmea (€213 million) and an impairment on goodwill (€70 million) at DLL. During 2020, the COVID-19 outbreak severely affected macroeconomic and market conditions worldwide, further exacerbating the low interest rate environment which has adverse implications for the European insurance sector, including Achmea. As a result, insurers are significantly challenged by asset allocations, profitability, solvency and business model adaptation. This development triggered the assessment of the value of the investment in Achmea including an update of the underlying model assumptions, which resulted in a downward adjustment of the carrying value of the equity investment in Achmea. Following the deterioration of market circumstances and the economic outlook, DLL impaired €70 million of goodwill for one of its subsidiaries. After this impairment, no goodwill related to leasing subsidiaries remains on the balance sheet.

Impairment charges on financial assets. Impairment charges on financial assets were up €938 million to €1,913 million in 2020 compared to €975 million in 2019. This increase can be largely attributed to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak and the subsequent lockdown measures taken by governments to contain the spread of the coronavirus. A large part of this increase relates to Stage 1 and Stage 2 impairment charges: a total of €893 million in 2020 compared to €239 million in 2019. On an annual basis impairment charges on financial assets amounted to 46 basis points in 2020 compared to 23 basis points in 2019, which is above the long-term average (period 2010-2019) of 29 basis points. The timely and collective action of governments and regulatory bodies was instrumental in mitigating and delaying the immediate effect of COVID-19 on our clients. When the macroeconomic outlook became more positive in the second half of the year, a potential release in the model-based allowances emerged. The translation of the dire economic circumstances into more defaults scarcely occurred in large parts of the portfolio due to the before-mentioned collective actions. Rabobank however

anticipates higher (delayed) defaults in 2021 and decided to introduce significant Top Level Adjustments to compensate for the lower outcomes of the model-based allowance calculations.

Regulatory levies. Regulatory levies led to an expense item for Rabobank Group of €548 million in 2020, compared to €484 million in 2019. The increase is largely caused by a higher contribution to the deposit guarantee system as the level of deposits in 2020 was higher than in 2019.

Income tax. The recognised tax expense was €400 million in 2020 compared to €838 million in 2019, which corresponds to an effective tax rate of 27 per cent. in 2020 compared to 28 per cent. in 2019.

Net profit. Net profit decreased by 50 per cent. to €1,096 million in 2020 compared to €2,203 million in 2019. Lower income and higher impairments on financial assets had a negative impact on net profit compared to 2019.

Comparison results of operations for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 (adjusted)

Total income. Rabobank Group's total income decreased by €105 million in 2019 to €11,915 million compared to €12,020 million in 2018. The decrease was mainly due to a decrease in net interest income and other results, as further described below.

Net interest income. Net interest income decreased by €76 million to €8,483 million in 2019 compared to €8,559 million in 2018. This 1 per cent. decrease was the result of the persistent low interest rate environment, which has specifically impacted margins on savings and current accounts, partly mitigated by sound and stable margins on new lending.

Net fee and commission income. Net fee and commission income increased by €58 million to €1,989 million in 2019 compared to €1,931 million in 2018. At local Rabobanks, net fee and commission income on payment accounts and insurances increased. At W&R, net fee and commission income decreased slightly due to lower activity within Capital Markets and the M&A division. Net fee and commission income at DLL increased by 17 per cent. mainly as a result of higher fees earned on syndicated financial leases in the United States.

Other results. Other results decreased by €87 million to €1,443 million in 2019 compared to €1,530 million in 2018. On balance, the gross loss on fair value items was higher than last year: a loss of €162 million in 2019 compared to a loss of €115 million in 2018. The sale of Rabobank, National Association (RNA) boosted other results at W&R. The Markets and Rabo Corporate Investment divisions could not match 2018's strong performance as market conditions were less favourable. Other results in the Property Development segment decreased by 46 per cent as the results in 2018 included the proceeds from the sale of the final part of FGH Bank's noncore CRE loan portfolio. Also, BPD figures no longer include the results of BPD Marignan after the sale of this subsidiary in 2018. At DLL other results went down by 7 per cent due to the release of a provision for DLL's foreign activities in 2018.

Total operating expenses. Rabobank Group's total operating expenses decreased €331 million in 2019 to €7,115 million compared to €7,446 million in 2018, primarily due to a decrease in staff costs and other administrative expenses.

Staff costs. Staff costs decreased €47 million to €4,821 million in 2019 compared to €4,868 million in 2018. In 2019, Rabobank's total staff levels (including external hires) increased by 575 FTEs to 43,822 FTEs compared to 43,247 FTEs in 2018. A substantial part of the increase in staff levels at DRB can be attributed to hiring additional capacity for CDD and digitalization. This increase was partly offset by a decrease in staff as a result of the implementation of a new operating model in the Netherlands (Bankieren 3.0). Staff levels at W&R decreased by 958 FTEs as a result of the sale of RNA. This decrease was partly offset by staff increases to support business growth within Rural and for digitalization and compliance related activities. At DLL, staff levels increased as expected in line with business growth. Despite the overall FTE increase in 2019, average staff levels dropped by 1 per cent.

Other administrative expenses. Other administrative expenses decreased by €316 million to €1,874 million in 2019 compared to €2,190 million in 2018. At DRB, Leasing and Property Development, administrative expenses were lower than in 2018. The decrease at Property Development is largely as a result of the phasing out of activities. Higher compliance costs had an upward effect on other administrative expenses.

Depreciation and amortisation. Depreciation and amortisation increased by €32 million to €420 million in 2019 compared to €388 million in 2018 as a result of IFRS 16 and higher depreciation on premises and real estate, equipment and outfitting in North America, Asia and Europe.

Impairment losses on investments in associates. Impairment losses on investments in associates increased by €300 million to €300 million in 2019 compared to €0 million in 2018. In 2019, non-cash impairment of Rabobank's stake in Achmea of €300 million negatively impacted Rabobank's operating profit before tax. The impairment is a consequence of the sustained low interest rate setting that continues to negatively affect companies in the European insurance sector, including Achmea. The financial environment has had and is expected to continue to have in the future, an adverse effect on Achmea's business and its results. This development triggered a re-assessment of Rabobank's value of the investment in Achmea. The test to establish whether a potential impairment had occurred resulted in downward adjustments of the book value of the investment in Achmea in the amount of €300 million.

Impairment charges on financial assets. Impairment charges on financial assets were up €785 million to €975 million in 2019 compared to €190 million in 2018. After a period of exceptionally low impairment charges, impairment charges returned to more normalized levels. This represents an increase of €785 million compared to 2018. Impairment charges on financial assets amounted to 23 basis points in 2019 compared to 5 basis points in 2018, which is still below the long-term average (period 2009-2018) of 32 basis points. Due to less optimistic macroeconomic scenarios used for IFRS, impairment charges in stage 1 and 2 were €239 million in 2019 compared to minus €72 million in 2018.

Regulatory levies. Regulatory levies led to an expense item for Rabobank Group of €484 million in 2019, compared to €478 million in 2018.

Income tax. The recognised tax expense was €838 million in 2019 compared to €902 million in 2018, which corresponds to an effective tax rate of 28 per cent. in 2019 compared to 23 per cent. in 2018. The increase in tax rate was partly due to the fact that a large part of additional tier 1 capital instruments are not tax deductible anymore as from 1 January 2019.

Net profit. Net profit decreased by 27 per cent. to €2,203 million in 2019 compared to €3,004 million in 2018. Lower income and higher impairments on financial assets had a negative impact on net profit compared to 2018. Also, the impairment on Rabobank's equity stake in Achmea had a downward effect on net profit.

Segment Discussion

Domestic Retail Banking

The following table sets forth certain summarised financial information for Rabobank Group's DRB business for the periods indicated:

(in millions of euros)	**2020**	**2019 (adjusted)[1]**	**2019**	**2018 (adjusted)[1]**
Net interest income	4,615	5,258	5,258	5,575
Net fee and commission income	1,314	1,340	1,490	1,434
Other results	30	67	67	56
Total income	**5,959**	**6,665**	**6,815**	**7,065**
Staff costs	2,633	2,738	2,738	2,765
Other administrative expenses	1,014	1,027	1,177	1,382
Depreciation and amortisation	82	95	95	84
Total operating expenses	**3,729**	**3,860**	**4,010**	**4,231**
Gross result	**2,230**	**2,805**	**2,805**	**2,834**
Impairment charges on financial assets	619	152	152	(150)
Regulatory levies	312	270	270	237
Operating profit before tax	**1,299**	**2,383**	**2,383**	**2,747**
Income tax	328	607	607	712
Net profit	**971**	**1,776**	**1,776**	**2,035**

Note:

(2) Prior-year figures adjusted; see paragraph “Change in accounting policies and presentation”.

Comparison results of Domestic Retail Banking for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019 (adjusted)

Total income. Domestic Retail Banking total income decreased by 11 per cent. to €5,959 million in 2020, compared to €6,665 million in 2019 mainly due to a decrease in net interest income.

Net interest income. Net interest income decreased by 12 per cent. to €4,615 million in 2020, compared to €5,258 million in 2019. Net interest income was mainly pressured by continued shrinking margins on savings and current accounts as a result of the low interest rate environment.

Net fee and commission income. Net fee and commission income decreased by 2 per cent. to €1,314 million in 2020, compared to €1,340 million in 2019, due to lower income on payment services.

Other results. Other results decreased by €37 million to €30 million in 2020, compared to €67 million in 2019. The decrease in other results is primarily because other results in 2019 were positively impacted by the sale of a share of Rabobank’s mortgage loan portfolio.

Total operating expenses. Total operating expenses for Domestic Retail Banking decreased 3 per cent. to €3,729 million in 2020, compared to €3,860 million in 2019, mainly as a result of a decrease in staff costs.

Staff costs. Staff costs decreased by €105 million to €2,633 million in 2020, compared to €2,738 million in 2019. Staff costs were reduced because the average size of the workforce was smaller than in 2019 due to the centralisation of services and digitisation. Nonetheless, this decrease was partly offset by additional staffing for CDD and transaction monitoring.

Other administrative expenses. Other administrative expenses decreased by €13 million to €1,014 million in 2020, compared to €1,027 million in 2019. Other administrative expenses were positively impacted by a VAT relief in 2020. Furthermore, expenses related to the interest rate derivatives framework were lower than in the same period last year as were the restructuring costs. The revaluation of property for own use had an upward effect on expenses of €42 million in 2020, whereas in 2019, it had a downward effect on other administrative expenses of €60 million. In addition, other administrative expenses were negatively impacted by an additional impairment on our data centers.

Depreciation and amortisation. Depreciation and amortisation decreased by €13 million to €82 million in 2020, compared to €95 million in 2019, partly because of the reduced number of properties.

Impairment charges on financial assets. Impairment charges on financial assets increased by €467 million to €619 million in 2020, compared to €152 million in 2019. This translates into 23 basis points of the average loan portfolio based on month-end balances in 2020, compared to 6 basis points in 2019, above the long-term average of 18 basis points. The impairment charges on financial assets increased in 2020 as the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in less favourable economic conditions in the Netherlands.

Regulatory levies. Regulatory levies increased by €42 million to €312 million in 2020, compared to €270 million in 2019. The regulatory levies consist of bank tax, contributions to the Single Resolution Fund and the Deposit Guarantee Scheme.

Income tax. Income tax decreased in 2020 by €279 million to €328 million, compared to €607 million in 2019 as a result of the lower operating profit before tax in 2020.

Net profit. Net profit decreased by 45 per cent. to €971 million in 2020, compared to €1,776 million in 2019. The net result was negatively influenced by lower income as a result of the low interest rate environment and higher impairment charges on financial assets as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Comparison results of Domestic Retail Banking for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 (adjusted)

Total income. Domestic Retail Banking total income decreased by 4 per cent. to €6,815 million in 2019, compared to €7,065 million in 2018 mainly due to a decrease in net interest income.

Net interest income. Net interest income decreased by €317 million to €5,258 million in 2019, compared to €5,575 million in 2018. Despite slightly increased margins on mortgages, net interest income was pressured by shrinking margins on savings and current accounts as a result of the low interest rate environment.

Net fee and commission income. Net fee and commission income increased by 4 per cent. to €1,490 million in 2019, compared to €1,434 million in 2018, due to increased fees on payment accounts and on insurances.

Other results. Other results increased by €11 million to €67 million in 2019, compared to €56 million in 2018. The increase in other results can be partly explained by the higher commercial agio received on whole loan sales.

Total operating expenses. Total operating expenses for Domestic Retail Banking decreased 5 per cent. to €4,010 million in 2019, compared to €4,231 million in 2018, as a result of a decrease in staff costs and other administrative expenses.

Staff costs. Staff costs decreased by €27 million to €2,738 million in 2019, compared to €2,765 million in 2018. Staff costs fell as the digitalization and centralization of services reduced the average size of the workforce. The implementation of a new operating model in the Netherlands (known as 'Bankieren 3.0') had a downward effect on the number of employees in the segment, while the regulatory agenda required extra staff in 2019.

Other administrative expenses. Other administrative expenses decreased by €205 million to €1,177 million in 2019, compared to €1,382 million in 2018. The revaluation of property for own use lowered expenses by €60 million. In 2018 this item had an upward effect on other administrative expenses of €61 million. Project expenses related to the derivatives project were €33 million lower than last year and restructuring costs were lower and amounted to €57 million compared to €69 million in 2018.

Depreciation and amortisation. Depreciation and amortisation increased by €11 million to €95 million in 2019, compared to €84 million in 2018, partly caused by the implementation of IFRS 16.

Impairment charges on financial assets. Impairment charges on financial assets increased by €302 million to reach €152 million in 2019, compared to minus €150 million in 2018. This translates into 6 basis points of the average loan portfolio based on month-end balances in 2019, compared to minus 5 basis point in 2018, below the long-term average of 20 basis points. The impairment charges on financial assets increased in 2019 but are still on a low-level benefitting from the favourable economic conditions in the Netherlands and are expected to continue the upward trend toward the longer-term average.

Regulatory levies. Regulatory levies increased €33 million to €270 million in 2019, compared to €237 million in 2018. The regulatory levies consist of bank tax, contributions to the Single Resolution Fund and the Deposit Guarantee Scheme.

Income tax. Income tax decreased in 2019 by €105 million to €607 million, compared to €712 million in 2018 as a result of the lower operating profit before tax in 2019.

Net profit. Net profit decreased by €259 million to €1,776 million in 2019, compared to €2,035 million in 2018. The net result was negatively influenced by lower income and higher impairment charges on financial assets.

Wholesale & Rural

The following table sets forth certain summarised financial information for Rabobank Group's W&R business for the periods indicated:

(in millions of euros)	**2020**	**2019 (adjusted)[1]**	**2019**	**2018 (adjusted)[1]**
Net interest income	2,197	2,431	2,458	2,388
Net fee and commission income	361	458	438	461
Other results	164	766	766	486
Total income	**2,722**	**3,655**	**3,662**	**3,335**
Staff costs	1,243	1,402	1,396	1,292
Other administrative expenses	224	481	495	491
Depreciation and amortisation	90	83	83	40
Total operating expenses	**1,557**	**1,966**	**1,974**	**1,823**
Gross result	**1,165**	**1,689**	**1,688**	**1,512**
Impairment charges on financial assets	883	611	611	300
Regulatory levies	149	140	140	169

(in millions of euros)	2020	2019 (adjusted)[1]	2019	2018 (adjusted)[1]
Operating profit before tax	**133**	**938**	**937**	**1,043**
Income tax	117	260	260	333
Net profit	**16**	**678**	**677**	**710**

Note:

(3) Prior-year figures adjusted; see paragraph "Change in accounting policies and presentation".

Comparison results of W&R for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019 (adjusted)

Total income. W&R total income decreased by €933 million to €2,722 million in 2020 compared to €3,655 million in 2019. This decrease was attributable to a decrease of all income items.

Net interest income. Net interest income decreased by 10 per cent. to €2,197 million in 2020, compared to €2,431 million in 2019. This decrease was mainly driven by our divestments of retail operations. This decrease was tempered by higher commercial margins. Adjusted for the sale of RNA, net interest income was up by 4%. Both the W&R divisions generated higher net interest income. In Wholesale, the net interest income increase was mainly evident in Asset Based Finance. Net interest income decreased at our deposit franchise RaboDirect.

Net fee and commission income. Net fee and commission income decreased by 21 per cent. to €361 million in 2020, compared to €458 million in 2019 due to lower fees because of COVID-19 which impacted our Capital Markets, Commodity Finance and Corporate Finance business.

Other results. Other results decreased by €602 million to €164 million in 2020, compared to €766 million in 2019 chiefly because of the book gain on the divestment of our retail operations in 2019, the absence of positive revaluations at our Corporate Investment division and lower income at our Markets division.

Total operating expenses. Total operating expenses decreased by 21 per cent. to €1,557 million in 2020, compared to €1,966 million in 2019. This decrease was attributable to lower staff costs and lower other administrative expenses.

Staff costs. Staff costs decreased by €159 million to €1,243 million in 2020, compared to €1,402 million in 2019. Staff numbers at W&R showed a 2% decrease. These lower staff numbers can be largely explained by the divestment of our retail activities in Indonesia. The reduction in staff was partly offset by growth initiatives within Rural and additional staff related to structural investments in infrastructure and compliance. Lower hotel and travel expenses as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic also contributed to the decrease in staff costs as did lower variable income.

Other administrative expenses. Other administrative expenses decreased by €257 million to €224 million in 2020, compared to €481 million in 2019. Other administrative expenses were positively impacted by a VAT relief. An additional impairment on our data centers had an upward effect on other administrative expenses.

Depreciation and amortisation. Depreciation and amortisation was up €7 million to €90 million in 2020, compared to €83 million in 2019 due to higher depreciation in the Netherlands and Australia.

Impairment charges on financial assets. Impairment charges on financial assets at W&R increased by €272 million to €883 million in 2020, compared to €611 million in 2019. After a period characterized by low impairments, they have been rising since the first half of 2018. The outbreak of COVID-19 accelerated this increase. Significant increases occurred in the Stage 1 and Stage 2 impairments, whereas higher Stage 3 impairments were partly related to our Trade & Commodity Finance division. Total impairment charges on financial assets amounted to 81 basis points of the average private sector loan portfolio in 2020 compared to 55 basis point in 2019. This is above the long-term average of 47 basis points.

Regulatory levies. The regulatory levies led to an expense item of €149 million in 2020, compared to €140 million in 2019.

Income tax. Income tax decreased in 2020 by €143 million to €117 million, compared to €260 million in 2019.

Net profit. Net profit decreased by €662 million to €16 million in 2020, compared to €678 million in 2019. Lower income and higher impairment charges on financial assets as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic had a downward effect on net profit in 2020.

Comparison results of W&RI for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 (adjusted)

Total income. W&R total income increased by €327 million to €3,662 million in 2019 compared to €3,335 million in 2018. This increase was attributable to an increase in other results and net interest income.

Net interest income. Net interest income increased by 3 per cent. to €2,458 million in 2019, compared to €2,388 million in 2018 This increase was driven by higher lending volumes. The strongest increase in net interest income was in Rabobank's corporate and rural lending while the increase was tempered by a negative margin development in Brazil.

Net fee and commission income. Net fee and commission income decreased by 5 per cent. to €438 million in 2019, compared to €461 million in 2018 due to lower activity levels in corporate finance, which is in line with market circumstances.

Other results. Other results increased by €280 million to €766 million in 2019, compared to €486 million in 2018 mainly due to the sale of RNA. The increase in other results was tempered by the results of Rabobank's Markets division which was confronted with less favourable market conditions, and lower revaluations at Rabobank's Corporate Investment division. Furthermore, the positive revaluation of ACC Loan Management's loan portfolio positively impacted other results in 2018.

Total operating expenses. Total operating expenses increased by 8 per cent. to €1,974 million in 2019, compared to €1,823 million in 2018. This increase was attributable to higher staff costs and higher depreciation and amortisation.

Staff costs. Staff costs increased by €104 million to €1,396 million in 2019, compared to €1,292 million in 2018. Staffing levels at W&R showed a 9 per cent decrease in 2019. The decrease as a result of the sale of RNA was partly offset by growth initiatives within Rural and additional staff related to digitalization and compliance.

Other administrative expenses. Other administrative expenses increased by 1 per cent. to €495 million in 2019, compared to €491 million in 2018.

Depreciation and amortisation. Depreciation and amortisation was up €43 million to €83 million in 2019, compared to €40 million in 2018 due to higher depreciation on premises and real estate, equipment and outfitting in North America, Asia and Europe.

Impairment charges on financial assets. Impairment charges on financial assets W&R increased by €311 million to €611 million in 2019, compared to €300 million in 2018. Significant impairments were seen in the Netherlands and Europe related to some non-related large individual cases and high impairments in Brazil (mainly sugar and ethanol) and the United States (mainly farm nutrition). The impairments have been rising since the first half of 2018. Total impairment charges on financial assets increased to 55 basis points of the average private sector loan portfolio compared to 29 basis point in 2018, above the long-term average of 52 basis points.

Regulatory levies. The regulatory levies led to an expense item of €140 million in 2019, compared to €169 million in 2018.

Income tax. Income tax decreased in 2019 by €73 million to €260 million, compared to €333 million in 2018.

Net profit. Net profit decreased by €33 million to €677 million in 2019, compared to €710 million in 2018. The higher impairment charges on financial assets lowered net profit in 2019.

Leasing

The following table sets forth certain summarised financial information for Rabobank Group's leasing business for the periods indicated:

(in millions of euros)	**2020**	**2019**	**2018 (adjusted)[1]**
Net interest income	1,100	1052	986
Net fee and commission income	106	124	106
Other results	292	255	274
Total income	**1,498**	**1,431**	**1,366**
Staff costs	537	536	517
Other administrative expenses	200	174	194
Depreciation and amortisation	27	28	27
Total operating expenses	**764**	**738**	**738**
Gross result	**734**	**693**	**628**
Impairment losses on goodwill	70	0	0
Impairment charges on financial assets	410	214	105
Regulatory levies	29	26	25
Operating profit before tax	**225**	**453**	**498**
Income tax	61	131	99)
Net profit	**164**	**322**	**399**

Note:

(4) Prior-year figures adjusted; see paragraph “Change in accounting policies and presentation”.

Comparison results of Leasing for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019

Total income. Total income of Leasing increased by 5 per cent. to €1,498 million in 2020, compared to €1,431 million in 2019. The increase was mainly due to an increase in net interest income and other results.

Net interest income. Net interest increased by 5 per cent. to €1,100 million in 2020, compared to €1,052 million in 2019. The increase was mostly because margins improved as lease pricing was adjusted upward to reflect increased market risks related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Net fee and commission income. Net fee and commission income decreased by €18 million to €106 million in 2020, compared to €124 million in 2019. This is mainly the result of a drop in syndication activities caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other results. Other results mainly consist of income from operating leases and results from sales on end-of-lease assets. Other results increased by €37 million to €292 million in 2020 compared to €255 million in 2019. The increase was partly the result of currency fluctuations.

Total operating expenses. Total operating expenses at DLL increased by €26 million to €764 million in 2020, compared to €738 million in 2019. Other administrative expenses were higher, while staff costs were stable, and depreciation and amortisation was lower.

Staff costs. Staff costs were stable at €537 million in 2020, compared to €536 million in 2019 despite an increase in the number of employees to address customers' needs arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff numbers in the Leasing segment increased by 206 FTEs to 5,509 FTEs in 2020. Lower costs for travel, housing and variable pay had a downward effect on staff costs.

Other administrative expenses. Other administrative expenses increased €26 million to €200 million in 2020, compared to €174 million in 2019. This increase was driven by additional expenses related to collection and recovery of leased assets.

Depreciation and amortisation. Depreciation and amortisation decreased by €1 million to €27 million in 2020, compared to €28 million in 2019.

Impairment losses on goodwill. Impairment losses on goodwill increased by €70 million to €70 million in 2020, compared to €0 million in 2019. Following a deterioration of the market circumstances and economic outlook, DLL impaired €70 million of goodwill for one of its subsidiaries. After this impairment, no goodwill related to leasing subsidiaries remains on the balance sheet.

Impairment charges on financial assets. DLL's impairment charges on financial assets increased by €196 million to €410 million in 2020, compared to €214 million in 2019. Expressed in basis points of the average loan portfolio based on month-end balances, the impairment charges amounted to 127 basis points in 2020, compared to 67 basis points in 2019 and above the long-term average of 49 basis points. The measures taken by governments worldwide to control the COVID-19 pandemic also affected DLL's vendors and customers. DLL has been supporting customers by granting payment relief when needed. Nonetheless, impairments still increased. Stage 1 and Stage 2 impairments have driven up total impairments and are linked to the macro-economic outlook in some of DLL's key markets. Stage 1 and Stage 2 impairments amounted to €190 million compared to €43 million in 2019.

Regulatory levies. Regulatory levies led to an expense of €29 million in 2020, compared to €26 million in 2019.

Income tax. Income tax decreased by €70 million to €61 million in 2020 compared to €131 million in 2018. The lower income taxes are driven by the lower operation profit before tax.

Net profit. Net profit decreased by 49 per cent. to €164 million in 2020, compared to €322 million in 2019 mainly driven by higher impairment charges on financial assets.

Comparison results of Leasing for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 (adjusted)

Total income. Total income of Leasing increased by 5 per cent. to €1,431 million in 2019, compared to €1,366 million in 2018. The increase was mainly due to an increase in net interest income and net fee and commission income.

Net interest income. Net interest increased by 7 per cent. to €1,052 million in 2019, compared to €986 million in 2018 as result of portfolio growth. In 2018 net interest income was negatively affected by several residual value impairments on Food & Agri assets.

Net fee and commission income. Net fee and commission income increased by €18 million to €124 million in 2019, compared to €106 million in 2018. This is mainly the result of higher fees earned on syndicated leases in the United States.

Other results. Other results mainly consist of income from operating leases and results from sales on end-of-lease assets. Other results decreased by €19 million to €255 million in 2019 compared to €274 million in 2018. The decrease was entirely due to the release of a provision for foreign activities of DLL in 2018 and partly compensated by lower asset impairments in 2019.

Total operating expenses. Total operating expenses at DLL remained stable at €738 million in 2019, compared to €738 million in 2018. Other administrative expenses were higher, while staff costs and depreciation and amortisation were lower.

Staff costs. Staff costs increased by €19 million to €536 million in 2019, compared to €517 million in 2018 caused by the higher number of employees. Staff levels in the Leasing segment increased by 157 FTEs to 5,303 FTEs in 2019 as a result of business growth.

Other administrative expenses. Other administrative expenses decreased €20 million to €174 million in 2019, compared to €194 million in 2018 as restructuring costs were lower in 2019.

Depreciation and amortisation. Depreciation and amortisation increased by €1 million to €28 million in 2019, compared to €27 million in 2018.

Impairment charges on financial assets. DLL's impairment charges on financial assets by €109 million to €214 million in 2019, compared to €105 million in 2018. Expressed in basis points of the average loan portfolio based on month-end balances, the impairment charges amounted to 67 basis points in 2019, compared to 34 basis points in 2018 above the long-term average of 56 basis points. As DLL's lease portfolio is spread over more than 30 countries and 9 industries, the associated credit risk is geographically diverse and spread

across all industry sectors. In 2019, there were no new significant individual default cases in DLL's predominantly small ticket portfolio. The IFRS 9 stage 1 and 2 impairments were an important driver of the higher risk costs.

Regulatory levies. Regulatory levies led to an expense of €26 million in 2019, compared to €25 million in 2018.

Income tax. Income tax increased in 2019 by €32 million to €131 million, compared to €99 million in 2018. The higher income taxes are for a large part due to a one-off tax liability following a change in the fiscal structure of a DLL subsidiary.

Net profit. Net profit decreased 19 per cent. to €322 million in 2019, compared to €399 million in 2018 due to higher impairment charges on financial assets and an increase in income tax.

Property Development

The following table sets forth certain summarised financial information for Rabobank Group's Property Development business for the periods indicated:

(in millions of euros)	**2020**	**2019**	**2018 (adjusted)[1]**
Net interest income	(16)	(10)	(7)
Net fee and commission income	1	8	10
Other results	309	308	571
Total income	**294**	**306**	**574**
Staff costs	91	84	137
Other administrative expenses	32	40	66
Depreciation and amortisation	9	7	5
Total operating expenses	**132**	**131**	**208**
Gross result	**162**	**175**	**366**
Impairment charges on financial assets	1	2	(15)
Regulatory levies	1	2	2
Operating profit before tax	**160**	**171**	**379**
Income tax	45	40	70
Net profit	**115**	**131**	**309**

Note:

(5) Prior-year figures adjusted; see paragraph "Change in accounting policies and presentation".

Comparison results of Property Development for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019

Total income. Total income in Rabobank Group's Property Development business decreased by 4 per cent to €294 million in 2020, compared to €306 million in 2019. This decrease was the result of a decrease in net fee and commission income.

Net interest income. Net interest income decreased by €6 million to minus €16 million in 2020 compared minus €10 million in 2019. Net interest income of Property Development is negative, as BPD has to pay interest on the funding raised to finance its activities.

Net fee and commission income. Net fee and commission income decreased by €7 million to €1 million in 2020 compared to €8 million in 2019 as the activities of Bouwfonds Investment Management were phased out.

Other results. Other results at the Property Development segment increased by €1 million to €309 million in 2020, compared to €308 million in 2019. Driven by an increase in the number of houses sold, BPD's income in 2020 was higher than in 2019.

Operating expenses. Total operating expenses increased by €1 million to €132 million in 2020, compared to €131 million in 2019. This increase is mainly caused by an increase in staff costs.

Staff costs. Staff costs increased by €7 million to €91 million in 2020, compared to €84 million in 2019. Higher staff numbers, which increased by 7% to 748 FTEs on December 31, 2020, resulted in the increase in staff costs.

Other administrative expenses. Other administrative expenses decreased by €8 million to €32 million in 2020, compared to €40 million in 2019 due to the sale and phasing out of related activities.

Depreciation and amortisation. Depreciation and amortisation increased by €2 million to €9 million in 2020, compared to €7 million in 2019.

Impairment charges on financial assets. Impairment charges on financial assets decreased to €1 million in 2020, compared to €2 million in 2019.

Regulatory levies. Regulatory levies led to an expense item of €1 million in 2020, compared to €2 million in 2019.

Income tax. Income tax increased by €5 million to €45 million in 2020, compared to €40 million in 2019.

Net profit. Net profit decreased by €16 million to €115 million in 2020, compared to €131 million in 2019, primarily due to phasing out of activities. Net profit at BPD increased by €4 million.

Comparison results of Property Development for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 (adjusted)

Total income. Total income in Rabobank Group's Property Development business decreased by 47 per cent to €306 million in 2019, compared to €574 million in 2018. This decrease was the result of decreases in net fee and commission income and other results.

Net interest income. Net interest income decreased by €3 million to minus €10 million in 2019 compared minus €7 million in 2018. Net interest income decreased mainly as a result of the sale of the remaining part of the loan portfolio of FGH Bank in 2018. Net interest income of Property Development is negative, as BPD has to pay interest on the funding raised to finance its activities.

Net fee and commission income. Net fee and commission income decreased by €2 million to €8 million in 2018 compared to €10 million in 2018 as the activities of Bouwfonds Investment Management were phased out.

Other results. Other results at the Property Development segment decreased by €263 million to €308 million in 2019, compared to €571 million in 2018. The decrease in other results is partly caused by BPD's pressured result following a delay in sales in 2019 and the nitrogen discussion in the Netherlands. Other results were also impacted by the deconsolidation of BPD's French subsidiary at the end of 2018, following the sale of BPD Marignan in November 2018. Furthermore, the 2018 figures were also positively impacted by a book gain on the sale of FGH Bank's loan portfolio.

Operating expenses. Total operating expenses decreased €77 million to €131 million in 2019, compared to €208 million in 2018. This decrease is caused by a decrease in staff costs and other administrative expenses.

Staff costs. Staff costs decreased by €53 million to €84 million in 2019, compared to €137 million in 2018. This decrease is the result of the sale of BPD Marignan and the remaining part of the loan portfolio of FGH Bank, as well as the phasing out of BIM. Staff levels increased by 8 percent in 2019 to 701 FTEs.

Other administrative expenses. Other administrative expenses decreased by €26 million to €40 million in 2019, compared to €66 million in 2018 due to the sale and phasing out of related activities.

Depreciation and amortisation. Depreciation and amortisation increased by €2 million to €7 million in 2019, compared to €5 million in 2018.

Impairment charges on financial assets. Impairment charges on financial assets increased to €2 million in 2019, compared to minus €15 million in 2018.

Regulatory levies. Regulatory levies led to an expense item of €2 million in 2019, compared to €2 million in 2018.

Income tax. Income tax decreased by €30 million to €40 million in 2019, compared to €70 million in 2018.

Net profit. Net profit decreased by €178 million to €131 million in 2019, compared to €309 million in 2018, primarily due to lower income caused by the sale of BPD Marignan and phasing out of related activities.

Loan Portfolio

Our private sector lending decreased by €8.5 billion to €409.4 billion on 31 December 2020. Excluding currency fluctuations, the private sector loan portfolio decreased by approximately €1.3 billion. The mortgage portfolio stabilised at DRB, where strong new production balanced out with the high level of early repayments. DRB's total private sector loan portfolio amounts to €271.3 billion compared to €271.2 billion in 2019. Mainly driven by FX effects, W&R's loan portfolio decreased by €6.5 billion and DLL's portfolio ended up €1.3 billion below the 2019 level. Excluding FX effects, the DLL portfolio showed a slight increase. The combined commercial real estate loan exposure across all segments amounted to €19.6 billion in 2020 compared to €19.8 billion in 2019.

Loans and advances to customers decreased by €4.4 billion, to €436.2 billion at 31 December 2020 from €440.6 billion at 31 December 2019. The private sector loan portfolio decreased by €8.5 billion to €409.4 billion at 31 December 2020 from €417.9 billion at 31 December 2019. Loans to private individuals, primarily for mortgage finance, were up €1.0 billion to €192.2 billion at 31 December 2020. Residential mortgage loans are granted by local Rabobanks and by Obvion. These loans are secured on underlying properties and have maturities up to 30 years. Loans to the trade, industry and services sector decreased by €3.3 billion to €111.7 billion at 31 December 2020. Lending to the food and agri sector decreased by €6.3 billion to €105.4 billion at 31 December 2020.

The following table shows a breakdown of Rabobank Group's total lending outstanding to the private sector at 31 December 2020, 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018, by category of borrower:

	As at 31 December								
(in billions of euro and as percentage of total private sector lending)	2020			2019			2018		
Private individuals	192.2	47	%	191.2	46	%	194.9	47	%
Trade, industry and services.....	111.7	27	%	115.0	28	%	118.0	28	%
Food and agri.....	105.4	26	%	111.7	27	%	103.1	25	%
Total private sector lending	409.4	100	%	417.9	100	%	416.0	100	%

The maturities of loans granted by Rabobank Group vary from overdraft facilities to 30-year term loans.

The following table provides a breakdown of the remaining maturity of Rabobank Group's total loans and advances to customers (public and private sector) and professional securities transactions at 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019. These amounts are non-restated for the netting of cash pooling arrangements and correspond to the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020:

	As at 31 December					
(in millions of euro and as percentage of total loans and advances to customers)	2020			2019		
Less than 1 year.....	86,754	20	%	88,306	20	%

	As at 31 December			
(in millions of euro and as percentage of total loans and advances to customers)	2020		2019	
More than 1 year	349,428	80 %	352,301	80 %
Total loans and advances to customers	436,182	100 %	440,607	100 %

Funding*

Total deposits from customers increased to €361.0 billion in 2020, compared to €338.5 billion in 2019. Our loan-to-deposit ratio (LtD ratio) landed at the historically low position of 1.12 compared to 1.22 in 2019. Deposits from DRB customers increased to €279.4 billion compared to €253.1 billion in 2019 billion partly as a result of lower spending due to the COVID-19 pandemic combined with unused holiday allowances. Retail savings at DRB increased by €11.1 billion to €134.8 billion. Deposits from customers in other segments decreased to €81.7 billion compared to €85.5 billion in 2019 mainly because of lower volumes at W&R and Treasury.

The following table shows Rabobank Group's sources of funding by source at 31 December 2020, 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018:

	As at 31 December		
(in millions of euro)	2020	2019 (adjusted)	2018
Current accounts	107,706	89,010	85,511
Deposits with agreed maturity	56,411	59,627	71,203
Deposits redeemable at notice	190,699	180,159	175,932
Repurchase agreements	550	32	13
Other due to customers	92	186	1
Debt securities in issue	113,521	130,403	130,806
Financial liabilities designated at fair value	5,175	6,328	6,614
Total	**474,154**	**465,745**	**470,080**

Rabobank Group also receives funds from the inter-bank and institutional markets. Rabobank Group's total deposits from credit institutions were €61.2 billion at 31 December 2020, a 142 per cent. increase from €25.2 billion at 31 December 2019.

Other Financial Assets

Other financial assets comprise debt securities and other assets. Other financial assets are subdivided into the following categories:

- Financial assets held for trading;
- Other financial assets at fair value through profit or loss; and
- Available-for-sale financial assets.

The tables below show Rabobank Group's financial assets as at the dates indicated.

	Other financial assets as at 31 December 2020			
(in millions of euro)	Financial assets held for trading	Financial assets designated at fair value	Financial assets mandatorily at fair value	Total
Purchased loans	548	1	1,165	1,713
Short-term government securities	0	0	0	0
Government bonds	1,093	0	0	1,093
Other debt securities	715	0	43	758
Total debt securities	2,356	1	1,208	3,564
Venture capital	0	0	0	0
Other equity instruments	180	0	867	1,047
Total other assets	180	0	867	1,047
Total	2,536	1	2,075	4,611
Category 1[(1)]	1,950	0	0	1,950
Category 2[(2)]	86	0	704	790
Category 3[(3)]	500	1	1,371	1,872

	Other financial assets as at 31 December 2019			
(in millions of euro)	Financial assets held for trading	Financial assets designated at fair value	Available-for-sale financial assets	Total
Purchased loans	106	1	1,106	1,213
Short-term government securities	0	0	0	0
Government bonds	666	0	0	666
Other debt securities	1,039	0	37	1,076
Total debt securities	1,811	1	1,143	2,955
Venture capital	0	0	0	0
Other equity instruments	59	0	762	821
Total other assets	59	0	762	821
Total	1,870	1	1,905	3,776
Category 1[(1)]	1,649	0	72	1,721
Category 2[(2)]	147	0	620	767
Category 3[(3)]	74	1	1,213	1,288

	Other financial assets as at 31 December 2018			
(in millions of euro)	Financial assets held for trading	Financial assets designated at fair value	Available-for-sale financial assets	Total
Purchased loans	149	31	1,642	1,822
Short-term government securities	0	0	0	0
Government bonds	1,055	0	0	1,055
Other debt securities	1,602	126	38	1,766
Total debt securities	2,806	157	1,680	4,643
Venture capital	0	0	0	0
Other equity instruments	70	0	454	524
Total other assets	70	0	454	524
Total	2,876	157	2,134	5,167
Category 1(1)	2,382	126	0	2,508
Category 2(2)	431	23	571	1,025
Category 3(3)	63	8	1,563	1.634

Notes:

(1) Category 1: quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;

(2) Category 2: inputs other than quoted prices included in category 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices);

(3) Category 3: inputs for the asset or liability not based on observable market data.

Credit-related Commitments*

Credit granting liabilities represent the unused portions of funds authorised for the granting of credit in the form of loans, guarantees, letters of credit and other lending-related financial instruments. Rabobank's credit risk exposure from credit granting liabilities consists of potential losses amounting to the unused portion of the authorised funds. The total expected loss is lower than the total of unused funds, however, because credit granting liabilities are subject to the clients in question continuing to meet specific standards of creditworthiness. Guarantees represent irrevocable undertakings that, provided certain conditions are met, Rabobank will make payments on behalf of clients if they are unable to meet their financial obligations to third parties. Rabobank also accepts credit granting liabilities in the form of credit facilities made available to ensure that clients' liquidity requirements can be met, but which have not yet been drawn upon.

	As at 31 December		
(in millions of euro)	2020	2019	2018
Total credit related commitments	96,783	89,180	87,537

Capital Adequacy

Rabobank wishes to have an adequate solvency position, which it manages based on a number of ratios. The principal ratios are the CET1 Ratio, the Tier 1 ratio, the total capital ratio and the equity capital ratio. Rabobank's internal targets exceed the regulators' minimum requirements as it anticipates market expectations and developments in laws and regulations. Rabobank seeks to stand out from other financial institutions, managing its solvency position based on policy documents. The Risk Management Committee

and the Asset and Liability Committee, the Managing Board and the Supervisory Board periodically discuss the solvency position and the targets to be used.

Rabobank must comply with a number of minimum solvency positions stipulated under the law. The solvency position is determined based on ratios. These ratios compare Rabobank's total capital and Common Equity Tier 1 Capital with the total amount of the risk-weighted assets.

The determination of the risk-weighted assets is based on separate methods for credit risk, operational risk and market risk. The risk-weighted assets are determined for credit risk purposes in many different ways. For most assets the risk weight is determined with reference to internal ratings and a number of characteristics specific to the asset concerned. For off-balance sheet items the balance sheet equivalent is calculated first, on the basis of internal conversion factors. The resulting equivalent amounts are then also assigned risk-weightings. An Advanced Measurement Approach model is used to determine the amount with respect to the risk-weighted assets for operational risk. With the market risk approach, the general market risk is hedged, as well as the risk of open positions in foreign currencies, debt and equity instruments, as well as commodities.

The CET1 Ratio, the Tier 1 ratio and the total capital ratio are the most common ratios used to measure solvency. The CET1 Ratio expresses the relationship between Common Equity Tier 1 Capital and total risk-weighted assets. At 31 December 2020, Rabobank Group's CET1 Ratio stood at 16.8 per cent. (year-end 2019: 16.3 per cent.). Effective 1 January 2014, the minimum required percentages are determined on the basis of CRD IV/CRR. The total required (end state in 2020) CET1 Ratio amounts to 11.81 per cent.

Risk-weighted assets remained unchanged and were €205.8 billion at 31 December 2020 compared to €205.8 billion at 31 December 2019. Common Equity Tier 1 Capital increased by €1.0 billion to €34.6 billion at 31 December 2020 compared to €33.6 billion at 31 December 2019. See "*Regulation of Rabobank Group*" for further discussion of the Basel standards.

The Tier 1 ratio expresses the relationship between Tier 1 capital and total risk-weighted assets. As at 31 December 2020, Rabobank Group's Tier 1 ratio stood at 19.0 per cent. (year-end 2019: 18.8 per cent.). The total required (end state in 2020) Tier 1 ratio amounts to 11.83 per cent.

The total capital ratio is calculated by dividing the total of Tier 1 and Tier 2 Capital by the total of risk-weighted assets. At 31 December 2020, the total capital ratio stood at 24.2 per cent. (year-end 2019: 25.2 per cent.). The total required (end state in 2020) total capital ratio amounts to 14.26 per cent.

The following table sets forth the development in capital and solvency ratios of Rabobank Group at 31 December 2020, 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018:

Development in capital and solvency ratios

	As at 31 December				
(in millions of euros, except percentages)	2020		2019		2018
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital	34,647		33,596		32,122
CET1 Ratio	16.8%		16.3%		16.0%
Tier 1 capital	39,062		38,754		39,068
Tier 1 ratio	19.0%		18.8%		19.5%
Qualifying capital	49,851		51,961		53,259
Total capital ratio	24.2	%	25.2	%	26.6%

Cash flow

The following table sets forth Rabobank Group's cash flow for the years ended 31 December 2020, 2019 and 2018.

	Year ended 31 December		
(in millions of euro)	2020	2019	2018
Net cash flow from operating activities	62,639	(1,643)	12,626
Net cash flow from investing activities	97	(1,031)	249
Net cash flow from financing activities	(16,229)	(7,788)	(6,560)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	46,507	(10,462)	6,315
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January	63,086	73,335	66,861
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	46,507	(10,462)	6,315
Foreign exchange differences on cash and cash equivalents	(1,127)	213	159
Cash and cash equivalents	108,466	63,086	73,335

Net cash flow from operating activities increased to €62,639 million in the year ended 31 December 2020 compared to minus €1,643 million in the year ended 31 December 2019, mainly due to a net change in Loans and advances to and deposits from credit institutions.

Net cash flow from investing activities increased to €97 million in the year ended 31 December 2020 compared to minus €1,031 million in the year ended 31 December 2019, mainly due to the sale of RNA in 2019 for an amount of €996 million and the acquisitions of property, equipment and investment properties for an amount of €110 million.

Net cash flow from financing activities decreased to minus €16,229 million in the year ended 31 December 2020 compared to minus €7,788 million in the year ended 31 December 2019, mainly due to the proceeds from debt securities in issue.

Working capital

In the opinion of Rabobank Group, its working capital is sufficient for its present requirements, that is for at least 12 months following the date of this Base Prospectus. Rabobank Group currently complies with the applicable own funds and liquidity requirements as set out in the CRD IV Directive as implemented in the FMSA and CRR.

Selected Statistical Information*

The following section discusses selected statistical information regarding Rabobank Group's operations. Unless otherwise indicated, average balances are calculated based on monthly balances and geographic data are based on the domicile of the customer. See "*Results of operations*" for an analysis of fluctuations in Rabobank Group's results between periods.

Return on equity and assets

(in percentages)	2020	2019	2018
Return on assets (in percentages)[(1)]	0.17	0.35	0.49
Net profit (in millions of euro)	1,096	2,203	3,004
Total average assets (month-end balances in billions of euro)	630.1	608.1	607.1
Return on equity (in percentages)[(2)]	2.68	5.18	7.35
Net profit (in millions of euro)	1,096	2,203	3,004
Total average equity (quarter-end balance in billions of euro)	40.8	41.7	40.9
Equity to assets ratio (in percentages)[(3)]	6.53	6.92	6.77
Total average equity (quarter-end balances in billions of euro)	40.8	41.7	40.9

(in percentages)	2020	2019	2018
Total average assets (quarter-end balances in billions of euro)	626.2	602.0	603.8

Notes:

(1) The return on assets states net profit as a percentage of total average assets, based on month-end balances.

(2) The return on equity is a profitability ratio which states net profit as a percentage of average equity, based on quarter-end balances.

(3) The equity to assets ratio is a leverage ratio and is calculated by dividing average equity by average total assets, based on quarter-end balances.

The following table presents information relating to payments on Rabobank Certificates for the years ended 31 December 2020, 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018:

(in millions of euro, except percentages)	2020	2019	2018
Average outstanding Rabobank Certificates[1]	7,477	7,448	7,445
Payments	0	484	484
Average yield[2]	0 %	6.50 %	6.50 %

Notes:

(1) Average outstanding Rabobank Certificates based on month-end balances.

(2) Average yield is calculated by dividing payments by the average outstanding Rabobank Certificates.

Loan portfolio

Rabobank Group's loan portfolio consists of loans, overdrafts, assets subject to operating leases, finance lease receivables to governments, corporations and consumers and reverse repurchase agreements. The following table analyses Rabobank Group's loan portfolio by sector as at 31 December 2020, 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018:

	As at 31 December		
(in billions of euro)	2020	2019	2018
Private sector lending	409.4	417.9	416.0
Loans to government clients	2.0	2.1	1.9
Receivables relating to securities transactions	17.4	13.6	12.9
Hedge accounting	7.4	7.0	5.8
Total loans and advances to customers	436.2	440.6	436.6
Loan impairment allowance loans and advances to customers	(4.7)	(3.9)	(3.7)
Reclassified assets	—	—	-
Gross loans and advances to customers	431.5	436.7	432.9

The following table sets forth a geographic breakdown of Rabobank Group's private sector loan portfolio as at 31 December 2020, 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018:

	As at 31 December		
(in millions of euro)	2020	2019	2018
The Netherlands	293,739	292,637	294,628
Other European countries in the EU zone	34,027	33,556	31,337
North America	37,387	41,681	44,255
Latin America	11,852	15,362	14,067
Asia	7,456	9,449	8,887
Australia	24,483	24,663	22,589
Africa	436	566	262
Total private sector lending	409,380	417,914	416,025

Risk Elements

Breakdown of assets and liabilities by repayment date

The table below shows assets and liabilities grouped according to the period remaining from the reporting date to the contractual repayment date. These amounts correspond with the amounts included in the consolidated statement of financial position.

Current and non-current financial instruments	As at 31 December 2020						
in millions of euros	On demand	Less than 3 months	3 months to 1 year	1-5 years	Longer than 5 years	No maturity applicable	Total
Financial assets							
Cash and cash equivalents	108,138	16	—	—	—	312	108,466
Loans and advances to credit institutions	10,599	7,424	1,034	56	94	2,176	21,383
Financial assets held for trading	4	23	98	574	1,657	180	2,536
Financial assets designated at fair value	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Financial assets mandatorily at fair value	126	29	569	39	487	825	2,075
Derivatives	1,963	2,200	3,695	3,520	18,260	—	29,638
Loan and advances to customers	35,288	15,287	36,179	106,376	234,149	8,903	436,182
Financial assets at fair value	389	710	2,027	4,877	7,158	334	15,495

Current and non-current financial instruments	**As at 31 December 2020**						
in millions of euros	On demand	Less than 3 months	3 months to 1 year	1-5 years	Longer than 5 years	No maturity applicable	Total
through OCI							
Other assets (excluding employee benefits)	631	1,150	862	1,688	129	3,043	7,503
Total financial assets.....	**157,138**	**26,839**	**44,465**	**117,130**	**261,934**	**15,773**	**623,279**
Financial liabilities							
Deposits from credit institutions	2,969	999	2,410	44,263	565	9,956	61,162
Deposits from customers	309,882	10,189	11,132	6,956	22,164	705	361,028
Debt securities in issue	8,162	10,328	22,592	40,972	31,467	—	113,521
Derivatives	2,208	2,271	3,038	4,502	16,370	13	28,402
Financial liabilities held for trading	—	998	—	—	—	—	998
Other liabilities (excluding employee benefits)	1,774	1,677	1,371	385	83	632	5,922
Lease Liabilities	1	13	28	198	264	—	504
Financial liabilities designated at fair value	15	175	1,311	1,559	2,115	—	5,175
Subordinated liabilities	—	—	1,999	6,201	5,286	—	13,486
Total financial liabilities	**325,011**	**26,650**	**43,881**	**105,036**	**78,314**	**11,306**	**590,198**
Net balance.....	**(167,873)**	**189**	**584**	**12,094**	**183,620**	**4,467**	**33,081**

The overview presented above has been composed on the basis of contractual information and does not represent the actual movements of these financial instruments. However, such actual movements are taken into account for the day-to-day management of the liquidity risk. Deposits from customers are an example.

Under contract, these are payable on demand. Historically, this is a very stable source of long-term financing that Rabobank has at its disposal.

Interest rate sensitivity*

The key indicators used for managing the interest rate risk are the Basis Point Value ("**BPV**"), the Equity at Risk and the Income at Risk.

The BPV is the absolute loss of economic value of equity after a parallel shift of the yield curve with 1 basis point. In 2020, the BPV was minus EUR 0.3 million.

Long-term interest rate risk is measured and managed using the Equity at Risk concept. Equity at Risk is the sensitivity of Rabobank Group's economic value of equity to interest rate fluctuations. A 100 basis point overnight upward parallel shock of the curve will result in a 0.1 per cent. drop in economic value of equity (figure at 31 December 2020).

Short-term interest rate risk is monitored using the Income at Risk concept. This is the amount of net interest income that is put at risk on an annual basis, based on certain interest rate scenarios. If interest rates were to gradually decrease 10 basis points over a one-year period, net interest income would decrease by €74 million (figure at 31 December 2020).

Cross-border outstandings*

Cross-border outstandings are defined as loans (including accrued interest), acceptances, interest-earning deposits with other banks, other interest-earning investments and any other monetary assets which are denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the office or subsidiary where the extension of credit is booked. To the extent that the material local currency outstandings are not hedged or are not funded by local currency borrowings, such amounts are included in cross-border outstandings.

At 31 December 2020, there were no cross-border outstandings exceeding 1 per cent. of total assets in any country where current conditions give rise to liquidity problems which are expected to have a material impact on the timely repayment of interest or principal.

The following table analyses cross-border outstandings at the end of each of the last three years and as at 31 December 2020, stating the name of the country and the aggregate amount of cross-border outstandings in each foreign country where such outstandings exceeded 1 per cent. of total assets, by type of borrower:

(in millions of euros)	**Banks**	**Public authorities**	**Private sector**	**Total**
As at 31 December 2020				
United Kingdom	8,772	-	11,992	20,764
As at 31 December 2019				
France	8,434	713	1,412	10,559
United Kingdom	11,991	-	11,645	23,636
As at 31 December 2018				
Australia	616	1,079	15,127	16,822
Brazil	729	407	8,827	9,963
France	2,318	1,318	4,514	8,150
New Zealand	108	419	7,901	8,428
Germany	807	336	5,887	7,030
United Kingdom	5,547	2,276	12,313	20,136
United States	1,899	6,541	53,879	62,319
Switzerland	592	4,476	2,848	7,916

Diversification of loan portfolio*

One of the principal factors influencing the quality of the earnings and the loan portfolio is diversification of loans, e.g. by industry or by region. Rabobank Group uses the North America Industry Classification System ("**NAICS**") as the leading system to classify industries. NAICS distinguishes a large number of sectors, subsectors and industries.

The following table is based on data according to NAICS and represents the loan portfolio of Rabobank Group loans by main sector at 31 December 2020:

	As at 31 December 2020		
(in millions of euros)	On balance	Off balance	Total
Grain and oilseeds	19,596	4,438	24,035
Animal protein	17,810	4,646	22,457
Dairy	21,797	3,178	24,975
Fruit and vegetables	11,449	2,218	13,666
Farm inputs	11,149	5,511	16,661
Food retail and food service	5,698	2,402	8,100
Beverages	2,463	2,300	4,764
Flowers	2,326	350	2,676
Sugar	2,565	581	3,146
Miscellaneous crop farming	1,623	254	1,876
Other food and agri	8,951	3,836	12,787
Total private sector lending to food and agri	105,427	29,716	135,143
Lessors of real estate	12,888	434	13,323
Finance and insurance (except banks)	17,782	9,443	27,225
Wholesale	11,497	9,278	20,775
Activities related to real estate	5,578	568	6,146
Manufacturing	11,243	6,174	17,417
Transportation and warehousing	6,924	2,291	9,215
Construction	6,273	3,852	10,125
Healthcare & social assistance	6,125	1,572	7,696
Professional, scientific and technical services	7,491	3,707	11,198
Retail (except food and beverages)	5,570	2,744	8,314
Utilities	4,545	4,336	8,882
Information and communication	1,267	569	1,837
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1,613	229	1,842
Other services	12,952	5,298	18,249
Total private sector lending to trade, industry and services	111,748	50,498	162,246
Private individuals	192,205	13,188	205,393
Total private sector lending	409,380	93,402	502,782

Apart from loans and advances to credit institutions (€21.4 billion at 31 December 2020 which is 3.4 per cent. of total assets), Rabobank's only significant risk concentration, in the private sector portfolio, is loans to private individuals which accounted for 47 per cent. of the private sector loan portfolio at 31 December 2020. This portfolio has a relatively low risk profile as evidenced by the actual losses incurred in previous years. The

proportion of the total loan portfolio attributable to the food and agri sector was 26 per cent. at 31 December 2020. The proportion of the total loan portfolio attributable to trade, industry and services was 27 per cent. at 31 December 2020. Loans to trade, industry and services and loans to the food and agri sector are both spread over a wide range of industries in many different countries. None of these shares represents more than 10 per cent. of the total loan portfolio.

Non-performing loans*

Rabobank focuses on non-performing loans. These meet at least one of the following criteria:

- They are material loans in arrears by more than 90 days. The threshold for materiality amounts to €1,000 per facility for retail exposures and expert judgement for other asset classes within Rabobank Group;

- The debtor is assessed as unlikely to pay its credit obligations in full without realisation of collateral, regardless of the existence of any past due amount or the number of days past due.

On 31 December 2020 the non-performing loans (NPL) had decreased to €13.9 billion compared to €15.7 billion in 2019. The NPL ratio was 2.5 per cent. compared to 3.0 per cent. in 2019. and the NPL Coverage ratio was 23 per cent. compared to 20 per cent. in 2019. The decrease of NPL is mainly in the domestic business portfolio and the result of proactive NPL management.

The following table provides an analysis of Rabobank Group's non-performing loans by business at 31 December 2020, 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018:

	At 31 December		
(in millions of euros)	2020	2019	2018
DRB	7,284	9,488	11,794
W&R	5,592	5,267	6,115
Leasing	1,006	886	478
Property Development	0	65	49
Rabobank Group	**13,882**	**15,705**	**18,436**

Summary of loan loss experience

The following table shows the movements in the allocation of the allowance for loan losses on loans accounted for as loans to customers as at 31 December 2020, 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018:

	As at 31 December		
(in millions of euros)	2020	2019	2018
DRB	2,124	2,267	2,693
W&R	1,596	1,330	1,297
Leasing	357	265	257
Property Development	14	7	270
Other	0	0	0
Balance on 1 January	4,091	3,869	4,517
DRB	(417)	(324)	(459)
W&R	(487)	(254)	(290)
Leasing	(183)	(156)	(141)
Property Development	0	0	(123)
Other	0	0	0
Write-down of defaulted loans during the period	(1,087)	(734)	(1,013)
DRB	8	(30)	127

	As at 31 December		
(in millions of euros)	2020	2019	2018
W&R	(149)	(91)	49
Leasing	(20)	(5)	9
Property Development	(15)	5	(127)
Other	0	0	0
Interest and other adjustments	(176)	(121)	58
DRB	678	211	(94)
W&R	889	611	274
Leasing	448	253	140
Property Development	1	2	(13)
Other	0	0	0
Net additions	2,016	1,077	307
DRB	2,393	2,124	2,267
W&R	1,849	1,596	1,330
Leasing	602	357	265
Property Development	0	14	7
Other	0	0	0
Balance on end of period	4,844	4,091	3,869

Deposits from customers

The following table presents a breakdown of deposits from customers as at 31 December 2020, 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018. Interest rates paid on time deposits and savings deposits reflect market conditions and not all current accounts earn interest.

	As at 31 December		
(in millions of euros)	2020	2019 (adjusted)	2018
Current accounts	107,706	89,010	85,511
Deposits with agreed maturity	56,411	59,627	71,203
Deposits redeemable at notice	190,699	180,159	175,932
Repurchase agreements	550	32	13
Fiduciary deposits	5,570	9,522	9,750
Other deposits from customers	92	186	1
Total due to customers	361,028	338,536	342,410

Short-term borrowings*

Short-term borrowings are borrowings with an original maturity of one year or less. These are included in Rabobank Group's consolidated statement of financial position within the line item "Debt securities in issue". The following table includes an analysis of the balance of short-term borrowings as at 31 December 2020, 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 is provided below.

	As at 31 December		
(in millions of euros)	2020	2019 (adjusted)	2018
End of period balance	23,162	26,699	29,729
Average balance	26,275	30,832	36,881
Maximum month-end balance	29,962	35,429	40,450

Long-term borrowings*

Long-term borrowings are borrowings with an original maturity of more than one year. These are included in Rabobank Group's consolidated statement of financial position within the line items "Debt securities in issue" and "Other financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss". The following table includes an analysis of the balance of long-term borrowings as at 31 December 2020, 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 is provided below.

	As at 31 December		
(in millions of euros)	2020	2019	2018
End of period balance	95,534	110,032	107,691
Average balance	100,064	109,989	107,692
Maximum month-end balance	105,707	113,353	110,608

F.4 SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following selected financial data for the year ended 31 December 2018 are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Rabobank Group for the year ended 31 December 2019. The following selected financial data for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 2019 are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Rabobank Group for the year ended 31 December 2020, which has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers Accountants N.V. The financial ratios, excluding the leverage ratio, the fully loaded common equity tier 1 ratio and loan impairment charges in basis points of average lending which are marked with an asterisk (*), are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements of Rabobank Group for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019.

The data should be read in conjunction with the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements (and related notes), incorporated by reference herein and "*Important Information – Responsibility statement – Presentation of Financial and other Information*", "Capitalisation and indebtedness of Rabobank Group" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in this Base Prospectus. Rabobank Group's Audited Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union and comply with Part 9 of Book 2 of the DCC.

The financial data in the (sub) paragraphs in this chapter marked with an asterisk (*) have not been directly extracted from the Audited Consolidated Financial Statements but instead are derived from other accounting records of Rabobank.

Consolidated statement of financial position

	As at 31 December		
(in millions of euros)	2020	2019 (adjusted)	2018 (adjusted)
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	108,466	63,086	73,335
Loans and advances to credit institutions	21,383	29,297	17,859
Financial assets held for trading	2,536	1,870	2,876
Financial assets designated at fair value	1	1	157
Financial assets mandatorily at fair value	2,075	1,905	2,134
Derivatives	29,638	23,584	22,660
Loans and advances to customers	436,182	440,607	436,591
Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	15,495	13,505	18,730
Investments in associates and joint ventures	2,183	2,308	2,374
Goodwill and other intangible assets	740	829	966
Property and equipment	4,565	5,088	4,455
Investment properties	450	371	193
Current tax assets	136	169	243
Deferred tax assets	849	933	1,165
Other assets	7,507	6,610	6,431
Non-current assets held for sale	52	435	268
Total assets	**632,258**	**590,598**	**590,437**

	As at 31 December		
(in millions of euros)	2020	2019 (adjusted)	2018 (adjusted)
Liabilities			
Deposits from credit institutions	61,162	25,244	19,397
Deposits from customers	361,028	338,536	342,410
Debt securities in issue	113,521	130,403	130,806
Financial liabilities held for trading	998	399	400
Financial liabilities designated at fair value	5,175	6,328	6,614
Derivatives	28,402	24,074	23,927
Other liabilities	6,647	6,835	6,342
Provisions	619	783	1,126
Current tax liabilities	158	228	229
Deferred tax liabilities	430	540	452
Subordinated liabilities	13,486	15,790	16,498
Liabilities held for sale	—	91	—
Total liabilities	**591,626**	**549,251**	**548,201**

	As at 31 December		
(in millions of euros)	2020	2019 (adjusted)	2018 (adjusted)
Equity			
Reserves and retained earnings	27,852	28,157	27,264
Equity instruments issued by Rabobank			
– Rabobank Certificates	7,822	7,449	7,445
– Capital Securities	4,482	5,264	6,493
	12,304	**12,713**	**13,938**
Equity instruments issued by subsidiaries			
– Capital Securities	—	—	164
– Trust Preferred Securities IV	—	—	389
	—	—	*553*
Other non-controlling interests	476	477	481
Total equity	**40,632**	**41,347**	**42,236**
Total equity and liabilities	**632,258**	**590,598**	**590,437**

See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations —Change in accounting policies and presentation" for a comparison of the figures that were adjusted in the audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019 compared to, respectively, the audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018.

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income

	Year ended 31 December		
(in millions of euros)	2020	2019 (adjusted)	2018 (adjusted)
Net interest income	8,184	8,455	8,559
Net fee and commission income	1,780	1,858	1,931
Other results	818	1,443	1,530
Income	**10,782**	**11,756**	**12,020**
Staff costs	4,684	4,821	4,868
Other administrative expenses	1,463	1,715	2,190
Depreciation and amortisation	395	420	388
Operating expenses	**6,542**	**6,956**	**7,446**
Impairment losses on goodwill and associates	283	300	0
Impairment charges on financial assets	1,913	975	190
Regulatory levies	548	484	478
Operating profit before tax	**1,496**	**3,041**	**3,906**
Income tax	400	838	902
Net profit	**1,096**	**2,203**	**3,004**
Of which attributed to Rabobank	822	1,295	1,894
Of which attributed to holders of Rabobank Certificates	—	484	484
Of which attributed to Capital Securities issued by Rabobank	233	355	530
Of which attributed to Capital Securities issued by subsidiaries	—	4	14
Of which attributed to Trust Preferred Securities IV	—	19	22
Of which attributed to non-controlling interests	41	46	60
Net profit for the year	**1,096**	**2,203**	**3,004**

Financial Ratios:

	As at 31 December		
	2020	2019	2018
Total capital ratio	24.2%	25.2%	26.6%
Tier 1 ratio	19.0%	18.8%	19.5%
Common Equity Tier 1 ratio	16.8%	16.3%	16.0%
Equity capital ratio	18.0%	17.7%	17.7%
Leverage ratio*	7.0%	6.3%	6.4%
Impairment charges on financial assets (in basis points of average lending)	46	23	5

F.5 RISK MANAGEMENT

Rabobank Group places a high priority on the management of risk and has extensive procedures in place for systematic risk management. Within Rabobank Group, the risk management policies relating to credit risk, interest rate risk, market risk and liquidity risk are developed and monitored by the Risk Management Committee Rabobank Group ("**RMC**") in cooperation with the Risk Management Department. The RMC is responsible for financial and non-financial risk management, establishing risk policy, setting risk measurement standards, broadly determining limits and monitoring developments, and advising the Managing Board on all relevant issues regarding risk management.

The principal risks faced by Rabobank Group are credit risk, country risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk, market risk, operational risk (including legal risk) and currency risk. Rabobank has implemented an economic capital framework to determine the amount of capital it should hold on the basis of its risk profile and desired credit rating. Economic capital represents the amount of capital needed to cover for all risks associated with a certain activity. The economic capital framework makes it possible to compare different risk categories with each other because all risks are analysed by using the same methodology. See also "*Risk Factors*".

Credit risk

Rabobank Group aims to offer continuity in its services. It therefore pursues a prudent credit policy. Once granted, loans are carefully managed so there is a continuous monitoring of credit risk. At 31 December 2020, 47 per cent. of Rabobank Group's private sector lending consisted of loans to private individuals, mainly residential mortgages, which tend to have a very low risk profile in relative terms. The remaining 53 per cent. was a highly diversified portfolio of loans to business clients in the Netherlands and internationally.

Within the boundaries set by the RMC the Managing Board has delegated decision-making authority to transactional committees and to credit decision approval officers that operate on an entity level, regional level or central level at Rabobank. In addition, credit committees review all significant risks in credit proposals to arrive at a systematic judgment and a balanced decision. Rabobank has various levels of credit committees. Applications exceeding authority level of a credit committee are complemented with a recommendation and submitted to a 'higher' credit committee for decision-making. Within Rabobank the 'highest' transactional committees are the following:

- Central Credit Committee Rabobank Group (CCCRG) – The CCCRG takes credit decisions on credit applications subject to the 'corporate credit approval route' exceeding:
- the authority of Credit Approvals Local Banks (CA LB) – This department is responsible for decisions on requests for non-classified (LQC Good or OLEM) obligors exceeding the authority of Local Banks in The Netherlands.
- the authority of Credit Approvals Wholesale & Rural (CA Wholesale & Rural) – This department is responsible for decisions on requests for non-classified (LQC Good or OLEM) obligors exceeding the authority of De Lage Landen (DLL) or a W&R office/region.
- the authority of the Credit Committee Financial Restructuring & Recovery (CC-FR&R) - This credit committee takes credit decisions on proposals for classified (LQC Substandard, Doubtful or Loss) obligors exceeding the authority of local credit committees and the FR&R department.
- Country & Financial Institutions Committee (CFIC) – The CFIC takes credit decisions on proposals exceeding the authority of Credit Financial Institutions or Country Risk Research. These departments are responsible for the risk management of exposure on financial institutions and sovereigns/countries.
- Loan Loss Provision Committee (LLPC) – The LLPC monitors the development of qualified credit and asset portfolios and recommends on the combined impairment allowances and top level adjustments at Rabobank level to the Managing Board.

The Terms of Reference (ToR) provide the mandate, responsibilities and scope, hierarchical relationships, membership, authority levels and modalities of these approval bodies. Credit committees take decisions on the basis of consensus, unless local regulation requires majority voting. Consensus is reached when there is a general agreement and none of the members has fundamental objections to the decision. When no consensus

can be reached, an application is considered declined. In the case of majority voting, the representative(s) from the Risk department must have a veto right.

For efficiency reasons credit committees can delegate part of their authority. A single person may not take a credit decision solely based on its own opinion; this means that a 4-eyes principle applies or decisions are system supported, in which case one person is allowed to decide as long as the credit is assessed as acceptable by an expert system or meets predefined criteria (the credit complies with decision tools). Fully IT supported assessments and approvals are allowed under strict conditions.

The credit committees play a key role in ensuring consistency among Rabobank standards of credit analysis, compliance with the overall Rabobank credit policy and consistent use of the rating models. The credit policy sets the parameters and remit of each committee, including the maximum amount they are allowed to approve for limits or transactions. Policies are also in place which restrict or prohibit certain counterparty types or industries. As a rule, all counterparty limits and internal ratings are reviewed once a year (corporate clients) at a minimum. Where counterparties are assigned a low loan quality classification, they are reviewed on a more frequent basis. Credit committees may request for more frequent reviews as well.

With respect to the management of Rabobank Group's exposure to credit risk, Rabobank's Enterprise Risk Department within overall Risk Management play a key role. Credit applications beyond certain limits are subject to a thorough credit analysis by credit officers of Enterprise Risk. Enterprise Risk monitors and reports about Rabobank Group's credit portfolio and develops new methods for quantifying credit risks.

Risk profiling is also undertaken at the portfolio level using internal risk classifications for portfolio modelling. Internal credit ratings are assigned to borrowers by allocating all outstanding loans into various risk categories on a regular basis.

Rabobank applies the IRB approach to the vast majority of its credit portfolio (including retail) to calculate its regulatory capital requirements according to CRR (CRD IV). The IRB approach is the most sophisticated and risk-sensitive of the CRR (CRD IV) approaches for credit risk, allowing Rabobank to make use of its internal rating methodologies and models. Rabobank combines CRR (CRD IV) compliance activities with a Pillar 2 framework. The approach represents key risk components for internal risk measurement and risk management processes. Key benefits are a more efficient credit approval process, improved internal monitoring and reporting of credit risk. Another important metric is the Risk Adjusted Return On Capital (RAROC) for a transaction as part of the credit application. This enables credit risk officers and committees to make better informed credit decisions. The IRB approach uses the Probability of Default (PD), Loss Given Default (LGD), Exposure at Default (EAD) and Maturity (M) as input for the regulatory capital formula.

Rabobank Group believes it has a framework of policies and processes in place that is designed to measure, manage and mitigate credit risks. Rabobank Group's policy for accepting new clients is characterised by careful assessment of clients and their ability to make repayments on credit granted. Rabobank Group's objective is to enter into long-term relationships with clients which are beneficial for both the client and Rabobank Group.

Exposure at Default ("**EAD**") is the expected exposure to the client in the event of, and at the time of, a counterparty's default. As at 31 December 2020, in terms of EAD, Rabobank had the following exposures per approach: Advanced Internal Rating-Based ("**AIRB**") €594.6 billion, Foundation Internal Ratings-Based ("**FIRB**") €1.7 billion and Standardised Approach ("**SA**") €18.4 billion (2019: €568 billion). This EAD includes the expected future usage of unused credit lines. As part of its approval process Rabobank Group uses the Rabobank Risk Rating system, which indicates the counterparty's PD over a one-year period. The counterparties have been assigned to one of the 25 rating classes, including four default ratings. These default ratings are assigned if the customer defaults, the form of which varies from payment arrears of 90 days to bankruptcy. The weighted average PD of the performing IRB loan portfolio is 1.01 per cent. (2019: 1.11 per cent.).

The following table shows the non-performing loans of 31 December 2020, 2019 and 2018 per business unit as a percentage of gross carrying amount:

Non-performing loans/gross carrying amount per business unit

	As at 31 December		
(in percentages)	2020	2019	2018
DRB	2.7	3.5	4.2

	As at 31 December		
(in percentages)	2020	2019	2018
W&R	2.2	2.4	2.8
Leasing	3.0	2.6	1.5
Real Estate	0.1	17.8	12.7
Rabobank Group	2.5	3.0	3.5

Impairment charges

Once a loan has been granted, ongoing credit management takes place as part of which new information, both financial and non-financial, is assessed. Rabobank monitors whether the client meets all its obligations and whether it can be expected the client will continue to do so. If this is not the case, credit management is intensified, monitoring becomes more frequent and a closer eye is kept on credit terms. Guidance is provided by a special unit within Rabobank Group, particularly in case of larger and more complex loans granted to businesses whose continuity is at stake. If it is likely that the debtor will be unable to fulfil its contractual obligations, this is a matter of impairment and an allowance is made which is charged to income.

The following table sets forth Rabobank Group's impairment charges for the years ended 31 December 2020, 2019 and 2018 per business unit as a percentage of private sector lending:

Impairment charges/average private sector lending per business unit

	Year ended 31 December		
(in percentages)	2020	2019	2018
DRB	0.23	0.06	(0.05)
W&R	0.81	0.55	0.29
Leasing	1.17	0.62	0.34
Real estate	0.65	0.71	(2.87)
Rabobank Group	0.46	0.23	0.05

Country risk

Rabobank uses a country limit system to manage collective debtor risk and transfer risk. After careful review, relevant countries are given an internal country risk rating, after which, general limits and transfer limits are set. Transfer limits are introduced based on the net transfer risk, which is defined as total loans granted less loans granted in local currency, guarantees, other collateral obtained to cover transfer risk and a deduction related to the reduced weighting of specific products. The limits are allocated to the local business units, which are themselves responsible for the day-to-day monitoring of loans that have been granted and for reporting on this to the Risk Management function. At Rabobank Group level, the country risk outstanding is reported to the Country & Financial Institutions Committee (CFIC). Special Basel II parameters, specifically EATE (Exposure at Transfer Event), PTE (Probability of Transfer Event) and LGTE (Loss Given Transfer Event), are used to calculate the additional capital requirement for transfer risk. These calculations are made in accordance with internal guidelines and cover all countries where transfer risk is relevant.

Based on the concept of country of ultimate risk, the collective debtor risk for non-industrial non-OECD countries stood at €25.0 billion (2019: €28.9 billion) at year-end 2020. The net ultimate transfer risk before allowances for these countries amounted to €16.4 billion (2019: €18.7 billion) at year-end 2020, which corresponds to 2.6% (2019: 3.2%) of total assets. Total assets were €632.3 billion (2019: €590.6 billion). The total allowance for ultimate country risk amounted to €692 million (2019: €595 million), which corresponds to 14.3% (2019: 14.5%) of the total allowance of €4.8 billion (2019: €4.1 billion). It should be noted that reduced weighting of specific products is not included in the transfer risk figure.

Risk in non-OECD countries

in millions of euros					31 December 2020	
Regions	Europe	Africa	Latin America	Asia/ Pacific	Total	As % of total assets
Ultimate country risk (exclusive of derivatives)	**2,027**	**745**	**12,087**	**10,091**	**24,950**	3.9%
- of which in local currency exposure	428	4	6,453	1,658	8,543	1.3%
Net ultimate country risk before allowance	1,598	741	5,635	8,434	16,407	2.6%
						As % of total allowance
Total allowance for ultimate country risk.....	2	10	545	134	692	14.3%

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic led to increased country risks globally. Monitoring and reporting activities were heavily intensified since March 2020. Countries were classified according to their vulnerability for the negative economic impact of COVID-19 and limits were adjusted where necessary.

The pandemic crisis has significantly increased leverage in emerging markets, which has led to an increase in financial vulnerabilities mainly on the corporate and sovereign side. The second wave of COVID-19 infections, potentially adverse virus mutations as well as hiccups in the roll-out of effective vaccines pose downside risks to the global economic outlook. The post pandemic period will reveal the actual solvency of the private sector when government support measures are being unwound, with likely sharp differences across sectors and countries. On the other hand, the anticipated continued rebound in economic activity associated with the likely gradual relaxation of lockdown measures in 2021 provide some upside to the outlook.

In Brazil's case, president Bolsonaro's policy interventionism and expansionary fiscal policies might further harm sovereign risk and general investment sentiment in Brazil, especially in the run up to the general election in 2022. However, comfort may be derived from the fact that most of the public debt is in local currency and the country enjoys adequate FX buffers.

China navigated through the pandemic crisis relatively well having prevented a recession, although noting that the economic damage remains significant. Moreover, the accumulation of negative shocks (elevated geopolitical tensions, pandemic crisis) against the background of an already slowing economy and a subsequent increase in the general debt overhang in the Chinese economy suggests that country risks remain tilted to the downside. Nevertheless, according to policy our exposure to China has a short tenor profile (90% is <1 year), which suggests that longer term country risk concerns are significantly mitigated.

Interest rate risk

Rabobank Group is exposed to structural interest rate risk in its balance sheet. Interest rate risk can result from, among other things, mismatches in assets and liabilities; for example, mismatches between the periods for which interest rates are fixed on loans and funds entrusted. Rabobank Group uses three indicators for managing, controlling and limiting short- and long-term interest rate risk: Basis Point Value, Earnings at Risk and Modified Duration. Based on the Basis Point Value, Earnings at Risk and Modified Duration analyses, the Managing Board forms an opinion with regard to the acceptability of losses related to projected interest rate scenarios and decides upon limits with regard to Rabobank Group's interest rate risk profile.

Rabobank Group's short-term interest rate risk can be quantified by looking at the sensitivity of net interest income (interest income less interest expenses, before tax) for changes in interest rates. This "Earnings at Risk" figure represents the maximum decline in net interest income for the coming 12 months in a selection of interest

rate scenarios, assuming no management intervention. The scenario with the largest negative effect on net interest income usually is the parallel down scenario in which the yield curve is gradually lowered during the first 12 months. The size of this downward shock is dependent on the level of the yield curve as strongly negative interest rates are not expected. At the end of 2020 the assumed downward shock of the EUR yield curve was 25 basis points. The simulation of the possible net interest income development is based on an internal interest rate risk model. This model includes certain assumptions regarding the interest rate sensitivity of products with interest rates that are not directly linked to a certain money or capital market rate, such as savings of private customers.

Rabobank Group's long-term interest rate risk is measured and controlled based on the concept of "Modified Duration", which is the sensitivity of Rabobank Group's economic value of equity to an instant parallel change in interest rates of 100 basis points. The economic value of equity is defined as the present value of the assets less the present value of the liabilities plus the present value of the off-balance sheet items. In the Modified Duration calculation, client behaviour and the bank's pricing policy are supposed to show no changes, while all market interest rates are assumed to increase by 100 basis points at once. Just as in the Earnings at Risk calculation, the impact analysis of these scenarios is based on an internal interest rate risk model. In that model, balance sheet items without a contractual maturity, like demand savings deposits and current accounts, are included as a replicating portfolio. Modified duration is expressed as a percentage. This percentage represents the deviation from the economic value of equity at the reporting date.

As at 31 December 2020, 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018, the Earnings at Risk and Modified Duration for Rabobank Group were as follows:

	As at 31 December		
(in millions of euros, except percentages)	2020	2019	2018
Earnings at Risk	74	35	109
Modified Duration	0.1%	3.0%	2.8%

The current low interest rate environment has prevailed since 2016. For a bank in general a low interest rate environment is challenging for profitability. Non-interest bearing liabilities and liabilities with very low interest rates, such as the equity and current account balances, are less profitable in the event of low interest rates. In 2020, the interest rate remained negative on the short end of the curve and in historical perspective the curve remained fairly flat by comparison. A flat curve results in a bank making less profit on the transformation of short-term liabilities into longer term assets. In Q1 of 2021 the curve steepened slightly.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that a bank will not be able to meet all its payment obligations on time, as well as the risk that the bank will not be able to fund increases in assets at a reasonable price.

Responsibility for the day-to-day management of the liquidity position, the raising of professional funding on the money and the capital markets, and the management of the structural position lies within the Treasury department. The Rabobank policy aims at financing long-term loans by means of stable funding, specifically amounts due to customers and long-term funding from the professional markets. Rabobank has a diversified funding mix with broad access to various retail and wholesale markets. It attracts retail deposits and issues wholesale funding in a large spectrum of instruments and for several core currencies. The bank has adequate liquidity positions (stable funded balance sheet, sufficient and high-quality liquidity buffers, diversified funding profile, and limited structural currency mismatch).

Rabobank has developed several methods to measure and manage liquidity risk, including stress scenarios for calculating the survival period, i.e. the period that the liquidity buffer will hold up under severe market-specific or idiosyncratic stress. In the most severe stress scenario, it is assumed that Rabobank no longer has access to the capital markets, i.e. no long- or short-term debt can be issued or refinanced. During 2020, Rabobank more than satisfied the minimum survival period of three months in all the internally developed scenarios.

Market risk

Market Risk arises from the risk of losses on trading book positions affected by movements in interest rates, equities, credit spreads, currencies and commodities. On a daily basis, the Financial Markets Risk Department

measures and reports the market risk positions. Market risk is calculated based on internally developed risk models and systems, which are approved and accepted by the DNB.

Rabobank considers Event Risk the most important market risk indicator in the trading environment, measuring events that are not captured by the Value at Risk ("**VaR**") model. Rabobank designed a large number of scenarios based on book composition and current macro/economic financial markets situations to measure the potential effect of sharp and sudden changes in market prices. The internal VaR model also forms a key part of Rabobank's market risk framework. VaR describes the maximum possible loss that Rabobank can suffer within a defined holding period, based on historical market price changes and a given certain confidence interval. VaR within Rabobank is based on actual historical market circumstances. In addition, interest rate delta is monitored and indicates how the value of trading positions change if the relevant yield curve shows a parallel increase of one basis point. Event Risk, VaR and interest rate delta are subject to limits that are set by the Managing Board on an annual basis.

End of year 2020, the worst case, potential, loss from the event risk scenarios was €61 million (2019: €71 million). It fluctuated between €59 million (2019: €68 million) and €104 million (2019: €140 million), with an average of €79 million (2019: €93 million) which was well within the internal Event Risk limit. For the year 2020, the VaR, based on a one-day holding period and 97.5 per cent. confidence level, fluctuated between €2.7 million (2020: €2.3 million) and €7.5 million (2019: €4.3 million), with an average of €4.8 million (2019: €3.0 million). Throughout 2020, the position was well within the internal VaR limit. Changes in VaR have been driven by client related deals and volatility in the financial markets.

A drawback of using historical simulations is that it does not necessarily take into account all possible future market movements. Therefore, VaR results cannot guarantee that actual risk will follow the statistical estimate. The performance of the VaR models is regularly reviewed by means of back testing. These back testing results are reported internally as well as to the regulator. In addition to VaR, other risk indicators are also used for market risk management. Some of them are generated by using statistical models. All these indicators assist the Financial Markets Risk Department, in evaluating Rabobank's trading book positions.

Operational risk

Operational risk is defined by Rabobank Group as "the risk of losses resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people or systems or by external events". Operational risk includes all non-financial risk types. Rabobank Group operates within the current regulatory framework with measuring and managing operational risk, including holding capital for this risk following the Advanced Measurement Approach. Events 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, errors in transaction processing, system failures, cyberattacks, as well as the inability to retain and attract key personnel. The global environment Rabobank Group is operating in requires constant adaption to changing circumstances. Several transitional, remedial and regulatory driven change projects are currently running which may result in an increased risk profile. As a result this may lead to the possible increase of the number of operational risk incidents or additional costs of complying with new regulations which could have a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's reputation or a material adverse effect on Rabobank Group's business, financial condition 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 proceedings, whether private litigation or regulatory enforcement actions are brought against it. The outcome of such proceedings is inherently uncertain and could result in financial loss and reputational damage. 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.

Currency risk

Foreign exchange rate risk is the risk that exchange rate movements could lead to volatility in the bank's cash flows, assets and liabilities, net profit and/or equity. The bank distinguishes two types of non-trading FX risks: (i) FX risk in the banking books and (ii) FX translation risk.

(i) FX Risk in the Banking Books

FX Risk in the Banking Books FX risk in the banking books is the risk arising from unhedged known and/or ascertainable currency cash flow commitments and receivables in the banking books. As a result, movements in exchange rates could have an adverse impact on the financial results and/or financial position of the Group. FX translation risk is the risk that FX fluctuations will adversely affect the translation of assets and liabilities of operations – denominated in foreign currency – into the functional currency of the parent company. Translation risk reveals in Rabobank's equity position, risk-weighted assets, and capital ratios. Rabobank manages its FX translation risk with regard to the Rabobank CET1 ratio by deliberately taking FX positions, including deliberately maintaining FX positions and not or only partly closing FX positions. As a result of these structural FX positions, the impact of exchange rate fluctuations on the Rabobank consolidated CET1 ratio is mitigated.

(ii) FX Translation risk

Article 352(2) of the CRR states that any positions an institution has deliberately taken in order to hedge against the adverse effect of the exchange rate on its ratios in accordance with Article 92(1) may, subject to permission by the competent authorities, be excluded from the calculation of the net open currency positions. Article 92(1) defines the CET1 ratio, the Tier 1 ratio, and the TC ratio. For an institution it seems to be open to interpretation which of the ratios should be the target for the hedge. EBA indicates in its "Guidelines on the treatments of structural FX that the CET1 ratio is the ratio that attracts the most attention from external stakeholders and therefore expects that the CET1 ratio is the ratio that institutions should aim to hedge. This corresponds to the choice Rabobank has made. It should be noted, that keeping open positions with the purpose of hedging the ratio, implies that the invested capital in foreign currencies is not hedged at an absolute level and can therefore lead to fluctuations of the invested capital when translated into Euro. FX translation risk at Rabobank level is covered by the Global Standard on FX Translation Risk (Standard). The purpose of the Standard is to outline Rabobank policy towards FX Translation risk to achieve and ensure a prudent and sound monitoring and control system, in order to manage these risks Group wide. Rabobank uses the Pillar 2 framework for those areas where Rabobank is of the opinion that the regulatory framework (i.e. Pillar 1) does not address the risk, or does not adequately address the risk. FX translation risk is one of these risks.

F.6 GOVERNANCE OF RABOBANK GROUP

Members of Supervisory Board and Managing Board

Supervisory Board of Rabobank

The following persons, all of whom are resident in the Netherlands, are appointed as members of the Supervisory Board:

Name	Born	Year Appointed	Term Expires	Nationality
Ron (R.) Teerlink, Chairman	1961	2013	2021	Dutch
Marjan (M.) Trompetter, Vice Chairman	1963	2015	2024	Dutch
Annet (A.P.) Aris……	1958	2018	2022	Dutch
Petri (P.H.M.) Hofsté	1961	2016	2024	Dutch
Arian (A.A.J.M.) Kamp	1963	2014	2022	Dutch
Jan (J.) Nooitgedagt.....	1953	2016	2024	Dutch
Mark (M.R.C) Pensaert	1964	2020	2024	Belgian
Pascal (P.H.J.M.) Visée	1961	2016	2024	Dutch
Gert-Jan (G.J.) van den Akker	1959	2021	2025	Dutch

Mr. R. Teerlink (Ron)

Date of birth	28 January 1961
Profession	Professional Supervisory Director/Management Consultant
Main position	Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Rabobank
Nationality	Dutch
Auxiliary positions	Member of the Supervisory Board of Just Eat Takeaway.com Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Date of first appointment to the Supervisory Board	2013
Current term of appointment to the Supervisory Board	2017 - 2021

Mrs. M. Trompetter (Marjan)

Date of birth	1 November 1963
Profession	essional Supervisory Director agement Consultant
Main position	Vice Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Rabobank
Nationality	Dutch
Auxiliary positions	Supervisory Directorships: Vice Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Rijnstate Hospital, Arnhem Other auxiliary position: Treasurer of the KNHM Foundation Owner of the Corona Consultancy
Date of first appointment to the Supervisory	2015

Board	
Current term of appointment to the Supervisory Board	2019 - 2024

Mrs. A.P. Aris (Annet)

Date of birth	27 October 1958
Profession	Professional Supervisory Director and Senior Affiliate Professor
Main position	None
Nationality	Dutch
Auxiliary positions	Supervisory Directorships: Member of the Supervisory Board of Rabobank Member of the Supervisory Board of Randstad N.V. Member of the Supervisory Board of ASML N.V. Member of the Supervisory Board of Jungheinrich AG Other auxiliary positions: Senior Affiliate Professor of Strategy INSEAD
Date of first appointment to the Supervisory Board	2018
Current term of appointment to the Supervisory Board	2018 - 2022

Mrs. P.H.M. Hofsté (Petri)

Date of birth	6 April 1961
Profession	Professional Supervisory Director
Main position	None
Nationality	Dutch
Auxiliary positions	Supervisory Directorships: Member of the Supervisory Board of Rabobank Member of the Supervisory Board and Audit Committee of Fugro N.V. Member of the Supervisory Board of PON Holding Member of the Supervisory Board of Achmea B.V. and of several subsidiaries er auxiliary positions: Juror Kristal Price Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy Member of the board of Nyenrode Foundation Member of the board of 'Vereniging Hendrick de Keyser' Member of the Advisory Board of 'Topvrouwen.nl'
Date of first appointment to the Supervisory Board	2016
Current term of appointment to the Supervisory Board	2020 - 2024

Mr. A.A.J.M. Kamp (Arian)

Date of birth	12 June 1963

Profession	Entrepreneur Professional Supervisory Director
Main position	Cattle farmer
Nationality	Dutch
Auxiliary positions	Supervisory Directorships: Member of the Supervisory Board of Rabobank Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Koninklijke Coöperatie Agrifirm UA Other auxiliary positions: Owner Partnership A.A.J.M. Kamp and W.D. Kamp-Davelaar Chairman of the Foundation 'Beheer Flynth'
Date of first appointment to the Supervisory Board	2014
Current term of appointment to the Supervisory Board	2018 –2022

Mr. J. Nooitgedagt (Jan)

Date of birth	17 July 1953
Profession	Professional Supervisory Director
Main position	None
Nationality	Dutch
Auxiliary positions	Supervisory Directorships: Member of the Supervisory Board Rabobank Chairman of the Supervisory Board of PostNL N.V. Chairman of Invest-NL B.V. er auxiliary positions: Member of the Board of the Fiep Westerdorp Foundation Board Member Foundation 'Beschermingspreferente aandelen Fugro' Chairman of the Foundation 'Aandelenbeheer BAM Groep'
Date of first appointment to the Supervisory Board	2016
Current term of appointment to the Supervisory Board	2020 - 2024

M.R.C Pensaert (Mark)

Date of birth	16 October 1964
Profession	Professional Supervisory Director
Main position	None
Nationality	Belgian
Auxiliary positions	Supervisory Directorships: Member of the Supervisory Board Rabobank Senior Advisor to the Board of Tikehau Investment Management S.A. Non-Exec Board of Agfa Gevaert N.V.

Date of first appointment to the Supervisory Board	2020
Current term of appointment to the Supervisory Board	2020 - 2024

Mr. P.H.J.M. Visée (Pascal)

Date of birth	11 July 1961
Profession	Professional Supervisory Director and Independent Adviser
Main position	None
Nationality	Dutch
Auxiliary positions	Supervisory Directorships: Member of the Supervisory Board Rabobank Member of the Supervisory Board of Mediq Holding B.V. Member of the Supervisory Board of Plus Holding B.V. Member of the Supervisory Board of Royal FloraHolland U.A. Member of the Supervisory Council Board of Erasmus University Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Foundation Stedelijk Museum Schiedam Member of the Supervisory Board of Nolet Group Other auxiliary positions: Non-executive Member of Foundation Albron
Date of first appointment to the Supervisory Board	2016
Current term of appointment to the Supervisory Board	2020 - 2024

G.J. van den Akker (Gert-Jan)

Date of birth	4 March 1959
Profession	Professional Supervisory Director and Independent Adviser
Main position	None
Nationality	Dutch
Auxiliary positions	Supervisory Directorships: Member of the Supervisory Board Rabobank Other auxiliary positions: Advisor to the Board of Covantis S.A. Non-Exec Director Continental Trade and Commodity Services Ltd Director / shareholder Chantra Capital Ltd Director / shareholder Villaret Investments B.V. Director / shareholder Couvalous sarl
Date of first appointment to the Supervisory Board	2021
Current term of appointment to the Supervisory Board	2021 - 2025

Managing Board of Rabobank

The following persons, all of whom are resident in the Netherlands, are appointed as members of the Managing Board of Rabobank:

Name	Born	Year Appointed	Nationality
Wiebe (W.) Draijer, Chairman*	1965	2014	Dutch
Bas (B.C.) Brouwers, member*	1972	2016	Dutch
Els (E.A.) de Groot, member*	1965	2019	Dutch
Berry (B.J.) Marttin, member*	1965	2009	Dutch and Brazilian
Kirsten (C.M.) Konst, member*	1974	2017	Dutch
Mariëlle (M.P.J.) Lichtenberg, member	1967	2017	Dutch
Bart (B.) Leurs, member	1971	2017	Dutch
Ieko (I.A.) Sevinga, member	1966	2017	Dutch
Janine (B.J.) Vos, member	1972	2017	Dutch

*statutory member (Executive Board)

Wiebe (W.) Draijer

Mr. Draijer was appointed as Chairman of the Managing/Executive Board of Rabobank as of 1 October 2014. Mr. Draijer served as President of the Social and Economic Council of the Netherlands from 2012 to 2014. Prior to that, he held several positions within management-consulting firm McKinsey & Company and worked as a researcher at Philips Research Laboratories and as a freelance journalist.

Auxiliary positions
Member of the supervisory board of Staatsbosbeheer (national nature conservation)
Member of the 'Cyber Security Raad'
Member of the board of the 'Nationale Coöperatieve Raad'
Chair of the Supervisory Board of 'KWF Kankerbestrijding'
Board Member of the Dutch Banking Association

Bas (B.C.) Brouwers

Mr. Brouwers was appointed to the Managing/Executive Board as Chief Financial Officer as of 1 January 2016. Mr Brouwers started his career at KPMG Audit in 1995. He then held various positions within ING from 1998 until 2007. He was head of Controlling & Risk Management of ING-DiBa AG (Germany) from 2007 until 2008 and CFO of ING-DiBa AG (Germany) from 2008 until 2013. From 2013 until 2015, Mr Brouwers was CFO of ING Netherlands.

Auxiliary positions
Vice-Chair of the Board of the Dutch Banking Association

Els (E.A.) de Groot

Mrs. De Groot is a member of the Managing/Executive Board and Chief Risk Officer since 1 February 2019. Mrs. De Groot has over 20 years of experience in the financial sector. From 1987 until 2008, Mrs. De Groot held several positions at ABN AMRO Bank mainly in the field of risk management and (structured) finance. Her last role within ABN AMRO was Head of Policy & Portfolio Management and member of the Global Risk Management Team. After that period, she had various interim assignments before she joined Royal Schiphol Group as CFO and member of the Board of Management.

Auxiliary positions
Board Member, chair of the Risk Committee, and member of de Audit Committee of the North American Board of Rabobank

Berry (B.J.) Marttin

Mr. Marttin was appointed to the Managing/Executive Board as of 1 July 2009. Within the Managing Board, Mr. Marttin is responsible for international Rural & Retail, Sustainability, Leasing, B4F Inspiration Centre and the Rabobank Foundation. Mr. Marttin joined Rabobank in 1990. From 1990 until 2004 he fulfilled a number of international positions within Rabobank. After several positions in Brazil and Curacao he served as Head of International Corporates in Hong Kong, Head of Risk Management in Indonesia and as Deputy General Manager Rural Banking for Rabobank Australia and New Zealand. From 2004 until 2009 he was Chairman of the board of directors of Rabobank Amsterdam.

Auxiliary positions	Chairman of the Supervisory Board of DLL International B.V
	Member of the Board of Directors of Rabobank International Holding B.V.
	Member of the Board of Rabobank Foundation
	Member of the Board of Rabobank Australia Ltd.
	Member of the Board of Rabobank New Zealand Ltd
	Chairman of the Shareholders Council of Rabo Partnerships
	Member of the Supervisory Board of Arise N.V.
	First Vice President of the Board of Directors, American Chamber of Commerce
	Member of the Board Trustees Hanns R. Neumann Stiftung
	President of the European Association of Cooperative Banks

Kirsten (C.M.) Konst

Mrs. Konst is a member of the Managing/Executive Board as of 1 September 2017. Her main areas of focus are Commercial Banking in the Netherlands and regional directors. After having had several positions at ABN Amro, Mrs. Konst joined Rabobank in 2010. She fulfilled several positions at local Rabobanks and was Operations Director before her appointment to the Managing Board.

Auxiliary positions	Board Member of VNO-NCW
	Member of the Supervisory Board of IDH (Sustainable Trade initiative)

Mariëlle (M.P.J.) Lichtenberg

Mrs. Lichtenberg is a member of the Managing Board as of 1 September 2017. Her main areas of focus are Retail & Private Banking in the Netherlands. She started at Rabobank International in 1995. Since then Mrs. Lichtenberg fulfilled several positions at the local Rabobank as well as staff department. From 2016 she was Director Digital Bank before she joined the Managing Board.

Auxiliary positions	Chair of the Supervisory Board of Obvion N.V
	Chair of the Supervisory Board of Bouwfonds Property Development

Bart (B.) Leurs

Mr. Leurs became a member of the Managing Board and Chief Digital Transformation Officer (CDTO) on 1 September 2017. He started his career in banking in 1997 at ING as a management trainee. After having fulfilled several positions at ING in Canada, Germany and Belgium, Mr. Leurs joined Rabobank in 2016 as Head of Fintech & Innovation.

Ieko (I.A.) Sevinga

Mr. Sevinga became a member of the Managing Board and Chief Information & Operations Officer (CIOO) on 1 September 2017. He started his career in 1986 at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam. After that Mr. Sevinga had various positions at McKinsey & Company and Kempen & Co./Van Lanschot Bankiers. He joined Rabobank in 2015 as Director Organisation Development & Performance before he was appointed to the Managing Board.

Auxiliary positions	Non-Executive board member of DPG Media B.V.

Janine (B.J.) Vos

Mrs. Vos became a member of the Managing Board and Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO) on 1 September 2017. She started her career in 1997 at KPN as a management trainee. After having fulfilled several (HR) positions, she switched as Chief Human Resources Officer from KPN to Rabobank in 2016.

Auxiliary positions	Member of the Supervisory Board of KLM N.V. Member of the Advisory Board of 'Topvrouwen.nl' Member of the Advisory Board of Social Capital

Administrative, management and supervisory bodies — conflicts of interests

As of the date of this Base Prospectus, there are no conflicts of interest between the duties to Rabobank and their private interests or other duties of the persons listed above under "Supervisory Board of Rabobank" and "Managing Board of Rabobank". These members may obtain financial services of Rabobank. In order to avoid potential conflicts of interest, Rabobank has internal rules of procedures (*reglementen*) in place for members of its Supervisory Board and Managing Board for situations in which potential or perceived conflicts of interest could arise, including rules in respect of additional positions which may be held by any such member.

Administrative, management and supervisory bodies — business address

The business address of the members of Rabobank's Supervisory Board and Managing Board is Croeselaan 18, 3521 CB Utrecht, the Netherlands.

F.7 REGULATION OF RABOBANK GROUP

Rabobank is a bank organised under Dutch law. The principal Dutch law on supervision applicable to Rabobank is the FMSA, under which Rabobank is supervised by DNB and the AFM. The ECB assumed certain supervisory tasks from DNB and is the competent authority responsible for supervising Rabobank Group's compliance with prudential requirements. Rabobank and the various Rabobank Group entities are also subject to certain EU legislation, which has a significant impact on the regulation of Rabobank Group's banking, asset management and broker-dealer businesses in the EU, and to the regulation and supervision of local supervisory authorities of the various countries in which Rabobank Group does business.

The overview below consists of a summary of the key applicable regulations and does not purport to be complete.

Basel Standards

The Basel Committee develops international capital adequacy guidelines based on the relationship between a bank's capital and its risks, including, *inter alia,* credit, market, operational, liquidity and counterparty risks.

Credit Risk

To assess their credit risk, banks can choose between the "Standardised Approach", the "Foundation Internal Ratings Based Approach" and the "Advanced Internal Ratings Based Approach". The Standardised Approach is based on standardised risk weights set out in the Basel II capital guidelines and external credit ratings; it is the least complex. The two Internal Ratings Based Approaches allow banks to use internal credit rating systems to assess the adequacy of their capital. The Foundation Internal Ratings Based Approach allows banks to use their own credit rating systems with respect to the "Probability of Default". In addition to this component of credit risk, the Advanced Internal Ratings Based Approach allows banks to use their own credit rating systems with respect to the "Exposure at Default" and the "Loss Given Default". The rules on the assessment of credit risk are expected to change as a consequence of the Basel III Reforms. See "*Basel III Reforms*" and "*Recent Developments*" below.

See the risk factor entitled "*Any increase in the Group's minimum regulatory capital and liquidity requirements may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations*" above.

Market Risk

To assess their market risk, banks can choose between a "Standardised approach" or an alternative methodology based on own internal risk management models. Rabobank has permission from its supervisor to calculate the general and specific exposures using its internal Value-at-Risk (VaR) models.

Operational Risk

To assess their operational risk, banks can also choose between three approaches with different levels of sophistication, the most refined of which is the Advanced Measurement Approach. Rabobank Group has chosen the Advanced Measurement Approach.

Basel III Reforms

The Basel III framework, which is implemented in the EU by means of the CRD IV Directive and CRR (see "*European Union Standards – The CRD IV Directive and CRR*" below) sets out rules for higher and better quality capital, better risk coverage, the introduction of a leverage ratio as a backstop to the risk-based requirements, measures to promote the build-up of capital that can be drawn down in periods of stress, and the introduction of two liquidity standards. Basel III includes increasing the minimum Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (or equivalent) requirement from 2 per cent. of the total risk exposure amount (before the application of regulatory adjustments) to 4.5 per cent. (after the application of stricter regulatory adjustments (which, under CRD IV, were gradually phased in from 1 January 2014 until 1 January 2018)). The total Common Equity Tier 1 Capital requirement has increased from 4 per cent. of the total risk exposure amount to 6 per cent. under CRD IV and the total Common Equity Tier 1 Capital requirement is 8 per cent of the total risk exposure amount under CRD IV. In addition, banks will be required to maintain, in the form of Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (or equivalent), a capital conservation buffer of 2.5 per cent. of the total risk exposure amount to withstand future periods of stress, bringing the total Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (or equivalent) requirements to 7 per cent. If there is excess credit growth in any given country resulting in a system-wide build-up of risk, a countercyclical capital buffer (generally of up to 2.5 per cent. of the total risk exposure amount and also comprised of Common Equity Tier 1 Capital (or other fully loss absorbing capital)) may be applied as an extension of the capital conservation buffer. Furthermore, banks considered to have systemic importance should have loss absorbing capacity beyond these standards.

Capital requirements have been further supplemented by the introduction of a non-risk based leverage ratio of 3 per cent., plus a surcharge of 50 per cent. of the G-SIB buffer requirement for G-SIB's (under the Basel III Reforms, see below) in order to limit an excessive build-up of leverage on a bank's balance sheet. During the period from 1 January 2013 to 1 January 2017, the Basel Committee has monitored banks' leverage data on a semi-annual basis in order to assess whether the proposed design and calibration of a minimum leverage ratio of 3 per cent. is appropriate over a full credit cycle and for different types of business models. This assessment included consideration of whether a wider definition of exposures and an off-setting adjustment in the calibration would better achieve the objectives of the leverage ratio. The Basel Committee also closely monitored accounting standards and practices to address any differences in national accounting frameworks that are material to the definition and calculation of the leverage ratio. The Dutch government has indicated that Dutch systemically important banks, including Rabobank, should also have a surcharge like the G-SIB's on top of the 3 per cent. leverage ratio requirement. As at 31 December 2020, the leverage ratio of Rabobank was 6.97 per cent.

In addition, Basel III has introduced two international minimum standards intended to promote resilience to potential liquidity disruptions over a 30 day horizon and limit over-reliance on short-term wholesale funding during times of buoyant market liquidity. The first one is referred to as the liquidity coverage ratio (the "**LCR**") which is being gradually phased in from 1 January 2015. The LCR tests the short-term resilience of a bank's liquidity risk profile by ensuring that it has sufficiently high-quality liquid assets to survive a significant stress scenario lasting for 30 days. The second one is referred to as a net stable funding ratio (the "**NSFR**"). The NSFR tests resilience over a longer period by requiring banks to hold a minimum amount of stable sources of funding relative to the liquidity profiles of the assets and the potential contingent liquidity needs arising from off-balance sheet commitments.

In December 2017, the Basel Committee finalised the Basel III Reforms (also referred to as "Basel IV" by the industry). This reform complements the initial phase of Basel III announced in 2010 (and implemented in the CRR/CRD IV in 2014) as a response to the global financial crisis. The 2017 reform seeks to restore credibility in the calculation of risk-weighted assets ("**RWAs**") and improve the comparability of banks' capital ratios. Main features of the reform:

- Revisions to the standardised approaches for calculating credit risk, market risk, credit value adjustments ("**CVA**") and operational risk
- Constraints on the use of internal model approaches, by placing limits on certain inputs used to calculate capital requirements under the interest ratings-based ("**IRB**") approach for credit risk (for metrics such as Probability of Default ("**PD**") and Loss Given Default ("**LGD**")) and by removing the use of internal model approaches for CVA risk and for operational risk
- The introduction of an output floor, which limits the benefits banks can derive from using internal models to calculate minimum capital requirements. Banks' calculations of RWAs generated by internal models cannot, in aggregate, fall below 72.5 per cent. of the risk-weighted assets computed by standardised approaches
- Global systemically important banks ("**G-SIBs**") are subject to higher leverage ratio requirements.

According to the Basel III Reforms, the capital floors and other standards (including a revision of the leverage ratio framework) will become applicable as of 2022 and a transitional regime may apply.

Recent Developments

In March and April 2020, the Basel Committee set out measures to alleviate the impact of COVID-19 (including by deferring the Basel III Reforms by one year to 1 January 2023 and the accompanying transitional arrangements for the output floor also by one year to 1 January 2028) and to ensure that banks reflect the risk-reducing effect of governmental support measures when calculating their regulatory capital requirements.

European Union Legislation

The CRD IV Directive and CRR

As of 1 January 2014, EC Directive 2006/48 and EC Directive 2006/49 were repealed by the CRD IV Directive. The CRD IV Directive, together with the CRR, implements Basel III in the EEA. Both texts were published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 27 June 2013 and became effective on 1 January 2014 (except for capital buffer provisions which became effective on 1 January 2016). The CRD IV Directive was implemented into Dutch law by amendments to the FMSA pursuant to an amendment act (the "**CRD IV/CRR Implementation Act**")

which entered into force on 1 August 2014. The CRR has established a single set of harmonised prudential rules which apply directly to all banks in the EEA as of 1 January 2014, but with particular requirements being phased in over a period of time, to be fully applicable by various dates up to 2022. The harmonised prudential rules include own funds requirements, an obligation to maintain a liquidity coverage buffer, a requirement to ensure that long-term obligations are adequately met under both normal and stressed conditions and the requirement to report on these obligations. The competent supervisory authorities will evaluate whether capital instruments meet the criteria set out in the CRR. In addition, in June 2019, the European Commission adopted the EU Banking Reforms which are wide-ranging and cover multiple areas, including the Pillar 2 framework, a binding 3 per cent. leverage ratio, the introduction of a binding detailed NSFR, permission for reducing own funds and eligible liabilities, macroprudential tools, a new category of "non-preferred" senior debt, the MREL framework, the integration of the TLAC standard into EU legislation and the transposition of the fundamental review of the trading book (FRTB) conclusions into EU legislation. See also the risk factor entitled "*Any increase in the Group's minimum regulatory capital and liquidity requirements may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations*").

The CRD IV Directive (as defined below) also introduces capital buffer requirements that are in addition to the minimum "own funds" requirements and are required to be met with Common Equity Tier 1 Capital. It provides for five capital buffers: (i) the capital conservation buffer, (ii) the institution-specific countercyclical capital buffer, (iii) the global systemically important institutions buffer (the "**G-SII Buffer**"), (iv) the other systemically important institutions buffer (the "**O-SII Buffer**") and (v) the systemic risk buffer. The capital conservation buffer (2.5 per cent.), systemic risk buffer (abolished by DNB due to the implementation of Directive (EU) 2019/878 ("**CRD V**")), O-SII Buffer (2.0 per cent) and countercyclical capital buffer (0.01 per cent. as of 31 December 2020) all apply to the Group and some or all of the other buffers may be applicable to the Group from time to time, as determined by the ECB, the DNB or any other competent authority at such time.

On 15 December 2019, Rabobank published its 2020 ECB capital requirements, determined pursuant to the SREP. The ECB decision requires that Rabobank maintains a total supervisory review and evaluation process ("**SREP**") capital requirement of 9.75 per cent. on a consolidated and unconsolidated basis. The requirement consists of an 8 per cent. minimum own funds requirement and a 1.75 per cent. Pillar 2 requirement ("**P2R**"). The total Common Equity Tier 1 Capital minimum requirement is 6.25 per cent., consisting of the minimum Pillar 1 requirement (4.5 per cent.) and the P2R (1.75 per cent.). On 8 April 2020 the ECB informed the Rabobank that the P2R is "*to be held in the form of Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital, which the Original Decision imposes on the Supervised Entity and other ECB addressees, if any, shall, instead, be held in the form of 56.25 per cent. of CET1 capital and 75 per cent. of Tier 1 capital, as a minimum.*" This effectively lowers the total Common Equity Tier 1 Capital minimum requirement with 0.77%.

In addition, Rabobank is required to comply with the combined buffer requirements consisting of a capital conservation buffer (2.5 per cent. as of 2019), a systematic risk buffer imposed by DNB of 3.0 per cent. as of 2019 (which, as at the date of this Base Prospectus, has been abolished due to the implementation of CRD V), a O-SII buffer of 2.0 per cent and a countercyclical capital buffer (0.01 per cent. as of 31 December 2020) that needs to be applied on top of these Common Equity Tier 1 Capital requirements. When taking into account the lowered systemic risk buffer imposed by DNB, this would translate into an aggregate 10.00 per cent. Common Equity Tier 1 Capital requirement for 2020. At the date of this Base Prospectus, the Group complies with these requirements.

Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive and Single Resolution Mechanism Regulation

The BRRD entered into force in July 2014. The bail-in tool with respect to eligible liabilities and the other measures set out in the BRRD (outlined below) were implemented into Dutch law on 26 November 2015. The stated aim of the BRRD is to provide relevant authorities with common tools and powers to address banking crises pre-emptively in order to safeguard financial stability and minimise taxpayers' exposure to losses.

The BRRD provides competent authorities with early intervention powers and resolution authorities with pre-resolution powers, including the power to write down or convert capital instruments to ensure relevant capital instruments fully absorb losses at the point of non-viability of the issuing institution or group and the power to convert existing instruments of ownership or transfer them to bailed-in creditors. Moreover, when the conditions for resolution are met, resolution authorities can apply, among others, a bail-in tool, which comprises a more general power for resolution authorities to write down the claims of unsecured creditors of a failing institution or to convert unsecured debt claims to equity or other instruments of ownership. Pursuant to article 44 paragraph 2 sub (b) of the BRRD (as implemented in the Netherlands in article 3a:60 of the Wft), covered bonds are in principle excluded from the applicability of the write-down and conversion powers laid down in the BRRD (as

complemented by the SRM). This means that, in principle, Covered Bonds cannot be written down following a bail-in intervention of the national authorities in relation to the Issuer. However, it cannot be excluded that such write down powers may be used in relation to the Covered Bonds if and to the extent the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds would exceed the value of the collateral against which they are secured through the Guarantee and the Security and/or such Guarantee would not qualify as collateral. Such determination shall not constitute an Issuer Event of Default and Covered Bondholders will have no further claims in respect of any amount so written off or otherwise as a result of such loss absorption.

In addition, the BRRD provides resolution authorities with broader powers to implement other resolution measures with respect to distressed banks which satisfy the conditions for resolution, which may include (without limitation) the sale of the bank's business, the creation of a bridge bank, the separation of assets, the replacement or substitution of the bank as obligor in respect of debt instruments, modifications to the terms of debt instruments (including altering the maturity or the amount of interest payable or imposing a temporary suspension on payments) and discontinuing the listing and admission to trading of financial instruments. See further the risk factor entitled "*Any difficulty in raising minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial position and results of operations*".

To complement the European Banking Union (an EU-level banking supervision and resolution system) and the SSM, on 15 July 2014 the European Commission adopted the SRM Regulation to establish the SRM (as further described, in the risk factor entitled "*Resolution regimes may lead to fewer assets of the Issuer being available to investors for recourse for their claims, and may lead to lower credit ratings and possibly higher cost of funding*"). The SRM establishes the SRB that will manage the failing of any bank in the Euro area and in other EU member states participating in the European Banking Union. On the basis of the SRM, the SRB is granted the same resolution tools as those set out in the BRRD, including a bail-in tool. The SRM applies directly to banks covered by the SSM, including Rabobank. On the basis of the SRM, the ECB is responsible for recovery planning as set out in the BRRD. In a Dutch context, DNB is the national resolution authority. While, as the Group's resolution authority, the SRB is ultimately in charge of the decision to initiate the Group's resolution, operationally the decision will be implemented in cooperation with DNB in its capacity as national resolution authority.

In order to ensure the effectiveness of bail-in and other resolution tools introduced by the BRRD and SRM Regulation, the BRRD and SRM require that banks must meet an MREL requirement as set by the resolution authority. The EU Banking Reforms have made changes to the existing MREL framework and furthermore introduced changes to the CRD IV, CRR, BRRD and SRM Regulation. On 20 May 2020, the SRB published its final MREL Policy under the EU Banking Reforms. MREL decisions by the SRB implementing the new MREL policy are based on this policy in the 2020 resolution planning cycle. These decisions replace those issued under the previous MREL framework.

On 29 March 2021, Rabobank received its updated MREL requirement from the DNB (acting in its capacity as national resolution authority), as decided on by the SRB on 29 January 2021. This MREL requirement under the revised framework is set at 23.11 per cent. of RWA (27.62 per cent. of RWA when including Rabobank's combined buffer requirements) and 7.5 per cent. of Leverage Ratio Exposure, each on a Group consolidated basis, to be fully met both as an intermediate requirement by 1 January 2022 and as an end-state requirement by 1 January 2024.

If Rabobank Group were to experience difficulties in raising MREL eligible liabilities, it may have to reduce its lending or investments in other operations.

See also the risk factors entitled "*Any difficulty in raising minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial position and results of operations*", "*Risks relating to the EU Banking Reforms*", "*Any increase in the Group's minimum regulatory capital and liquidity requirements may have a material adverse effect on the Group's business, financial condition and results of operations*" and "*Resolution regimes may lead to fewer assets of the Issuer being available to investors for recourse for their claims, and may lead to lower credit ratings and possibly higher cost of funding*".

Supervision

In 2010, agreement was reached at EU level on the introduction of a new supervisory structure for the financial sector. The new European architecture combines the existing national authorities, the newly created European Systemic Risk Board and the following three European Authorities: the EBA, the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority and the European Securities and Markets Authorities. These institutions have been in place since 1 January 2011.

However, as part of the European Banking Union (responsible for banking policy on the EU level), two further regulations have been enacted: (i) a regulation for the establishment of the SSM on the basis of which specific tasks relating to the prudential supervision of the most significant banks in the Euro area are conferred to the ECB; and (ii) a regulation amending the regulation which sets up the EBA. Regulation 1024/2013 (the "**SSM Framework Regulation**"), which establishes the SSM, was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 29 October 2013 and entered into force on 4 November 2013. The SSM provides that the ECB carries out its tasks within a single supervisory mechanism comprised of the ECB and national competent authorities. The ECB and relevant competent authorities have formed joint supervisory teams ("**JST**") for the supervision of each significant bank or significant banking group within the Euro area. As Rabobank Group qualifies as a significant group under the SSM and the SSM Framework Regulation, with effect from 4 November 2014, the day-to-day supervision of Rabobank Group is now carried out by a JST. The ECB and national competent authorities are subject to a duty of cooperation in good faith, and an obligation to exchange information. Where appropriate, and without prejudice to the responsibility and accountability of the ECB for the tasks conferred on it by the SSM, national competent authorities shall be responsible for assisting the ECB. In view of the assumption of these supervisory tasks, in 2014 the ECB (together with the national competent authorities) carried out a comprehensive assessment, including a balance sheet assessment, as well as a related asset quality review and stress tests, of the banks in respect of which it took on responsibility for formal supervision. The ECB supervises Rabobank Group's compliance with prudential requirements, including (i) its own funds requirements, LCR, NSFR and the leverage ratio and the reporting and public disclosure of information on these matters, as set out in the CRR and (ii) the requirement to have in place robust governance arrangements, including fit and proper requirements for the persons responsible for the management of a bank, remuneration policies and practices and effective internal capital adequacy assessment processes, as set out in the FMSA. The ECB is also the competent authority which assesses notifications of the acquisition of qualifying holdings in banks and has the power to grant a declaration of no objection for such holdings.

COVID-19 prudential regulatory initiatives

Since the outbreak of the coronavirus (or COVID-19) pandemic, various legislative and regulatory authorities have taken prudential regulatory initiatives to address the negative impact of the coronavirus, including:

European Commission (EC)

In April 2020, the European Commission adopted a banking package aimed at facilitating bank lending to support the economy. The package is intended to encourage banks and supervisory bodies to apply the EU's accounting and prudential rules more flexibly, and proposes certain targeted amendments to CRR. These targeted amendments include (i) postponing the date of application of the leverage ratio buffer requirement for G-SIIs with one year to 1 January 2023, (ii) offsetting the impact of certain central bank exposures from the calculation of the leverage ratio and (iii) mitigating the impact of IFRS 9 provisions on CET1 capital through certain transitional arrangements (the "**EC Corona Measures**"). The European Commission has requested the European Parliament and the Council to expedite the discussion of its proposals in order to adopt the targeted amendments of CRR by June 2020.

European Central Bank (ECB)

In March 2020, the ECB announced its decision to allow its directly supervised banks (i) to operate temporarily below the level of capital as defined by Pillar 2 Guidance ("**P2G**"), the capital conservation buffer and the liquidity coverage ratio and (ii) to partially use capital instruments that do not qualify as CET1 capital to meet Pillar 2 Requirements ("**P2R**"). In addition, the ECB asked banks not to pay dividends until at least October 2021 (the "**ECB Corona Measures**").

Dutch Central Bank (DNB)

In March 2020, DNB announced (i) the temporary reduction of the systemic risk buffer requirement applicable to the three major Dutch banks ABN AMRO Bank, ING Bank and Rabobank and (ii) the postponement of the introduction of extra capital requirement for mortgage loans (the so-called 'DNB RWA Floor') for an indefinite period of time. In addition, DNB announced that, in line with the ECB Corona Measures, less significant institutions under its supervision will be allowed (i) to operate temporarily below the level of capital defined by the P2G, the capital conservation buffer and the liquidity coverage ratio and (ii) to partially meet their P2R with capital instruments that do not qualify as CET1 capital (the "**DNB Corona Measures**").

European Banking Authority (EBA)

In March 2020, EBA announced that it would take certain measures to alleviate the immediate operational burden on banks, including the postponement of stress test exercises to 2021. Furthermore, EBA provided further guidance on (a) measures to mitigate the increase in aggregated amounts of additional valuation adjustments (AVAs) under the prudent valuation framework (for institutions applying the core approach) and (b) a postponement of the FRTB-SA (Fundamental Review of the Trading Book – Standardised Approach) reporting requirement. EBA also recognised the need for a pragmatic approach for the 2020 SREP, focusing on the most material risks and vulnerabilities driven by the coronavirus crisis (together, the "**EBA Corona Measures**").

Dutch Regulation

Scope of the FMSA

The ECB is formally the competent authority that supervises the majority of Rabobank Group's activities. The day-to-day supervision of Rabobank Group is carried out by the JST. The AFM supervises primarily the conduct of business. Set forth below is a brief summary of the principal aspects of the FMSA.

Licensing

Under the FMSA, a bank established in the Netherlands is required to obtain a licence before engaging in any banking activities. Now that the ECB has assumed its supervisory tasks under the SSM, the ECB is the formal supervisory authority to grant and revoke a banking licence for banks in the Euro area including the Netherlands. DNB shall prepare a draft decision if in its view a licence should be granted and the ECB will take the formal decision. The requirements to obtain a licence, among others, are as follows: (i) the day-to-day policy of the bank must be determined by at least two persons; (ii) the bank must have a body of at least three members which has tasks similar to those of a supervisory board; and (iii) the bank must adhere to requirements that determine the minimum level of own funds (*eigen vermogen*). In addition, a licence may be refused if, among other things, the competent authority is of the view that (i) the persons who determine the day-to-day policy of the bank have insufficient expertise to engage in the business of the bank (fit and proper requirement), (ii) the policy of the bank is not (co-)determined by persons whose integrity is beyond doubt, or (iii) through a qualified holding in the bank, influence on the policy of such enterprise or institution may be exercised which is contrary to 'prudent banking policy' (*gezonde en prudente bedrijfsvoering*). DNB is still competent to make the decision to refuse to grant a licence on its own. In addition to certain other grounds, the licence may be revoked if a bank fails to comply with the requirements for maintaining its licence.

Reporting and investigation

A significant bank or significant banking group is required to file its annual financial statements with the ECB in a form approved by the ECB, which includes a statement of financial position and a statement of income that have been certified by an appropriately qualified auditor. In addition, a bank is required to file quarterly (and some monthly) statements, on a basis established by the ECB. The ECB has the option to demand additional reports.

Rabobank must file consolidated quarterly (and some monthly) reports as well as annual reports that provide a true and fair view of their respective financial position and results with the ECB. Rabobank's independent auditor audits these reports annually.

Solvency

The CRR regulations on solvency supervision entail - in broad terms minimum standards on bank capital adequacy and capital buffers. These regulations also impose limitations on the aggregate amount of claims (including extensions of credit) a bank may have against one debtor or a group of related debtors. Over time, the regulations have become more sophisticated, being derived from the capital measurement guidelines of first Basel II and then Basel III as described under "Basel Standards" above and as laid down in EU legislation described above under "*European Union legislation*".

Liquidity

The regulations relating to liquidity supervision require that banks maintain sufficient liquid assets to cover for net outflows. In the determination of net outflows banks are required to follow a prudential approach, taking into account that the call or prepayment occurs at the first possible date. On 1 January 2018, the 100 per cent. LCR requirement under CRR was fully phased in, meaning that Rabobank was required to hold at least enough high quality liquid assets to cover stressed 30 day net outflow. With 193 per cent. as per 31 December 2020, Rabobank complies with the minimum 100 per cent. requirement.

Structure

The FMSA provides that a bank must obtain a declaration of no-objection before, among other things, (i) acquiring or increasing a qualifying holding in a bank, investment firm or insurer with its statutory seat in a state which is not part of the EEA, if the balance sheet total of that bank, investment firm or insurer at the time of the acquisition or increase amounts to more than 1 per cent. of the bank's consolidated balance sheet total, (ii) acquiring or increasing a qualifying holding in an enterprise, not being a bank, investment firm or insurer with its statutory seat in the Netherlands or in a state which is part of the EEA or in a state which is not part of the EEA, if the amount paid for the acquisition or increase, together with the amounts paid for a previous acquisition or increase of a holding in such enterprise, amounts to more than 1 per cent. of the consolidated own funds of the bank, (iii) taking over all or a major part of the assets and liabilities of another enterprise or institution, directly or indirectly, if the total amount of the assets or the liabilities to be taken over amounts to more than 1 per cent. of the bank's consolidated balance sheet total, (iv) merging with another enterprise or institution if the balance sheet total thereof amounts to more than 1 per cent. of the bank's consolidated balance sheet total or (v) proceeding with a financial or corporate reorganisation. Decisions on the abovementioned declarations of no-objection are made by DNB. As of 1 January 2014, the definition of "qualifying holding" as set out in the CRR applies. "Qualifying holding" in the CRR is defined to mean a direct or indirect holding in an undertaking which represents 10 per cent. or more of the capital or of the voting rights or which makes it possible to exercise a significant influence over the management of that undertaking.

In addition, any person is permitted to hold, acquire or increase a qualifying holding in a Dutch bank, or to exercise any voting power in connection with such holding, only after such person has obtained a declaration of no objection from the ECB.

Governance and administrative organisation

The ECB supervises the governance of significant banks and significant banking groups within the Netherlands. This includes the administrative organisation of banks, their financial accounting system and internal control. The administrative organisation must be such as to ensure that a bank has at all times a reliable and up-to-date overview of its assets and liabilities. Furthermore, the electronic data processing systems, which form the core of the accounting system, must be secured in such a way as to ensure a high degree of security, operational reliability, continuity and adequate, scalable capacity.

Intervention

In addition to the Intervention Act (*Wet bijzondere maatregelen financiële ondernemingen*), and partly amending it, on 26 November 2015 the Act on implementing the European framework for the recovery and resolution of banks and investment firms (*Implementatiewet Europees kader voor herstel en afwikkeling van banken en beleggingsondernemingen*) came into force, implementing the BRRD. While the Intervention Act was amended following the adoption and implementation of the BRRD and the SRM Regulation, granting to DNB powers including resolution tools contemplated by the BRRD, the powers of the Minister of Finance have remained. Under the Intervention Act the Dutch Minister of Finance may, with immediate effect, take measures or expropriate assets, liabilities, or securities issued by or with the consent of a financial enterprise (*financiële onderneming*) or its parent, in each case if it has its corporate seat in the Netherlands, if in the Minister of Finance's opinion, the stability of the financial system is in serious and immediate danger as a result of the situation in which the entity finds itself. In taking these measures, provisions in relevant Dutch legislation and the entity's articles of association may be set aside. Examples of immediate measures include the suspension of voting rights or of board members. The measures that can be taken by the Minister of Finance may only be used if other measures would not work, would no longer work, or would be insufficient. In addition, to ensure such measures are utilised appropriately the Minister of Finance must consult with DNB in advance and the Dutch Prime Minister must agree with the decision to intervene. The Minister of Finance must further inform the AFM of his intentions, whereupon the AFM must give an instruction to Euronext Amsterdam to stop the trading in any securities that are expropriated. In the case of expropriation, the beneficiary of the relevant asset will be compensated for any damage that directly and necessarily results from the expropriation. It is unlikely that such compensation will cover all losses of the relevant beneficiary.

The SRB has additional intervention powers including the power to operate the bail-in tool as set out in the SRM and the BRRD (see "- *Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive and Single Resolution Mechanism Regulation*").

U.S. Regulation

Regulation and Supervision in the U.S.

Rabobank Group's operations are subject to federal and state banking and securities regulation and supervision, as well as federal derivatives regulation in the U.S. Rabobank Group engages in U.S. banking activities through Rabobank, New York Branch (the "**New York Branch**"). It controls a U.S. broker-dealer, Rabo Securities USA, Inc., as well as other U.S. non-bank subsidiaries.

Rabobank and Utrecht-America Holdings, Inc. are bank holding companies that are financial holding companies within the meaning of the U.S. Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, as amended ("**BHC Act**"). As such, they are subject to the regulation and supervision of the Federal Reserve. The New York Branch is licensed and supervised by the New York State Department of Financial Services, and it is also supervised by the Federal Reserve.

Under U.S. law, Rabobank Group's activities and those of its subsidiaries in the U.S. are generally limited to the business of banking, and managing or controlling banks and certain other activities that are closely related to banking. As long as Rabobank and Utrecht-America Holdings, Inc. are financial holding companies under U.S. law, Rabobank Group may also engage in non-banking activities in the U.S. that are financial in nature, or incidental or complementary to such financial activity, including securities, merchant banking, insurance and other financial activities, subject to certain limitations on the conduct of such activities and to prior regulatory approval in some cases.

As a non-U.S. bank, Rabobank is generally authorised under U.S. law and regulations to acquire a non-U.S. company engaged in non-financial activities as long as the company's U.S. operations do not exceed certain thresholds and certain other conditions are met. Rabobank is required to obtain the prior approval of the Federal Reserve before directly or indirectly acquiring the ownership or control of more than 5 per cent. of any class of voting shares of U.S. banks, certain other depository institutions, and bank or depository institution holding companies.

State-licensed branches and agencies of non-U.S. banks (such as the New York Branch) may not, with certain exceptions that require prior regulatory approval, engage as a principal in any type of activity not permissible for their federally chartered or licensed counterparts. Likewise, the U.S. federal banking laws also subject state branches and agencies to the same single-borrower lending limits that apply to federal branches or agencies, which are substantially similar to the lending limits applicable to national banks. These single-borrower lending limits are based on the worldwide capital of the entire non-U.S. bank.

The Federal Reserve may terminate the activities of any U.S. office of a non-U.S. bank if, among other things, it determines that the non-U.S. bank is not subject to comprehensive supervision on a consolidated basis in its home country or that there is reasonable cause to believe that such non-U.S. bank or its affiliate has violated the law or engaged in an unsafe or unsound banking practice in the U.S. or, for a non-U.S. bank that presents a risk to the stability of the U.S. financial system, the home country of the non-U.S. bank has not adopted, or made demonstrable progress toward adopting, an appropriate system of financial regulation to mitigate such risk. In addition, the Superintendent of Financial Services of the State of New York (the "**Superintendent**") may revoke any licence for a branch of a non-U.S. bank issued under New York Banking Law if, among other things, the Superintendent finds that the licensed bank has violated any provision of any law, rule or regulation of the State of New York.

A major focus of U.S. governmental policy relating to financial institutions is aimed at preventing money laundering and terrorist financing and compliance with economic sanctions in respect of designated countries or activities. Failure of an institution to have policies and procedures and controls in place to prevent, detect and report money laundering and terrorist financing could in some cases have serious legal, financial and reputational consequences for the institution.

New York Branch

The New York Branch is licensed by the Superintendent to conduct a commercial banking business. Under New York Banking Law, the New York Branch is subject to the asset pledge requirements and is required to maintain eligible high-quality assets with banks in the State of New York. The Superintendent may also establish asset maintenance requirements for branches of non-U.S. banks. Currently, no such requirement has been imposed upon the New York Branch.

New York Banking Law authorises the Superintendent to take possession of the business and property of a New York branch of a non-U.S. bank under certain circumstances, including violations of law, conduct of business in an unsafe manner, impairment of capital, suspension of payment of obligations, or initiation of liquidation proceedings against the non-U.S. bank at its domicile or elsewhere. In liquidating or dealing with a branch's business after taking possession of a branch, only the claims of depositors and other creditors which arose out of transactions with a branch are to be accepted by the Superintendent for payment out of the business and property of the non-U.S. bank in the State of New York (which includes but is not limited to assets, or other property of the New York branch, wherever situated and any assets of the non-U.S. bank located in the State of New York, regardless of whether such assets are assets of the New York branch), without prejudice to the rights of the holders of such claims to be satisfied out of other assets of the non-U.S. bank. After such claims are paid, the Superintendent will turn over the remaining assets, if any, to the non-U.S. bank or its duly appointed liquidator or receiver.

The Dodd-Frank Act

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "**Dodd-Frank Act**") provides a broad framework for significant regulatory changes that extend to almost every area of U.S. financial regulation. 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.

Among other things, the Dodd-Frank Act requires that the lending and affiliate transaction limits applicable to the New York Branch take into account credit exposures arising from derivative transactions, securities borrowing and lending transactions, and repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements with counterparties.

Additionally, the Dodd-Frank Act provides U.S. regulators with tools to impose greater capital, leverage and liquidity requirements and other prudential standards, particularly for financial institutions that pose significant systemic risk, which include any non-U.S. banking organisation, such as Rabobank Group, with a branch or agency in the U.S. or a U.S. bank subsidiary and U.S.$50 billion or more in total consolidated assets. On 18 February 2014, the Federal Reserve issued a final rule implementing these heightened standards. Under the final rule, the New York Branch is subject to liquidity, risk management requirements, and in certain circumstances, asset maintenance requirements. The Federal Reserve issued a final rulemaking on 10 October 2019 that revised the framework for applying the enhanced prudential standards applicable to FBOs under Section 165 of the Dodd-Frank Act, as amended by the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act (the "**EGRRCPA**"), by, among other things, (i) establishing risk-based categories for determining prudential standards for FBOs and (ii) amending those prudential standards, including standards relating to liquidity, risk management, stress testing, and single-counterparty credit limits, depending on the risk profile of banking organizations under the risk-based categories. In addition, a separate rulemaking was also issued on 10 October 2019 by the Federal Reserve, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("**FDIC**") and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency ("**OCC**") to, among other things, modify the application of capital and liquidity requirements to certain U.S. intermediate holding companies of FBOs.

Section 13 of the BHC Act, together with the rules, regulations and published guidance thereunder, as amended (the "**Volcker Rule**"), adopted as part of the Dodd-Frank Act, limits the ability of banking entities and their affiliates to engage as principal in proprietary trading or to sponsor or invest in hedge, private equity or other similar funds or enter into certain covered transactions with certain covered funds, subject to certain exceptions and exemptions. However, certain non-U.S. banking organisations, such as certain non-U.S. banking entities within Rabobank Group, are exempt from these limitations with respect to activities that are solely outside of the U.S., subject to certain conditions. On 20 August 2019, the relevant U.S. federal agencies finalized a rulemaking that amended, in part, certain of the proprietary trading provisions under the Volcker Rule. In addition, on 25 June 2020, the relevant U.S. federal agencies finalised a rulemaking to amend certain parts of the Volcker Rule's covered fund-related restrictions, which became effective on 1 October 2020. The changes are intended to improve and streamline certain aspects of the covered funds portion of the Volcker Rule.

In addition, Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act, and the regulations adopted thereunder implementing the statutory requirements of Title VII, provide an extensive framework for the regulation of the derivatives market. While U.S. regulators have adopted many of the regulations governing the derivatives markets as contemplated by the Dodd-Frank Act, the implementation process is still ongoing and regulators continue to review and refine their initial rulemakings through additional interpretations and supplemental rulemakings. Under the Dodd-Frank Act, entities that qualify as swap dealers or major swap participants are required to register with the CFTC, while entities that qualify as security-based swap dealers and/or majority security-based swap participants will be required to register with the SEC. Rabobank is registered with the CFTC as a swap dealer. As a swap dealer, Rabobank is

subject to additional regulatory requirements with respect to capital, margin requirements for OTC derivative transactions, business conduct standards and other requirements. As a swap dealer, Rabobank's compliance with such regulatory requirements under Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Act may be costly and have an adverse impact on Rabobank Group. Additionally, under the so-called swap "push-out" provisions of the Dodd-Frank Act, certain ABS swaps activities of uninsured U.S. branches of non-U.S. banks, such as the New York Branch, are restricted as a result of Rabobank's registration as a swap dealer. The Dodd-Frank Act also requires all swap market participants (notwithstanding any registration requirement) to (i) maintain records and report certain information to swap data repositories in real-time and on an ongoing basis and (ii) clear certain categories of derivatives through a derivatives clearing organisation and execute such derivatives on a registered exchange (e.g., a designated contract market or swap execution facility).

In October 2015, the Federal Reserve, the OCC, the Farm Credit Administration and the Federal Housing Finance Agency issued a final rule to establish minimum initial and variation margin collection requirements for non-cleared swaps and non-cleared security-based swaps entered into by certain registered swap dealers, major swap participants, security-based swap dealers and/or major security-based swap participants ("**Registered Entities**") when facing other Registered Entities or financial end-user counterparties (the "**PR Margin Rules**"). The CFTC has also implemented its own initial and variation margin requirements in respect of non-cleared swaps entered into by swap dealers and major swap participants not captured by the PR Margin Rules (the "**CFTC Margin Rules**" and, together with the PR Margin Rules, the "**Uncleared Swap Margin Rules**"). Because Rabobank is regulated by the Federal Reserve and is a registered swap dealer (as noted above), it is subject to the Uncleared Swap Margin Rules with respect to its uncleared OTC derivative transactions when facing other Registered Entities and financial end-user counterparties.

Additionally, the Dodd-Frank Act requires systemically important non-bank financial companies and large, interconnected financial institutions, including any non-U.S. bank with U.S.$50 billion or more in total consolidated assets that has a branch or agency in the U.S. (such as Rabobank Group) to prepare and periodically submit to the Federal Reserve, the FDIC and the Financial Stability Oversight Council ("**FSOC**"), a plan for such company's rapid and orderly resolution in the event of material financial distress or failure. The U.S. resolution plan requirements have been implemented through regulations issued by the Federal Reserve and the FDIC that establish rules and requirements regarding the submission and content of a resolution plan and procedures for review by the Federal Reserve and the FDIC. The Federal Reserve and the FDIC must determine that a company's U.S. resolution plan is credible and would facilitate an orderly resolution of the company. A company that fails to submit a credible U.S. resolution plan may be subject to a range of measures imposed by the Federal Reserve and the FDIC, including more stringent capital, leverage or liquidity requirements; restrictions on growth, activities or operations; and requirements to divest assets or operations, as directed by the Federal Reserve and the FDIC. While Rabobank was not required to submit a U.S. resolution plan in 2016 or 2017, Rabobank was required to, and did, submit a U.S. resolution plan in 2018. On 10 October 2019, the Federal Reserve and the FDIC jointly adopted a final rule to amend the U.S. resolution plan requirements and to address amendments made by the EGRRCPA. Pursuant to the final rule, FBOs with US$250 billion or more in global consolidated assets, such as Rabobank Group, are required to file reduced U.S. resolution plans every three years, with the next U.S. resolution plan due on 1 July 2022.

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. In addition, the uncertainty of the regulatory environment in the United States, especially with respect to the status of certain aspects of the Dodd-Frank Act and other U.S. regulations could impact Rabobank Group's business activities and the value of the Covered Bonds should significant changes to such regulations be implemented.

F.8 CAPITALISATION AND INDEBTEDNESS OF RABOBANK GROUP

The table with respect to the capitalisation and indebtedness of Rabobank Group below sets out Rabobank Group's consolidated own funds and consolidated long-term and short-term debt securities as at 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019. All information has been derived from and should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial information for the year ended 31 December 2020, the information included in "Selected Financial Information", the information in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and other financial data appearing elsewhere in this Base Prospectus.

There has been no material change in the capitalisation and indebtedness of Rabobank Group since 31 December 2020.

	As at 31 December	
(in millions of euros)	2020	2019
Capitalisation of Rabobank Group		
Reserves and retained earnings	27,852	28,157
Equity instruments issued by Rabobank		
Rabobank Certificates	7,822	7,449
Capital Securities	4,482	5,264
	12,304	**12,713**
Other non-controlling interests	476	477
Total equity	**40,632**	**41,347**
Subordinated liabilities – non-current	11,538	14,342
Debt securities in issue – non-current - unsecured	47,855	60,195
Debt securities in issue – non-current – secured	27,561	30,754
Total non-current debt (excluding current portion of long-term debt)	**86,954**	**105,291**
Subordinated liabilities - current	1,949	1,448
Debt securities in issue - current - unsecured	34,897	39,689
Debt securities in issue - current - secured	7,590	5,354
Total current debt (maturity up to one year)	**44,436**	**46,490**
Total capitalisation	**131,390**	**151,781**
Breakdown of reserves and retained earnings		
Revaluation reserve – financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income	321	308
Revaluation reserve – pensions	(171)	(170)
Other reserves	(120)	(149)
Foreign currency translation reserves	(1,412)	(742)
Retained earnings	29,234	28,910
Total reserves and retained earnings	**27,852**	**28,157**

The table below sets forth Rabobank Group's net indebtedness in the short term and in the medium-long term. All information has been derived from and should be read in conjunction with Rabobank Group's audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019 and the notes thereto incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus.

	As at 31 December	
(in millions of euros)	2020	2019
Indebtedness of Rabobank Group		
Cash and balances at central banks[1]	108,466	63,086
Cash equivalents[2]	21,233	28,964
Trading securities[3]	305	398
Total liquidity	**130,004**	**92,448**
Current financial receivables[4]	**114,211**	**109,999**
Current bank debt[5]	16,334	16,495
Current portion of issued debt[6]	43,081	46,145
Other current financial debt[7]	347,433	318,570
Total current financial debt	**406,848**	**381,210**
Net current financial indebtedness	**162,633**	**178,763**
Non-current bank debt[8]	44,828	4,749
Non-current portion of issued debt[9]	83,926	100,048
Other non-current financial debt[10]	54,596	61,372
Non-current financial indebtedness	**183,350**	**166,169**
Net financial indebtedness	**345,983**	**344,932**

Notes:

(1) Cash and balances at central banks.

(2) Loans and advances to credit institutions with a maturity of up to one year.

(3) Financial assets held for trading with a maturity of up to one year.

(4) Total financial assets with a maturity of up to one year excluding cash balances at central banks, loans and advances to credit institutions and financial assets held for trading.

(5) Due to banks with a maturity of up to one year.

(6) Debt securities in issue and subordinated liabilities with a maturity of up to one year.

(7) Total financial liabilities with a maturity of up to one year excluding due to banks, debt securities in issue and subordinated liabilities.

(8) Due to banks with a maturity of more than one year.

(9) Debt securities in issue and subordinated liabilities with a maturity of more than one year.

(10) Total financial liabilities with a maturity of more than one year excluding due to banks, debt securities in issue and subordinated liabilities.

1. COVERED BONDS

1.1 FORM OF COVERED BONDS

Each Tranche of Covered Bonds will (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) be in bearer or in registered form. Bearer Covered Bonds will initially be issued in the form of a Temporary Global Covered Bond or, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, a Permanent Global Covered Bond. Each Temporary Global Covered Bond which is intended to be issued in NGN form, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, will be deposited on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche with a common safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg. Each Temporary Global Covered Bond which is not intended to be issued in NGN form, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, will on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche be deposited with Euroclear Netherlands or with (a depository for) any other agreed clearing system. Registered Covered Bonds will (unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms) be either (i) issued to each holder by way of a Registered Covered Bonds Deed or (ii) with respect to any Series which contain one or more Tranches of Covered Bonds offered or sold in reliance on Rule 144A, issued in the form of a Registered Global Covered Bond certificate.

Whilst any Covered Bond is represented by a Temporary Global Covered Bond payments of principal, interest (if any) and any other amount payable in respect of the Covered Bonds due prior to the Exchange Date will be made against presentation of the Temporary Global Covered Bond only to the extent that certification (in a form to be provided) to the effect that the beneficial holders of interests in such Covered Bond are not U.S. persons or persons who have purchased for resale to any U.S. person, as required by U.S. Treasury regulations, has been received by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or Euroclear Netherlands or any other agreed clearing system and that clearing system has given a like certification (based on the certifications it has received) to the Principal Paying Agent.

On and after the Exchange Date, interests in such Temporary Global Covered Bond will be exchangeable (free of charge) upon a request as described therein for interests in a Permanent Global Covered Bond of the same Series, against certification of non-US beneficial ownership as described above unless such certification has already been given. The holder of a Temporary Global Covered Bond will not be entitled to collect any payment of interest, principal or other amount due on or after the Exchange Date unless, upon due certification, exchange of the Temporary Global Covered Bond for an interest in a Permanent Global Covered Bond is improperly withheld or refused. Payments of principal, interest (if any) and any other amounts on a Permanent Global Covered Bond will be made without any requirement for certification.

The applicable Final Terms will specify that a Permanent Global Covered Bond will only be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for a Bearer Definitive Covered Bond with, where applicable, receipts, interest coupons and talons attached only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event, subject to mandatory provisions of applicable laws and regulations. The Issuer will promptly give notice to Covered Bondholders of each Series in accordance with Condition 13 (*Notices; Provision of Information*) if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or, if applicable, Euroclear Netherlands (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Global Covered Bond) or the Trustee may give notice to the Principal Paying Agent requesting exchange and, in the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described in (iii) above, the Issuer may also give notice to the Principal Paying Agent requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 30 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Principal Paying Agent. Upon an Exchange Event in respect of a Registered Global Covered Bond, the Registered Global Covered Bond will be exchanged in whole (but not in part) for Registered Definitive Covered Bonds in accordance with the Trust Deed and Agency Agreement. Whenever a Registered Global Covered Bond is to be exchanged for Registered Definitive Covered Bonds, duly authenticated and completed Registered Definitive Covered Bond certificates shall be issued in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the relevant Registered Global Covered Bond within five business days of the delivery, by or on behalf of the holder or any Clearing System, to the Registrar of such information as is required to complete and deliver such Registered Definitive Covered Bond certificates (including, without limitation, the names and addresses of the persons in whose names the Registered Definitive Covered Bonds are to be registered and the principal amount of each such person's holding) against the surrender of the relevant Registered Global Covered Bond certificate at the Specified Office of the Registrar.

In the event that Covered Bonds which have a denomination consisting of the minimum Specified Denomination plus a higher integral multiple of another smaller amount are issued, it is possible that the Covered Bonds may be traded in amounts that are not integral multiples of such minimum Specified Denomination. So long as such Covered Bonds are represented by a Temporary Global Covered Bond or Permanent Global Covered Bond and the relevant clearing system(s) so permit, these Covered Bonds will be tradeable only in the minimum Specified Denomination increased with integral multiples of another smaller amount, notwithstanding that Definitive Covered Bonds shall only be issued up to, but excluding, twice the minimum Specified Denomination. Bearer Definitive Covered Bonds will be in the standard euromarket form.

In the case of Covered Bonds represented by a Permanent Global Covered Bond deposited with Euroclear Netherlands, on the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described above, an exchange for Definitive Covered Bonds will only be possible in the limited circumstances as described in the Wge and in accordance with the rules and regulations of Euroclear Netherlands.

Global Covered Bonds, Definitive Covered Bonds and Registered Covered Bonds will be issued in accordance with and subject to the terms of the Agency Agreement and the Trust Deed.

The following legend will appear on all Covered Bonds in bearer form, which have an original maturity of more than one year and on all receipts and interest coupons relating to such Covered Bonds:

"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."

The sections referred to provide that United States holders, with certain exceptions, will not be entitled to deduct any loss on Covered Bonds, receipts or interest coupons and will not be entitled to capital gains treatment of any gain on any sale, disposition, redemption or payment of principal in respect of such Covered Bonds, receipts or interest coupons.

The following legend will appear on all Global Covered Bonds in bearer form held through Euroclear Netherlands:

"NOTICE: THIS COVERED BOND IS ISSUED FOR DEPOSIT WITH *NEDERLANDS CENTRAAL INSTITUUT VOOR GIRAAL EFFECTENVERKEER B.V.* ("**EUROCLEAR NETHERLANDS**") AT AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS. ANY PERSON BEING OFFERED THIS COVERED BOND FOR TRANSFER OR ANY OTHER PURPOSE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THEFT OR FRAUD IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE INVOLVED."

Covered Bonds which are represented by a Global Covered Bond and are held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, will only be transferable in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be. In the case of a Global Covered Bond deposited with Euroclear Netherlands, the rights of Covered Bondholders will be exercised in accordance with the Wge.

Covered Bonds issued under the Programme will either be fungible with an existing Series (and form part thereof) or have different terms to an existing Series (in which case they will constitute a new Series). All Covered Bonds issued from time to time will rank *pari passu* with each other in all respects and will be guaranteed by the Guarantee. The obligations of the CBC under the Guarantee are unsubordinated and unguaranteed obligations of the CBC, which are secured (indirectly, through a parallel debt) as provided in the Security Documents. If an Issuer Event of Default or a CBC Event of Default occurs and results in acceleration, all Covered Bonds of all Series will accelerate at the same time.

Pursuant to the Agency Agreement, the Principal Paying Agent shall arrange that, where a further Tranche of Covered Bonds is issued which is intended to form a single Series with an existing Tranche of Covered Bonds, the Covered Bonds of such further Tranche shall be assigned a temporary common code and ISIN Code by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, Clearnet S.A. Amsterdam Branch Stock Clearing and/or any other relevant security code which are different from the common code, ISIN Code and/or other relevant security code assigned to Covered Bonds of any other Tranche of the same Series until at least the expiry of the distribution compliance period (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) applicable to the Covered Bonds of such Tranche.

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Covered Bondholders or the Couponholders to create and issue further bonds having the same terms and conditions as the Covered Bonds of any Series or the same in all respects save for the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon, issue date and/or purchase price and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single Series with the outstanding Covered Bonds of such Series. The terms and conditions of such further issued Covered Bonds may differ from the Conditions set out in this Base Prospectus.

Any reference herein to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Final Terms or as may otherwise be approved by the Issuer, the Principal Paying Agent and the Trustee but shall not include Euroclear Netherlands.

No Covered Bondholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer or the CBC unless the Trustee, having become bound so to proceed, fails so to do within a reasonable period and the failure shall be continuing.

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

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

1.2 FORM OF FINAL TERMS

Set out below is the form of Final Terms, which, subject to any necessary amendment, will be completed for each Tranche of Covered Bonds issued under the Programme. Any material deviation of the form of Final Terms will also have to be agreed with the CBC and approved by the AFM (if such deviation is required to be approved under the Prospectus Regulation).

FINAL TERMS

[Date]

COÖPERATIEVE RABOBANK U.A.

(*incorporated in the Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam and registered in the Commercial Register of the Chamber of Commerce under number 30046259)*

Legal Entity Identifier (LEI): DG3RU1DBUFHT4ZF9WN62

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Covered Bonds]

Guaranteed as to payment of principal and interest by

RABO COVERED BOND COMPANY B.V.

(*incorporated in the Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam and registered in the Commercial Register of the Chamber of Commerce under number 67959687)*

Legal Entity Identifier (LEI): 724500XGXEWE59EU0D81

under the €25,000,000,000
Covered Bond Programme

The Base Prospectus referred to below (as completed by these Final Terms) has been prepared on the basis that any offer of Covered Bonds in any Member State of the European Economic Area ("**EEA**") will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Regulation (EUR) 2017/1129, including any commission delegated regulation thereunder (as amended, the "**Prospectus Regulation**"), from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of Covered Bonds. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Member State of the Covered Bonds which are the subject of an offering contemplated in the Base Prospectus as completed by Final Terms in relation to the offer of those Covered Bonds may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Regulation or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Covered Bonds in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish or supplement a prospectus for such offer.

PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS – The Covered Bonds are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the 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, "**EU MiFID II**"); (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive 2016/97/EU (as amended, "**IDD**"), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of EU 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 (as amended, the "**EU PRIIPs Regulation**") for offering or selling the Covered Bonds or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Covered Bonds or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the EU PRIIPs Regulation.

EU MIFID II PRODUCT GOVERNANCE / PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS AND ELIGIBLE COUNTERPARTIES ("**ECPS**") **ONLY TARGET MARKET** – Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer's product approval

process, the target market assessment in respect of the Covered Bonds has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Covered Bonds is eligible counterparties and professional clients only, each as defined in EU MiFID II; and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Covered Bonds to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Covered Bonds (an "EU distributor") should take into consideration the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment; however, an EU distributor subject to EU 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.

[**PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS** - The Covered Bonds are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the United Kingdom ("**UK**"). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("**EUWA**"); (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the FSMA and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA. Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the "**UK PRIIPs Regulation**") for offering or selling the Covered Bonds or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Covered Bonds or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.]

[**UK MiFIR product governance / Professional investors and ECPs only target market** – Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Covered Bonds has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Covered Bonds is only eligible counterparties, as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook ("**COBS**"), and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("**UK MiFIR**"); and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Covered Bonds to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. [*Consider any negative target market*]. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Covered Bonds (a "UK distributor") should take into consideration the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment; however, a UK distributor subject to the FCA Handbook Product Intervention and Product Governance Sourcebook (the "**UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules**") 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.]

PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the terms and conditions (the "**Conditions**") set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 18 May 2021 [and the supplemental Base Prospectus dated [•]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus (the "**Base Prospectus**") for the purposes of the Prospectus Regulation. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Covered Bonds described herein for the purposes of Article 8 of the Prospectus Regulation and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus including any supplement thereto in order to obtain all relevant information. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Covered Bonds is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. The Base Prospectus including any supplement thereto is available for viewing at https://www.rabobank.com/en/investors/funding/funding-programmes/rabobank-eur-25-billion-covered-bonds-programme.html and during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer, currently at Croeselaan 18, 3521 CB Utrecht, the Netherlands and copies may be obtained from the Issuer at that address.

[*The following alternative language below applies if the first Tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under a base prospectus with an earlier date. Consider whether a Drawdown Prospectus is required in this case, for example, because the final terms of the first Tranche included information which is no longer permitted to be included in final terms under the Prospectus Regulation*.]

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the terms and conditions (the "**Conditions**") set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 18 May 2021 [and the supplemental Base Prospectus dated [•]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus (the "**Base Prospectus**") for the purposes of the Prospectus Regulation[, provided that solely for the purpose of Condition 6(b) (*Redemption for tax reasons*) and Condition [•] the Issue Date shall be deemed to be [*include issue date of original issuance*]]. These Final Terms contain the final terms of the Covered Bonds and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus including any supplement thereto. This document constitutes the Final Terms relating to the issue of Covered Bonds described herein for the purposes of Article 8 of the Prospectus Regulation. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Covered Bonds is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. The Base Prospectus including any supplement thereto is available for viewing at https://www.rabobank.com/en/investors/funding/funding-programmes/rabobank-eur-25-billion-covered-bonds-programme.html and during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer, currently at Croeselaan 18, 3521 CB Utrecht, the Netherlands and copies may be obtained from the Issuer at that address. Any information contained in or accessible through any website, including https://www.rabobank.com/en/home/index.html, does not form a part of the Base Prospectus and/or these Final Terms and has not been scrutinised or approved by the AFM, unless specifically stated in the Base Prospectus, in any supplement hereto or in any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus that all or any portion of such information is incorporated by reference in the Base Prospectus.

Each potential investor in the Covered Bonds must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. A potential investor should not invest in Covered Bonds which are complex financial instruments 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.

[*Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable". Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if "Not Applicable" is indicated for individual paragraphs (in which case the sub-paragraphs which are not applicable can be deleted). Italics denote guidance for completing the Final Terms.*]

[*When completing any Final Terms or adding any other Final Terms or information, consideration should be given as to whether such terms or information constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation.*]

1.	(i)	Issuer:	Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A.
	(ii)	CBC:	Rabo Covered Bond Company B.V.
2.	(i)	Series Number:	[ ]

	(ii)	Tranche Number:	[ ]
	(iii)	Date on which the Covered Bonds become fungible:	[Not Applicable/The Covered Bonds shall be consolidated, form a single series and be interchangeable for trading purposes with the [*insert description of the Series*] on [*insert date*/the Issue Date/exchange of the Temporary Global Covered Bond for interests in the Permanent Global Covered Bond, as referred to in paragraph 21 below [which is expected to occur on or about [*insert date*]]].]
3.	Specified Currency or Currencies:		[ ]
4.	Aggregate Nominal Amount:		
	(i)	Series:	[ ]
	(ii)	Tranche:	[ ]
5.	Issue Price:		[ ] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [*insert date*] *(in the case of fungible issues only, if applicable)*]
6.	(i)	Specified Denominations:	[ ] (*At least EUR 100,000 (or its equivalent in another currency) for public offers and/or admissions to trading on a regulated market within the EEA*) (*For Bearer Covered Bonds where multiple denominations above EUR 100,000 (or equivalent) are being used the following sample wording should be followed: "*[EUR 100,000] *(or the relevant higher denomination)* and integral multiples of [EUR 1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [EUR 99,000] (*or twice the relevant higher denomination minus the smallest denomination)*. No Covered Bonds in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [EUR 199,000] *(or twice the relevant higher denomination minus the smallest denomination)."*)
	(ii)	Calculation Amount:	[ ] (*If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination. If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. Note: there must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.*)
7.	(i)	Issue Date:	[ ]
	(ii)	Interest Commencement Date:	[*Specify if other than the Issue Date*/Issue Date/Not Applicable]
8.	(i)	Final Maturity Date:	[ ] (*specify date or (for Floating Rate Covered Bonds) [the Specified Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to [ ]](specify the relevant month and year*))
	(ii)	Extended Due for Payment Date:	[ ] (*specify date or (for Floating Rate Covered Bonds) [the Specified Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to [ ]]*

		(specify relevant month); in each case falling twelve (12) calendar months after the Final Maturity Date) or (for Zero Coupon or if otherwise applicable), (specify) interest [basis as referred to in Condition 3(b)])
9.	Interest Basis:	[[ ] per cent. Fixed Rate][from, and including the Interest Commencement Date to, but excluding the Final Maturity Date. Thereafter, [•] per cent. Floating Rate] [[*specify reference rate*] +/- [ ] per cent. Floating Rate] [Zero Coupon] (further particulars specified below)
10.	Redemption/Payment Basis:	Subject to any purchase and cancellation or early redemption and subject to Condition 3 (*The Guarantee*), the Covered Bonds will be redeemed on the Final Maturity Date at [100] per cent. of their nominal amount.
11.	Change of Interest Basis:	[[[•]/[in accordance with paragraphs [14] and [15] below]/[Not Applicable]] (*If applicable, specify the date when any fixed to floating or floating to fixed rate change occurs or refer to paragraphs 14 and 15 below and identify there*)
12.	Call Option(s):	[Not Applicable / Issuer Call (further particulars specified below)]
13.	(i) Status of the Covered Bonds:	Unsubordinated, unsecured, guaranteed
	(ii) Status of the Guarantee:	Unsubordinated, secured (indirectly, through a parallel debt), unguaranteed

PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

14.	**Fixed Rate Covered Bond Provisions**	[Applicable/Not Applicable] [ ] (*If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph*)
	(i) Rate[(s)] of Interest:	[ ] per cent. per annum payable [annually/semi-annually/quarterly/monthly] in arrear on each Interest Payment Date [(provided however that after the date when the Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount is Due for Payment (the "**Extension Date**"), [interest shall be [payable monthly] / [ ]]
	(ii) Interest Payment Date(s):	[ ] in each year up to and including [ ] [(provided however that after the [date when the Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount is Due for Payment (the "**Extension Date**") / Extension Date], the Interest Payment Date shall be [monthly][*other*][and the first Interest Payment Date following the Extension Date shall be [ ])]] [There will be a [short/long] [first/last] fixed interest period (the "[**Short/Long**]" [**First/Last**] **Coupon**") in respect of the period [from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date to (but excluding) the First Interest Payment Date]/[from (and including) [(*insert penultimate*

		Interest Payment Date)] to (and including) the Final Maturity Date]]
(iii)	Fixed Coupon Amount(s):	[[ ] per Calculation Amount [except in respect of the [Short/Long] [First/Last] Coupon]/Not Applicable]
(iv)	Broken Amount(s):	[Not Applicable / [ ] per Calculation Amount payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [ ]] (*Insert particulars of any initial or final broken interest amounts which do not correspond with the Fixed Coupon Amount*)
(v)	Day Count Fraction:	[30/360 / Actual/Actual (ICMA)]
(vi)	Determination Date(s):	[[ ] in each year / Not Applicable] (*Insert regular Interest Payment Dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last Coupon.* *NB: This will need to be amended in the case of regular Interest Payment Dates which are not of equal duration* *NB: Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA)*)
(vii)	Business Day Convention:	[Following Business Day Convention / Modified Following Business Day Convention / Preceding Business Day Convention] [and [ ] as Additional Business Centre[s] for the definition of "Business Day"][Unadjusted]]
(viii)	Additional Business Centre(s):	[Not Applicable/*give details*]
15.	**Floating Rate Covered Bond Provisions**	[Applicable / Not Applicable / Applicable as of and including the Final Maturity Date] (*If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph*)
(i)	Interest Period(s):	[[As mentioned in Condition 4(b)] / [ ]]
(ii)	Specified Period:	[Not Applicable / [ ]] *(NB: Specify the Specified Period(s) and Specified Interest Payment Dates up to and including [the Extended Due for Payment Date][other]]* (*Specified Interest Payment Dates and Specified Period are alternatives. A Specified Period will only be relevant if the Business Day Convention is the Floating Rate Convention (also called FRN Convention or Eurodollar Convention). Otherwise, insert "Not Applicable"*)
(iii)	Specified Interest Payment Dates:	[Not Applicable/[ ] in each [year], commencing on [ ] (the "**First Interest Payment Date**"), subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out in (v) below] [(provided however that after the [date when the Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount is Due for Payment (the "**Extension Date**") / Extension Date], the

		Specified Interest Payment Date shall be [monthly][*other*])]
		[The [•]th day of each [month][quarter], commencing on the date falling [one][three] month after the Final Maturity Date (the "**First Interest Payment Date**"), up to, and including the Extended Due for Payment Date, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out in (iv) below.] *(NB: To be included for any Covered Bond with a fixed rate interest prior to the Extension Date and a monthly or quarterly floating rate following as from the Extension Date)*
		(*Specified Period and Specified Interest Payment Dates are alternatives. If the Business Day Convention is the FRN Convention, Floating Rate Convention or Eurodollar Convention, insert "Not Applicable")*
(iv)	Business Day Convention:	[Floating Rate Convention / FRN Convention / Eurodollar Convention / Following Business Day Convention / Modified Following Business Day Convention / Preceding Business Day Convention / None]
(v)	Unadjusted:	[No/Yes/Not applicable]
		(*Only applicable in case a Business Day Convention applies. Insert "No" if the amount of interest payable in respect of the relevant Interest Period should also be adjusted in accordance with the applicable Business Day Convention. Insert "Yes" if the amount of interest should be calculated as if the relevant Interest Payment Date were not subject to adjustment in accordance with the applicable Business Day Convention*.)
(vi)	Additional Business Centre(s):	[Not Applicable/*give details*]
(vii)	Manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest and Interest Amount(s) is/are to be determined:	[Screen Rate Determination / ISDA Determination]
(viii)	Calculation Agent:	[Principal Paying Agent / [ ]]
(ix)	Screen Rate Determination:	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
		(*If "Not Applicable", delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph*)
—	Reference Rate:	[ ]
		(*for example, EURIBOR, Compounded Daily SONIA, SONIA Compounded Index Rate, Compounded Daily €STR, Compounded Daily SOFR, Weighted Average SOFR of SOFR Compounded Index Rate*)
—	Interest Determination Date(s):	[ ]
		(*Second day on which TARGET2 is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR or Compounded Daily €STR*)

—	Relevant Screen Page:	[ ] (*In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters EURIBOR 01, ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate, due to the fallback provisions contained in Condition 4(b)(ii)(B) (Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds referencing EURIBOR)*)
—	Location of Reference Banks:	[[ ]/As per the Conditions]
—	Observation Method:	[Not Applicable/Lag/Lock-out/Shift][, where Lock-out date means the date 5 [London Banking Days][U.S. Government Securities Business Days] prior to the applicable Interest Payment Date] (*Insert only if Reference Rate is Compounded Daily SONIA, Compounded Daily €STR, Compounded Daily SOFR or Weighted Average SOFR*)
—	Observation Look-back Period (being no less than 5 London Banking Days, TARGET Settlement Days or U.S. Government Securities Business Days):	[ ] [London Banking Days]/[TARGET Settlement Days]/[U.S. Government Securities Business Days] (*Insert only if Reference Rate is Compounded Daily SONIA, Compounded Daily €STR, Compounded Daily SOFR or Weighted Average SOFR*)
—	Compounded Index:	[[ ]/As per the Conditions] (*Insert only if Reference Rate is Compounded Index Rate*)
—	Relevant Decimal Place:	[SONIA Compounded Index / SOFR Compounded Index] (*Insert only if Reference Rate is Compounded Index Rate*)
—	Relevant Number:	[[ ]/As per the Conditions] (*Insert only if Reference Rate is Compounded Index Rate*)
—	Numerator:	[[ ]/As per the Conditions] (*Insert only if Reference Rate is Compounded Index Rate*)
(x)	ISDA Determination:	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (*If "Not Applicable", delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph*)
—	Floating Rate Option:	[ ]
—	Designated Maturity:	[ ]
—	Reset Date:	[ ]
(xi)	Margin(s):	[+/-] [ ] per cent. per annum
(xii)	Minimum Rate of Interest:	[ ] per cent. per annum
(xiii)	Maximum Rate of Interest:	[ ] per cent. per annum
(xiv)	Day Count Fraction:	[Actual/Actual (ISDA) / Actual/365 (Fixed) / Actual/365 (Euro) / Actual/360 / 30E/360 or Eurobond Basis / 30/360

		/ 30E/360 (ISDA)]
16.	**Zero Coupon Covered Bond Provisions**	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (*If "Not Applicable", delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph*)
	(i) Accrual Yield:	[ ] per cent. per annum
	(ii) Reference Price:	[ ]
	[(iii) Day Count Fraction:	[30/360 / Actual/Actual (ICMA/ISDA)]]
PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION		
17.	**Issuer Call**	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (*If "Not Applicable", delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph*)
	(i) Optional Redemption Date(s):	[ ]
	(ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Covered Bond:	[ ] per Calculation Amount
	(iii) If redeemable in part:	
	(a) Minimum Redemption Amount:	[ ] per Calculation Amount
	(b) Maximum Redemption Amount:	[ ] per Calculation Amount
	(iv) Notice period (*if other than as set out in the Conditions*):	[Condition [ ] shall apply / other] (*N.B. If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the Conditions, the Issuer is advised to consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example, clearing systems and custodians, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example, as between the Issuer and the Agents*)
18.	**Final Redemption Amount of each Covered Bond**	[ ] per Calculation Amount (*N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is other than 100 per cent. of the nominal value, the Covered Bonds will be derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Regulation and the requirements of Annex XVII to the Prospectus Regulation will apply*)
19.	**Early Redemption Amount of each Covered Bond**	
	Early Redemption Amount per Calculation Amount payable on redemption for taxation reasons, or on acceleration following an Issuer Event of Default as against the Issuer or a CBC Event of Default or other	[Not Applicable / As set out in Condition 6 (*Redemption and Purchase*) / [ ] per Calculation Amount]

early redemption:

GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE COVERED BONDS

20.	Form of Covered Bonds:	[Bearer form / Registered form] [Temporary Global Covered Bond exchangeable for a Permanent Global Covered Bond which is exchangeable for Definitive Covered Bonds only upon an Exchange Event, subject to mandatory provisions of applicable laws and regulations.] [Permanent Global Covered Bond exchangeable for Definitive Covered Bonds only upon an Exchange Event, subject to mandatory provisions of applicable laws and regulations.] [(*For Series which are <u>not</u> offered or sold in reliance on Rule 144A:*) Registered Covered Bonds, issued to each holder by way of Registered Covered Bonds Deed. Specified office of Issuer for notification of transfers of Registered Covered Bonds: [[•] office, [*address*]/other] [*Delete as appropriate*].] [(*For Series which contain one or more Tranches offered or sold in reliance on Rule 144A:*) [Registered Covered Bonds: [Rule 144A Global Covered Bond/ Regulation S Global Covered Bond] registered in the name of a nominee for [a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg /[DTC] and exchangeable for Registered Definitive Covered Bonds [on [ ] days' notice/at any time/in the limited circumstances described therein].]]
21.	New Global Note:	[Yes/No] (*If "No" is specified here and the Covered Bonds are held through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg ensure that "Not Applicable" is specified for Eurosystem eligibility in the relevant sub-paragraph of paragraph 5 of Part B of the Final Terms and if "Yes" is specified here ensure that the appropriate specification is made in respect of Eurosystem eligibility in that same sub-paragraph*)
22.	Exclusion of set-off:	[Not applicable / Condition 5(g) applies]
23.	For the purposes of Condition 13, notices to be published in a newspaper:	[Yes, in [the Financial Times / [*specify other leading English language daily newspaper of general circulation in London*]] / No] *(N.B. Only relevant for Bearer Covered Bonds)*
24.	Additional Financial Centre(s):	[Not Applicable/*give details*]

		(*Note that this item relates to the date and place of payment (see Condition 5(e) (Payment Day)) and not Interest Period end dates (to which items 14(vii) and 15(vi) relate)*)
25.	Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Covered Bonds (and dates on which such Talons mature):	[Applicable/Not Applicable (*give details*)] [ ] (*If the Covered Bonds have more than 27 coupon payments, talons may be required if, on exchange into definitive form, more than 27 coupon payments are left.*)
26.	Consolidation provisions:	[The provisions [of Condition 16 (*Further Issues*) / annexed to these Final Terms] apply] [Not Applicable] (*Only "Not Applicable" if it is intended that there be no future fungible issues to this Series*)
27.	Relevant Benchmark[s]:	[Amounts payable under the Covered Bonds may be calculated by reference to [*specify benchmark*], which is provided by [*legal name of administrator(s)*][*repeat as necessary*]. As at the date hereof, [*legal name of administrator(s)*][appears]/[does not appear] [*repeat as necessary*] in the register of administrators and benchmarks established and maintained by ESMA pursuant to Article 36 of the Benchmarks Regulation. As far as the Issuer is aware, [[*legal name of administrator(s)*] as administrator of [*specify benchmark(s)*] [repeat as necessary] [is/are] not required to be registered by virtue of Article 2 of the Benchmarks Regulation] / [the transitional provisions in Article 51 of the Benchmarks Regulation apply], such that [*legal name of administrator(s)*], as administrator of [*specify benchmark*][*repeat as necessary*] [is/are] currently not required to obtain authorisation or registration (or, if located outside the European Union, recognition, endorsement or equivalence).] / [ ] / [Not Applicable]

RESPONSIBILITY

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms. The CBC accepts responsibility for the information relating to the CBC contained in these Final Terms. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer and the CBC the information contained in these Final Terms (in the case of the CBC, the information relating to the CBC) is in accordance with the facts and makes no omission likely to affect its import. [[*Relevant third party information*] relating to item [ ] above has been extracted from [*specify source*]. The Issuer and the CBC confirm that such information (in the case of the CBC, as such information relates to it) has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware, and is able to ascertain from information published by [(*specify source*)], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:	Signed on behalf of the CBC:
By:	By:

Duly authorized

By:

Duly authorised

By:

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PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

(i)	Listing:	[Euronext Amsterdam / official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange / [ ] / None]
(ii)	Admission to trading:	[Application [has been / is expected to be] made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Covered Bonds to be admitted [to trading on Euronext Amsterdam / to trading on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange] / [*specify relevant regulated market and, if relevant, admission to an official list*]] with effect from [ ].] [Not Applicable] (*Where documenting a fungible issue, indicate that original covered bonds are already admitted to trading*)
(iii)	Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading:	[ ]

2. RATINGS

Ratings:	[The Covered Bonds to be issued [have been/are expected to be] rated:] / [The Covered Bonds to be issued have not been specifically rated. The rating allocated to Covered Bonds under the Programme generally is:] [Moody's: [ ]] [[ ]] *[Insert one (or more) of the following options, as applicable]* [*Insert legal name of particular credit rating agency entity providing rating*] is established in the EU and registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009, as amended (the "**CRA Regulation**"). [*Insert legal name of particular credit rating agency entity providing rating*] is established in the EU and has applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009, as amended (the "**CRA Regulation**"), although notification of the corresponding registration decision has not yet been provided by the [relevant competent authority] / [European Securities and Markets Authority]. [*Insert legal name of particular credit rating agency entity providing rating*] is established in the EU and is neither registered nor has it applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009, as amended (the "**CRA Regulation**"). [*Insert legal name of particular credit rating agency entity providing rating*] is not established in the EU but the rating it has given to the Covered Bonds is endorsed by [*insert legal name of credit rating*

agency], which is established in the EU and registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009, as amended (the "**CRA Regulation**").

[*Insert legal name of particular credit rating agency entity providing rating*] is not established in the EU but is certified under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009, as amended (the "**CRA Regulation**").

[*Insert legal name of particular credit rating agency entity providing rating*] is not established in the EU and is not certified under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009, as amended (the "**CRA Regulation**") and the rating it has given to the Covered Bonds is not endorsed by a credit rating agency established in the EU and registered under the CRA Regulation.

[*Insert legal name of particular credit rating agency entity providing rating*] is established in the EU.

[*Insert legal name of particular credit rating agency entity providing rating*] is not established in the United Kingdom, but is part of a group in respect of which one of its undertakings is (i) established in the United Kingdom and (ii) is registered in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (the "**UK CRA Regulation**").

[In general, European regulated investors are restricted from using a rating for regulatory purposes if such rating is not issued by a credit rating agency established in the EU and registered under the CRA Regulation unless (1) the rating is provided by a credit rating agency operating in the EU before 7 June 2010 which has submitted an application for registration in accordance with the CRA Regulation and such registration has not been refused, or (2) the rating is provided by a credit rating agency not established in the EU but is endorsed by a credit rating agency established in the EU and registered under the CRA Regulation or (3) the rating is provided by a credit rating agency not established in the EU which is certified under the CRA Regulation.]

3. [INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE [ISSUE/OFFER]

(*Need to include a description of any interest, including conflicting ones, that is material to the issue/offer, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest. May be satisfied by the inclusion of the following statement:*)

Save as discussed in section 1.5 (*Subscription and Sale*), so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Covered Bonds has an interest material to the offer. [*Amend as appropriate if there are other interests*]

[(*When adding any other description, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation*)]

4. REASONS FOR THE OFFER AND ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS

(i)	Reasons for the offer:	[ ] *(Also see "Use of Proceeds" wording in Base Prospectus – if reasons for the offer are different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks or a specific allocation of proceeds is contemplated (including if the Issuer intends to allocate the net proceeds in such manner that the Covered Bonds qualify as Green Covered Bonds), will need to include those reasons here. If proceeds are intended for more than one use, will need to split out and present in order of priority. If proceeds are insufficient to fund all proposed uses state amount and sources of other funding. In case net proceeds are to be allocated for the Covered Bonds to qualify as Green Covered Bonds, the net proceeds have to be used exclusively to finance and/or refinance mortgage loans for Green Buildings and have to comply with the sub-framework 'Green Residential Real Estate' of the Rabobank Sustainable Funding Framework).*
(ii)	Estimated net proceeds:	[ ]
[(iii)	Estimated total expenses:	[ ]]

5. [YIELD (Fixed Rate Covered Bonds only)

Indication of yield:	[ ] The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield.]

6. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

(i)	ISIN Code:	[ ]
(ii)	Common Code:	[ ]
(iii)	CFI:	[ ]
(iv)	FISN:	[ ]
(v)	CUSIP:	[ ] [Not Applicable]
(vi)	CINS:	[ ] [Not Applicable]
(vii)	Other relevant code:	[[ ] / Not Applicable]
(viii)	Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility:	[Yes][No] [(*Include this text if "Yes" is selected*). Note that the designation "yes" simply means that the Covered Bonds are intended upon issue to be deposited with [one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper (and registered in the name of a nominee of one of the ICSDs acting as common safekeeper]/[Euroclear Netherlands]/[ ],] and does not necessarily mean that

		the Covered Bonds will be recognized as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.] / [(*Include this text if "No" is selected*). Whilst the designation is specified as "no" at the date of these Final Terms, should the Eurosystem eligibility criteria be amended in the future such that the Covered Bonds are capable of meeting those rules, subject that the ECB is satisfied that the Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met, the Covered Bonds may then be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper [(and registered in the name of a nominee of one of the ICSDs acting as common safekeeper)]/[Euroclear Netherlands]/ [or in another manner which complies with those rules at such time].
(ix)	Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* and the relevant identification number(s):	[Euroclear Netherlands/Not Applicable/*give name(s) and number(s)*]
(x)	Delivery:	Delivery [against/free of] payment
(xi)	Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any):	[ ] / [Not Applicable]
7.	**DISTRIBUTION**	
(i)	Method of distribution:	[Syndicated/Non-syndicated]
(ii)	(a) If syndicated, names of Managers:	[Not Applicable/*give names*]
	(b) Stabilising Manager(s) (if any):	[Not Applicable/*give name[s]*]
(iii)	If non-syndicated, name of Dealer(s):	[Not Applicable/*give name[s]*]
(iv)	U.S. selling restrictions:	[Regulation S Compliance Category [1/2] / Rule 144A / TEFRA D / TEFRA C / TEFRA rules not applicable]
(v)	ERISA:	[Yes/No] (*"Yes" meaning employee benefit plans subject to ERISA can buy*)
(vi)	Applicable Netherlands / Global selling restriction:	[Not Applicable/*specify* (*Note that depending on the exemption used, specific wording may need to be included*)]
(vii)	Prohibition of Sales to Belgian Consumers:	[Applicable/Not Applicable] *(N.B. advice should be taken from Belgian counsel before disapplying this selling restriction)*]
(viii)	Additional selling restrictions:	[Not Applicable/*give details*]

1.3 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF COVERED BONDS

The following are the Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds which will be incorporated by reference into each Global Covered Bond, Registered Covered Bond and each Definitive Covered Bond, in the latter case only if permitted by the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority (if any) and agreed by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer or Dealers at the time of issue but, if not so permitted and agreed, such Definitive Covered Bond will have endorsed thereon or attached thereto such Terms and Conditions. The applicable Final Terms in relation to any Tranche of Covered Bonds may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the following Terms and Conditions, replace or modify the following Terms and Conditions for the purpose of such Covered Bonds. The applicable Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) will be endorsed upon, or attached to, each Global Covered Bond, Definitive Covered Bond and Registered Covered Bond. Any amendments to the Terms and Conditions will be made by way of, and in accordance with the applicable requirements for, amendments to the Trust Deed.

This Covered Bond is one of a Series of Covered Bonds issued by Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. (the "**Issuer**") pursuant to a trust deed dated 10 May 2017 (the "**Programme Date**") (such trust deed as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "**Trust Deed**") between the Issuer, Rabo Covered Bond Company B.V. (the "**CBC**") and Stichting Security Trustee Rabo Covered Bond Company (the "**Trustee**", which expression shall include any successor as trustee).

Save as provided for in Conditions 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*) and 14 (*Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modification and Waiver*) or where the context otherwise requires, references herein to the Covered Bonds shall be references to the Covered Bonds of this Series and shall mean:

(a) in relation to any Covered Bonds represented by a global covered bond, units of the lowest Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency;

(b) any Temporary Global Covered Bond, any Permanent Global Covered Bond and any Registered Covered Bonds, as the case may be; and

(c) any Definitive Covered Bonds issued in exchange for a Permanent Global Covered Bond upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event.

The Covered Bonds and the Coupons have the benefit of an agency agreement dated the Programme Date (such agency agreement as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "**Agency Agreement**") between the Issuer, the CBC, the Trustee, Citibank, N.A., London Branch as issuing and principal paying agent (the "**Principal Paying Agent**" which expression shall include any successor principal paying agent) and Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG as registrar in respect of all Registered Covered Bonds issued pursuant to a Registered Covered Bonds Deed (in respect of such Series only, the "**Registrar**" which expression shall include any successor registrar). Furthermore, pursuant to the Agency Agreement a registrar in respect of all Registered Covered Bonds evidenced by a Registered Global Covered Bond certificate (in respect of such Series only, the "**Registrar**" which expression shall include any successor registrar), an exchange agent (the "**Exchange Agent**" which expression shall include any additional or successor exchange agent) and a U.S. paying agent (the "**US Paying Agent**", and together with the Principal Paying Agent and the other paying agents named in the Agency Agreement, the "**Paying Agents**", which expression shall include any additional or successor paying agent) may be appointed and the other agents named in the Agency Agreement (together with the Paying Agents and, in relation to a Series of Covered Bonds, the Registrar, the "**Agents**", which expression shall include any additional or successor agent).

Interest bearing definitive Covered Bonds have (unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Final Terms) interest coupons ("**Coupons**") and, if indicated in the applicable Final Terms, talons for further Coupons ("**Talons**") attached on issue. Any reference herein to Coupons or coupons shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons or talons. Global Covered Bonds do not have Coupons or Talons attached on issue.

The Final Terms for this Covered Bond (or the relevant provisions thereof) is (i) in the case of a Bearer Covered Bond, attached to or endorsed on this Covered Bond or (ii) in the case of a Registered Covered Bond, attached to the relevant Registered Covered Bond, and supplements these Terms and Conditions (the "**Conditions**") and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the

Conditions, replace or modify the Conditions for the purposes of this Covered Bond. References to the applicable Final Terms are to the Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) attached to or endorsed on this Covered Bond or the relevant Registered Covered Bond.

The Trustee acts for the benefit of the holders for the time being of the Covered Bonds (the "**Covered Bondholders**", which expression shall, in relation to (i) any Bearer Covered Bonds represented by a Temporary Global Covered Bond or a Permanent Global Covered Bond, and (ii) any Registered Covered Bond, as the case may be, be construed as provided below) and the holders of the Coupons (the "**Couponholders**", which expression shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons), and for holders of each other Series in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed. Any holders mentioned above include those having a credit balance in the collective depots held by Euroclear Netherlands or one of its participants.

As used herein, "**Tranche**" means Covered Bonds which are identical in all respects (including as to listing) and "**Series**" means a Tranche of Covered Bonds together with any further Tranche or Tranches of Covered Bonds which are (i) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (ii) identical in all respects (including as to listing) except for their respective Issue Dates, Interest Commencement Dates and/or Issue Prices.

These Conditions include summaries of, and are subject to, the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Security Documents and the Agency Agreement.

Copies of the Trust Deed, the Security Documents, the Incorporated Terms Memorandum incorporating the Master Definitions Schedule, the Agency Agreement and each of the other Transaction Documents are available upon reasonable request during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer and of Trustee for the time being at Prins Bernhardplein 200, 1097 JB Amsterdam, the Netherlands and at the specified office of each of the Paying Agents. Copies of the applicable Final Terms for all Covered Bonds of each Series (including in relation to unlisted Covered Bonds of any Series) are obtainable during normal business hours at the specified office of each of the Paying Agents and any Covered Bondholder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer and the Trustee or, as the case may be, the relevant Paying Agent as to its holding of Covered Bonds and identity. The Covered Bondholders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, are bound by, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of, and definitions contained in, the Trust Deed, the Security Documents, the Incorporated Terms Memorandum, the Agency Agreement, each of the other Transaction Documents and the applicable Final Terms which are applicable to them and to have notice of each Final Terms relating to each other Series.

Except where the context otherwise requires, capitalised terms used and not otherwise defined in these Conditions shall bear the meaning given to them in the applicable Final Terms and/or the master definitions schedule (as amended from time to time, the "**Master Definitions Schedule**") incorporated in the incorporated terms memorandum (as amended from time to time, the "**Incorporated Terms Memorandum**"), a copy of each of which may be obtained as described above.

1. FORM, DENOMINATION AND TITLE

The Covered Bonds are in bearer form ("**Bearer Covered Bonds**") or registered form ("**Registered Covered Bonds**"), as set out in the applicable Final Terms, and, in the case of Definitive Covered Bonds, serially numbered, and in the case of Definitive Covered Bonds or Registered Covered Bonds in the Specified Currency and the Specified Denomination(s). Covered Bonds of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Covered Bonds of another Specified Denomination. Registered Covered Bonds may not be exchanged for Bearer Covered Bonds.

A Covered Bond may be a Fixed Rate Covered Bond, a Floating Rate Covered Bond or a Zero Coupon Covered Bond or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis shown in the applicable Final Terms.

Definitive Covered Bonds are issued with Coupons attached, unless they are Zero Coupon Covered Bonds or Registered Covered Bonds in which case references to Coupons and Couponholders in these Conditions are not applicable.

Under Dutch law, the valid transfer of Covered Bonds requires, amongst other things, delivery (*levering*) thereof. For Covered Bonds held by Euroclear Netherlands deliveries will be made in accordance with the Wge.

The Issuer, the CBC, the Paying Agents and the Trustee may (except as otherwise required by law) deem and treat the holder of any Bearer Covered Bond or Coupon as the absolute owner thereof, whether or not any payment is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership or any other interest therein, any writing thereon or any notice of any previous loss or theft thereof and no person shall be liable for so treating such bearer for all purposes but, in the case of any Global Covered Bond, without prejudice to the provisions set out in the first succeeding paragraph. The signatures on the Covered Bonds are manual and/or in facsimile.

For so long as any of the Covered Bonds are represented by a Global Covered Bond held on behalf of Euroclear Bank SA/NV as operator of the Euroclear System ("**Euroclear**") and/or Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**") by a common safekeeper, each person (other than Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear and/or of Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular nominal amount of such Covered Bonds (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg as to the nominal amount of such Covered Bonds standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the CBC, the Paying Agents and the Trustee as the holder of such nominal amount of such Covered Bonds for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest or other amounts on such nominal amount of such Covered Bonds, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Global Covered Bond shall be treated by the Issuer, the CBC, any Paying Agent and the Trustee as the holder of the nominal amount of such Covered Bonds in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Global Covered Bond and the expressions "**Covered Bondholder**" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly. In determining whether a particular person is entitled to a particular nominal amount of Covered Bonds as aforesaid, the Trustee may rely on such evidence and/or information and/or certification as it shall, in its absolute discretion, think fit and, if it does so rely, such evidence and/or information and/or certification shall, in the absence of manifest error or an error established as such to the satisfaction of the Trustee, be conclusive and binding on all concerned.

Covered Bonds, which are represented by a Global Covered Bond will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, and Euroclear Netherlands and/or DTC or any other agreed clearing system, as the case may be.

Where Covered Bonds represented by a Permanent Global Covered Bond are deposited with Euroclear Netherlands, a Covered Bondholder shall not have the right to request delivery (*uitlevering*) of his Covered Bonds under the Wge other than as set out in Wge and the Global Covered Bond.

References to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Final Terms or as may otherwise be approved by the Issuer, the Principal Paying Agent and the Trustee but shall not include Euroclear Netherlands. Any amendments to these Conditions required in connection with such additional or alternative clearing system shall be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

2. STATUS OF THE COVERED BONDS

The Covered Bonds and any relative Coupons constitute unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, guaranteed by the Guarantee and rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves and at least *pari passu* with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer other than any obligations preferred by mandatory provisions of applicable law.

3. THE GUARANTEE

Pursuant to a guarantee issued under the Trust Deed, the CBC has as an independent obligation irrevocably undertaken to pay the Guaranteed Amounts when the same shall become Due for Payment (as amended from time to time, the "**Guarantee**"). However, the CBC shall have no such obligation under

the Guarantee until (i) (1) the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, (2) service by the Trustee on the Issuer of an Issuer Acceleration Notice and (3) service by the Trustee on the CBC of a Notice to Pay or (ii) the occurrence of a CBC Event of Default and the service by the Trustee of a CBC Acceleration Notice on the Issuer and the CBC. In addition, if the CBC is obliged under the Guarantee to pay a Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount in relation to any Series, then:

(a) the obligation of the CBC to pay such Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount in respect of such Series of Covered Bonds shall be deferred to, and shall under the Guarantee be due on, the Extended Due for Payment Date, unless, on the Extension Date or any subsequent Interest Payment Date which applies pursuant to paragraph (b) below and which falls prior to the Extended Due for Payment Date, any monies are available to the CBC after the CBC shall under the relevant Priority of Payments have paid or provided for (1) all higher ranking amounts and (2) all Guaranteed Final Redemption Amounts pertaining to any Series of Covered Bonds with an Extended Due for Payment Date falling prior to the CBC Payment Period in which the Extended Due for Payment Date for such Series of Covered Bonds falls, in which case the CBC shall (i) give notice thereof to the relevant holders of the Covered Bonds (in accordance with Condition 13 (*Notices; Provision of Information*)), each Rating Agency, the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar (in the case of Registered Covered Bonds) as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event at least two Business Days prior to the Extension Date and/or such Interest Payment Date, respectively, and (ii) apply such remaining available monies in payment, in whole or in part, of such Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount, if applicable *pro rata* with any Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount pertaining to a Series of Covered Bonds with an Extended Due for Payment Date falling in the same CBC Payment Period in which the Extended Due for Payment Date for the relevant Series of Covered Bonds falls (and to such extent such Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount shall for the purpose of the relevant Priority of Payments and all other purposes be due) as well as any other *pari passu* ranking amounts on the Extension Date and/or such Interest Payment Date, respectively; and

(b) the CBC shall under the Guarantee owe interest over the unpaid portion of such Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount, which shall accrue and be payable on the basis set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out therein, Condition 4 (*Interest*) provided that for this purpose all references in Condition 4 (*Interest*) to the Final Maturity Date of such Series of Covered Bonds are deemed to be references to the Extended Due for Payment Date, *mutatis mutandis*,

all without prejudice to the CBC's obligation to pay any Guaranteed Amount other than the Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount when Due for Payment.

The rights under the Guarantee (a) form an integral part of the Covered Bonds, (b) are of interest to a Covered Bondholder only if, to the extent that, and for so long as, it holds Covered Bonds and (c) can only be transferred together with all other rights under the relevant Covered Bond. The obligations of the CBC under the Guarantee are unsubordinated and unguaranteed obligations of the CBC, which are secured (indirectly, through a parallel debt) as provided in the Security Documents.

As security for a parallel debt corresponding to the CBC's obligations under the Guarantee and the other Transaction Documents to which it is a party, the CBC has granted the following security rights to the Trustee:

(i) a first ranking right of pledge over the Transferred Assets;

(ii) a first ranking right of pledge over the monies standing to the credit of the CBC Accounts from time to time; and

(iii) a first ranking right of pledge over the CBC's present and future rights (*vorderingen*) *vis-à-vis* any debtors of the CBC under any Transaction Document to which the CBC is a party, other than the Management Agreement (CBC).

The holders of the Covered Bonds of each Series will, through the Trustee, benefit from the Security and are deemed to have acknowledged, and are bound by, Clause 8 (*Parallel Debt*) of the Trust Deed.

In these Conditions:

"**Extended Due for Payment Date**" means the date falling twelve (12) calendar months after the Final Maturity Date, as specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

"**Extension Date**" means the date on which the Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount is Due for Payment; and

"**Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount**" means a Guaranteed Amount relating to Scheduled Principal payable on the Final Maturity Date in respect of any Series.

4. INTEREST

(a) Interest on Fixed Rate Covered Bonds

Each Fixed Rate Covered Bond bears interest on its Principal Amount Outstanding from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date at the rate(s) per annum equal to the applicable Rate of Interest. Interest will be payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to (and including) the Final Maturity Date or, subject to Condition 3 (*The Guarantee*), the Extended Due for Payment Date.

Except as provided in the applicable Final Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Fixed Interest Period ending on (but excluding) such date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount. Payments of interest on any Interest Payment Date will, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, amount to the Broken Amount so specified.

If a "**Business Day Convention**" is specified in the applicable Final Terms and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is:

(1) the "**Following Business Day Convention**", such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or

(2) the "**Modified Following Business Day Convention**", such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or

(3) the "**Preceding Business Day Convention**", such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

If a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days for calculating the amount of interest payable in respect of the relevant Interest Period shall also be adjusted in accordance with such Business Day Convention, unless "**Unadjusted**" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, in which case such amount of interest shall be calculated as if the relevant Interest Payment Date were not subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention specified in the applicable Final Terms.

If interest is required to be calculated for a period other than a Fixed Interest Period, such interest shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to the Calculation Amount, multiplying the product by the relevant Day Count Fraction, rounding the resulting figure to the nearest sub-unit of the Specified Currency (half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention) and multiplying such rounded figure by a fraction equal to the Specified Denomination of the Fixed Rate Covered Bond, divided by the Calculation Amount.

In these Conditions:

"**Business Day**" means a day which is:

(i) both, in relation to any sum payable in respect of any Series of Covered Bonds:

(A) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer payment system which utilises a single shared platform and which was launched on 19 November 2007 ("**TARGET2**") is open and a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in Amsterdam and in any "**Additional Business Centre**" specified in the applicable Final Terms; and

(B) in relation to any sum payable in a Specified Currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant Specified Currency (if other than any Additional Business Centre and which if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively) and in any Additional Business Centre specified in the applicable Final Terms; and

(ii) in any other case (A) in relation to any sum payable (other than in respect of any Series of Covered Bonds), a day on which banks are generally open for business in Amsterdam and TARGET2 is open, or (B) a day on which banks are generally open for business in Amsterdam;

"**Calculation Amount**" has the meaning given thereto in the applicable Final Terms;

"**Day Count Fraction**" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 4(a):

(i) if "**Actual/Actual (ICMA)** " is specified in the applicable Final Terms:

(A) in the case of Covered Bonds where the actual number of days in the relevant period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, in the case of the first interest period, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date (the "**Accrual Period**") is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the number of days in such Accrual Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) that would occur in one calendar year; or

(B) in the case of Covered Bonds where the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the sum of:

(1) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Accrual Period begins divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and

(2) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year; and

(ii) if "**30/360**" is so specified, the number of days in the Fixed Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360x(Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30x(M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"**Y_1**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Fixed Interest Period falls;

"**Y_2**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Fixed Interest Period falls;

"**M_1**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Fixed Interest Period falls;

"**M_2**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Fixed Interest Period falls;

"**D_1**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Fixed Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D_1 will be 30; and

"**D_2**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Fixed Interest Period, unless such number would be 31 and D_1 is greater than 29, in which case D_2 will be 30;

"**Determination DateError! Bookmark not defined.**" has the meaning given thereto in the applicable Final Terms;

"**Determination Period**" means each period from (and including) a Determination Date to (but excluding) the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Interest Payment Date is not a Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on the first Determination Date falling after, such date);

"**Final Maturity Date**" means in respect of a Series the Interest Payment Date which falls no more than 45 years after the Issue Date of such Series and on which the Covered Bonds of such Series are expected to be redeemed at their Principal Amount Outstanding in accordance with these Conditions as specified in the applicable Final Terms;

"**Fixed Interest Period**" means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or, in the case of the first interest period, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date;

"**Interest Commencement Date**" means the Issue Date of the Covered Bonds or such other date as may be specified as the Interest Commencement Date in the relevant Final Terms;

"**Principal Amount Outstanding**" means, on any date:

(i) in respect of a Covered Bond outstanding, the principal amount of that Covered Bond on the relevant Issue Date, less the aggregate amount of any principal payments in respect of such Covered Bond which have been paid to the Paying Agent on or prior to that date; and

(ii) in relation to the Covered Bonds outstanding at any time, the aggregate of the amount in (i) in respect of all Covered Bonds outstanding; and

"**sub-unit**" means, with respect to any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to euro, one cent.

(b) **Interest on Floating Rate Covered Bonds**

(i) ***Interest Payment Dates***

Each Floating Rate Covered Bond bears interest on its Principal Amount Outstanding from (and including) the Issue Date of the Covered Bonds or such other date as may be specified as the

Interest Commencement Date in the relevant Final Terms (the "**Interest Commencement Date**"), and such interest will be payable in arrear on either:

(A) the Specified Interest Payment Date(s) in each year specified in the applicable Final Terms; or

(B) if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each date (each such date, together with each Specified Interest Payment Date, an "**Interest Payment Date**") which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Specified Period in the applicable Final Terms after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period. In these Conditions, the expression "**Interest Period**" shall mean the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date.

If a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Final Terms and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is:

(1) in any case where Specified Periods are specified in accordance with Condition 4(b)(i)(B) above, the "**FRN Convention**", "**Floating Rate Convention**" or "**Eurodollar Convention**", such Interest Payment Date (i) in the case of (x) above, shall be the last day that is a Business Day in the relevant month and the provisions of (B) below shall apply *mutatis mutandis* or (ii) in the case of (y) above, shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (A) such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (B) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls the Specified Period after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred; or

(2) the "**Following Business Day Convention**", such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or

(3) the "**Modified Following Business Day Convention**", such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or

(4) the "**Preceding Business Day Convention**", such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

If a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days for calculating the amount of interest payable in respect of the relevant Interest Period shall also be adjusted in accordance with such Business Day Convention, unless "**Unadjusted**" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, in which case such amount of interest shall be calculated as if the relevant Interest Payment Date were not subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(ii) ***Rate of Interest***

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Covered Bonds will be determined in the manner described further in subparagraph (A) or subparagraph (B) below, as determined in the applicable Final Terms and subject to any amendments, if any, resulting from any Benchmark Rate Modification.

(A) *ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds*

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any). For the purposes of this subparagraph (A), "**ISDA Rate**" for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Calculation Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Calculation Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. and as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Covered Bonds (the "**ISDA Definitions**") and under which:

(1) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Final Terms;

(2) the Designated Maturity is a period as specified in the applicable Final Terms; and

(3) the relevant Reset Date is either (i) if the applicable Floating Rate Option is based on the Euro-zone inter-bank offered rate ("**EURIBOR**"), the first day of that Interest Period or (ii) in any other case, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

For the purposes of this subparagraph (A), "**Floating Rate**", "**Calculation Agent**", "**Floating Rate Option**", "**Designated Maturity**" and "**Reset Date**" have the meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

(B) *Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds referencing EURIBOR*

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, and unless the Reference Rate in respect of the Relevant Series of Floating Rate Covered Bonds is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being "Compounded Daily SONIA", "SONIA", "Compounded Daily €STR", "Compounded Daily SOFR" or "Weighted Average SOFR", the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject to Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*) and as provided below, be either:

(1) the offered quotation; or

(2) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page as at 11.00 a.m. (Brussels time) on the Interest Determination Date in question, plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

If five or more of such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Calculation Agent for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of such offered quotations.

If the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if, in the case of (1) above, no such offered quotation appears or, in the case of (2) above, fewer than three such offered quotations appear, in each case as at 11.00 a.m. (Brussels time), the Calculation Agent shall request each of the Reference Banks to provide the Calculation Agent with its offered quotation (expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference

Rate at approximately the time specified two paragraphs above on the Interest Determination Date in question. If two or more of the Reference Banks provide the Calculation Agent with offered quotations, the Rate of Interest for the Interest Period shall be the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations plus or minus (as appropriate) the Margin (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

If on any Interest Determination Date one only or none of the Reference Banks provides the Calculation Agent with an offered quotation as provided in the preceding paragraph, the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period shall be determined by the Calculation Agent as the arithmetic mean of the rates (being the nearest to the Reference Rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent) quoted by major banks in the principal financial centre of the Specified Currency, selected by the Calculation Agent, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (local time in the principal financial centre of the Specified Currency) on the first day of the relevant Interest Period for loans in the Specified Currency to leading European banks for a period equal to the relevant Interest Period and in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in that market at that time, and the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be the sum of the Margin and the rate or (as the case may be) the arithmetic mean so determined; **provided, however, that** if the Calculation Agent is unable to determine a rate or (as the case may be) an arithmetic mean in accordance with the above provisions in relation to any Interest Period, the Rate of Interest applicable to the Covered Bonds during such Interest Period will be the sum of the Margin and the rate or (as the case may be) the arithmetic mean last determined in relation to the Covered Bonds in respect of a preceding Interest Period (though substituting, where a different Margin is to be applied to the relevant Interest Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Period, the Margin relating to the relevant Interest Period in place of the Margin relating to that last preceding Interest Period).

If the Reference Rate from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Covered Bonds is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being other than EURIBOR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Covered Bonds will be determined:

(i) if the Reference Rate is a composite quotation or customarily supplied by one entity, by the Calculation Agent as the Reference Rate which appears on the Relevant Screen Page as at 11.00 a.m. in the principal financial centre of the relevant currency (such as London, or Amsterdam in respect of the Euro-zone (where Euro-zone means the region comprised of the countries whose lawful currency is the euro) on the relevant Interest Determination Date; and

(ii) in any other case, by the Calculation Agent as the arithmetic mean of the Reference Rates which appear on the Relevant Screen Page as at the time specified in the preceding paragraph on the relevant Interest Determination Date.

For the purposes of this subparagraph (B), "**Reference Banks**" means, in the case of a determination of EURIBOR, the principal Euro-zone office of four major banks in the Euro-zone inter-bank market selected by the Calculation Agent or, in the case of a determination of a rate other than EURIBOR, the principal office of four major banks in such inter-bank market as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms, in each case, selected by the Calculation Agent in the market or as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

(C) *Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds referencing Compounded Daily SONIA*

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined and the Reference Rate in

respect of the relevant Series of Floating Rate Covered Bonds is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being "Compounded Daily SONIA", the Rate of Interest for an Interest Accrual Period will, subject as provided in Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*), be Compounded Daily SONIA with respect to such Interest Accrual Period plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the applicable Margin.

"**Compounded Daily SONIA"** means, with respect to an Interest Accrual Period, the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment during the Observation period corresponding to such Interest Accrual Period (with the daily Sterling overnight reference rate as reference rate for the calculation of interest) and will be calculated by the Calculation Agent on the Interest Determination Date, as follows, and the resulting percentage will be rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards:

$$\left[\prod_{i=1}^{d_o}\left(1+\frac{SONIA_{i-pLBD}\ \times\ n_i}{365}\right)-1\right]\times\frac{365}{d}$$

where:

"**d**: is the number of calendar days in the relevant Interest Accrual Period;

"**d_o**" is the number of London Banking Days in the relevant Interest Accrual Period;

"**I**" is a series of whole numbers from one to "d_o", each representing the relevant London Banking Day in chronological order from, and including, the first London Banking Day in the relevant Interest Accrual Period to, but excluding, the last London Banking Day in the relevant Interest Accrual Period;

"**London Banking Day**" or "**LBD**" means any day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London;

"**n_i**", for any London Banking Day "i", means the number of calendar days from and including such London Banking Day "i" up to but excluding the following London Banking Day;

"**Observation Period**" means, in respect of each Interest Accrual Period, the period from and including the date falling "p" London Banking Days prior to the first day of the relevant Interest Accrual Period and ending on, but excluding, the date falling "p" London Banking Days prior to the end of such Interest Accrual Period (or the date falling "p" London Banking Days prior to such earlier date, if any, on which the Covered Bonds become due and payable);

"**p**" means for any Interest Accrual Period, the whole number of London Banking Days included in the Observation Look-back Period, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, being no less than five London Banking Days;

"**SONIAi-pLBD**" means, in respect of any London Banking Day "i" falling in the relevant Observation Period, the SONIA reference rate for the London Banking Day falling "p" London Banking Days prior to the relevant London Banking Day "i"; and

the **"SONIA reference rate**", in respect of any London Banking Day, is a reference rate equal to the daily Sterling Overnight Index Average ("SONIA") rate for such London Banking Day as provided by the administrator of SONIA to authorised distributors and as then published on the Relevant Screen Page or, if the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable, as otherwise published by such authorised distributors (on the London Banking Day immediately following such London Banking Day).

If, subject to Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*), in respect of any London Banking Day in the relevant Observation Period, the Calculation Agent determines that the applicable SONIA reference rate is not available on the Relevant Screen Page or has not otherwise been published by the relevant authorised distributors, the SONIA reference rate in respect of such London Banking Day shall be: (i) the Bank of England's Bank Rate (the "Bank Rate") prevailing at 5.00 p.m. (or, if earlier, close of business) on such London Banking Day; plus (ii) the mean of the spread of the SONIA reference rate to the Bank Rate over the previous five days on which a SONIA reference rate has been published, excluding the highest spread (or, if there is more than one highest spread, one only of those highest spreads) and lowest spread (or, if there is more than one lowest spread, one only of those lowest spreads).

Where the SONIA reference rate is being determined in accordance with the paragraph above, if the Bank of England publishes guidance as to (i) how the SONIA reference rate is to be determined; or (ii) any rate that is to replace the SONIA reference rate, the Calculation Agent shall, subject to receiving written instructions from the Issuer and to the extent that it is reasonably practicable, follow such guidance in order to determine the SONIA reference rate for any London Banking Day "i" for the purpose of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds for so long as the SONIA reference rate is not available or has not been published by the authorised distributors.

To the extent that any amendments or modifications to the Conditions or the Agency Agreement are required in order for the Calculation Agent to follow such guidance in order to determine Compounded Daily SONIA, the Calculation Agent shall have no obligation to act until such amendments or modifications have been made in accordance with the Conditions and the Agency Agreement.

If the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions by the Calculation Agent, subject to Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*), the Rate of Interest shall be (i) that determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date (though substituting, where a different Margin, Maximum Rate of Interest and/or Minimum Rate of Interest (as the case may be) is to be applied to the relevant Interest Accrual Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Accrual Period, the Margin or Maximum Rate of Interest or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to the relevant Interest Accrual Period in place of the Margin, Maximum Rate of Interest and/or Minimum Rate of Interest (as the case may be) relating to that last preceding Interest Accrual Period); or (ii) if there is no such preceding Interest Determination Date, the initial Rate of Interest which would have been applicable to such Series of Covered Bonds for the first Interest Accrual Period had the Covered Bonds been in issue for a period equal in duration to the scheduled first Interest Accrual Period but ending on (and excluding) the Interest Commencement Date (including applying the Margin and any Maximum Rate of Interest or Minimum Rate of Interest applicable to the first Interest Accrual Period).

As used herein, an "**Interest Accrual Period**" means (i) each Interest Period and (ii) any other period (if any) in respect of which interest is to be calculated, being the period from (and including) the first day of such period to (but excluding) the day on which the relevant payment of interest falls due (which, if the relevant Series of Floating Rate Covered Bonds becomes due and payable in accordance with Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*), shall be the date on which such Floating Rate Covered Bonds become due and payable).

If the relevant Series of Floating Rate Covered Bonds becomes due and payable in accordance with Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*), final Rate of Interest shall be calculated for the Interest Accrual Period to (but excluding) the date on which the Floating Rate Covered Bonds become so due and payable, and such Rate of Interest shall continue to apply to the Floating Rate Covered Bonds for so long as interest continues to accrue thereon as provided in Condition 4(c).

(D) *Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds referencing Compounded Daily €STR*

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined and the Reference Rate in respect of the relevant Series of Floating Rate Covered Bonds is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being "Compounded Daily €STR", the Rate of Interest for an Interest Accrual Period will, subject as provided in Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*), be Compounded Daily €STR with respect to such Interest Accrual Period plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the applicable Margin.

"**Compounded Daily €STR**" means, with respect to an Interest Accrual Period, the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment during the Observation Period corresponding to such Interest Accrual Period (with the daily euro short-term rate as the reference rate of the calculation of interest) and will be calculated by the Calculation Agent on the Interest Determination Date, as follows, and the resulting percentage will be rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards:

$$\left[\prod_{i=1}^{d_o}\left(1+\frac{€STR_{i-pTBD}\mathrm{X}\,n_i}{360}\right)-1\right]\mathrm{x}\,\frac{360}{d}$$

where:

"**d**" is the number of calendar days in the relevant Interest Accrual Period;

"**do**" is the number of TARGET Settlement Days in the relevant Interest Accrual Period;

"**ECB**" means the European Central Bank or any successor or substituting authority thereto;

"**i**" is a series of whole numbers from one to "do", each representing the relevant TARGET Settlement Day in chronological order from, and including, the first TARGET Settlement Day in the relevant Interest Accrual Period to, and including, the last TARGET Settlement Day in the relevant Interest Accrual Period;

"**ni**", for any TARGET Settlement Day "i", means the number of calendar days from and including such TARGET Settlement Day “i” up to but excluding the following TARGET Settlement Day;

"**Observation Period**" means, in respect of each Interest Accrual Period, the period from and including the date falling "p" TARGET Settlement Days prior to the first day of the relevant Interest Accrual Period and ending on, but excluding, the date falling "p" TARGET Settlement Days prior to the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Accrual Period (or the date falling "p" TARGET Settlement Days prior to such earlier date, if any, on which the Covered Bonds become due and payable);

"**p**" means for any Interest Accrual Period, the whole number of TARGET Settlement Days included in the Observation Look-back Period, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, being no less than five TARGET Settlement Days;

"**TARGET Settlement Day**" means any day on which TARGET2 is open for the settlement of payments in Euro;

"**€STR Reference Rate**" means, in respect of any TARGET Settlement Day, a reference rate equal to the daily euro short-term rate ("**€STR**") for such TARGET Settlement Day as published by the ECB, as administrator of such rate (or any

successor administrator of such rate), on the website of the ECB initially at http://www.ecb.europa.eu, or any successor website officially designated by the ECB (the "**ECB's Website**") (in each case, on or before 11:00 a.m., Central European Time, on the TARGET Settlement Day immediately following such TARGET Settlement Day); and

"**€STR**$_{i-pTBD}$" means, in respect of any TARGET Settlement Day "i" falling in the relevant Interest Accrual Period, the €STR Reference Rate for the TARGET Settlement Day falling "p" TARGET Settlement Days prior to the relevant TARGET Settlement Day "i".

If the €STR Reference Rate is not published in respect of a TARGET Settlement Day as specified above, and unless both an €STR Index Cessation Event and an €STR Index Cessation Effective Date (each, as defined below) have occurred, the €STR Reference Rate shall be a rate equal to €STR for the last TARGET Settlement Day for which such rate was published on the ECB's Website.

If the €STR Reference Rate is not published in respect of a TARGET Settlement Day as specified above, and both an €STR Index Cessation Event and an €STR Index Cessation Effective Date have occurred, the rate for each TARGET Settlement Day in the relevant Observation Period occurring from and including such €STR Index Cessation Effective Date will be determined as if references to €STR were references to the rate (inclusive of any spreads or adjustments) that was recommended as the replacement for €STR by the ECB (or any successor administrator of €STR) and/or by a committee officially endorsed or convened by the ECB (or any successor administrator of €STR) for the purpose of recommending a replacement for €STR (which rate may be produced by the ECB or another administrator) (the "**ECB Recommended Rate**"), provided that, if no such rate has been recommended before the end of the first TARGET Settlement Day following the date on which the €STR Index Cessation Effective Date occurs, then the rate for each TARGET Settlement Day in the relevant Observation Period occurring from and including such €STR Index Cessation Effective Date will be determined as if references to "€STR" were references to the Eurosystem Deposit Facility Rate, the rate on the deposit facility, which banks may use to make overnight deposits with the Eurosystem, as published on the ECB's Website (the "**EDFR**") on such TARGET Settlement Day plus the arithmetic mean of the daily difference between the €STR Reference Rate and the EDFR for each of the 30 TARGET Settlement Days immediately preceding the date on which the €STR Index Cessation Event occurs (the "**EDFR Spread**").

Provided further that, if both an ECB Recommended Rate Index Cessation Event and an ECB Recommended Rate Index Cessation Effective Date subsequently occur, then the rate for each TARGET Settlement Day in the relevant Observation Period occurring from and including that ECB Recommended Rate Index Cessation Effective Date will be determined as if references to "€STR" were references to the EDFR on such TARGET Settlement Day plus the arithmetic mean of the daily difference between the ECB Recommended Rate and the EDFR for each of the 30 TARGET Settlement Days immediately preceding the date on which the ECB Recommended Rate Index Cessation Event occurs.

If the Rate of Interest cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions the Rate of Interest shall be (i) that determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date (through substituting, where a different Margin, Maximum Rate of Interest and/or Minimum Rate of Interest (as the case may be) is to be applied to the relevant Interest Accrual Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Accrual Period, the Margin or Maximum Rate of Interest and/or Minimum Rate of Interest (as the case may be) relating to the last preceding Interest Accrual Period); or (ii) if there is no such preceding Interest Determination Date, the initial Rate of Interest which would have been applicable to such Series of Covered Bonds for the

first Interest Accrual Period had the Covered Bonds been in issue for a period equal in duration to the scheduled first Interest Accrual Period but ending on (and excluding) the Interest Commencement Date (including applying the Margin and any Maximum Rate of Interest or Minimum Rate of Interest applicable to the first Interest Accrual Period).

As used herein, an "**Interest Accrual Period**" means (i) each Interest Period and (ii) any other period (if any) in respect of which interest is to be calculated, being the period from (and including) the first day of such period to (but excluding) the day on which the relevant payment of interest falls due (which, if the relevant Series of Covered Bonds becomes due and payable in accordance with Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*), shall be the date on which such Covered Bonds become due and payable).

If the relevant Series of Covered Bonds becomes due and payable in accordance with Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*), the final Rate of Interest shall be calculated for the Interest Accrual Period to (but excluding) the date on which the Covered Bonds become so due and payable, and such Rate of Interest shall continue to apply to the Covered Bonds for so long as interest continues to accrue thereon as provided in Condition 4(c).

As used in these Conditions:

"**€STR Index Cessation Event**" means the occurrence of one or more of the following events:

(i) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the ECB (or any successor administrator of €STR) announcing that it has ceased or will cease to provide €STR permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of the statement or the publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide €STR; or

(ii) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of €STR, the central bank for the currency of €STR, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator of €STR, a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator of €STR or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator of €STR, which states that the administrator of €STR has ceased or will cease to provide €STR permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of the statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide €STR;

"**€STR Index Cessation Effective Date**" means, in respect of an €STR Index Cessation Event, the first date for which €STR is no longer provided by the ECB (or any successor administrator of €STR);

"**ECB Recommended Rate Index Cessation Event**" means the occurrence of one or more of the following events:

(i) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of the ECB Recommended Rate announcing that it has ceased or will cease to provide the ECB Recommended Rate permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of the statement or the publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the ECB Recommended Rate; or

(ii) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the ECB Recommended Rate, the central bank for the currency of the ECB Recommended Rate, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator of the ECB Recommended Rate, a resolution authority

with jurisdiction over the administrator of the ECB Recommended Rate or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator of the ECB Recommended Rate, which states that the administrator of the ECB Recommended Rate has ceased or will cease to provide the ECB Recommended Rate permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of the statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the ECB Recommended Rate; and

"**ECB Recommended Rate Index Cessation Effective Date**" means, in respect of an ECB Recommended Rate Index Cessation Event, the first date for which the ECB Recommended Rate is no longer provided by the administrator thereof.

(E) *Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds referencing Compounded Daily SOFR*

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined and the Reference Rate in respect of the relevant Series of Floating Rate Covered Bonds is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being "Compounded Daily SOFR", the Rate of Interest for an Interest Accrual Period will, subject as provided in Condition 14B (*Effect of Benchmark Transition Event*), be Compounded Daily SOFR plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the applicable Margin.

"**Compounded Daily SOFR**" means, with respect to an Interest Accrual Period, the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment (with the Secured Overnight Financing Rate as the reference rate for the calculation of interest) and will be calculated by the Calculation Agent on the Interest Determination Date, as follows, and the resulting percentage will be rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards:

$$\left[\prod_{i=1}^{d_o}\left(1+\frac{SOFR_{i-pUSBD}\ \times\ n_i}{360}\right)-1\right]\times\frac{360}{d}$$

where:

"**d**" is the number of calendar days in (where in the applicable Final Terms "Lag" or "Lock-out" is specified as the Observation Method) the relevant Interest Accrual Period or (where in the applicable Final Terms "Shift" is specified as the Observation Method) the relevant Observation Period;

"**d_o**" is (where in the applicable Final Terms "Lag" or "Lock-out" is specified as the Observation Method) for any Interest Accrual Period, the number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days in the relevant Interest Accrual Period or (where in the applicable Final Terms "Shift" is specified as the Observation Method) for any Observation Period, the number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days in the relevant Observation Period;

"**i**" is a series of whole numbers from one to "d_o", each representing the relevant U.S. Government Securities Business Day in chronological order from, and including, the first U.S. Government Securities Business Day (where in the applicable Final Terms "Lag" or "Lock-out" is specified as the Observation Method) in the relevant Interest Accrual Period or (where in the applicable Final Terms "Shift" is specified as the Observation Method) in relevant the Observation Period;

"**Observation Period**" means, in respect of each Interest Accrual Period, the period from and including the date falling "p" U.S. Government Securities Business Days preceding the first date in such Interest Accrual Period to but excluding the date "p"

U.S. Government Securities Business Days preceding the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Accrual Period;

"**p**" means:

(1) where in the applicable Final Terms "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method, the number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days included in the Observation Look-back Period specified in the applicable Final Terms (or, if no such number is specified, five U.S. Government Securities Business Days); and

(2) where in the applicable Final Terms "Lock-out" is specified as the Observation Method, zero;

"**USBD**" means U.S. Government Securities Business Day;

"$\mathbf{n_i}$" means, for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i", the number of calendar days from and including such U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" up to but excluding the following U.S. Government Securities Business Day;

"$\mathbf{SOFR_{i-pUSBD}}$" means:

(1) where in the applicable Final Terms "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method, in respect of any U.S. Government Securities Business Day falling in the relevant Interest Period, the SOFR for the U.S. Government Securities Business Day falling "p" U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to the relevant U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i"; or

(2) where in the applicable Final Terms "Lock-out" is specified as the Observation Method, during each relevant Interest Accrual Period, the SOFR determined in accordance with paragraph (1) above, except that in respect of each U.S. Government Securities Business Day i falling on or after the "Lock-out date" specified in the applicable Final Terms (or, where no "Lock-out date" is specified, five U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to each relevant Interest Payment Date) until the end of each relevant Interest Accrual Period, the SOFR determined in accordance with paragraph (1) above in respect of such "Lock-out date"; or

(3) where in the applicable Final Terms "Shift" is specified as the Observation Method, $SOFR_i$, where $SOFR_i$ is, in respect of any U.S. Government Securities Business Day i falling in the relevant SOFR Observation Period, the SOFR for such day.

Unless otherwise defined in these Terms and Conditions or unless the context otherwise requires, in these Terms and Conditions the following words shall have the following meanings:

"**New York City Banking Day**" means any day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in New York City;

"**SOFR**" means the rate determined in accordance with the following provisions:

(1) the Secured Overnight Financing Rate that appears on the FRBNY's website at 5:00 p.m. (New York time) on a U.S. Government Securities Business Day; or

(2) if the rate specified in (1) above does not so appear, and a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Event have not occurred under Condition 14B (*Effect of Benchmark Transition Event*),

then the Calculation Agent shall use the Secured Overnight Financing Rate published on the FRBNY's website for the first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day on which the Secured Overnight Financing Rate was published on the FRBNY's website; and

"**U.S. Government Securities Business Day**" means any day except for a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (or any successor thereto) recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in U.S. government securities.

(F) *Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds referencing Weighted Average SOFR*

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined and the Reference Rate in respect of the relevant Series of Floating Rate Covered Bonds is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being "Weighted Average SOFR", the Rate of Interest for an Interest Accrual Period will, subject as provided in Condition 14B (*Effect of Benchmark Transition Event*), be Weighted Average SOFR with respect to such Interest Accrual Period plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the applicable Margin.

"**Weighted Average SOFR**" means, in relation to any Interest Accrual Period, the arithmetic mean of "$SOFR_i$" in effect during such Interest Accrual Period and will be calculated by the Calculation Agent on each Interest Determination Date as follows, and the resulting percentage will be rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards:

$$\left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{d_o} SOFR_i \times n}{d}\right] \times \frac{360}{d}$$

where:

"**d**", "$\mathbf{d_0}$", "**i**" and "**p**" have the meanings set out under Condition 5(b)(ii)(E);

"**n**" means, for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day the number of calendar days from and including such U.S. Government Securities Business Day up to but excluding the following U.S. Government Securities Business Day; and

"$\mathbf{SOFR_i}$" means, for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day *i*:

(3) where in the applicable Final Terms "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method, the SOFR in respect of the U.S. Government Securities Business Day *i* falling *p* U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to such day;

(4) where in the applicable Final Terms "Lock-out" is specified as the Observation Method, during each relevant Interest Period, the SOFR determined in accordance with paragraph (1) above, except that in respect of each U.S. Government Securities Business Day *i* falling on or after the "Lock-out date" specified in the applicable Final Terms (or, where no "Lock-out date" is specified, five U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to each relevant Interest Payment Date) until the end of each relevant Interest Period, the SOFR determined in accordance with paragraph (1) above in respect of such "Lock-out date"; or

(5) where in the applicable Final Terms "Shift" is specified as the Observation Method, the SOFR on the U.S. Government Securities Business Day *i*.

(G) *Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds referencing a Compounded Index Rate*

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined and the Reference Rate in respect of the relevant Series of Floating Rate Covered Bonds is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being "Compounded Index Rate", the Rate of Interest applicable to the Covered Bonds for an Interest Accrual Period will, subject as provided in Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*) (in the case of the SONIA Compounded Index Rate) or Condition 14B (*Effect of Benchmark Transition Event*) (in the case of the SOFR Compounded Index Rate), be the compounded daily reference rate for such Interest Accrual Period calculated in accordance with the following formula and to the Relevant Decimal Place (the "**Compounded Index Rate**"), all as determined and calculated by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Interest Determination Date plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms) the applicable Margin:

$$(\frac{Compounded\ Index\ End}{Compounded\ Index\ Start} - 1)\ X\ \frac{Numerator}{d}$$

where:

"**Compounded Index**" shall mean SONIA Compounded Index or SOFR Compounded Index, as specified in the applicable Final Terms;

"**Compounded Index$_{End}$**" means the relevant Compounded Index value on the day falling the Relevant Number of Index Days prior to the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Accrual Period, or such other date on which the relevant payment of interest falls due (but which, by its definition or the operation of the relevant provisions, is excluded from such Interest Accrual Period);

"**Compounded Index$_{Start}$**" means the relevant Compounded Index value on the day falling the Relevant Number of Index Days prior to the first day of the relevant Interest Accrual Period;

"**d**" is the number of calendar days from (and including) the day on which the relevant Compounded Index$_{Start}$ is determined to (but excluding) the day on which the relevant Compounded Index$_{End}$ is determined;

"**Index Days**" means, in the case of the SONIA Compounded Index, London Banking Days, and, in the case of the SOFR Compounded Index, U.S. Government Securities Business Days;

"**London Banking Day**" means any day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London;

"**Numerator**" shall, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, be 365 in the case of the SONIA Compounded Index and 360 in the case of the SOFR Compounded Index;

"**Relevant Decimal Place**" shall, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, be the fifth decimal place in the case of the SONIA Compounded Index and the seventh decimal place in the case of the SOFR Compounded Index, in each case rounded up or down, if necessary (with 0.000005 or, as the case may be, 0.00000005 being rounded upwards;

"**Relevant Number**" shall, unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, be five in the case of the SONIA Compounded Index and five in the case of the SOFR Compounded Index;

"**SOFR Compounded Index**" means the compounded daily Secured Overnight Funding Rate, as published at 3:00 p.m. (New York time) by the FRBNY (or a successor administrator of SOFR) on the website of the FRBNY, or any successor source;

"**SOFR Compounded Index Rate**" means the Compounded Index Rate where the Compounded Index used to calculate the Compounded Index Rate is the SOFR Compounded Index;

"**SONIA Compounded Index**" means the compounded daily SONIA rate as published at 10:00 a.m. (London time) by the Bank of England (or a successor administrator of SONIA) on the Bank of England's Interactive Statistical Database, or any successor source; and

"**SONIA Compounded Index Rate**" means the Compounded Index Rate where the Compounded Index used to calculate the Compounded Index Rate is the SONIA Compounded Index.

In the case of the SOFR Compounded Index Rate, subject to Condition 14B (*Effect of Benchmark Transition Event*) if with respect to any Interest Accrual Period, the Compounded $\text{Index}_{\text{Start}}$ value and/or Compounded $\text{Index}_{\text{End}}$ value is not published as prescribed in the definition of 'SOFR Compounded Index' above, the Calculation Agent shall calculate the Rate of Interest for that Interest Accrual Period in accordance with Condition 4(b)(ii)(F) as if the Reference Rate and Compounded Index specified in the applicable Final Terms were not specified as being "Compounded Index Rate" and "SOFR Compounded Index" respectively. For such purposes, (i) the Reference Rate shall be deemed to be Compounded Daily SOFR, (ii) the Observation Method shall be deemed to be 'Shift' (iii) ‘p’ shall be deemed to be the Relevant Number and (iv) '360' in the formula for Compounded Daily SOFR shall be deemed to instead be the Numerator.

In the case of the SONIA Compounded Index Rate, subject to Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*), if with respect to any Interest Accrual Period, the Compounded Index Start value and/or Compounded Index End value is not published as prescribed in the definition of 'SONIA Compounded Index' above, the Calculation Agent shall calculate the Rate of Interest for that Interest Accrual Period in accordance with Condition 4(b)(ii)(C) as if the Reference Rate and Compounded Index specified in the applicable Final Terms were not specified as being "Compounded Index Rate" and "SONIA Compounded Index" respectively. For these purposes, (i) the Reference Rate shall be deemed to be Compounded Daily SONIA, (ii) the Observation Method shall be deemed to be 'Shift' (iii) 'p' shall be deemed to be the Relevant Number, (iv) '365' in the formula for Compounded Daily SONIA shall be deemed to instead be the Numerator and (v) the Relevant Screen Page will be determined by the Issuer in consultation with the Calculation Agent.

As used herein, an "**Interest Accrual Period**" means (i) each Interest Period and (ii) any other period (if any) in respect of which interest is to be calculated, being the period from (and including) the first day of such period to (but excluding) the day on which the relevant payment of interest falls due (which, if the relevant Series of Covered Bonds becomes due and payable in accordance with Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*), shall be the date on which such Covered Bonds become due and payable).

If the relevant Series of Covered Bonds becomes due and payable in accordance with Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*), the final Rate of Interest shall be calculated for the Interest Accrual Period to (but excluding) the date on which the Covered Bonds become so due and payable, and such Rate of Interest shall continue to apply to the Covered Bonds for so long as interest continues to accrue thereon as provided in Condition 4(c).

(iii) ***Minimum Rate of Interest and/or Maximum Rate of Interest***

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Minimum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ii) above is less than such Minimum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Minimum Rate of Interest, which may not be less than zero per cent.

If the applicable Final Terms specifies a Maximum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ii) above is greater than such Maximum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Maximum Rate of Interest.

(iv) ***Determination of Rate of Interest and calculation of Interest Amounts***

The Calculation Agent will at or as soon as practicable at each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period.

The Calculation Agent will calculate the amount of interest (the "**Interest Amount**") payable on the Floating Rate Covered Bonds in respect of each Specified Denomination for the relevant Interest Period. Each Interest Amount shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to the Calculation Amount, multiplying the product by the relevant Day Count Fraction, rounding the resulting figure to the nearest sub-unit of the Specified Currency (half of any such sub-unit being rounded upwards or otherwise in accordance with applicable market convention) and multiplying such rounded figure by a fraction equal to the Specified Denomination of the Floating Rate Covered Bond, divided by the Calculation Amount.

"**Day Count Fraction**" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this Condition 4(b):

if "**Actual/Actual (ISDA)** " is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of the Interest Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);

if "**Actual/365 (Fixed)** " is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365;

if "**Actual/365 (Euro)**" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;

if "**Actual/360**" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360;

if "**30E/360**" or "**Eurobond Basis**" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360x(Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30x(M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"**Y_1**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"**Y_2**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period falls;

"**M_1**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"**M_2**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period falls;

"**D_1**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D_1 will be 30; and

"**D_2**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D_2 will be 30;

if "**30/360**" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360x(Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30x(M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"**Y_1**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"**Y_2**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period falls;

"**M_1**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"**M_2**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period falls;

"**D_1**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D_1 will be 30; and

"**D_2**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31 and D_1 is greater than 29, in which case D_2 will be 30; or

if "**30E/360 (ISDA)**" is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

$$\text{Day Count Fraction} = \frac{[360x(Y_2 - Y_1)] + [30x(M_2 - M_1)] + (D_2 - D_1)}{360}$$

where:

"**Y_1**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"**Y_2**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period falls;

"**M_1**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

"**M_2**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period falls;

"**D_1**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D_1 will be 30; and

"**D_2**Error! Bookmark not defined." is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D_2 will be 30.

(v) ***Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts***

The Calculation Agent will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer, the CBC, the Trustee and any competent listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system on or by which the relevant Floating Rate Covered Bonds are for the time being listed, quoted and/or traded and notice thereof to be published in accordance with Condition 13 (*Notices; Provision of Information*) as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth Amsterdam Business Day thereafter. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without prior notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment will be promptly notified to each competent listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system on or by which the relevant Floating Rate Covered Bonds are for the time being listed, quoted and/or traded and to the Covered Bondholders in accordance with Condition 13 (*Notices; Provision of Information*). For the purposes of this paragraph, the expression "**Amsterdam Business Day**" means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business in Amsterdam. If the Calculation Amount is less than the minimum Specified Denomination the Calculation Agent shall not be obliged to publish each Interest Amount but instead may publish only the Calculation Amount and the Interest Amount in respect of a Floating Rate Covered Bond having the minimum Specified Denomination.

(vi) ***Determination or Calculation by Trustee***

If for any reason at any relevant time the Calculation Agent defaults in its obligation to determine the Rate of Interest or the Calculation Agent defaults in its obligation to calculate any Interest Amount in accordance with subparagraph (ii)(A) or (B) above, as the case may be, and in each case in accordance with paragraph (iv) above, the Trustee shall determine the Rate of Interest at such rate as, in its absolute discretion (having such regard as it shall think fit to the foregoing provisions of this Condition 4(b), but subject always to any Minimum Rate of Interest or Maximum Rate of Interest specified in the applicable Final Terms), it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances or, as the case may be, the Trustee shall calculate the Interest Amount(s) in such manner as it shall deem fair and reasonable in all the circumstances and each such determination or calculation shall be deemed to have been made by the Calculation Agent.

(vii) ***Certificates to be final***

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this Condition 4(b), whether by the Calculation Agent or the Trustee shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error or an error established as such to the satisfaction of the Trustee) be binding on the Issuer, the CBC, the Calculation Agent, the other Paying Agents, the Trustee and all Covered Bondholders and Couponholders and (in the absence of wilful default or bad faith) no liability to the Issuer, the CBC, the Covered Bondholders or the Couponholders shall attach to the Calculation Agent or the Trustee in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

(c) **Accrual of interest**

Each Covered Bond (or in the case of the redemption of part only of a Covered Bond, that part only of such Covered Bond) will cease to bear interest (if any) from the date for its redemption unless, upon due presentation thereof, payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused. In such event, interest will continue to accrue as provided in the Trust Deed.

5. PAYMENTS

(a) **Method of payment**

Subject as provided below:

(i) payments in a Specified Currency other than euro and U.S. Dollars will be made by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Specified Currency (which, in the case of a payment in Japanese Yen to a non-resident of Japan, shall be a non-resident account) maintained by the payee with, or, at the option of the payee, by a cheque in such Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively);

(ii) payments in euro will be made by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque; and

(iii) payments in U.S. Dollars will be made by transfer to a U.S. Dollar account maintained by the payee with a bank outside of the United States (which expression, as used in this Condition 5, means the United States of America, including the State and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction), or by cheque drawn on a United States bank.

In no event will payment be made by a cheque mailed to an address in the United States. Payments will be subject in all cases to (i) any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment in these Conditions, the Trust Deed, the Agency Agreement and the Final Terms, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 7 (*Taxation*) and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended) (the "Code") or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations thereunder, any official interpretations thereof, or (without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 7 (*Taxation*) any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto. References to Specified Currency will include any successor currency under applicable law.

(b) **Presentation of Definitive Covered Bonds and Coupons**

Payments of principal in respect of Definitive Covered Bonds will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Definitive Covered Bonds, and payments of interest in respect of Definitive Covered Bonds will (subject as provided below) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States.

Fixed Rate Covered Bonds in definitive form (other than Long Maturity Covered Bonds) should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall for this purpose include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which the amount of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the sum due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of 10 years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 7 (*Taxation*)) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 8 (*Prescription*) or, if

later, five years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due, but in no event thereafter.

Upon any Fixed Rate Covered Bond in definitive form becoming due and repayable prior to its Final Maturity Date, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the date on which any Floating Rate Covered Bond or Long Maturity Covered Bond in definitive form becomes due and repayable in whole, unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof. A "**Long Maturity Covered Bond**" is a Fixed Rate Covered Bond (other than a Fixed Rate Covered Bond which on issue had a Talon attached) whose nominal amount on issue is less than the aggregate interest payable thereon provided that such Covered Bond shall cease to be a Long Maturity Covered Bond on the Interest Payment Date on which the aggregate amount of interest remaining to be paid after that date is less than the Principal Amount Outstanding of such Covered Bond.

If the due date for redemption of any Definitive Covered Bond is not an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued in respect of such Covered Bond from (and including) the preceding Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Interest Commencement Date shall be payable only against surrender of the relevant Definitive Covered Bond.

(c) **Payments in respect of Global Covered Bonds**

Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of Covered Bonds represented by any Global Covered Bond in bearer form not in new global note form will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner specified above in relation to Definitive Covered Bonds and otherwise in the manner specified in the relevant Global Covered Bond against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) of such Global Covered Bond at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States. A record of each payment made against presentation or surrender of any Global Covered Bond, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made on such Global Covered Bond by the Paying Agent to which it was presented and such record shall be *prima facie* evidence that the payment in question has been made.

If a Global Covered Bond in bearer form is in the form of a new global note, payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of such Covered Bonds shall be entered *pro rata* in the records of the relevant clearing system and, in the case of payments of principal, the principal amount of such Covered Bonds recorded in the records of the relevant clearing system and represented by the Global Covered Bond in bearer form in the form of a new global note will be reduced accordingly.

(d) **General provisions applicable to payments**

The holder of a Global Covered Bond shall be the only person entitled to receive payments in respect of Covered Bonds represented by such Global Covered Bond and the Issuer or the CBC and the Trustee will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Covered Bond in respect of each amount so paid.

Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear Netherlands or any other agreed clearing system as the beneficial holder of a particular nominal amount of Covered Bonds represented by a Global Covered Bond must look solely to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or Euroclear Netherlands or any other agreed clearing system, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer or the CBC or the Trustee to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global Covered Bond.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Condition, if any amount of principal and/or interest in respect of Covered Bonds is payable in U.S. Dollars, such U.S. Dollar payments of principal and/or interest in respect of such Covered Bonds will be made at the specified office of a Paying Agent in the United States if:

(i) the Issuer has appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment in U.S. Dollars at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount of principal and interest on the Covered Bonds in the manner provided above when due;

(ii) payment of the full amount of such principal and interest at all such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of principal and interest in U.S. Dollars; and

(iii) such payment is then permitted under United States law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer and the CBC, adverse tax consequences to the Issuer or the CBC.

(e) **Payment Day**

If the date for payment of any amount in respect of any Covered Bond or Coupon is not a Payment Day, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day in the relevant place and shall not be entitled to further interest or other payment in respect of such delay. For these purposes, "**Payment Day**" means: any day which (subject to Condition 8 (*Prescription*)) is:

(i) if the currency of payment is euro, any day which is:

(A) a day on which banks in Amsterdam, the Netherlands and the relevant place of presentation are open for presentation and payment of bearer securities and for dealing in foreign currencies; and

(B) in the case of payment by transfer to an account, a day on which TARGET2 is open for the settlement of payments in euro and a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre; or

(ii) if the currency of payment is not euro, any day which is, in the case of payment by transfer to an account, a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment and in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre;

(f) **Interpretation of principal and interest**

Any reference in these Conditions to principal in respect of the Covered Bonds shall be deemed to include, as applicable:

(i) any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to principal under Condition 7 (*Taxation*) or under any undertaking or covenant given in addition thereto, or in substitution therefor, pursuant to the Trust Deed;

(ii) the Final Redemption Amount of the Covered Bonds;

(iii) the Early Redemption Amount of the Covered Bonds;

(iv) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the Covered Bonds;

(v) in relation to Zero Coupon Covered Bonds, the Amortised Face Amount (as defined in Condition 6(d) (*Redemption and Purchase - Early Redemption Amounts*));

(vi) any premium and any other amounts (other than interest) which may be payable by the Issuer under or in respect of the Covered Bonds; and

(vii) any Excess Proceeds which may be payable by the Trustee under or in respect of the Covered Bonds.

Any reference in these Conditions to interest in respect of the Covered Bonds shall be deemed to include, as applicable, any additional amounts which may be payable with respect to interest under Condition 7 (*Taxation*) or under any undertaking or covenant given in addition thereto, or in substitution therefor, pursuant to the Trust Deed.

(g) **Set-off**

If this Condition 5(g) is specified to apply in the applicable Final Terms:

(i) any payments under or pursuant to the Covered Bonds shall be made by the Issuer free of set-off; and

(ii) for the purpose of Registered Covered Bonds issued to a German insurance company or pension fund under the German Insurance Supervisory Act, the Issuer and the CBC each hereby waive, for the benefit of all present and future holders of the Registered Covered Bonds, any right to set-off (*verrekenen*, in German: *aufrechnen*) any amount against, any right to retain (*inhouden*, in German: *zurückbehalten*) any amount from, and any right of pledge (*pandrecht*, in German: *Pfandrecht*), including but not limited to any right of pledge created under the Issuer's General Banking Conditions, with regard to any amount it owes under or in respect of the Registered Covered Bonds and any similar right which may adversely affect the rights under or in respect of the Registered Covered Bonds. This waiver (i) applies as far as and as long as and to the extent that the Registered Covered Bonds are part of the guarantee assets (*Sicherungsvermögen*) within the meaning of the German Insurance Supervisory Act (*Versicherungsaufsichtsgesetz*), also in the event of an insolvency or in the event that insolvency proceedings or similar proceedings are instituted and (ii) prevails over any present or future agreement with a conflicting content, save in the case of future agreements only, where such future agreement has a conflicting content which explicitly refers to this specific waiver.

6. REDEMPTION AND PURCHASE

(a) **Redemption at maturity**

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as specified below and subject to Condition 3 (*The Guarantee*), each Covered Bond will be redeemed by the Issuer at its Final Redemption Amount specified in the applicable Final Terms in the relevant Specified Currency on the Final Maturity Date (the "**Final Redemption Amount**").

(b) **Redemption for tax reasons**

The Covered Bonds may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time (if this Covered Bond is not a Floating Rate Covered Bond) or on any Interest Payment Date (if this Covered Bond is a Floating Rate Covered Bond), on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent and, in accordance with Condition 13 (*Notices; Provision of Information*), the Covered Bondholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), if the Issuer satisfies the Trustee immediately before the giving of such notice that:

(i) on the occasion of the next payment due under the Covered Bonds, the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 7 (*Taxation*) as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of a Tax Jurisdiction (as defined in Condition 7 (*Taxation*)) or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date on which agreement is reached to issue the first Tranche of the Covered Bonds; and

(ii) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it,

provided that no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts were a payment in respect of the Covered Bonds then due.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 6, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by two authorised signatories of the Issuer stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer so to redeem have occurred and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept the certificate as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out above, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on the Covered Bondholders and the Couponholders.

Covered Bonds redeemed pursuant to this Condition 6(b) will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in Condition 6(d) (*Early Redemption Amounts*) below together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

(c) **Redemption at the option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)**

If Issuer Call is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Issuer may, having given:

(i) not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Covered Bondholders in accordance with Condition 13 (*Notices; Provision of Information*) or such other notice period as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms; and

(ii) not less than 15 days before the giving of the notice referred to in (i), notice to the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar;

(which notices shall be irrevocable and shall specify the date fixed for redemption), redeem all or some only of the Covered Bonds then outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date specified in the applicable Final Terms (each such date, an "**Optional Redemption Date**") and at the Optional Redemption Amount(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant Optional Redemption Date, provided that no Issuer Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. If such Optional Redemption Date has been irrevocably determined for the purpose of Condition 3, the Optional Redemption Date in respect of the Covered Bonds that will be redeemed will be deemed to be the Final Maturity Date. Any such (partial) redemption must be of a nominal amount not less than the Minimum Redemption Amount and not more than the Maximum Redemption Amount, in each case as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. In the case of a partial redemption of Covered Bonds, the Covered Bonds to be redeemed (the "**Redeemed Covered Bonds**") will be selected individually by lot, in the case of Redeemed Covered Bonds represented by Definitive Covered Bonds, and where applicable in accordance with the rules of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as either a pool factor or a reduction in nominal amount, at their discretion) and/or Euroclear Netherlands or any other agreed clearing system, in the case of Redeemed Covered Bonds represented by a Global Covered Bond, in each case, not more than 30 days prior to the date fixed for redemption (such date of selection being hereinafter called the "**Selection Date**"). In the case of Redeemed Covered Bonds (i) represented by Definitive Covered Bonds, a list of the serial numbers and (ii) in the case of Registered Covered Bonds, the nominal amount drawn and the holders thereof, of such Redeemed Covered Bonds will be published in accordance with Condition 13 (*Notices; Provision of Information*) not less than 15 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. The aggregate nominal amount of Redeemed Covered Bonds represented by Definitive Covered Bonds shall bear the same proportion to the aggregate nominal amount of all Redeemed Covered Bonds as the aggregate nominal amount of Definitive Covered Bonds outstanding bears to the aggregate nominal amount of the Covered Bonds outstanding, in each case on the Selection Date, provided that such first mentioned nominal amount shall, if necessary, be rounded downwards to the nearest integral multiple of the Specified Denomination, and the aggregate nominal amount of Redeemed Covered Bonds represented by a Global Covered Bond shall be equal to the balance of the Redeemed Covered Bonds. No exchange of the relevant Global Covered Bond will be permitted during the period from (and including) the Selection Date to (and including) the date fixed for redemption pursuant to this paragraph (c) and notice to that effect shall be given by the Issuer to the Covered Bondholders in accordance with Condition 13 (*Notices; Provision of Information*) at least five days prior to the Selection Date.

(d) **Early Redemption Amounts**

For the purpose of paragraph (b) above and Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*), each Covered Bond will be redeemed at its Early Redemption Amount calculated as follows (each, the relevant "**Early Redemption Amount**"):

(i) in the case of a Covered Bond with a Final Redemption Amount equal to the Issue Price, at the Final Redemption Amount thereof;

(ii) in the case of a Covered Bond (other than a Zero Coupon Covered Bond) with a Final Redemption Amount which is or may be less or greater than the Issue Price or which is payable in a Specified Currency other than that in which the Covered Bond is denominated, at the amount specified in the applicable Final Terms or, if no such amount or manner is so specified in the applicable Final Terms, at its nominal amount;

(iii) in the case of a Zero Coupon Covered Bond, at the Amortised Face Amount; or

(iv) such other redemption amount as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

The "**Amortised Face Amount**" is calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Amortised Face Amount} = \text{RP} \times (1 + \text{AY})\text{y}$$

where:

"**RP**" means the Reference Price specified in the applicable Final Terms;

"**AY**" means the Accrual Yield specified in the applicable Final Terms, expressed as a decimal; and

"**y**" is a fraction the numerator of which is equal to the number of days (calculated on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each) from (and including) the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Covered Bonds to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which such Covered Bond becomes due and repayable and the denominator of which is 360, provided that where such calculation is to be made for a period which is not a whole number of years, it shall be made (i) in the case of a Zero Coupon Covered Bond payable in a specified currency other than euro, on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of 12 months of 30 days each or (ii) in the case of a Zero Coupon Covered Bond payable in euro, on the basis of the actual number of days elapsed divided by 365 (or, if any of the days elapsed falls in a leap year, the sum of (x) the number of those days falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (y) the number of those days falling in a non-leap year divided by 365) or (iii) on the basis of such other Day Count Fraction mentioned in Conditions 4(a) (*Interest on Fixed Rate Covered Bonds*) and 4(b)(iv) (*Determination of Rate of Interest and calculation of Interest Amounts*) as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(e) **Purchases**

The Issuer, the CBC and/or the consolidated subsidiaries of the Issuer (the "**Group**") from time to time, may at any time purchase Covered Bonds (provided that, in the case of Definitive Covered Bonds, all unmatured Receipts, Coupons and Talons appertaining thereto are purchased therewith) at any price in the open market or otherwise. If purchases are made by tender, tenders must be available to all Covered Bondholders alike. Such Covered Bonds may be held, reissued, resold or, at the option of the Issuer or the CBC and/or such member of the Group, surrendered to any Paying Agent for cancellation. Any purchases made by the Issuer, the CBC and/or the Group other than by way of a tender, shall not be surrendered to any Paying Agent for cancellation and shall not be taken into account for the purpose of the right to attend and vote at any meeting of the Covered Bondholders, the determination of how many Covered Bonds of any Series are for the time being outstanding for the purposes of Conditions 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*) and 14 (*Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modification and Waiver*) and the provisions for meeting of Covered Bondholders unless all Covered Bonds then outstanding are held by the Issuer, the CBC and the Group.

(f) **Cancellation**

All Bearer Covered Bonds which are redeemed will forthwith be cancelled (together with all unmatured Coupons and Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith at the time of redemption). All Bearer Covered Bonds so cancelled and any Bearer Covered Bonds purchased and cancelled pursuant to paragraph (e) above (together with all unmatured Coupons and Talons cancelled therewith) shall be forwarded to the Principal Paying Agent and cannot be reissued or resold.

(g) **Late payment on Zero Coupon Covered Bonds**

If the amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Covered Bond upon redemption of such Zero Coupon Covered Bond pursuant to paragraph (a), (b) or (c) above or upon its becoming due and repayable as provided in Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*) is improperly withheld or refused, the amount due and repayable in respect of such Zero Coupon Covered Bond shall be the amount calculated as provided in paragraph (d)(iii) above as though the references therein to the date fixed for the redemption or the date upon which such Zero Coupon Covered Bond becomes due and payable were replaced by references to the date which is the earlier of:

(i) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such Zero Coupon Covered Bond have been paid; and

(ii) five days after the date on which the full amount of the monies payable in respect of such Zero Coupon Covered Bonds has been received by the Principal Paying Agent or the Trustee and notice to that effect has been given to the Covered Bondholders in accordance with Condition 13 (*Notices; Provision of Information*).

(h) **Redemption due to illegality**

The Covered Bonds of all Series may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part, at any time, on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Trustee and the Principal Paying Agent and, in accordance with Condition 13 (*Notices; Provision of Information*), all Covered Bondholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), if the Issuer satisfies the Trustee immediately before the giving of such notice that it has, or will, before the next Interest Payment Date of any Covered Bond of any Series, become unlawful for the Issuer to make any payments under the Covered Bonds as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the applicable laws or regulations or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment has become or will become effective before the next such Interest Payment Date.

Covered Bonds redeemed pursuant to this Condition 6(h) will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in Condition 6(d) (*Redemption and Purchase - Early Redemption Amounts*) above together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to (but excluding) the date of redemption.

(i) **Certificate**

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition 6 (*Redemption and Purchase*), the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee a certificate signed by two authorised signatories of the Issuer stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer so to redeem have occurred and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept the certificate as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out above, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on all Covered Bondholders.

7. TAXATION

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Covered Bonds and Coupons made by the Issuer will be made without withholding or deduction of any present or future taxes or duties of whatever nature (collectively "**Taxes**"), unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In the event the withholding or deduction of such Taxes is imposed or levied by or on behalf of any Tax Jurisdiction, the Issuer will pay such additional amounts as shall be necessary in order that the net amounts received by the Covered Bondholders after such withholding or deduction shall equal the respective amounts of principal and interest which would otherwise have been receivable in respect of the Covered Bonds or Coupons, as the case may be, in the absence of such withholding or deduction; except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Covered Bond or Coupon presented for payment:

(i) outside the Netherlands;

(ii) by, or by a third party on behalf of, a holder who is liable for such Taxes or duties in respect of such Covered Bond or Coupon by reason of having some connection with a Tax Jurisdiction other than the mere holding of such Covered Bond or Coupon;

(iii) more than 30 days after the Relevant Date, except to the extent that the holder would have been entitled to such additional amounts on presenting the same for payment on such thirtieth day assuming that day to have been a Payment Day (as defined in Condition 5(e) (*Payments - Payment Day*));

(iv) by or on behalf of a holder who would be able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Covered Bond, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent;

(v) to a holder who would not be liable or subject to the withholding or deduction by making a declaration of non-residence or other similar claim for exemption to the relevant tax authority or who could avoid such withholding or deduction by providing information or certification concerning nationality, residence, or identity or satisfying any other information or reporting requirement to the extent reasonably requested by the Issuer or required by the relevant tax authority; or

(vi) with regard to Covered Bonds issued after the 2021 Programme Date only, by, or by a third party on behalf of, a holder of a Covered Bond who is subject to such Taxes pursuant to the Dutch Withholding Tax Act 2021 (*Wet bronbelasting 2021*).

Payments by the CBC under the Guarantee will be made without withholding or deduction of any Taxes, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In such event, the CBC shall make the required withholding or deduction of such Taxes for the account of the holder of Covered Bonds or Coupons, as the case may be. Any amounts withheld or deducted by the CBC will be treated as paid for all purposes under the Guarantee and the CBC shall not pay any additional amounts to the holder of the Covered Bonds or Coupons in respect of any Taxes withheld or deducted.

Payments in respect of the Covered Bonds may be subject to any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in section 1471(b) of the Code or otherwise imposed pursuant to sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, any official interpretations thereof or any law implementing an intergovernmental agreement thereto ("**FATCA Withholding**"). Any such amounts withheld or deducted will be treated as paid for all purposes under the Covered Bonds, and no additional amounts will be paid by the Issuer, the CBC, a Paying Agent, the Registrar, or any other party for any such FATCA Withholding.

As used herein:

"**Relevant Date**" means the date on which such payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the monies payable has not been duly received by the Trustee or the Principal Paying Agent on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which, the full amount of such monies having been so received, notice to that effect is duly given to the Covered Bondholders in accordance with Condition 13 (*Notices; Provision of Information*); and

"**Tax Jurisdiction**" means the European part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax.

8. PRESCRIPTION

The Covered Bonds and Coupons will become void unless presented for payment within a period of five years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 7 (*Taxation*)) therefor, subject in each case to the provisions of Condition 5(b) (*Payments - Presentation of Definitive Covered Bonds and Coupons*).

There shall not be included in any Coupon sheet issued on exchange of a Talon any Coupon the claim for payment in respect of which would be void pursuant to this Condition 8 or Condition 5(b) (*Payments - Presentation of Definitive Covered Bonds and Coupons*) or any Talon which would be void pursuant to Condition 5(b) (*Payments - Presentation of Definitive Covered Bonds and Coupons*).

9. EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND ENFORCEMENT

(a) Issuer Events of Default

An "**Issuer Acceleration Notice**" means a notice from the Trustee in writing to the Issuer that as against the Issuer (but not against the CBC) each Covered Bond of each Series is, and each such Covered Bond shall thereupon immediately become, due and repayable at its Early Redemption Amount together with accrued interest as provided in the Trust Deed.

The Trustee at its discretion may, and:

(1) in relation to the defaults set out in subparagraphs (i) and (v) below; or

(2) if so directed by a Programme Resolution of the Covered Bonds,

shall give an Issuer Acceleration Notice (subject in each case to being indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction), if any of the following events (each an "**Issuer Event of Default**") shall occur and be continuing:

(i) default is made by the Issuer for a period of 30 calendar days or more in the payment of any principal or interest of the Covered Bonds of any Series when due; or

(ii) a default is made in the performance by the Issuer of any material obligation (other than any obligation for the payment of principal, redemption amount or interest in respect of the Covered Bonds of any Series) under the provisions of the Covered Bonds of any Series or the Trust Deed or any other Transaction Document to which the Issuer is a party which (unless certified by the Trustee, in its opinion, to be incapable of remedy) shall continue for more than 60 calendar days after written notification requiring such default to be remedied and indicating that this provision may be invoked if it is not so remedied, shall have been given to the Issuer by the Trustee in accordance with the Trust Deed; or

(iii) an order is made or an effective resolution passed for the dissolution or winding up of the Issuer (except a dissolution or winding up for the purpose of a reconstruction, amalgamation, merger or following the transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, in each case, the terms of which have previously been approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of the holders of the Covered Bonds or which has been effected in compliance with the terms of Condition 14 (*Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modification and Waiver*)); or

(iv) a liquidator, receiver or other similar officer is appointed in relation to the Issuer or in relation to the whole of its assets; or the Issuer initiates or consents to judicial proceedings relating to its bankruptcy (*faillissement*) or equivalent or analogous proceedings under any applicable law, or shall make a conveyance, assignment or assignation for the benefit of, or shall enter into any composition (*akkoord*) with, its creditors generally; or

(v) the Issuer is adjudged or found bankrupt (*failliet*) or equivalent or analogous judgments or measures under any applicable law are imposed on the Issuer,

provided that in case an event described in paragraph (ii) above shall occur, the Trustee shall only deliver an Issuer Acceleration Notice if it shall have certified in writing to the Issuer that such event is, in its opinion, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Covered Bondholders of any Series.

Upon delivery of an Issuer Acceleration Notice pursuant to this Condition 9(a), the Trustee shall forthwith serve a notice to pay on the CBC (the "**Notice to Pay**") pursuant to the Guarantee and the CBC shall be required to make payments of Guaranteed Amounts when the same shall become Due for Payment in accordance with the terms of the Guarantee.

Following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice, the Trustee may or shall take such proceedings against the Issuer in accordance with the first paragraph of Condition 9(c) (*Enforcement*).

The Trust Deed provides that all monies received by the Trustee from the Issuer or any administrator, liquidator, trustee or other similar official appointed in relation to the Issuer following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice and a Notice to Pay (the "**Excess Proceeds**"), shall, unless a CBC Event of Default has occurred which is continuing, be paid by the Trustee on behalf of the Covered Bondholders of the relevant Series to the CBC for its own account, as soon as practicable, and shall be held by the CBC in the AIC Account and shall be used by the CBC in the same manner as all other monies from time to time standing to the credit of the AIC Account. Any Excess Proceeds received by the Trustee shall discharge the obligations of the Issuer in respect of the Covered Bonds and Coupons for an amount equal to the amount so received as Excess Proceeds. However, the receipt by the Trustee of any Excess Proceeds shall not reduce or discharge any of the obligations of the CBC under the Guarantee.

Each Covered Bondholder shall be deemed to have irrevocably directed the Trustee to pay the Excess Proceeds to the CBC in the manner as described above.

(b) **CBC Events of Default**

A "**CBC Acceleration Notice**" means a notice in writing to the CBC and the Issuer, that each Covered Bond of each Series is, and each Covered Bond of each Series shall as against the Issuer (if not already due and repayable against it following an Issuer Event of Default) and, through the Guarantee, as against the CBC, thereupon immediately become, due and repayable at its Early Redemption Amount together with accrued interest as provided in the Trust Deed and after delivery of such CBC Acceleration Notice, the Security shall become enforceable.

The Trustee at its discretion may, and, if so directed by a Programme Resolution, shall give a CBC Acceleration Notice (subject in each case to being indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction), if any of the following events (each a "**CBC Event of Default**") shall occur and be continuing:

(i) default is made by the CBC under the Guarantee for a period of 7 calendar days or more in the payment of any principal or redemption amount, or for a period of 14 calendar days or more in the payment of any interest when due; or

(ii) a default is made in the performance or observance by the CBC of any material obligation binding upon it (other than any obligation for the payment of Guaranteed Amounts in respect of the Covered Bonds of any Series) under the Trust Deed, the Security Documents or any other Transaction Document to which the CBC is a party which (unless certified by the Trustee, in its opinion, to be incapable of remedy) shall continue for more than 30 calendar days after written notification requiring such default to be remedied and indicating that this provision may be invoked if it is not so remedied shall have been given to the CBC by the Trustee in accordance with the Trust Deed; or

(iii) an order is made or an effective resolution passed for the dissolution or winding up of the CBC; or

(iv) the CBC ceases to carry on its business or substantially all its business; or

(v) a liquidator, receiver or other similar officer is appointed in relation to the CBC or in relation to the whole or any major part of its assets or a conservatory attachment (*conservatoir beslag*) which conservatory attachment is not discharged within 40 days or an executory attachment (*executoriaal beslag*) or other process is levied or enforced upon or sued out against the whole or any major part of its assets or the CBC initiates or consents to judicial proceedings relating to its bankruptcy (*faillissement*) or suspension of payments (*surseance van betaling*), or equivalent or analogous proceedings under any applicable law, or makes a conveyance, assignment or equivalent or assignation for the benefit of, or shall enter into any composition (*akkoord*) with, its creditors generally; or

(vi) the CBC is subjected to any applicable Insolvency Proceedings or analogous judgments or measures under any applicable law are imposed on the CBC; or

(vii) the Guarantee is not, or is claimed by the CBC not to be, in full force and effect; or

(viii) the Amortisation Test (as set out in the Asset Monitor Agreement) is not satisfied as at the end of each calendar month, as calculated on the immediately succeeding Calculation Date following the service of a Notice to Pay or a Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice (but prior to the service of a CBC Acceleration Notice),

provided that, in case an event described in paragraph (ii) above shall occur, the Trustee shall only deliver a CBC Acceleration Notice if it shall have certified in writing to the CBC that such event is, in its opinion, materially prejudicial to the interests of the Covered Bondholders of any Series.

Following the occurrence of a CBC Event of Default and service of a CBC Acceleration Notice, the Trustee may or shall take such proceedings or steps in accordance with the first and second paragraphs, respectively, of Condition 9(c) (*Events of Default and Enforcement - Enforcement*) and the Covered Bondholders shall have a claim against the CBC, under the Guarantee, for the Early Redemption Amount together with accrued interest as provided in the Trust Deed in respect of each Covered Bond.

In these Conditions:

"**Amortisation Test**" means the test pursuant to which the CBC and the Originators shall procure that, following service of a Notice to Pay or Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice on the CBC:

(i) the Amortisation Test Aggregate Asset Amount will be an amount at least equal to the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds as calculated as at the end of each calendar month as calculated on the immediately succeeding Calculation Date;

(ii) the First Regulatory Current Balance Amount is at least equal to 105 per cent., or such other percentage as may be required from time to time under the CB Legislation, of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds at the end of such calendar month all as calculated on the immediately succeeding Calculation Date; and

(iii) the Second Regulatory Current Balance Amount is at least equal to 100 per cent., or such other percentage as may be required from time to time under the CB Legislation, of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds at the end of such calendar month all as calculated on the immediately succeeding Calculation Date;

"**Calculation Date**" means the date falling two Business Days before each CBC Payment Date. The "relevant" Calculation Date in respect of any Calculation Period will be the first Calculation Date falling after the end of that period and the "relevant" Calculation Date in respect of any CBC Payment Date will be the last Calculation Date prior to that CBC Payment Date;

"**Calculation Period**" means each period from (and including) the first day of each month to the last day of that same month; and

"**CBC Payment Date**" means the 25th day of each month or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next following Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such CBC Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

(c) **Enforcement**

The Trustee may at any time after service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice (in the case of the Issuer) or a CBC Acceleration Notice (in the case of both the Issuer and the CBC), at its discretion and without further notice, take such proceedings against the Issuer and/or the CBC, as the case may be, to enforce the provisions of the Trust Deed, the Covered Bonds and the Coupons, but it shall not be bound to take any such enforcement proceedings in relation to the Trust Deed, the Covered Bonds or the Coupons or any other Transaction Document unless it shall have been so directed by a Programme Resolution and it shall have been indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction.

The Trustee may at any time, at its discretion and without further notice, take such proceedings against the CBC and/or any other person as it may think fit to enforce the provisions of the Security Documents and may, at any time after the Security has become enforceable, take such steps as it may think fit to enforce the Security, but it shall not be bound to take any such steps unless (i) it shall have been so directed by a Programme Resolution or (ii) it shall have been directed in writing to do so by each of the other Secured Creditors (other than the Issuer); and (iii) it shall have been indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction.

(d) **Limitation on Covered Bondholders action**

No Covered Bondholder or Couponholder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer or the CBC or to take any action with respect to the Trust Deed, the Coupons or the Security, unless the Trustee having become bound so to proceed, fails to do so within a reasonable time and such failure shall be continuing.

Neither the Covered Bondholders nor the Trustee may institute against, or join any person in instituting any bankruptcy, winding-up, reorganisation, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceeding against the CBC until the expiry of a period of at least one (1) year after the latest maturing Covered Bond is paid in full. The only remedy of the Trustee against the CBC after a CBC Acceleration Notice has been given pursuant to this Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*) is to enforce the Security.

(e) **Limited Recourse**

The recourse of the Covered Bondholders and the Couponholders against the CBC pursuant to the Guarantee is limited as set out below:

(i) a Covered Bondholder or Couponholders will have a right of recourse (*verhaalsrecht*) only in respect of the Secured Property (subject to paragraph (ii) below) and will not have any claim, by operation of law or otherwise, against, or recourse to any of the CBC's other assets or its contributed capital; and

(ii) sums payable to each Covered Bondholder and/or Couponholder in respect of the CBC's obligations to such Covered Bondholder shall be limited to the lesser of (a) the aggregate amount of all sums due and payable to such Covered Bondholder and/or Couponholder and (b) the aggregate amounts received, realised or otherwise recovered by or for the account of the Trustee in respect of the Secured Property whether pursuant to enforcement of the Security or otherwise, net of any sums which are (1) excluded from application in accordance with the relevant Priority of Payments or (2) payable by the CBC in accordance with the relevant Priority of Payments in priority to or *pari passu* with sums payable to such Covered Bondholder and/or Couponholder;

(iii) sums payable to it in respect of the CBC's obligations to it shall be limited to the amounts available for the payment of such amount to it in accordance with the Trust Deed and the relevant Priorities of Payments and only be payable by the CBC in accordance with the Trust Deed and the relevant Priority of Payments; and

(iv) if following final enforcement of the Security the Trustee certifies, in its sole opinion, that the CBC has insufficient funds to pay in full all of the CBC's obligations to such Covered Bondholder, then such Covered Bondholder shall have no further claim against the CBC in respect of any such unpaid amounts and such unpaid amounts shall be discharged in full.

10. REPLACEMENT OF COVERED BONDS, COUPONS AND TALONS

Should any Covered Bond, Coupon or Talon be lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent upon payment by the claimant of such costs and expenses as may be incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Covered Bonds, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

11. PAYING AGENTS, TRANSFER AGENTS, EXCHANGE AGENTS AND REGISTRAR

The names of the initial Paying Agents, initial Transfer Agents, initial Exchange Agents and the Registrar and their initial specified offices are set out in the Base Prospectus.

The Issuer is entitled, with the prior written approval of the Trustee (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), to vary or terminate the appointment of any Paying Agent, Transfer Agent, Exchange Agent and the Registrar and/or appoint additional or other Paying Agents, Transfer Agents, Exchange Agents or Registrars and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any Paying Agent, Transfer Agent, Exchange Agent or Registrar acts, provided that:

(a) there will at all times be a Principal Paying Agent and, as long as any Registered Covered Bonds of any Series are outstanding, a Registrar for that Series;

(b) so long as any of the Registered Global Covered Bonds are held through DTC (or a nominee on its behalf), there will at all times be a Transfer Agent with a specified office in New York City; and

(c) so long as the Covered Bonds are listed, quoted and/or traded on or by any competent listing authority, on any stock exchange or quotation system, there will at all times be a Paying Agent with a specified office in such place as may be required by the rules and regulations of the relevant competent authority or stock exchange.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in Condition 5(d) (*Payments - General Provisions applicable to payments*). Any variation, termination, appointment or change shall only take effect (other than in the case of bankruptcy, insolvency or any equivalent or analogous proceeding, when it shall be of immediate effect) after not less than 30 nor more than 45 days' prior notice thereof shall have been given to the Covered Bondholders in accordance with Condition 13 (*Notices; Provision of Information*).

In acting under the Agency Agreement, the Paying Agents, the Transfer Agents, the Exchange Agents and the Registrar act solely as agents of the Issuer and the CBC and, in certain circumstances specified therein, of the Trustee and do not assume any obligation to, or relationship of agency or trust with, any Covered Bondholders or Couponholders. The Agency Agreement contains provisions permitting any entity into which any Agent or the Registrar is merged or converted or with which it is consolidated or to which it transfers all or substantially all of its assets to become the successor paying agent or registrar.

12. EXCHANGE OF TALONS

On and after the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent or any other Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to (and including) the final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the Covered Bond to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of Condition 8 (*Prescription*).

13. NOTICES; PROVISION OF INFORMATION

All notices regarding the Bearer Covered Bonds will be deemed to be validly given if published in, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, a leading English language daily newspaper of general circulation in London, United Kingdom (which is expected to be the Financial Times). So long as the Covered Bonds are listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, notices to holders of the Covered Bonds shall also be published either on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu) or in a daily newspaper with general circulation in Luxembourg (which is expected to be the *Luxemburger Wort*), respectively. If any such publication is not practicable, notice shall be validly given if published in another leading daily English-language newspaper with general circulation in Europe. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in a manner which complies with the rules of any competent listing authority, stock exchange or quotation system on or by which the Covered Bonds are for the time being listed, quoted and/or traded or by which they have been admitted to listing, quotation and/or trading. Any

such notice will be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication or, where required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the date of the first publication in all required newspapers. If publication as provided above is not practicable, a notice will be given in such other manner, and will be deemed to have been given on such date, as the Trustee shall approve.

Until such time as any Definitive Covered Bonds are issued, the requirements to method of publishing any notices set out in the previous paragraph may, so long as the Bearer Covered Bond(s) is or are held in its or their entirety on behalf of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or Euroclear Netherlands or any other agreed clearing system, be substituted for publication in any newspaper or website or delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, and/or Euroclear Netherlands or such other agreed clearing system (as the case may be) for communication by them to the holders of beneficial interests in the Bearer Covered Bonds. Any such notice delivered on or prior to 4.00 p.m. (local time) on a business day in the city in which it is delivered will be deemed to have been given to the holders of the Bearer Covered Bonds on such business day. A notice delivered after 4.00 p.m. (local time) on a business day in the city in which it is delivered will be deemed to have been given to the holders of the Bearer Covered Bonds on the next following business day in such city.

Notices to be given by any Covered Bondholder shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together (in the case of any Bearer Definitive Covered Bond) with the relative Covered Bond or Covered Bonds, with the Principal Paying Agent or (in the case of Registered Definitive Covered Bonds) the Registrar. Whilst any of the Covered Bonds are represented by a Global Covered Bond, such notice may be given by any holder of a Covered Bond to the Principal Paying Agent through Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or Euroclear Netherlands or any other agreed clearing system, as the case may be, in such manner as the Principal Paying Agent and Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or Euroclear Netherlands or such other agreed clearing system, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

For so long as any Registered Covered Bonds remain outstanding and are "restricted securities" within the meaning of Rule 144(a)(3) under the Securities Act, each of the Issuer and the CBC have agreed under the Trust Deed that it shall, during any period in which it is neither subject to Section 13 or Section 15(d) under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Exchange Act, furnish to any Covered Bondholder of, or beneficial owner of an interest in, such Registered Covered Bonds, or to any prospective purchaser thereof, upon request of such Covered Bondholder, such information as is required to be provided pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act in order to permit compliance with Rule 144A in connection with the resale of such restricted securities.

A copy of each notice given in accordance with this Condition 13 shall be provided to the relevant stock exchange if the Covered Bonds are listed on such stock exchange and the rules of such stock exchange so require.

14. MEETINGS OF COVERED BONDHOLDERS, MODIFICATION AND WAIVER

The Trust Deed contains provisions for convening meetings of the Covered Bondholders of any Series to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification, authorisation or waiver of or under the Covered Bonds of such Series or the related Coupons or of any of the Transaction Documents (subject as provided below and in the Trust Deed). Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer, the CBC or the Trustee and shall be convened by the Issuer if required in writing by Covered Bondholders of a Series holding not less than fifteen per cent. of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds of such Series for the time being remaining outstanding. The quorum at any such meeting in respect of any Series for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is: (i) one or more persons holding or representing not less than fifty per cent. of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds of such Series for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing Covered Bondholders of such Series whatever the nominal amount of the Covered Bonds of such Series so held or represented; (ii) at any meeting the business of which includes the modification, authorisation or waiver of or under certain provisions of the Covered Bonds of a Series, the related Coupons or the Trust Deed (including a reduction or cancellation of the amount payable in respect of such Covered Bonds, the alteration of the currency in which payments under such Covered Bonds are to be made, the alteration of the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution, any amendment to the Guarantee or the

Security Documents (except in a manner determined by the Trustee not to be materially prejudicial to the interests of the Covered Bondholders of any Series) or the sanction of any scheme or proposal for the exchange of such Covered Bonds in respect of such Series (each, a "**Series Reserved Matter**" all as more particularly set out in the Trust Deed)): one or more persons holding or representing not less than two-thirds of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds of such Series for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons holding or representing not less than one-third of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds of such Series for the time being outstanding.

An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Covered Bondholders of a Series shall, subject as provided below, be binding on all the Covered Bondholders of such Series, whether or not they are present at the meeting, and on all Couponholders in respect of such Series. Pursuant to the Trust Deed, the Trustee may convene a single meeting of the Covered Bondholders of more than one Series if in the opinion of the Trustee there is no conflict between the holders of such Covered Bonds, in which event the provisions of this paragraph shall apply thereto *mutatis mutandis*.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs of this Condition 14, any resolution to direct the Trustee (i) to accelerate the Covered Bonds pursuant to Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*); (ii) to take any enforcement action, or (iii) to remove or replace the Trustee's Director shall only be capable of being passed by a Programme Resolution. Any such meeting to consider a Programme Resolution may be convened by the Issuer, the CBC or the Trustee or by Covered Bondholders of any Series. The quorum at any such meeting for passing a Programme Resolution is one or more persons holding or representing not less than two-thirds of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds of all Series for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned such meeting one or more persons holding or representing Covered Bonds whatever the nominal amount of the Covered Bonds of any Series so held or represented. A Programme Resolution passed at any meeting of the Covered Bondholders of all Series shall be binding on all Covered Bondholders and Couponholders of all Series, whether or not present at such meeting, and each of the Covered Bondholders and Couponholders shall be bound to give effect to it accordingly.

An Extraordinary Resolution and a Programme Resolution may also be taken in writing (whether contained in one document or several documents in the same form, each signed by or on behalf of one or more Covered Bondholders) or through the electronic communications systems of the relevant clearing system(s) (in accordance with their operating rules and procedures) by or on behalf of (i) in the case of an Extraordinary Resolution, all holders who are for the time being entitled to receive notice of a meeting of Covered Bondholders in accordance with the provisions for meetings of Covered Bondholders as set out in the Trust Deed, or (ii) in the case of a Programme Resolution, the holders of not less than twenty-five per cent. of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds then outstanding as if they were a single Series.

In connection with any meeting or resolution of the Covered Bondholders of more than one Series where such Covered Bonds are not denominated in euro, the nominal amount of the Covered Bonds of any Series not denominated in euro shall be converted into euro (a) if a Structured Swap is entered into, at the relevant Structured Swap Rate or (b) if no Structured Swap is entered into, in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed.

The Trustee may from time to time and at any time without any consent or sanction of any of the Covered Bondholders or any of the other Secured Creditors (other than the Trustee (where applicable)):

(i) agree to the waiver of any breach of any of the provisions of the Covered Bonds of any Series or any Transaction Document, or determine, without any such consent as aforesaid, that any Issuer Event of Default or CBC Event of Default or Potential Issuer Event of Default or Potential CBC Event of Default shall not be treated as such, provided that such waiver does not relate to a Series Reserved Matter, where, in any such case, it is not, in the opinion of the Trustee, materially prejudicial to the interests of any of the Covered Bondholders and/or other Secured Creditors (in which respect the Trustee may (without further enquiry) rely upon the consent in writing of any Secured Creditor (other than any Covered Bondholder) as to the absence of material prejudice to the interests of such Secured Creditor), provided that the Trustee has not been informed by any Secured Creditor (other than any Covered Bondholder) that such Secured

Creditor will be materially prejudiced thereby (other than a Secured Creditor who has given its written consent as aforesaid) and provided further that the Trustee shall not exercise any powers conferred upon it in contravention of any express direction by a Programme Resolution (but so that no such direction or request shall affect any waiver or determination previously given or made) or in order to waive any such breach relating to any of the matters the subject of the Series Reserved Matters;

(ii) concur with the Issuer and the CBC and agree to any modifications, authorisations or waivers (other than a waiver referred to under (a)(i) above) under the Covered Bonds of any Series, the related Coupons or any Transaction Documents to which the Trustee is a party or over which it has Security (including without limitation designating further creditors as Secured Creditors), provided that (a) (I) in the opinion of the Trustee such modification, authorisation or waiver is not materially prejudicial to the interests of any of the Covered Bondholders of any Series or any of the other Secured Creditors (in which respect the Trustee may rely upon the consent in writing of any Secured Creditor (other than any Covered Bondholder) as to the absence of material prejudice to the interests of such Secured Creditor) and (II) it has not been informed in writing by any Secured Creditor (other than any Covered Bondholder) that such Secured Creditor will be materially prejudiced thereby (other than a Secured Creditor who has given his/her written consent as aforesaid) or (b) such modification, authorisation or waiver to or under the Covered Bonds of any one or more Series, the related Coupons or any Transaction Document which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest error or an error established as such to the satisfaction of the Trustee or to comply with mandatory provisions of law;

The Trustee is obliged, without the consent of the Covered Bondholders of any Series and/or Couponholders of such Series of Covered Bonds or any of the other Secured Creditors (other than any Secured Creditor party to the relevant Transaction Documents to be amended), to concur with the Issuer and/or the CBC in making and agreeing on any modifications, authorisation or waiver to or under the Transaction Documents and/or the Covered Bonds of one or more Series that are requested in writing by:

(a) the Issuer and/or the CBC in order to enable the Issuer and/or the CBC to comply with any requirements which apply to it under Regulation (EU) 648/2012 ("**EMIR**") irrespective of whether or not such modifications, authorisations or waivers might otherwise constitute a Series Reserved Matter (which the Trustee shall not be required to investigate), subject to receipt by the Trustee of a certificate of the Issuer, or of the CBC, if applicable, (which certificate the Trustee shall be entitled to rely on without further investigation) certifying to the Trustee that the requested amendments, authorisation or waivers are to be made solely for the purpose of enabling the Issuer and/or the CBC to satisfy any requirements which apply to either of them under EMIR; or

(b) the Issuer which are required or necessary in connection with any change, after the issue date of the relevant Covered Bonds, to any laws or regulations (including without limitation the laws and regulations of the Netherlands and the European Union) applicable or relevant with respect to covered bonds (*gedekte obligaties*) to ensure that the Covered Bonds (continue) to meet the requirements for registered covered bonds (*geregistreerde gedekte obligaties*) within the meaning of the Wft, irrespective of whether or not such modifications, authorisations or waivers might otherwise constitute a Series Reserved Matter (which the Trustee shall not be required to investigate) subject to receipt by the Trustee of a legal opinion from a reputable law firm confirming that the requested modifications, authorisation or waivers are necessary for the Covered Bonds (to continue) to meet the requirements for registered covered bonds (*geregistreerde gedekte obligaties*) within the meaning of the Wft,

and, in each case, such modifications, authorisations or waivers are not materially prejudicial to the interest of the Covered Bondholders or any of the other Secured Creditors.

Any such modification, waiver, authorisation or determination shall be binding on all Covered Bondholders of all Series for the time being outstanding and the related Receiptholders and Couponholders and the Issuer shall cause such modification, waiver, authorisation or determination to be notified to each Rating Agency and, unless the Trustee otherwise agrees, the Covered Bondholders of all Series for the time being outstanding in accordance with the Conditions as soon as practicable thereafter.

The Trustee shall not waive, modify or amend, or consent to any modification, authorisation, waiver or amendment of or under any Condition of any Covered Bonds of any Series or any Transaction Documents which (a) would have the effect of altering the amount, timing or the priority of any payments due to or from a Swap Provider, (b) relate to a Benchmark Rate Modification, to the extent the Applicable Benchmark Rate is used in the relevant Swap Agreement, or (c) otherwise materially affects the position of a Swap Provider under its Swap Agreement, unless such Swap Provider has agreed thereto.

In connection with the exercise by it of any of its powers, authorities and discretions (including, without limitation, any modification, waiver, authorisation, determination or substitution), the Trustee shall have regard to the general interests of the Covered Bondholders of each Series as a class (but shall not have regard to any interests arising from circumstances particular to individual Covered Bondholders or Couponholders whatever their number) and, in particular but without limitation, shall not have regard to the consequences of any such exercise for individual Covered Bondholders, the related Couponholders (whatever their number) resulting from their being for any purpose domiciled or resident in, or otherwise connected with, or subject to the jurisdiction of, any particular territory or any political sub-division thereof and the Trustee shall not be entitled to require, nor shall any Covered Bondholder or Couponholder be entitled to claim, from the Issuer, the CBC, the Trustee or any other person any indemnification or payment in respect of any tax consequences of any such exercise upon individual Covered Bondholders or Couponholders, except to the extent already provided for in Condition 7 (*Taxation*) and/or in any undertaking or covenant given in addition to, or in substitution for, Condition 7 (*Taxation*) pursuant to the Trust Deed.

The Issuer may, without the consent of the holders of the Covered Bonds of any Series or any Coupons relating thereto, or any other Secured Creditor:

(a) consolidate with, merge or amalgamate into or transfer its assets; or

(b) transfer its rights and obligations under the Covered Bonds and Transaction Documents substantially as an entirety, by way of de-merger (*splitsing*),

to any corporation organised under the laws of the Netherlands, or any political subdivision thereof provided that (if the surviving entity or transferee company is not the Issuer, such surviving entity or transferee company shall be referred to as the "**New Entity**"):

(i) a certificate of two authorised signatories of the Issuer and the CBC is delivered to the Trustee to the effect that immediately after giving effect to such transaction no Issuer Event of Default and no CBC Event of Default, respectively, and no Potential Issuer Event of Default and no Potential CBC Event of Default, respectively, will have happened and be continuing;

(ii) where the surviving entity or transferee company is not the Issuer, the Issuer shall procure that the surviving or transferee company assumes its obligations as Issuer under the Trust Deed, each other relevant Transaction Document and all of the outstanding Covered Bonds of all Series, in place of the Issuer;

(iii) where the surviving entity or transferee company is not the Issuer, the Guarantee of the CBC is fully effective on the same basis in relation to the obligations of the New Entity; and

(iv) certain other conditions set out in the Trust Deed are met.

Upon the assumption of the obligations of the Issuer by such surviving or transferee company, the predecessor Issuer shall (subject to the provisions of the Trust Deed) have no further liabilities under or in respect of the Trust Deed or the outstanding Covered Bonds of each Series then outstanding or any Coupons appertaining thereto and the other Transaction Documents other than as a result of mandatory law. The Trust Deed provides that any such assumption shall be notified to the holders of all Series in accordance with the relevant terms and conditions of such Covered Bonds and the Secured Creditors.

For the purpose hereof:

"**Extraordinary Resolution**" means a resolution adopted at a meeting duly convened and held in accordance with the provisions for meetings or a written resolution of Covered Bondholders as set out in the Trust Deed, by not less than two-thirds of the votes cast;

"**Programme Resolution**" means either:

(a) a written resolution of the holders of not less than twenty-five per cent. of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds of all Series then outstanding as if they were a single Series; or

(b) an Extraordinary Resolution (with the Covered Bonds of all Series taken together as a single Series),

in each case with the nominal amount of Covered Bonds not denominated in euro being converted into euro at the relevant Structured Swap Rate;

"**Potential Issuer Event of Default**" means any condition, event or act which, with the lapse of time and/or the issue, making or giving of any notice, certification, declaration, demand, determination and/or request and/or the taking of any similar action and/or the fulfilment of any similar condition, would constitute an Issuer Event of Default;

"**Potential CBC Event of Default**" means any condition, event or act which, with the lapse of time and/or the issue, making or giving of any notice, certification, declaration, demand, determination and/or request and/or the taking of any similar action and/or the fulfilment of any similar condition, would constitute a CBC Event of Default;

"**Rating Agency Confirmation**" means, following a notification to each Rating Agency of a certain event or matter, the earlier of, in relation to each Rating Agency:

(a) a confirmation in writing from such Rating Agency that its then current ratings of the Covered Bonds will not be adversely affected by or withdrawn as a result of such event or matter; and

(b) if such Rating Agency neither provides such confirmation nor indicates:

(i) which conditions should be met before it is in a position to grant such confirmation; or

(ii) that its then current ratings of the Covered Bonds will be adversely affected by or withdrawn as a result of such event or matter,

the passage of 14 days after such notification; and

"**Trustee's Director**" means Amsterdamsch Trustee's Kantoor B.V. and/or such other person(s) who may be appointed as director(s) (*bestuurder*) of the Trustee from time to time.

14A. BENCHMARK RATE MODIFICATION

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Condition 14 (*Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modification and Waiver*), the Trustee shall be obliged, without any consent or sanction of the Covered Bondholders or any of the other Secured Creditors (other than the Swap Provider of any relevant Swap Agreement), to concur with the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC in making any modification to the Covered Bonds of one or more Series, the related Coupons or any Transaction Document to which it is a party or in relation to which it holds security or entering into any new, supplemental or additional documents that the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC considers necessary for the purpose of changing the benchmark rate from the originally specified Reference Rate (other than a SOFR Reference Rate) used to determine the Rate of Interest (or any component thereof) of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds (the "**Applicable Benchmark Rate**") to an alternative benchmark rate (any such rate, an "**Alternative Benchmark Rate**") and making such other

amendments to the Covered Bonds of one or more Series, the related Coupons or any Transaction Document as are necessary in the reasonable judgment of the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC to facilitate the changes envisaged pursuant to this Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*) (for the avoidance of doubt, this may include changing the benchmark rate referred to in any Swap Agreement for the purpose of aligning any such hedging agreement with the proposed Benchmark Rate Modification pursuant to Condition 14A(e)(iii) below, or modifications to when the Rate of Interest applicable to any Series of Covered Bonds is calculated and/or notified to Covered Bondholders or other such consequential modifications) (a "**Benchmark Rate Modification**"), provided that the provisions of this Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*) are complied with.

(b) As soon as reasonably practicable following the occurrence of a Benchmark Event, the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC shall use its reasonable endeavours to appoint and consult with an Independent Adviser, to advise the Issuer or, if applicable, the CBC in determining an Alternative Benchmark Rate and an Adjustment Spread.

(c) Following such appointment and consultation (only if such Independent Adviser has been appointed), the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC shall certify to the Trustee in writing that:

(i) the Benchmark Rate Modification is being undertaken due to the occurrence of any one or more Benchmark Events;

(ii) the Alternative Benchmark Rate is any one or more of the following:

(A) a benchmark rate with an equivalent term to the Applicable Benchmark Rate as published, endorsed, approved or recognised as a replacement to the Applicable Benchmark Rate by the Relevant Nominating Body (which, for the avoidance of doubt, may be an alternative Benchmark Rate together with a specified adjustment factor which may increase or decrease the relevant alternative Benchmark Rate); or

(B) a benchmark rate with an equivalent term utilised in a material number of publicly listed new issues of covered bonds in the six months prior to the proposed effective date of such Benchmark Rate Modification whereby such covered bonds (x) meet the criteria set out in Article 129 of the CRR, (y) are denominated in the relevant Specified Currency and (z) have the same interest period as the Covered Bonds; or

(C) such other benchmark rate as the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC reasonably determines, provided that this option may only be used if the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC certifies to the Trustee that, in the reasonable opinion of the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC, neither Condition 14A(c)(ii)(A) nor Condition 14A(c)(ii)(B) are applicable in the context of the Transaction, and sets out the rationale in the Benchmark Rate Modification Certificate for choosing the proposed Alternative Benchmark Rate;

(iii) the same Alternative Benchmark Rate will be applied to all Series issued in the same Specified Currency and with the same interest period;

(iv) the details of and the rationale for any Adjustment Spread proposed in accordance with Condition 14A(e)(iv) are as set out in the Benchmark Rate Modification Bondholder Notice;

(v) the modifications proposed are required solely for the purpose of applying the Alternative Benchmark Rate and making consequential modifications to any Transaction Document which are, as reasonably determined by the Issuer or, following the

occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC necessary or advisable, and the modifications have been drafted solely to such effect;

(vi) the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC has obtained Rating Agency Confirmation in respect of the proposed Benchmark Rate Modification and consent of each relevant Swap Provider and each other Secured Creditor which has a right to consent to such modification pursuant to any Transaction Document has been obtained (evidence of which shall be provided by the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC to the Trustee with the Benchmark Rate Modification Certificate) and no other consents are required to be obtained in relation to the Benchmark Rate Modification; and

(vii) prior to the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the Issuer has agreed to pay, or to put the CBC and the Independent Adviser in funds to pay, all fees, costs and expenses (including legal fees and any initial or ongoing costs associated with the Benchmark Rate Modification) incurred by the CBC or the Independent Adviser, as applicable, in connection with the Benchmark Rate Modification,

(the certificate to be provided by the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC, being a "**Benchmark Rate Modification Certificate**").

(d) The Issuer or, if applicable, the CBC, shall provide:

(i) the Benchmark Rate Modification Certificate to the Trustee in draft form not less than 10 Business Days prior to the date on which the Benchmark Rate Modification Certificate is sent to the Covered Bondholders;

(ii) the Benchmark Rate Modification Certificate to the Trustee in final form not less than 5 Business Days prior to the date on which the Benchmark Rate Modification takes effect; and

in each case, together with, a copy of the Benchmark Rate Modification Bondholder Notice to be provided to the Covered Bondholders pursuant to Condition 14A(e).

(e) The Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC shall provide written notice (in accordance with Condition 13 (*Notices; Provision of Information*))(the "**Benchmark Rate Modification Bondholder Notice**") of the proposed Benchmark Rate Modification to the Covered Bondholders of the relevant Series and the relevant Calculation Agent and prior to the date on which it is proposed to that the Benchmark Rate Modification would take effect confirming the following:

(i) the sub-paragraph(s) of the definition of Benchmark Event under which the Benchmark Rate Modification is being proposed; and

(ii) which Alternative Benchmark Rate is proposed to be adopted pursuant to Condition 14A(c)(ii) and the rationale for choosing the proposed Alternative Benchmark Rate; and

(iii) details of any consequential modifications that the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC has agreed will be made to any Swap Agreement to which the CBC is a party for the purpose of aligning any such Swap Agreement with the proposed Benchmark Rate Modification, if the proposed Benchmark Rate Modification takes effect. The Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC shall use reasonable endeavours to agree modifications to each Swap Agreement where commercially appropriate so that the Covered Bonds are hedged following the Benchmark Rate Modification to a similar extent as prior to the Benchmark Rate Modification and that such modifications shall take effect no later than 30 calendar days from the date on which the Benchmark Rate Modification takes effect. If (i) no modifications are proposed to be made to any Swap Agreement; and/or (ii) modifications will be made to any Swap Agreement but will not result in any Series

being similarly hedged (to the extent any Swap Agreement was entered into in respect of such Series); and/or (iii) modifications to any Swap Agreement would take effect later than 30 calendar days from the date on which the Benchmark Rate Modification takes effect, the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC shall set out in the Benchmark Rate Modification Bondholder Notice the rationale for this; and

(iv) details of the adjustment (consisting of a quantum of, or formula or methodology for determination) which the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC proposes to make (if any) to the margin (and which may result in a (further) negative margin) payable on each Series of Covered Bonds which are the subject of the Benchmark Rate Modification in order to, so far as reasonably practicable, preserve what would have been the expected Rate of Interest applicable to each such Series of Covered Bonds had no such Benchmark Rate Modification been effected (the "**Adjustment Spread**"), provided that:

(A) in the event that Relevant Nominating Body has published, endorsed, approved or recognised an interest rate maintenance adjustment mechanism which could be used in the context of a transition from the Applicable Benchmark Rate to the Alternative Benchmark Rate, then the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC shall propose that covered bond rate maintenance adjustment mechanism as the Adjustment Spread, or otherwise the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC shall set out in the Benchmark Rate Modification Bondholder Notice the rationale for concluding that this is not a reasonable approach in relation to the Covered Bonds and the proposed Benchmark Rate Modification; or

(B) in the event that it has become generally accepted market practice for the publicly listed new issues of covered bonds which meet the criteria set out in Article 129 of the CRR, Eurobond or swaps market to use a particular an interest rate maintenance adjustment mechanism in the context of a transition from the Applicable Benchmark Rate to the Alternative Benchmark Rate, then the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC shall propose that covered bond rate maintenance adjustment mechanism as the Adjustment Spread, or otherwise the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC shall set out in the Benchmark Rate Modification Bondholder Notice the rationale for concluding that this is not a reasonable approach in relation to the Covered Bonds and the proposed Benchmark Rate Modification; or

(C) in the event that neither (A) nor (B) above apply, the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC shall use reasonable endeavours to propose an alternative Adjustment Spread as reasonably determined by the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC shall set out the rationale for the proposal;

(D) for the avoidance of doubt, the Adjustment Spread may effect an increase or a decrease to the margin or may be set at zero; and

(E) if the Issuer, following consultation with the Independent Adviser (only if such Independent Advisor has been appointed by the Issuer) is unable to determine the quantum of, or a formula or methodology for determining, such Adjustment Spread, then the Alternative Benchmark Rate will apply without an Adjustment Spread; and

(v) details of (i) other amendments which the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC proposes to make (if any) to these Conditions or any other Transaction Document and (ii) any new, supplemental or additional documents into which the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC

proposes to enter to facilitate the changes envisaged pursuant to this Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*); and

(vi) the date on which the proposed Benchmark Rate Modification will take effect.

(f) Other than where specifically provided in this Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*) or any Transaction Document, the provisions of Condition 14 (*Meetings of Covered Bondholders; Modification and Waiver*) shall apply to this Condition 14A.

(g) Without prejudice to the obligations of the Issuer under this Condition 14A, the Applicable Benchmark Rate and the fallback provisions provided for in Condition 4(b)(ii)(B) will continue to apply unless and until the Calculation Agent has been notified of the Alternative Benchmark Rate and any Adjustment Spread (if applicable) and Benchmark Rate Modification, in accordance with Condition 14A(e).

(h) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Condition 14A, the Calculation Agent or any Paying Agent is not obliged to concur with the Issuer or the Independent Adviser (only if such Independent Advisor has been appointed by the Issuer) in respect of any changes or amendments as contemplated under this Condition 14A to which, in the reasonable opinion of the Calculation Agent or the relevant Paying Agent, as the case may be, would impose more onerous obligations upon it or expose it to any additional duties, responsibilities or liabilities or reduce or amend the protective provisions afforded to the Calculation Agent or the relevant Paying Agent (as applicable) in the Agency Agreement and/or these Conditions.

(i) Any Independent Adviser appointed pursuant to this Condition 14A shall act in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner and (in the absence of bad faith or fraud) shall have no liability whatsoever to the Issuer, the CBC, the Trustee, any Paying Agent, the Covered Bondholders or the Couponholders for any determination made by it or for any advice given to the Issuer or the CBC in connection with any determination made by the Issuer or the CBC pursuant to this Condition 14A. The Trustee shall be entitled to rely on a certification by the Issuer or, if applicable, the CBC, absent of any wilful default, bad faith or manifest error (as to be determined by the Trustee).

(j) If (i) the Issuer is unable to appoint an Independent Adviser; or (ii) the Issuer fails to determine an Alternative Benchmark Rate in accordance with this Condition 14A prior to the date which is ten (10) Business Days prior to the relevant Interest Determination Date, the Rate of Interest applicable to the next succeeding Interest Accrual Period shall be equal to the Rate of Interest last determined in relation to the Covered Bonds in respect of the immediately preceding Interest Accrual Period. If there has not been a first Interest Payment Date, the Rate of Interest shall be the initial Rate of Interest. Where a different Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest is to be applied to the relevant Interest Accrual Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Accrual Period, the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to the relevant Interest Accrual Period shall be substituted in place of the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to that last preceding Interest Accrual Period. For the avoidance of doubt, this paragraph shall apply to the relevant next succeeding Interest Accrual Period only and any subsequent Interest Accrual Periods are subject to the subsequent operation of, and to adjustment as provided in, the first paragraph of this Condition 14A(a)).

(k) Following the making of a Benchmark Rate Modification, if it becomes generally accepted market practice in the publicly listed new issues of covered bonds which meet the criteria set out in Article 129 of the CRR market to use a Benchmark Rate of interest which is different from the Alternative Benchmark Rate which had already been adopted by the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC in respect of the Covered Bonds pursuant to a Benchmark Rate Modification, the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC is entitled to propose a further Benchmark Rate Modification pursuant to this Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*).

(l) For the avoidance of doubt, if this Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*) has already been used to change the benchmark rate for a Series of Covered Bonds issued in one currency,

it may be used again to change the benchmark rate for one or more other Series of Covered Bonds issued in another currency.

(m) For the purposes of this Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*),

"**Benchmark Event**" means the occurrence of one or more of the following:

(i) the Applicable Benchmark Rate ceasing to be published for a period of at least five Business Days or ceasing to exist; or

(ii) a public statement by the administrator of the Applicable Benchmark that it has ceased or will cease publishing the Applicable Benchmark Rate permanently or indefinitely (in circumstances where no successor administrator has been appointed that will continue publication of the Applicable Benchmark Rate); or

(iii) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the Benchmarks Regulation that the Benchmarks Regulation has been or will be permanently or indefinitely discontinued; or

(iv) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the Benchmarks Regulation that the Benchmarks Regulation will be prohibited from being used or that its use will be subject to restrictions or adverse consequences; or

(v) it has become unlawful for any Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent or the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC to calculate any payments due to be made to the Covered Bondholders which is calculated by reference to the Applicable Benchmark Rate;or

(vi) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the Applicable Benchmark Rate that the Applicable Benchmark Rate is or will be (or is or will be deemed by such supervisor to be) no longer representative of its relevant underlying market,

provided that (a) in the case of sub-paragraphs (ii),(iii) and (iv), the Benchmark Event shall occur on the date of the cessation of publication of the Applicable Benchmark Rate, the discontinuation of the Applicable Benchmark Rate, or the prohibition of use of the Applicable Benchmark Rate, as the case may be, and not the date of the relevant public statement and (b) in the case of sub-paragraph (v) above, on the date with effect from which the Applicable Benchmark Rate will no longer be (or will be deemed by the relevant supervisor to no longer be) representative of its relevant underlying market and which is specified in the relevant public statement, and, in each case, not the date of the relevant public statement.

The occurrence of a Benchmark Event shall be determined by the Issuer and notified at least 10 Business Days prior to the relevant Interest Determination Date to the Calculation Agent and the Paying Agents. For the avoidance of doubt, neither the Calculation Agent nor the Paying Agents shall have any responsibility for making such determination. Each of the Calculation Agent and the Paying Agents shall be entitled to rely on such certificate (without liability to any person) as sufficient evidence thereof.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*), if in the Calculation Agent's opinion there is any uncertainty between two or more alternative courses of action in making any determination or calculation under this Condition 14A, the Calculation Agent shall promptly notify the Issuer thereof and the Issuer shall direct the Calculation Agent in writing as to which alternative course of action to adopt. If the Calculation Agent is not promptly provided with such direction, or is otherwise unable (other than due to its own gross negligence, wilful default or fraud) to make such calculation or determination for any reason, it shall notify the Issuer thereof and the Calculation Agent shall be under no obligation to make such calculation or determination and (in the absence of such gross negligence, wilful default or fraud) shall not incur any liability for not doing so.

"**Independent Adviser**" means an independent financial institution of international repute or an independent financial adviser with appropriate expertise appointed by the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC under Condition 14A.

"**Relevant Nominating Body**" means, in respect of each Applicable Benchmark Rate:

(i) the central bank for the currency to which the Applicable Benchmark Rate relates, or any central bank or other supervisory authority which is responsible for supervising the administrator of the Applicable Benchmark Rate; or

(ii) any working group or committee sponsored by, chaired or co-chaired by or constituted at the request of (a) the central bank for the currency to which the Applicable Benchmark Rate relates, (b) any central bank or other supervisory authority which is responsible for supervising the administrator of the Applicable Benchmark Rate, (c) a group of the aforementioned central banks or other supervisory authorities or (d) the Financial Stability Board.

14B. EFFECT OF BENCHMARK TRANSITION EVENT

Where the relevant Reference Rate applicable to the Covered Bonds is a SOFR Reference Rate, in addition and notwithstanding the provisions above in Condition 4 (*Interest*), this Condition 14B (*Effect of Benchmark Transition Event*) shall apply.

(a) *Benchmark replacement*

If the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC, or its designee determines on or prior to the relevant Reference Time that a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the then-current Benchmark, the Benchmark Replacement will replace the then-current Benchmark for all purposes relating to the Covered Bonds in respect of all determinations on such date and for such determinations on all subsequent dates.

(b) *Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes*

In connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement, the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC, or its designee will have the right to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time.

(c) *Decisions and Determinations*

i. Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC, or its designee pursuant to this Condition 14B (*Effect of Benchmark Transition Event*), including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection, will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error, will be made in the sole discretion of the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC, or its designee, as applicable, and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the documentation relating to the Covered Bonds, shall become effective without consent from the Covered Bondholders or any other party.

ii. In the event that the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Accrual Period, as applicable, cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions by the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC, or its designee, prior to the date which is 10 Business Days prior to the relevant Interest Determination Date, the Rate of Interest applicable to the next succeeding Interest Accrual Period shall be equal to the Rate of Interest last determined in relation to the Covered Bonds in respect of the immediately preceding Interest Accrual Period. If there has not been a first Interest Payment Date, the Rate of Interest shall be the initial Rate of Interest. Where a different Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest is

to be applied to the relevant Interest Accrual Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Accrual Period, the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to the relevant Interest Accrual Period shall be substituted in place of the Margin or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest relating to that last preceding Interest Accrual Period. For the avoidance of doubt, this paragraph shall apply to the relevant next succeeding Interest Accrual Period only and any subsequent Interest Accrual Periods are subject to the subsequent operation of, and to adjustment as provided in, this Condition 14B (*Effect of Benchmark Transition Event*).

iii. For the purposes of this Condition 14B (*Effect of Benchmark Transition Event*):

"**Benchmark**" means, initially, the Secured Overnight Financing Rate (as provided by the FRBNY, as the administrator of such rate (or any successor administrator of such rate)) ("**SOFR**"); provided that if the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC, or its designee determines on or prior to the Reference Time that a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to SOFR or the then-current Benchmark, then "Benchmark" means the applicable Benchmark Replacement;

"**Benchmark Replacement**" means the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC, or its designee as of the Benchmark Replacement Date:

(A) the sum of: (a) the alternate rate of interest that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark and (b) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;

(B) the sum of: (a) the ISDA Fallback Rate and (b) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment; or

(C) the sum of: (a) the alternate rate of interest that has been selected by the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC, or its designee as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark giving due consideration to any industry-accepted rate of interest as a replacement for the then-current Benchmark for U.S. Dollar denominated floating rate covered bonds at such time and (b) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;

"**Benchmark Replacement Adjustment**" means the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC, or its designee as of the Benchmark Replacement Date:

(A) the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero), that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement;

(B) if the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement is equivalent to the ISDA Fallback Rate, the ISDA Fallback Adjustment; or

(C) the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC, or its designee giving due consideration to any industry-accepted spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of the then-current Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for U.S. Dollar denominated floating rate covered bonds at such time;

"**Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes**" means, with respect to any Benchmark Replacement, any technical, administrative or operational changes

(including changes to the timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest, rounding of amounts or tenors, and other administrative matters) that the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC, or its designee decides may be appropriate to reflect the adoption of such Benchmark Replacement in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC, or its designee decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC, or its designee determines that no market practice for use of the Benchmark Replacement exists, in such other manner as the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC, or its designee determines is reasonably necessary);

"**Benchmark Replacement Date**" means the earliest to occur of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark (including the daily published component used in the calculation thereof):

(A) in the case of sub paragraph (A) or (B) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event", the later of (a) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (b) the date on which the administrator of the Benchmark permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide the Benchmark (or such component); or

(B) in the case of sub-paragraph (C) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event", the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein.

For the avoidance of doubt, if the event that gives rise to the Benchmark Replacement Date occurs on the same day as, but earlier than, the Reference Time in respect of any determination, the Benchmark Replacement Date will be deemed to have occurred prior to the Reference Time for such determination;

"**Benchmark Transition Event**" means the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark (including the daily published component used in the calculation thereof):

(A) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component) announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide the Benchmark (or such component) permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Benchmark (or such component);

(B) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component), the central bank for the currency of the Benchmark (or such component), an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Benchmark (or such component), a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Benchmark (or such component) or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for the Benchmark (or such component), which states that the administrator of the Benchmark (or such component) has ceased or will cease to provide the Benchmark (or such component) permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Benchmark (or such component); or

(C) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Benchmark announcing that the Benchmark is no longer representative;

"**ISDA Fallback Adjustment**" means the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that would apply for derivatives transactions referencing the ISDA Definitions to be determined upon the occurrence of an index cessation event with respect to the Benchmark;

"**ISDA Fallback Rate**" means the rate that would apply for derivatives transactions referencing the ISDA Definitions to be effective upon the occurrence of an index cessation date with respect to the Benchmark for the applicable tenor excluding the applicable ISDA Fallback Adjustment;

"**Reference Time**" with respect to any determination of the Benchmark means (1) if the Benchmark is SOFR, the SOFR Determination Time, and (2) if the Benchmark is not SOFR, the time determined by the Issuer or, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the CBC, or its designee after giving effect to the Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes;

"**Relevant Governmental Body**" means the Federal Reserve Board and/or the FRBNY, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Federal Reserve Board and/or the FRBNY or any successor thereto; and

"**Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement**" means the Benchmark Replacement excluding the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

15. INDEMNIFICATION OF THE TRUSTEE CONTRACTING WITH THE ISSUER AND/OR THE CBC

If, in connection with the exercise of its powers, authorities or discretions, the Trustee is of the opinion that the interests of the holders of the Covered Bonds of any one or more Series would be materially prejudiced thereby, the Trustee shall not exercise such power, authority or discretion without the approval of such Covered Bondholders by Extraordinary Resolution or by a written resolution of such Covered Bondholders of not less than fifty per cent. of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of Covered Bonds of the relevant Series then outstanding.

The Trust Deed contains provisions for the indemnification of the Trustee and for the Trustee's relief from responsibility, including provisions relieving it from taking any action unless indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction.

The Trustee will not be responsible for any loss, expense or liability, which may be suffered as a result of any Transferred Assets, or any deeds or documents of title thereto, being uninsured or inadequately insured or being held by clearing organisations or their operators or by intermediaries such as banks, brokers or other similar persons on behalf of the Trustee. The Trustee will not be responsible for (i) supervising the performance by the Issuer or any other party to the Transaction Documents of their respective obligations under the Transaction Documents and will be entitled to assume, until it has written notice to the contrary, that all such persons are properly performing their duties; (ii) considering the basis on which approvals or consents are granted by the Issuer or any other party to the Transaction Documents under the Transaction Documents; (iii) monitoring the Transferred Assets, including, without limitation, whether the Transferred Assets are in compliance with the Asset Cover Test or the Amortisation Test; or (iv) monitoring whether Transferred Receivables satisfy the applicable Eligibility Criteria or such other criteria as may be notified to each Rating Agency in relation to other Transferred Assets. The Trustee will not be liable to any Covered Bondholder or other Secured Creditor for any failure to make or to cause to be made on their behalf the searches, investigations and enquiries which would normally be made by a prudent pledgee in relation to the Security and have no responsibility in relation to the legality, validity, sufficiency and enforceability of the Security and the Transaction Documents.

16. FURTHER ISSUES

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the Covered Bondholders or the Couponholders to create and issue further bonds having terms and conditions the same as the Covered Bonds of any Series or the same in all respects save for the amount and date of the first payment of

interest thereon, issue date and/or purchase price and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single Series with the outstanding Covered Bonds of such Series.

17. GOVERNING LAW AND SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION

(a) Governing law

The Covered Bonds and the Transaction Documents (except for the Swap Agreements, if any) are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of the Netherlands, unless specifically stated to the contrary.

(b) Submission to jurisdiction

In relation to any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the Covered Bonds and the Coupons ("**Proceedings**"), the Issuer irrevocably submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of first instance (*rechtbank*) in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and solely in relation to any Series which is offered or sold in reliance on Rule 144A, the United States Federal and New York State courts sitting in New York City, the Borough of Manhattan. This submission is made for the exclusive benefit of the Covered Bondholders and the Trustee and shall not affect their right to take such action or bring such proceedings in any other courts of competent jurisdiction.

(c) Service of process

Solely in relation to any Series which is offered or sold in reliance on Rule 144A, Rabobank irrevocably appoints its New York branch at 245 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10167 as its agent in New York to receive, for it and on its behalf, service of process in any Proceedings in New York. Such service shall be deemed completed on delivery to the relevant process agent (whether or not it is forwarded to and received by Rabobank). If for any reason either process agent ceases to be able to act as such or no longer has an address in Utrecht or New York City, Rabobank irrevocably agrees to appoint a substitute process agent and shall immediately notify Covered Bondholders of such appointment in accordance with Condition 13 (*Notices; Provision of Information*). Nothing shall affect the right to serve process in any manner permitted by law.

18. ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS

For as long as the Covered Bonds are listed and/or admitted to trading on Euronext in Amsterdam ("**Euronext Amsterdam**"), the Issuer will comply with all rules and regulations of Euronext Amsterdam. If the Covered Bonds are listed and/or admitted to trading on other or further stock exchanges or markets, it will comply with all rules and regulations of such stock exchanges or markets.

19. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF REGISTERED COVERED BONDS

19.1 If in the applicable Final Terms it is specified that Registered Covered Bonds are issued, then the following terms and conditions shall apply in addition to the terms and conditions set out in Condition 1 until and including 18 above. In the event of any inconsistency between Conditions 1 up to and including 18 and this Condition 19, this Condition 19 will prevail with regard to Registered Covered Bonds.

19.2 Registered Covered Bonds are registered claims (*vorderingen op naam*) which will, as specified in the applicable Final Terms, be either issued (i) pursuant to the terms and conditions of a registered covered bonds deed ("**Registered Covered Bonds Deed**") or (ii) with respect to any Series which contain one or more Tranches of Covered Bonds offered or sold in reliance on Rule 144A, in the form of a Registered Global Covered Bond certificate. The holder of a Registered Covered Bond is the creditor of the relevant registered claim and "**Covered Bondholder**" shall be construed accordingly, provided that if the provision at the end of Condition 19.3 applies, the transferee shall, from the moment the transfer takes effect be treated as a Covered Bondholder for all purposes, without prejudice to any entitlement of the transferor pursuant to Condition 19.6.

A Registered Covered Bonds Deed, a Registered Global Covered Bond certificate and a Registered Definitive Covered Bond certificate is not a document of title. Entitlements are determined by entry in the Register. Consequently, references in any Registered Covered Bonds Deed, Registered Global Covered

Bond certificate or Registered Definitive Covered Bond certificate to Covered Bonds represented by such Registered Covered Bonds Deed, Registered Global Covered Bond certificate or Registered Definitive Covered Bond certificate, as applicable, shall mean such Covered Bonds as evidenced by the Registered Covered Bonds Deed, Registered Global Covered Bond certificate or Registered Definitive Covered Bond certificate, as the case may be.

19.3 Under Dutch law, the valid transfer of Covered Bonds requires, amongst other things, delivery (*levering*) thereof, which in the case of Registered Covered Bonds is effected by assignment (*cessie*) of both the rights under the Registered Covered Bonds and the corresponding rights under the Guarantee by execution of an assignment deed (*akte van cessie*) between the transferor and the transferee and, in the case of a notified assignment, notification (*mededeling*) thereof to the Issuer and the CBC.

In the case of a Registered Covered Bonds Deed, a form of deed of assignment is attached to effect this assignment and notification. In the case of a Registered Global Covered Bond certificate and Registered Definitive Covered Bond certificate, a form of transfer certificate is attached to effect this assignment and notification.

19.4 Registered Covered Bonds may be transferred in whole, but not in part, provided that the relevant transferor and transferee may otherwise agree in the relevant assignment deed in respect of amounts that have accrued but not yet been paid in respect of the period up to the relevant transfer. Registered Covered Bonds shall not be exchangeable for Bearer Covered Bonds.

19.5 In respect of each Series of Registered Covered Bonds, the Issuer shall procure that a register be kept by the Registrar in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement (in respect of the relevant Series of Registered Covered Bonds only, the "**Register**"). The Registrar shall register details of any holder of the relevant Registered Covered Bonds in the Register and amend the Register to reflect any transfer and/or redemption of the relevant Registered Covered Bonds.

19.6 Payments of principal, interest (if any) and any other amounts in respect of the relevant Registered Covered Bonds will be made to the person shown on the Register as being entitled to the relevant amount of principal or interest or other amount at the opening of business on the second Business Day falling prior to the due date of such payments. If any Registered Covered Bondholder transfers any Registered Covered Bonds in accordance with Condition 19.3 and the Trust Deed and such transfer is notified to the Issuer and the CBC prior to the close of business on the fifteenth Business Day before the due date for payment (the "**Record Date**"), the Issuer, the CBC and the Trustee will in respect of the Registered Covered Bond so transferred, be discharged from their respective payment obligations only by payment to or to the order of the transferee. Each payment in respect of a Registered Global Covered Bond will be made to the person shown as whose name is entered into on the Register at the close of business (in the relevant clearing system) on the Clearing System Business Day before the due date for such payment, where "**Clearing System Business Day**" means a day on which each clearing system for which the Registered Global Covered Bond is being held is open for business being Monday to Friday inclusive except for 25 December and 1 January. If the notification of transfer of the relevant Registered Covered Bond is made after the close of business on the Record Date, (i) the risk that the transfer is not timely recorded in the Register is borne by the transferee and (ii) the Issuer, the CBC, the Trustee, the Registrar and the relevant Paying Agent shall not be liable as a result of any payment being made to the person shown in the Register in accordance with this Condition 19. The Registered Covered Bonds will become void unless demand for payment is made within a period of five years after the Relevant Date (as defined in Condition 7 (*Taxation*)) therefor.

19.7 Notices to holders of Registered Covered Bonds shall be mailed, e-mailed or faxed to them at their respective addresses as recorded in the Register and shall be deemed to have been given on the fourth business day (being a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday) after the date of mailing, e-mailing or faxing in the case of actual receipt of the mail, e-mail or fax has not occurred by then.

Until such time as any Registered Covered Bonds in definitive form (each a "**Registered Definitive Covered Bond**") are issued, there may, so long as the Registered Global Covered Bond(s) is or are held in its or their entirety through Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or The Depository Trust Company ("**DTC**") (or a nominee on its behalf) or such other agreed clearing system, be substituted for such publication in any newspaper or website the delivery of the relevant notice to such clearing system

(or a nominee on its behalf) for communication by such clearing system to the holders of the beneficial interests in Registered Covered Bonds. Any such notice delivered on or prior to 4.00 p.m. (local time) on a business day in the city in which it is delivered will be deemed to have been given to the holders of the Registered Covered Bonds on such business day. A notice delivered after 4.00 p.m. (local time) on a business day in the city in which it is delivered will be deemed to have been given to the holders of the Registered Covered Bonds on the next following business day in such city.

19.8 For so long as any of the Registered Covered Bonds are represented by a Registered Global Covered Bond registered in the name of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC (or a nominee on its behalf), each person (other than such clearing system (or a nominee on its behalf)) who is for the time being shown in the records of such clearing system as the holder of a particular nominal amount of such Registered Global Covered Bonds (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or DTC, as the case may be, as to such nominal amount of such Registered Global Covered Bonds standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the CBC, the Paying Agents and the Trustee as the holder of such nominal amount of such Registered Global Covered Bonds for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest or other amounts on such nominal amount of such Registered Global Covered Bonds and voting rights, giving consents and making requests, for which purpose the registered holder of the relevant Registered Global Covered Bond shall be treated by the Issuer, the CBC, any Paying Agent, any Transfer Agent, any Exchange Agent, the Registrar and the Trustee as the holder of such nominal amount of such Global Covered Bonds in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Registered Global Covered Bond and the expressions "**Covered Bondholder**" and "**holder of Covered Bonds**" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly. In determining whether a particular person is entitled to a particular nominal amount of Registered Global Covered Bonds as aforesaid, the Trustee may rely on such evidence and/or information and/or certification as it shall, in its absolute discretion, think fit and, if it does so rely, such evidence and/or information and/or certification shall, in the absence of manifest error or an error established as such to the satisfaction of the Trustee, be conclusive and binding on all concerned. Registered Covered Bonds which are represented by a Registered Global Covered Bond will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, and/or Euroclear Netherlands system, and/or DTC, as the case may be.

19.9 All amounts payable to DTC (or a nominee on its behalf) as holder of a Registered Global Covered Bond in respect of Covered Bonds denominated in a Specified Currency other than U.S. Dollars shall be paid by transfer by the Registrar to an account in the relevant Specified Currency of one or more of the transfer agents (the "**Transfer Agents**") on behalf of DTC (or a nominee on its behalf) for payment in such Specified Currency or conversion into U.S. Dollars in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement.

19.10 For the purpose of Condition 5(e) (*Payment Day*), "**Payment Day**" means any day which (subject to Condition 8 (*Prescription*)) is in the case of any payment in respect of a Rule 144A Global Covered Bond denominated in a Specified Currency other than U.S. Dollars and registered in the name of DTC (or a nominee on its behalf) and, in respect of which an accountholder of DTC (with an interest in such Rule 144A Global Covered Bond) has elected to receive any part of such payment in U.S. Dollars, not a day on which banking institutions are authorised or required by law or regulation to be closed in New York City.

19.11 Registered Covered Bonds of each Tranche sold outside the United States to non U.S. persons in accordance with Regulation S ("**Regulation S**") under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**") will, if this is specified in the applicable Final Terms, be represented by a permanent global Covered Bond in registered form (the "**Regulation S Global Covered Bond**"), and Registered Covered Bonds of each Tranche sold to qualified institutional buyers ("**QIBs**") (within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act ("**Rule 144A**")) in reliance on Rule 144A or to other U.S. persons in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act will be represented by a permanent global Covered Bond in registered form (the "**Rule 144A Global Covered Bond**" and, together with the Regulation S Global Covered Bond, the "**Registered Global Covered Bonds**"). Beneficial interests in a Registered Global Covered Bond registered in the name of DTC (or a

nominee on its behalf) will be exchangeable and transferable only in accordance with the rules and operating procedures for the time being of DTC (the "**Applicable Procedures**").

Holders of beneficial interests in the Regulation S Global Covered Bond may transfer such interests, or may exchange such interests for beneficial interests in the Rule 144A Global Covered Bond, and holders of beneficial interests in the Rule 144A Global Covered Bond may transfer such interests, or may exchange such interests for beneficial interests in the Regulation S Global Covered Bond, in each case subject as provided below, to the provisions of the relevant Registered Global Covered Bond and to the Applicable Procedures.

In the case of Registered Definitive Covered Bonds issued in exchange for interests in the Rule 144A Global Covered Bond, the relevant Registered Definitive Covered Bond certificate shall bear the legend set forth on the Rule 144A Global Covered Bond certificate (the "**Legend**"). Upon the transfer or exchange of Registered Covered Bonds whose Rule 144A Global Covered Bond certificate bears the Legend or upon specific request for removal of the Legend, the Legend shall be maintained unless there is delivered to the Issuer such satisfactory evidence as may reasonably be required by the Issuer, which may include an opinion of U.S. counsel, that neither the Legend nor the restrictions on transfer set forth therein are required to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Securities Act.

Interests in a Registered Global Covered Bond will be exchangeable, in whole but not in part, for Registered Definitive Covered Bonds if (A) the Covered Bonds become immediately due and payable as a result of the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, (B) the relevant clearing system is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or announces an intention permanently to cease business or does in fact do so, or (C) by reason of any amendment to, or change in, the laws and regulations of the Netherlands, the Issuer is or will be required to make any withholding or deduction from any payment in respect of the Covered Bonds which would not be required if the Covered Bonds which are represented by the Registered Global Covered Bond certificate were in definitive form.

Upon the occurrence of any of the events described in the preceding sentence, the Issuer will cause the appropriate interests in the relevant Registered Global Covered Bond to be exchanged for Registered Definitive Covered Bonds in accordance with the Agency Agreement, the Trust Deed and the relevant Registered Global Covered Bond.

If a holder of a beneficial interest in a Regulation S Global Covered Bond wishes at any time to exchange its interest in such Regulation S Global Covered Bond for an equivalent interest in a Rule 144A Global Covered Bond, or to transfer its interest, in whole or in part, such holder may, subject to the rules and procedures of the Registrar and in accordance with the Agency Agreement, the Trust Deed and the relevant Registered Global Covered Bond, exchange or transfer, as the case may be, such interest upon certification to the effect that (i) the exchange or transfer of such interest has been made in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to such Registered Global Covered Bond under U.S. law and pursuant to and in accordance with Regulation S, where applicable, and (ii) if applicable, such exchange has been made in compliance with the requirements of Rule 144A.

Transfers between participants in DTC will be effected in the ordinary way in accordance with the Applicable Procedures and will be settled in same day funds.

Transfers by the holder of a beneficial interest in a Rule 144A Global Covered Bond to a transferee who takes delivery of such interest through the Regulation S Global Covered Bond will be made only upon receipt by the Registrar of a written certification from the transferor to the effect that such transfer is being made in accordance with Regulation S or, if applicable, that the interest in the Covered Bond being transferred is not a "restricted security" within the meaning of Rule 144A. Investors holding a beneficial interest in a Rule 144A Global Covered Bond who propose any such transfer must notify the Registrar and, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement, the Trust Deed and the relevant Rule 144A Global Covered Bond, the Registrar shall take such action as appropriate to register the transfer of such beneficial interest in the Registered Global Covered Bonds to or for the account of the purchaser. Upon receipt by the Registrar of notification by DTC, Euroclear and/or Clearstream Luxembourg (as applicable), or their respective custodians or depositaries, that the appropriate debit and credit entries have been made in the accounts of the relevant participants of DTC, Euroclear and/or

Clearstream Luxembourg (as the case may be); and a certificate in the form of Schedule 6 (*Form of Certificate for Exchange or Transfer from Rule 144A Global Covered Bond to Regulation S Global Covered Bond*) to the Trust Deed given by the holder of such beneficial interest requesting such transfer or exchange and, in the case of transfer or exchange on or prior to the fortieth day after the date of issue of the Rule 144A Global Covered Bond certificate, stating that the transfer or exchange of such beneficial interest has been made in compliance with the transfer restrictions applicable to the Covered Bonds, the details of the exchange or transfer shall be entered by the Registrar in the Register.

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Agency Agreement, a Registered Definitive Covered Bond initially represented by a Registered Global Covered Bond may be transferred in whole or in part upon the Registrar, after due and careful enquiry, being satisfied with the documents of title and the identity of the person making the request and subject to such reasonable regulations as the Issuer and the Registrar may prescribe, including any restrictions imposed by the Issuer on transfers of Registered Covered Bonds originally sold to a U.S. person. In addition, if the Registered Definitive Covered Bond being transferred is the object of a Registered Covered Bond or form of transfer, as the case may be, containing a Legend, additional certificates, to the effect that such exchange or transfer is in compliance with the restrictions contained in such Legend, may be required.

The costs and expenses of effecting any exchange or registration of transfer pursuant to the foregoing provisions (except for the expenses of delivery by other than regular mail (if any) and, if the Issuer shall so require, for the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge or insurance charges that may be imposed in relation thereto which will be borne by the Covered Bondholder) will be borne by the Issuer.

19.12 All Registered Covered Bonds which are purchased by the Issuer and legally transferred to the Issuer shall be cancelled. Therefore such repurchased Registered Covered Bonds cannot be held, reissued or resold. The Issuer shall send a notification of such repurchase (and cancellation) to the Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar.

1.4 TAXATION IN THE NETHERLANDS

TAX WARNING

Potential investors and sellers of Covered Bonds should be aware that they may be required to pay stamp taxes or other documentary taxes or fiscal duties or charges in accordance with the laws and practices of the country where the Covered Bonds are transferred or other jurisdictions. In addition, payments of interest on the Covered Bonds, or income derived from the Covered Bonds, may become subject to taxation, including withholding taxes, in the jurisdiction of the Issuer, in the jurisdiction of the holder of Covered Bonds, or in other jurisdictions in which the holder of Covered Bonds is required to pay taxes. Any such tax consequences may have an impact on the net income received from the Covered Bonds.

Prospective investors should carefully consider the tax consequences of investing in the Covered Bonds and consult their own tax adviser about their own tax situation. Finally, potential investors should be aware that tax regulations and their application by the relevant taxation authorities change from time to time, with or without retroactive effect. Accordingly, it is not possible to predict the precise tax treatment which will apply at any given time.

MATERIAL DUTCH TAX CONSIDERATIONS

General

The following summary describes certain material Dutch tax consequences of the acquisition, holding, redemption and disposal of Covered Bonds, which term, for the purpose of this summary, includes Coupons and Talons. This summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all Dutch tax considerations that may be relevant to a Covered Bondholder or prospective Covered Bondholder and does not purport to deal with the tax consequences applicable to all categories of investors, some of which (such as trusts or similar arrangements) may be subject to special rules. In view of its general nature, this general summary should be treated with corresponding caution.

This summary is based on the tax laws of the Netherlands, published regulations thereunder and published authoritative case law, all as in effect on the date of this Base Prospectus, and all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. Where the summary refers to "the Netherlands" or "Dutch" it refers only to the part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands located in Europe.

This discussion is for general information purposes only and is not Dutch tax advice or a complete description of all Dutch tax consequences relating to the acquisition, holding, redemption and disposal of the Covered Bonds. Covered Bondholders or prospective Covered Bondholders should consult their own tax advisers regarding the tax consequences relating to the acquisition, holding, redemption and disposal of the Covered Bonds in light of their particular circumstances.

Withholding Tax

Non-related Covered Bondholders

All payments made by the Issuer under the Covered Bonds to Covered Bondholders other than holders that are related entities in respect of the Issuer (within the meaning of the Dutch Withholding Tax Act 2021; *Wet bronbelasting 2021*) (see below) may be made free of withholding or deduction of, for or on account of any taxes of whatever nature imposed, levied, withheld or assessed by the Netherlands or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein.

Entities related to the Issuer

Payments made by the Issuer under the Covered Bonds to Covered Bondholders that are related entities in respect of the Issuer (within the meaning of the Dutch Withholding Tax Act 2021), may be subject to a withholding tax at a rate of 25% in 2021 if such related entity:

(i) is considered to be resident (*gevestigd*) in a jurisdiction that is listed in the yearly updated Dutch Regulation on low-taxing states and non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes (*Regeling laagbelastende staten en niet-coöperatieve rechtsgebieden voor belastingdoeleinden*) (a "**Listed Jurisdiction**"), or

(ii) has a permanent establishment located in a such Listed Jurisdiction to which the interest is attributable, or

(iii) (iii) is entitled to the interest payable for the main purpose or one of the main purposes to avoid taxation for another person, or

(iv) (iv) is a hybrid entity (hybrid mismatch), or

(v) (v) is not resident in any jurisdiction,

all within the meaning of the Dutch Withholding Tax Act 2021.

Listed Jurisdiction
For the fiscal year 2021, the following 23 jurisdictions are Listed Jurisdictions: American Samoa, Anguilla, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Fiji, Guam, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey, Palau, Panama, Samoa, Seychelles, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, Turks and Caicos Islands, Vanuatu, the United Arab Emirates and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Related entity
For purposes of the Dutch Withholding Tax Act 2021, an entity is considered a related entity if:

(i) such entity has a Qualifying Interest (as defined below) in the Issuer;

(ii) the Issuer has a Qualifying Interest in such entity; or

(iii) a third party has a Qualifying Interest in both the Issuer and such entity.

The term "**Qualifying Interest**" means a directly or indirectly held interest – either individually or jointly as part of a collaborating group (*samenwerkende groep*) – that confers a definite influence over the company's decisions and allows the holder of such interest to determine its activities (within the meaning of case law of the European Court of Justice on the right of establishment (*vrijheid van vestiging*)).

Taxes on income and capital gains

Please note that the summary in this section does not describe the Dutch tax consequences for:

(i) Covered Bondholders if such holders, and in the case of individuals, such holder's partner or certain of their relatives by blood or marriage in the direct line (including foster children), have a substantial interest (*aanmerkelijk belang*) or deemed substantial interest (*fictief aanmerkelijk belang*) in the Issuer under the Dutch Income Tax Act 2001 (*Wet inkomstenbelasting 2001*). Generally speaking, a holder of securities in a company is considered to hold a substantial interest in such company, if such holder alone or, in the case of individuals, together with such holder's partner (as defined in the Dutch Income Tax Act 2001), directly or indirectly, holds (i) an interest of 5% or more of the total issued and outstanding capital of that company or of 5% or more of the issued and outstanding capital of a certain class of shares of that company; or (ii) rights to acquire, directly or indirectly, such interest; or (iii) certain profit sharing rights in that company that relate to 5% or more of the company's annual profits or to 5% or more of the company's liquidation proceeds. A deemed substantial interest may arise if a substantial interest (or part thereof) in a company has been disposed of, or is deemed to have been disposed of, on a non-recognition basis;

(ii) pension funds, investment institutions (*fiscale beleggingsinstellingen*), exempt investment institutions (*vrijgestelde beleggingsinstellingen*) (as defined in the Dutch Corporate Income Tax Act 1969; *Wet op de vennootschapsbelasting 1969*) and other entities that are, in whole or in part, not subject to or exempt from Dutch corporate income tax; and

(iii) Covered Bondholders who are individuals for whom the Covered Bonds or any benefit derived from the Covered Bonds are a remuneration or deemed to be a remuneration for activities performed by such holders or certain individuals related to such holders (as defined in the Dutch Income Tax Act 2001).

Dutch Resident Entities
Generally speaking, if the Covered Bondholder is an entity that is a resident or deemed to be resident of the Netherlands for Dutch corporate income tax purposes (a "Dutch Resident Entity"), any payment under the Covered Bonds or any gain or loss realized on the disposal or deemed disposal of the Covered Bonds is subject

to Dutch corporate income tax at a rate of 15% with respect to taxable profits up to €245,000 and 25% with respect to taxable profits in excess of that amount (tax rates and brackets as applicable for 2021).

Dutch Resident Individuals
If a Covered Bondholder is an individual, resident or deemed to be resident of the Netherlands for Dutch income tax purposes (a "Dutch Resident Individual"), any payment under the Covered Bonds or any gain or loss realized on the disposal or deemed disposal of the Covered Bonds is taxable at the progressive income tax rates (with a maximum of 49.5% in 2021), if:

(a) the Covered Bonds are attributable to an enterprise from which the Covered Bondholder derives a share of the profit, whether as an entrepreneur (*ondernemer*) or as a person who has a co-entitlement to the net worth (*medegerechtigd tot het vermogen*) of such enterprise without being a shareholder (as defined in the Dutch Income Tax Act 2001); or

(b) the Covered Bondholder is considered to perform activities with respect to the Covered Bonds that go beyond ordinary asset management (*normaal, actief vermogensbeheer*) or derives benefits from the Covered Bonds that are taxable as benefits from other activities (*resultaat uit overige werkzaamheden*).

If the above-mentioned conditions (a) and (b) do not apply to the individual Covered Bondholder, such holder will be taxed annually on a deemed return (with a maximum of 5.69% in 2021) on the individual's net investment assets (*rendementsgrondslag*) for the year, insofar the individual's net investment assets for the year exceed a statutory threshold. The deemed return on the individual's net investment assets for the year is taxed at a rate of 31%. Actual income, gains or losses in respect of the Covered Bonds are as such not subject to Dutch income tax.

The net investment assets for the year are the fair market value of the investment assets less the allowable liabilities on 1 January of the relevant calendar year. The Covered Bonds are included as investment assets. For the net investment assets on 1 January 2021, the deemed return ranges from 1.90% up to 5.69% (depending on the aggregate amount of the net investment assets on 1 January 2021). The deemed return will be adjusted annually on the basis of historic market yields.

Non-residents of the Netherlands
A Covered Bondholder that is neither a Dutch Resident Entity nor a Dutch Resident Individual will not be subject to Dutch taxes on income or capital gains in respect of any payment under the Covered Bonds or in respect of any gain or loss realized on the disposal or deemed disposal of the Covered Bonds, provided that:

(a) such holder does not have an interest in an enterprise or deemed enterprise (as defined in the Dutch Income Tax Act 2001 and the Dutch Corporate Income Tax Act 1969) which, in whole or in part, is either effectively managed in the Netherlands or carried on through a permanent establishment, a deemed permanent establishment or a permanent representative in the Netherlands and to which enterprise or part of an enterprise the Covered Bonds are attributable; and

(b) in the event the holder is an individual, such holder does not carry out any activities in the Netherlands with respect to the Covered Bonds that go beyond ordinary asset management and does not derive benefits from the Covered Bonds that are taxable as benefits from other activities in the Netherlands.

Gift and inheritance taxes

Residents of the Netherlands
Gift or inheritance taxes will arise in the Netherlands with respect to a transfer of the Covered Bonds by way of a gift by, or on the death of, a holder of such Covered Bonds who is resident or deemed resident of the Netherlands at the time of the gift or such holder's death.

Non-residents of the Netherlands
No Dutch gift or inheritance taxes will arise on the transfer of Covered Bonds by way of gift by, or on the death of, a Covered Bondholder who is neither resident nor deemed to be resident of the Netherlands, unless:

(a) in the case of a gift of a Covered Bond by an individual who at the date of the gift was neither resident nor deemed to be resident in the Netherlands, such individual dies within 180 calendar days after the date of the gift, while being resident or deemed to be resident in the Netherlands; or

(b) in the case of a gift of a Covered Bond is made under a condition precedent, the holder of the Covered Bonds is resident or is deemed to be resident of the Netherlands at the time the condition is fulfilled; or

(c) the transfer is otherwise construed as a gift or inheritance made by, or on behalf of, a person who, at the time of the gift or death, is or is deemed to be resident in the Netherlands.

For purposes of Dutch gift and inheritance taxes, amongst others, a person that holds the Dutch nationality will be deemed to be resident in the Netherlands if such person has been resident in the Netherlands at any time during the ten (10) years preceding the date of the gift or such person's death. Additionally, for purposes of Dutch gift tax, amongst others, a person not holding the Dutch nationality will be deemed to be resident in the Netherlands if such person has been resident in the Netherlands at any time during the twelve (12) months preceding the date of the gift. Applicable tax treaties may override deemed residency.

Value added tax (VAT)
No Dutch VAT will be payable by a holder of Covered Bonds on (i) any payment in consideration for the issue of the Covered Bonds or (ii) the payment of interest or principal by the Issuer under the Covered Bonds.

Other taxes and duties
No Dutch registration tax, stamp duty or any other similar documentary tax or duty will be payable by a holder of Covered Bonds in respect of (i) the issue of the Covered Bonds or (ii) the payment of interest or principal by the Issuer under the Covered Bonds.

1.5 SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

Each Dealer has or have, in a programme agreement (as the same may be amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "**Programme Agreement**") dated the Programme Date, agreed with the Issuer, the CBC and the Initial Originators a basis upon which any Dealer may from time to time agree to purchase Covered Bonds. Any such agreement will extend to those matters stated under *Form of the Covered Bonds* and *Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds*. In the Programme Agreement, the Issuer has agreed to reimburse each Dealer for certain of its or their expenses in connection with the establishment and any future update of the Programme and the issue of Covered Bonds under the Programme and to indemnify each Dealer against certain liabilities incurred by it or them in connection therewith.

United States

The Covered Bonds and the Guarantee have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or any other applicable securities law and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act or pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act.
Each issuance of Covered Bonds may be subject to such additional U.S. selling restrictions as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer or Dealers may agree, which additional selling restrictions shall be set out in the applicable Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus.

In connection with any Covered Bonds which are offered and sold outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it will offer, sell or deliver Covered Bonds (i) as part of their distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the later of the commencement of the offering and the issue date, (as determined and certified by the relevant Dealer or Dealers or, in the case of an issue of Covered Bonds on a syndicated basis, the relevant lead manager), of all Covered Bonds of the Tranche of which such Covered Bonds are a part, only in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 of Regulation S or Rule 144A if applicable. Each Dealer has further agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree, that it will send to each dealer to which it sells any Covered Bonds during the distribution compliance period a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Covered Bonds within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

The Covered Bonds in bearer form may be subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and regulations thereunder.

In addition, until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of any Series, an offer or sale of such Covered Bonds within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with an available exemption from registration under the Securities Act.

Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any Covered Bonds which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms in relation thereto to any retail investor in the European Economic Area. For the purposes of this provision:

(a) the expression "retail investor" means a person who is one (or more) of the following:

  (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of EU MiFID II; or
  (ii) a customer within the meaning of IDD, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of EU MiFID II; or
  (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Regulation; and

(b) the expression "offer" includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information

on the terms of the offer and the Covered Bonds to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Covered Bonds.

Prohibition of sales to UK Retail Investors

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any Covered Bonds which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms in relation thereto to any retail investor in the United Kingdom. For the purposes of this provision:

(a) the expression retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of the following:

(i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("**EUWA**"); or

(ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the FSMA and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or

(iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; and

(b) the expression an offer includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Covered Bonds to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Covered Bonds.

Other UK selling restrictions

Each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed will be required to represent and agree that:

(a) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Covered Bonds in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA does not or, would not, if it was not an authorised person, apply to the Issuer or the CBC; and

(b) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Covered Bonds in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

The Netherlands/Global

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that:

(i) as long as it does not have the benefit of a licence or exemption as an investment firm of the relevant type pursuant to the Wft it shall not offer any Covered Bonds or distribute this Base Prospectus or any circulars, offer documents or information relating to the Issuer or the Covered Bonds in the Netherlands; and

(ii) Zero Coupon Covered Bonds in definitive form may only be transferred and accepted, directly or indirectly, within, from or into the Netherlands through the mediation of either the Issuer or a member firm of Euronext Amsterdam in full compliance with the Dutch Savings Certificates Act (*Wet inzake spaarbewijzen*) of 21 May 1985 (as amended) and its implementing regulations, provided that no such mediation is required: (a) in respect of the transfer and acceptance of rights representing an interest in a Zero Coupon Covered Bond in global form, or (b) in respect of the initial issue of Zero Coupon Covered Bonds in definitive form to the first holders thereof, or (c) in respect of the transfer and acceptance of Zero Coupon Covered Bonds in definitive form between individuals not acting in the conduct of a business or profession, or (d) in respect of the transfer and acceptance of such Zero Coupon Covered Bonds within, from or into the Netherlands if all Zero Coupon Covered Bonds (either in definitive form or as rights representing an interest in a Zero Coupon Covered Bond in global form) of any particular Series

are issued outside the Netherlands and are not distributed into the Netherlands in the course of initial distribution or immediately thereafter.

Republic of Italy

The offering of the Covered Bonds has not been registered with the Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa ("**CONSOB**") pursuant to Italian securities legislation and accordingly, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that save as set out below, it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Covered Bonds in the Republic of Italy in an offer to the public and that sales of the Covered Bonds in the Republic of Italy shall be effected in accordance with all Italian securities, tax and exchange control and other applicable laws and regulations.

Accordingly, each of the Dealers has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it will not offer, sell or deliver any Covered Bonds or distribute copies of this Base Prospectus and any other document relating to the Covered Bonds in the Republic of Italy except:

(i) to "qualified investors", as defined in the Prospectus Regulation; or

(ii) that it may offer, sell or deliver Covered Bonds or distribute copies of any prospectus relating to such Covered Bonds in an offer to the public in the period commencing on the date of publication of such prospectus, provided that such prospectus has been approved in another Member State or the United Kingdom and notified to CONSOB, all in accordance with the Prospectus Regulation, Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended (the "**Decree No. 58**") and CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended ("**Regulation No. 11971**"), and ending on the date which is 12 months after the date of approval of such prospectus; or

(iii) in any other circumstances where an express exemption from compliance with the offer restrictions applies, as provided under the Prospectus Regulation, Decree No. 58 or Regulation No. 11971.

Any such offer, sale or delivery of the Covered Bonds or distribution of copies of this Base Prospectus or any other document relating to the Covered Bonds in the Republic of Italy must be:

(i) made by investment firms, banks or financial intermediaries permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993 as amended, Decree No. 58, CONSOB Regulation No. 20307 of 15 February 2018, as amended and any other applicable laws and regulations;

(ii) in compliance with Article 129 of Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended (pursuant to which the Bank of Italy may request information on the issue or the offer of securities in the Republic of Italy) and the relevant implementing guidelines of the Bank of Italy issued on 25 August 2015 (as amended on 10 August 2016); and

(iii) in compliance with any other applicable notification requirement or limitation which may be imposed by CONSOB or the Bank of Italy.

Provisions relating to the secondary market in the Republic of Italy

Investors should also note that, in any subsequent distribution of the Covered Bonds in the Republic of Italy, the Prospectus Regulation and Decree No. 58 may require compliance with the law relating to public offers of securities. Furthermore, Article 100-bis of Decree No. 58 provides that where the Covered Bonds are placed solely with "qualified investors" and are then systematically resold on the secondary market at any time in the 12 months following such placing, purchasers of Covered Bonds who are acting outside of the course of their business or profession may in certain circumstances be entitled to declare such purchase void and, in addition, to claim damages from any authorised person at whose premises the Covered Bonds were purchased, unless an exemption provided for under the Prospectus Regulation or Decree No. 58 applies.

Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered or sold, and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, the Covered Bonds to the public within the territory of the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg unless:

(i) the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* (CSSF) and the European Securities and Markets Authority have been provided by the AFM with a certificate of approval attesting that a prospectus in relation to the Covered Bonds has been duly approved in accordance with the Prospectus Regulation and with a copy of that prospectus; or

(ii) the offer of Covered Bonds benefits from an exemption from or constitutes a transaction not subject to, the requirement to publish a prospectus under the Luxembourg law of 10th July 2005 on prospectuses for securities, as amended from time to time.

Japan

The Covered Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan (Act No. 25 of 1948, as amended, the "**FIEA**") and, accordingly, they may not be offered or sold directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to any resident of Japan except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with the FIEA and other relevant laws and regulations of Japan. As used in this paragraph, "resident of Japan" means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organised under the laws of Japan.

Belgium

Other than in respect of Covered Bonds for which "Prohibition of Sales to Belgian Consumers" is specified as "Not Applicable" in the applicable Final Terms, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that an offering of Covered Bonds may not be advertised to any individual in Belgium qualifying as a consumer within the meaning of Article I.1 of the Belgian Code of Economic Law, as amended from time to time (a Belgian Consumer) and that it has not offered, sold or resold, transferred or delivered, and will not offer, sell, resell, transfer or deliver, the Covered Bonds, and that it has not distributed, and will not distribute, any prospectus, memorandum, information circular, brochure or any similar documents in relation to the Covered Bonds, directly or indirectly, to any Belgian Consumer.

General

Each Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that it has complied and will (to the best of its knowledge and belief) comply with all applicable securities laws and regulations in force in any country or jurisdiction in or from which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Covered Bonds or possesses or distributes this Base Prospectus and will obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer, sale or delivery by it of Covered Bonds under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it makes such purchases, offers, sales or deliveries and none of the Issuer, the CBC, the Trustee nor any of the other Dealers shall have any responsibility therefor.

Other persons into whose hands this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms comes are required by the Issuer, the CBC and each Dealer to comply with all applicable laws and regulations in each country or jurisdiction in or from which they purchase, offer, sell or deliver Covered Bonds or possess, distribute or publish this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms or any related offering material, in all cases at their own expense.

The Programme Agreement provides that each Dealer shall not be bound by any of the restrictions relating to any specific jurisdiction (set out above) to the extent that such restrictions shall, as a result of change(s) or change(s) in official interpretation, after the date hereof, of applicable laws and regulations, no longer be applicable but without prejudice to the obligations of each Dealer described in this paragraph "*General*".

Selling restrictions may be supplemented or modified with the agreement of the Issuer. Any such supplement or modification may be set out in the relevant Final Terms (in the case of a supplement or modification relevant only to a particular Tranche of Covered Bonds) or in a supplement to this Base Prospectus.

With regard to each Tranche, the relevant Dealer or Dealers will be required to comply with such other restrictions as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer or Dealers shall agree and as shall be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

1.6 TRUSTEE

The Trustee is a foundation (*stichting*) incorporated under the laws of the Netherlands on 1 March 2017. It has its registered office at Prins Bernhardplein 200, 1097 JB Amsterdam, the Netherlands and is registered with the Commercial Register of the Chamber of Commerce under number 68199244.

The objects of the Trustee are (a) to act as agent and/or trustee in favour of holders of covered bonds to be issued by Rabobank and the other Secured Creditors; (b) to acquire security rights as agent and/or trustee and/or for itself; (c) to perform (legal) acts; (d) to hold, administer and to enforce the security rights mentioned under (b); (e) to borrow money and (f) to perform any and all acts which are related, incidental or which may be conducive to the above.

The sole director of the Trustee is Amsterdamsch Trustee's Kantoor B.V. having its registered office at Prins Bernhardplein 200, 1097 JB Amsterdam, the Netherlands. As at the date hereof, the managing directors of Amsterdamsch Trustee's Kantoor B.V. are J.E. Hardeveld, M.W. Hogeterp and A.J. Vink.

1.7 USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless specified otherwise in the applicable Final Terms, the net proceeds from each issue of Covered Bonds will be used by the Issuer for (i) its general corporate purposes or (ii) such other purposes as further specified in the Final Terms. If in respect of any particular issue there is a particular identified use of proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Final Terms. The Issuer may issue Covered Bonds under the Programme where the use of proceeds is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be for the financing and/or refinancing of mortgage loans for Green Buildings, in accordance with certain prescribed eligibility criteria as in such case shall be set out in item 4(i) of Part B (*Reasons for the offer*) of the applicable Final Terms.

Issuances of Green Covered Bonds by the Issuer will be in accordance with the Rabobank Sustainable Funding Framework and the sub-framework 'Green Residential Real Estate' of the Rabobank Sustainable Funding Framework. The Issuer has requested Second Party Opinion(s) confirming that the Rabobank Sustainable Funding Framework and the sub-framework 'Green Residential Real Estate' of the Rabobank Sustainable Funding Framework are in compliance with the the ICMA Green Bond Principles.

1.8 DESCRIPTION OF THE DUTCH COVERED BOND LEGISLATION AND COMPLIANCE WITH UCITS AND/OR CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS DIRECTIVE

Description of the Dutch Covered Bond Legislation

On 1 January 2015 the CB Legislation came into force in the Netherlands, thereby receiving a firmer statutory basis compared to the 2008 CB Regulations. The issuance of a covered bond and the legal transfer of cover assets are also subject to the provisions of the Dutch Civil Code and the Dutch Bankruptcy Code.

Under the CB Legislation the issuer must be a licensed bank with its statutory seat (zetel) in the Netherlands.

As a main principle the CB Legislation require that DNB-registered covered bonds will have to comply with the conditions for preferential treatment of Article 52(4) UCITS Directive. In addition the CB Regulations also includes mandatory compliance with Article 129 CRR.

The CB Legislation contains two mandatory asset quantity tests. Firstly, the total value of the cover assets must be at least 105 per cent. of the nominal value of the outstanding covered bonds of the relevant category. In addition to this statutory minimum overcollateralisation requirement, the total value of the cover assets, so determined in accordance with the restrictions applicable to the relevant type of assets as set out in Article 129 CRR, paragraph 1 should at least be equal to the nominal value of the outstanding covered bonds of the relevant category. Furthermore, the CB Legislation requires the owner of the cover assets to have (or generate) sufficient eligible liquid assets for the payment by it during the following six-month period of interest and (except with respect to covered bonds which have an extendable maturity date of at least six months) principal of the outstanding covered bonds, and certain equal or higher ranking amounts.

In respect of an application made for registration of a covered bond and the issuer thereof by DNB pursuant to the CB Legislation, the issuer is required amongst other things:

(a) to disclose to DNB certain key conditions applicable to the relevant category of covered bonds, which include:

(b) whether the covered bond has one of the following maturity structures: (i) its maturity date cannot be extended (hard bullet) or its maturity date can only be extended for a maximum of 24 months (soft bullet) or (ii) its maturity date can be extended with more than 24 months (including (conditional) pass through);

(c) which type or types of cover assets can unlimitedly be included in the cover pool (primary cover assets) and if more than one type is included, the ratio between them; and

(d) the jurisdiction in which the debtors of the cover assets are located or resided and the governing law of the cover assets.

Such conditions cannot be changed after the date of application for registration of the relevant category of covered bonds. An issuer has the possibility to combine hard bullet covered bonds and soft bullet covered bonds in one category of the registration of the covered bonds (i.e., under one issuance programme), provided that the maturity extension of the soft bullet covered bonds does not exceed 24 months;

(a) to ensure that a healthy ratio exists between the total outstanding covered bonds of the relevant category and the total consolidated balance sheet of the issuer, thereby taking into account the outcome of any stress tests performed by the Issuer and relating to the credit risk, interest rate risk, currency risk, liquidity risk and any other risk deemed relevant by DNB (whereby DNB can upon registration and thereafter impose a discretionary issuance limit to safeguard such healthy ratio); and

(b) to have reliable and effective strategies and procedures for verifying and procuring the sufficiency of eligible cover assets and liquid assets, taking into account the composition of the cover assets, the statutory overcollateralisation, other asset cover and liquidity buffer requirements.

DNB will perform certain supervision and enforcement related tasks in respect of DNB-registered covered bonds, including admitting issuers and categories of covered bonds to the relevant register and monitoring compliance

with the ongoing requirements referred to above. If a covered bond no longer meets such requirements, or if the relevant issuer no longer complies with its ongoing obligations towards DNB, DNB can take several measures, which include, without limitation, cancelling the issuer's registration, imposing an issuance-stop and/or imposing fines and penalties on the issuer. In addition, pursuant to the CB Legislation, DNB may cancel the registered compliance with Article 129 CRR, if the relevant issuer or the owner of the cover assets would not provide the required information to DNB to monitor compliance with Article 129 CRR or if the relevant covered bonds would no longer comply with Article 129 CRR.

On 27 November 2019, the Covered Bond Directive has been adopted. The Covered Bond Directive aims to foster the development of covered bonds across the European Union. The Covered Bond Directive (i) provides a common definition of covered bonds, which will represent a consistent reference for prudential regulation purposes, (ii) defines the structural features of covered bonds, (iii) defines the tasks and responsibilities for the supervision of covered bonds and (iv) sets out the rules allowing the use of the 'European Covered Bonds' label. The Covered Bond Directive should be implemented in each Member State by 8 July 2021 and should apply at the latest from 8 July 2022. On 8 March 2021, a legislative proposal regarding the implementation of the Covered Bond Directive in the Netherlands has been published for consultation. In addition, see the risk factor *'Uncertainty relating to the implementation of the Covered Bond Directive*'.

Compliance with UCITS- and/or Capital Requirements Directive

As at the 2021 Programme Date, the Covered Bonds comply with both Article 52(4) UCITS and are in the DNB-register registered as being compliant with Article 129 CRR. See also the risk factor '*Risk that Covered Bonds do not comply with the CB Legislation, CRR and/or the UCITS Directive'* above.

None of the Transaction Documents or the Covered Bonds prescribe the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default or impose an obligation on the Issuer to notify any Covered Bondholder in the event that Covered Bonds would no longer comply with Article 52(4) UCITS and/or Article 129 CRR or in the event that the Issuer does not comply with the CB Legislation (or any amendments thereto or replacements thereof) in itself.

1.9 CREDIT RATINGS

The Covered Bonds are expected on issue to be assigned an Aaa rating by one or more Rating Agencies (currently Moody's). Each further issue of a Series of Covered Bonds will have ratings equal to the then current rating assigned to the outstanding Series of Covered Bonds.

Moody's Credit Rating Definitions

The following text is an extract from the Moody's report "Rating Symbols and Definitions" as published by Moody's on 26 January 2021.

Moody's Global Rating Scales

Ratings assigned on Moody's global long-term and short-term rating scales are forward-looking opinions of the relative credit risks of financial obligations issued by non-financial corporates, financial institutions, structured finance vehicles, project finance vehicles, and public sector entities. Moody's defines credit risk as the risk that an entity may not meet its contractual financial obligations as they come due and any estimated financial loss in the event of default or impairment. The contractual financial obligations addressed by Moody's ratings are those that call for, without regard to enforceability, the payment of an ascertainable amount, which may vary based upon standard sources of variation (e.g., floating interest rates), by an ascertainable date. Moody's rating addresses the issuer's ability to obtain cash sufficient to service the obligation, and its willingness to pay Moody's ratings do not address non-standard sources of variation in the amount of the principal obligation (e.g., equity indexed), absent an express statement to the contrary in a press release accompanying an initial rating. Long-term ratings are assigned to issuers or obligations with an original maturity of one year or more and reflect both on the likelihood of a default or impairment on contractual financial obligations and the expected financial loss suffered in the event of default or impairment. Short-term ratings are assigned to obligations with an original maturity of thirteen months or less and reflect both on the likelihood of a default or impairment on contractual financial obligations and the expected financial loss suffered in the event of default or impairment. Moody's issues ratings at the issuer level and instrument level on both the long-term scale and the short-term scale. Typically, ratings are made publicly available although private and unpublished ratings may also be assigned.

Moody's differentiates structured finance ratings from fundamental ratings (i.e., ratings on nonfinancial corporate, financial institution, and public sector entities) on the global long-term scale by adding (sf) to all structured finance ratings. The addition of (sf) to structured finance ratings should eliminate any presumption that such ratings and fundamental ratings at the same letter grade level will behave the same. The (sf) indicator for structured finance security ratings indicates that otherwise similarly rated structured finance and fundamental securities may have different risk characteristics. Through its current methodologies, however, Moody's aspires to achieve broad expected equivalence in structured finance and fundamental rating performance when measured over a long period of time.

Long-Term Rating Scale

Aaa: Obligations rated Aaa are judged to be of the highest quality, subject to the lowest level of credit risk.

Aa: Obligations rated Aa are judged to be of high quality and are subject to very low credit risk.

A: Obligations rated A are judged to be upper-medium grade and are subject to low credit risk.

Baa: Obligations rated Baa are judged to be medium-grade and subject to moderate credit risk and as such may possess certain speculative characteristics.

Ba: Obligations rated Ba are judged to be speculative and are subject to substantial credit risk.

B: Obligations rated B are considered speculative and are subject to high credit risk.

Caa: Obligations rated Caa are judged to be speculative of poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk.

Ca: Obligations rated Ca are highly speculative and are likely in, or very near, default, with some prospect of

recovery of principal and interest.

C: Obligations rated C are the lowest rated and are typically in default, with little prospect for recovery of principal or interest.

*Note: Moody's appends numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 to each generic rating classification from Aa through Caa. The modifier 1 indicates that the obligation ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range ranking; and the modifier 3 indicates a ranking in the lower end of that generic rating category. Additionally, a "(hyb)" indicator is appended to all ratings of hybrid securities issued by banks, insurers, finance companies, and securities firms.**
Note: For more information on long-term ratings assigned to obligations in default, please see the definition "Long-Term Credit Ratings for Defaulted or Impaired Securities" in the Other Definitions section of this publication.
** By their terms, hybrid securities allow for the omission of scheduled dividends, interest, or principal payments, which can potentially result in impairment if such an omission occurs. Hybrid securities may also be subject to contractually allowable write-downs of principal that could result in impairment. Together with the hybrid indicator, the long-term obligation rating assigned to a hybrid security is an expression of the relative credit risk associated with that security.*

Short-Term Rating Scale

P-1: Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-1 have a superior ability to repay short-term debt obligations.
P-2: Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-2 have a strong ability to repay short-term debt obligations.
P-3: Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Prime-3 have an acceptable ability to repay short-term obligations.
NP: Issuers (or supporting institutions) rated Not Prime do not fall within any of the Prime rating categories.

Long-Term and Short-Term Obligation Ratings

Moody's assigns ratings to long-term and short-term financial obligations. Long-term ratings are assigned to issuers or obligations with an original maturity of one year or more and reflect both on the likelihood of a default on contractually promised payments and the expected financial loss suffered in the event of default. Short-term ratings are assigned to obligations with an original maturity of thirteen months or less and reflect both on the likelihood of a default on contractually promised payments and the expected financial loss suffered in the event of default.

For further information regarding Rating Symbols and Definitions, please refer to the Moody's report "*Rating Symbols and Definitions*".

Changes to credit ratings
A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the relevant Rating Agency at any time.

The ratings assigned by Moody's address the expected loss posed to investors. Moody's ratings address only the credit risks associated with the transaction. Other non-credit risks have not been addressed, but may have significant effect on yield to investors.

The expected ratings of the Covered Bonds, if rated individually, will be set out in the applicable Final Terms for each Series. Any relevant Rating Agency may lower its rating or withdraw its rating of the Covered Bonds if, in the sole judgement of such Rating Agency, the credit quality of the Covered Bonds has declined or is in question.

2. ASSET-BACKED GUARANTEE

2.1 GUARANTEE

The Trust Deed provides for the following guarantee:

"The CBC hereby irrevocably undertakes as its independent obligation that it shall pay the Guaranteed Amounts to the Covered Bondholders when the same become Due for Payment, provided that the CBC shall have no such obligation until (i)(1) the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, (2) service by the Trustee on the Issuer of an Issuer Acceleration Notice and (3) service by the Trustee on the CBC of a Notice to Pay or (ii) the occurrence of a CBC Event of Default and the service by the Trustee of a CBC Acceleration Notice on the Issuer and the CBC. If the CBC is obliged to pay a Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount, then:

(a) *the obligation of the CBC to pay such Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount shall be deferred to, and shall under the Guarantee be due on, the Extended Due for Payment Date, unless on the Extension Date or any subsequent Interest Payment Date which applies pursuant to paragraph (b) below and which falls prior to the Extended Due for Payment Date, any monies are available to the CBC after the CBC shall under the relevant Priority of Payments have paid or provided for (1) all higher ranking amounts and (2) all Guaranteed Final Redemption Amounts pertaining to any Series of Covered Bonds with an Extended Due for Payment Date falling prior to the CBC Payment Period in which the Extended Due for Payment Date for such Series falls, in which case the CBC shall (i) give notice thereof to the relevant holders of the Covered Bonds (in accordance with Condition 13 (Notices; Provision of Information)), each Rating Agency, the Trustee, the Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar (in the case of Registered Covered Bonds) as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event at least two Business Days prior to the Extension Date and/or such Interest Payment Date, respectively, and (ii) apply such remaining available monies in payment, in whole or in part, of such Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount, if applicable pro rata with any Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount pertaining to a Series of Covered Bonds with an Extended Due for Payment Date falling in the same CBC Payment Period in which the Extended Due for Payment Date for the relevant Series of Covered Bonds falls (and to such extent such Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount shall for the purpose of the relevant Priority of Payments and all other purposes be due) as well as any other pari passu ranking amounts on the Extension Date and/or such Interest Payment Date, respectively; and*

(b) *the CBC shall under the Guarantee owe interest over the unpaid portion of such Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount, which shall accrue and be payable on the basis set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out therein, Condition 4 (Interest), provided that for this purpose all references in Condition 4 (Interest) to the Final Maturity Date of such Series of Covered Bonds are deemed to be references to the Extended Due for Payment Date, mutatis mutandis,*

*all without prejudice to the CBC's obligation to pay any Guaranteed Amount other than the Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount when Due for Payment (the "**Guarantee**").*

As long as the Guaranteed Amounts have not been fully discharged, the CBC shall not exercise vis-à-vis the Issuer any right of set-off, defence or counterclaim or exercise any rights acquired by subrogation."

The Extended Due for Payment Date shall be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

All payments of Guaranteed Amounts by or on behalf of the CBC will be made without withholding or deduction for, or on account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or other governmental charges of whatever nature, unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes, assessments or other governmental charges are required by law or regulation or administrative practice of any jurisdiction. If any such withholding or deduction is required, the CBC will pay the Guaranteed Amounts net of such withholding or deduction and shall account to the appropriate tax authority for the amount required to be withheld or deducted. The CBC will not be obliged to pay any amount to the Trustee or any Covered Bondholder in respect of the amount of such withholding or deduction, subject to and in accordance with Condition 7 (*Taxation*).

Failure by the CBC to pay Guaranteed Final Redemption Amounts or the balance thereof, as the case may be, on the Extended Due for Payment Date and/or pay Guaranteed Amounts constituting Scheduled Interest on any Scheduled Payment Date, the Extended Due for Payment Date will (subject to any applicable grace period) be a CBC Event of Default.

Under Dutch law an independent guarantee like the Guarantee is in general considered to be an independent claim. It is not an accessory right (*afhankelijk recht*) and is unlikely to be an ancillary right (*nevenrecht*) that by operation of law follows the receivables it secures upon transfer thereof. The Issuer has been advised that under Dutch law, in the case of Bearer Covered Bonds, such an 'automatic' transfer of the Guarantee can be accomplished by ensuring that the Guarantee forms an integral part of the Covered Bonds. For this reason the Guarantee and the Covered Bonds will provide that the rights under the Guarantee (a) form an integral part of the Covered Bonds, (b) are of interest to a Covered Bondholder only if, to the extent that, and for so long as, it holds Covered Bonds and (c) can only be transferred together with all other rights under the relevant Covered Bond. The Issuer and the CBC have been advised that as a result, in case of a physical transfer of a Bearer Covered Bond, such transfer includes the corresponding rights under the Guarantee. In case of a transfer of a beneficial interest in a Global Covered Bond to a transferee by way of book-entry transfer (*girale overboeking*), such transfer includes the corresponding rights under the Guarantee subject to and in accordance with any applicable laws, rules and regulations of the relevant clearing system. For Registered Global Covered Bonds and Registered Definitive Covered Bonds (including Registered Definitive Covered Bonds issued pursuant to a Registered Covered Bonds Deed), the rights under the Guarantee are to be separately assigned, together with the corresponding rights under the relevant Registered Covered Bonds.

2.2 SECURITY

In the Trust Deed, the CBC undertakes to pay to the Trustee amounts equal to the Principal Obligations (such payment undertaking and the obligations and liabilities which are the result thereof the "**Parallel Debt**"). The Principal Obligations do not include the CBC's obligations pursuant to the Parallel Debt. In this respect the CBC and the Trustee acknowledge that (i) the Parallel Debt constitutes undertakings, obligations and liabilities of the CBC to the Trustee which are separate and independent from and without prejudice to the Principal Obligations of the CBC to any Secured Creditor and (ii) the Parallel Debt represents the Trustee's own claim (*vordering*) to receive payment of the Parallel Debt from the CBC, provided that the aggregate amount that may become due under the Parallel Debt will never exceed the aggregate amount that may become due under all of the Principal Obligations to the Secured Creditors. The total amount due and payable by the CBC under the Parallel Debt shall be decreased to the extent that the CBC shall have paid any amounts to the Covered Bondholders or any other Secured Creditor to reduce the Principal Obligations and the total amount due and payable by the CBC under the Principal Obligations shall be decreased to the extent that the CBC shall have paid any amounts to the Trustee under the Parallel Debt. Pursuant to the Common Terms (set out in Schedule 2 to the Incorporated Terms Memorandum), the Secured Creditors accept that the Security created by the Security Documents is granted by the CBC to the Trustee to secure its obligations pursuant to the Parallel Debt.

The Parallel Debt of the CBC owed to the Trustee will be secured by the following security rights granted by the CBC to the Trustee:

(a) pursuant to the Master Receivables Pledge Agreement, a first ranking non-disclosed right of pledge (*stil pandrecht*) over the Transferred Receivables. The right of pledge created pursuant to the Master Receivables Pledge Agreement will not be notified to the Borrowers except under the conditions of the Master Receivables Pledge Agreement;

(b) if Substitution Assets are transferred to the CBC, pursuant to a Substitution Assets Pledge, a first ranking disclosed right of pledge (*openbaar pandrecht*) over such Substitution Assets;

(c) pursuant to the Accounts Pledge Agreement, a first ranking disclosed right of pledge (*openbaar pandrecht*) over all current and future monetary claims of the CBC *vis-à-vis* the Account Bank in respect of the CBC Accounts. The right of pledge created pursuant to the Accounts Pledge Agreement will be notified to the Account Bank. The Trustee has authorised the CBC to collect the pledged rights, which authorisation can be revoked in the circumstances set out in the deed of pledge; and

(d) pursuant to the CBC Rights Pledge Agreement, a first ranking disclosed right of pledge (*openbaar pandrecht*) over the CBC's present and future rights (*vorderingen*) *vis-à-vis* any debtors of the CBC under any Transaction Document to which the CBC is a party, other than the Management Agreement (CBC). The right of pledge created pursuant to the CBC Rights Pledge Agreement will be notified to the relevant debtors. The Trustee has authorised the CBC to collect the pledged rights, which authorisation can be revoked in the circumstances set out in the deed of pledge.

If an Enforcement Event occurs, the Trustee will be entitled to enforce the Security (including selling the Transferred Assets) and/or take such steps as it shall deem necessary, subject in each case to being indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction.

2.3 CBC

Introduction

The CBC is a private company with limited liability (*besloten vennootschap met beperkte aansprakelijkheid*) and incorporated on 31 January 2017 under Dutch law and it operates under Dutch law. The statutory seat (*statutaire zetel*) of the CBC is in Amsterdam, the Netherlands and its registered office at Prins Bernhardplein 200, 1097 JB Amsterdam, the Netherlands and registered with the Commercial Register of the Chamber of Commerce under number 67959687. The telephone number of the CBC is +31 (0)20 5214777 and the fax number of the CBC is +31 (0)20 5214888. The legal entity identifier (LEI) of the CBC is 724500XGXEWE59EU0D81. The CBC publishes and/or makes available information on https://cm.intertrustgroup.com. Any information contained on or accessible via any website, including https://cm.intertrustgroup.com does not form part of this Base Prospectus, unless that information is incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus.

Principal Activities

The CBC's articles of association have a restrictive objects clause allowing the CBC the following activities: (i) acquiring, owning and disposing of assets, (ii) raise funds through, inter alia, borrowing under loan agreements, entering into financial derivatives or otherwise, (iii) issuing guarantees and granting security for the obligations and debts of the CBC and of third parties, including Rabobank, (iv) entering into derivative contracts and (v) enter into agreements, including, but not limited to, bank, securities and cash administration agreements, asset management agreements and other agreements, all for the purpose of covered bonds programmes, established by Rabobank.

Statement by managing director of the CBC

There has been no significant change in the financial performance and financial position of the CBC since 31 December 2020, the last day of the financial period for which financial information of the CBC has been published, to the date of this Base Prospectus and there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the CBC since 31 December 2020, the last day of the financial period in respect for which audited financial statements of the CBC have been prepared.

There are no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings of which are pending or threatened of which the CBC is aware) which may have, or have had in the recent past, a significant effect on the CBC's financial position or profitability nor, so far as the CBC is aware, are any such proceedings pending or threatened against the CBC.

The CBC has not engaged since its incorporation, and will not engage whilst the Covered Bonds remain outstanding, in any material activities other than activities which are incidental or ancillary to the foregoing. The CBC has no subsidiaries.

The ability of the CBC to engage in any activities other than relating to the Programme and the transactions contemplated pursuant thereto is restricted in the Trust Deed and the other relevant Transaction Documents.

Shareholders

The entire issued share capital is owned by Stichting Holding Rabo Covered Bond Company, a foundation (*stichting*) established under the laws of the Netherlands. The Holding was established on 31 January 2017 and has its registered office at Prins Bernhardplein 200, 1097 JB Amsterdam, the Netherlands. The sole director of Holding is Intertrust Management B.V. having its registered office at Prins Bernhardplein 200, 1097 JB Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

The CBC has no employees.

Directors of the CBC

The CBC has entered into the Management Agreement (CBC) with the Managing Director on the Programme Date, pursuant to which the Managing Director has agreed to provide corporate services to the CBC, with due observance of the requirements of the Act on the Supervision of Trust Offices (Wet toezicht trustkantoren). The following table sets out the managing director (bestuurder) of the CBC and its business address and occupation.

Name	Business Address	Business Occupation
Intertrust Management B.V.	Prins Bernhardplein 200, 1097 JB Amsterdam, the Netherlands	Corporate Services Provider There is no potential conflict of interests between any duties to the CBC of the Managing Director and its private interests or other duties.

Capitalisation and Indebtedness
The audited capitalisation of the CBC as at the date of this Base Prospectus is as follows:

Share capital EUR 1.00

Indebtedness
The CBC has no indebtedness and/or guarantees as at the Programme Date, other than those which the CBC has incurred or shall incur in relation to the transactions contemplated pursuant to this Programme.

In the Trust Deed the CBC has covenanted that it will not save with the prior written consent of the Trustee, or as envisaged by the Transaction Documents:

- create or permit to subsist any security interest over the whole or any part of its assets or undertakings, present or future;
- dispose of, deal with or grant any option or present or future right to acquire any of its assets or undertakings or any interest therein or thereto;
- have an interest in a bank account other than as set out in the Transaction Documents;
- incur any indebtedness or give any guarantee or indemnity in respect of any such indebtedness;
- consolidate or merge with or transfer any of its property or assets to another person;
- issue any further shares (*aandelen*) in its capital;
- have any employees (for the avoidance of doubt, the Managing Director will not be regarded as employee), premises or subsidiaries;
- acquire assets other than pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement;
- engage in any activities or derive income from any activities within the United States or hold any property if doing so would cause it to be engaged or deemed to be engaged in a trade or business within the United States;
- enter into any contracts, agreements or other undertakings;
- compromise, compound or release any debt due to it; or
- commence, defend, settle or compromise any litigation or other claims relating to it or any of its assets; and
- incur any obligation or liability in respect of, or acquire any asset for the purpose of, or otherwise facilitate, any category of covered bonds issued by the Issuer or any other person, other than in relation to the Programme, the Covered Bonds from time to time issued thereunder and any other transactions contemplated pursuant to the Programme.

3. GUARANTEE SUPPORT

3.1 TRANSFERS

As consideration for the CBC assuming the Guarantee, and in order to enable the CBC to meet its obligations under the Guarantee, the Originators have agreed in the Guarantee Support Agreement to transfer Eligible Assets to the CBC. The transfers are effectuated as follows:

(a) in the case of Eligible Receivables, by way of undisclosed assignment (*stille cessie*). This takes place by way of registration of a signed Deed of Assignment and Pledge with the Dutch tax authorities pursuant to Article 3:94(3) of the Dutch Civil Code. Notification (*mededeling*) of the assignment to the Borrowers will only take place if a Notification Event occurs. Following receipt of notification by the Borrowers, in principle, only payment to the CBC will be capable of discharging a Borrower's obligations under the relevant Transferred Receivable; and/or

(b) in the case of Eligible Collateral, subject to paragraph (c) below, by way of book-entry transfer (*girale overboeking*) to a bank or securities account, as the case may be, designated for such purpose by the CBC and such further deed shall be executed as required and customary to effect the transfer of such Eligible Collateral; and/or

(c) in the case of Eligible Collateral comprising Substitution Assets which (a) do not constitute securities which are deposited with Euroclear or the transfer of which is subject to the Wge and (b) which are not credited to a securities account in the relevant Originator's name administered in the Netherlands or Belgium (other than cash):

    (i) if and to the extent possible and desirable in the opinion of the CBC and the Trustee and only upon Rating Agency Confirmation, in the manner as described above under (b); and

    (ii) if and to the extent not so possible or desirable, in such manner as may be required by the CBC and the Trustee, and provided that:

        (A) Rating Agency Confirmation has been obtained; and

        (B) the Trustee is satisfied that pursuant to such transfer the CBC will receive assets of equivalent credit and security status and ranking as the other Eligible Collateral (supported by a legal opinion of internationally recognised counsel in form and substance satisfactory to the Trustee).

If, in the opinion of the Issuer, amendments are necessary to the Transaction Documents or if additional transaction documents are required in relation to such transfer of Eligible Collateral comprising Substitution Assets referred to under paragraph (c) above and Rating Agency Confirmation is obtained, the Trustee may consent to such amendments or additional transaction documents without consultation of the Covered Bondholders.

Each Originator (a) may at any time offer to transfer Eligible Assets to the CBC, and (b) jointly and severally with all other Originators, undertakes upon request of the CBC to offer to transfer or procure the transfer of Eligible Assets to the CBC. The CBC will only make such a request if it (or the Administrator on its behalf) determines that the Asset Cover Test and/or the Liquidity Test has not been met under the Asset Monitor Agreement.

The CBC shall accept each such offer if the relevant conditions precedent set out in the Guarantee Support Agreement have been met, including in the case of transfer of Eligible Receivables that the Receivables Warranties are true and correct in all material respects and not misleading in any material respect as at the relevant Transfer Date.

In the Guarantee Support Agreement the CBC has agreed with the Issuer that if the Issuer and the CBC (or the Administrator on its behalf) at any time conclude (acting reasonably) that the value of (i) any Transferred Collateral (including any Authorised Investments from time to time held by the CBC) is necessary to be included in any calculation for the purpose of compliance with Article 40f and/or 40g of the Decree, the CBC (or the Administrator on its behalf) and the Issuer shall procure that any such Transferred Collateral (including any

Authorised Investments from time to time held by the CBC) necessary for such purpose shall satisfy the requirements for eligible assets that may collateralise covered bonds in accordance with Article 40f, paragraph 3 or, if agreed by the Issuer, the eligibility criteria for liquid assets in accordance with Article 40g of the Decree.

If the Issuer issues a Green Covered Bond under the Programme, pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement it shall procure that, as at the Issue Date of the relevant Series of Green Covered Bonds and for so long as such Green Covered Bonds are outstanding under the Programme, the Portfolio transferred to the CBC comprises Green Eligible Receivables, whose aggregate Gross Outstanding Principal Balance is at least equal to the Minimum Green Buildings Collateral Support Amount. However, any failure by the Issuer to procure the same would not be an Issuer Event of Default under the Green Covered Bonds or any Notification Event or Notice to Pay under the relevant Transaction Documents.

In addition, in the Guarantee Support Agreement each Originator covenants that if (i) it makes any Further Advance under any Loan Agreement relating to a Transferred Receivable, (ii) such Further Advance is secured by the same Related Security and (iii) such Further Advance results in an Eligible Receivable, then it will transfer such further Eligible Receivable to the CBC as soon as reasonably practicable and, if possible, prior to the following Calculation Date.

In the Guarantee Support Agreement, the following intercreditor arrangement is agreed between each of the Originators, the CBC and the Trustee:

(a) in case of a Residual Claim, the relevant Originator, the CBC and the Trustee agreed that the CBC and/or the Trustee, as the case may be, shall have, and each Originator granted the CBC and/or the Trustee, as the case may be, exclusive authority to perform all acts of management (*beheer*) and/or of disposal (*beschikking*) pertaining to such Related Security and in any event, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, to:

    (i) foreclose (*uitwinnen*) on such Related Security without any involvement of the relevant Originator; and

    (ii) apply the foreclosure proceeds in payment of the Transferred Receivable such that only the remaining proceeds (if any) will be available for application in payment of the Residual Claim,

    provided that (i) for as long as no Notification Event has occurred and no Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice has been served, the CBC and the Trustee agreed to delegate such authority to the relevant Originator and (ii) such authority shall not be vested in the CBC and/or the Trustee, as the case may be, but in the relevant Originator if the relevant Originator can prove that such Related Security was specifically created to secure the Residual Claim and was not intended to secure the Transferred Receivable;

(b) if paragraph (a) above is not effective to procure compliance therewith by the relevant Originator (or its liquidator in any Insolvency Proceedings), such Originator owes the CBC an amount equal to its share in the foreclosure proceeds of each relevant Related Security, which amount shall be immediately due and payable in case the relevant Borrower defaults (*in verzuim is*) in respect of the relevant Transferred Receivable or the Residual Claim(s) such Borrower owes to the relevant Originator, provided that the CBC's recourse to any Originator in relation to any Related Security is limited to such Originator's share in the foreclosure proceeds of such Related Security;

(c) upon the occurrence of a relevant RC Trigger Event, unless either (x) an appropriate remedy to the satisfaction of the Trustee is found after having received Rating Agency Confirmation or (y) the Issuer has delivered a RC Deduction Notice to the CBC and the Trustee, then each of the Originators agreed to forthwith grant to the CBC a right of pledge on its Residual Claims each time such Residual Claims come into existence as security for the payment of the relevant amount it owes to the CBC pursuant to paragraph (b) above. If, after the pledge of the Residual Claims, a relevant RC Release Trigger Event occurs, the CBC and the Trustee will be obliged to release the rights of pledge vested on the Residual Claims. In addition, each of the CBC and the Trustee undertakes to release such right of pledge on any Residual Claims of a Borrower if (i) the principal amount outstanding in respect of the relevant Transferred Receivable secured by the same Related Security has been repaid in full together with all accrued interest and other secured amounts due under or in connection with the related Loan or (ii) all

Transferred Receivables that are secured by the same Related Security as such Residual Claims have been retransferred to the relevant Originator in accordance with the terms of the Guarantee Support Agreement;

(d) if the pledge pursuant to paragraph (c) above is implemented, any foreclosure proceeds are applied in discharge of amounts due pursuant to paragraph (ii) above and the Related Security is no longer in place or no longer expected to generate any proceeds, the CBC will retransfer to the relevant Originator that part of (the unsatisfied part of) the relevant Transferred Receivable for a principal amount corresponding to the principal amount of the pledged Residual Claims that was discharged;

(e) if the CBC transfers a Transferred Receivable in accordance with the Guarantee Support Agreement and the Asset Monitor Agreement to any transferee other than the relevant Originator or insurer, it is entitled to transfer its corresponding rights and obligations pursuant to Clause 9 (*Intercreditor Arrangements*) of the Guarantee Support Agreement to such transferee and each Originator in advance irrevocably granted its co-operation to any such transfer (within the meaning of Article 6:159 of the Dutch Civil Code); and

(f) if an Originator transfers a Residual Claim to any transferee, it is entitled, and obliged, to transfer its corresponding rights and obligations pursuant to Clause 9 (*Intercreditor Arrangements*) of the Guarantee Support Agreement to such transferee and the CBC in advance irrevocably agreed to co-operate with any such transfer (within the meaning of Article 6:159 of the Dutch Civil Code). Each Originator represents and warrants that (A) it has not (nor has any originator (i) which has Merged into the relevant Originator or (ii) whose Relevant Assets and Liabilities have been acquired by the relevant Originator pursuant to a Demerger) transferred any Residual Claim to any party (other than in the case of a Merged Originator or Demerged Originator (as the case may be), the relevant Originator) prior to the relevant Transfer Date and (B) if it was not originated by the relevant Originator, has been acquired by the relevant Originator by means of a contract transfer and the relevant Borrowers have cooperated with such contract transfer, and such transferor of such contract was the originator of the relevant Receivable and such transferor has no Residual Claims nor may it acquire any Residual Claim, unless such transferor has entered into an intercreditor agreement with the CBC.

Neither the CBC, the Trustee nor the Issuer has made or has caused to be made on its behalf any enquiries, searches or investigations in respect of the Transferred Assets. Instead, each is relying entirely on the Representations and Warranties by the relevant Originator contained in the Guarantee Support Agreement. The parties to the Guarantee Support Agreement may, subject to the prior written consent of the Trustee and Rating Agency Confirmation, amend the Representations and Warranties. The Receivables Warranties are as follows and are given on the relevant Transfer Date by the relevant Originator in respect of the Receivables to be transferred by it to the CBC:

(a) each Receivable is an Eligible Receivable;

(b) the particulars of the Eligible Receivables set out in Annex 1 to the relevant deed of assignment are true, complete and accurate in all material respects and the Gross Outstanding Principal Balance in respect of each Receivable as at the relevant Transfer Date and the aggregate Gross Outstanding Principal Balance of the Receivables is correctly stated in Annex 1 to the relevant deed of assignment;

(c) no Originator has created, agreed to create or permitted to subsist any limited right (*beperkt recht*) on, or right of set-off pertaining to, any of its Collection Accounts or rights or receivables pertaining thereto, other than as validly waived (*afstand van gedaan*) on or prior to the date on which it first transfers any Eligible Receivables under or pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement; and

(d) prior to (but not earlier than a Reasonable Prudent Lender would deem acceptable) making the Initial Advance under each Loan Agreement, the relevant Originator complied with its obligations under the Dutch Prevention of Money Laundering and the Financing of Terrorism Act (*Wet ter voorkoming van witwassen en financieren van terrorisme)* or any predecessing legislation together with any other ancillary regulatory requirements, including but not limited to any requirements of the AFM, in connection with the origination of each Receivable.

The Programme Agreement provides a mechanism for (i) at the option of the Issuer members of the Group wishing to transfer Eligible Assets to the CBC, to accede to the relevant Transaction Documents as a New

Originator subject always to Rating Agency Confirmation and (ii) Originators that have not originated any of the CBC's Transferred Assets at such time, to withdraw from the relevant Transaction Documents as an Originator, provided that no Notification Event has occurred and no Issuer Acceleration Notice, Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice has been served.

In the Trust Deed, the Trustee agrees to, upon receipt of each Monthly Investor Report, verify whether such Monthly Investor Report states that a Notification Event and/or Pledge Notification Events has occurred.

For the purpose hereof:

"**Notification Event**" means the earliest to occur of the following:

(a) a default is made by an Originator in the payment on the due date of any amount due and payable by it under any Transaction Document to which it is a party and such failure is not remedied within ten (10) Business Days after notice thereof has been given by the Issuer or the Trustee to the relevant Originator;

(b) an Originator fails in any material respect to duly perform or comply with any of its obligations under any Transaction Document to which it is a party or any other party (except the Issuer or the Trustee) does not comply with any of the obligations under any Transaction Document to which it is a party and if such failure is capable of being remedied, such failure, is not remedied within ten (10) Business Days after notice thereof has been given by the Issuer or the Trustee to the relevant Originator or such other party;

(c) an Originator takes any corporate action, or other steps are taken or legal proceedings are started or threatened against it, for (i) its dissolution (*ontbinding*), (ii) its liquidation (*vereffening*), (iii) its bankruptcy, (iv) any analogous insolvency proceedings under any applicable law or (v) the appointment of a liquidator (*curator*) or a similar officer of it or of any or all of its assets;

(d) an Originator's assets are placed under administration (*onder bewind gesteld*);

(e) a Notice to Pay or Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice is served on the Issuer and the CBC;

(f) a CBC Event of Default occurs;

(g) any rating of the Issuer's ratings falls below the minimum ratings as determined to be applicable or agreed by each relevant Rating Agency from time to time in order to maintain the rating of the highest rated Series of Covered Bonds, being as at the 2021 Programme Date, 'Baa3(cr)' by Moody's or any such rating is withdrawn; or

(h) any Originator (other than Rabobank) ceases to be a wholly-owned and wholly-controlled subsidiary (*dochtermaatschappij*) of the Issuer (other than pursuant to a Merger whereby such Originator is the Merged Originator) before it withdraws as an Originator from the Transaction Documents in accordance with the Programme Agreement.

"**Pledge Notification Event**" means the earliest to occur of the following and provided that also a Notification Event has occurred:

(a) a CBC Event of Default occurs;

(b) any amount due to the Trustee under or in connection with any of the Secured Obligations is not paid when due and such failure is not remedied within ten (10) Business Days after notice thereof has been given by the Trustee to the CBC; or

(c) at any time it becomes unlawful for the CBC to perform any or all of its obligations under any Transaction Document to which it is a party.

3.2 RETRANSFERS

Pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement:

(a) prior to the service of a Notice to Pay or Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice and provided that the Asset Cover Test shall not be breached upon such retransfer, the CBC will retransfer a Receivable or Defaulted Receivable to the relevant Originator if a material breach of the Receivables Warranties occurs as of the relevant Transfer Date in respect of such Receivable or if the Servicer identifies a Defaulted Receivable and sends a Defaulted Receivables Notice to the relevant Originator, subject to applicable grace periods;

(b) prior to the occurrence of a Notification Event and service of a Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice, the Issuer may from time to time request a retransfer of any Transferred Asset from the CBC to the relevant Originator. The CBC shall comply with such a request so long as it has been notified by the Administrator or other relevant person that the Asset Cover Test shall not be breached upon such retransfer, taking into account any transfer of Eligible Receivables effected by way of a Deed of Assignment and Pledge executed on or prior to the date of the relevant retransfer, and no Notification Event has occurred and no Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice has been served; and

(c) if the CBC intends to sell Selected Receivables on terms permitted or required by the Asset Monitor Agreement, it shall first offer such Selected Receivables for sale on the same terms to the Issuer or, if the Issuer is Insolvent, to any Originator which is not insolvent, in the manner set out in the Guarantee Support Agreement.

A retransfer by the CBC as abovementioned will be effectuated in substantially the same manner as the transfers to the CBC described above, *mutatis mutandis*. If the retransfer concerns Selected Receivables which are sold to an Originator further to the relevant Originator's right of pre-emption (*voorkeursrecht*), the underlying sale and purchase will be concluded through execution of a Selected Receivables Offer Notice.

3.3 ELIGIBLE ASSETS

The following assets are eligible to be transferred to the CBC by the Originators pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement:

- Eligible Receivables; and
- Eligible Collateral.

The mortgage rights securing the Eligible Receivables are vested on a Property. A long lease (*erfpacht*) is one of the Properties which could be subject to a Mortgage. For over a century different municipalities, other public bodies and private bodies in the Netherlands have used long lease (*erfpacht*) as a system to issue land without giving away the ownership to it. There are three types of long lease: temporary (*tijdelijk*), ongoing (*voortdurend*) and perpetual (*eeuwigdurend*). A long lease is a right *in rem* (*zakelijk recht*) which entitles the leaseholder (*erfpachter*) to hold and use a real property (*onroerende zaak*) owned by another party, usually but not exclusively, a municipality. The long lease can be transferred by the leaseholder without permission from the landowner being required, unless the lease conditions provide otherwise and it passes to the heirs of the leaseholder in case of his death. Usually a remuneration (*canon*) will be due by the leaseholder to the landowner for the long lease. In certain limited cases, a right of superficies (*opstal*) constitutes the Property. Similar conditions as set out above apply to such Properties.

Eligible Receivables may also be Green Eligible Receivables if such Eligible Receivable is secured by a Mortgage over a Property qualifying as Green Building.

The loan products or loan parts to which the Eligible Receivables of the Initial Originators relate can be categorised as follows (regardless of the different names used by the different Initial Originators to refer to their respective loan products falling under the same category):

1. An interest-only loan (an "**Interest-Only Loan**") is a loan under which a Borrower does not pay any principal amounts towards the repayment of the relevant Loan. Interest-Only Loans generally do not have a fixed maturity but need to be repaid *inter alia*, (i) upon a sale of the relevant Property or (ii) if the relevant Borrower deceases. The General Mortgage Conditions may provide that (a certain part of) the Interest-Only Loan will have to be repaid in certain other circumstances. The Borrower pays monthly interest on such Loan which is calculated by reference to the outstanding balance of such Loan. An Interest-Only Loan is not connected to a Mixed Insurance Policy and does not have an investment part.

2. An annuity loan (an "**Annuity Loan**") is characterised by equal periodical payments by the Borrower. These payments contain both an interest and a principal component. As with each principal payment part of the Loan is redeemed, the interest component declines after each successive payment. The principal component rises in such a way that the remaining balance of the Loan at maturity will be zero. An Annuity Loan is not connected to a Mixed Insurance Policy and does not have an investment part.

3. A linear loan (a "**Linear Loan**") is a loan on which the periodical payment consists of a constant principal component plus an interest component based on the remaining Loan balance. The balance of the Loan is thus being repaid in a straight-line fashion i.e. linear, and will be zero at maturity, while the interest payment declines after each successive payment. A Linear Loan is not connected to a Mixed Insurance Policy and does not have an investment part.

4. A life loan or life insurance loan (a "**Life Loan**") is, like an Interest-Only Loan, a loan on which a Borrower does not pay any principal amounts towards the repayment of the relevant Loan. To secure the Life Loan, the Borrower pledges to the relevant Originator a Mixed Insurance Policy to the relevant Originator, which is a combined risk and capital insurance policy.

Under the Mixed Insurance Policy the Borrower pays premium consisting of (apart from a cost element) a risk and a capital element. There are different types of life insurance policies, depending on the way in which the capital element is invested by the insurer (for example in certain designated investment funds) and the way in which the risk element of the premium is calculated. The insurance proceeds of the life insurance policy are due by the insurer at the earlier of the maturity of the life insurance policy (which is generally thirty years) and the death of the Borrower, and are applied towards repayment of the Life

Loan. If and to the extent that such Life Loan is not (or not fully) repaid upon maturity of such life insurance policy, such (remaining part of the) Life Loan will switch to an Interest-Only Loan (unless it is agreed with the Borrower to switch to another type of Loan). A Life Loan is connected to a Mixed Insurance Policy and does have an investment part.

5. A savings loan or any other loan with substantially the same or comparable characteristics (a "**Savings Loan**") is an Interest-Only Loan combined with a savings insurance policy. A savings insurance policy is a combined risk and capital insurance policy taken out by a Borrower with an insurer in respect of a Savings Loan. Under a Savings Loan no principal is paid by the Borrower. Instead, the Borrower (being the insured party) pays a monthly premium to the relevant insurer, which consists of (apart from a cost element) a savings and a risk element. To secure the Savings Loan, the Borrower pledges a savings insurance policy to the relevant Originator.

It is intended that the Savings Loan in the form of SpaarOptimaal Hypotheek will be repaid in full or in part with the proceeds of the savings insurance policy payable by the relevant insurer to the Borrower upon the maturity of the Savings Loan or the death of the Borrower. In relation to the SpaarZeker Hypotheek, if and to the extent the Savings Loan is not (or not fully) repaid upon maturity of the savings insurance policy or the death of the Borrower, the (remaining part of the) Savings Loan will switch to an Interest-Only Loan (unless it is agreed with the Borrower to switch to another type of Loan). A Savings Loan is connected to a Mixed Insurance Policy, but does not have an investment part.

6. A bank savings loan (a "**Bank Savings Loan**") is an Interest-Only Loans combined with a Bank Savings Account into which payments (upfront and/or on a regular basis) by the Borrower is made. To secure the Bank Savings Loan, the Borrower pledges the rights in respect of a savings account (a "**Bank Savings Account**") to the relevant Originator, which is held in the name of the Borrower with an Initial Originator (the "**Bank Savings Deposit Bank**") and which is connected to the Bank Savings Loan. The Bank Savings Account is a blocked account and the amounts standing to the credit thereto shall in principle only be released (*gedeblokkeerd*) at maturity of the Bank Savings Loan, the death of the Borrower or, subject to the applicable general conditions, in certain other limited circumstances and shall, subject to the applicable general conditions and applicable (tax) law, in principle only be applied to repay the related Bank Savings Loan. Subject to certain conditions, the Borrower may make extra payments into the Bank Savings Account and may only withdraw monies standing to the credit of the Bank Savings Account in certain circumstances. The Bank Savings Account bears the same interest rate as the Bank Savings Loan.

It is intended that the Bank Savings Loan will be repaid in full or in part (as applicable) with the proceeds of the Bank Savings Account. The interest to be paid on the Bank Savings Account may, but is not required to be, linked to the interest to be paid on the Bank Savings Loan. If and to the extent such Bank Savings Loan is not (or not fully) repaid with the amounts standing to the credit of the Bank Savings Account, such (remaining part of the) Bank Savings Loan will switch to an Interest-Only Loan (unless it is agreed with the Borrower to switch to another type of Loan). A Bank Savings Loan has a savings part but not an investment part and is not connected to a Mixed Insurance Policy.

The Loans bear interest on the basis of any of the following alternatives:

- fixed rate, whereby the interest rates can be fixed for a specific period;
- floating rate, whereby the base rate will be calculated on the basis of the average savings premium paid by the Originator to its retail clients plus costs and may be increased with a margin; and
- any other type of interest alternatives offered by an Originator from time to time, including (a) "*Rentebedenktijd*" under which the interest rate is fixed for a specific period and whereby during the last two years of the fixed rate period the Borrower can renew the interest type; and (b) "*Rentestabiel*" under which the interest payable by Borrowers will only be adjusted if the market rate for the stable interest rate changes outside the bandwidth of 2 per cent. around the original agreed stable interest rate. The adjustment will be for a percentage equal to the difference between the 2 per cent. bandwidth and the market rate.

Eligibility Criteria

For a Receivable to be an Eligible Receivable it must meet the following eligibility criteria:

A. General

1. It is existing, is denominated in euro and is owed by Borrowers established or resident in the Netherlands who are not employed by the relevant Originator or, if the Borrower is employed by an Originator, the terms and conditions of such Receivable are on arm's length terms.

2. It is governed by Dutch law and the terms and conditions of such Receivable do not provide for the jurisdiction of any court or arbitration tribunal outside the Netherlands.

3. It is secured by Property located in the Netherlands which is not the subject of any residential letting and which is occupied by the relevant Borrower since origination (or shortly thereafter) (except that in exceptional circumstances the Originator may in accordance with its internal guidelines allow a Borrower to let the Property under specific conditions and for a limited period of time) and used mainly for residential purposes.

4. Its nominal amount is a debt, which has not been paid or discharged by set-off or otherwise, and includes all loan parts (*leningdelen*) granted to the relevant Borrower under the relevant Loan Agreement.

5. The Loan from which it results was in all material respects granted in accordance with all applicable laws, legal requirements and the Code of Conduct prevailing at the time of origination and met in all material respects the relevant Originator's Lending Criteria which, where applicable, are generally based on the NHG requirements as applicable at that time and all required consents, approvals and authorisations have been obtained in respect of such Loan.

6. The relevant Originator has in all material respects performed all its obligations which have fallen due under or in connection with the relevant Loan Agreements connected to it and so far as the relevant Originator is aware, no Borrower has threatened or commenced any legal action which has not been resolved against the relevant Originator for any failure on the part of the relevant Originator to perform any such obligation.

7. It can be easily segregated and identified for ownership and Related Security purposes on any day.

8. It is not a Receivable in respect of which the CBC has notified the relevant Originator that the CBC has determined that such Receivable or class of Receivables is not reasonably acceptable to the CBC under the Programme and it is not due from a Borrower in respect of which the CBC has notified the relevant Originator that Receivables from such Borrower are not Eligible Receivables.

9. The loan files relating to it contain the relevant Borrower Files (as defined in the Incorporated Terms Memorandum) and, if they are in electronic format, contain at least the same information and details as the loan files relating to it which are kept in paper format which include authentic copies of the notarial mortgage deeds.

10. The maximum outstanding principal amount of the Loan from which it results, or the aggregate maximum outstanding amount of all Receivables secured by the same Related Security together, does not exceed €1,500,000.

11. The outstanding principal amount of the Loan from which it results does not exceed:

(i) if it does not have the benefit of an NHG Guarantee (*Nationale Hypotheek Garantie*):

(a) 125 per cent. of the foreclosure value of the related Property at the time of origination; or

(b) 106 per cent. (such percentage as of 1 January 2013 to be reduced by 1 per cent. per calendar year until 100 per cent. in 2018) of the market value of the related Property in case of a Loan or a Further Advance applied for after 1 August 2011; or

(c) 110 per cent. of the market value of the related Property in case of Loans applied for after 1 August 2011 by Borrowers who refinance their Loan that was originated before this date, without increasing their principal sum outstanding; or

(ii) if it does have the benefit of an NHG Guarantee, the maximum amount as may be set under the NHG requirements at the time of origination.

B. Borrowers

1. It constitutes a legal, valid and enforceable obligation of the related Borrower and is enforceable against such Borrower in accordance with the terms of the relevant Loan Agreement without any right of rescission, set-off, withholding, suspension, counterclaim or other defence other than those provided for under mandatory rules of applicable law and subject to any limitations arising from bankruptcy, insolvency or any other laws of general application relating to or affecting the rights of creditors generally.

2. So far as the relevant Originator is aware:

(i) the related Borrower has not asserted and no circumstances exist as a result of which such Borrower would be entitled to assert any counterclaim, right of rescission or set-off, or any defence to payment of any amount due or to become due or to performance of any other obligation due under the related Loan Agreement;

(ii) the related Borrower is not in material breach, default or violation of any obligation under such Loan Agreement;

(iii) the related Borrower is not subject to bankruptcy or any other insolvency procedure within the meaning of any applicable insolvency law;

(iv) no proceedings have been taken in respect of it by the relevant Originator against the related Borrower; and

(v) no litigation, dispute or complaint is subsisting, threatened or pending which affects or might affect it or the related Borrower which may have an adverse effect on the ability of such Borrower to perform its related obligations.

C. Payments

1. Payments of interest are scheduled to be made monthly.

2. It is not in arrears in relation to any payments and at least one payment in respect of such Receivable has been made.

D. Unencumbered Transfer

1. The relevant Originator has full right and title to it and has power to transfer or encumber (*is beschikkingsbevoegd*) it and such Originator has not agreed to transfer or encumber it, whether or not in advance, in whole or in part, in any way whatsoever.

2. It is owed to the relevant Originator and is free and clear of any Adverse Claims.

3. It can be transferred by way of assignment (*cessie*) and is not subject to any contractual or legal restriction of transfer by way of assignment.

4. Its transfer will not violate any law or any agreement by which the relevant Originator may be bound and upon such transfer it will not be available to the creditors of the relevant Originator on such Originator's liquidation.

E. Security

1. It is secured by mortgage rights and rights of pledge governed by Dutch law which:

(i) constitute valid mortgage rights (*hypotheekrechten*) and rights of pledge (*pandrechten*) respectively on the assets which are purported to be the subject of such mortgage rights and rights of pledge and, to the extent relating to mortgage rights, have been entered into the Land Registry;

(ii) have first priority (*eerste in rang*) or first and sequentially lower priority;

(iii) were vested for a principal amount outstanding which is at least equal to the principal amount of the related Loan when originated increased with interest, penalties, costs and/or insurance premiums together up to an amount equal to 135 per cent. of the principal amount of the related Loan when originated; and

(iv) were created pursuant to a mortgage or pledge deed which does not contain any specific wording regarding the transfer of such right of mortgage or pledge securing it, unless an express confirmation to the effect that upon a transfer of the relevant Receivable, the Receivable will following the transfer continue to be secured by the right of mortgage or pledge.

2. The consent, licence, approval or authorisation of any person (other than the related Borrower) which was necessary to permit the creation of its Related Security were obtained including the consent of the spouse of such Borrower pursuant to Article 1:88 of the Dutch Civil Code.

3. It (A) was originated by the relevant Originator, which includes origination by an originator (i) which has Merged into the relevant Originator or (ii) whose Relevant Assets and Liabilities have been acquired by the relevant Originator pursuant to a Demerger or (B) if it was not originated by the relevant Originator, has been acquired by the relevant Originator by means of a contract transfer and the relevant Borrowers have cooperated with such contract transfer, and the transferor of such contract was the originator of the relevant Receivable and such transferor has no Residual Claims nor may it acquire any Residual Claim, unless such transferor has entered into an intercreditor agreement with the CBC, and in each case the relevant Originator (or any relevant Merged Originator or Demerged Originator) has not transferred any receivable (including but not limited to any Residual Claim) secured by the Related Security to any party other than (x) the CBC or (y) in the case of a Merged Originator or Demerged Originator, the relevant Originator.

F. Valuation

1. The related Borrower was obliged to obtain a building insurance (*opstalverzekering*) for the Property at the time the related Loan was advanced.

2. Each Property concerned was valued in accordance with the Valuation Procedures.

G. Long Lease

1. If it is secured by a right of mortgage on a long lease (*erfpacht*) or right of superficies (*opstal*), the underwriting guidelines provide that with respect to each Loan secured by a Mortgage on a long lease (*erfpacht*) or right of superficies (*opstal*) (i) the related Loan should have a maturity that is equal to or shorter than the term of the loan lease or right of superficies (unless the relevant conditions contain a right for the relevant Borrower to extend the term under the same conditions) and (ii) the principal amount outstanding of the related Loan, including interest, will become immediately due and payable if the long lease or right of superficies terminates for whatever reason.

H. No Bridge Loans

1. It does not arise from bridging mortgage loans *(overbruggingshypotheken*).

I. Specific Products

1. It is related to an Interest-Only Loan, an Annuity Loan, a Linear Loan, a Life Loan, a Savings Loan, a Bank Savings Loan or any combination of the foregoing.

2. If it has an NHG Guarantee connected to it, (i) the NHG Guarantee (A) is granted for its full amount outstanding of the relevant loan part of the Loan at origination, provided that in respect of Loans offered as of 1 January 2014 in determining the loss incurred after foreclosure of the relevant Property, an amount of ten (10) per cent. will be deducted from such loss in accordance with the NHG Conditions and (B) constitutes legal, valid and binding obligations of WEW, enforceable in accordance with such NHG Guarantee's terms, (ii) all terms and conditions (*voorwaarden en normen*) applicable to the "Nationale Hypotheek Garantie" at the time of origination of the related Loans were complied with and (iii) the relevant Originator is not aware of any reason why any claim under any NHG Guarantee in respect of it should not be met in full and in a timely manner.

3. If it relates to a Life Loan or a Savings Loan, then it has the benefit of the applicable Mixed Insurance Policy and (i) the relevant Originator has either been validly appointed as beneficiary (*begunstigde*) under such Mixed Insurance Policy upon the terms of the relevant Loan Agreement and Mixed Insurance Policy or, if another person has been appointed as beneficiary, under an irrevocable payment instruction from such person to the relevant insurer, (ii) all receivables under such Mixed Insurance Policy have been validly pledged by the relevant Borrower to the relevant Originator for at least that part by which it exceeds 50 per cent. of the foreclosure value of the relevant Property, which pledge has been notified to the relevant insurer and (iii) none of the underlying policy, beneficiary clause, payment instruction or deed of pledge, as applicable, contains any provision (which is not waived) restricting or prohibiting (a) said pledge to the relevant Originator, (b) a transfer of the Beneficiary Rights by the relevant Originator to the CBC, (c) an appointment by the relevant Originator of the CBC as new beneficiary under such Mixed Insurance Policy or (d) a waiver of the Beneficiary Rights by the relevant Originator.

4. The general conditions applicable to it provide that its principal sum, increased with interest, reimbursements, costs and amounts paid by the relevant Originator on behalf of the related Borrower and any other amounts due by such Borrowers to such Originator will become due and payable, amongst other things, if (a) a Mixed Insurance Policy attached to it is invalid and/or the relevant insured party fails to pay premium under the Mixed Insurance Policy and (b) if applicable, the associated right of the lender under the Loan Agreement to accelerate the Loan on that basis is exercised.

5. If it is related to an Interest-Only Loan, an Annuity Loan or a Linear Loan, it does not relate to a Mixed Insurance Policy and the applicable Mortgage Conditions do not relate to or require any savings and/or investment product.

6. If it is related to an Interest-Only Loan, it does not exceed:

(a) in respect of Loans originated prior to 1 August 2011, 100 per cent. of the Original Foreclosure Value; or

(b) in respect of Loans originated after 1 August 2011, 50 per cent. of the Original Market Value, unless such Borrower refinances a Loan originated prior to 1 August 2011 without increasing their principal sum outstanding in which case paragraph (a) applies.

7. If it is related to a Loan which falls under category 2 of the Deduction Risk description (see the risk factor '*Risk of set-off or defences by Borrowers in the event of an insolvency of insurers or the Bank Savings Deposit Bank*') (i) the relevant Mixed Insurance Policy and the relevant Loan are in the relevant insurer's and Originator's promotional materials not offered as one product or under one name and (ii) the relevant Borrowers are not obliged to enter into a Mixed Insurance Policy with an insurer which is a group company of the relevant Originator and are free to choose the relevant insurer (subject to prior approval of the relevant Originator).

8. If it is related to a Bank Savings Loan, it does not relate to a Mixed Insurance Policy or investment product and (A) the relevant Bank Savings Account maintained in the name of the relevant Borrower has been validly pledged to the relevant Originator, (B) at maturity of the Bank Savings Loan the amounts standing to the credit of the related Bank Savings Account must be applied to repay such Bank Savings

Loan and (C) the general conditions applicable to it provide that the entire Loan will become due and payable, amongst other things, if (a) such Borrower is in default with its monthly payments into the related Bank Savings Account; and (b), if applicable, the associated right of the lender under the Loan Agreement to accelerate the Loan on that basis is exercised.

3.4 OVERVIEW OF THE DUTCH RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE MARKET

This section 3.4 (*Overview of the Dutch Residential Mortgage Market*) is derived from the overview which is available at the website of the DSA (https://www.dutchsecuritisation.nl/dutch-mortgage-and-consumer-loan-markets) regarding the Dutch residential mortgage market and was lastly updated March 2021. For the avoidance of doubt, this website does not form part of this Prospectus. The Issuer confirms that this information has been accurately reproduced and as far as the Issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from the information published by the Dutch Securitisation Association, no facts have been omitted which would render the information in this section 3.4 (*Overview of the Dutch Residential Mortgage Market*) inaccurate or misleading.

Dutch residential mortgage market

The Dutch residential mortgage debt stock is relatively sizeable, especially when compared to other European countries. Since the 1990s, the mortgage debt stock of Dutch households has grown considerably, mainly on the back of mortgage lending on the basis of two incomes in a household, the introduction of tax-efficient product structures such as mortgage loans with deferred principal repayment vehicles and interest-only mortgage loans, financial deregulation and increased competition among originators. Moreover, Loan-to-Value (LTV) ratios have been relatively high, as the Dutch tax system implicitly discouraged amortisation, due to the tax deductibility of mortgage interest payments. After a brief decline between 2012 and 2015, mortgage debt reached a new peak of EUR 748 billion in Q4 2020[1]. This represents a rise of EUR 13.4billion compared to Q4 2019.

Tax system

The Dutch tax system plays an important role in the Dutch mortgage market, as it allows for almost full deductibility of mortgage interest payments from taxable income. This tax system has been around for a very long time, but financial innovation has resulted in a greater leverage of this tax benefit. From the 1990s onwards until 2001, this tax deductibility was unconditional. In 2001 and 2004, several conditions have been introduced to limit the usage of tax deductibility, including a restriction of tax deductibility to (mortgage interest payments for) the borrower's primary residence and a limited duration of the deductibility of 30 years.

A further reform of the tax system was enforced on 1 January 2013. Since this date, all new mortgage loans have to be repaid in full in 30 years, at least on an annuity basis, in order to be eligible for tax relief (linear mortgage loans are also eligible). The tax benefits on mortgage loans, of which the underlying property was bought before 1 January 2013, have remained unchanged and are grandfathered, even in case of refinancing and relocation. As such, new mortgage originations still include older loan products, including interest-only. However, any additional loan on top of the borrower's grandfathered product structure, has to meet the mandatory full redemption standards to allow for tax deductibility.

Another reform imposed in 2013 to reduce the tax deductibility is to lower the maximum deduction percentage. This used to be equal to the highest marginal tax bracket (52%), but since 2014 the maximum deduction has been gradually reduced (during the 2014 – 2019 period), by 0.5 %-point per annum. As from 1 January 2020, the maximum deduction percentage is decreased by 3.0%-point per annum until it will ultimately be equal to 37.05% in 2023. For 2021, the highest tax rate against which the mortgage interest may be deducted is 43%.

There are several housing-related taxes which are linked to the fiscal appraisal value ("WOZ") of the house, both imposed on national and local level. Moreover, a transfer tax of 2% is due when a house changes hands. From 2021, house buyers younger than 35 years will no longer pay any transfer tax (from 1 April, this exemption will only apply to houses sold for 400,000 euros or less). The exemption can only be applied once and the policy is initially in place for a period of 5 years. A transfer tax of 8% is due upon transfer of houses which are not owner-occupied.

Loan products

The Dutch residential mortgage market is characterised by a wide range of mortgage loan products. In general, three types of mortgage loans can be distinguished.

Firstly, the "classical" Dutch mortgage product is an annuity loan. Annuity mortgage loans used to be the norm until the beginning of the 1990s, but they have returned as the most popular mortgage product in recent years.

1 Statistics Netherlands, household data.

Reason for this return of annuity mortgage loans is the tax system. Since 2013, tax deductibility of interest payments on new loans is conditional on full amortisation of the loan within 30 years, for which only (full) annuity and linear mortgage loans qualify.

Secondly, there is a relatively big presence of interest-only mortgage loans in the Dutch market. Full interest-only mortgage loans were popular in the late nineties and in the early years of this century. Mortgage loans including an interest-only loan part were the norm until 2013, and even today, grandfathering of older tax benefits still results in a considerable amount of interest-only loan origination.

Thirdly, there is still a big stock of mortgage products including deferred principal repayment vehicles. In such products, capital is accumulated over time (in a tax-friendly manner) in a linked account in order to take care of a bullet principal repayment at maturity of the loan. The principal repayment vehicle is either an insurance product or a bank savings account. The latter structure has been allowed from 2008 and was very popular until 2013. Mortgage loan products with insurance-linked principal repayment vehicles used to be the norm prior to 2008 and there is a wide range of products present in this segment of the market. Most structures combine a life-insurance product with capital accumulation and can be relatively complex. In general, however, the capital accumulation either occurs through a savings-like product (with guaranteed returns), or an investment-based product (with non-guaranteed returns).

A typical Dutch mortgage loan consists of multiple loan parts, e.g. a bank savings loan part that is combined with an interest-only loan part. Newer mortgage loans, in particular those for first-time buyers after 2013, are full annuity and often consists of only one loan part. Nonetheless, tax grandfathering of older mortgage loan product structures still results in the origination of mortgage loans including multiple loan parts.

Most interest rates on Dutch mortgage loans are not fixed for the full duration of the loan, but they are typically fixed for a period between 5 and 15 years. Rate term fixings differ by vintage, however. More recently, there has been a bias to longer term fixings (10-20 years). Most borrowers remain subject to interest rate risk, but compared to countries in which floating rates are the norm, Dutch mortgage borrowers are relatively well-insulated against interest rate fluctuations.

Underwriting criteria

Most of the Dutch underwriting standards follow from special underwriting legislation (*Tijdelijke regeling hypothecair krediet*). This law has been present since 2013 and strictly regulates maximum LTV and Loan-to-Income (LTI) ratios. The current maximum LTV is 100% (including all costs such as stamp duties). The new government coalition has indicated not to lower the maximum LTV further. LTI limits are set according to a fixed table including references to gross income of the borrower and mortgage interest rates. This table is updated annually by the consumer budget advisory organisation "NIBUD" and ensures that income after (gross) mortgage servicing costs is still sufficient to cover normal costs of living.

Prior to the underwriting legislation, the underwriting criteria followed from the Code of Conduct as applicable at the time of origination for Mortgage Lending, which is the industry standard. This code, which limits the risk of over crediting, has been tightened several times in the past decade. The 2007 version of the code included a major overhaul and resulted in tighter lending standards, but deviation in this version was still possible under the “explain” clause[2]. In 2011, another revised and stricter version of the Code of Conduct was introduced. Moreover, adherence to the “comply” option was increasingly mandated by the Financial Markets Authority (*AFM*). Although the Code of Conduct is currently largely overruled by the underwriting legislation, it is still in force. The major restriction it currently regulates, in addition to the criteria in the underwriting legislation, is the cap of interest-only loan parts to 50% of the market value of the residence. This cap was introduced in 2011 and is in principle applicable to all new mortgage contracts. A mortgage lender may however diverge from the cap limitation if certain conditions have been met.

Recent developments in the Dutch housing market

The Dutch housing market has shown clear signs of recovery since the second half of 2013. Important factors are among others the economic recovery, high consumer confidence and low mortgage rates. Due to the Corona pandemic consumer confidence has deteriorated significantly since last March, though has rebounded somewhat

[2] Under the “explain” clause it is in exceptional cases possible to deviate from the loan-to-income and loan-to-value rules set forth in the Code of Conduct.

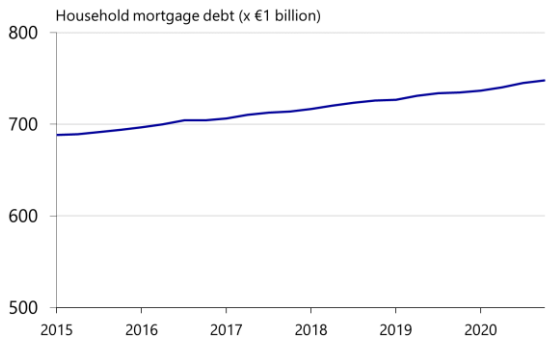
since and has been stable lately.

Existing house prices (PBK-index) in Q4 2020 rose by 2.0% compared to Q3 2020. Compared to Q4 2019 this increase was 8.3%. A new peak was reached this quarter. The average house price level was 20.8% above the previous peak of 2008. In addition, the number of homes for sale has been falling for several years, bringing with it less choice for potential buyers. This was reflected in the fall in sales during the first half of 2019. We saw a rebound in the second half of 2019, which is still continuing.
The coronacrisis does not impact the Dutch housing market so far due to a number of factors such as the government support, the persistent housing shortage, lower mortgage rates compared to 2019, the home equity held by subsequent homebuyers moving house, and high rents. These factors combined explain why the housing market continues to surge ahead. In December 2020, the number of existing home sales even increased by 16.1% year-on-year, with a total of 26,208 transactions.

Forced sales
Compared to other jurisdictions, performance statistics of Dutch mortgage loans show relatively low arrears and loss rates.[3] The most important reason for default is relationship termination, although the increase in unemployment following the economic downturn in recent years is increasingly also a reason for payment problems. The ultimate attempt to loss recovery to a defaulted mortgage borrower is the forced sale of the underlying property.

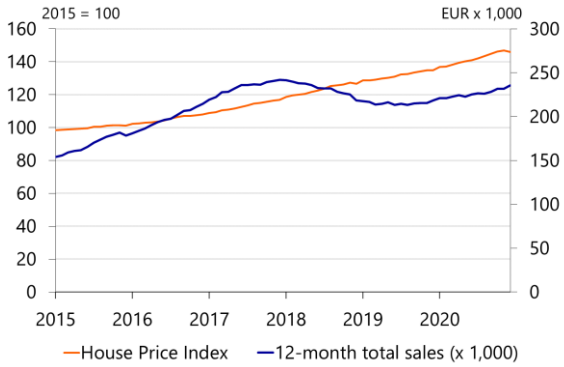
For a long time, mortgage servicers opted to perform this forced sale by an auction process. The advantage of this auction process is the high speed of execution, but the drawback is a discount on the selling price. The Land Registry recorded 198 forced sales by auction in Q4 2020 (0.29% of total number of sales).

Chart 1: Total mortgage debt



Source: Statistics Netherlands, Rabobank

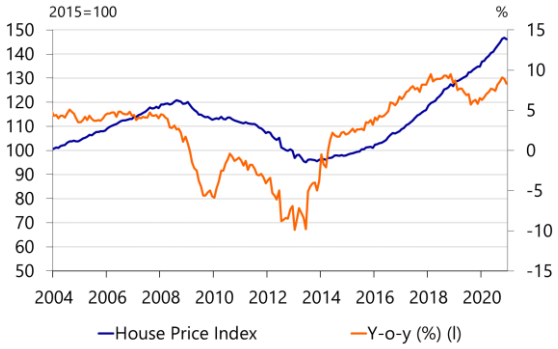
Chart 2: Sales



Source: Dutch Land Registry (Kadaster), Statistics Netherlands (CBS)

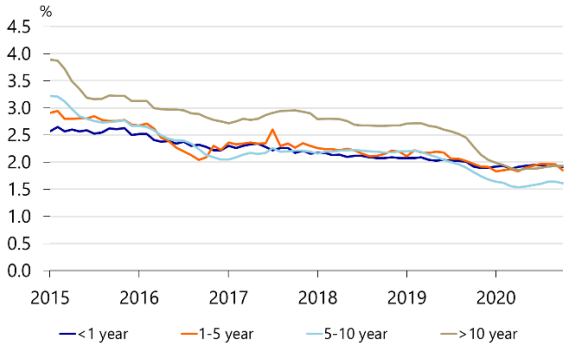
[3] Comparison of S&P RMBS index delinquency data.

Chart 3: Price index development



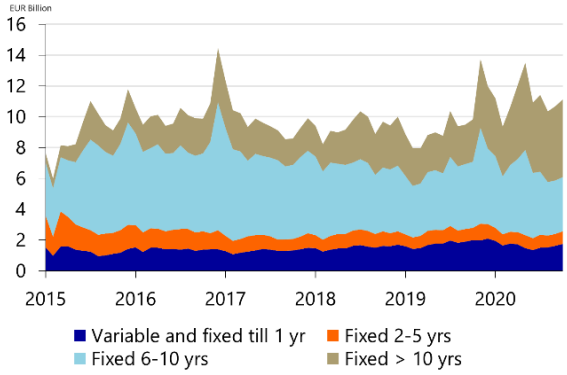
Source: Statistics Netherlands, Rabobank

Chart 4: Interest rate on new mortgage loans



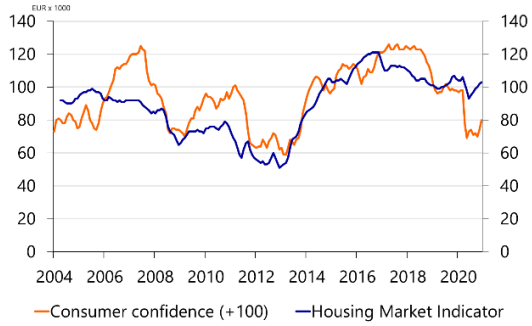
Source: Dutch Central Bank

Chart 5: New mortgages by interest type



Source: Dutch Central Bank

Chart 6: Confidence



Source: Statistics Netherlands (CBS), OTB TU Delft And VEH

3.5 NHG GUARANTEE PROGRAMME

NHG Guarantee

In 1960, the Dutch government introduced the 'municipal government participation scheme', an open ended scheme in which both the Dutch State and the municipalities guaranteed, according to a set of defined criteria, residential mortgage loans made by authorised lenders to eligible borrowers to purchase a primary family residence. The municipalities and the Dutch State shared the risk on a 50/50 basis. If a municipality was unable to meet its obligations under the municipality guarantee, the Dutch State would make an interest free loan to the municipality to cover its obligations. The aim was to promote home ownership among the lower income groups.

Since 1 January 1995 WEW, a central privatised entity, is responsible for the administration and granting of the NHG Guarantee (*Nationale Hypotheek Garantie*), under a set of uniform rules. The NHG Guarantee covers the outstanding principal, accrued unpaid interest and disposal costs. Irrespective of scheduled repayments or prepayments made on the mortgage loans, the NHG Guarantee is reduced on a monthly basis by an amount which is equal to principal repayment part of the monthly instalments as if the mortgage loan were to be repaid on (a maximum of) a thirty year annuity basis. In respect of each mortgage loan, the NHG Guarantee decreases further to take account of scheduled repayments and prepayments under such mortgage loan. Also, amounts paid as savings or investment premium under savings insurance policies or life insurance policies, respectively, are deducted from the amount outstanding on such mortgage loans for purposes of the calculation of the amount guaranteed under the NHG Guarantee (see section B (*Risk Factors*) above).

Financing of WEW

WEW finances itself, *inter alia*, by a one-off charge to the borrower by a current charge of 0.70 per cent. of the principal amount of the mortgage loan at origination. Besides this, the scheme provides for liquidity support to WEW from the Dutch State and the participating municipalities. Should WEW not be able to meet its obligations under guarantees issued, (i) in respect of all loans issued before 1 January 2011, the Dutch State will provide subordinated interest free loans to WEW of up to 50 per cent. of the difference between WEW's own funds and a pre-determined average loss level and municipalities participating in the NHG Guarantee scheme will provide subordinated interest free loans to WEW of the other 50 per cent. of the difference and (ii) in respect of all loans issued on or after 1 January 2011, the Dutch State will provide subordinated interest free loans to WEW of up to 100 per cent. of the difference between WEW's own funds and a pre-determined average loss level. Both the keep well agreement between the Dutch State and WEW and the keep well agreements between the municipalities and WEW contain general 'keep well' undertakings of the Dutch State and the municipalities to enable WEW at all times (including in the event of bankruptcy (*faillissement*), suspension of payments (*surseance van betaling*) or liquidation (*ontbinding*) of WEW) to meet its obligations under guarantees issued.

Terms and conditions of the NHG Guarantee

Under the NHG scheme, the lender is responsible for ensuring that the guarantee application and the binding offer (*bindend aanbod*) meet the NHG conditions. If the application qualifies, various reports are produced that are used in the processing of the application, including the form that will eventually be signed by the relevant lender and forwarded to the NHG to register the mortgage and establish the guarantee. WEW has, however, no obligation to pay any loss (in whole or in part) incurred by a lender after a private or a forced sale of the mortgaged property if such lender has not complied with the NHG conditions, which were applicable at the date of origination of the mortgage loan, unless such non-payment is unreasonable towards the lender.

The specific terms and conditions for the granting of NHG Guarantees, such as eligible income, purchasing or building costs etc., are set forth in published documents by WEW.

The NHG has specific rules for the level of credit risk that will be accepted. The credit worthiness of the applicant must be verified with the BKR, a central credit agency used by all financial institutions in the Netherlands. All financial commitments over the past five years that prospective borrowers have entered into with financial institutions are recorded in this register. In addition, as of 1 January 2008 the applicant itself must be verified with the Foundation for Fraud Prevention of Mortgages (*Stichting Fraudepreventie Hypotheken* "**SFH**"). If the applicant has been recorded in the SFH system, no NHG Guarantee will be granted.

To qualify for an NHG Guarantee various conditions relating to valuation of the property must be met. In addition, the mortgage loan must be secured by a first ranking mortgage right (or a second ranking mortgage right in case of a further advance). Furthermore, the borrower is required to take out insurance in respect of the mortgaged

property against risk of fire, flood and other accidental damage for the full restitution value thereof. The borrower is also required to create a right of pledge in favour of the lender on the rights of the relevant borrower against the insurance company under the relevant life insurance policy connected to the mortgage loan or to create a right of pledge in favour of the lender on the proceeds of the investment funds.

The mortgage conditions applicable to each mortgage loan should include certain provisions, among which the provision that any proceeds of foreclosure on the mortgage right and the right of pledge on the life insurance policy or the investment funds shall be applied firstly towards repayment of the mortgage loan guaranteed under the NHG scheme.

Claiming under the NHG Guarantee

When a borrower is in arrears with payments under the mortgage loan for a period of three months, a lender informs WEW. When the borrower is in arrears WEW may approach the lender and/or the borrower to attempt to solve the problem and make the borrower aware of the consequences. If an agreement cannot be reached, WEW reviews the situation with the lender to endeavour to generate the highest possible proceeds from the property. The situation is reviewed to see whether a private sale of the property, rather than a public auction, would generate proceeds sufficient to cover the outstanding mortgage loan. Permission of WEW is required in case of a private sale unless sold for an amount higher than 95 per cent. of the market value. A forced sale of the mortgaged property is only allowed in case the borrower is in arrears with payments under the mortgage loan and WEW has given its consent that the forced sale may take place.

Within one month of the receipt of the proceeds of the private or forced sale of the property, the lender must make a formal request to WEW for payment, using standard forms, which request must include all of the necessary documents relating to the original loan and the NHG Guarantee. After receipt of the claim and all the supporting details, WEW must make payment within two months. If the payment is late, provided the request is valid, WEW must pay interest for the late payment period.

In the event that a borrower fails to meet its obligation to repay the mortgage loan and no or no full payment is made to the lender under the NHG Guarantee by WEW because of the lender's culpable negligence, the lender must act *vis-à-vis* the borrower as if WEW were still guaranteeing the repayment of the Loan during the remainder of the term of the Loan. In addition, the lender is not entitled to recover any amounts due under the mortgage loan from the borrower in such case. This is only different if the borrower did not act in good faith with respect to his inability to repay the mortgage loan and has failed to render his full cooperation in trying to have the mortgage loan repaid to the lender to the extent possible.

For mortgage loans originated after 1 January 2014, the mortgage lender will participate for 10 per cent. in any loss claims made under the NHG Guarantee. The lender is not entitled to recover this amount from the borrower.

Additional loans

Furthermore, on 1 July 2005 provisions were added to the NHG conditions pursuant to which a borrower who is or threatens to be in arrears with payments under the existing mortgage loan may have the right to request WEW for a second guarantee to be granted by it in respect of an additional mortgage loan to be granted by the relevant lender. The monies drawn down under the additional loan have to be placed on deposit with the relevant lender and may, up to a maximum period of two years, be used for, *inter alia*, payment of the amounts which are due and payable under the existing mortgage loan, interest due and payable under the additional mortgage loan and the costs made with respect to the granting of the additional mortgage loan. The relevant borrower needs to meet certain conditions, including, *inter alia*, the fact that the financial difficulties are caused by a divorce, unemployment, disability or death of the partner.

Main NHG underwriting criteria (*Normen*) as of 1 January 2021 (*Normen 2021-1*)

With respect to a borrower, the underwriting criteria include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The lender has to perform a BKR check. Only under certain circumstances are registrations allowed.

- As a valid source of income the following qualifies: indefinite contract of employment, temporary contract of employment if the employer states that the employee will be provided an indefinite contract of employment in case of equal performance of the employee and equal business circumstances, a three (3) year history of income statements for workers with flexible working arrangements or during a probational period (*proeftijd*) or three (3) year (annual) statements for self-employed persons.

- The maximum loan based on the income of the borrowers is based on the *'financieringslast acceptatiecriteria'* tables and an annuity style redemption (even if the actual loan is (partially) interest only). The mortgage lender shall calculate the borrowing capacity of a borrower of a mortgage loan with a fixed interest term of less than ten (10) years on the basis of a percentage determined and published by the AFM, or, in case of a mortgage loan with a fixed interest term of ten (10) years or longer or if the mortgage loan is redeemed within the fixed interest term of less than ten (10) years, on the basis of the binding offer.

With respect to the mortgage loan, the underwriting criteria include, but are not limited to, the following:

- As of 1 January 2013, for new borrowers the redemption types are limited to Annuity Mortgage Loans and Linear Mortgage Loans with a maximal term of thirty (30) years.

- As of 1 January 2019, the maximum amount of the mortgage loan is dependent on the average house price level in the Netherlands (based on the information available from the Land Registry (Kadaster)) multiplied with the statutory loan to value, which is 100 per cent. if there are no energy saving improvements and 106 per cent. if there are energy saving improvements. As a consequence, there are two maximum loan amounts:

  (i) EUR 325,000 for loans without energy saving improvements as of 1 January 2021; and

  (ii) EUR 344,500 for loans with energy saving improvements as of 1 January 2021.

The loan amount is also limited by the amount of income and the market value of the property. With respect to the latter:

- For the purchase of existing properties, the loan amount is broadly based on the sum of (i) the lower of the purchase price and the market value based on a valuation report, (ii) the costs of improvements and (iii) an amount up to 6 per cent. of the amount under (i) plus (ii). In case an existing property can be bought without paying transfer taxes (*vrij op naam*), the purchase amount under (i) is multiplied by 97 per cent.

- For the purchase of new-build properties, the maximum loan amount is broadly based on the purchase price or amount contracted for, increased with a number of costs such as the cost of construction interest or loss of interest during the construction period (to the extent not already included in the purchase or construction cost.

Changes to the NHG underwriting criteria (Normen) as of 1 June 2020 (*Normen 2020-2*)
On 31 March 2020, the new NHG underwriting criteria were published, which entered into force on 1 June 2020. In these new NHG underwriting criteria changes have been made in order for the NHG Guarantee to meet the requirements for a guarantee to qualify as eligible credit protection for banks under the CRR. In particular the ability to receive an advance payment of the expected loss is introduced. Lenders can make use of this option immediately after publication, both for existing and new loans with an NHG Guarantee.

Under the new underwriting criteria, as stated above, WEW will offer lenders the opportunity to receive an advance payment of expected loss, subject to certain conditions being met, including foreclosure procedures not having been completed 21 months after default of the NHG mortgage loan (the "**NHG Advance Right**").

The NHG Advance Right is a separate right and it is not part of the surety by NHG. Unlike the surety, this NHG Advance Right therefore does not automatically transfer. If a mortgage receivable has been transferred to a third party (including in the context of special purpose vehicle transactions), the NHG Advance Right may be transferred simultaneously or at a later moment in time, for example when the transferee wishes to exercise the NHG Advance Right. This transfer is necessary if the transferee of the mortgage receivable wants to make use of this NHG Advance Right. However, if the transferee does not wish to exercise the NHG Advance Right, no transfer is necessary. After a transfer of the Mortgage Receivable, the transferor can no longer exercise the NHG Advance Right, regardless of whether the NHG Advance Right is transferred to the transferee. This prevents the NHG Advance Right payment being made to a party other than the transferee of the mortgage receivable. However, at the request of the transferee the transferor can on its behalf exercise the right to an NHG Advance Right on behalf of the transferee.

The new underwriting criteria include a repayment obligation by the person that exercises the NHG Advance Right in case the payment exceeded the amount payable by WEW under the surety as actual loss eligible for compensation. This would for example be the case if the proceeds of the enforcement are higher than estimated, but also if the borrower in arrears resumes payment under the mortgage loan. Currently, the NHG Advance Rights are not transferred to the CBC. In case the NHG Advance Rights will be transferred to the CBC, additional agreements will be made with the Trustee with regard to distribution of the proceeds of the NHG Advance Rights in case such rights are exercised. In case the CBC exercise its NHG Advance Right, it may be liable to repay when the payment under the NHG Advance Right exceeded the amount payable by WEW under the surety.

3.6 ORIGINATORS

No member of the Group other than the Initial Originators have acceded to the Programme Agreement as an Originator since the establishment of the Programme.

Introduction

Rabobank
The local business is organised through about 85 local banks. These local banks are not separate legal entities but are part of the legal entity Rabobank. As the case may be, advice is given by an intermediary instead of a local bank. However, local banks always initiate the mortgage loan origination, offering and underwriting process and are responsible for the relationship with Borrowers. After the mortgage loan offer has been accepted by the Borrower, Rabobank fund a mortgage loan on its own balance sheet.

On 1 December 2018, Rabohypotheekbank N.V. is merged with Rabobank pursuant to which Rabobank assumed all of Rabohypotheekbank N.V.'s rights and obligations under general legal title.

Operations Financieren Bijzonder Beheer ("OFBB") and Service Center Wonen ("SCW")
OFBB and SCW are the centralised servicers for mortgage loans of Rabobank and thus the local banks. Rabobank uses OFBB and SCW for the processing, servicing, arrears and default management for all its mortgage loans. Arrangements between Rabobank and OFBB and SCW are made in service level agreements.

Processing, settlement, servicing, arrears and default management with regard to mortgage loans funded by Rabobank are conducted under the same criteria and procedures, whether performed by Rabobank or by OFBB and SCW.

The following paragraphs give an overview of the processing, settlement, servicing, arrears and default management of mortgage loans by OFBB and SCW when a mortgage loan is funded by Rabobank. The criteria as described below are the current prevailing criteria as applied by Rabobank and comply with the Tijdelijke Regeling Hypothecair Krediet, the Code of Conduct, NHG and other regulations, but may not necessarily describe the underwriting criteria and processes that were in place at the time of origination of the relevant Loans. However, as set forth in section 3.3 (*Eligible Assets*) hereof the Eligible Receivables comply with the Eligibility Criteria, including that the loans were in all material respects granted in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations prevailing at the time of origination

Mortgage loan origination and underwriting
The relevant local bank initiates the mortgage loan origination, offering and underwriting process. The local bank enters the information about the Borrower into the mortgage information system Hypo Take Care ("**HTC**") directly or via Rabobank Hypotheekdossier ("**RHD**") into HTC. HTC and RHD perform an automated check in respect of the underwriting criteria or the criteria applying to NHG Guarantees, if applicable. After approval by the relevant local bank HTC will generate a mortgage offer for the Borrower which has to be signed and returned by the Borrower within a maximum of two weeks. After the mortgage offer has been signed by the Borrower and the relevant Rabobank branch, the mortgage offer is valid for a period of up to six (on the basis of the "*Basisvoorwaarden*") or twelve months (on the basis of the "*Plusvoorwaarden*"). After all documents have been received and approved, the relevant local bank sends all relevant information electronically to SCW through the mortgage information system HTC. Subsequently, SCW informs the civil law notary. See further the paragraph entitled *Mortgage information systems* below.

The civil law notary confirms to SCW (by fax, telephone or electronically) the transfer date of the Property. Thereafter, SCW informs the relevant local bank of the execution date of the mortgage deed and sends all relevant documents to the civil law notary and copies to the Borrower. The *AWS workflow system* alerts SCW that it should transfer the relevant loan amount by debiting the account of the relevant local bank to a third party account (*derdengeldrekening*) of the civil law notary. After the transaction is finalised, the civil law notary sends all signed documents (e.g., the mortgage deed) to SCW. SCW completes and checks the mortgage loan data. Thereafter the mortgage loan data is fed into the loan and security information systems through HTC. Furthermore, all documents are scanned into an electronic file (EKD). In case of mortgage loans with a NHG Guarantee, WEW is subsequently informed by SCW.

The process as mentioned above applies to mortgage loans secured on new collateral. For mortgage loans secured on existing collateral, the process is similar up to the point where SCW receives the information from the relevant local bank. However, there is in such case no involvement of the civil law notary. For these mortgage loans SCW prepares the private deed(s) and sends these to the Borrower. When these deeds these have been signed by the client and are subsequently received by SCW, the loan amount is transferred and the private deed(s) will be sent to the relevant local bank for filing.

Application of Savings Loans
If a Borrower applies for a Savings Loan, the relevant local bank generates an insurance proposal, on behalf of Interpolis, in addition to the mortgage offer. This insurance proposal is generated through the mortgage information system HTC which connects Rabobank, the local banks and Interpolis. If Interpolis does not accept the Borrower as an insured person, the relevant local bank will not accept the application for a Savings Loan.

Underwriting criteria
Rabobank has given its branches a conditional permission through the *Algemene Principes Klantbediening Particulieren (APKP), de Bevoegdhedenregeling* and *Acceptatiebeleid Plusvoorwaarden/ Basisvoorwaarden* to offer mortgage loans. Furthermore, Rabobank branches are committed to regulations and advices which apply to their services to clients. These underwriting criteria are incorporated in the mortgage information systems HTC and RHD. The most important criteria are set out below:

Loan requirements
The Loans must meet the following requirements:

- the Loan must be secured on a property which is fully owned by the Borrower;
- the amount of the Loan complies in all respect with the relevant NHG Criteria applicable at the time of origination of the Loan;
- in respect of any Loan originated after 1 August 2011 the Loan(s) granted to the relevant Borrower (whether or not in combination with an Interest-Only Loan) exceed(s) 50 per cent. of the market value of the relevant Property, the excess will either (i) need to be repaid by the Borrower through an Annuity Loan or Linear Loan or (ii) need to be covered by a Savings Insurance Policy or through a capital that will be built via deposits on a Bank Savings Account (e.g. through a Savings Loan or a Bank Savings Loan); and
- the market value of the Property must be based on a recent assessment by an independent qualified valuer (which valuer can also be a person employed by, or an entity forming part of, the Rabobank Group) or be based on an automated valuation as determined by Calcasa.

Borrower requirements
The Borrower must be a natural person of at least 18 years old. The Loan can be applied for by one or more co-Borrowers, in which case each of them will be fully liable for the total amount of the Loan.

Before the Loan is provided, the local bank assesses the creditworthiness of the Borrower and co-Borrower (if applicable), whereby the following factors play an important role.

The Borrower's income must be of a steady nature (e.g. gross wage or salary, pension benefits). In order to determine the income of a Borrower who is self-employed, to determine the permanence of the income based on the company's figures, an income statement is drawn up by a Rabobank credit analyst.

The Ministerial Regulation (*Tijdelijke regeling hypothecair krediet*) is applicable to all Dutch financial institutions offering mortgage loans for the purchase, reconstruction or refinancing of the borrower's property. This regulation was introduced in 2013 and strictly regulates maximum LTV and Loan-to-Income (LTI) ratios. The current maximum LTV is 100 per cent. LTI limits are set according to a fixed table including references to gross income of the borrower and mortgage interest rates. This table is updated annually by the consumer budget advisory organisation "NIBUD" and ensures that income after (gross) mortgage servicing costs is still sufficient to cover normal costs of living. The calculation of the maximum loan capacity is based on an annuity test, an interest rate determined quarterly by the AFM and the maximum debt-to-income ratios (housing ratios). Currently, a minimum interest rate of 5.0 per cent. applies to mortgage loans with a floating or fixed rate of interest of up to a term of 10

years or the actual interest rate of the loan if it is higher or if the loan is totally redeemed after the fixed interest period. Based on this interest rate and the duration of the loan a monthly annuity is calculated. The total annuity payments per year should be less than the maximum housing ratio (i.e. compliant with the annuity test). In case of a dual income household, the housing ratio is determined by the higher of the two incomes plus 90 per cent. of the lower of the two incomes. The total of incomes is accounted to determine the maximum loan amount. In order to meet the underwriting criteria, the maximum acceptable housing ratio (as of 1 January 2020) ranges between 13.5 per cent. and 37 per cent. and where the borrower is eligible for Old Age Pension (*AOW*), between 15.5 per cent. and 44.5 per cent., depending of the income of the borrower. The higher the income, the higher the maximum housing ratio.

Prior to the underwriting regulation described above, the underwriting criteria followed from the Code of Conduct for Mortgage Lending, which is the industry standard. Although the Code of Conduct is currently largely overruled by the underwriting regulation, it is still in force. The major restriction it currently regulates, in addition to the criteria in the underwriting regulation, is the cap of interest-only loan parts to 50 per cent. of the total mortgage amount. This cap was introduced in 2011 and is applicable to all new mortgage contracts, including those for refinancing and/or relocations (i.e. no grandfathering is applied to older mortgage loans).

For mortgage loans having the benefit of a NHG Guarantee the maximum mortgage loan amount is equal to the sum of the purchase price of the property plus several costs, but never more than the maximum amount which can be guaranteed pursuant to the NHG Guarantee, as established by WEW on a yearly basis.

Furthermore, the Borrower must have a sound credit history. A verification of the Borrower's and/or co-Borrower(s) credit history is always carried out through the National Credit Register (*Bureau Krediet Registratie* (BKR)). If the BKR database indicates that the Borrower and/or co-Borrower are or have been in arrears on any financial obligations administered by BKR the mortgage loan will in principle not be approved. Additionally, the identity of the Borrower and/or co-Borrowers is checked through the identity verification system (*Verificatie* **Informatie** *Systeem (VIS*)) and a test on the fraud database EVA is conducted.

Documents to be provided by the Borrower

Valuation report
The maximum loan level is determined as a percentage of the market value: on the date hereof, the maximum loan level is 100 per cent. of the market value of the property as stated in a valuation report or 90 per cent. of the automated value model (AVM)as determined by Calcasa.

The market value of a new-build residential property is established based on one of the following valuation benchmarks:

- A comprehensive valuation report. The Property must be valued by an independent qualified expert not more than 6 months before the application.
- The total costs of construction (*koop aanneemsom*)
- The market value of an existing residential property is established based on one of the following valuation benchmarks:
    - A comprehensive valuation report
    - Automated Valuation Models (AVM) as determined by Calcasa.
- AVM is used if:
    - the application is a non–NHG application;
    - the collateral is occupied and used as the main residence;
    - the total loan is less than 90% of the Calcasa value;

- the confidence level of the AVM report is 5 or higher;
- the Calcasa value is no higher than € 750,000;
- the deviation between the purchase price / value estimate and the AVM value is no higher than 20%;
- long lease is not applicable;
- the collateral is at least 2 years old (no new-build residential property);
- the destination of the collateral has not changed since the last valuation.

Other documents
The Borrower must also provide the local bank with identification documentation, a recent salary slip, an employer's certificate, a copy of the sale contract or the combined purchase agreement and building contract. For the Savings Loan, a completed application form for the insurance policy and a medical certificate is also required.

Mortgage information systems
Rabobank uses several mortgage information systems that are developed and maintained in-house.

Workflow systems: AWS

Mortgage loan processing and servicing is monitored by the AWS workflow system respectively. These systems provide an overview of all necessary operations of SCW on a daily basis.

Loan and security systems (CPS-leningen and CPS-zekerheden)

All mortgage loan information and security information is stored in the CPS-loan and CPS-security system respectively. This is a centralised system within Rabobank to which all local banks have access. The mortgage loan information is automatically transferred from HTC to CPS. All changes that pertain to existing loans are also made in this system.

Communication with the civil law notary

Civil law notary

The electronic system ECH is developed by Rabobank in conjunction with the '*Koninklijke Notariële Beroepsorganisatie*', the professional organisation for civil law notaries in the Netherlands, and is designed for electronic communication between Rabobank and the civil law notaries.

SAM: Special Asset Management

SAM is the workflow system used by OFBB for arrears management including payment settlements and loss reports in case of sale of the property. It provides an integrated view on the Borrowers position and is linked with CPS and Siebel (local bank customer relationship system).

Mortgage loan servicing, arrears and default management
There are different contact programs in place during duration of a loan. Product risks on loans in our active product range are managed locally, whereas product risks in the legacy portfolio as well as affordability risks on interest only loans are managed by central teams. OFBB provides services whenever the relevant local bank gives an instruction (e.g. changing the interest type or account information).

Payments by the Borrowers on the mortgage loans are in almost all cases collected by means of direct debit with interest and principal being payable in arrears. In the other cases, payments are either made by automatic transfer or by manual transfer. Borrowers with a bank account at Rabobank (currently 90 per cent. of the Borrowers) are debited on the first day of each month and Borrowers with a bank account at a third party bank (currently 10 per cent. of the Borrowers) are debited on the last working day of the previous month. Savings

Premiums for the Savings Loans and Bank Savings for the Bank Savings Loans are collected on the first day of each month.

If, after monthly processing, the CPS loan system identifies Borrowers that have failed to pay the amounts due, CPS automatically generates a reminder after 9 days of non-payment. The first demand letter (*sommatiebrief*) is generated after 19 days of non-payment. The second and final demand letter is automatically sent to the Borrower after 49 days of non-payment. The relevant local bank receives copies of all correspondence and can contact the Borrower at any time in order to establish a payment settlement of the amounts due. If the relevant local bank signals a structural problem, the file is transferred to OFBB.

If the second demand letter does not result in payment of the amounts due then, after 60 days of non-payment, the mortgage loan for the other borrowers is transferred to the special asset management department of OFBB. The special asset management department will first contact the relevant local bank and subsequently the Borrower to establish a payment settlement, which must be reached within 6 months of non-payment of any amounts due. The BKR is notified by OFBB after 3 monthly instalments in arrears following which the Borrower is included in the BKR register.

The foreclosure process of the Loan is started by sending the foreclosure letter to demand repayment of the Loan (including all amounts of principal, interest, arrears, penalties and other costs incurred) after 6 months of non-payment. Thereafter, the Borrower has 14 days to contact OFBB to reach an agreement.

If the Borrower does not react or no payment settlement is reached within 14 days a civil law notary will be instructed to prepare the auction of the property and any other collateral (including, but not limited to, the rights of any pledge granted by the Borrower). The minimum purchase price of the property is determined by OFBB through consultation with a specialised entity within the Rabobank Group (Bodemgoed B.V.).

Prior to the auction of the property, the civil law notary places an auction advertisement inviting parties to make a bid. If no acceptable bid is received in response to the auction advertisement, further public auction proceedings are started. The mortgaged property will subsequently be sold in a public auction within approximately three months after the civil law notary is instructed (approximately one year after the first arrear). Rabobank is represented at the auction through Bodemgoed B.V. to ensure that the property will be sold for at least the minimum purchase price. If the minimum purchase price is not realised, Rabobank or an entity appointed by Rabobank may buy the property for subsequent sale.

Mortgage loan servicing, arrears and default management for mortgage loans having the benefit of a NHG Guarantee or a Municipality Guarantee is conducted in accordance with the relevant terms and conditions applying to the NHG Guarantee or Municipality Guarantee (as the case may be).

OFBB is authorised to take action on arrears decisions. At some points in the abovementioned process OFBB may contact the relevant local bank for consultation. Also certain remedial actions are executed by local banks and hence interaction between OFBB and local banks will continuously occur.

Actions and timeline

Typical timeline:

Day 0:	Non-payment of the Borrower
Day 9:	Reminder Borrower (automatically)
Day 15:	High risk borrowers are transferred to SAM
Day 19:	1st demand letter (automatically)
Day 49:	2nd demand letter (automatically)
Day 60:	Mortgage loan to special asset management
Day(1) 60-210:	Settlements, action at least on a monthly basis

Day[1] 90:	BKR notification and (if applicable) notification to WEW
Day[1] 210-240:	Foreclosure letter
Day[1] 220-250:	Settlement or demand repayment
Day[1] 220-250:	Instruction for auction to civil law notary
Day[1] 60-330:	Private sale (if possible)
Day 316	Bodemgoed B.V. to establish minimum purchase price
Day[1] 330+:	Auction
After auction	Collection of residual debt (up to 10 years)

[1] indicative timing, determined on a case-by-case basis

At any time during the arrears management period, OFBB can reach a payment settlement with the Borrower. The first option is that the Borrower pays the entire amount in a lump sum. The second option is that a repayment schedule is agreed with the Borrower. The aim is to minimise the repayment term while taking into account the Borrower's financial situation. The credit management specialists of OFBB are responsible for the decisions regarding a repayment schedule.

Management of deficits after foreclosure

When the property and other collateral have been foreclosed, the remaining outstanding debt, if any, is determined. The Borrower and/or co-Borrowers will remain liable for any outstanding debt. OFBB will try to agree a payment settlement with the Borrower.

Unless a payment settlement has been agreed, a bailiff will be instructed to recover any remaining outstanding debt of the Borrower. One of the possibilities at the bailiff's disposal is the attachment of income. In the Netherlands, in addition to the attachment of current income, it is also possible to attach all future income of a natural person above the minimum subsistence level applicable to that person. In general, files are kept for ten years.

3.7 SUB-PARTICIPATION

Under each Master Sub-Participation Agreement, the CBC grants the relevant Participant a Participation in each relevant Savings Receivable or Bank Savings Receivable, as the case may be, in return for the on-payment by the Participant of the relevant Savings and Accrued Savings Interest, as follows.

Participation
First, the Participant undertakes to pay to the CBC for each Participation Receivable:

(1) on the Participation Date an amount equal to the Initial Settlement Amount for such Participation Receivable; and

(2) on each subsequent CBC Payment Date an amount equal to a Further Settlement Amount for such Participation Receivable, unless as a result of such payment the Participation in respect of such Participation Receivable would exceed the Gross Outstanding Principal Balance of such Participation Receivable at such time or, if lower and if such Participation Receivable is a Bank Savings Receivable, the amount standing to the credit of the related Bank Savings Account at such time, in which case only such amount shall be paid as is necessary for such Participation (which includes Accrued Increases) to reach such Gross Outstanding Principal Balance or amount standing to the credit of the related Bank Savings Account, as the case may be.

In return, in relation to each Participation Receivable, the CBC undertakes to pay to the Participant on each CBC Payment Date, the Redemption Amount, if any, received by the CBC in respect of such Participation Receivable since the preceding CBC Payment Date.

If:

(1) a Borrower with respect to a Category 3 Receivable invokes any defence purporting to establish that he may deduct an amount from the Participation Receivable based on (i) any default by the Participant in the performance of any of its obligations under the relevant insurance policy or (ii) the Participant not having paid out all or part of the savings under the relevant insurance policy when due as a result of any set-off or deduction right invoked by the Participant under the relevant insurance policy for the reason that the relevant Originator is not able to return to the Participant any savings kept by the Participant in its account with that Originator;

(2) with respect to Category 3 Receivables, the Participant, for the reason that the relevant Originator is subject to Insolvency Proceedings, in accordance with the terms of the relevant insurance policy invokes its right to apply any savings kept by the Participant in its account with that Originator on behalf of the relevant Borrower as full or partial repayment of the relevant Savings Loan;

(3) a Borrower with respect to a Bank Savings Receivable invokes any defence purporting to establish that he may deduct an amount from the Participation Receivable based on any default by the Participant in the performance of any of its obligations in respect of the related Bank Savings Account; or

(4) a Borrower with respect to a Bank Savings Receivable invokes a right of set-off, or set-off is applied by operation of law, in respect of any amount standing to the credit of the related Bank Savings Account against the Participation Receivable,

and, in each case, as a consequence thereof, the CBC will not have received such amount in respect of such Participation Receivable, then such amount will be deducted from the relevant Participation.

Enforcement Notice
If a CBC Acceleration Notice is served by the Trustee on the CBC, then the Trustee may and, if so directed by the Participant, shall on behalf of the Participant by notice to the CBC:

(1) terminate the obligations of the Participant under the Master Sub-Participation Agreement; and

(2) declare the Participations to be immediately due and payable, provided that such payment obligations shall be limited to the aggregate Redemption Amount received by or on behalf of the CBC or the Trustee under the Participation Receivables.

Sale of Participation Receivable
If a Participation Receivable is sold by or on behalf of the CBC to the relevant Originator or a third party pursuant to the Trust Deed or the Asset Monitor Agreement, then the CBC will (in addition to paying the Redemption Amount (if any) in respect of such Participation Receivable in accordance with the relevant Master Sub-Participation Agreement), if so requested by the Participant use reasonable endeavours to procure that the acquirer of the Participation Receivable will (a) enter into a master sub-participation agreement with the Participant in a form similar to the relevant Master Sub-Participation Agreement or (b) by way of partial contract transfer take over the relevant Master Sub-Participation Agreement to the extent relating to the Participation associated to the Participation Receivable (in which case the Redemption Amount will be zero).

Priorities of Payments
Unless and until:

(1) both an Issuer Acceleration Notice and a Notice to Pay are served; or

(2) a CBC Acceleration Notice is served,

any amount expressed to be payable by or to the CBC under the relevant Master Sub-Participation Agreement shall instead be payable by or to the Issuer in accordance with the Pre-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments.

The Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments will be funded by Available Revenue Receipts and Available Principal Receipts. When calculating the relevant Principal Receipts, certain deductions will be made by reference to the relevant Redemption Amounts, which deducted amounts will not be applied in accordance with the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments, but will be credited to the Participation Ledger and be paid to the relevant Participants in accordance with the Administration Agreement and the relevant Master Sub-Participation Agreement. When calculating the relevant Revenue Receipts, certain deductions will be made by reference to the relevant Participation Fractions, with a view to the relevant Increases in the relevant Participations. The equivalent of such Increases is in turn treated as a Principal Receipt, for application in accordance with the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments.

Likewise, the Post-CBC-Acceleration-Notice Priorities of Payments will not be funded by amounts which have been received by or on behalf of the CBC and which are required to be credited to the Participation Ledger and paid to Participants on account of Redemption Amounts.

In relation to a Participation:

"**Accrued Increases**" means the sum of the Increases for all months from the Participation Date;

"**Accrued Savings Interest**" means the sum of the Monthly Interest for all months from the date on which the first Savings were received;

"**Bank Savings Interest Correction**" means for any month:

(i) in the case of a Category 3 Receivable: one (1); and

(ii) in the case of a Bank Savings Receivable the lower of (a) one (1) and (b) the interest rate applicable to the related Bank Savings Account *divided by* the interest rate applicable to such Bank Savings Receivable for such month, both expressed as a percentage per annum;

"**Further Settlement Amount**" means an amount equal to the Savings received by the Participant in the preceding month;

"**Increase**" means for any month:

(the Participation Fraction (on the first day of such month) x I) + FSA,

where (i) "**I**" means the amount of interest actually received by or on behalf of the CBC from the relevant Borrower for such month and (ii) "**FSA**" means the Further Settlement Amount for such month actually received by or on behalf of the CBC;

"**Initial Settlement Amount**" means an amount equal to the sum of all Savings plus Accrued Savings Interest;

"**Monthly Interest**" means for any month:

MIR x (S + AI),

where (i) "**MIR**" means the monthly interest rate applicable in such month (a) in the case of a Category 3 Receivable, to the Participation Receivable or (b) in the case of a Bank Savings Receivable, to the related Bank Savings Account, (ii) "**S**" means the Savings received up to the first day of such month and (iii) "**AI**" means the Accrued Savings Interest up to the first day of such month;

"**Participation**" means, in relation to a Participation Receivable, an amount equal to the sum of (i) the Initial Settlement Amount as at the Participation Date plus (ii) Accrued Increases up to the Gross Outstanding Principal Balance or, if lower and if it concerns a Bank Savings Receivable, the amount standing to the credit of the related Bank Savings Account *minus* (iii) any Redemption Amount paid by the CBC to the Participant;

"**Participation Fraction**" means, with respect to a Participation Receivable, the Bank Savings Interest Correction *times* the outcome of: the relevant Participation *divided* by the Gross Outstanding Principal Balance of such Participation Receivable;

"**Redemption Amount**" means (i) if the full Gross Outstanding Principal Balance has been repaid or prepaid since the preceding CBC Payment Date: an amount equal to the Participation, (ii) in the case of partial (p)repayment of the Gross Outstanding Principal Balance since the preceding CBC Payment Date: the surplus, if any, of the amount received over the Net Outstanding Principal Balance up to the Participation or (iii) the amount up to the Participation received (a) pursuant to a sale or refinancing pursuant to Clause 5 (*Sale or Refinancing of Selected Assets*) of the Asset Monitor Agreement, unless the corresponding rights and obligations under or pursuant to the relevant Master Sub-Participation Agreement are transferred in connection therewith or (b) pursuant to a foreclosure on, or collection of, any Related Security, to the extent relating to the Gross Outstanding Principal Balance.

4. ASSET MONITORING

4.1 ASSET COVER TEST

Under the Asset Monitor Agreement and the Guarantee Support Agreement, the Originators are obliged, upon request of the CBC, and the CBC shall use reasonable endeavours to ensure that as at the end of each calendar month until the service of a Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice, Issuer Acceleration Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice:

(a) the Adjusted Aggregate Asset Amount is an amount at least equal to the euro equivalent of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds at the end of such calendar month as calculated on the immediately succeeding Calculation Date;

(b) the First Regulatory Current Balance Amount is at least equal to 105 per cent. (or such other percentage as may be required from time to time under the CB Legislation) of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds at the end of such calendar month all as calculated on the immediately succeeding Calculation Date; and

(c) the Second Regulatory Current Balance Amount is at least equal to 100 per cent.(or such other percentage as may be required from time to time under the CB Legislation) of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds at the end of such calendar month all as calculated on the immediately succeeding Calculation Date,

(together the "**Asset Cover Test**").

If on any Calculation Date it is calculated that the Asset Cover Test is not met at the end of the preceding calendar month, then (i) the CBC (or the Administrator on its behalf) shall immediately notify the Trustee thereof in writing and (ii) the CBC shall request the Originators to transfer sufficient further Eligible Assets to the CBC in accordance with the Guarantee Support Agreement to ensure that the Asset Cover Test is met at the end of the next succeeding calendar month, as calculated on the immediately succeeding Calculation Date, and if the Asset Cover Test is not met at the end of such calendar month as calculated on the immediately succeeding Calculation Date (such failure to remedy the Asset Cover Test by the end of such calendar month being a "**Breach of the Asset Cover Test**")) it will entitle the Trustee to serve a Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice under the Guarantee.

Save where otherwise agreed with any Rating Agency, the Asset Percentage will be adjusted in accordance with the various methodologies prescribed by any Rating Agency or will otherwise be in compliance with the relevant methodologies agreed with any Rating Agency from time to time with a view to maintain the rating of the highest rated Series of Covered Bonds. Any adjustment of the Asset Percentage will appear from the relevant Monthly Investor Report as the new Asset Percentage as determined in accordance with Clause 3.1 of the Asset Monitor Agreement. In the event the Asset Percentages (as computed in response to the relevant Rating Agency calculations) prior to any Calculation Date differ, the CBC (or the Administrator on its behalf) shall on such Calculation Date apply the lowest Asset Percentage. Prior to the date on which a relevant Rating Agency has provided the CBC (or the Administrator on its behalf) with a new Asset Percentage, the CBC (or the Administrator on its behalf) will be entitled to rely on the previously provided Asset Percentage.

In the Administration Agreement the Administrator agrees to prepare Monthly Investor Reports and to deliver the same to the CBC and the Trustee two Business Days prior to each relevant CBC Payment Date. In the Trust Deed, the Trustee agrees, upon receipt of each Monthly Investor Report, to verify whether such Monthly Investor Report states that the Asset Cover Test has been passed or failed and, if failed, whether the following Monthly Investor Report states that the Asset Cover Test has been failed again, meaning that a Breach of the Asset Cover Test shall have occurred.

For the purpose hereof:

"**Adjusted Aggregate Asset Amount**" means A + B + C + D – X – Y;

"**A**" means the lower of:

a. the sum of all Adjusted Current Balances of all Transferred Receivables. The "**Adjusted Current Balance**" of a Transferred Receivable is the lower of:

(i) the Current Balance of such Transferred Receivable minus α; and

(ii) the LTV Cut-Off Percentage of the Indexed Valuation relating to such Transferred Receivable, minus β; and

b. the Asset Percentage of the sum of the Current Balance minus α of all Transferred Receivables;

"**α**" means for each Transferred Receivable the lower of its Current Balance and the sum of the following elements, to the extent applicable to it:

(a) if it is a Category 3 Receivable: an amount calculated on the basis of a method notified to the Rating Agency related to the Savings and Accrued Savings Interest in connection with such Transferred Receivable, provided that no amount will be deducted if and to the extent that a Master Sub-Participation Agreement is effective in relation to the relevant Transferred Receivable;

(b) if it was used to fund a Construction Deposit: the amount of the Construction Deposit;

(c) if it was in breach of the Receivable Warranties as of the relevant Transfer Date: such amount as is necessary to reduce its Adjusted Current Balance or Current Balance, as the case may be, to zero;

(d) if it is a Defaulted Receivable: such amount as is necessary to reduce its Current Balance to zero;

(e) if it is 3 months or more in arrears (other than any Defaulted Receivable): such amount as is necessary to reduce its Current Balance to 30 per cent. of its Current Balance;

(f) if it is a Bank Savings Receivable: the amount standing to the credit of the related Bank Savings Account, unless it concerns a Participation Receivable, in which case an amount equal to the relevant Participation is already deducted as part of the definition of Net Outstanding Principal Balance;

(g) if any of the Issuer's ratings from the Rating Agency fall below the relevant minimum rating determined to be applicable or agreed by the Rating Agency, being as at the 2021 Programme Date 'P-1(cr)' (short-term) by Moody's and the related Borrower has a deposit with Rabobank or any other Originator that engages in the business of, amongst other things, attracting or accepting deposits: an amount equal to the amount by which the aggregate deposits of such Borrower (other than any deposit relating to a Bank Savings Loan) exceeds EUR 100,000 (or such other amount which is not advanced to a Borrower in accordance with the Dutch deposit guarantee scheme (*depositogarantiestelsel*)); and/or

(h) if the Originator has a Residual Claim (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, a Further Advance) and (i) a RC Trigger Event has occurred and (ii) a RC Deduction Notice has been delivered to the CBC and the Trustee: an amount equal to the Deductible Residual Claim;

"**β**" means for each Transferred Receivable the lower of (i) the LTV Cut-Off Percentage of its Indexed Valuation and (ii) α minus L. "**L**" means for each Transferred Receivable its Current Balance minus the LTV Cut-Off Percentage of its Indexed Valuation provided that if the result is negative, L shall be zero and if the result exceeds α, L shall equal α;

"**Asset Percentage**" means 100 per cent. or such other percentage figure as is determined from time to time in accordance with the Asset Monitor Agreement as described above;

"**LTV Cut-Off Percentage**" means such percentage as is required from time to time for the Covered Bonds to comply with Article 129 CRR, currently being 80 per cent. for all Transferred Receivables;

"**B**" means the aggregate amount of all Principal Receipts, all Adjusted Revenue Receipts on the Transferred Receivables and (without double counting) all amounts received by the CBC under any Swap Agreement after

netting up to the end of the immediately preceding Calculation Period which have not been applied in accordance with the Trust Deed;

"**C**" means the aggregate amount of (i) all Transferred Collateral in cash which has not been applied in accordance with the Trust Deed and (ii) the amounts standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund Ledger;

"**D**" means the aggregate outstanding principal balance of all Transferred Collateral in Substitution Assets and accrued interest thereon which has not been applied in accordance with the Trust Deed. Substitution Assets will be valued on a monthly basis and be taken into account for their mark-to-market value at a discount, based on a methodology proposed to the Rating Agency;

"**Defaulted Receivable**" means any Transferred Receivable (other than a Disputed Receivable or a Written-Off Receivable) in respect of which:

(a) a declaration has been made by the Originator that such Transferred Receivable is irrecoverable;

(b) legal proceedings have been commenced for its recovery; or

(c) the related Borrower is declared bankrupt (*failliet verklaard*) or has been granted a suspension of payments (*surseance van betaling*) or debt rescheduling arrangement (*schuldsaneringsregeling*) or analogous events or proceedings have occurred in relation to the relevant Borrower;

"**Disputed Receivable**" means any Receivable in respect of which payment is disputed (in whole or in part, with or without justification) by the Borrower owing such Receivable;

"**Deductible Residual Claim**" means, following the occurrence of a RC Trigger Event and until the occurrence of a RC Release Trigger Event, in respect of a Transferred Receivable in respect of which a Residual Claim exists and which has not been pledged to the CBC in accordance with the terms of the Transaction Documents:

(a) in case the sum of the outstanding balance of the Residual Claim and Net Outstanding Principal Amount of such Transferred Receivable is lower than the Indexed Valuation of the Property times (1- MVD Assumption), zero; and

(b) in all other cases, an amount equal to the lower of:

  (i) the amount by which the sum of the outstanding balance of the Residual Claim and the Net Outstanding Principal Amount of such Transferred Receivable exceeds the Indexed Valuation of the Property times (1- MVD Assumption); and

  (ii) the lower of (a) the outstanding balance of the Residual Claim or (b) the Net Outstanding Principal Amount of such Transferred Receivable;

"**X**" means, in respect of each Series of Covered Bonds in respect of which no Portfolio Swap is entered into by the CBC, for as long as (i) the Issuer's rating from the Rating Agency falls below the relevant minimum rating determined to be applicable or agreed by the Rating Agency, being as at the 2021 Programme Date 'P-1(cr)' by Moody's and (ii) the interest (expressed as a percentage per annum) payable in respect of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds exceeds the weighted average interest of all Transferred Assets, an amount equal to the higher of:

(a) zero; and

(b) the product of:

  (i) the aggregate of:

    (A) the interest (expressed as a percentage per annum) payable in respect of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds in respect of which no Portfolio Swap is entered into by the CBC *less*

    (B) the weighted average interest of all Transferred Assets;

  (ii) the remaining maturity in years of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds;

(iii) the euro equivalent of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds (and in respect of those Covered Bonds not denominated in euro, converted into euro at the respective Structured Swap Rate);

For the purpose of calculating the interest payable by the CBC in respect of any Series of Covered Bonds which is a Floating Rate Covered Bond, the interest as most recently determined in respect of such Series of Covered Bonds shall be used.

"**Y**" means:

(a) if the Issuer's rating from the Rating Agency falls below the relevant minimum rating determined to be applicable or agreed by the Rating Agency, being as at the 2021 Programme Date 'Baa1(cr)' by Moody's, an amount equal to the Net Outstanding Principal Balance of all Receivables on the last day of the month immediately preceding the Calculation Date multiplied by the Monthly Payment Ratio as calculated in respect of the calendar month immediately preceding the Calculation Date, in connection with commingling risk; or

(b) if

(i) the Issuer's credit rating from the Rating Agency is at least equal the relevant minimum rating determined to be applicable or agreed by the Rating Agency, being as at the 2021 Programme Date 'Baa1(cr)'; or

(ii) following the occurrence of a Notification Event and the relevant Borrowers have been notified of the assignment of the Receivables,

zero;

"**Adjusted Revenue Receipts**" means an amount equal to the aggregate Revenue Receipts received during the previous Calculation Period and which are not required to be paid to any Swap Provider in respect of the relevant Calculation Period;

"**First Regulatory Current Balance Amount**" means an amount equal to sum of (i) the aggregate amount of the Current Balance of the Transferred Receivables, excluding any defaulted receivables (as defined in Article 178 CRR), and (ii) the Substitution Assets Amount, or such other amount as is permitted to be taken into account pursuant to the CB Legislation;

"**Index**" means the index of increases or decreases, as the case may be, of house prices issued by the Land Registry in relation to residential properties in the Netherlands;

"**Indexed Valuation**" means at any date in relation to any Transferred Receivable secured over any Property:

(a) where the Original Market Value of that Property is equal to or greater than the Price Indexed Valuation as at that date, the Price Indexed Valuation; or

(b) where the Original Market Value of that Property is less than the Price Indexed Valuation as at that date, the Original Market Value plus 90 per cent. (or, if a different percentage is required or sufficient from time to time for the Covered Bonds to comply with Article 129 CRR and the Issuer wishes to apply such different percentage, then such different percentage) of the difference between the Original Market Value and the Price Indexed Valuation;

"**Monthly Payment Ratio**" means, in respect of a month, the ratio between all principal payments and interest payments made by the Borrowers in respect of the Loans in that month and the Net Outstanding Principal Amount of all Receivables on the last day of the immediately preceding month;

"**MVD Assumption**" means the most conservative market value decline assumption as notified by the Administrator to Moody's in order to achieve a rating (i) of 'Aaa' in relation to the first issue of Covered Bonds or (ii) in relation to any subsequent issue of Covered Bonds, equal to the current rating assigned to the outstanding Series of Covered Bonds;

"**Original Market Value**" in relation to any Property means the market value (*marktwaarde*) given to that Property by the most recent valuation addressed to the Originator that transferred the relevant Transferred Receivable to the CBC;

"**Price Indexed Valuation**" in relation to any Property at any date means the Original Market Value of that Property increased or decreased as appropriate by the increase or decrease in the Index since the date of the Original Market Value;

"**Second Regulatory Current Balance Amount**" means an amount equal to the sum of (A) the aggregate balance of all Transferred Receivables, excluding any defaulted receivables (as defined in Article 178 CRR), whereby the balance is determined for each such Transferred Receivable as the lower of (i) the Current Balance of the Transferred Receivable, and (ii) the LTV Cut-Off Percentage of the Indexed Valuation relating to such Transferred Receivable and (B) Substitution Assets Amount, or in each case such other amount as must be calculated in accordance with the CB Legislation;

"**Structured Swap Rate**" means the currency exchange rate agreed by the CBC and a Structured Swap Provider under any Structured Swap; and

"**Substitution Assets Amount**" means an amount equal to the sum of (i) C (as defined above) and (ii) D (as defined above), less any cash standing to the credit of the CBC Accounts held with an entity within the Rabobank Group, which amount will be limited to a maximum of 20 per cent., or such other percentage as required under the CB Legislation, of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds.

4.2 AMORTISATION TEST

Under the Asset Monitor Agreement and the Guarantee Support Agreement, the CBC and the Originators, respectively, must ensure that as at the end of each calendar month following service of a Notice to Pay or Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice (but prior to service of a CBC Acceleration Notice):

(a) the Amortisation Test Aggregate Asset Amount is an amount at least equal to the euro equivalent of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds at the end of such calendar month, all as calculated on the immediately succeeding Calculation Date;

(b) the First Regulatory Current Balance Amount is at least equal to 105 per cent. (or such other percentage as may be required from time to time under the CB Legislation) of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds at the end of such calendar month all as calculated on the immediately succeeding Calculation Date; and

(c) the Second Regulatory Current Balance Amount is at least equal to 100 per cent. (or such other percentage as may be required from time to time under the CB Legislation) of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds at the end of such calendar month all as calculated on the immediately succeeding Calculation Date,

(together the "**Amortisation Test**").

If on any Calculation Date following the service of a Notice to Pay or Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice it is calculated that the Amortisation Test is not met as per the end of the immediately preceding calendar month, then that shall constitute a "**Breach of the Amortisation Test**" and the CBC (or the Administrator on its behalf) shall immediately notify the Trustee thereof, and the Trustee shall be entitled to serve a CBC Acceleration Notice under the Conditions.

For this purpose:

"**Amortisation Test Aggregate Asset Amount**" means A + B + C- X;

"**A**" means the sum of all Amortisation Test Current Balances of all Transferred Receivables. The "**Amortisation Test Current Balance**" of a Transferred Receivable is the lower of:

(i) the Current Balance of such Transferred Receivable minus α; and

(ii) the LTV Cut-Off Percentage of the Indexed Valuation relating to such Transferred Receivable, minus β;

"**α**" means for each Transferred Receivable the lower of its Current Balance and the sum of the following elements, to the extent applicable to it:

(a) if it is a Category 3 Receivable: an amount calculated on the basis of a method notified to the Rating Agency related to the Savings and Accrued Savings Interest in connection with such Transferred Receivable, provided that no amount will be deducted if and to the extent that a Master Sub-Participation Agreement is effective in relation to the relevant Transferred Receivable;

(b) if it was used to fund a Construction Deposit: the amount of the Construction Deposit;

(c) if it was in breach of the Receivable Warranties as of the relevant Transfer Date: such amount as is necessary to reduce its Adjusted Current Balance or Current Balance, as the case may be, to zero;

(d) if it is a Defaulted Receivable: such amount as is necessary to reduce its Current Balance to zero;

(e) if it is 3 months or more in arrears (other than any Defaulted Receivable): such amount as is necessary to reduce its Current Balance to 30 per cent. of its Current Balance;

(f) if it is a Bank Savings Receivable: the amount standing to the credit of the related Bank Savings Account, unless it concerns a Participation Receivable, in which case an amount equal to the relevant Participation is already deducted as part of the definition of Net Outstanding Principal Balance;

(g) if any of the Issuer's ratings from the Rating Agency fall below the relevant minimum rating determined to be applicable or agreed by the Rating Agency, being as at the 2021 Programme Date 'P-1(cr)' (short-term) by Moody's and the related Borrower has a deposit with Rabobank or any other Originator that engages in the business of, amongst other things, attracting or accepting deposits: an amount equal to the amount by which the aggregate deposits of such Borrower (other than any deposit relating to a Bank Savings Loan) exceeds EUR 100,000 (or such other amount which is not advanced to a Borrower in accordance with the Dutch deposit guarantee scheme (*depositogarantiestelsel*)); and/or

(h) if the Originator has a Residual Claim (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, a Further Advance) and (i) a RC Trigger Event has occurred and (ii) a RC Deduction Notice has been delivered to the CBC and the Trustee: an amount equal to the Deductible Residual Claim;

"**β**" means for each Transferred Receivable the lower of (i) the LTV Cut-Off Percentage of its Indexed Valuation and (ii) α minus L. "**L**" means for each Transferred Receivable its Current Balance minus the LTV Cut-Off Percentage of its Indexed Valuation provided that if the result is negative, L shall be zero and if the result exceeds α, L shall equal α;

"**B**" means the aggregate amount of all Principal Receipts, all Adjusted Revenue Receipts on the Transferred Receivables and (without double counting) all amounts received by the CBC under any Swap Agreement after netting up to the end of the immediately preceding Calculation Period which have not been applied in accordance with the Trust Deed;

"**C**" means the aggregate of (i) outstanding principal balance of any Substitution Assets and (ii) the amounts standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund Ledger. Substitution Assets will be valued on a monthly basis and be taken into account for their mark-to-market value at a discount based on a methodology notified to the Rating Agency;

"**X**" means, in respect of each Series of Covered Bonds in respect of which no Portfolio Swap is entered into by the CBC, for as long as (i) the Issuer's rating from a Rating Agency falls below the relevant minimum rating determined to be applicable or agreed by such Rating Agency, being as at the 2021 Programme Date 'P-1(cr)' by Moody's and (ii) the interest (expressed as a percentage per annum) payable in respect of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds exceeds the weighted average interest of all Transferred Assets, an amount equal to the higher of

(a) zero; and

(b) the product of:

(i) the aggregate of:

(A) the interest (expressed as a percentage per annum) payable in respect of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds in respect of which no Portfolio Swap is entered into by the CBC *less*

(B) the weighted average interest of all Transferred Assets;

(ii) the remaining maturity in years of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds;

(iii) the euro equivalent of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds (and in respect of those Covered Bonds not denominated in euro, converted into euro at the respective Structured Swap Rate);

For the purpose of calculating the interest payable by the CBC in respect of any Series of Covered Bonds which is a Floating Rate Covered Bond, the interest as most recently determined in respect of such Series of Covered Bonds shall be used; and

"**Authorised Investments**" means any Substitution Asset which is permitted pursuant to the CB Legislation provided that such investment meets the following criteria:

(a) euro denominated government securities, euro demand or time deposits, certificates of deposit and short-term debt obligations (including commercial paper) provided that (a) in all cases such investments

have a remaining maturity date of 30 days or less and mature on or before the next following CBC Payment Date and the unsecured, unguaranteed and unsubordinated debt obligations of the issuing or guaranteeing entity or the entity with which the demand or time deposits are made have a minimum rating as determined to be applicable or agreed by a relevant Rating Agency from time to time, being as at the 2021 Programme Date a senior unsecured unsubordinated rating of 'P-1' (short-term) by Moody's and (b) the total exposure to such investments shall not exceed 20 per cent. of the (euro equivalent of the) aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of all Covered Bonds then outstanding;

(b) euro denominated government securities, euro demand or time deposits, certificates of deposit and short-term debt obligations (including commercial paper) provided that in all cases such investments have a remaining maturity date of 364 days or less and the unsecured, unguaranteed and unsubordinated debt obligations of the issuing or guaranteeing entity or the entity with which the demand or time deposits are made have a minimum rating as determined to be applicable or agreed by a relevant Rating Agency from time to time, being as at the 2021 Programme Date a senior unsecured unsubordinated rating of 'P-1' (short-term) by Moody's; and

(c) euro denominated government securities, euro demand or time deposits, certificates of deposit which have a remaining maturity date of more than 364 days and the unsecured, unguaranteed and unsubordinated debt obligations of the issuing or guaranteeing entity or the entity with which the demand or time deposits are made have a minimum rating as determined to be applicable or agreed by a relevant Rating Agency from time to time, being as at the 2021 Programme Date 'Aaa' by Moody's.

(d) unless the ratings of the Issuer are downgraded below a minimum rating as determined to be applicable or agreed by a relevant Rating Agency from time to time (being as at the 2021 Programme Date 'P-2 (short-term) by Moody's in which case such investments must have a remaining maturity date of 30 days or less and mature on or before the next following CBC Payment Date.

4.3 SALE OR REFINANCING OF SELECTED ASSETS

The Asset Monitor Agreement provides that the CBC shall sell or refinance Selected Receivables following the service of a Notice to Pay and an Issuer Acceleration Notice, but prior to the service of a CBC Acceleration Notice, if on any date the Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds have, an Extended Due for Payment Date which falls within twelve months of such date, or such longer term as the Trustee may approve.

The proceeds from any such sale or refinancing will, in the case of each Participation Receivable, after deduction of an amount equal to the relevant Redemption Amount, be credited to the relevant AIC Account Principal Ledger and applied as set out in the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments.

In each case the CBC will be obliged to sell or refinance Selected Receivables in the Portfolio in accordance with the Asset Monitor Agreement (as described below), subject to the rights of pre-emption enjoyed by the Originators to purchase Selected Receivables pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement.

If the CBC is required to sell or refinance Selected Receivables as abovementioned, the Asset Monitor Agreement provides that the CBC shall ensure that (a) Selected Receivables will be selected on a random basis as described in the Asset Monitor Agreement and (b) no more Selected Receivables will be selected than are necessary for the estimated sale or refinancing proceeds to equal the Adjusted Required Redemption Amount and (c) the Amortisation Test is not breached following the proposed sale or refinancing.

If the CBC is required to sell or refinance Selected Receivables as abovementioned, the CBC will offer the portfolio of such Selected Receivables (or part of such portfolio) for sale to Purchasers for the best price, or seek to refinance such Selected Receivables (or part of such portfolio) for the best terms reasonably available but in any event for an amount not less than the Adjusted Required Redemption Amount plus, in the case of Participation Receivables, an amount equal to the aggregate Participations.

If such Selected Receivables have not been sold or refinanced (in whole or in part) in an amount equal to the Adjusted Required Redemption Amount plus, in the case of each Participation Receivable, an amount equal to the relevant Participation by the date which is six months prior to the Extended Due for Payment Date of the Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds (after taking into account all payments, provisions and credits to be made in priority thereto), then the CBC will (i) offer such Selected Receivables for sale for the best terms reasonably available or (ii) seek to refinance such Selected Receivables on the best terms reasonably available, notwithstanding that such amount may be less than the Adjusted Required Redemption Amount plus, in the case of each Participation Receivable, an amount equal to the relevant Participation (with a minimum of the Participation).

In respect of the sale or refinancing of Selected Receivables following service of a Notice to Pay on the CBC, in addition to offering Selected Receivables for sale to Purchasers in respect of the Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds, the CBC (subject to the rights of pre-emption enjoyed by the Originators pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement) is under the Asset Monitor Agreement permitted to sell or refinance a portfolio of Selected Receivables, in accordance with the provisions summarised above, in respect of other Series.

Under the Asset Monitor Agreement, if the CBC is required or permitted to sell or refinance Selected Receivables as abovementioned, the CBC is permitted (but not required) to sell to Purchasers the Partial Portfolio. Except in circumstances where the Partial Portfolio of Selected Receivables is being sold within six months of the Extended Due for Payment Date of the Series to be repaid from such proceeds (in which case a minimum sale price as described above shall apply *mutatis mutandis*), the sale price of the Partial Portfolio shall be at least an amount equal to that part of the relevant Adjusted Required Redemption Amount (plus, for each Participation Receivable included in such Partial Portfolio, an amount equal to the relevant Participation) which bears the same proportion to such Adjusted Required Redemption Amount (plus, for each Participation Receivable included in such Partial Portfolio, an amount equal to the relevant Participation) as the aggregate Current Balance of the Partial Portfolio (plus, for each Participation Receivable included in such Partial Portfolio, an amount equal to the relevant Participation) bears to the aggregate Current Balance of the relevant entire portfolio of Selected Receivables (plus, for each Participation Receivable included in such entire portfolio, an amount equal to the relevant Participation).

With respect to the contemplated sale or refinancing of Selected Receivables referred to above, the CBC will through a tender process appoint a portfolio manager of recognised standing on a basis intended to incentivise

the portfolio manager to achieve the best terms for the sale or refinancing of the Selected Receivables (if such terms are commercially available in the market) to advise it in relation to the sale or refinancing of Selected Receivables to Purchasers (except where the Originators are buying the Selected Receivables in accordance with their right of pre-emption in the Guarantee Support Agreement). The terms of the agreement giving effect to the appointment in accordance with such tender shall be approved by the Trustee.

In respect of any sale or refinancing of Selected Receivables following the service of a Notice to Pay and an Issuer Acceleration Notice, pursuant to the beginning of this section 4.3 (*Sale or Refinancing of Selected Assets*), but prior to the service of a CBC Acceleration Notice, the CBC will instruct the portfolio manager to use all reasonable endeavours to procure that Selected Receivables are sold as quickly as reasonably practicable (in accordance with the recommendations of the portfolio manager) taking into account the market conditions at that time and the scheduled repayment dates of the Covered Bonds and the terms of the Guarantee Support Agreement and the Asset Monitor Agreement.

The terms of any sale and purchase agreement with respect to the sale of Selected Receivables or the terms of any refinancing will be subject to the prior written approval of the Trustee.

If Purchasers accept the offer or offers from the CBC, then the CBC will, subject to the foregoing paragraph, enter into a sale and purchase agreement with the relevant Purchasers which will require amongst other things a cash payment from the relevant Purchasers.

Any such sale or any refinancing will not include any representations or warranties from the CBC in respect of Selected Receivables unless expressly agreed by the Trustee.

After a CBC Acceleration Notice has been served on the CBC, the Trustee may institute such proceedings or take such action as it thinks fit against the Issuer and the CBC to enforce its rights under the Trust Deed and the Security Documents in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed.

Sale of Substitution Assets

The Asset Monitor Agreement provides that the CBC (or the Administrator on its behalf) shall sell all Substitution Assets as quickly as reasonably practicable, subject to the pre-emption rights enjoyed by the Originators pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement, in each of the following circumstances:

(a) following service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice and a Notice to Pay; or

(b) upon a downgrade of the Issuer's ratings below the minimum ratings as determined to be applicable or agreed by a relevant Rating Agency from time to time, being as at the 2021 Programme Date 'P-2(cr)' (short-term) by Moody's.

For the purpose hereof:

"**Adjusted Required Redemption Amount**" means an amount equal to the euro equivalent of the Required Redemption Amount of the Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds less amounts standing to the credit of the AIC Account and the principal amount of any Authorised Investments and Substitution Assets (excluding all amounts to be applied on the following CBC Payment Date to repay higher ranking amounts in the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments and those amounts that are required to repay any Series of Covered Bonds, which have their Extended Due for Payment Date in the same or earlier CBC Payment Period as the Extended Due for Payment Date of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds, respectively).

"**Required Redemption Amount**" means in respect of any relevant Series of Covered Bonds, the amount calculated as follows: the Principal Amount Outstanding of such Series x (1 + (0.005 x (days to the Extended Due for Payment Date of such Series/365))).

4.4 ASSET MONITOR

Under the terms of the Asset Monitor Appointment Agreement, the Asset Monitor has agreed, subject to due receipt of the information to be provided by the Administrator to the Asset Monitor, to conduct agreed upon procedures on the arithmetic accuracy of the calculations performed by the Administrator in respect of the Asset Cover Test, the Amortisation Test and the liquidity buffer to be maintained by the CBC in accordance with the CB Legislation with a view to confirmation of the accuracy of such calculations.

Asset Cover Test and Amortisation Test

The Asset Monitor will within five Business Days upon receipt of the relevant information conduct such agreed upon procedures (i) in respect of the Asset Cover Test carried out by the Administrator on or prior to the Calculation Date immediately preceding each anniversary of the Programme Date; and (ii) in respect of the Amortisation Test carried out by the Administrator on or prior to each Calculation Date.

Following a determination by the Asset Monitor of any errors in the arithmetic accuracy of the calculations performed by the Administrator such that (a) the Asset Cover Test has been failed as at the end of a calendar month (where the Administrator had recorded it as being satisfied) or (b) the Adjusted Aggregate Asset Amount, the First Regulatory Current Balance Amount, the Second Regulatory Current Balance Amount or the Amortisation Test Aggregate Asset Amount is misstated by an amount exceeding 1 per cent. of the Adjusted Aggregate Asset Amount, the First Regulatory Current Balance Amount, the Second Regulatory Current Balance Amount or the Amortisation Test Aggregate Asset Amount, as applicable, all as at the end of the relevant calendar month, the Asset Monitor will be required to conduct such agreed upon procedures for each of the four consecutive Calculation Dates thereafter.

The results of the agreed upon procedures conducted by the Asset Monitor in respect of the Asset Cover Test or, as applicable, the Amortisation Test will be delivered to the Administrator, the CBC, the Issuer and the Trustee in the relevant Asset Monitor Report in accordance with the Asset Monitor Appointment Agreement. If the calculations performed by the CBC (or the Administrator on its behalf) have not been performed correctly, the written notification in the form of a report of factual findings by the Asset Monitor shall (i) set out the correct calculation of the Asset Cover Test or Amortisation Test, as applicable, (ii) indicate whether the Asset Cover Test or Amortisation Test, as applicable, has been passed or failed and (iii) set out the result of such correct calculation together with the incorrect calculation and the result of such incorrect calculation as carried out by the CBC (or the Administrator on its behalf).

Agreed upon procedures pursuant to the CB Legislation

In addition, subject to the terms of the Asset Monitor Agreement, the Asset Monitor will perform agreed upon procedures in respect of the calculations of (i) the First Regulatory Current Balance Amount and the Second Regulatory Current Balance Amount which, in each case form part of the Asset Cover Test and (ii) the amount to be retained by the CBC pursuant to Article 40g of the Decree.

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The Asset Monitor is entitled, in the absence of manifest error, to assume that all information provided to it by the Administrator for the purpose of conducting such tests is true and correct and is complete and not misleading, and is not required to conduct a test or otherwise take steps to verify the accuracy of any such information.

Under the terms of the Asset Monitor Appointment Agreement the CBC will pay to the Asset Monitor a fee per agreed upon procedure to be performed by the Asset Monitor.

The Asset Monitor may, at any time, resign from its appointment upon providing the CBC and the Trustee (copied to the Rating Agencies) with 60 days' prior written notice. If a replacement asset monitor which agrees to perform the duties (or substantially similar duties) of the Asset Monitor has not been found by the CBC within 60 days of notice of resignation by the Asset Monitor, the Asset Monitor shall immediately use its best endeavours to propose a replacement which agrees to perform the duties (or substantially similar duties) of the Asset Monitor. Any replacement asset monitor should in any event (i) be an accountancy firm of international standing or (ii) be approved by the Trustee (such approval not being unreasonably withheld).

The CBC may, at any time, but subject to the prior written consent of the Trustee, terminate the appointment of the Asset Monitor by providing at least 30 days' prior written notice to the Asset Monitor, provided that such termination may not be effected unless and until a replacement asset monitor has been found by the CBC (such

replacement should in any event (i) be an accountancy firm of international standing or (ii) be approved by the Trustee (such approval not being unreasonably withheld)) which agrees to perform the duties (or substantially similar duties) of the Asset Monitor set out in the Asset Monitor Appointment Agreement. If a replacement asset monitor has not been found by the CBC within 30 days of notice of termination by the CBC, the Asset Monitor may, but is not required to, identify a replacement asset monitor which agrees to perform the duties of the Asset Monitor. Any replacement asset monitor should in any event (i) be an accountancy firm of international standing or (ii) be approved by the Trustee (such approval not being unreasonably withheld). Subject to the requirements set out above being met in relation to any such replacement proposed by the Asset Monitor if the CBC has not found a replacement asset monitor within 30 days of notice of the termination, the CBC shall be obliged to appoint such proposed replacement asset monitor.

In the Trust Deed the Trustee agrees to, upon receipt of each Monthly Investor Report, verify whether it states that the Asset Cover Test or the Amortisation Test, as the case may be, has been passed or failed.

5. SERVICING AND CUSTODY

5.1 SERVICING

Pursuant to the Servicing Agreement, the Servicer has agreed to service on behalf of the CBC the Portfolio, unless any New Originator and the Servicer agree that such New Originator or a third party servicer shall act as servicer in relation to Eligible Receivables transferred by such New Originator to the CBC subject to fulfilling the Servicer Criteria (as described below).

If the Servicer is to service the Eligible Receivables transferred by such New Originator, this will be provided for through an amendment to the Servicing Agreement. If it is agreed that the New Originator or third party servicer will service, on behalf of the CBC, the New Receivables transferred by such New Originator to the CBC, then a servicing agreement will be entered into between such New Originator or third party servicer, as applicable, (in its capacity as servicer, the "**New Servicer**"), the CBC and the Trustee on substantially the same terms as the Servicing Agreement so that each New Servicer has substantially the same rights and obligations as the Servicer (each a "**New Servicing Agreement**").

Each Servicer will be required to:

(a) administer the relevant Transferred Receivables in accordance with the relevant Originator's Lending Criteria and the relevant Servicing Agreement;

(b) collect as agent for the CBC and, following the occurrence of a CBC Event of Default, for the Trustee, all amounts due under each Transferred Receivable; and

(c) use all reasonable endeavours to collect all payments due under or in connection with the Transferred Receivable and to enforce all covenants and obligations of each Borrower in accordance with the Enforcement Procedures and take such action as is not materially prejudicial to the interest of the CBC and in accordance with such actions that a Reasonable Prudent Lender would undertake.

Each Servicer will have the power to exercise the rights, powers and discretions and to perform the duties of the CBC in relation to the Receivables that it is servicing pursuant to the terms of the relevant Servicing Agreement, and to do anything which it reasonably considers necessary or convenient or incidental to the administration of those Receivables.

Each Servicer has undertaken or will undertake, as the case may be, to, amongst other things, perform the services listed below (the "**Services**") in relation to those Receivables that it is servicing, and to:

- assist the Administrator in the preparation of a Monthly Investor Report in accordance with the Administration Agreement and deliver to the CBC and the Trustee two Business Days prior to the last CBC Payment Date of the relevant month all portfolio characteristics and other information relating to the Receivables reasonably required to complete the relevant Monthly Investor Report;

- keep records and books of account on behalf of the CBC in relation to the Transferred Receivables;

- notify relevant Borrowers of any change in their payments;

- assist the auditors of the CBC and provide information to them upon reasonable request;

- notify relevant Borrowers of any other matter or thing which the applicable Loan Agreement require them to be notified of in the manner and at the time so required;

- subject to the provisions of the relevant Servicing Agreement take all reasonable steps to recover all sums due to the CBC including without limitation by the institution of proceedings and/or the enforcement of any Transferred Receivable;

- to the extent permitted under applicable data protection and other laws provide on a timely basis to the Rating Agency all information on the Borrowers and the Loan Agreements which is reasonably required

in order for the Rating Agency to be able to establish their credit estimates on Borrowers at all reasonable times upon reasonable notice subject to the relevant Servicer being reasonably capable of providing such information without significant additional cost;

- make all calculations and render all other services required for compliance with the Master Sub-Participation Agreements;
- take all other action and do all other things which it would be reasonable to expect a Reasonable Prudent Lender to do in administering its Loan Agreements and their Related Security; and
- act as collection agent on behalf of the CBC in accordance with the provisions of the Servicing Agreement.

By acquiring the Eligible Receivables, the CBC is deemed to provide consumer credit, which is a licensable activity under the Wft. The CBC can rely on an exemption from this licence requirement, if the CBC outsources the servicing of the Eligible Receivables and the administration thereof to an entity which is adequately licensed under the Wft to act as consumer credit provider and intermediary and which complies with certain information duties towards the Borrowers. The Servicer will represent and warrant that it is, and covenants that it shall remain, adequately licensed under the Wft to act as consumer credit provider and intermediary and covenants to comply with the information duties towards the Borrowers under or pursuant to the Wft. Furthermore, the Servicer will covenant that it shall only engage any sub-contractor with due observance of the applicable rules under the Wft. The Servicer may only terminate the Servicing Agreement if a New Servicer has been appointed prior to such termination which holds the requisite licences, including being duly licensed under the Wft to act as consumer credit provider and intermediary.

The CBC will pay to the Servicer a servicing fee as separately agreed between the Servicer and the CBC. Fees payable to New Servicers and/or the Servicer acting as Servicer in respect of Receivables transferred by New Originators to the CBC will be determined on the date that they accede to the Programme.

Furthermore, in connection with the role of the Servicer to collect as agent for the CBC and, following the occurrence of a CBC Event of Default, for the Trustee, all amounts due under each Transferred Receivable, the following is relevant.

Until a Notification Event has occurred and all Borrowers owing Transferred Receivables have been notified of the assignment of the Transferred Receivables and instructed to make all payments under the Transferred Receivables directly to the AIC Account or such other account as the Trustee or the CBC may designate for such purpose in accordance with the Guarantee Support Agreement, all payments by the Borrowers are required to be made into the Collection Accounts.

Pursuant to the Servicing Agreement, the Servicer has agreed to pay (or cause to be paid) any monies collected in respect of the Transferred Receivables (a) in any calendar month, to the relevant Originator no later than a Business Day of the subsequent calendar month (to be agreed between the Servicer and the relevant Originator and as notified to the CBC and the Trustee) for as long as no Notification Event has occurred and no Notice to Pay, a Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice has been served or (b) within two Business Days of receipt (i) to the AIC Account following a Notification Event or service of a Notice to Pay or Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice (but prior to service of a CBC Acceleration Notice) or (ii) to an account specified by the Trustee following service of a CBC Acceleration Notice. See also the risk factor '*Risk related to payments received by the Originator prior to notification to the Borrowers of the assignment to the CBC*' in section B (*Risk Factors*) above in relation to the position of the CBC as creditor of an Originator in the event of such Originator being the subject of a Dutch Insolvency Proceeding.

5.2 SERVICERS

The CBC and the Trustee may, upon written notice to the relevant Servicer and the Rating Agency, terminate the relevant Servicer's rights and obligations immediately if any of the following events (a "**Servicer Event of Default**") occurs:

- the relevant Servicer defaults in the payment of any amount due to the CBC under the relevant Servicing Agreement and fails to remedy that default for a period of 14 days after the earlier of the relevant Servicer becoming aware of the default and receipt by the relevant Servicer of written notice from the Trustee or the CBC requiring the same to be remedied;

- the relevant Servicer fails to comply with any of its other obligations under the Servicing Agreement which failure in the opinion of the Trustee is materially prejudicial to Covered Bondholders and does not remedy that failure within 14 days after the earlier of the relevant Servicer becoming aware of the failure and receipt by the relevant Servicer of written notice from the Trustee or the CBC requiring the same to be remedied;

- the relevant Servicer is subjected to Insolvency Proceedings; or

- at any time it becomes unlawful for the relevant Servicer to perform all or a material part of its obligations under the relevant Servicing Agreement or the relevant Servicer ceases to be duly licensed to act as consumer credit provider and intermediary pursuant to the Wft.

Subject to the fulfilment of a number of conditions, a Servicer may voluntarily resign by giving not less than 12 months' notice to the Trustee and the CBC provided that a substitute servicer which meets the Servicer Criteria has been appointed and enters into a servicing agreement with the CBC which meets the relevant requirements of the Data Protection Legislation but is otherwise substantially on the same terms as the Servicing Agreement. The resignation of a Servicer is conditional on the resignation having no adverse effect on the then current ratings of the Covered Bonds unless the Covered Bondholders agree otherwise by a Programme Resolution.

If the appointment of a Servicer is terminated, the relevant Servicer must deliver the Borrower Files and other documentation held by it relating to the Transferred Receivables administered by it to, or at the direction of, the CBC. The relevant Servicing Agreement will terminate at such time as the CBC has no further interest in any of the Transferred Receivables serviced under the relevant Servicing Agreement.

A Servicer may sub-contract the performance of its duties under the Servicing Agreement provided that it meets conditions as set out in the relevant Servicing Agreement.

Each new Servicer and any assignee or transferee of an existing Servicer will have to fulfil, amongst other things, the following criteria (the "**Servicer Criteria**"):

(a) it has experience with and systems capable of administering portfolios of residential mortgage loans in the Netherlands and is approved by the CBC and the Trustee;

(b) it enters into an agreement substantially on the same terms as the Servicing Agreement;

(c) it has all necessary consents, licences, authorities and approvals required under the laws of the Netherlands (including the Wft) which may be necessary in connection with the performance of the Services and as a result of which the CBC does not require its own licence; and

(d) the then current ratings of the Covered Bonds are not adversely affected by the appointment of the new Servicer.

5.3 CUSTODY

If Substitution Assets are transferred to the CBC, the CBC will appoint a custodian to provide custody services in relation to such Substitution Assets. The Substitution Assets will be serviced in accordance with a Custody Agreement.

6. SWAPS

In order to hedge certain interest rate, currency or other risks in respect of amounts received by the CBC under the Transferred Receivables, the AIC Accounts, the Authorised Investments and the Substitution Assets and/or amounts payable by the CBC under the Guarantee to the Covered Bondholders in respect of the Covered Bonds, the CBC may enter into swap transactions with one or more Swap Providers, including portfolio swap transactions, interest rate swap transactions and structured swap transactions.

The CBC is only permitted to enter into Swap Agreements and transactions thereunder with either (a) Rabobank or (b) a Swap Provider. All such Swap Agreements will be required to be either in Approved Form or in form and substance acceptable to each of the CBC, the Trustee and subject to Rating Agency Confirmation. A Swap Agreement may govern the terms of a Portfolio Swap and/or one or more Interest Rate Swaps and/or one or more Structured Swaps. There is no requirement for the CBC or the relevant Eligible Swap Provider to enter into a Swap Agreement for each Swap separately.

In the Swap Undertaking Letter Rabobank undertakes to, or to procure an Eligible Swap Provider to, enter into one or more (as agreed between the CBC and such Eligible Swap Provider) Swap Agreements with the CBC governing (a) Structured Swap(s) for each Series denominated in a currency other than Euro if (i) a Notification Event occurs, (ii) a Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice is served or (iii) the rating(s) of Rabobank are, or fall, below the minimum rating(s) set for an Eligible Swap Provider (in which case Structured Swaps will be required) or (b) as may be determined by the Issuer, one or more Portfolio Swap(s) and/or one of more Interest Rate Swap(s) for any Series.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Trust Deed and the Swap Agreements, regardless of whether a Notification Event has occurred, unless and until (a) both an Issuer Acceleration Notice and a Notice to Pay are served or (b) a CBC Acceleration Notice is served, all amounts to be paid and received by the CBC under any Swap Agreement will be paid and received on behalf of the CBC by the Issuer. However, any amounts of collateral payable by a relevant Swap Provider to the CBC (or, returned by the CBC to the relevant Swap Provider, as the case may be) will be paid directly by the relevant Swap Provider to the CBC (or by the CBC to the relevant Swap Provider, as the case may be), regardless of whether an Issuer Acceleration Notice, Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice is served or whether a Notification Event has occurred.

Minimum Rating of Swap Provider

Under the terms of each Swap Agreement, in the event that the rating(s) of the Swap Provider is below, or is downgraded by a Rating Agency below, the minimum rating(s) specified in the relevant Swap Agreement for that Swap Provider (in accordance with the requirements of the relevant Rating Agency), that Swap Provider will, in accordance with the relevant Swap Agreement, be required to take certain *rem*edial measures which may include:

(a) providing collateral or additional collateral for its obligations under the relevant Swap Agreement;

(b) arranging for its obligations under the relevant Swap Agreement to be transferred to an entity with the ratings required by the relevant Rating Agency;

(c) procuring another entity with the ratings required by the relevant Rating Agency to become co-obligor or guarantor in respect of its obligations under the relevant Swap Agreement; or

(d) taking such other action or putting in place such alternative hedging as it may agree with the relevant Rating Agency (subject to Rating Agency Confirmation).

A failure to take such steps within the time periods specified in the relevant Swap Agreement will allow the CBC to terminate the Swap Agreement.

Other Termination Events

A Swap Agreement may also be terminated early in certain other circumstances, including:

(a) at the option of either party to the Swap Agreement, if there is a failure by the other party to pay any amounts due under such Swap Agreement and any applicable grace period has expired;

(b) upon the occurrence of an insolvency of the Swap Provider, or any guarantor, or the merger of one of the parties without an assumption of the obligations under the relevant Swap Agreement (except in respect of the security interests created by the CBC in favour of the Trustee in accordance with the Security Documents);

(c) if there is a change of law or change in application of the relevant law which results in the CBC or the Swap Provider (or both) being obliged to make a withholding or deduction on account of a tax on a payment to be made by such party to the other party under the Swap Agreement and the Swap Provider thereby being required under the terms of the Swap Agreement to gross up payments made to the CBC, or to receive net payments from the CBC (which is not required under the terms of the Swap Agreement to gross up payments made to the Swap Provider); and

(d) if there is a change in law which results in the illegality of the obligations to be performed by either party under the Swap Agreement.

Upon the termination of a Swap Agreement, the CBC or the relevant Swap Provider may be liable to make a termination payment to the other party in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Swap Agreement. The amount of this termination payment will be calculated and made in euro.

EMIR

EMIR may have a potential impact on the Swap Agreement as an OTC derivative contract to be entered into by the CBC. EMIR establishes certain requirements for OTC derivative contracts, including (i) mandatory clearing obligations, (ii) the mandatory exchange of initial and/or variation margin, (iii) other risk-mitigation techniques for OTC derivative contracts not cleared by a central counterparty and (iv) reporting requirements.

The Issuer does not expect the CBC to be or become subject to the margin requirements or the clearing obligation, as these only apply to certain financial counterparties (as defined in EMIR) and non-financial counterparties (as defined in EMIR) that (are deemed to) exceed the applicable clearing threshold (established on a group basis). For the same reason, it does also not expect to be subject to the trading obligation under Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 on markets in financial instruments ("**MiFIR**"). Moreover, EMIR provides for an exemption from the margin requirements and clearing obligation for derivatives associated with covered bonds.

However, the possibility cannot be excluded that the CBC may in the future, whether as a result of changes to the legislation or group activity, qualify as such a counterparty. If it does not comply with the requirements for an exemption (such as the aforementioned exemption) and the Swap Agreement is deemed in-scope, it will have to comply with the margin requirements, trading obligation and/or the clearing obligation. This would lead to significantly more administrative burdens, higher costs and potential complications, for instance if the CBC will be required to enter into a replacement swap agreements or to amend the Swap Agreement in order to comply with these requirements.

6.1 PORTFOLIO SWAP

In order to hedge the risk of possible mismatches between

(1) the rates of interest or revenues on the Transferred Receivables, the Authorised Investments, the Substitution Assets and the balance of the AIC Account; and

(2) the amounts of interest payable under one or more Series of Covered Bonds or (y) any amount payable under any Structured Swap and/or any Interest Rate Swap in respect of a specific Series of Covered Bonds,

the CBC, Rabobank in its capacity as Portfolio Swap Provider and the Trustee (in respect of certain provisions) may enter into a Portfolio Swap under a Portfolio Swap Agreement.

A Portfolio Swap may be entered into by the CBC, in respect of all or part of the Transferred Receivables, Authorised Investments and Substitution Assets acquired by the CBC from time to time and the balance of the AIC Account from time to time multiplied with the Portfolio Swap Fraction, to ensure that certain interest rate and revenue risks in respect of such Transferred Receivables, Authorised Investments, Substitution Assets and the balance of the AIC Account are hedged. If any Portfolio Swap is entered into by the CBC in respect of part of the Transferred Receivables, Authorised Investments and Substitution Assets acquired by the CBC from time to time, the revenue risk scheduled in respect of such Transferred Assets will be multiplied by the Portfolio Swap Fraction which is exchanged for any (fixed or floating) interest basis as determined by the CBC calculated by reference to the Principal Amount Outstanding of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds in respect of which a Portfolio Swap is entered into.

A Portfolio Swap may provide that in case of a sale or refinancing of Selected Receivables, the prospective purchaser of such Selected Receivables (provided that such purchaser has been approved by a Portfolio Swap Provider) has the option to elect for the rights and obligations of the CBC under a Portfolio Swap (or part thereof) relating to such Selected Receivables to be transferred to it and such Swap Agreement permits the CBC to make such transfer subject to certain conditions, as specified in such Swap Agreement. If the prospective purchaser elects for the rights and obligations of the CBC under a Portfolio Swap (or part thereof) relating to such Selected Receivables not to be transferred to it (or does elect for such transfer but such transfer is not possible due to non-compliance with the relevant conditions specified in such Swap Agreement), the Portfolio Swap (or part thereof) relating to such Selected Receivables will be terminated.

6.2 INTEREST RATE SWAPS

In order to hedge the risk of any possible mismatches between:

(1) any (fixed or floating) interest basis as determined by the Issuer; and

(2) rate of interest payable under any euro denominated Series,

the CBC, one or more Interest Rate Swap Providers and the Trustee (in respect of certain provisions) may enter into one or more Interest Rate Swap Agreements in the Approved Form or in form and substance acceptable to each of the CBC, the Trustee and subject to Rating Agency Confirmation.

The following payments will be made under each Interest Rate Swap entered into in respect of a Series:

(a) on or before each Interest Payment Date, the relevant Interest Rate Swap Provider will pay the CBC an amount equal to the product of (i) the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of such Series as at the preceding Interest Payment Date and (ii) the relevant swap rate corresponding to the interest rate payable on the relevant Series; and

(b) on each Fixed Rate Payer Payment Date or, if applicable, Floating Rate Payer Payment Date, the CBC will pay to the Interest Rate Swap Provider an amount equal to the product of (i) the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of such Series as at the preceding Interest Payment Date and (ii) the sum of the relevant fixed rate or, if applicable, the floating rate for the relevant period of time and the Spread (as defined in the applicable Interest Rate Swap Agreement).

Unless otherwise agreed between the CBC and the relevant Interest Swap Provider in the relevant Interest Rate Swap, each Interest Rate Swap will terminate on the Final Maturity Date of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds, subject to the early termination provisions of the relevant Swap Agreement as outlined above.

6.3 STRUCTURED SWAPS

In order to hedge against certain interest rate and/or currency risks in respect of mismatches between:

(1) any (fixed or floating) interest basis as determined by the Issuer and the currency in which it is payable under any Series; and/or

(2) euro denominated Principal Receipts and amounts of principal payable under any non-euro denominated Series,

the CBC, one or more Structured Swap Providers, and the Trustee (in respect of certain provisions) will (if required by the Swap Undertaking Letter) or may (if not required by the Swap Undertaking Letter) enter into one or more Structured Swap Agreements in the Approved Form or in form and substance acceptable to each of the CBC, the Trustee and subject to Rating Agency Confirmation.

One or more of the following payments will be made under each Structured Swap entered into in respect of a Series (depending on whether any applicable interest and/or currency risk is hedged):

(a) on or before each Interest Payment Date, the Structured Swap Provider will pay the CBC an amount in the currency of the relevant Series equal to the product of (i) the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of such Series as at the preceding Interest Payment Date and (ii) the relevant swap rate corresponding to the interest rate payable on, or interest basis applicable to, the relevant Series;

(b) on each Floating Rate Payer Payment Date, the CBC will pay to the Structured Swap Provider an amount in euro equal to the product of (i) the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of such Series or, if such Series is denominated in a currency other than euro, an amount equal to the euro equivalent of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of such Series and (ii) the sum of the relevant fixed rate or, if applicable, floating rate for the relevant period of time and the Spread (as defined in the applicable Structured Swap Agreement); and

(c) on the Termination Date, if such Series is denominated in a currency other than euro, the CBC will pay to the Structured Swap Provider an amount equal to the euro equivalent of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of such Series (as determined by the relevant swap confirmation), and the Structured Swap Provider will pay the CBC an amount equal to the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of such Series in the currency in which such Series is denominated.

Unless otherwise agreed between the CBC and the relevant Structured Swap Provider in the relevant Structured Rate Swap, each Structured Swap will terminate on the Final Maturity Date of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds, (such date, the "**Termination Date**"), subject to the early termination provisions of the relevant Swap Agreement as outlined above.

7. CASH FLOWS

(A) For as long as no Notification Event has occurred and no Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice has been served:

(a) pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement any proceeds from the Transferred Assets will be received and retained by the Originators for their own benefit; and

(b) pursuant to the Trust Deed, the following will apply:

(i) all costs and expenses of the CBC (including for the avoidance of doubt the minimum reportable taxable profit (and any tax in respect thereof) to be deposited in the Capital Account and the amount to be deposited as Reserve Fund on the AIC Account and administered through the Reserve Fund Ledger) will be paid on behalf of the CBC by the Issuer for its own account;

(ii) all amounts to be paid and received, respectively, by the CBC under any Swap Agreement or, if applicable, Master Sub-Participation Agreement will be paid and received, respectively, on behalf of the CBC by the Issuer for its own account (except that any collateral to be provided by a Swap Provider following its downgrade will be delivered to the CBC irrespective of whether any Notification Event has occurred or any Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice has been served at such time and, accordingly, any payments or deliveries to be made in respect of any such collateral arrangements shall be made directly between the CBC and the relevant Swap Provider); and

(iii) on each CBC Payment Date the CBC or the Administrator on its behalf will distribute all amounts (if any) then standing to the credit of the CBC Accounts, but excluding any amounts standing to the credit of the Swap Collateral Ledger and, to the extent amounts are required to be maintained thereon in accordance with the Administration Agreement, the Asset Monitor Agreement or the Trust Deed, the Reserve Fund Ledger, to the Issuer or, if the Issuer is subject to an Insolvency Proceeding, any solvent Originator to the extent permitted by the Asset Cover Test. The CBC need not concern itself as to how such proceeds are allocated between the Issuer and the Originators.

(B) If a Notification Event occurs or a Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice is served on the CBC:

(a) pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement, the CBC shall, subject to the rights of the Trustee as pledgee, be entitled to receive for its own benefit all proceeds of the Transferred Assets to the extent relating to the period following such Notification Event or service of such Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice;

(b) pursuant to the Trust Deed, the following will apply:

(i) if a Notification Event has occurred but no Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice has been served, all costs, expenses, Swaps and Master-Sub-Participation Agreements will continue to be settled on behalf of the CBC by the Issuer as abovementioned and all amounts standing to the credit of the CBC Accounts will continue to be distributed as abovementioned;

(ii) if a Notification Event has occurred or a Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice has been served but no Issuer Acceleration Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice has been served, all costs, expenses, Swaps and Master Sub-Participation Agreements will continue to be settled on behalf of the CBC by the Issuer as abovementioned but no further amounts standing to the credit of the AIC Account will be distributed as mentioned under paragraph (A)(b)(iii) above;

(iii) if a Notification Event has occurred and an Issuer Acceleration Notice and a Notice to Pay have been served, but no CBC Acceleration Notice has been served, the Administrator, on behalf of the CBC, will apply all (1) Available Revenue Receipts and all Available Principal Receipts in accordance with the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments and (2) other monies standing to the credit of the CBC Accounts in accordance with the Administration Agreement, the AIC Account Agreement, the Trust Deed and any other Transaction Document; or

(iv) if a CBC Acceleration Notice has been served, all monies received or recovered by the Trustee or any other Secured Creditor and all monies held by or on behalf of the CBC will be applied in accordance with the Post-CBC-Acceleration-Notice Priority of Payments (other than amounts standing to the credit of the Participation Ledger or the Swap Collateral Ledger, or amounts required to be deducted pursuant to paragraph (a)(iii) of the definition of Principal Receipts, which will continue to be applied in accordance with the provisions of the Administration Agreement pertaining to the Participation Ledger and the Swap Collateral Ledger).

(C) Pursuant to the Trust Deed, the CBC will be required to maintain a Reserve Fund on the AIC Account (which Reserve Fund is administered through the Reserve Fund Ledger). Pursuant to the Trust Deed, the Issuer undertakes to transfer to the CBC an amount equal to the Reserve Fund Required Amount and such further amounts as are necessary from time to time to ensure that an amount up to the Reserve Fund Required Amount is standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund Ledger. The CBC will credit any such amount to the Reserve Fund Ledger. If (i) there are amounts standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund Ledger, (ii) no Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice, Issuer Acceleration Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice has been served and (iii) the amounts standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund Ledger exceed the Reserve Fund Required Amount as at the relevant CBC Payment Date, then any amounts standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund Ledger which are no longer required to be so maintained shall be applied in accordance with the Pre-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments.

For the purpose hereof:

"**Available Principal Receipts**" means on a Calculation Date an amount equal to the aggregate of (without double counting):

(a) the amount of Principal Receipts received during the previous Calculation Period and required to be credited to the AIC Account Principal Ledger, less the equivalent of any Third Party Amounts due and payable or expected to become due and payable in the immediately following CBC Payment Period;

(b) any other amount standing to the credit of the AIC Account Principal Ledger; and

(c) all amounts in respect of principal (if any) to be received by the CBC under the Transaction Documents (other than the Master Sub-Participation Agreements) on the relevant CBC Payment Date (other than the Swap Principal Excluded Amounts and, for the avoidance of doubt, any Swap Collateral Excluded Amounts and Swap Replacement Excluded Amounts);

"**Available Revenue Receipts**" means on a Calculation Date an amount equal to the aggregate of:

(a) the amount of Revenue Receipts received during the previous Calculation Period;

(b) other net income of the CBC including all amounts of interest received on the CBC Accounts, the Substitution Assets and Authorised Investments in the preceding Calculation Period and amounts received by the CBC under a Portfolio Swap on the relevant CBC Payment Date (for the avoidance of doubt excluding any Swap Collateral Excluded Amounts and Swap Replacement Excluded Amounts);

(c) any other amount standing to the credit of the AIC Account Revenue Ledger; and

(d) following the service on the CBC of a Notice to Pay, amounts standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund Ledger (other than the Mandatory Liquidity Required Amount, unless such amount should be available to comply with Article 40g of the Decree);

"**Principal Receipts**" means:

(a) any amount, sales proceeds, refinancing proceeds, arrears and other amount relating to principal, and any Accrued Interest and Arrears of Interest as at the Transfer Date of the relevant Transferred Receivable, received or recovered by the CBC in respect of the Transferred Receivables (i) other than any prepayment penalties, (ii) net of any relevant foreclosure costs and (iii) less, with respect to each Participation Receivable, an amount equal to the relevant Redemption Amount;

(b) any Initial Settlement Amount received from any Participant under the relevant Master Sub-Participation Agreement; and

(c) an amount equal to any Increase which applies to any Participation pursuant to the relevant Master Sub-Participation Agreement;

"**Rating Trigger Required Amount**" means an amount equal to:

(a) the aggregate for all Series of:

(i) to the extent that no Swap has been entered into in relation to any Series, the aggregate Scheduled Interest for each such Series due in the next three following CBC Payment Periods; and

(ii) to the extent that any Swaps have been entered into in relation to any Series;

(A) if Rabobank is the Swap Provider for any such Swaps in relation to the relevant Series, the higher of:

(1) the aggregate Scheduled Interest due; and

(2) the aggregate interest component due by the CBC under such Swap for such Series in the next three following CBC Payment Periods, all as calculated on each relevant Calculation Date; or

(B) if a party other than Rabobank is the relevant Swap Provider for any such Swaps entered into in respect of the relevant Series, the aggregate interest component due by the CBC under the relevant Swap Agreements in the next three following CBC Payment Periods; or

(C) if a party other than Rabobank is the relevant Swap Provider in respect of any of the Swaps entered into in respect of that Series and Rabobank is the Swap Provider of the other Swap(s) entered into respect of that Series, the higher of:

(1) the aggregate Scheduled Interest due; and

(2) the aggregate interest component due by the CBC under such Swaps for such Series in the next three following CBC Payment Periods, all as calculated on each relevant Calculation Date,

plus

(b) to the extent not covered in the relevant Swap, the anticipated aggregate amount payable in the next three following CBC Payment Periods in respect of the items referred to in paragraphs (a) up to and including (d) of the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments, as calculated on each relevant Calculation Date;

"**Reserve Fund Required Amount**" means:

(a) until the occurrence of a Reserve Fund Trigger: an amount equal to the Mandatory Liquidity Required Amount; and

(b) following the occurrence of a Reserve Fund Trigger: an amount equal to the higher of:

(i) the Mandatory Liquidity Required Amount; and

(ii) the Rating Trigger Required Amount;

"**Revenue Receipts**" means:

(a) interest, fees and other amounts received or recovered by the CBC in respect of the Transferred Receivables (i) other than the Principal Receipts and any payment penalties, (ii) net of any relevant foreclosure costs and (iii) *less*, with respect to interest in respect of each Participation Receivable, an amount equal to the net amount received or recovered *multiplied* by the applicable Participation Fraction; and

(b) prepayment penalties received or recovered by the CBC in respect of the Transferred Receivables.

7.1 LEDGERS

(A) **Credits to ledgers**

Pursuant to the Administration Agreement, the CBC (or the Administrator on its behalf) agreed to open, administer and maintain the following ledgers and credit amounts thereto as follows:

1. A revenue ledger of the AIC Account (the "**AIC Account Revenue Ledger**"), to which the following euro amounts shall be credited upon deposit of the same into the AIC Account:

(a) all Revenue Receipts;

(b) all amounts of interest paid on the AIC Account;

(c) all amounts of interest paid in respect of any Substitution Assets and Authorised Investments;

(d) to the extent that any Substitution Asset or Authorised Investment is redeemed or sold, the difference (if positive) between the acquisition price thereof, on the one hand, and sale or redemption price thereof, on the other; if such difference is negative, it will be debited to the AIC Account Revenue Ledger upon completion of such redemption or sale;

(e) all euro amounts (other than Swap Collateral Excluded Amounts, Swap Interest Excluded Amounts, Swap Principal Excluded Amounts and Swap Replacement Excluded Amounts) received by the CBC under the Swap Agreements; and

(f) all euro amounts otherwise required to be credited to the AIC Account Revenue Ledger in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Administration Agreement.

If pursuant to the Administration Agreement a bank account is opened in a currency other than euro, the Administrator shall maintain a revenue ledger in respect of such foreign currency account (the AIC Account Revenue Ledger and all such foreign currency revenue ledgers, the "**Revenue Ledger**"). Amounts shall be credited to such foreign currency revenue ledger in the same manner as amounts are credited to the AIC Account Revenue Ledger.

2. A principal ledger of the AIC Account (the "**AIC Account Principal Ledger**"), to which the following amounts shall be credited upon deposit of the same into the AIC Account:

(a) all Principal Receipts;

(b) any amount received (other than from redemption or sale) from any Substitution Asset or Authorised Investment which is not required to be credited to the Revenue Ledger;

(c) the principal amount of any Transferred Collateral in the form of cash;

(d) 100 per cent. of the aggregate acquisition price paid by the relevant Originator for any Transferred Collateral in the form of Substitution Assets; and

(e) any amount required to be transferred to the AIC Account in accordance with item (h) of the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments, provided that if on a CBC Payment Date an amount is credited or to be credited to the AIC Account Principal Ledger pursuant to item (h) of the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments and on such CBC Payment Date or during the CBC Payment Period starting on such CBC Payment Date there is an unexpected default by a Swap Provider in the performance of its obligation to pay to the CBC an amount (for the avoidance of doubt excluding any Swap Collateral Excluded Amounts and Swap Replacement Excluded Amounts) of interest or principal under any Interest Rate Swap or Structured Swap, then an amount equal to the lower of (i) the amount so credited or to be credited to the AIC Account Principal Ledger and (ii) the amount by which the available proceeds in respect of such Series standing to the credit of the Swap Interest Ledger or Swap Principal Ledger falls short of the corresponding Scheduled Interest and/or Scheduled Principal that is Due for Payment in such CBC Payment Period under the Guarantee, shall on such CBC Payment Date or during such CBC Payment Period be credited to the Swap Interest Ledger or the Swap Principal Ledger, as the case may be.

If pursuant to the Administration Agreement a foreign currency CBC Account is opened, the Administrator shall maintain a principal ledger in respect of such foreign currency CBC Account (the AIC Account Principal Ledger and all such foreign currency principal ledgers, the "**Principal Ledger**"). Amounts shall be credited to such foreign currency principal ledger in the same manner as amounts are credited to the AIC Account Principal Ledger.

3. A ledger of the AIC Account (the "**Swap Collateral Ledger**") to which shall be credited any collateral provided by a Swap Provider not or no longer having the minimum ratings required for an Eligible Swap Provider.

4. A ledger of the AIC Account (the "**Swap Replacement Ledger**") to which shall be credited (i) premiums received from any replacement Swap Provider upon entry by the CBC into a replacement Swap Agreement or (ii) termination payments received from any Swap Provider in respect of a Swap Agreement which has terminated.

5. A ledger of the AIC Account (the "**Reserve Fund Ledger**") to which shall be credited all amounts received from the Issuer for the purpose of the Reserve Fund.

6. A ledger of the AIC Account (the "**Participation Ledger**") to which shall be credited all Redemption Amounts deducted pursuant to paragraph (a)(iii) of the definition of Principal Receipts.

7. A ledger of the AIC Account (the "**Swap Interest Ledger**") to which shall be credited (i) all amounts (for the avoidance of doubt excluding any Swap Collateral Excluded Amount and Swap Replacement Excluded Amounts) in respect of interest received by the CBC under any Swap, after any netting or otherwise, and (ii) any amount that may be credited to the Swap Interest Ledger pursuant to paragraph (A)(2)(f) above or (B)(2) below.

8. A ledger of the AIC Account (the "**Swap Principal Ledger**") to which shall be credited (i) all amounts (for the avoidance of doubt Excluding any Swap Collateral Excluded Amounts and Swap Replacement Excluded Amount) in respect of principal received by the CBC under any Structured Swap or Portfolio Swap, after any netting or otherwise, and (ii) any amount that may be credited to the Swap Principal Ledger pursuant to paragraph (A)(2)(e) above or (B)(2) below.

(B) Debits to ledgers

Pursuant to the Administration Agreement, the CBC (or the Administrator on its behalf) agreed not to debit any amounts to any ledger, except as follows, subject to the Post-CBC-Acceleration Notice Priority of Payments:

1. The Revenue Ledger: in accordance with the relevant Priority of Payments and section 7.1(A) *Credits to the ledgers*, item (d) above.

2. The Principal Ledger: in accordance with the relevant Priority of Payments provided that if on a CBC Payment Date an amount is credited or to be credited to the Principal Ledger pursuant to item (h) of the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments and on such CBC Payment Date or during the CBC Payment Period starting on such CBC Payment Date there is an unexpected default by a Swap Provider in the performance of its obligation to pay to the CBC an amount (for the avoidance of doubt excluding any Swap Collateral Excluded Amounts and Swap Replacement Excluded Amounts) of interest or principal under any Interest Rate Swap or Structured Swap, then an amount equal to the lower of (i) the amount so credited or to be credited to the Principal Ledger and (ii) the amount by which the available proceeds in respect of such Series standing to the credit of the Swap Interest Ledger or Swap Principal Ledger falls short of the corresponding Scheduled Interest and/or Scheduled Principal that is Due for Payment in such CBC Payment Period under the Guarantee, shall on such CBC Payment Date or during such CBC Payment Period be credited to the Swap Interest Ledger or the Swap Principal Ledger, as the case may be.

3. The Swap Collateral Ledger: amounts may only be withdrawn (i) to return collateral to the relevant Swap Provider in accordance with the terms of the applicable Swap Agreement and collateral arrangements and (ii) following termination of the applicable Swap Agreement to the extent not required to satisfy any termination payment due to the relevant Swap Provider, (a) if a replacement Swap Agreement is to be

entered into, for credit to the Swap Replacement Ledger or (b) if no relevant other Swap Agreement is to be entered into within the agreed period, for credit to the Revenue Ledger.

4. The Swap Replacement Ledger: amounts credited to the Swap Replacement Ledger will only be available to pay (i) any termination amount due to a Swap Provider in respect of a Swap Agreement which has terminated, (ii) any premium due to a replacement Swap Provider upon entry into a replacement Swap Agreement and (iii) to the extent in excess of amounts owed to Swap Providers in respect of (a) Swap Agreements which have terminated or (b) any premium payable to a replacement Swap Provider upon entry into a replacement Swap Agreement, for credit to the Revenue Ledger.

5. The Reserve Fund Ledger:

(a) if no Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice, Issuer Acceleration Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice has been served;

if the amounts standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund Ledger exceed the Reserve Fund Required Amount as at the relevant CBC Payment Date, then any amounts standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund Ledger which are no longer required to be so maintained shall be applied in accordance with the Pre-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments;

(b) if a Notice to Pay and an Issuer Acceleration Notice but no CBC Acceleration Notice has been served, the Reserve Fund Ledger will be debited in accordance with the Post-Notice to Pay Priority of Payments;

(c) if a CBC Acceleration Notice has been serviced, the Reserve Fund Ledger will be debited in accordance with the Post-CBC-Acceleration Notice Priority of Payments.

6. The Participation Ledger: Redemption Amounts standing to the credit of the Participation Ledger will only be available to be on-paid to the relevant Participant under the relevant Participation on a CBC Payment Date to which such Participant is entitled.

7. The Swap Interest Ledger: amounts that are credited to the Swap Interest Ledger in a CBC Payment Period in respect of a particular Series will only be available (i) to be on-paid to the Trustee or (if so directed by the Trustee) the Principal Paying Agent on behalf of the Covered Bondholders of such Series as Scheduled Interest that is Due for Payment in such CBC Payment Period under the Guarantee in respect of such Series and (ii) to the extent in excess of Scheduled Interest that is Due for Payment in such CBC Payment Period under the Guarantee in respect of such Series, for credit to the Revenue Ledger.

8. The Swap Principal Ledger: amounts that are credited to the Swap Principal Ledger in a CBC Payment Period in respect of a particular Series will only be available (i) to be on-paid to the Trustee or (if so directed by the Trustee) the Principal Paying Agent on behalf of the Covered Bondholders of such Series as Scheduled Principal that is Due for Payment under the Guarantee in respect of such Series and (ii) to the extent in excess of Scheduled Principal that is Due for Payment in such CBC Payment Period under the Guarantee in respect of such Series, for credit to the Principal Ledger.

7.2 POST-NOTICE-TO-PAY PRIORITY OF PAYMENTS

On each CBC Payment Date following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice and a Notice to Pay, but prior to the service of a CBC Acceleration Notice, the Administrator, on behalf of the CBC, will apply (1) all monies standing to the credit of the CBC Accounts other than, if applicable, Available Revenue Receipts and Available Principal Receipts in accordance with the Administration Agreement, the AIC Account Agreement, the Trust Deed and any other Transaction Document and (2) all Available Revenue Receipts and all Available Principal Receipts to make the following payments and provisions in the following order of priority (the "**Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments**"), in each case only if and to the extent that payments or provisions of a higher priority have been made in full:

(a) *first*, to the payment of all amounts due and payable or to become due and payable to the Trustee in the immediately following CBC Payment Period under the provisions of the Trust Deed (other than under the Parallel Debt), together with interest and plus any applicable VAT (or similar taxes) thereon as provided therein;

(b) *second*, to the payment of (i) amounts equal to the minimum reportable taxable profit stated in the Dutch tax agreement obtained on behalf of the CBC to be deposited in the Capital Account from time to time and of (ii) taxes owing by the CBC to any tax authority accrued and unpaid (other than any Dutch corporate income tax in relation to the amounts equal to the minimum reportable taxable profit referred to under (i) above);

(c) *third*, in or towards satisfaction *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof of:

(i) any remuneration then due and payable to the Agents and any Registrar under or pursuant to the Agency Agreement, plus any applicable VAT (or similar taxes) thereon as provided therein; and

(ii) any amounts then due and payable by the CBC to third parties and incurred without breach by the CBC of the Transaction Documents to which it is a party (and for which payment has not been provided for elsewhere) and to provide for any such amounts expected to become due and payable by the CBC in the immediately following CBC Payment Period and to pay or discharge any liability of the CBC for taxes;

(d) *fourth*, in or towards satisfaction *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof of:

(i) any remuneration then due and payable to the Servicers and any costs, charges, liabilities and expenses then due or to become due and payable to the Servicers in the immediately following CBC Payment Period under the provisions of the Servicing Agreements;

(ii) any remuneration then due and payable to the Administrator and any costs, charges, liabilities and expenses then due or to become due and payable to the Administrator in the immediately following CBC Payment Period under the provisions of the Administration Agreement;

(iii) amounts (if any) due and payable to the Account Bank (including costs or charges relating to any negative interest applicable to the AIC Account) pursuant to the terms of the AIC Account Agreement, plus any applicable VAT (or similar taxes) thereon as provided therein;

(iv) any amounts (including costs and expenses) due and payable to the Managing Director and the Trustee's Director pursuant to the Management Agreements, plus any applicable VAT (or similar taxes) thereon as provided therein; and

(v) any amounts due and payable to the Asset Monitor (other than the amounts referred to in paragraph (j) below) pursuant to the terms of the Asset Monitor Appointment Agreement, plus any applicable VAT (or similar taxes) thereon as provided therein;

(e) *fifth*, to pay *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts owing thereto, to each Portfolio Swap Provider, all amounts in respect of each amount due and payable to a Portfolio Swap Provider in respect of the relevant Portfolio Swap (including any termination payment due and payable by the CBC

under the relevant Swap Agreement (i) provided that any such termination payment shall not exceed an amount equal to the Capped Portfolio Termination Amount and (ii) excluding any Excluded Swap Termination Amount) pursuant to the terms of the relevant Swap Agreement to the extent not paid from the Swap Replacement Ledger or the Swap Collateral Ledger;

(f) *sixth*, to pay *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts owing thereto to the extent not paid or expected to be paid from the Swap Collateral Ledger, the Swap Interest Ledger or the Swap Replacement Ledger:

(i) to each Interest Rate Swap Provider, all amounts in respect of each Interest Rate Swap (including any termination payment due and payable by the CBC under the relevant Swap Agreement (or, in the case of a Swap Agreement which also governs a Portfolio Swap, the remaining portion thereof that is attributable to such Interest Rate Swap), but excluding any Excluded Swap Termination Amount), due and payable on such CBC Payment Date or in the CBC Payment Period starting on such CBC Payment Date in accordance with the terms of the relevant Swap Agreement;

(ii) to each Structured Swap Provider, all amounts in respect of each Structured Swap (including any termination payment due and payable by the CBC under the relevant Swap Agreement (or, in the case of a Swap Agreement which also governs a Portfolio Swap, the remaining portion thereof that is attributable to such Structured Swap), but excluding any Excluded Swap Termination Amount), other than in relation to principal due and payable on such CBC Payment Date or in the CBC Payment Period starting on such CBC Payment Date in accordance with the terms of the relevant Swap Agreement; and

(iii) to the Principal Paying Agent, any Scheduled Interest that is Due for Payment under the Guarantee in respect of each Series on such CBC Payment Date or in the CBC Payment Period starting on such CBC Payment Date;

(g) *seventh*, to pay *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts owing thereto to the extent not paid or expected to be paid from the Swap Collateral Ledger, the Swap Principal Ledger or the Swap Replacement Ledger:

(iv) to each Structured Swap Provider, all amounts in respect of each Structured Swap (excluding any Excluded Swap Termination Amount) in relation to principal due and payable on such CBC Payment Date or in the CBC Payment Period starting on such CBC Payment Date in accordance with the terms of the relevant Swap Agreement; and

(v) to the Principal Paying Agent, any Scheduled Principal that is Due for Payment under the Guarantee in respect of each Series on such CBC Payment Date or in the CBC Payment Period starting on such CBC Payment Date;

(h) *eighth*, to deposit the remaining monies in the AIC Account for application on the next following CBC Payment Date in accordance with the priority of payments described in paragraphs (a) to (g) (inclusive) above, until the Covered Bonds have been fully repaid or provided for (such that the Required Redemption Amount has been accumulated in respect of each outstanding Series);

(i) *ninth*, in or towards satisfaction *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof of any Excluded Swap Termination Amount due and payable by the CBC to the relevant Swap Provider under the relevant Swap Agreement to the extent not paid from the Swap Replacement Ledger or the Swap Collateral Ledger;

(j) *tenth*, towards payment of any indemnity amount due to the Originators pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement and certain costs, expenses and indemnity amounts due by the CBC to the Asset Monitor pursuant to the Asset Monitor Appointment Agreement; and

(k) *eleventh*, thereafter any remaining monies will be paid to the Issuer or, if the Issuer is subject to an Insolvency Proceeding, any Originator which is not subject to an Insolvency Proceeding, provided that the CBC may assume that the Issuer and any Originator are not subject to an Insolvency Proceeding

unless it has received at least five Business Days' prior written notice to the contrary from any Originator (and the CBC need not concern itself as to how such proceeds are allocated between the Originators).

7.3 POST-CBC-ACCELERATION-NOTICE PRIORITY OF PAYMENTS

Under the terms of the Trust Deed, each of the Secured Creditors agrees that all monies received or recovered by the Trustee or any other Secured Creditor (whether in the administration, liquidation of the CBC or otherwise) following the occurrence of a CBC Event of Default and service of a CBC Acceleration Notice (other than, if applicable, amounts standing to the credit of the Participation Ledger or the Swap Collateral Ledger, or required to be deducted pursuant to paragraph (a)(iii) of the definition of Principal Receipts, which will continue to be applied in accordance with the provisions of the Administration Agreement pertaining to the Participation Ledger and the Swap Collateral Ledger) will be applied following the enforcement of the Security in the following order of priority (the "**Post-CBC-Acceleration-Notice Priority of Payments**"), in each case only if and to the extent that payments or provisions of a higher priority have been made in full:

(a) *first*, in or towards satisfaction of all amounts due and payable or to become due and payable to the Trustee under the provisions of the Trust Deed (other than under the Parallel Debt) together with interest and any applicable VAT (or similar taxes) thereon;

(b) *second*, in or towards satisfaction *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof, of any remuneration then due and payable to the Agents and any Registrar under or pursuant to the Agency Agreement plus any applicable VAT (or similar taxes) thereon as provided therein;

(c) *third*, in or towards satisfaction *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof, of:

(i) any remuneration then due and payable to the Servicers and any costs, charges, liabilities and expenses then due or to become due and payable to the Servicers under the provisions of the Servicing Agreements;

(ii) any remuneration then due and payable to the Administrator and any costs, charges, liabilities and expenses then due or to become due and payable to the Administrator under the provisions of the Administration Agreement;

(iii) amounts (if any) due and payable to the Account Bank (including costs or charges relating to any negative interest applicable to the AIC Account) pursuant to the terms of the AIC Account Agreement, plus any applicable VAT (or similar taxes) thereon as provided therein; and

(iv) amounts (including costs and expenses) due to the Managing Director and the Trustee's Director pursuant to the terms of the Management Agreements, plus any applicable VAT (or similar taxes) thereon as provided therein;

(d) *fourth*, to pay *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts owing thereto, to each Portfolio Swap Provider, all amounts in respect of each amount due and payable to a Portfolio Swap Provider in respect of the relevant Portfolio Swap (including any termination payment due and payable by the CBC under the relevant Swap Agreement (i) provided that any such termination payment shall not exceed an amount equal to the Capped Portfolio Termination Amount and (ii) excluding any Excluded Swap Termination Amount) pursuant to the terms of the relevant Swap Agreement to the extent not paid from the Swap Replacement Ledger or the Swap Collateral Ledger;

(e) *fifth*, in or towards satisfaction, *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof, of any amounts due and payable to the Interest Rate Swap Providers in respect of each Interest Rate Swap under the Swap Agreements (including any termination payment due and payable by the CBC under such Swap Agreement (or, in the case of a Swap Agreement which also governs a Portfolio Swap, the remaining portion thereof that is attributable to such Interest Rate Swap), but excluding any Excluded Swap Termination Amounts) pursuant to the respective terms of the relevant Swap Agreements to the extent not paid from the Swap Replacement Ledger or the Swap Collateral Ledger;

(f) *sixth*, in or towards satisfaction, *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof, of any amounts due and payable to the extent not paid from the Swap Replacement Ledger or the Swap Collateral Ledger:

(i) to each Structured Swap Provider in respect of each Structured Swap under the relevant Swap Agreement (including any termination payment due and payable by the CBC under such Swap Agreement (or, in the case of a Swap Agreement which also governs a Portfolio Swap, the remaining portion thereof that is attributable to such Structured Swap), but excluding any Excluded Swap Termination Amounts); and

(ii) to the Principal Paying Agent for payment to the Covered Bondholders *pro rata* and *pari passu* in respect of interest and principal due and payable on each Series in accordance with the Guarantee;

(g) *seventh*, in or towards satisfaction *pro rata* and *pari passu* according to the respective amounts thereof, of any Excluded Swap Termination Amounts due and payable by the CBC to the relevant Swap Provider under the relevant Swap Agreement to the extent not paid from the Swap Replacement Ledger or the Swap Collateral Ledger; and

(h) *eighth*, thereafter any remaining monies will be paid to the Issuer or, if the Issuer is subject to an Insolvency Proceeding, any Originator which is not subject to an Insolvency Proceeding, provided that the CBC may assume that the Issuer and any Originator are not subject to an Insolvency Proceeding unless it has received at least five Business Days' prior written notice to the contrary from any Originator (and the CBC need not concern itself as to how such proceeds are allocated between the Originators).

7.4 CBC ACCOUNTS

AIC Account

Pursuant to the terms of the AIC Account Agreement, the CBC will maintain, with the Account Bank, the AIC Account:

(a) into which are paid all amounts received by the CBC in respect of Transferred Assets; and

(b) monies standing to the credit of which will on each CBC Payment Date be applied by the Administrator on behalf of the CBC in accordance with the relevant Transaction Documents.

If the rating of the Account Bank is not at least the Minimum Account Bank Ratings then within 30 Business Days (or such other time period determined to be applicable or agreed by a relevant Rating Agency from time to time) of such occurrence:

(a) the Account Bank will need to close the AIC Account and will need to open replacement accounts substantially on the same terms as the AIC Account Agreement with a financial institution (A) having a rating of at least the Minimum Account Bank Ratings and (B) having the regulatory capacity for offering such services as a matter of Dutch law; or

(b) the Account Bank will need to obtain a guarantee of its obligations under the AIC Account Agreement on terms acceptable to the Trustee, acting reasonably, from a financial institution whose relevant ratings are at least the Minimum Account Bank Ratings; or

(c) any other action will need to be taken,

(in each case, provided that Rating Agency Confirmation has been obtained) unless the Rating Agency confirms that its then current rating of the Covered Bonds will not be adversely affected as a result of the ratings of the Account Bank falling below the Minimum Account Bank Ratings (or the reason for this having occurred) within the applicable time period specified in the AIC Account Agreement, of such downgrade. If the Rating Agency Confirmations are given as above, for this purpose only, reference to the Minimum Account Bank Ratings shall be deemed to be instead the relevant rating of the Account Bank at the time of such confirmations, but the original rating shall be reinstated if the relevant rating of the Account Bank is subsequently upgraded to the original level.

Pursuant to the AIC Account Agreement, the Account Bank has agreed to pay interest on the monies standing to the credit of the AIC Account at specified rates determined in accordance with the AIC Account Agreement. If either the Account Bank shows evidence to the satisfaction of the Issuer, the CBC and the Trustee that the AIC Rate as defined in the Incorporated Terms Memorandum is no longer economically feasible to it or upon a reasonable request thereto from the Issuer, the CBC and/or the Trustee to the Account Bank to review the then current AIC Rate, the rate of interest in respect of the AIC Account shall be equal to the rate as reasonably determined by the Account Bank in good faith. If any recognised overnight benchmark rate or any official overnight interest rate set by a central bank or other monetary authority is negative or zero the Account Bank may apply a charge to any such AIC Account or balances. The Account Bank will give each of the CBC and the Trustee prompt written notice of the application of any such charges and of the methodology by which they are applied.

Foreign Currency Accounts

If a Notification Event occurs or a Notice to Pay, Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice or CBC Acceleration Notice is served, and the Issuer has any Covered Bonds denominated in a currency other than euro outstanding or issues such Covered Bonds at any time thereafter, the Administrator shall, on behalf of the CBC, establish and maintain an account in that currency and, unless otherwise specified in the Transaction Documents, all amounts received by the CBC in that currency shall be promptly deposited into such account.

Capital Account

The CBC also opened the Capital Account**.** The minimum reportable taxable profit will be deposited in such Capital Account. No security rights are granted over the amounts standing to the credit of such Capital Account.

8. GENERAL INFORMATION

Authorisation

The Programme and the issue of Covered Bonds under the Programme have been duly authorised by resolutions of the Board of Managing Directors of the Issuer dated 14 November 2016. The Board of Managing Directors and the Supervisory Board of the Issuer have authorised the issue of Covered Bonds by resolutions dated 29 November 2016. All consents, approvals, authorisations or other orders of all regulatory authorities required by the Issuer under the laws of the Netherlands have been given for the issue of Covered Bonds and for the Issuer to undertake and perform its obligations under the Programme Agreement, the Agency Agreement and the Covered Bonds. The update and amendment to the Programme was authorised by Rabobank by a resolution of Managing Board of Rabobank passed on 30 November 2020 and by a resolution of the Supervisory Board passed on 16 December 2020.

The giving of the Guarantee and the entry into of the Transaction Documents (to which the CBC is a party) has been duly authorised by resolutions of the Board of Managing Directors of the CBC dated 4 May 2017. The update and amendments to the Programme were authorised by the CBC by a resolution of the Board of Managing Directors of the CBC dated 17 May 2021.

Listing of Covered Bonds

Application has been made to (i) listing on Euronext Amsterdam and (ii) listing on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange Official List and admission to trading on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, in each case, for the Covered Bonds to be issued under the Programme to be admitted to listing, during the period of 12 months from the 2021 Programme Date. For so long as the Covered Bonds are listed on Euronext Amsterdam there will be a paying agent in the Netherlands. Citibank, N.A., London Branch has been appointed as the principal paying agent in the Netherlands.

Documents Available

So long as Covered Bonds are capable of being issued under the Programme, copies of the following documents will be available, free of charge, during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted) from the registered office of the Issuer at Croeselaan 18, 3521 CB Utrecht, the Netherlands and from the specified office of the Listing Agent and the Principal Paying Agent and will be made available on http://www.https://www.rabobank.com/nl/investors/funding/funding-programmes/rabobank-eur-25-billion-covered-bonds-programme.html:

(a) copies of the documents listed under section E.1 (*Incorporation by Reference*);

(b) English translation of the most recent articles of association (*statuten*) of the Issuer, the Trustee and the CBC;

(c) a copy of this Base Prospectus;

(d) any future base prospectuses, information memoranda and supplements including Final Terms (including Final Terms relating to any unlisted Covered Bond) to this Base Prospectus and any other documents incorporated herein or therein by reference; and

(e) each of the following documents listed below:

- Administration Agreement;
- Agency Agreement;
- AIC Account Agreement;
- Asset Monitor Agreement;
- Asset Monitor Appointment Agreement;
- each Beneficiary Waiver Agreement;

- each Deed of Assignment and Pledge (as defined in the Incorporated Terms Memorandum);
- each Deed of Re-Assignment and Release (as defined in the Incorporated Terms Memorandum);
- Guarantee Support Agreement;
- Incorporated Terms Memorandum;
- Servicing Agreement;
- Deposit Agreement;
- each Management Agreement (as defined in the Incorporated Terms Memorandum);
- each Master Sub-Participation Agreement;
- Programme Agreement (including a form of covered bond purchase agreement);
- each Security Document;
- each Swap Agreement;
- Swap Undertaking Letter;
- Trust Deed (which contains the forms of the Temporary Global Covered Bonds and Permanent Global Covered Bonds, the Definitive Covered Bonds, the Receipts, the Coupons, the Talons and the Registered Covered Bonds); and
- Issuer-ICSD Agreement.

The documents set out above are, together with each Covered Bond Purchase Agreement (as applicable in the case of each issue of listed Covered Bonds purchased pursuant to a covered bond purchase agreement), in this Base Prospectus collectively referred to as: the "**Transaction Documents**".

A copy of all Final Terms will be made available on https://www.rabobank.com/en/investors/funding/covered-bonds/index.html#accordion.

Clearing Systems
The Bearer Covered Bonds have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, Euroclear Netherlands and/or any other agreed clearing system. The appropriate Common Code and ISIN Code for each Tranche of Bearer Covered Bonds allocated by Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and for Bearer Covered Bonds deposited with Euroclear Netherlands by Euronext Amsterdam or Clearnet S.A. Amsterdam Branch Stock Clearing or any other relevant security code will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. If the Bearer Covered Bonds are to be cleared through an additional or alternative clearing system the appropriate information will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Material Adverse Change
At the date of this Base Prospectus, there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer or of Rabobank Group since 31 December 2020, the last day of the financial period in respect of which audited financial statements of the Issuer have been prepared.

At the date of this Base Prospectus, there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the CBC since 31 December 2020, the last day of the financial period in respect for which audited financial statements of the CBC have been prepared.

Significant Change
At the date of this Base Prospectus, other than as disclosed in the section entitled '*Recent Developments*' there has been no significant change in the financial performance and the financial position of the Issuer or of Rabobank Group since 31 December 2020.

At the date of this Base Prospectus, there has been no significant change in the financial performance and the financial position of the CBC since 31 December 2020, the last day of the financial period in respect for which audited financial statements of the CBC have been prepared.

Litigation
Save as disclosed in the section entitled "*Legal and arbitration proceedings*" on page 88 and 89 of this Base Prospectus, 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 Base 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.

There are no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings, (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened, of which the CBC is aware), which may have, or have had since 31 December 2020, a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of the CBC.

Auditors
The consolidated financial statements of Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. and the subsidiaries of Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. as of and for the years ended 31 December 2020, 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018, incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus, have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers Accountants N.V., an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their auditor's reports incorporated by reference herein. The auditor signing the auditor's report on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers is a member of the Royal Netherlands Institute of Chartered Accountants (*Koninklijke Nederlandse Beroepsorganisatie van Accountants*).

The financial statements of the CBC as of and for the years ended 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019, incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus, have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers Accountants N.V., an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their auditor's reports incorporated by reference herein. The auditor signing the auditor's report on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers is a member of the Royal Netherlands Institute of Chartered Accountants (*Koninklijke Nederlandse Beroepsorganisatie van Accountants*).

Post-issuance information
The Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information in relation to any issue of Covered Bonds.

Legal Entity Identifier
The Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) code of the Issuer is DG3RU1DBUFHT4ZF9WN62.
The Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) code of the CBC is 724500XGXEWE59EU0D81.

Reports
The Trust Deed provides that the Trustee may rely on reports or other information from professional advisers or other experts in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed, whether or not any such report or other information, or engagement letter or other document entered into by the Trustee and the relevant person in connection therewith, contains any monetary or other limit on the liability of the relevant person.

US Taxes
The Covered Bonds in bearer form for U.S. federal income tax purposes will bear a legend to the following effect: '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 Section 165(j) and 1287(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The sections referred to in such legend provide that a United States person who holds a Covered Bond will generally not be allowed to deduct any loss realised on the sale, exchange or redemption of such Covered Bond and any gain (which might otherwise be characterised as capital gain) recognised on such sale, exchange or redemption will be treated as ordinary income.

Non-Petition

For so long as any Covered Bonds are outstanding, each Originator has agreed that it will not terminate or purport to terminate the CBC or institute any winding-up, administration, Insolvency Proceedings or other similar proceedings against the CBC. Furthermore, the Originators have agreed amongst other things not to demand or receive payment of any amounts payable by the CBC (or the Administrator on its behalf) or the Trustee unless all amounts then due and payable by the CBC to all other creditors ranking higher in the relevant Priority of Payments have been paid in full.

Limited Recourse

Each Transaction Party (as defined in the Incorporated Terms Memorandum) has agreed with the CBC that, notwithstanding any other provision of any Transaction Document, all obligations of the CBC to such Transaction Party are limited in recourse as set out in the limited recourse provisions of the Incorporated Terms Memorandum.

Governing Law

All Transaction Documents other than the Swap Agreements are governed by Dutch law. The Swap Agreements are governed by English law.

Responsibility Statement

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Base Prospectus and the CBC accepts responsibility for the information contained in section 2.3 (*CBC*) of this Base Prospectus, and each declares that the information contained in this Base Prospectus is (with regard to section 2.3 (*CBC*) the CBC only), to the best of its knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

9. GLOSSARY OF DEFINED TERMS

"**2021 Programme Date**"	18 May 2021.
"**30E/360**" or "**Eurobond Basis**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Account Bank**"	Rabobank.
"**Accounts Pledge Agreement**"	the accounts pledge agreement dated the Programme Date between the CBC and the Trustee as the same may be amended and/or supplemented and/or restated and/or novated or otherwise modified from time to time.
"**Accrual Period**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Accrued Increases**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.7 (*Sub-Participation*).
"**Accrued Interest**"	in relation to any Receivable and as at any date on or after the relevant Transfer Date, interest on such Receivable (not being interest which is currently due and payable on such date) which has accrued from and including the scheduled interest payment date under the associated Loan Agreement immediately prior to such date up to and including such date.
"**Accrued Savings Interest**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.7 (*Sub-Participation*).
"**Actual/360**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Actual/365 (Euro)**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Actual/365 (Fixed)**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Actual/Actual (ICMA)**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Additional Business Centre**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Adjusted Aggregate Asset Amount**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).
"**Adjusted Current Balance**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).
"**Adjusted Required Redemption Amount**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.3 (*Sale or Refinancing of Selected Assets*).
"**Adjusted Revenue Receipts**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).
"**Adjustment Spread**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*).
"**Administration Agreement**"	the administration agreement dated the Programme Date entered into between the CBC, the Administrator and the Trustee, as the same may be amended and/or supplemented and/or restated and/or novated or otherwise modified from time to time.
"**Administrator**"	Rabobank.
"**Adverse Claim**"	any encumbrance, attachment or other right or claim in, over or on

	any person's assets or properties in favour of any other person.
"**AFM**"	the Dutch Authority for the Financial Markets (*Stichting Autoriteit Financiële Markten*).
"**Agency Agreement**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Conditions.
"**AIC Account**"	the account designated as the "AIC Account" in the name of the CBC held with the Account Bank and maintained subject to the terms of the AIC Account Agreement and the Accounts Pledge Agreement or such additional or replacement account as may be for the time being be in place with the prior consent of the Trustee.
"**AIC Account Agreement**"	the AIC account agreement dated the Programme Date entered into between the CBC, the Account Bank and the Trustee, as the same may be amended and/or supplemented and/or restated and/or novated or otherwise modified from time to time.
"**AIC Account Principal Ledger**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 7.1 (*Ledgers*).
"**AIC Account Revenue Ledger**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 7.1 (*Ledgers*).
"**AIC Rate**"	the rate of interest accruing on the balance standing to the credit of the AIC Account equal to the rate of EONIA.
"**All-monies Security**"	security interest that secures all present and future receivables of the relevant initial pledgee or mortgagee against the relevant debtor, whether in general (*bankzekerheidsrecht*) or under any and all present and future credit agreements (*kredietzekerheidsrecht*).
"**Alternative Benchmark Rate**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*).
"**Amortisation Test**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*).
"**Amortisation Test Aggregate Asset Amount**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.2 (*Amortisation Test*).
"**Amortisation Test Current Balance**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.2 (*Amortisation Test*).
"**Amortised Face Amount**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 6 (*Final Redemption Amount*).
"**Amsterdam Business Day**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Annuity Loan**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.3 (*Eligible Assets*).
"**Applicable Benchmark Rate**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*).
"**Approved Form**"	a 1992 Multicurrency - Cross Border or 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, Schedule and Credit Support Annex thereto and confirmation in such form as agreed by the Trustee, the CBC and the relevant Swap Provider (subject to prior receipt of Rating Agency Confirmation in respect of any documents).

"**Arrears of Interest**"	means in relation to any Receivable and as at the Receivable Interest Determination Date, interest which is due and payable and unpaid up to and including the Receivable Interest Determination Date.
"**Article 129 CRR**"	article 129 (Exposures in the form of covered bonds) of the CRR (as such article may be amended, replaced and/or supplemented from time to time).
"**Asset Cover Test**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).
"**Asset Monitor**"	KPMG Accountants N.V.
"**Asset Monitor Agreement**"	the asset monitor agreement entered into between the Issuer, the Administrator, the CBC and the Trustee, as the same may be amended and/or supplemented and/or restated and/or novated or otherwise modified from time to time.
"**Asset Monitor Appointment Agreement**"	the asset monitor appointment agreement dated the Programme Date entered into between the CBC, the Administrator, the Asset Monitor, the Issuer and the Trustee, as the same may be amended and/or supplemented and/or restated and/or novated or otherwise modified from time to time.
"**Asset Monitor Report**"	the asset monitor report prepared by the Asset Monitor for the CBC which includes the results of the agreed upon procedures conducted by the Asset Monitor in accordance with the Asset Monitor Appointment Agreement.
"**Asset Percentage**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).
"**Authorised Investments**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.2 (*Amortisation Test*).
"**Available Principal Receipts**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 7 (*Cash flows*).
"**Available Revenue Receipts**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 7 (*Cash flows*).
"**Bank Savings Account**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.3 (*Eligible Assets*).
"**Bank Savings Deduction Risk**"	the risk of any set-off by operation of law and/or the risk that a Borrower successfully invokes a defences purporting to establish that an amount equal to the amount standing to the credit of the Bank Savings Account in respect of which set-off is applied is deducted from the Transferred Receivable the Borrower owes to the CBC
"**Bank Savings Deposit Bank**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.3 (*Eligible Assets*).
"**Bank Savings Interest Correction**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.7 (*Sub-Participation*).
"**Bank Savings Loan**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.3 (*Eligible Assets*).
"**Bank Savings Receivable**"	a Transferred Receivable resulting from a Bank Savings Loan.
"**Bank Savings Set-Off Amount**"	such amount for which set-off is invoked or applied if the relevant Borrower invokes any defence and/or claims that he may set-off, or set-off is applied by operation of law, in relation to any amount

	standing to the credit of the relevant Bank Savings Account as against any Transferred Receivable.
"**Base Prospectus**"	this base prospectus dated 18 May 2021.
"**Bearer Covered Bond**"	a Covered Bond issued in bearer form.
"**Bearer Definitive Covered Bond**"	any definitive dearer Covered Bond.
"**Benchmark Event**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*).
"**Benchmark Rate Modification**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*).
"**Benchmark Rate Modification Bondholder Notice**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*).
"**Benchmark Rate Modification Certificate**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*).
"**Benchmarks Regulation**"	Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds and amending Directives 2008/48/EC and 2014/17/EU and Regulation (EU) No 596/2014.
"**Beneficiary Rights**"	the rights of the relevant Originator as a beneficiary or to appoint a beneficiary (including itself) under the relevant insurance policy.
"**Beneficiary Waiver Agreement**"	a beneficiary waiver agreement between the relevant Originator, the CBC, the Trustee and the relevant insurer.
"**BKR**"	*Bureau Krediet Registratie.*
"**Borrower**"	in relation to a Receivable, the individual or individuals specified as such in the relevant Loan Agreement together with the individual or individuals (if any) from time to time assuming an obligation to discharge such Receivable or any part of it.
"**Breach of Asset Cover Test Notice**"	the notice from the Trustee to the CBC and the Issuer in writing stating that a Breach of Asset Cover Test has occurred.
"**Breach of the Amortisation Test**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.2 (*Amortisation Test*).
"**Breach of the Asset Cover Test**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).
"**Brexit**"	the exit from the United Kingdom from the European Union.
"**BRRD**"	Directive 2014/59/EU for the establishment of an EU-wide framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms.
"**Business Day**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Business Day Convention**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Calculation Agent**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).

"**Calculation Amount**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Calculation Date**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*).
"**Calculation Period**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*).
"**Cap**"	the maximum interest rate that may apply to a Floating Rate Covered Bond.
"**Capital Account**"	the account designated as the "Capital Account" into which its paid-up share capital (*gestort aandelenkapitaal*) has been deposited in the name of the CBC held with the Account Bank and maintained subject to the terms of the AIC Account Agreement or such additional or replacement account as may be for the time being be in place with the prior consent of the Trustee.
"**Capped Portfolio Termination Amount**"	an amount equal to any amount that would have been determined as payable by the CBC (i) in respect of an Early Termination Date (as defined in the relevant Swap Agreement) under Section 6(e) (*Payments on Early Termination*) of the relevant Swap Agreement if it is in the form of a 1992 (Multicurrency - Cross Border) ISDA Master Agreement or (ii) as Early Termination Amount under the relevant Swap Agreement if it is in the form of a 2002 ISDA Master Agreement, in each case before the application of any set-off, as if the relevant Portfolio Swap had been the sole Swap entered into under such Swap Agreement.
"**Category 3 Receivables**"	the Transferred Receivables resulting from a Savings Loan where Originators pre-select insurers referred to in category 3 of the description of Deduction Risk.
"**Category 4 Receivables**"	the Transferred Receivables resulting from a Loan with a savings account but no investment part and that are not linked to a Mixed Insurance Policy and in relation to which the Bank Savings Deduction Risk arises.
"**CB Legislation**"	the applicable Dutch covered bond law and regulations relating to the legal requirements for registered covered bonds (*geregistreerde gedekte obligaties*) as amended from time to time and as currently included in the Wft and regulations relating thereto.
"**CBC**"	Rabo Covered Bond Company B.V.
"**CBC Acceleration Notice**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*).
"**CBC Accounts**"	the AIC Account, any foreign currency account and any additional or replacement accounts opened in the name of the CBC, excluding the Capital Account.
"**CBC Event of Default**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*).
"**CBC Payment Date**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*).

"**CBC Payment Period**"	each period from (and including) a CBC Payment Date to (but excluding) the next CBC Payment Date.
"**CBC Rights Pledge Agreement**"	the CBC rights pledge agreement dated the Programme Date between the CBC and the Trustee as the same may be amended and/or supplemented and/or restated and/or novated or otherwise modified from time to time.
"**Clearstream, Luxembourg**"	Clearstream Banking, société anonyme.
"**Code**"	the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, as amended.
"**Code of Conduct**"	the code of conduct on mortgage loans (*Gedragscode Hypothecaire Financieringen*).
"**Collar**"	the structure in which both a Cap and a Floor apply to a Floating Rate Covered Bond.
"**Collection Accounts**"	one or more bank account held with Rabobank into which Borrowers are required to make all payments.
"**Compounded Daily €STR**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4(b)(ii)(D) (*Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds referencing Compounded Daily €STR*).
"**Compounded Daily SOFR**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4(b)(ii)(E) (*Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds referencing Compounded Daily SOFR*).
"**Compounded Daily SONIA**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4(b)(ii)(C) (*Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds referencing SONIA*).
"**Conditions**"	in respect of a Series or Tranche the Terms and Conditions as supplemented, amended and/or disapplied by the relevant Final Terms.
"**Coronavirus**"	coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (*COVID-19*).
"**Construction Deposit**"	in relation to a Loan, that part of the Loan which the relevant Borrower requested to be disbursed into a blocked account held in his name with the relevant Originator, the proceeds of which can only be applied towards construction of, or improvements to, the relevant Property (*bouwdepot*).
"**Couponholders**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Conditions.
"**Coupons**"	the interest coupons appertaining to the Covered Bonds.
"**Covered Bond Directive**"	Directive (EU) 2019/2162 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the issue of covered bonds and covered bond public supervision and amending Directives 2009/65/EC and 2014/59/EC.
"**Covered Bond Purchase Agreement**"	each covered bond purchase agreement entered into by the Issuer, the CBC and the relevant Dealers in relation to an issue of Covered Bond under the Programme, substantially in the form attached to

the Programme Agreement.

"**Covered Bondholder**" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 19 (*Terms and Conditions of Registered Covered Bonds*).

"**CRA Regulation**" Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies (as amended).

"**CRD IV**" Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms.

"**CRR**" Regulation (EU) no. 575/2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms (as amended from time to time).

"**Current Balance**" in relation to an Eligible Receivable at any date, the aggregate (without double counting) of the Net Outstanding Principal Balance, Accrued Interest (unless it concerns calculations for either the Asset Cover Test or the Amortisation Test Aggregate Asset Amount, in which case Accrued Interest will not be included) and Arrears of Interest as at that date.

"**Custody Agreement**" a custody agreement to be entered into with an eligible custodian, the terms and conditions of which will be agreed with the Trustee.

"**Data Protection Legislation**" (i) the EU General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and (ii) any other applicable data protection and data privacy laws and regulations.

"**Day Count Fraction**" has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).

"**Dealer**" any dealer or dealers, including any affiliates of the Issuer, appointed under the Programme from time to time by the Issuer.

"**Decree**" the Decree on Prudential Rules Wft (*Besluit prudentiële regels Wft*) (as amended, restated and/or re-enacted from time to time).

"**Deductible Residual Claim**" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).

"**Deduction Risk**" the risk that the Borrower successfully invokes defences purporting to establish that an amount equal to the lost Savings Proceeds or Investment Proceeds is deducted from the Transferred Receivable the Borrower owes to the CBC.

"**Defaulted Receivable**" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).

"**Demerged Originator**" in respect of a Demerger, the legal entity of which the Relevant Assets and Liabilities are acquired by an Originator pursuant to such Demerger.

"**Demerger**" in respect of a legal entity, a legal act (*rechtshandeling*) between such entity and an Originator, pursuant to which all assets and liabilities (*vermogen*) (or part thereof) of such entity have been acquired by such Originator on a general legal basis (*algemene titel*) as referred to in Article 2:334(a)(3) of the Dutch Civil Code.

"**Designated Maturity**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Determination Date**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Determination Period**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Disputed Receivable**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).
"**DLL**"	DLL International B.V.
"**DNB**"	the Dutch Central Bank (*De Nederlandsche Bank N.V.*).
"**DNB-register**"	the register is maintained by DNB in accordance with the CB Legislation.
"**Drawdown Prospectus**"	a separate prospectus specific to a Tranche of Covered Bonds issued under the Programme, which may be constituted either (a) by a single document or (b) by a registration document, a securities note and, if applicable, a summary, which relates to that particular Tranche of Covered Bonds, and in respect of a Tranche of Covered Bonds the subject of a Drawdown Prospectus reference to "in the context of the Programme" shall instead be deemed to be a reference to "in the context of the issue of the Covered Bonds.
"**DRB**"	means Domestic Retail Banking.
"**DTC**"	The Depository Trust Company.
"**Due for Payment**"	with respect to a Guaranteed Amount, (i) prior to the service of a CBC Acceleration Notice, the Scheduled Payment Date in respect of such Guaranteed Amount or, if later, the day which is two Business Days after service of an Issuer Acceleration Notice and a Notice to Pay or (ii) after the service of a CBC Acceleration Notice, the date on which the CBC Acceleration Notice is served (or, in either case, if such day is not a Business Day, the first following Business Day).For the avoidance of doubt, "*Due for Payment*" does not refer to any earlier date upon which payment of any Guaranteed Amount may become due under the guaranteed obligations, by reason of prepayment, acceleration of maturity, mandatory or optional redemption or otherwise.
"**Dutch Civil Code**"	means the Dutch Civil Code (*Burgerlijk Wetboek*), as amended from time to time.
"**Dutch Insolvency Proceeding**"	a bankruptcy (*faillissement*), suspension of payments (*surseance van betaling*) or any statutory proceedings for the restructuring of debts (*akkoordprocedure*).
"**Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds**"	at any time the relevant Series of Covered Bonds, that has the earliest Extended Due for Payment Date, as specified in the applicable Final Terms (ignoring any acceleration of amounts due under the Covered Bonds prior to the occurrence of a CBC Event of Default).
"**Early Redemption Amount**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 6 (*Final Redemption Amount*).
"**ECB**"	the European Central Bank.

"**EEA**"	the European Economic Area.
"**Eligibility Criteria**"	means the criteria that determine whether Receivables are eligible to be transferred to the CBC as set out in section 3.3 (*Eligible Assets*) and which are all subject to amendment from time to time, provided that Rating Agency Confirmation is obtained.
"**Eligible Assets**"	the Eligible Collateral and Eligible Receivables jointly.
"**Eligible Collateral**"	euro denominated cash and/or Substitution Assets.
"**Eligible Receivable**"	a Receivable which complies with the Eligibility Criteria,
"**Eligible Swap Provider**"	a financial institution which is permitted under Dutch law to enter into derivative contracts with Dutch residents and whose ratings are rated not lower than the ratings as determined to be applicable or agreed by a relevant Rating Agency from time to time, being as at the 2021 Programme Date (if no remedial action would be taken as provided for in the relevant Swap Agreement) a counterparty risk assessment of 'P-2(cr)' (short-term) from Moody's and 'A3(cr)' (long-term) from Moody's.
"**EMIR**"	EU Regulation 648/2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories (commonly known as the European Market Infrastructure Regulation.
"**Enforcement Event**"	any default (*verzuim*) in the proper performance of the Secured Obligations or any part thereof provided that a CBC Acceleration Notice has been served.
"**Enforcement Procedures**"	the procedures for the enforcement of the Receivables undertaken by a Servicer from time to time in accordance with the relevant Originator's enforcement criteria.
"**EONIA**"	the rate administered by the European Banking Federation (or any person that takes over the administration of that rate) displayed on the page EONIA= of the Reuters screen (or any replacement Reuters page which displays that rate) or a successor rate if EONIA is no longer determined or may no longer be used under the applicable law.
"**ESMA**"	the European Securities and Markets Authority.
"**€STR** "	the euro short-term rate as published by the ECB.
"**EU**"	the European Union.
"**EU MiFID II**"	Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments.
"**EU MiFID Product Governance Rules**"	the MiFID Product Governance rules under Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593.
"**EU PRIIPs Regulation**"	Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2014 on key information documents for packaged retail and insurance-based investment products (PRIIPs).

"**EUR, euro** and **€**"	the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the EU Treaty.
"**EURIBOR**"	the Euro-zone inter-bank offered rate.
"**Euroclear**"	Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V.
"**Euroclear Netherlands**"	Nederlands Centraal Instituut voor Giraal Effectenverkeer B.V.
"**Eurodollar Convention**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Euronext Amsterdam**"	Euronext in Amsterdam.
"**Eurosystem**"	the central banking system for the euro.
"**EUWA**"	European Union Withdrawal Act 2018.
"**Excess Proceeds**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*).
"**Exchange Date**"	the date which is not less than 40 days nor (if the Temporary Global Covered Bond has been deposited with Euroclear Netherlands) more than 90 days after the date on which the Temporary Global Covered Bond is issued (or the "restricted period" within the meaning of U.S. Treasury Regulations Section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(7)) and on which interest in the Temporary Global Covered Bonds will be exchangeable for interests in the Permanent Global Covered Bonds.
"**Exchange Event**"	the event that (i) the Covered Bonds become immediately due and repayable by reason of a CBC Event of Default or (ii) the Issuer has been notified that the relevant clearing system has been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and no successor clearing system is available or (iii) the Issuer or the CBC has or will become subject to adverse tax consequences which would not be suffered if the Covered Bonds represented by the Permanent Global Covered Bond were in definitive form.
"**Excluded Swap Termination Amount**"	in relation to a Swap Agreement, an amount equal to the amount of any termination payment due and payable to the relevant Swap Provider as a result of a Swap Provider Default or Swap Provider Downgrade Event with respect to such Swap Provider.
"**Extended Due for Payment Date**"	the date falling twelve (12) calendar months after the Final Maturity Date, as specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.
"**Extension Date**"	the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.
"**Extraordinary Resolution**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 14 (*Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modification and Waiver*).
"**FATCA**"	Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code.
"**FATCA Withholding**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 7 (*Taxation*).
"**FC**"	financial counterparties.

"**Final Maturity Date**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Final Redemption Amount**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 6 (*Final Redemption Amount*).
"**Final Terms**"	the final terms issued in relation to each Tranche of Covered Bonds as a supplement to this Base Prospectus and giving details of that Tranche and, in relation to any particular Tranche of Covered Bonds.
"**First Interest Payment Date**"	the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.
"**First Regulatory Current Balance Amount**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).
"**Fixed Interest Period**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Fixed Rate Payer Payment Date**"	the fixed rate payer payment date as defined in the relevant confirmation for the Interest Rate Swap, which is expected to be the CBC Payment Date.
"**Fixed Security**"	security interest that secures only (i) one or more specified receivables of the relevant initial pledgee or mortgagee against the relevant debtor or (ii) receivables arising from one or more specified contractual relationships (*rechtsverhoudingen*) between the relevant initial pledgee or mortgagee and the relevant debtor.
"**Floating Rate**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Floating Rate Convention**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Floating Rate Option**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Floating Rate Payer Payment Date**"	the floating rate payer payment date as defined in the relevant confirmation for the Interest Rate Swap, which is expected to be the CBC Payment Date.
"**Floor**"	a minimum interest rate that may apply to Floating Rate Covered Bonds.
"**Following Business Day Convention**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Foreclosure Value**"	the foreclosure value of the Property.
"**FRBNY**"	the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
"**FRN Convention**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**FSMA**"	means the United Kingdom Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.
"**Further Advance**"	in relation to a Transferred Receivable, any advance of further money under the relevant Loan Agreement, which includes a new mortgage loan, to the relevant Borrower following the making of the Initial Advance and secured by the same Mortgage.

"**Further Settlement Amount**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.7 (*Sub-Participation*).
"**Global Covered Bond**"	any Temporary Global Covered Bond or Permanent Global Covered Bond.
"**Grandfathering Date**"	the date that is six (6) months after the date on which the final regulations defining the term "foreign pass-thru payment" are filed with the federal register.
"**Green Building**"	a 'green residential building' within the meaning of the sub-framework 'Green Residential Real Estate' of the Rabobank Sustainable Funding Framework, which meets regionally, nationally or internationally recognised regulations, standards or certifications, being for the category residential real estate, which at the date of this Base Prospectus is: (i) a residential building built before 2021 which has obtained an Energy performance certificate (EPC) of at least A by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) or which is amongst the top 15% of most energy efficient properties in the Netherlands; (ii) a residential building built as of 2021 that has obtained an EPC of at least A ++++ in order to ensure a net primary energy demand which is at least 10% lower than the requirement for Nearly Zero Emissions Buildings (NZEB)[4]; or (iii) a residential building that has obtained an EPC of B or C by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) and that has realised at least 30% improvement in energy efficiency compared to an average house within the same building period.
"**Green Covered Bonds**"	Covered Bonds issued under the Programme where the use of proceeds is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be for the financing and/or refinancing of mortgage loans for Green Buildings, in accordance with certain prescribed eligibility criteria as in such case shall be set out in item 4(i) of Part B (*Reasons for the offer*) of the applicable Final Terms. For the purpose of Green Covered Bonds, unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to Covered Bonds in this Base Prospectus shall be deemed to include a reference to Green Covered Bonds.
"**Green Eligible Receivable**"	an Eligible Receivable secured by a Mortgage over a Property qualifying as Green Building, as determined by or on behalf of the relevant Originator at the time of application of the relevant Loan or Further Advance.
"**Gross Outstanding Principal Balance**"	in relation to a Receivable at any date, means the aggregate principal balance of such Receivable at such date (but avoiding double counting) including the following: (a) the Initial Advance; and (b) any increase in the principal amount due under that Receivable due to any Further Advance,

[4] From 01/01/2021, all new buildings in the Netherlands must meet the Nearly Zero Emissions Building requirements (*Bijna Energieneutrale Gebouwen*, BENG).

	in each case relating to such Receivable less any prepayment, repayment or payment of the foregoing made on or prior to such date.
"**Group**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 6 (*Final Redemption Amount*).
"**Guarantee**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 3 (*the Guarantee*).
"**Guarantee Support Agreement**"	the guarantee support agreement dated the Programme Date between the Issuer, the CBC, the Originators and the Trustee as the same may be amended and/or supplemented and/or restated and/or novated or otherwise modified from time to time.
"**Guaranteed Amounts**"	in respect of a Series: (a) with respect to any Scheduled Payment Date falling prior to the service of a CBC Acceleration Notice, the sum of the Scheduled Interest and Scheduled Principal payable on such Scheduled Payment Date; or (b) with respect to any date after the service of a CBC Acceleration Notice, an amount equal to the aggregate of (i) the relevant Early Redemption Amount specified in the Conditions as being payable on that date and (ii) all accrued and unpaid interest and all other amounts due and payable in respect of the Covered Bonds and all amounts payable by the CBC under the Trust Deed, provided that any Guaranteed Amounts representing interest paid after the Final Maturity Date shall be paid on such dates and at such rates as specified in the applicable Final Terms.
"**Guaranteed Final Redemption Amount**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 3 (*the Guarantee*).
"**Hedged Series Amount**"	an amount listed in paragraph (f)(iii) or (g)(ii), as the case may be, of the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments and relating to any outstanding Series which is the subject of an Interest Rate Swap and/or a Portfolio Swap and/or a Structured Swap, as the case may be, and which is as of the relevant CBC Payment Date expected to be paid from the Swap Interest Ledger or the Swap Principal Ledger, as the case may be.
"**Holding**"	Stichting Holding Rabo Covered Bond Company.
"**ICMA**"	the International Capital Market Association.
"**ICMA Green Bond Principles**"	the green bond principles prepared and published by ICMA.
"**ICSDs**"	one of the International Central Securities Depositories.
"**IDD**"	Directive (EU) 2016/97 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 January 2016 on insurance distribution.
"**IGA**"	the intergovernmental agreement for the automatic exchange of data between the tax authorities of both countries in relation to the implementation of FATCA.
"**Increase**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.7 (*Sub-Participation*).

"**Independent Adviser**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*).
"**Index**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).
"**Indexed Valuation**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).
"**Initial Advance**"	in respect of any Loan Agreement, the original principal amount advanced by the relevant Originator to the relevant Borrower.
"**Initial Originators**"	Rabobank including any of its predecessors.
"**Initial Settlement Amount**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.7 (*Sub-Participation*).
"**Insolvency Proceedings**"	a Dutch Insolvency Proceeding or any equivalent or analogous proceeding under the laws of any other jurisdiction.
"**Interest Amount**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Interest Commencement Date**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Interest Determination Date**"	means the interst determination date as specified in the applicable Final Terms.
"**Interest Payment Date**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Interest Period**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Interest Rate Swap**"	an interest rate swap transaction under an Interest Rate Swap Agreement.
"**Interest Rate Swap Agreement**"	any interest rate swap agreement entered into by the CBC and the Interest Rate Swap Provider.
"**Interest Rate Swap Provider**"	a Swap Provider in its capacity as interest rate swap provider.
"**Interest-Only Loan**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.3 (*Eligible Assets*).
"**Intervention Act**"	means the Special Measures Financial Institutions Act (*Wet bijzondere maatregelen financiële ondernemingen*).
"**Investment Proceeds**"	the principal proceeds of the investments under the insurance policy.
"**IRS**"	the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.
"**ISDA Definitions**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**ISDA Rate**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Issue Date**"	in relation to any Covered Bond, the date of issue and settlement of such Covered Bond pursuant to the Programme Agreement or any other relevant agreement between the Issuer, the CBC and the relevant Dealer(s).
"**Issuer**"	Rabobank
"**Issuer Acceleration Notice**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 9 (*Events of Default*

	and Enforcement).
"**Issuer Event of Default**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*).
"**KiFID**"	means the Financial Services Complaints Tribunal (*Klachteninstituut Financiële Dienstverlening*).
"**Land Registry**"	the relevant Dutch land registry (*het Kadaster*) where the ownership of the relevant Properties together with the Mortgages thereon are registered.
"**Lending Criteria**"	such criteria applicable to the granting of a Loan to a Borrower as the relevant Originator may from time to time apply and which would be acceptable to a Reasonable Prudent Lender.
"**LIBOR**"	the London inter-bank offered rate.
"**Life Loan**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.3 (*Eligible Assets*).
"**Linear Loan**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.3 (*Eligible Assets*).
"**Liquidity Test**"	the requirement for the Issuer under the CB Legislation to ensure that at all times sufficient liquidity is maintained or generated by the CBC to cover for the following 6 month-period interest payments on the Covered Bonds and certain higher and *pari passu* ranking payments, in each case as calculated and determined in accordance with the CB Legislation.
"**Loan**"	any loan (including the Initial Advance and any Further Advance) or loan part (*leningdeel*) granted by the relevant Originator to a Borrower pursuant to the terms of a Loan Agreement.
"**Loan Agreement**"	a mortgage loan agreement between an Originator and a Borrower secured by a right of mortgage (*recht van hypotheek*), including the corresponding notarial deed, pledge deed and general terms and conditions as such Originator may from time to time apply and which would be acceptable to a Reasonable Prudent Lender.
"**Long Maturity Covered Bond**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 5 (*Payments*).
"**LTV Cut-Off Percentage**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).
"**Luxembourg Stock Exchange**"	the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.
"**Luxembourg Stock Exchange Official List**"	the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.
"**Management Agreement (CBC)**"	the management agreement (CBC) dated the Programme Date between the CBC, the Managing Director and the Trustee as the same may be amended and/or supplemented and/or restated and/or novated or otherwise modified from time to time.
"**Managing Director**"	Intertrust Management B.V.
"**Mandatory Liquidity Required Amount**"	an amount equal to the amount which is at such time required to be maintained by the CBC to ensure compliance with Article 40g of the Decree after taking into account any certain amounts standing to

	the credit of the AIC Account, for the avoidance of doubt, including amounts standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund Ledger, as permitted to be taken into account pursuant to Article 40g of the Decree and any other amounts (whether held or generated and) permitted to be taken into account pursuant to Article 40g of the Decree, (in each case all as calculated on each relevant Calculation Date for the relevant period prescribed by Article 40g of the Decree).
"**Master Definitions Schedule**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Conditions.
"**Master Receivables Pledge Agreement**"	the master receivables pledge agreement dated the Programme Date between the CBC and the Trustee as the same may be amended and/or supplemented and/or restated and/or novated or otherwise modified from time to time.
"**Master Sub-Participation Agreement**"	each master sub-participation agreement entered into between the CBC, the relevant Participant, the relevant Originator and the Trustee from time to time.
"**Merged**"	in respect of a legal entity, that as a result of a Merger between such entity and an Originator, all assets and liabilities (*vermogen*) of such entity have transferred to such Originator, with such legal entity being the disappearing entity.
"**Merged Originator**"	in respect of a Merger, the legal entity of which the Relevant Assets and Liabilities are transferred to an Originator pursuant to such Merger.
"**Merger**"	a transfer pursuant to which all assets and liabilities (*vermogen*) of an entity have been transferred to another entity on a general legal basis (*algemene titel*) as referred to in Article 2:309 of the Dutch Civil Code.
"**Minimum Account Bank Ratings**"	the minimum ratings as determined to be applicable or agreed by each relevant Rating Agency from time to time in respect of the Account Bank or other relevant financial institution or institutions, being as at the 2021 Programme Date in respect of the Account Bank, a short-term bank deposit rating of 'P-1' by Moody's.
"**Minimum Green Buildings Collateral Support Amount**"	in relation to the issuance of a Series of Green Covered Bonds, at any date, an amount equal to the Principal Amount Outstanding of all Green Covered Bonds outstanding under the Programme (including the Principal Amount Outstanding of such Series of Green Covered Bonds being issued).
"**Mixed Insurance Policy**"	any insurance policy under which premium is paid consisting of a risk element and a capital element consisting of a savings part or an investment part, as the case may be.
"**Modified Following Business Day Convention**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Monthly Interest**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.7 (*Sub-Participation*).
"**Monthly Investor Report**"	the monthly investor report prepared by the Administrator or the CBC including, amongst other things, the relevant calculations in respect of the Asset Cover Test, in the form set out in the

	Administration Agreement.
"**Monthly Payment Ratio**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).
"**Moody's**"	Moody's Investors Service Limited or Moody's France SAS, as applicable.
"**Mortgage**"	a right of mortgage (*recht van hypotheek*) over a Property securing the related Receivable.
"**Mortgage Credit Directive**"	Directive 2014/17/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 February 2014 on credit agreements for consumers relating to residential immovable property and amending Directives 2008/48/EC and 2013/36/EU and Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010.
"**MREL**"	means minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities.
"**MVD Assumption**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).
"**Net Outstanding Principal Balance**"	in relation to a Transferred Receivable, at any date, the Gross Outstanding Principal Balance of such Receivable less, if it is a Participation Receivable, an amount equal to the Participation on such date.
"**New Entity**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 14 (*Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modification and Waiver*).
"**New Originators**"	any other member of the Group that will accede to, amongst others, the Programme Agreement as an Originator.
"**New Receivables**"	Eligible Receivables, other than the Transferred Receivables, which an Originator may assign and transfer, to the CBC on a Transfer Date pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement.
"**New Servicer**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 5.1 (*Servicing*).
"**New Servicing Agreement**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 5.1 (*Serving*).
"**NFC+**"	non-financial counterparties whose positions in OTC derivatives (including the positions of other non-financial counterparties in its group, but excluding any hedging positions) exceed a specified clearing threshold.
"**NGN**"	the new global note form.
"**NGN Temporary Global Covered Bond**"	each Temporary Global Covered Bond which is intended to be issued in NGN form.
"**NHG**"	the guarantees (*borgtochten*) issued by Stichting Waarborgfonds Eigen Woningen under the terms and conditions of the National Mortgage Guarantee (*Nationale Hypotheek Garantie*), as amended from time to time.
"**Notice to Pay**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 9 (*Events of Default and Enforcement*).
"**Notification Event**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.1 (*Transfer*).

"**Optional Redemption Date**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 6 (*Final Redemption Amount*).
"**Original Foreclosure Value**"	the Foreclosure Value of the Property as assessed by the Originator at the time of granting the Loan, as adjusted by the Originator from time to time.
"**Original Market Value**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).
"**Originators**"	the Initial Originators and the New Originators.
"**OTC**"	over-the-counter.
"**Parallel Debt**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 2.2 (*Security*) of this Base Prospectus.
"**Partial Portfolio**"	part of any portfolio of Selected Receivables.
"**Participant**"	with respect to (i) a Participation Receivable which is a Category 3 Receivable, any relevant insurer which enters into a Master Sub-Participation Agreement with the CBC and the Trustee, and which is acknowledged by the relevant Originator(s) and (ii) a Bank Savings Receivable, Rabobank.
"**Participation**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.7 (*Sub-Participation*).
"**Participation Date**"	the later of the Transfer Date and the date of the relevant Master Sub-Participation Agreement.
"**Participation Fraction**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.7 (*Sub-Participation*).
"**Participation Ledger**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 7.1 (*Ledgers*).
"**Participation Receivable**"	a Category 3 Receivable or a Bank Savings Receivable, as the case may be, to which a Participation applies.
"**Partner**"	a person other than the Originator appointed as beneficiary under the relevant insurance policy.
"**Partner Instruction**"	in case a Partner has been appointed as beneficiary under an insurance policy connected to a Receivable, the irrevocably authorisation by such person to the relevant Insurer to pay out the insurance proceeds to the relevant Originator.
"**Payment Day**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 5 (*Payments*).
"**Permanent Global Covered Bond**"	a permanent global covered bond in respect of a Series without interest coupons attached.
"**Pledge Notification Event**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.1 (*Transfer*).
"**Portfolio**"	the portfolio of Receivables, particulars of which are set out in the relevant deed of assignment or in a document stored upon electronic media, to the extent not (i) redeemed, (ii) retransferred (iii) sold or refinanced pursuant to the Asset Monitor Agreement or (iv) otherwise disposed of by the CBC.
"**Portfolio Swap**"	a portfolio swap transaction under a Portfolio Swap Agreement.

"**Portfolio Swap Agreement**"	any portfolio swap agreement entered into by the CBC and the Portfolio Swap Provider.
"**Portfolio Swap Fraction**"	the fraction to be calculated in relation to the relevant Portfolio Agreement by dividing (i) the Principal Amount Outstanding of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds by (ii) the Principal Amount Outstanding of all outstanding Covered Bonds.
"**Portfolio Swap Provider**"	Rabobank in its capacity as portfolio swap provider.
"**Post-CBC-Acceleration-Notice Priority of Payments**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 7.3 (*Post-CBC-Acceleration-Notice Priority of Payments*).
"**Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 7.2 (*Post-Notice-To-Pay Priority of Payments*).
"**Potential CBC Event of Default**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 14 (*Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modification and Waiver*).
"**Potential Issuer Event of Default**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 14 (*Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modification and Waiver*).
"**Preceding Business Day Convention**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Pre-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments**"	the arrangement set out in paragraphs (A)(b)(i) through (iii) and (B)(b)(i) and (ii) of section 7 (*Cash flow*).
"**Price Indexed Valuation**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).
"**Principal Amount Outstanding**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Principal Obligations**"	the amounts the CBC owes to (i) the Covered Bondholders under or pursuant to the Guarantee, the Trust Deed and the other Transaction Documents and (ii) the other Secured Creditors under or pursuant to the Transaction Documents.
"**Principal Paying Agent**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Conditions.
"**Principal Receipts**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 7 (*Cash flows*).
"**Priority of Payments**"	the Pre-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments, the Post-Notice-to-Pay Priority of Payments or the Post CBC-Acceleration-Notice Priority of Payments, as the case may be.
"**Programme**"	the EUR 25,000,000,000 Covered Bond Programme of the Issuer.
"**Programme Agreement**"	the programme agreement dated the Programme Date between, *inter alia*, the Issuer and the CBC as the same may be amended and/or supplemented and/or restated and/or novated or otherwise modified from time to time.
"**Programme Date**"	10 May 2017.
"**Programme Resolution**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 14 (*Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modification and Waiver*).

"**Property**"	(i) a real property (*onroerende zaak*), (ii) an apartment right (*appartementsrecht*), (iii) a long lease (*erfpacht*) or (iv) a right of superficies (*opstalrecht*), which is subject to a Mortgage.
"**Prospectus Regulation**"	Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017 on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading on a regulated market, and repealing Directive 2003/71 and includes any commission delegated regulation thereunder.
"**Purchaser**"	any third party or any Originator to whom the CBC offers to sell Selected Receivables pursuant to the Asset Monitor Agreement.
"**Rabobank**"	Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A.
"**Rabobank Sustainable Funding Framework**"	Rabobank sustainable funding framework dated September 2020, to be amended on or around June 2021, as the same may be amended and/or supplemented and/or restated and/or novated or otherwise modified from time to time.
"**Rating Agency**"	any rating agency (or its successor) who, at the request of the Issuer, assigns, and for as long it assigns, one or more ratings to the Covered Bonds under the Programme from time to time, which may include Moody's.
"**Rating Agency Confirmation**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 14 (*Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modification and Waiver*).
"**Rating Trigger Required Amount**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 7 (*Cash flows*).
"**RC Deduction Notice**"	a notice from the Issuer that it deducts an amount equal to a Deductible Residual Claim in the Asset Cover Test or the Amortisation Test, as applicable.
"**RC Release Trigger Event**"	the event that, after the pledge of the Residual Claims, the Issuer regains a long-term rating from Moody's of at least 'A3(cr)' (or such other minimum rating as determined to be applicable or agreed from time to time by Moody's) and retains such rating for a consecutive period of twelve months (or such other period as determined to be applicable or agreed from time to time by Moody's) as the case may be.
"**RC Trigger Event**"	the event that (A) the Issuer's long-term rating from Moody's falls below 'A3(cr)' (or such other minimum rating as determined to be applicable or agreed from time to time by Moody's) and such downgrade is continuing for a period of twelve months (or such other period as determined to be applicable or agreed from time to time by Moody's) after the date of such downgrade, or (B) the Issuer's long-term rating from Moody's falls below 'Baal(cr)' (or such other minimum rating as determined to be applicable or agreed from time to time by Moody's) or any such rating is withdrawn.
"**Reasonable Prudent Lender**"	the Originators and/or the Servicers, as applicable, acting (a) in accordance with the standards of a reasonable lender of Dutch residential mortgage loans to Borrowers in the Netherlands and (b) as a reasonable creditor in protection of its own interests.

"**Receivable**"	any and all registered claims (*vorderingen op naam*) *vis-à-vis* a Borrower for and in connection with repayment of a Loan and includes any Related Security.
"**Receivable Due Date**"	in relation to any Receivable means the original date on which such Receivable is due and payable.
"**Receivables Warranties**"	the representations and warranties given by each of the Originators in respect of the Receivables as set out in Part 3 of Schedule 1 (*Representations and Warranties*) to the Guarantee Support Agreement.
"**Record Date**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 19 (*Terms and Conditions of Registered Covered Bonds*).
"**Redeemed Covered Bonds**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 6 (*Final Redemption Amount*).
"**Redemption Amount**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.7 (*Sub-Participation*).
"**Reference Banks**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Register**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 19 (*Terms and Conditions of Registered Covered Bonds*).
"**Registered Covered Bond**"	a Covered Bond issued in registered form.
"**Registered Covered Bonds Deed**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 19 (*Terms and Conditions of Registered Covered Bonds*).
"**Registrar**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Conditions.
"**Related Security**"	with respect to any Receivable, all related accessory rights (*afhankelijke rechten*), ancillary rights (*nevenrechten*), connected rights (*kwalitatieve rechten*) and independently transferable claims (*zelfstandig overdraagbare vorderingsrechten*), including rights of mortgage (*hypotheekrechten*), rights of pledge (*pandrechten*), suretyships (*borgtochten*), guarantees, rights to receive interest and penalties and, to the extent transferable, Beneficiary Rights and interest reset rights as well as any rights of the relevant Originator under the Subordination Agreement with respect to such Receivable.
"**Relevant Assets and Liabilities**"	all assets and liabilities (*vermogen*) (or part thereof) which are acquired by an Originator pursuant to a Demerger.
"**Relevant Date**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 7 (*Taxation*).
"**Relevant Nominating Body**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 14A (*Benchmark Rate Modification*).
"**Representations and Warranties**"	the representations and warranties given by each of the Originators as set out in Schedule 1 (*Representations and Warranties*) to the Guarantee Support Agreement.
"**Required Redemption Amount**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.3 (*Sale or Refinancing of Selected Assets*).

"**Reserve Fund Ledger**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 7.1 (*Ledgers*).
"**Reserve Fund Required Amount**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 7 (*Cash flows*).
"**Reserve Fund Trigger**"	if any of the Issuer's ratings falls below the minimum ratings as determined to be applicable or agreed by a relevant Rating Agency from time to time, being as at the 2021 Programme Date a counterparty risk assessment 'P-1(cr)' (short-term) by Moody's.
"**Reset Date**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Residual Claim**"	any claim the relevant Originator has against the Borrower, other than a Transferred Receivable, which is secured by the same Related Security, including a claim under a Mortgage Credit, and which has not been transferred to the CBC.
"**Revenue Receipts**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 7 (*Cash flows*).
"**Savings**"	with respect to (i) a Category 3 Receivable, the savings part of all premiums received by the Participant from the relevant Borrower under or pursuant to the relevant insurance policy, and (ii) a Bank Savings Receivable, all payments made by the relevant Borrower to the related Bank Savings Account.
"**Savings Loan**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 3.3 (*Eligible Assets*).
"**Savings Proceeds**"	the principal proceeds of the savings under the insurance policy.
"**Savings Receivable**"	a Transferred Receivable resulting from a Savings Loan.
"**Savings Set-Off Amount**"	such amount for which set-off is invoked or applied if the relevant Borrower invokes a defence and/or claims that he may set-off, or set-off is applied by operation of law, in relation to any accrued amount under the relevant Mixed Insurance Policy as against any Transferred Receivable.
"**Scheduled Interest**"	in respect of a Series, any amount of scheduled interest payable (i) under the Covered Bonds as specified in Condition 4 (*Interest*) (but excluding (a) any additional amounts relating to premiums, default interest or interest upon interest payable by the Issuer following an Issuer Event of Default but including such amounts following a CBC Acceleration Notice in circumstances where Covered Bonds had not become due and payable prior to their Final Maturity Date or Extended Due for Payment Date (as the case may be) and (b) any additional amounts the Issuer would be obliged to pay as a result of any gross-up in respect of any withholding or deduction made under the circumstances set out in Condition 7 (*Taxation*)), for this purpose disregarding any Excess Proceeds recovered by the Trustee on account of scheduled interest and on-paid to the CBC in accordance with the Trust Deed, or (ii) under the Guarantee as specified in Condition 3(b) (*The Guarantee*).
"**Scheduled Payment Dates**"	in respect of a Series, each Interest Payment Date and the Final Maturity Date as specified in (i) in the case of Scheduled Interest, Condition 4 (*Interest*) or Condition 3(b) (*The Guarantee*), as the case may be, or (ii) in the case of Scheduled Principal, Condition 6(a) (*Redemption at maturity*).

"**Scheduled Principal**"	in respect of a Series, any amount of scheduled principal payable under the Covered Bonds as specified in Condition 6(a) (*Redemption at maturity*) (but excluding (a) any additional amounts relating to prepayments, early redemption, broken funding indemnities, penalties, premiums or default interest payable by the Issuer following an Issuer Event of Default but including such amounts (if any) together with the Early Redemption Amount and any interest accrued on the Guaranteed Amounts in accordance with Clause 3.1 of the Trust Deed following a CBC Event of Default) and (b) any additional amounts the Issuer would be obliged to pay as a result of any gross-up in respect of any withholding or deduction made under the circumstances set out in Condition 7 (*Taxation*)), for this purpose disregarding any Excess Proceeds recovered by the Trustee on account of scheduled principal and on-paid to the CBC in accordance with the Trust Deed.
"**Second Party Opinion**"	Any independent opinion issued by an institution with environmental expertise confirming that the Rabobank Sustainable Funding Framework and, insofar as relevant, the sub-framework 'Green Residential Real Estate' are in compliance with the ICMA Green Bond Principles.
"**Second Regulatory Current Balance Amount**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).
"**Secured Creditors**"	the Trustee, the Covered Bondholders, the Originators, the Servicers, the Account Bank, the Administrator, the Swap Providers, the Asset Monitor, the Managing Director, the Agents, any Participant and all other creditors designated by the Trustee as Secured Creditor from time to time in accordance with the Trust Deed.
"**Secured Property**"	all the CBC's assets, rights and receivables including the CBC's rights in respect of the Transferred Assets, its rights in relation to the CBC Accounts and its rights under the Transaction Documents over which security is created pursuant to the Security Documents.
"**Securities Act**"	the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
"**Securitisation Regulation**"	Regulation (EU) 2017/2402 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 December 2017 laying down a general framework for securitisation and creating a specific framework for simple, transparent and standardised securitisation, and amending Directives 2009/65/EC, 2009/138/EC and 2011/61/EU and Regulations (EC) No 1060/2009 and (EU) No 648/2012.
"**Security**"	the security for the obligations of the CBC in favour of the Trustee for the benefit of the Secured Creditors which is created pursuant to, and on the terms set out in, the Trust Deed and the Security Documents.
"**Security Documents**"	the Master Receivables Pledge Agreement, the Substitution Assets Pledge, the Accounts Pledge Agreement and the CBC Rights Pledge Agreement.
"**Selected Receivables**"	the Transferred Receivables to be sold or refinanced by the CBC pursuant to the terms of the Asset Monitor Agreement.

"**Selection Date**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 6 (*Final Redemption Amount*).
"**Series**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Conditions.
"**Series Reserved Matter**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 14 (*Meetings of Covered Bondholders, Modification and Waiver*).
"**Servicer**"	Rabobank.
"**Servicer Criteria**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 5.2 (*Servicers*).
"**Servicer Event of Default**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 5.2 (*Servicers*).
"**Services**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 5.1 (*Serving*).
"**Servicing Agreement**"	the servicing agreement dated the Programme Date entered into between the CBC, the Servicer, the Issuer and the Trustee, as the same may be amended and/or supplemented and/or restated and/or novated or otherwise modified from time to time.
"**SFH**"	*Stichting Fraudepreventie Hypotheken.*
"**SOFR**"	the Secured Overnight Financing Rate.
"**SOFR Compounded Index Rate**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4(b)(ii)(G) (*Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds referencing a Compounded Index Rate*).
"**SOFR Reference Rate**"	Compounded Daily SOFR, Weighted Average SOFR or SOFR Compounded Index Rate.
"**SONIA**"	the Sterling Overnight Index Average.
"**SONIA Compounded Index Rate**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4(b)(ii)(G) (*Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds referencing a Compounded Index Rate*)
"**Specified Currency**"	the currency as specified and set out in the applicable Final Terms.
"**Specified Denomination**"	the denomination as specified and set out in the applicable Final Terms.
"**SRB**"	means the EU Single Resolution Board.
"**SRM**"	means the EU Single Resolution Mechanism.
"**SRM Regulation**"	Regulation (EU) No 806/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2014 establishing uniform rules and a uniform procedure for the resolution of credit institutions and certain investment firms in the framework of a Single Resolution Mechanism and a Single Resolution Fund and amending Regulation (EU) No 1093/2010 (Single Resolution Mechanism) and as amended from time to time.
"SSM"	means the EU Single Supervisory Mechanism.
"**Standardised Approach**"	Chapter 2 (*Standardised Approach*) of Title II of Part Three of the

CRR (as amended, varied and/or supplemented from time to time).

"**Structured Swap**" an structured swap transaction under a Structured Swap Agreement.

"**Structured Swap Agreement**" any structured rate swap agreement entered into by the CBC and the Structured Swap Provider.

"**Structured Swap Provider**" a Swap Provider in its capacity as structured swap provider.

"**Sub-Participation Loan**" a loan from the relevant Originator to such relevant Participant.

"**Substitution Assets**" the classes of assets denominated in euro from time to time eligible under the CRR and/or the Wft to collateralise covered bonds including (on the date of this Base Prospectus) and subject to certain limitations:

(a) exposures to or guaranteed by central governments, central banks or international organisations in accordance with article 129(1)(a) CRR;
(b) exposures to or guaranteed by public sector entities, regional governments or local authorities in accordance with article 129(1)(b) CRR;
(c) exposures to institutions in accordance with article 129(1)(c) CRR; and
(d) exposures for which DNB has waived the application of article 129(1)(c) CRR in accordance with article 129(1) CRR third paragraph,

which assets on an aggregate basis are subject to a limit of 20 per cent., or such other percentage as required under the Wft, of the aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding of the Covered Bonds.

"**Substitution Assets Amount**" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 4.1 (*Asset Cover Test*).

"**Substitution Assets Pledge**" a deed of pledge of Substitution Assets entered into between the CBC and the Trustee from time to time.

"**Swap Agreements**" a 1992 (Multicurrency Cross Border) or 2002 ISDA Master Agreement together with the relevant schedule and confirmation(s) entered into between a Swap Provider, the CBC and the Trustee, governing one or more Swaps in the Approved Form, each Portfolio Swap Agreement, each Interest Rate Swap Agreement and each Structured Swap Agreement.

"**Swap Collateral Excluded Amounts**" amounts standing to the credit of the Swap Collateral Ledger.

"**Swap Collateral Ledger**" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 7.1 (*Ledgers*).

"**Swap Interest Excluded Amounts**" amounts standing to the credit of the Swap Interest Ledger.

"**Swap Interest Ledger**" has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 7.1 (*Ledgers*).

"**Swap Principal Excluded Amounts**" amounts standing to the credit of the Swap Principal Ledger.

"**Swap Provider**"	a third party Eligible Swap Provider.
"**Swap Provider Default**"	the occurrence of an Event of Default or Termination Event (each as defined in each of the relevant Swap Agreements) where the relevant Swap Provider is the Defaulting Party or the sole Affected Party (each as defined in the relevant Swap Agreement).
"**Swap Provider Downgrade Event**"	the occurrence of any Additional Termination Event as described in the Schedule forming part of a Swap Agreement and any similar provision of the Schedule forming part of any other Swap Agreement.
"**Swap Replacement Excluded Amounts**"	amounts standing to the credit of the Swap Replacement Ledger.
"**Swap Replacement Ledger**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 7.1 (*Ledgers*).
"**Swap Undertaking Letter**"	a letter pursuant to which Rabobank, the Trustee and the CBC agree that Rabobank in connection with (i) Structured Swaps shall enter into and, (ii) Interest Rate Swaps and/or Portfolio Swaps may enter into (or, in each case, procure an Eligible Swap Provider to enter into) Structured Swaps and/or Interest Rate Swaps and/or Portfolio Swaps in the Approved Form.
"**Talons**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Conditions.
"**TARGET Business Day**"	means a day on which TARGET2 is open for business.
"**TARGET2**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**Tax Jurisdiction**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 7 (*Taxation*).
"**Terms and Conditions**"	the terms and conditions of the Covered Bonds set forth in section 1.3 (*Terms and Conditions of Covered Bonds*).
"**Third Party Amounts**"	any amounts due and payable by the CBC to third parties that are not provided for payment elsewhere in the relevant Priority of Payments and incurred by the CBC in the ordinary course of its business which amounts may be paid daily from monies on deposit in the AIC Account.
"**Tranche**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Conditions.
"**Transaction Documents**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in section 8 (*General Information*).
"**Transfer Date**"	the date of transfer of any Eligible Assets to the CBC in accordance with the Guarantee Support Agreement.
"**Transferred Assets**"	the Transferred Receivables and the Transferred Collateral.
"**Transferred Collateral**"	any Eligible Collateral transferred or purported to be transferred to the CBC pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement, to the extent not retransferred, sold or otherwise disposed, or agreed to be disposed, of by the CBC.
"**Transferred Receivables**"	any Eligible Receivables transferred to the CBC pursuant to the Guarantee Support Agreement, to the extent not (i) redeemed, (ii)

	retransferred, (iii) sold or refinanced pursuant to the Asset Monitor Agreement or (iv) otherwise disposed of by the CBC.
"**Trust Deed**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in the Conditions.
"**Trustee**"	Stichting Security Trustee Rabo Covered Bond Company.
"**Trustee's Director**"	Amsterdamsch Trustee's Kantoor B.V.
"**UK**"	the United Kingdom.
"**UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules**"	the FCA Handbook Product Intervention and Product Governance Sourcebook.
"**Unadjusted**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4 (*Interest*).
"**USD LIBOR**"	means the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate for U.S. Dollars.
"**Valuation Procedures**"	the valuation procedures of the relevant Originator prevailing at the time of origination of the relevant Loan.
"**VAT**" and "**Value Added Tax**"	means (i) value added tax levied in accordance with the Directive 2006/112/EC as implemented in the laws of the relevant Member State and (ii) any tax of a similar nature levied by reference to added value, sales and/or consumption.
"**Weighted Average SOFR**"	has the meaning ascribed thereto in Condition 4(b)(ii)(F) (*Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds referencing Weighted Average SOFR*).
"**WEW**"	means Stichting Waarborgfonds Eigen Woningen.
"**Wft**"	means the Dutch Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*), as amended from time to time.
"**Wge**"	the Dutch Giro Securities Transfer Act (*Wet giraal effectenverkeer*).
"**W&R**"	means Wholesale & Rural.
"**Written-Off Receivable**"	any Receivable which has been written off by the relevant Originator as irrecoverable for accounting purposes in accordance with that Originator's general accounting practices.
"**Zero Coupon Covered Bonds**"	Bearer Covered Bonds that constitute a claim for a fixed sum against the Issuer and on which interest does not become due during their tenor or on which no interest is due whatsoever.

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