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Saxo Bank declares Offer for BinckBank unconditional and will hold 95.14% of all issued and outstanding Shares

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- 94.36% of the Shares are tendered under the Offer.
- Including 518,503 Shares already held by Saxo Bank, this represents a total of 95.14% of the Shares.
- All Offer Conditions are now satisfied or waived.
- Saxo Bank declares the Offer for BinckBank unconditional.
- Settlement of the Offer will take place on 7 August 2019.
- Remaining Shares can be tendered during the Post-Closing Acceptance Period, commencing on Thursday 1 August 2019 and ending on Wednesday 14 August 2019 at 17:40 (CET).

Upon expiration of the Offer Period at 17:40 (CET) today, approximately 94.36% of the Shares have been tendered under the Offer. Including the Shares already held by Saxo Bank, this represents a total of approximately 95.14% of the aggregate issued and outstanding share capital of BinckBank on a fully diluted basis.¹ Therefore, the Offer Condition relating to the Regulatory Merger Clearances is automatically waived. As a result, all Offer Conditions described in the Offer Memorandum have now been satisfied or waived. Saxo Bank and BinckBank are therefore pleased to announce that Saxo Bank declares the Offer unconditional (*doet gestand*).

¹ Calculation of the percentage of shares on a fully diluted basis reflects the balance of 29,633 Conditional Performance Shares that have been awarded, but have not yet been delivered to Identified Staff. Reference is made to section 7.12(a) of the Offer Memorandum.

Kim Fournais, CEO and founder of Saxo Bank, commented: *“We are extremely pleased that the shareholders of BinckBank agree with our rationale to combine Saxo Bank and BinckBank. This is a win-win for all parties, clients, employees and last but not least the shareholders. With reaching the 95.14 per cent of shares we can now call the offer unconditional and start working on combining our forces to further improve our products and services for our customers.”*

Vincent Germyns, CEO of BinckBank, added: *“Today heralds another milestone in the history of BinckBank. The support of our shareholders confirms that we made the right decision to enter into this transaction. We are confident that remaining shareholders will use the post acceptance period to tender their shares so that we can ensure a smooth finalization of the process. We are looking forward to working together with the Saxo Bank team in making this happen.”*

Acceptance

During the Offer Period, that expired at 17:40 (CET) today, 63,070,958 Shares have been tendered under the Offer, representing approximately 94.36% of the aggregate issued and outstanding share capital of BinckBank on a fully diluted basis, and an aggregate value of approximately EUR 400,500,583 (for an Offer Price of EUR 6.35 (*cum dividend*) per Share). Including the 518,503 Shares already held by Saxo Bank, this represents a total of 63,589,461 Shares, equal to approximately 95.14% of the aggregate issued and outstanding share capital of BinckBank on a fully diluted basis.

Settlement

With reference to the Offer Memorandum published on 12 March 2019, Shareholders who accepted the Offer shall receive the Offer Price for each Share validly tendered (or defectively tendered, provided that such defect has been waived by the Offeror) and transferred (*geleverd*) for acceptance pursuant to the Offer, under the terms and conditions of the Offer and subject to its restrictions.

Settlement of the Shares and payment of the Offer Price will take place on 7 August 2019. Following Settlement, Saxo Bank will (directly or indirectly) hold 63,589,461 Shares, representing approximately 95.14% of the aggregate issued and outstanding share capital of BinckBank on a fully diluted basis.

Upon Settlement the changes to the composition of the supervisory board of BinckBank, as approved by the general meeting of BinckBank held on 23 April 2019, will become effective. Following Settlement the supervisory board of BinckBank will be composed of: Mr. J.W.T. van der Steen, Mr. J.G. Princen, Mr. S. Kyhl, Mr. S. Blaafalk and Mr. F. Reisbøl.

Post-Closing Acceptance Period

Saxo Bank hereby announces that Shareholders who have not tendered their Shares during the Offer Period will have the opportunity to tender their Shares under the same terms and conditions applicable to

the Offer, during the Post-Closing Acceptance Period which will start at 09:00 (CET) on Thursday 1 August 2019 and end at 17:40 (CET) on Wednesday 14 August 2019.

The Offeror will publicly announce the results of the Post-Closing Acceptance Period and the total amount and total percentage of Shares held by it in accordance with Section 17, paragraph 4 of the Decree ultimately on the third Business Day following the last day of the Post-Closing Acceptance Period.

The Offeror shall continue to accept for payment all Shares validly tendered (or defectively tendered provided that such defect has been waived by the Offeror) during the Post-Closing Acceptance Period and shall pay for such Shares as soon as reasonably possible and in any case no later than on the fifth Business Day following the last day of the Post-Closing Acceptance Period.

During the Post-Closing Acceptance Period, Shareholders have no right to withdraw Shares from the Offer, regardless of whether their Shares have been validly tendered (or defectively tendered, provided that such defect has been waived by the Offeror) during the Offer Period or the Post-Closing Acceptance Period.

Delisting and Buy-Out

Saxo Bank and BinckBank intend to procure the delisting of the Shares on Euronext Amsterdam as soon as possible under Applicable Rules. Delisting may further adversely affect the liquidity and market value of any Shares not tendered.

Saxo Bank intends to initiate the Buy-Out in an expeditious manner. Reference is made to section 6.13(b) (Buy-Out) of the Offer Memorandum.

Further implications of the Offer being declared unconditional

Remaining Shareholders who do not wish to tender their Shares in the Post-Closing Acceptance Period should carefully review the sections of the Offer Memorandum that further explain the intentions of Saxo Bank, such as (but not limited to) Section 6.12 (Implications of the Offer being declared unconditional) and Section 6.13 (Possible Post-Closing Measures and future legal structure), which describe certain implications to which such Shareholders may become subject with their continued shareholding in BinckBank.

Announcements

Any announcement contemplated by the Offer Memorandum will be issued by press release. Any press release issued by the Offeror or Saxo Bank will be made available on the website www.home.saxo. Any press release issued by BinckBank will be made available on the website www.binck.com/press.

Subject to any applicable requirements of the applicable rules and without limiting the manner in which the

Offeror may choose to make any public announcement, the Offeror will have no obligation to communicate any public announcement other than as described above.

Offer Memorandum, Position Statement and further information

This announcement contains selected, condensed information regarding the Offer and does not replace the Offer Memorandum and/or the Position Statement. The information in this announcement is not complete and additional information is contained in the Offer Memorandum and the Position Statement.

Digital copies of the Offer Memorandum are available on the website of BinckBank at www.binck.com/public-offer and on the website of Saxo Bank at www.home.saxo. Such websites do not constitute a part of, and are not included or referred to in, the Offer Memorandum. Copies of the Offer Memorandum are also available free of charge from BinckBank and the Settlement Agent at the addresses mentioned below.

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Notice to US holders of BinckBank Shares

The Offer is being made for the securities of BinckBank, a public limited liability company incorporated under Dutch law, and is subject to Dutch disclosure and procedural requirements, which differ from those of the United States. The financial information of BinckBank included or referred to herein has been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, as adopted by the European Commission and Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code for use in the European Union and, accordingly, may not be comparable to financial information of U.S. companies or companies whose financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States. The Offer will be made in the United States in compliance with Regulation 14E under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the **U.S. Exchange Act**) and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, including the exemptions therefrom, and otherwise in accordance with the applicable regulatory requirements in the Netherlands. Accordingly, the Offer will be subject to disclosure and other procedural requirements, including with respect to

withdrawal rights, offer timetable, settlement procedures and timing of payments that are different from those applicable under U.S. domestic tender offer procedures and law.

The receipt of cash pursuant to the Offer by a U.S. holder of Shares may be a taxable transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes and may be a taxable transaction under applicable state and local laws, as well as foreign and other tax laws. Each holder of Shares is urged to consult his or her independent professional adviser immediately regarding the tax consequences of acceptance of the Offer.

It may be difficult for U.S. holders of Shares to enforce their rights and any claim arising out of the U.S. federal securities laws, since the Offeror and BinckBank are located in a country other than the United States, and some or all of their officers and directors may be residents of a country other than the United States. U.S. holders of Shares may not be able to sue a non-U.S. company or its officers or directors in a non-U.S. court for violations of the U.S. securities laws. Further, it may be difficult to compel a non-U.S. company and its affiliates to subject themselves to a U.S. court's judgment.

Neither the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission nor any U.S. state securities commission or other regulatory authority has approved or disapproved the Offer, passed upon the fairness or merits of the Offer or provided an opinion as to the accuracy or completeness of the Offer Memorandum or any other documents regarding the Offer. Any declaration to the contrary constitutes a criminal offence in the United States.

To the extent permissible under applicable law or regulation, including Rule 14e-5 of the U.S. Exchange Act, and in accordance with standard Dutch practice, the Offeror and its affiliates or brokers (acting as agents for the Offeror or its affiliates, as applicable) may before or during the period in which the Offer remains open for acceptance, directly or indirectly, purchase, or arrange to purchase, Shares outside of the United States, from time to time, other than pursuant to the Offer. These purchases may occur either in the open market at prevailing prices or in private transactions at negotiated prices. In addition, the financial advisers to the Offeror may engage in ordinary course trading activities in securities of BinckBank, which may include purchases or arrangements to purchase such securities. To the extent required in the Netherlands, any information about such purchases will be announced by press release in accordance with Article 13 of the Decree and posted on the website of Saxo Bank at www.home.saxo/.

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BinckBank profile

BinckBank is an online bank for investors and savers, established in the Netherlands and listed on the Euronext Amsterdam exchange. BinckBank's services are deployed from its head office in the Netherlands and its local branches in Belgium, France, and Italy, and representation in Spain. BinckBank offers services in investment, asset management and savings, and targets its services to retail customers, businesses/legal entities, and independent asset managers. An important feature of BinckBank's online services is a stable platform that gives users access to important financial markets, professional trading facilities, and analysis tools.

Saxo Bank profile

Saxo Bank is a leading Fintech specialist focused on multi-asset trading and investment and delivering 'Banking-as-a-Service' to wholesale clients. For more than 25 years, Saxo Bank's mission has been to democratize investment and trading, enabling clients by facilitating their seamless access to global capital markets through technology and expertise. As a fully licensed and regulated bank, Saxo Bank enables its direct clients to trade multiple asset classes across global financial markets from one single margin account and across multiple devices. Additionally, Saxo Bank provides wholesale institutional clients such as banks and brokers with multi-asset execution, prime brokerage services and trading technology, supporting the full value chain of wholesale partners by delivering Banking-as-a-Service (BaaS). Saxo Bank's award winning trading platforms are available in more than 20 languages and form the technology backbone of more than 100 financial institutions worldwide. Founded in 1992 and launching its first online trading platform in 1998, Saxo Bank was a Fintech even before the term was created. Headquartered in Copenhagen Saxo Bank today employs more than 1500 people in financial centers around the world including London, Paris, Zurich, Dubai, Singapore, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Tokyo.

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Certain statements in this press release may be considered “forward-looking statements,” such as statements relating to the impact of this transaction on Saxo Bank and BinckBank. Forward-looking statements include those preceded by, followed by or that include the words “anticipated,” “expected” or similar expressions. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this release. Although Saxo Bank and BinckBank believe that the assumptions upon which their respective financial information and their respective forward-looking statements are based are reasonable, they can give no assurance that these forward-looking statements will prove to be correct. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from historical experience or from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Potential risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, receipt of regulatory approvals without unexpected delays or conditions, Saxo Bank’s ability to successfully operate BinckBank without disruption to its other business activities, Saxo Bank’s ability to achieve the anticipated results from the acquisition of BinckBank, the effects of competition (in particular the response to the transaction in the marketplace), economic conditions in the global markets in which Saxo Bank and BinckBank operate, and other factors that can be found in Saxo Bank’s and BinckBank’s press releases and public filings.

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