

(incorporated as a co-operative company limited by shares in the Republic of Italy and registered at the Companies' Registry of Bergamo under registration number 03053920165)

# Euro 15,000,000,000 Covered Bond (Obbligazioni Bancarie Garantite) Programme unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed as to payments of interest and principal by

#### **UBI FINANCE S.R.L.**

(incorporated as a limited liability company in the Republic of Italy and registered at the Companies' Registry of Milan under registration number 06132280694)

Except where specified otherwise, capitalised words and expressions in this Prospectus have the meaning given to them in the section entitled "Glossary".

Under this Euro 15,000,000,000 covered bond programme (the "**Programme**"), Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.a. ("**UBI Banca**" or the "**Issuer**") may from time to time issue obbligazioni bancarie garantite (the "**Covered Bonds**") denominated in any currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s). The maximum aggregate nominal amount of all Covered Bonds from time to time outstanding under the Programme will not exceed Euro 15,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies calculated as described herein). UBI Finance S.r.l. (the "**Guarantor**") has guaranteed payments of interest and principal under the Covered Bonds pursuant to a guarantee (the "**Covered Bond Guarantee**") which is collateralised by a pool of assets (the "**Cover Pool**") made up of a portfolio of mortgages assigned to the Guarantor by the Sellers and certain other assets held by the Guarantor, including funds generated by the portfolio and such assets. Recourse against the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee is limited to the Cover Pool.

This prospectus (the "Prospectus") has been approved as a base prospectus issued in compliance with Directive 2003/71/EC, which includes the amendments made by Directive 2010/73/EC (the "Prospectus Directive") by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "Central Bank"), as competent authority in Ireland under Prospectus Directive. The Central Bank only approves this Prospectus as meeting the requirements imposed under Irish and European law pursuant to the Prospectus Directive. Such approval relates only to the Covered Bonds which are to be admitted to trading on a regulated market for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and/or which are to be offered to the public in any member state of the European Economic Area. Application has been made to the Irish Stock Exchange for Covered Bonds (other than Covered Bonds issued in registered form and the N Covered Bonds) issued under the Programme during the period of 12 months from the date of this Prospectus to be admitted to the Official List and trading on its regulated market, which is a regulated market for the purposes of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive 2004/39/EC (MiFID). The Programme also permits Covered Bonds to be issued on the basis that (i) they will be admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by such other or further competent authorities, stock exchanges and/or quotation systems as may be agreed with the Issuer or (ii) they will not be admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system.

Under the Programme the Issuer may issue Covered Bonds (Gedeckte Namensschuldverschreibungen), each issued with a minimum denomination indicated in the applicable terms and conditions of the N Covered Bonds (the "N Covered Bond Conditions"), which will differ from the terms and conditions set out in the section headed "Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds". The N Covered Bonds will not be listed and/or admitted to trading on any market and will not be settled through a clearing system. This Prospectus does not relate to Covered Bonds issued in registered form and the N Covered Bonds, which may be issued by the Issuer under the Programme pursuant to either separate documentation or the documents described in this Prospectus, after having made the necessary amendments. The approval of this Prospectus by the Central Bank does not cover any Covered Bonds issued in registered form and the N Covered Bonds which may be issued by the Issuer under the Programme.

An investment in Covered Bonds issued under the Programme involves certain risks. See "Risk Factors" for a discussion of certain factors to be considered in connection with an investment in the Covered Bonds.

From their issue dates, the Covered Bonds will be held in dematerialised form. The Covered Bond issued in dematerialised form will be held on behalf of their ultimate owners by Monte Titoli S.p.A. ("Monte Titoli") for the account of the relevant Monte Titoli account holders. Monte Titoli will also act as depository for Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("Euroclear") and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("Clearstream"). The Covered Bonds issued in dematerialised form will at all times be evidenced by book-entries in accordance with the provisions of Article 83-bis of Italian Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998 and with the joint regulation of the Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa ("CONSOB") and the Bank of Italy dated 22 February 2008 and published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Italy (Gazzetta Ufficiale della Repubblica Italiana) No. 54 of 4 March 2008, as subsequently amended and supplemented. No physical document of title will be issued in respect of the Covered Bonds issued in dematerialised form.

Each Series or Tranche may, on or after the relevant issue, be assigned a rating specified in the relevant Final Terms by any rating agency which may be appointed from time to time by the Issuer in relation to any issuance of Covered Bonds or for the remaining duration of the Programme, to the extent that any of them at the relevant time provides ratings in respect of any Series of Covered Bonds. Whether or not each credit rating applied for in relation to relevant Series of Covered Bonds will be issued by a credit rating agency established in the European Union and registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended, the "CRA Regulation") will be disclosed in the Final Terms. The credit ratings included or referred to in this Prospectus have been issued by Moody's Investors Service Ltd. ("Moody's") and Fitch Ratings Ltd. ("Fitch" and together with Moody's, the "Rating Agencies), each of which is established in the European Union and has been registered under the CRA Regulation. As such Moody's and Fitch are included in the list of credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website (at http://www.esma.europa.eu/page/listregistered-and-certified-CRAs) in accordance with the 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 European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

Arranger for the Programme
BARCLAYS

ARCLA1 Dealers

Barclays Crédit Agricole CIB
Deutsche Bank DZ BANK AG
Landesbank Natixis

ING Nomura

Commerzbank

**Baden-Württemberg** 

Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking

Goldman Sachs International **UBS Investment Bank UniCredit Bank** 

The date of this Prospectus is 31 July 2015

This Prospectus is a base prospectus for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive in respect to the Covered Bonds and for the purposes of giving information which, according to the particular nature of the Covered Bonds, is necessary to enable investors to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profit and losses and prospects of the Issuer and of the Guarantor and of the rights attaching to the Covered Bonds.

The Issuer and the Guarantor accept responsibility for the information contained in this Prospectus and the Final Terms for each Tranche of Covered Bonds issued under the Programme. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer and Guarantor (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. Each of the Sellers, together with the Issuer and the Guarantor, accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Prospectus in the sections entitled "The Sellers" and "Description of the Cover Pool". To the best of the knowledge of the Sellers, Issuer and Guarantor (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in the sections entitled "The Sellers" and "Description of the Cover Pool" is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

This Prospectus is to be read and construed in conjunction with any supplements hereto, with all documents which are incorporated herein by reference (see "Information Incorporated by Reference") and, in relation to any Tranche (as defined herein) of Covered Bonds, with the relevant Final Terms (as defined herein).

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

This Prospectus does not constitute an offer of, or an invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Guarantor or the Dealers to subscribe for, or purchase, any Covered Bonds.

The distribution of this Prospectus and the offering or sale of the Covered Bonds in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this Prospectus comes are required by the Issuer, the Dealers and the Arranger to inform themselves about and to observe any such restriction. The Covered Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Subject to certain exceptions, Covered Bonds may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to US persons. There are further restrictions on the distribution of this Prospectus and the offer or sale of Covered Bonds in the European Economic Area, including the United Kingdom and the Republic of Italy, and in Japan. For a description of certain restrictions on offers and sales of Covered Bonds and on distribution of this Prospectus, see "Subscription and Sale".

None of the Dealers or the Arranger makes any representation, express or implied, or accepts any responsibility, with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any of the information in this Prospectus. Neither this Prospectus nor any other financial statements are intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation and should not be considered as a recommendation by any of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Arranger or the Dealers that any recipient of this Prospectus or any other financial statements should purchase the Covered Bonds. Each potential purchaser of Covered Bonds should determine for itself the relevance of the information contained in this Prospectus and its purchase of Covered Bonds should be based upon such investigation as it deems necessary. None of

the Dealers or the Arranger undertakes to advise any investor or potential investor in Covered Bonds of any information coming to the attention of any of the Dealers or the Arranger.

In this Prospectus, unless otherwise specified or unless the context otherwise requires, all references to "£" or "Sterling" are to the currency of the United Kingdom, "dollars" are to the currency of the United States of America, reference to "Japanese Yen" is to the currency of Japan and all references to "€", "euro" and "Euro" are to the lawful currency introduced at the start of the third stage of the European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty on the functioning of the European Union, as amended from time to time.

Figures included in this Prospectus have been subject to rounding adjustments; accordingly, figures shown for the same item of information may vary, and figures which are totals may not be the arithmetical aggregate of their components.

In connection with any Tranche of Covered Bonds, one or more Dealers may act as a stabilising manager (the "Stabilising Manager"). The identity of the Stabilising Manager will be disclosed in the relevant Final Terms. References in the next paragraph to "the issue" of any Tranche are to each Tranche in relation to which any Stabilising Manager is appointed.

In connection with the issue of any Tranche of Covered Bonds, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the Stabilising Manager(s) (or any person acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) 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 at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there can be no assurance that the Stabilising Manager(s) (or any person acting on behalf of a Stabilising Manager) will undertake stabilisation action. 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 be ended 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 persons acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

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

# **Market Share Information and Statistics**

This Prospectus contains third party information and statistics on pages 117 — 118 under paragraph named "The UBI Banca Group" under Section headed "The Issuer", regarding the market share of the UBI Banca Group which are derived from, or are based upon, the Issuer's analysis of data obtained from the Bank of Italy. Such data have been reproduced accurately in this Prospectus and, as far as the Issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by the Bank of Italy, no facts have been omitted which would render such reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.

### **Certain Definitions**

UBI Banca is the surviving entity from the merger between Banche Popolari Unite S.c.p.a. ("**BPU**") and Banca Lombarda e Piemontese S.p.A. ("**Banca Lombarda**" or "**BL**"), which was completed with effect from 1 April 2007. Pursuant to the merger, Banca Lombarda e Piemontese S.p.A. merged by incorporation into Banche Popolari Unite S.c.p.a. which, upon completion of the merger, changed its name to Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.a. Accordingly, in this Prospectus:

(i) references to "**UBI Banca**" are to Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.a. in respect of the period since 1 April 2007 and references to the "**Group**" or to the "**UBI Banca Group**" are to UBI Banca and its subsidiaries in respect of the same period;

- (ii) references to "**BPU**" are to Banche Popolari Unite S.c.p.a. in respect of the period prior to 1 April 2007 and references to the "**BPU Group**" are to BPU and its subsidiaries in respect of the same period;
- (iii) references to the "**Issuer**" are to UBI Banca in respect of the period since 1 April 2007 and to BPU in the period prior to that date;
- (iv) references to "Banca Lombarda" are to Banca Lombarda e Piemontese S.p.A. and references to the "Banca Lombarda Group" are to Banca Lombarda and its subsidiaries in the period prior to 1 April 2007; and
- (v) references to "**UBI Banca Private Investment S.p.A.**" are to IW Bank S.p.A. in respect of the period since 25 May 2015 and to UBI Banca Private Investment in the period prior to that date.

# The Covered Bonds may not be a suitable investment for all investors

Each potential investor in the Covered Bonds must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor may wish to consider, either on its own or with the help of its financial and other professional advisers, whether it:

- (i) has sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Covered Bonds, the merits and risks of investing in the Covered Bonds and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus or any applicable supplement;
- (ii) has access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Covered Bonds and the impact the Covered Bonds will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) has sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Covered Bonds, including Covered Bonds with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;
- (iv) understands thoroughly the terms of the Covered Bonds and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- (v) is able to evaluate possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

Some Covered Bonds are complex financial instruments. Sophisticated institutional investors generally do not purchase complex financial instruments as stand-alone investments. They purchase complex financial instruments as a way to reduce risk or enhance yield with an understood, measured and appropriate addition of risk to their overall portfolios. A potential investor should not invest in Covered Bonds 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.

# Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments

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 (i) it can legally invest in Covered Bonds (ii) Covered Bonds can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and "repurchase" arrangements and (iii) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Covered Bonds. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisers or appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Covered Bonds under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

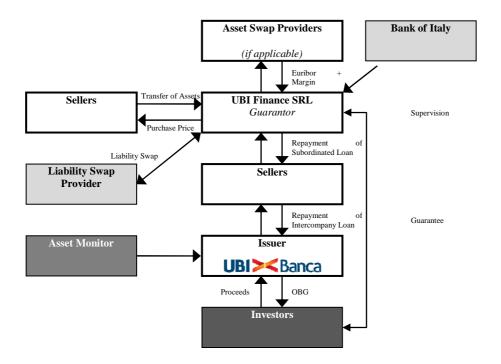
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#### **OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME**

This section constitutes a general description of the Programme for the purposes of Article 22(5) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 809/2004. The following overview does not purport to be complete and is taken from, and is qualified in its entirety by, the remainder of this Prospectus and, in relation to the terms and conditions of any particular Tranche of Covered Bonds, the applicable Final Terms. Words and expressions defined elsewhere in this Prospectus shall have the same meaning in this overview.

## **Structure Diagram**



#### **PARTIES**

**Issuer** Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A., a co-operative company limited

by shares incorporated under the laws of Italy.

For a more detailed description of the Issuer, see "The Issuer".

Guarantor UBI Finance S.r.l., a limited liability company incorporated under

the laws of Italy.

For a more detailed description of the Guarantor, see "The

Guarantor".

Sellers Banca Regionale Europea S.p.A.

Banco di Brescia S.p.A.

Banca Popolare di Bergamo S.p.A.

Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria S.p.A.

Banca Carime S.p.A.

Banca di Valle Camonica S.p.A. Banca Popolare di Ancona S.p.A.

IW Bank S.p.A.

Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A.

For a more detailed description of the Sellers, see "The Sellers".

**Arranger** Barclays Bank PLC

**Dealer(s)** Barclays Bank PLC

Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank

Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft

DZ BANK AG Deutsche Zentral-Genossenschaftsbank, Frankfurt

am Main

Goldman Sachs International

ING Bank N.V.

Landesbank Baden-Württemberg

Natixis

Nomura International plc

Société Générale UBS Limited UniCredit Bank AG

and any other dealer appointed from time to time in accordance with the Programme Agreement, which appointment may be for a specific Series of Covered Bonds issued or on an ongoing basis.

Calculation Agent Pursuant to the terms of the Cash Allocation Management and

Payments Agreement, Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A. (or any other entity being appointed as such in the future) will act as

Calculation Agent.

Principal Paying Agent Pursuant to the terms of the Cash Allocation Management and

Payments Agreement, The Bank of New York Mellon (Luxembourg) S.A., Italian Branch (or any other entity being appointed as such in the future) will act as Principal Paying Agent.

**Master Servicer** 

Pursuant to the terms of the Master Servicing Agreement, Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A. will act as Master Servicer.

**Sub-Servicers** 

Each Seller, other than Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A., will act as individual Sub-Servicers under the Master Servicing Agreement and the Sub-Servicing Agreement.

Representative of the Covered Bondholders

BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited, as Representative of the Covered Bondholders. The Representative of the Covered Bondholders will act as such pursuant to the Intercreditor Agreement, the Programme Agreement, the Conditions, the Deed of Pledge, the Mandate Agreement and the Deed of Charge.

**Asset Monitor** 

A reputable firm of independent accountants and auditors will be appointed as Asset Monitor pursuant to a mandate granted by the Issuer and the Asset Monitor Agreement. The initial Asset Monitor will be BDO Italia S.p.A.

**Asset Swap Providers** 

Any counterparty of the Guarantor under an Asset Swap Agreement.

**Liability Swap Providers** 

Any counterparty of the Guarantor under a Liability Swap Agreement.

**Italian Account Bank** 

Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A. will act as Italian Account Bank pursuant to the Cash Allocation Management and Payments Agreement.

**English Account Bank** 

The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch will act as English account bank pursuant to the Cash Allocation Management and Payments Agreement and the English Account Bank Agreement.

Swap Collateral Account Bank BNP Paribas Securities Services, London Branch will act as Swap Collateral Account Bank pursuant to the Cash Allocation Management and Payments Agreement and the English Account Bank Agreement.

**Guarantor Corporate Servicer**  TMF Management Italia S.r.l., a company incorporated under the laws of Italy, has been appointed as Guarantor Corporate Servicer pursuant to the Corporate Services Agreement.

**Listing Agent** 

The Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Dublin Branch, whose registered offices is at Hanover Building, Windmill Lane, Dublin 2, Ireland, has been appointed by the Issuer as listing agent.

#### THE PROGRAMME

**Programme description** 

A covered bond issuance programme under which Covered Bonds (*Obbligazioni Bancarie Garantite*) will be issued by the Issuer to the Covered Bondholders.

Programme size

The aggregate nominal amount of the Covered Bonds at any time outstanding will not exceed Euro 15,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies to be calculated as described in the Programme Agreement). The Issuer may however increase the aggregate nominal amount of the Programme in accordance with the Programme Agreement and with Article 2, letter (h), of Regulation (EU) No. 382 of 2014, by publishing a supplement to the Prospectus

#### THE COVERED BONDS

#### Form of Covered Bonds

The Covered Bonds will be issued in dematerialised form. The Covered Bonds issued in dematerialised form are held on behalf of their ultimate owners by Monte Titoli for the account of Monte Titoli account holders. Monte Titoli will act as depository for Euroclear and Clearstream. The Covered Bonds issued in dematerialised form will at all times be in book entry form and title to the Covered Bonds will be evidenced by book entries. No physical document of title will be issued in respect of the covered bonds issued in dematerialised form.

# Registered Covered Bonds and N Covered Bonds

Under the Programme the Issuer may issue N Covered Bonds (*Gedeckte Namensschuldverschreibungen*), each issued with a minimum denomination indicated in the applicable N Covered Bond Conditions. The N Covered Bonds will not be listed and/or admitted to trading on any market and will not be settled through a clearing system.

The Covered Bonds issued in registered form and the N Covered Bonds are evidenced on the basis of due registration in the register (the "Register") maintained by the Issuer or by any registrar appointed by the Issuer (the "Registrar") and will be represented by a certificate which shall bear the signature of one duly authorised signatory of the Issuer and will be manually authenticated by or on behalf of the Registrar.

In accordance with the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law, Decree 310 and the Bank of Italy Regulations, the terms and conditions of each Series of N Covered Bonds together with the N Covered Bond Agreement and the Transaction Documents, the N Covered Bondholders will have (i) recourse to the Issuer and (ii) limited recourse to the Guarantor limited to the Guarantor Available Funds.

The N Covered Bonds will be direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer, guaranteed by the Guarantor pursuant to the terms of the Covered Bond Guarantee. The N Covered Bonds will rank *pari passu* and without any preference among themselves and, save for any applicable statutory provisions, at least equally with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer from time to time outstanding.

The N Covered Bonds will be issued to each holder by means and in the form of N Covered Bond Certificate, each issued with a minimum denomination indicated in the N Covered Bond Conditions attached thereto and the N Covered Bond Assignment Agreement attached thereto, together with the execution of an N Covered Bond agreement relating to such N Covered Bond (each, a "N Covered Bond Agreement"), save for the possibility for the Issuer to apply, at its indisputable discretion, a set of legal documentation which is formally different from the N Covered Bonds Conditions and the N Covered Bond Agreement, if agreed with the relevant Dealer in relation to a specific issue of N Covered Bonds.

The N Covered Bonds and the Covered Bonds issued in

registered form do not form part of this Prospectus. Neither the Central Bank nor the Irish Stock Exchange has approved or reviewed information contained in this Prospectus in connection with N Covered Bonds and the Covered Bonds issued in registered form. Furthermore neither the Central Bank nor the Irish Stock Exchange has approved or reviewed the N Covered Bonds Certificate, the N Covered Bonds Agreement and any other document or agreement in connection with such N Covered Bonds. Finally, neither the Central Bank nor the Irish Stock Exchange will approve or review any N Covered Bonds Certificate, N Covered Bonds Agreement and any other document or agreement in connection with any future issue of N Covered Bonds.

The N Covered Bond Certificate with the N Covered Bond Conditions, the N Covered Bond Assignment Agreement attached thereto and the related N Covered Bond Agreement will constitute the full terms and conditions in respect of the relevant Series of N Covered Bonds.

In the case of N Covered Bonds, each reference in the Prospectus to information being set out, specified, stated, shown, indicated or otherwise provided for in the applicable Final Terms shall be read and construed as a reference to such information being set out, specified, stated, shown, indicated or otherwise provided in the N Covered Bond (Gedeckte Namensschuldverschreibung), the N Covered Bond Conditions attached thereto or the relevant N Covered Bond Agreement and, as applicable, each other reference to Final Terms in the Prospectus shall be construed and read as a reference to such N Covered Bond (Gedeckte Namensschuldverschreibung), the N Covered Bond Conditions attached thereto or the relevant N Covered Bond Agreement.

A transfer of N Covered Bonds is deemed to be not effective until the transferee has delivered to the Registrar the N Covered Bond Certificate or a duly certified copy of the N Covered Bond Certificate relating to such N Covered Bond along with a duly executed N Covered Bond Assignment Agreement. A transfer can only occur for the minimum denomination indicated in the N Covered Bond Conditions or multiples thereof.

References in this Prospectus to the Conditions or a particularly numbered Condition shall be construed, where relevant (and unless specified otherwise), to include the equivalent Condition in the N Covered Bond Conditions as supplemented by the relevant N Covered Bond Agreement and/or other applicable document.

The N Covered Bonds will be governed by the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany or by whatever law chosen by the Issuer (to be supplemented with the specific provisions required under German law in order for the N Covered Bonds to be a German law registered note (*Gedeckte Namensschuldverschreibung*) provided that, in any case, certain provisions, including those applicable to the Issuer and Cover Pool, shall be confirmed to be governed by Italian law.

The Issuer or any other institution entity will be appointed to act as paying agent in respect of the Covered Bonds issued in registered form and/or the N Covered Bonds under the Programme (the "Registered Paying Agent").

# **Denomination of Covered Bonds**

The Covered Bonds will be issued in such denominations as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms, subject to compliance with all applicable legal and/or regulatory and/or central bank requirements and save that the minimum denomination of each Covered Bond admitted to trading on a regulated market within the European Economic Area or offered to the public in a Member State of the Economic Area in circumstances which require the publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive will be Euro 100,000 (or where the relevant Tranche is denominated in a currency other than Euro, the equivalent amount in such other currency).

#### **Status of the Covered Bonds**

The Covered Bonds will constitute direct, unconditional, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* without preference among themselves and (save for any applicable statutory provisions) at least equally with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer from time to time outstanding. In the event of a winding-up, liquidation, dissolution or bankruptcy of the Issuer, any funds realised and payable to the Covered Bondholders will be collected by the Guarantor in accordance with the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law.

#### **Specified Currency**

Subject to any applicable legal or regulatory restrictions, such currency or currencies as may be agreed from time to time by the Issuer, the relevant Dealer(s), the Principal Paying Agent and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders (as set out in the applicable Final Terms).

#### **Maturities**

The Covered Bonds will have such Maturity Date as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and indicated in the applicable Final Terms, subject to such minimum or maximum maturities as may be allowed or required from time to time by any relevant central bank (or equivalent body) or any laws or regulations applicable to the Issuer or the relevant Specified Currency.

## Redemption

The applicable Final Terms relating to each Series of Covered Bonds will indicate either (a) that the Covered Bonds of such Series of Covered Bonds cannot be redeemed prior to their stated maturity (other than in specified instalments if applicable, or for taxation reasons or if it becomes unlawful for any Covered Bond to remain outstanding or following an Issuer Event of Default or Guarantor Event of Default), (b) that 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 the specified Maturity Date and at a price as may be agreed between the Issuer and the Dealer(s) as set out in the applicable Final Terms or (c) that such Covered Bonds will be redeemable at the option of the Covered

Bondholders, as provided in Condition 9 (*Redemption and Purchase*), letter (f) (*Redemption at the option of Covered Bondholders*) and in the applicable Final Terms.

The applicable Final Terms may provide that the Covered Bonds may be redeemable in two or more instalments of such amounts and on such dates as indicated in the Final Terms.

#### **Extended Maturity Date**

The applicable Final Terms relating to each Series of Covered Bonds issued may indicate that the Guarantor's obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee to pay Guaranteed Amounts equal to the Final Redemption Amount of the applicable Series of Covered Bonds on their Maturity Date may be deferred until the Extended Maturity Date. The deferral will occur automatically if the Issuer fails to pay the Final Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date for such Series of Covered Bonds and if the Guarantor does not pay the final redemption amount in respect of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds (for example, because the Guarantor has insufficient funds) by the Extension Determination Date. Interest will continue to accrue and be payable on the unpaid amount up to the Extended Maturity Date. If the duration of the Covered Bond is extended, the Extended Maturity Date shall be the date falling one calendar year after the relevant Maturity Date.

For further details, see Condition 9(b) (Extension of maturity).

#### **Extended Instalment Date**

If a Series of Covered Bonds is to be redeemed in instalments, the applicable Final Terms may indicate that the Guarantor's obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee to pay a Covered Bond Instalment Amount and all subsequently payable Covered Bond Instalment Amounts may be deferred by one year until their relevant Extended Instalment Dates. The deferral will occur automatically if the Issuer fails to pay a Covered Bond Instalment Amount on its Covered Bond Instalment Date and if the Guarantor does not pay such Covered Bond Instalment Amount (for example, because the Guarantor has insufficient funds) by the Covered Bond Instalment Extension Determination Date. Interest will continue to accrue and be payable on the unpaid amount up to the relevant Extended Instalment Date, which shall be the date falling one calendar year after the relevant Covered Bond Instalment Date.

Each Covered Bond Instalment Amount may be deferred when falling due no more than once. At such time, each subsequent but not yet due Covered Bond Instalment Amount will also be deferred, so it is possible that a Covered Bond Instalment Amount may be deferred more than once but it may never be deferred to a date falling after the Maturity Date for the relevant Series.

For further details, see Condition 9(j) (Extension of principal instalments).

**Issue Price** 

Covered Bonds may be issued at par or at a premium or discount to par.

**Interest** 

Covered Bonds may be interest-bearing or non-interest-bearing. Interest (if any) may accrue at a fixed rate or a floating rate and the method of calculating interest may vary between the issue date and the maturity date of the relevant Series. Covered Bonds may also have a maximum rate of interest, a minimum rate of interest or both (as indicated in the applicable Final Terms). Interest on Covered Bonds in respect of each Interest Period, as agreed prior to issue by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s), will be payable on such Interest Payment Dates, and will be calculated on the basis of such Day Count Fraction, in each case as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s).

#### **Fixed Rate Covered Bonds**

Fixed Rate Covered Bonds will bear interest at a fixed rate, which will be payable on such date or dates as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and on redemption and will be calculated on the basis of such day count fraction as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) (as set out in the applicable Final Terms).

# Floating Rate Covered Bonds

Floating Rate Covered Bonds will bear interest at a rate determined:

- (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 ISDA Definitions; or
- (b) on the basis of a reference rate appearing on the agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service; or
- (c) on such other basis as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s),

in each case, as set out in the applicable Final Terms.

The Margin (if any) relating to such floating rate will be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) for each issue of Floating Rate Covered Bonds, as set out in the applicable Final Terms.

**Taxation** 

All payments in relation to Covered Bonds will be made without tax deduction except where required by law. If any tax deduction is made, the Issuer shall be required to pay additional amounts in respect of the amounts so deducted or withheld, subject to a number of exceptions including deductions on account of Italian substitute tax pursuant to Decree 239.

Under the Covered Bond Guarantee, the Guarantor will not be liable to pay any such additional amounts.

For further detail, see Condition 11 (Taxation).

Issuer cross default

Each Series of Covered Bonds will cross-accelerate as against each other but will not otherwise contain a cross default provision. Accordingly, neither an event of default in respect of any other indebtedness of the Issuer (including other debt securities of the Issuer) nor acceleration of such indebtedness will of itself give rise to an Issuer Event of Default. In addition, an Issuer Event of Default will not automatically give rise to a Guarantor Event of Default, provided however that, where a Guarantor Event of Default occurs

and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders serves a Guarantor Default Notice upon the Guarantor, such Guarantor Default Notice will accelerate each Series of outstanding Covered Bonds issued under the Programme.

For further detail, see Condition 12 (a) (Issuer Events of Default).

# Listing and admission to trading

Application has been made to the Irish Stock Exchange for Covered Bonds (other than Covered Bonds issued in registered form and the N Covered Bonds) issued under the Programme during the period of 12 months from the date of this Prospectus to be admitted to the Official List and to trading on its regulated market.

#### **Rating**

Each Series of Covered Bonds issued under the Programme may be assigned a rating by the Rating Agencies or may be unrated as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

Whether or not a rating in relation to any Series of Covered Bonds will be treated as having been issued by a credit rating agency established in the European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation will be disclosed in the relevant Final Terms. The credit ratings included or referred to in this Prospectus have been issued by Fitch Ratings Ltd. or Moody's Investors Service Ltd. each of which is established in the European Union and each of which has been registered under the CRA Regulation as resulting from the list of registered credit rating agencies (reference number 2011/247) published on 31 October 2011 by the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) on its website (at http://www.esma.europa.eu/page/list-registered-and-certified-CRAs). In general, European regulated investors are restricted from

<u>CRAs</u>). 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 European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation.

#### **Governing Law**

The Covered Bonds (other than Covered Bonds issued in registered form and the N Covered Bonds) and the related Programme documents will be governed by Italian law, except for the Deed of Charge, the English Account Bank Agreement and the Swap Agreements and certain of the security related thereto, which will be governed by English law.

#### THE GUARANTOR AND THE COVERED BOND GUARANTEE

#### **Covered Bond Guarantee**

Payments of Guaranteed Amounts in respect of the Covered Bonds when due for payment will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor. The obligations of the Guarantor to make payments in respect of such Guaranteed Amounts when due for payment are subject to the conditions that an Issuer Event of Default has occurred, and an Issuer Default Notice has been served on the Issuer and on the Guarantor or, if earlier, a Guarantor Event of Default has occurred and a Guarantor Default Notice has been served on the Guarantor.

The obligations of the Guarantor will accelerate once the Guarantor Default Notice mentioned above has been delivered to the

Guarantor. The obligations of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee constitute direct, unconditional and unsubordinated obligations of the Guarantor collateralised by the Cover Pool and recourse against the Guarantor is limited to such assets.

For further detail, see "Overview of the Transaction Documents – Covered Bond Guarantee".

**Suspension of Payments** 

If a resolution pursuant to Article 74 of the Consolidated Banking Act is passed in respect of the Issuer (the "Article 74 Event"), the Guarantor, in accordance with Decree 310, shall be responsible for the payments of the Guaranteed Amounts due and payable within the entire period in which the suspension continues (the "Suspension Period").

Following an Article 74 Event:

- (i) the Representative of the Covered Bondholders will serve an Issuer Default Notice on the Issuer and the Guarantor, specifying that an Article 74 Event has occurred and that such event may be temporary; and
- (ii) in accordance with Decree 310, the Guarantor shall be responsible for payment of the amounts due and payable under the Covered Bonds during the Suspension Period at their relevant due dates, *provided that* it shall be entitled to claim any such amounts from the Issuer.

The Suspension Period shall end upon delivery by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders of a notice to the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Asset Monitor (the "Article 74 Event Cure Notice"), informing such parties that the Article 74 Event has been revoked.

Upon the termination of the Suspension Period the Issuer shall again be responsible for meeting the payment obligations under the Covered Bonds.

The Covered Bond Guarantee will be collateralised by the Cover Pool constituted by (i) the Portfolio comprised of Mortgage Loans and related collateral assigned to the Guarantor by the Sellers in accordance with the terms of the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreements and (ii) any other Eligible Assets and Top-Up Assets held by the Guarantor with respect to the Covered Bonds and the proceeds thereof which will, *inter alia*, comprise the funds generated by the Portfolio, the other Eligible Assets and the Top-Up Assets including, without limitation, funds generated by the sale of assets from the Cover Pool and funds paid in the context of a liquidation of the Issuer.

For further detail, see "Description of the Cover Pool".

Limited recourse

The obligations owed by the Guarantor to the Covered Bondholders and, in general, to each of the Sellers, the Other Issuer's Creditors and the Other Creditors are limited recourse obligations of the Guarantor, which will be paid in accordance with the applicable Priority of Payments. The Covered Bondholders, the Sellers, the

Cover Pool

Other Issuer's Creditors and the Other Creditors will have a claim against the Guarantor only to the extent of the Guarantor Available Funds, including any amount realised with respect to the Cover Pool, in each case subject to and as provided in the Covered Bond Guarantee and the other Transaction Documents.

**Term Loans** 

Each Seller has granted to the Guarantor a Term Loan for the purpose of funding the purchase from the relevant Seller of the Eligible Assets included in the Cover Pool. Subsequently, each Seller will grant further Term Loans to the Guarantor for the purposes of funding the purchase from the relevant Seller of Eligible Assets and Top-Up Assets in order to remedy a breach of the Tests or to support the issue of Covered Bonds. The Guarantor will pay interest in respect of each Term Loan but will have no liability to gross up for withholding. Payments from the Guarantor to the Sellers under the Term Loans will be limited recourse and subordinated and paid in accordance with the Priorities of Payments to the extent the Guarantor has sufficient Guarantor Available Funds.

For further detail, see "Overview of the Transaction Documents – Subordinated Loan Agreement".

**Excess Receivables and support for further issues** 

To support the issue of further Series of Covered Bonds, (i) Excess Receivables may be retained in the Portfolio or (ii) Eligible Assets may be acquired from one or more Sellers with the proceeds of the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreements entered into by such Sellers in order to ensure that the Cover Pool both before and after the issue of the new Series of Covered Bonds complies with the Tests.

Segregation of Guarantor's rights and collateral

The Covered Bonds benefit from the provisions of Article 7-bis of the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law, pursuant to which the Cover Pool is segregated by operation of law from the Guarantor's other assets.

In accordance with Article 7-bis of the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law, prior to and following a winding-up of the Guarantor and an Issuer Event of Default or Guarantor Event of Default causing the Covered Bond Guarantee to be called, proceeds of the Cover Pool paid to the Guarantor will be exclusively available for the purpose of satisfying the obligations owed to the Covered Bondholders, to the Swap Providers under the Swap Agreements entered into in the context of the Programme, the Other Issuer's Creditors and to the Other Creditors in satisfaction of the transaction costs.

The Cover Pool may not be seized or attached in any form by creditors of the Guarantor other than the entities referred to above, until full discharge by the Guarantor of its payment obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee or cancellation thereof.

**Cross-collateralisation** 

All Eligible Assets and Top-Up Assets transferred from the Sellers to the Guarantor from time to time or otherwise acquired by the Guarantor and the proceeds thereof form the collateral supporting the Covered Bond Guarantee in respect of all Series of Covered Bonds.

#### **Claim under Covered Bonds**

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders, for and on behalf of the Covered Bondholders, may submit a claim to the Guarantor and make a demand under the Covered Bond Guarantee in case of an Issuer Event of Default or Guarantor Event of Default.

#### **Guarantor cross-default**

Where a Guarantor Event of Default occurs, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders will serve upon the Guarantor a Guarantor Default Notice, thereby accelerating the Covered Bond Guarantee in respect of each Series of outstanding Covered Bonds issued under the Programme. However, an Issuer Event of Default will not automatically give rise to a Guarantor Event of Default.

For further detail, see Condition 12 (c) (Guarantor Events of Default).

# Disposal of assets included in the Cover Pool

After the service of an Issuer Default Notice on the Issuer and the Guarantor, the Guarantor will be obliged to sell Eligible Assets in the Cover Pool in accordance with the Cover Pool Management Agreement, subject to pre-emption and other rights of the Sellers in respect of the Eligible Assets pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement. The proceeds from any such sale will be applied as set out in the applicable Priority of Payments.

For further detail, see Condition 11(c) (Guarantor Events of Default).

# SALE AND DISTRIBUTION

#### **Distribution**

Covered Bonds may be distributed by way of private or public placement and in each case on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis, subject to the restrictions to be set forth in the Programme Agreement.

#### **Certain restrictions**

Each Series of Covered Bonds issued will be denominated in a currency in respect of which particular laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements apply and will only be issued in circumstances which comply with such laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements from time to time. There are restrictions on the offer, sale and transfer of Covered Bonds in the United States, the European Economic Area (including the United Kingdom and the Republic of Italy) and Japan. Other restrictions may apply in connection with the offering and sale of a particular Series of Covered Bonds, see "Subscription and Sale" below.

#### RISK FACTORS

This section describes the principal risk factors associated with an investment in the Covered Bonds and includes disclosure of all material risks in respect of the Covered Bonds. Prospective purchasers of Covered Bonds should consider carefully all the information contained in this document, including the considerations set out below, before making any investment decision. This section of the Prospectus is split into two main sections – General Investment Considerations and Investment Considerations relating to the Issuer and the Guarantor. Any of the risks described below, or additional risks not currently known to the Issuer or that the Issuer currently deems immaterial, could have a significant or material adverse effect on the business, financial condition, operations or prospects of the Issuer and result in a corresponding decline in the value of the Covered Bonds. As a result, investors could lose all or a substantial part of their investment.

#### **General Investment Considerations**

#### Issuer liable to make payments when due on the Covered Bonds

The Issuer is liable to make payments when due on the Covered Bonds. The obligations of the Issuer under the Covered Bonds are direct, unsecured, unconditional and unsubordinated obligations, ranking *pari passu* without any preference amongst themselves and equally with its other direct, unsecured, unconditional and unsubordinated obligations. Consequently, any claim directly against the Issuer in respect of the Covered Bonds will not benefit from any security or other preferential arrangement granted by the Issuer.

The Guarantor has no obligation to pay the Guaranteed Amounts payable under the Covered Bond Guarantee until the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and service by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders on the Issuer and on the Guarantor of an Issuer Default Notice or, if earlier, following the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default and service by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders of a Guarantor Default Notice. The occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default does not constitute a Guarantor Event of Default. However, failure by the Guarantor to pay amounts due under the Covered Bond Guarantee would constitute a Guarantor Event of Default which would entitle the Representative of the Covered Bondholders to accelerate the obligations of the Issuer under the Covered Bonds (if they have not already become due and payable) and the obligations of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee. Although the mortgage receivables included in the Cover Pool are originated by the Issuer, they are transferred to the Guarantor on a true sale basis and an insolvency of the Issuer would not automatically result in the insolvency of the Guarantor.

### Obligations under the Covered Bonds

The Covered Bonds will not represent an obligation or be the responsibility of any of the Arranger, the Dealers, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders or any other party to the Programme, their officers, members, directors, employees, security holders or incorporators, other than the Issuer and the Guarantor. The Issuer and the Guarantor will be liable solely in their corporate capacity for their obligations in respect of the Covered Bonds and such obligations will not be the obligations of their respective officers, members, directors, employees, security holders or incorporators.

### Extraordinary Resolutions and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders

A meeting of Covered Bondholders may be called to consider matters which affect the rights and interests of Covered Bondholders. These include (but are not limited to): instructing the Representative of the Covered Bondholders to enforce the Covered Bond Guarantee against the Issuer and/or the Guarantor; waiving an Issuer Event of Default or a Guarantor Event of Default; cancelling, reducing or otherwise varying interest payments or repayment of principal or rescheduling payment dates; altering the priority of payments of interest and principal on the Covered Bonds; and any other amendments to the Transactions Documents. A Programme Resolution will bind all Covered Bondholders, irrespective of whether they attended the Meeting or voted in favour of the Programme

Resolution. No Resolution, other than a Programme Resolution, passed by the holders of one Series of Covered Bonds will be effective in respect of another Series unless it is sanctioned by an Ordinary Resolution or an Extraordinary Resolution, as the case may require, of the holders of that other Series. Any Resolution passed at a Meeting of the holders of the Covered Bonds of a Series shall bind all other holders of that Series, irrespective of whether they attended the Meeting and whether they voted in favour of the relevant Resolution.

In addition, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders may agree to the modification of the Transaction Documents without consulting Covered Bondholders to correct a manifest error or where such modification (i) is of a formal, minor, administrative or technical nature or an error established as such to the satisfaction of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders or (ii) in the opinion of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, is not or will not be materially prejudicial to Covered Bondholders. It should also be noted that after the delivery of an Issuer Default Notice, the protection and exercise of the Covered Bondholders' rights against the Issuer will be exercised by the Guarantor (or the Representative of the Covered Bondholders on its behalf). The rights and powers of the Covered Bondholders may only be exercised in accordance with the Rules of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders. In addition, after the delivery of a Guarantor Default Notice, the protection and exercise of the Covered Bondholders' rights against the Guarantor and the security under the Guarantee is one of the duties of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders. The Conditions limit the ability of each individual Covered Bondholder to commence proceedings against the Guarantor by conferring on the Meeting of the Covered Bondholders the power to determine in accordance with the Rules of Organisation of the Covered Bondholders, whether any Covered Bondholder may commence any such individual actions.

# Representative of the Covered Bondholders' powers may affect the interests of the Covered Bondholders.

In the exercise of its powers, trusts, authorities and discretions the Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall only have regard to the interests of the Covered Bondholders and the Other Creditors, as applicable, but if, in the opinion of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, there is a conflict between these interests, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall have regard solely to the interests of the Covered Bondholders. In the exercise of its powers, trusts, authorities and discretions, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders may not act on behalf of the Sellers.

If, in connection with the exercise of its powers, trusts, authorities or discretions, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders 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 Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall not exercise such power, trust, authority or discretion without the approval of such Covered Bondholders by Extraordinary Resolution or by a written resolution of such Covered Bondholders holding not less than 25 per cent. of the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds of the relevant Series then outstanding.

## Extendable obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee

Upon failure by the Issuer to pay the Final Redemption Amount of a Series of Covered Bonds on their relevant Maturity Date (subject to applicable grace periods) and if payment of the Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the Final Redemption Amount in respect of such Series of the Covered Bonds is not made in full by the Guarantor on or before the Extension Determination Date, then payment of such Guaranteed Amounts shall be automatically deferred. This will occur if the Final Terms for a relevant Series of Covered Bonds provides that such Covered Bonds are subject to an extended maturity date (the "Extended Maturity Date") to which the payment of all or (as applicable) part of the Final Redemption Amount payable on the Maturity Date will be deferred in the event that the Final Redemption Amount is not paid in full on or before the Extension Determination Date.

To the extent that the Guarantor has received an Issuer Default Notice in sufficient time and has sufficient moneys available to pay in part the Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the relevant Final

Redemption Amount in respect of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds, the Guarantor shall make partial payment of the relevant Final Redemption Amount in accordance with the Guarantee Priority of Payments and as described in Conditions 9(b) (*Extension of maturity*) and 12(b) (*Effect of an Issuer Default Notice*). Payment of all unpaid amounts shall be deferred automatically until the applicable Extended Maturity Date *provided that* any amount representing the Final Redemption Amount due and remaining unpaid on the Extension Determination Date may be paid by the Guarantor on any Interest Payment Date thereafter, up to (and including) the relevant Extended Maturity Date. The Extended Maturity Date will fall one year after the Maturity Date. Interest will continue to accrue and be payable on the unpaid amount in accordance with Condition 9(b) (*Extension of maturity*) and the Guarantor will pay Guaranteed Amounts, constituting interest due on each Interest Payment Date and on the Extended Maturity Date. In these circumstances, Failure by the Issuer to pay the Covered Bond Instalment Amount on its Covered Bond Instalment Date will (subject to any applicable grace period) be an Issuer Event of Default. Failure by the Guarantor to pay the deferred Covered Bond Instalment Amount on the related Extended Instalment Date will (subject to any applicable grace period) be a Guarantor Event of Default.

Similarly, in respect of Covered Bonds that may be redeemed in instalments, if Extended Instalment Date is specified in the Final Terms and both (a) the Issuer on the Covered Bond Instalment Date and (b) the Guarantor on the relevant Covered Bond Instalment Extension Determination Date fail to pay a Covered Bond Instalment Amount, the requirement to pay such Covered Bond Instalment Amount and all subsequently due and payable Covered Bond Instalment Amounts shall be deferred by one year until their Extended Instalment Dates.

Each Covered Bond Instalment Amount may be deferred when due no more than once. At such time, each subsequent but not yet due Covered Bond Instalment Amount will also be deferred, so it is possible that a Covered Bond Instalment Amount may be deferred more than once but it may never be deferred to a date falling after the Maturity Date for the relevant Series.

#### Limited secondary market

There is, at present, a secondary market for the Covered Bonds but it is neither active nor liquid, and there can be no assurance that an active or liquid secondary market for the Covered Bonds will develop. The Covered Bonds have not been, and will not be, offered to any persons or entities in the United States of America or registered under any securities laws and are subject to certain restrictions on the resale and other transfers thereof as set forth under section entitled "Subscription and Sale". If an active or liquid secondary market develops, it may not continue for the life of the Covered Bonds or it may not provide Covered Bondholders with liquidity of investment with the result that a Covered Bondholder may not be able to find a buyer to buy its Covered Bonds readily or at prices that will enable the Covered Bondholder to realise a desired yield. Illiquidity may have a severely adverse effect on the market value of Covered Bonds. In addition, Covered Bonds issued under the Programme might not be listed on a stock exchange or regulated market and, in these circumstances, pricing information may be more difficult to obtain and the liquidity and market prices of such Covered Bonds may be adversely affected. In an illiquid market, an investor might not be able to sell its Covered Bonds at any time at fair market prices. The possibility to sell the Covered Bonds might additionally be restricted by country specific reasons.

# Ratings of the Covered Bonds

There is no obligation of the Issuer to maintain any rating for itself or for the Covered Bonds. The ratings that may or may not be assigned to the Covered Bonds address the expectation of timely payment of interest and principal on the Covered Bonds on or before any payment date falling one year after the Maturity Date.

According to Fitch, the ratings that may or may not be assigned to the Covered Bonds may address:

• the likelihood of full and timely payment to Covered Bondholders of all payments of interest on each Interest Payment Date; and

• the likelihood of ultimate payment of principal in relation to Covered Bonds on (a) the final Maturity Date thereof (b) if the Covered Bonds are subject to an Extended Maturity Date in respect of the Covered Bonds in accordance with the applicable Final Terms, the Extended Maturity Date thereof or (c) if principal of the Covered Bonds is payable in instalments and Extended Instalment Date is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Extended Instalment Dates thereof.

For Moody's, the ratings that may or may not be assigned to the Covered Bonds address the expected loss that Covered Bondholders may suffer.

The ratings that may or may not be assigned to the Covered Bonds are set out in the relevant Final Terms for each Series of Covered Bonds. A Rating Agency which assigns a rating to the Covered Bonds may lower its rating or withdraw its rating if, in the sole judgment of the Rating Agency, the credit quality of the Covered Bonds has declined or is in question. If any rating assigned to the Covered Bonds is lowered or withdrawn, the market value of the Covered Bonds may reduce. A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision, suspension or withdrawal at any time.

European regulated investors are generally restricted under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the "CRA Regulation") from using credit ratings for regulatory purposes, unless such ratings are issued by a credit rating agency established in the EU and registered under the CRA Regulation (and such registration has not been withdrawn or suspended), subject to transitional provisions that apply in certain circumstances whilst the registration application is pending. Such general restriction will also apply in the case of credit ratings issued by non-EU credit rating agencies, unless the relevant credit ratings are endorsed by an EU-registered credit rating agency or the relevant non-EU rating agency is certified in accordance with the CRA Regulation (and such endorsement action or certification, as the case may be, has not been withdrawn or suspended). Certain information with respect to the credit rating agencies and ratings referred to in this Prospectus and/or the Final Terms, is set out in relevant section of this Prospectus and will be disclosed in the Final Terms.

A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold Covered Bonds and may be subject to revision, suspension or withdrawal by the Rating Agencies at any time. The ratings may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, additional factors discussed above and other factors that may affect the value of the Covered Bonds.

#### 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 (1) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Covered Bonds, (2) the Investor's Currency equivalent value of the principal payable on the Covered Bonds and (3) 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. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

#### Controls over the transaction

The Bank of Italy Regulations require that certain controls be performed by the Issuer aimed at, inter alia, mitigating the risk that any obligation of the Issuer or the Guarantor under the Covered Bonds is not complied with. Whilst the Issuer believes it has implemented the appropriate policies and controls in compliance with the relevant requirements, investors should note that there is no assurance that such

compliance ensures that the aforesaid controls are actually performed and that any failure to properly implement the respective policies and controls could have an adverse effect on the Issuers' or the Guarantor's ability to perform their obligations under the Covered Bonds.

# EU Savings Tax Directive

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC (the "EU Savings Directive") on the taxation of savings income, each Member State is required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest or other similar income paid by a paying agent (within the meaning of the EU Savings Directive) within its jurisdiction to, or collected by such a paying agent for, an individual resident or certain limited types of entity established in that other Member State; however, for a transitional period, Austria may instead apply a withholding system in relation to such payments, deducting tax at rates rising over time to 35%.

In any case, the transitional period is to terminate at the end of the first full tax year following agreement by certain non-EU countries to the exchange of information relating to such payments. A number of non-EU countries, including Switzerland and certain dependent or associated territories of certain Member States, have agreed to adopt similar measures (either provision of information or transitional withholding) in relation to payments made by a paying agent within its jurisdiction to, or collected by such a paying agent for an individual resident or certain limited types of entity established in a Member State. In addition, the Member States have entered into provision of information or transitional withholding arrangements with certain of those dependent or associated territories in relation to payments made by a paying agent in a Member State to, or collected by such a paying agent for, an individual resident or certain limited types of entity established in one of those territories.

The Council of the European Union formally adopted a Council Directive amending the EU Savings Tax Directive on 24 March 2014 (the "Amending Directive"). The Amending Directive broadens the scope of the requirements described above. Member States have until 1 January 2016 to adopt the national legislation necessary to comply with the Amending Directive. The changes made under the Amending Directive include extending the scope of the EU Savings Directive to payments made to, or collected for, certain other entities and legal arrangements. They also broaden the definition of "interest payment" to cover income that is equivalent to interest.

However, the Commission of the European Union has proposed the repeal of the EU Savings Directive from 1 January 2017 in the case of Austria and from 1 January 2016 in the case of all other Member States (subject to on-going requirements to fulfil administrative obligations such as the reporting and exchange of information relating to, and accounting for withholding taxes on, payments made before those dates). This is to prevent overlap between the EU Savings Directive and a new automatic exchange of information regime to be implemented under Council Directive No. 2011/16/EU on Administrative Cooperation in the field of Taxation (as amended by Council Directive No. 2014/107/EU). The proposal also provides that, if it proceeds, Member States will not be required to apply the new requirements of the Amending Directive.

Investors who are in any doubt as to their position should consult their professional advisers.

If a payment were to be made or collected through a Member State which has opted for a withholding system and an amount of, or in respect of, tax were to be withheld from that payment, neither the Issuer nor any Paying Agent nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Covered Bond as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax. The Issuer is required to maintain a Paying Agent in a Member State that is not obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the EU Savings Directive.

## Implementation in Italy of the EU Savings Directive

Italy has implemented the EU Savings Directive through Legislative Decree No. 84 of 18 April 2005 ("**Decree 84**"). Under Decree 84, subject to a number of important conditions being met, in the case of interest paid to individuals which qualify as beneficial owners of the interest payments and are resident

for tax purposes in another Member State, Italian qualified paying agents shall report to the Italian tax authorities details of the relevant payments and personal information on the individual beneficial owner and shall not apply the withholding tax. Such information is transmitted by the Italian tax authorities to the competent foreign tax authorities of the State of residence of the beneficial owner.

Either payments of interest on the covered bonds or the realisation of the accrued interest through the sale of the covered bonds would constitute "payments of interest" under article 6 of the directive and, as far as Italy is concerned, article 2 of Decree 84. Accordingly, such payments of interest arising out of the covered bonds would fall within the scope of the directive.

#### Changes of law

The structure of the issue of the Covered Bonds and the ratings which are to be assigned to them are based on Italian law (and, in the case of the Deed of Charge, the English Account Bank Agreement and the Swap Agreements, English law in effect as at the date of this Prospectus). No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible change to Italian or English law or administrative practice or to the law applicable to any Transaction Document and to administrative practices in the relevant jurisdiction. Except to the extent that any such changes represent a significant new factor or result in this Prospectus containing a material mistake or inaccuracy, in each case which is capable of affecting the assessment of the Covered Bonds, the Issuer and the Guarantor will be under no obligation to update this Prospectus to reflect such changes.

# U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Withholding

Pursuant to the U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"), the Issuer and other non-U.S. financial institutions through which payments on the Covered Bonds are made may be required to withhold U.S. tax at a rate of 30 per cent. on all, or a portion of, payments made on or after 1 January 2017 in respect of (i) any Covered Bonds issued or materially modified on or after the date that is six months after the date on which the final regulations applicable to "foreign passthru payments" are filed in the Federal Register and (ii) any Covered Bond that are treated as equity for U.S. federal tax purposes, whenever issued.

Under existing guidance, this withholding tax may be triggered on payments on the Covered Bonds if (i) the Issuer is a foreign financial institution ("FFI") (as defined in FATCA, including any accompanying U.S. regulations or guidance) which enters into and complies with an agreement with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") to provide certain information on its account holders (making the Issuer a "Participating FFI"), (ii) the Issuer is required to withhold on "foreign passthru payments", and (iii)(a) an investor does not provide information sufficient for the relevant Participating FFI to determine whether the investor is subject to withholding under FATCA, or (b) any FFI to or through which payment on such Covered Bonds is made is not a Participating FFI or otherwise exempt from FATCA withholding.

In order to improve international tax compliance and to implement FATCA, Italy entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the United States on 10 January 2014, ratified by way of Law No. 95 on 18 June 2015, published in the Official Gazette – general series No. 155, on 7 July 2015. The Issuer is now required to report certain information in relation to its U.S. account holders to the Italian Tax Authorities in order (i) to obtain an exemption from FATCA withholding on payments it receives and/or (ii) to comply with any applicable Italian law. However, it is not yet certain how the United States and Italy will address withholding on "foreign passthru payments" (which may include payments on the Covered Bonds) or if such withholding will be required at all.

If an amount in respect of U.S. withholding tax were to be deducted or withheld from interest, principal or other payments on the Covered Bonds as a result of FATCA, none of the Issuer, the Guarantor, any paying agent or any other person would be required to pay additional amounts as a result of the deduction or withholding. As a result, investors may receive amounts that are less than expected.

Each Covered Bondholder should consult its own tax adviser to obtain a more detailed explanation of FATCA and to learn how FATCA might affect each holder in its particular circumstance.

#### Securitisation and Covered Bond Law

The Securitisation and Covered Bond Law was enacted in Italy in April 1999 and amended to allow for the issuance of covered bonds in 2005. The Securitisation and Covered Bond Law was further amended by Law Decree no. 145 of 23 December 2013 (the "Destinazione Italia Decree") as converted into Law no. 9 of 21 February 2014 and by Law Decree no. 91 of 24 June 2014 (the "Decree Competitività") as converted with amendments into Law No. 116 of 11 August 2014. As at the date of this Prospectus, no interpretation of the application of the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law as it relates to covered bonds has been issued by any Italian court or governmental or regulatory authority, except for (i) the Decree of the Italian Ministry for the Economy and Finance No. 310 of 14 December 2006 ("Decree 310"), setting out the technical requirements for the guarantee which may be given in respect of covered bonds and (ii) Part III, Chapter 3 of the "Disposizioni di Vigilanza per le Banche" (Circolare No. 285 of 17 December 2013) as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Bank of Italy Regulations") concerning guidelines on the valuation of assets, the procedure for purchasing top-up assets and controls required to ensure compliance with the legislation. Consequently, it is possible that such or different authorities may issue further regulations relating to the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law or the interpretation thereof, the impact of which cannot be predicted by the Issuer as at the date of this Prospectus.

#### The return on an investment in Covered Bonds will be affected by charges incurred by investors

An investor's total return on an investment in any Covered Bonds will be affected by the level of fees charged by the nominee service provider 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.

# **Priority of Payments**

Recent English insolvency and U.S. bankruptcy court rulings may restrain parties from making or receiving payments in accordance with the order of priority agreed between them.

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 its counterparty upon the occurrence of insolvency proceedings relating to that creditor. In particular, 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 counterparty (so-called "flip clauses").

The English Supreme Court has held that a flip clause as described above is valid under English law. Contrary to this, however, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court has held that such a subordination provision is unenforceable under U.S. bankruptcy law and that any action to enforce such provision would violate the automatic stay which applies under such law in the case of a U.S. bankruptcy of the counterparty. The implications of this conflicting judgment are not yet known, particularly as the U.S. Bankruptcy Court approved, in December 2010, the settlement of the case to which the judgment relates and subsequently the appeal was dismissed.

If a creditor of the Guarantor (such as the Swap Providers) or a related entity becomes subject to insolvency proceedings in any jurisdiction outside England and Wales, and it is owed a payment by the Guarantor, 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 Italian law governed Transaction Documents. In particular, based on the decision of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court referred to above, there is a risk that such

subordination provisions would not be upheld under U.S. bankruptcy law. Such laws may be relevant in certain circumstances with respect to a range of entities which may act as Swap Counterparty, including U.S. established entities and certain non-U.S. established entities with assets or operations in the U.S. (although the scope of any such proceedings may be limited if the relevant non-U.S. entity is a bank with a licensed branch in a U.S. state). If a subordination provision included in the Transaction Documents was successfully challenged under the insolvency laws of any relevant jurisdiction outside England and Wales and any relevant foreign judgment or order was recognised by the English 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 Guarantor to satisfy its obligations under the Covered Bonds.

Given the general relevance of the issues under discussion in the judgments referred to above, there is a risk that the final outcome of the dispute in such judgments (including any recognition action by the English 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.

# Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Covered Bonds

A wide range of Covered Bonds may be issued under the Programme. A number of these Covered Bonds may have features which contain particular risks for potential investors. Set out below is a description of the most common such features:

# Covered Bonds subject to optional redemption by the Issuer

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 also may be true prior to any redemption period.

The Issuer may be expected to redeem Covered Bonds when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Covered Bonds. At those times, 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 the light of other investments available at that time.

# Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds

Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds may bear interest at a rate that converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. Where the Issuer has the right to effect such a conversion, this will affect the secondary market and the market value of the Covered Bonds since the Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate in such circumstances, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds may be less favourable than 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 in such circumstances, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing rates on its Covered Bonds.

#### Interest rate risks

Investments in Fixed Rate Covered Bonds involve the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of the Fixed Rate Covered Bonds.

# Floating rate risks

Investments in Floating Rate Covered Bonds involve the risk for the Covered Bondholders of fluctuating interest rate levels and uncertain interest earnings.

### Covered Bonds issued at a substantial discount or premium

The market values of securities issued at a substantial discount or premium from their principal amount tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for conventional interest-bearing securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of the securities, the greater the price volatility as compared to conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities.

# Prospectus to be read together with applicable Final Terms

The terms and conditions of the Covered Bonds and the terms and conditions of the Covered Bonds issued in registered form and the N Covered Bonds apply to the different types of Covered Bonds which may be issued under the Programme. The full terms and conditions applicable to each Series or Tranche of Covered Bonds (other than Covered Bonds issued in registered form and the N Covered Bonds) can be reviewed by reading the Conditions of the Covered Bonds as set out in full in this Prospectus, which constitute the basis of all Covered Bonds (other than Covered Bonds issued in registered form and the N Covered Bonds) to be offered under the Programme, together with the applicable Final Terms which complete the Conditions of the Covered Bonds in the manner required to reflect the particular terms and conditions applicable to the relevant Series of Covered Bonds (or Tranche). The full terms and conditions applicable to each Series of N Covered Bonds can be reviewed by reading the relevant N Covered Bond Certificate, the relevant N Covered Bond Conditions and any schedule or ancillary agreement attached or relating thereto.

#### **Investment Considerations relating to the Issuer**

#### Risks associated with general economic, financial and other business conditions

The results of the UBI Banca Group are affected by the global economic and financial conditions. During recessionary periods, there may be less demand for loan products and a greater number of the UBI Banca Group's customers may default on their loans or other obligations. Interest rate rises may also have an impact on the demand for mortgages and other loan products. Fluctuations in interest rates in the Eurozone influence its performance. These risks are exacerbated by concerns over the levels of the public debt of certain Euro-zone countries and their relative weaknesses. There can be no assurance that the European Union and International Monetary Fund initiatives aimed at stabilising the market in Greece, Portugal and Ireland will be sufficient to avert "contagion" to other countries. A rating downgrade might restrict the availability of funding or increase its cost for individuals and companies at a local level. This might have a material adverse effect on the Group's operating results, financial conditions and business outlook.

Furthermore, if sentiment towards the banks and/or other financial institutions operating in Italy were to deteriorate materially, or if the UBI Banca Group's ratings and/or the ratings of the sector were to be further adversely affected, this may have a materially adverse impact on the Group. In addition, such change in sentiment or reduction in ratings could result in an increase in the costs and a reduction in the availability of wholesale market funding across the financial sector which could have a material adverse effect on the liquidity and funding of all Italian financial services institutions, including the UBI Banca Group.

Pressures on sovereign bond prices, as a result of speculation, may directly affect the fair value of UBI Banca Group's exposures to sovereign debt securities and loans, resulting in losses, write-downs and impairment charges.

Furthermore, the concerns on sovereign perceived creditworthiness may also impact both the availability and the cost of funding. In fact, the deterioration of the sovereign perceived risk could affect the price or raise the collateral requirements (eligibility criteria) of securities used by banks to secure funding from private markets (for instance, repos) or from central banks, reducing the availability of funding or increasing its costs.

Finally, to face the sovereign debt crisis, the Italian Parliament has recently approved many austerity measures, including a tax treatment of securities issued by banks, which now render such securities less attractive to investors and which could increase the funding costs for UBI Banca Group.

Any further downgrade of the Italian sovereign credit rating or the perception that such a downgrade may occur could severely destabilise the markets and have a material adverse effect on the operating results, financial condition and prospects of UBI Banca Group as well as on the marketability of the Covered Bonds. This might also impact on UBI Banca Group's credit ratings, borrowing costs and access to liquidity. Any further Italian sovereign downgrade or the perception that such a downgrade may occur would likely have a material effect in depressing consumer confidence, restricting the availability, and increasing the cost, of funding for individuals and companies, depressing economic activity, increasing unemployment, reducing asset prices and consequently increasing the risk of a "double dip" recession. These risks are exacerbated by concerns over the level of the public debt of, and the weakness of the economy in, Ireland, Greece, Portugal, Spain and Italy in particular. Further instability within these countries or other countries within the Euro-zone might lead to contagion.

### Impact of events which are difficult to anticipate

The UBI Banca Group's earnings and business are affected by general economic conditions, the performance of financial markets and of market participants, interest rate levels, currency exchange rates, changes in laws and regulation, changes in the polices of central banks, particularly the Bank of Italy and the European Central Bank, and competitive factors, at a regional, national and international level. Each of these factors can change the level of demand for the UBI Banca Group's products and services, the credit quality of Debtors and counterparties, the interest rate margin between lending and borrowing costs and the value of its investment and trading portfolios and can influence the Group's balance sheet and economic results.

#### Market declines and volatility

The results of the UBI Banca Group are affected by general economic, financial and other business conditions. During a recession, there may be less demand for loan products and a greater number of the UBI Banca Group's customers may default on their loans or other obligations. Interest rate rises may also have an impact on the demand for mortgages and other loan products. The risk arising from the impact of the economy and business climate on the credit quality of the UBI Banca Group's debtors and counterparties can affect the overall credit quality and the recoverability of loans and amounts due from counterparties.

The ongoing economic crisis may also negatively affect the real estate market and value of collateral securing loans with an adverse impact on the fair value of UBI Banca Group's secured loans and mortgages, entailing additional provisions or reserve requirements. Moreover, when a debtor defaults on his collateralised loans or obligations, the value of the collateral could not be sufficient to meet the claims of the creditors so that UBI Banca Group may not recover the full expected amount due.

#### Credit and market risk

To the extent that any of the instruments and strategies used by the UBI Banca Group to hedge or otherwise manage its exposure to credit or market risk are not effective, the UBI Banca Group may not be able to mitigate effectively its risk exposure in particular market environments or against particular types of risk. The UBI Banca Group's trading revenues and interest rate risk are dependent upon its ability to identify properly, and mark to market, changes in the value of financial instruments caused by changes in market prices or interest rates. The UBI Banca Group's financial results also depend upon how effectively it determines and assesses the cost of credit and manages its own credit risk and market risk concentration.

### Protracted market declines and reduced liquidity in the markets

In some of the UBI Banca Group's businesses, protracted adverse market movements, particularly the decline of asset prices, can reduce market activity and market liquidity. These developments can lead to material losses if the UBI Banca Group cannot close out deteriorating positions in a timely way. This may especially be the case for assets that did not enjoy a very liquid market to begin with. The value of assets that are not traded on stock exchanges or other public trading markets, such as derivatives contracts between banks, may be calculated by the UBI Banca Group using models other than publicly quoted prices. Monitoring the deterioration of the prices of assets like these is difficult and failure to do so effectively could lead to unanticipated losses. This in turn could adversely affect the UBI Banca Group's operating results and financial condition.

In addition, protracted or steep declines in the stock or bond markets in Italy and elsewhere may adversely affect the UBI Banca Group's securities trading activities and its asset management services, as well as its investments in and sales of products linked to the performance of financial assets.

#### The Issuer's business is subject to risks concerning liquidity

The Issuer's business is subject to risks concerning liquidity which are inherent in its banking operations, and could affect the Issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations as they fall due or to fulfil commitments to lend. In order to ensure that the Issuer continues to meet its funding obligations and to maintain or grow its business generally, it relies on customer savings and transmission balances, as well as ongoing access to the wholesale lending markets. The ability of the Issuer to access wholesale and retail funding sources on favourable economic terms is dependent on a variety of factors, including a number of factors outside of its control, such as liquidity constraints, general market conditions and confidence in the Italian banking system.

The global financial system still has to overcome some of the difficulties which began in August 2007 and which were intensified by the bankruptcy of Lehman Brothers in September 2008. Financial market conditions have remained challenging and, in certain respects, have deteriorated. In addition, the continued concern about sovereign credit risks in the Euro-zone and Italy in particular has progressively intensified, and International Monetary Fund and European Union financial support packages have been agreed for Greece, Ireland and Portugal.

Credit quality has generally declined, as reflected by the downgrades suffered by several countries in the Euro-zone, including Italy, since the start of the sovereign debt crisis. The large sovereign debts and/or fiscal deficits in certain European countries, including Italy, have raised concerns regarding the financial condition of Euro-zone financial institutions and their exposure to such countries.

There can be no assurance that the European Union and International Monetary Fund initiatives aimed at stabilising the market in Greece, Portugal and Ireland will be sufficient to avert "contagion" to other countries. If sentiment towards the banks and/or other financial institutions operating in Italy were to deteriorate materially, or if the Issuer's ratings and/or the ratings of the sector were to be further adversely affected, this may have a materially adverse impact on the Issuer. In addition, such change in sentiment or reduction in ratings could result in an increase in the costs and a reduction in the availability of wholesale market funding across the financial sector which could have a material adverse effect on the liquidity and funding of all Italian financial services institutions, including the Issuer.

Any further downgrade of the Italian sovereign credit rating or the perception that such a downgrade may occur may severely destabilise the markets and have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's operating results, financial condition and prospects as well as on the marketability of the Covered Bonds. This might also impact on the Issuer's credit ratings, borrowing costs and access to liquidity. A further Italian sovereign downgrade or the perception that such a downgrade may occur would be likely to have a material effect in depressing consumer confidence, restricting the availability, and increasing the cost, of funding for individuals and companies, depressing economic activity, increasing unemployment, reducing asset prices and consequently increasing the risk of a "double dip" recession.

These risks are exacerbated by concerns over the levels of the public debt of, and the weakness of the economies in, Ireland, Greece, Portugal, Spain and Italy in particular. Further instability within these countries or other countries within the Euro-zone might lead to contagion.

These concerns may impact the ability of Euro-zone banks to access the funding they need, or may increase the costs of such funding, which may cause such banks to suffer liquidity stress. If the current concerns over sovereign and bank solvency continue, there is a danger that inter-bank funding may become generally unavailable or available only at elevated interest rates, which might have an impact on the Issuer's access to, and cost of, funding. Should the Issuer be unable to continue to source a sustainable funding profile, the Issuer's ability to fund its financial obligations at a competitive cost, or at all, could be adversely impacted.

# The Issuer's financial performance is affected by "systemic risk"

In recent years, the global credit environment has been adversely affected by significant instances of default, and there can be no certainty that further such instances will not occur. Concerns about, or a default by, one institution could lead to significant liquidity problems, losses or defaults by other institutions because the commercial soundness of many financial institutions may be closely related as a result of credit, trading, clearing or other relationships between institutions. This risk is sometimes referred to as "systemic risk" and may adversely affect financial intermediaries, such as clearing agencies, clearing houses, banks, securities firms and exchanges with which the Issuer interacts on a daily basis and therefore could adversely affect the Issuer.

# The Issuer's financial performance is affected by borrower credit quality and general economic conditions, in particular in Italy and Europe

The results of the Issuer may be affected by global economic and financial conditions. During recessionary periods, there may be less demand for loan products and a greater number of the Issuer's customers may default on their loans or their obligations. Interest rates rises may also have an impact on the demand for mortgages and other loan products. Fluctuations in interest rates in Italy and in the Euro-zone and in the other markets in which the Issuer operates may influence its performance.

The Issuer monitors credit quality and manages the specific risk of each counterparty and the overall risk of the respective loan portfolios, and the Issuer will continue to do so, but there can be no assurance that such monitoring and risk management will suffice to keep the Issuer's exposure to credit risk at acceptable levels. Any deterioration of the creditworthiness of significant individual customers or counterparties, or of the performance of loans and other receivables, as well as wrong assessments of creditworthiness or country risks may have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's business, financial condition and results of operations.

As discussed in "The Issuer's business is subject to risks concerning liquidity" above, these risks are exacerbated by concerns over the levels of the public debt of certain Euro-zone countries and their relative weaknesses. There can be no assurance that the European Union and International Monetary Fund initiatives aimed at stabilising the market in Greece, Portugal and Ireland will be sufficient to avert "contagion" to other countries. A rating downgrade in one of the countries in which the Issuer operates might restrict the availability of funding or increase its cost for individuals and companies at a local level. This might have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's operating results, financial conditions and business outlook.

# Risk management and exposure to unidentified or unanticipated risks

The UBI Banca Group has devoted significant resources to developing policies, procedures and assessment methods to manage market, credit, liquidity and operating risks and intends to continue to do so in the future. Nonetheless, the UBI Banca Group's risk management techniques and strategies may not be fully effective in mitigating its risk exposure in all economic market environments or against all types of risks, including risks that the UBI Banca Group fails to identify or anticipate. If

existing or potential customers believe that the UBI Banca Group's risk management policies and procedures are inadequate, its reputation as well as its revenues and profits may be negatively affected.

#### Changes in interest rates

Fluctuations in interest rates influence the UBI Banca Group's financial performance. The results of the UBI Banca Group's banking operations are affected by its management of interest rate sensitivity and, in particular, changes in market interest rates. A mismatch of interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities in any given period, which tends to accompany changes in interest rates, may have a material effect on the UBI Banca Group's financial condition or results of operations. In addition, in recent years, the Italian banking sector has been characterised by increasing competition which, together with the low level of interest rates, has caused a sharp reduction in the difference between borrowing and lending rates, and has made it difficult for banks to maintain positive growth trends in interest rate margins. In particular, such competition has had two main effects:

- (i) a progressive reduction in the differential between lending and borrower interest rate, which may result in the Issuer facing difficulties in maintaining its actual rate of growth in interest rate margin; and
- (ii) a progressive reduction in commissions and fees, particularly from dealing on behalf of third parties and order collection, due to competition on prices.

Both of the above factors may adversely affect the Issuer's financial condition and results of operations. In addition, downturns in the Italian economy could cause pressure on the competition through, for example, increased price pressure and lower business volumes for which to compete.

#### Operational risk

The UBI Banca Group, like all financial institutions, is exposed to many types of operational risk, including the risk of fraud by employees and outsiders, unauthorised transactions by employees or operational errors, including errors resulting from faulty information technology or telecommunication systems. The UBI Banca Group's systems and processes are designed to ensure that the operational risks associated with its activities are appropriately monitored. Any failure or weakness in these systems, could however adversely affect its financial performance and business activities. Notwithstanding anything in this risk factor, this risk factor should not be taken as implying that either the Issuer or the UBI Banca Group will be unable to comply with its obligations as a company with securities admitted to the Official List.

#### Reliance on primary geographic markets

Although the UBI Banca Group has a widespread geographic distribution in Italy consisting of 1,670 branches (as at 31 December 2014), over 67 per cent of its branches are located in northern Italy. The Issuer has strong territorial roots in certain regions where it has historically operated (particularly Lombardy, Piedmont, Marches and Apulia). The UBI Banca Group relies for its distribution system on local banks with long-standing, deep-rooted traditions in their respective territories.

# A downgrade of any of the Issuer's credit ratings may impact the Issuer's funding ability and have an adverse effect on the Issuer's financial condition

A downgrade of any of the Issuer's ratings (for whatever reason) might result in higher funding and refinancing costs for the Issuer in the capital markets. In addition, a downgrade of any of the Issuer's ratings may limit the Issuer's opportunities to extend mortgage loans and may have a particularly adverse effect on the Issuer's image as a participant in the capital markets, as well as in the eyes of its clients. These factors may have an adverse effect on the Issuer's financial condition and/or results of operations.

### Legal proceedings

The UBI Banca Group is involved in various legal proceedings. Management believes that such proceedings have been properly analysed by the Issuer and its subsidiaries in order to decide whether any increase in provisions for litigation is necessary or appropriate in all the circumstances and, with respect to some specific issues, whether to refer to them in the notes to its financial statements in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

# Catastrophic events, terrorist attacks and similar events could have a negative impact on the business and results of the Issuer

Catastrophic events, terrorist attacks and similar events, as well as the responses thereto, may create economic and political uncertainties, which could have a negative impact on economic conditions in the regions in which the Issuer operates and, more specifically, on the business and results of the Issuer in ways that cannot be predicted.

#### Changes in regulatory framework and accounting policies

The UBI Banca Group is subject to extensive regulation and supervision by the European Central Bank, the European System of Central Banks, the Bank of Italy and CONSOB (the Italian securities markets regulator). The banking laws to which the UBI Banca Group is subject govern the activities in which banks and banking foundations may engage and are designed to maintain the safety and soundness of banks, and limit their exposure to risk. In addition, the UBI Banca Group must comply with financial services laws that govern its marketing and selling practices. One particularly significant change in regulatory requirements affecting the UBI Banca Group will be the future implementation of the new regulatory framework known as Basel III aiming to strengthen global capital and liquidity rules with the goal of promoting a more resilient banking sector.

Any changes in how such regulations are applied or implemented for financial institutions may have a material effect on the Issuer's business and operations. As some of the laws and regulations affecting the UBI Banca Group have only recently come into force, the manner in which they are applied to the operations of financial institutions is still evolving and their implementation, enforcement and/or interpretation may have an adverse effect on the business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations of the Issuer.

# Adverse regulatory developments including changes in tax laws

The Issuer conducts its businesses subject to ongoing regulatory and associated risks, including the effects of changes in laws, regulations, and policies in Italy and at a European level. The timing and the form of future changes in regulation are unpredictable and beyond the control of the Issuer, and changes made could materially adversely affect the Issuer's business.

The Issuer is required to hold a licence for its operations and is subject to regulation and supervision by authorities in Italy and in all other jurisdictions in which it operates. Extensive regulations are already in place and new regulations and guidelines are introduced relatively frequently. The rules applicable to banks and other entities in banking groups are mainly provided by implementation of measures consistent with the regulatory framework set out by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (the "Basel Committee") and aim at preserving their stability and solidity and limiting their risk exposure (see below "Basel III" and the "CRD IV Package").

Regulators and supervisory are taking an increasingly strict approach to regulations and their enforcement that may not be to the Issuer's benefit. A breach of any regulations by the Issuer could lead to intervention by supervisory authorities and the Issuer could come under investigation and surveillance, and be involved in judicial or administrative proceedings. The Issuer may also become subject to new regulations and guidelines that may require additional investments in systems, people and compliance which may place additional burdens or restrictions on the Issuer. The Issuer is also subject to extensive regulation and supervision by the European Central Bank, the European System of

Central Banks the Bank of Italy and CONSOB. The banking laws to which the Issuer is subject govern the activities in which banks and foundations may engage and are designed to maintain the safety and soundness of banks, and limit their exposure to risk. In addition, the Issuer must comply with financial services laws that govern its marketing and selling practices. The regulatory framework governing international financial markets is currently being amended in response to the credit crisis, and new legislation and regulations are being introduced in Italy and the European Union that will affect the Issuer including proposed regulatory initiatives that could significantly alter the Issuer's capital requirements.

In particular, in the wake of the global financial crisis that began in 2008, the Basel Committee (as defined below) approved, in the fourth quarter of 2010, revised global regulatory standards ("Basel III") on bank capital adequacy and liquidity, higher and better-quality capital, better risk coverage, measures to promote the build-up of capital that can be drawn down in periods of stress and the introduction of a leverage ratio as a backstop to the risk-based requirement as well as two global liquidity standards. The Basel III framework adopts a gradual approach, with the requirements to be implemented over time, with full enforcement in 2019.

In January 2013 the Basel Commitee revised its original proposal in respect of the liquidity requirements in light of concerns raised by the banking industry, providing for a gradual phasing-in of the Liquidity Coverage Ratio with a full implementation in 2019, as well as expanding the definition of high quality liquid assets to include lower quality corporate securities, equities and residential mortgage backed securities. Regarding the other liquidity requirement, the Net Stable Funding Ratio (the "NSFR"), the Basel Committee published the final rules in October 2014 providing that the NSFR will become a minimum standard starting from 1 January 2018.

The Basel III framework has been implemented in the EU through new banking regulations requirements: Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union of 26 June 2013 on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms (the "**CRD IV Directive**") and Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union of 26 June 2013<sup>1</sup> on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms (the "**CRR** and together with the CRD IV Directive, "**CRD IV Package**").

Full implementation began on 1 January 2014, with particular elements being phased in over a period of time (the requirements will be largely fully effective by 2019 and some minor transitional provisions provide for phase-in until 2024) but it is possible that in practice implementation under national laws be delayed. Additionally, it is possible that, Member States may introduce certain provisions at an earlier date than that set out in the CRD IV Package.

In Italy the Government has approved the Legislative Decree no. 72 of 12 May 2015, implementing the CRD IV Directive. Such decree entered into force on 27 June 2015. The new regulation impacts, *inter alia*, on:

- (i) proposed acquirers of credit institutions' holdings, shareholders and Members of the management body requirements (Articles 22, 23 and 91 CRD IV);
- (ii) supervisory measures and powers (Articles 64, 65, 102 and 104 CRD IV);
- (iii) reporting of potential or actual breaches of national provisions (so called whistleblowing, (Article 71 CRD IV);
- (iv) administrative penalties and measures (Article 65 CRD IV).

The Bank of Italy published new supervisory regulations on banks in December 2013 (Circular of the Bank of Italy No. 285 of 17 December 2013 (the "Circular No. 285")) which came into force on 1 January 2014, implementing the CRD IV Package and setting out additional local prudential rules.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Final Corrigendum published on 30 November 2013

As at 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014, Italian banks were required to comply with (i) a minimum CET1 Capital ratio of 4.5%<sup>2</sup>, (ii) a minimum Tier I Capital ratio of 5.5%<sup>3</sup> and (iii) a Total Capital Ratio of 8%. Upon expiry of this transitional period Italian banks shall at all times satisfy the following own funds requirements: (i) a CET 1 capital ratio of 4,5 %; (ii) a Tier 1 Capital ratio of 6 %; and (iii) a Total Capital Ratio of 8%. These minimum ratios are complemented by the following capital buffers to be met with CET1 Capital:

- Capital conservation buffer: set at 2.5% of risk weighted assets and applies to UBI Banca from 1 January 2014 (pursuant to Article 129 of the CRD IV Directive and Title II, Chapter I, Section II of Circular No. 285);
- Counter-cyclical capital buffer: is set by the relevant competent authority between 0% 2.5% (but may be set higher than 2.5% where the competent authority considers that the conditions in the member state justify this), with gradual introduction from 1 January 2016 and applying temporarily in the periods when the relevant national authorities judge the credit growth excessive (pursuant to Article 130 of the CRD IV Directive and Title II, Chapter I, Section III of Circular No. 285);
- Capital buffers for globally systemically important institutions ("G-SIIs"): set as an "additional loss absorbency" buffer ranging from 1.0% to 3.5% determined according to specific indicators (size, interconnectedness, lack of substitues for the services provided, global activity and complexity); to be phased in from 1 January 2016 (Article 131 of the CRD IV Directive and Title II, Chapter 1, Section IV of Circular No. 285) becoming fully effective on 1 January 2019; and
- Capital buffers for systemically other important institutions ("O-SIIs"): up to 2.0% as set by the relevant competent authority and must be reviewed at least annually from 1 January 2016), to compensate for the higher risk that such banks represent to the financial system (Article 131 of the CRD IV Directive and Title II, Chapter 1, Section IV of Circular No. 285).

In addition to the above listed capital buffers, under Article 133 of the CRD IV Directive each Member State may introduce a Systemic Risk Buffer of Common Equity Tier 1 capital for the financial sector or one or more subsets of the sector, in order to prevent and mitigate long term non-cyclical systemic or macro-prudential risks not covered by CRR, in the meaning of a risk of disruption in the financial system with the potential to have serious negative consequences to the financial system and the real economy in a specific Member State.

Failure to comply with such combined buffer requirements triggers restrictions on distributions and the need for the bank to adopt a capital conservation plan on necessary remedial actions (Articles 140 and 141 of the CRD IV Directive). At this stage no provision is included on the systemic risk buffer under Article 133 of the CRD IV Directive as the Italian level-1 rules for the CRD IV Directive implementation on this point have not yet been enacted.

As part of the CRD IV Package transitional arrangements, as implemented by Bank of Italy's Circular No. 285 of 17 December 2013, regulatory capital recognition of outstanding instruments which qualified as Tier I and Tier II capital instruments under the framework which the CRD IV Package has replaced EU Directive 2010/76/EU ("CRD III") that no longer meet the minimum criteria under the CRD IV Package will be gradually phased out. Fixing the base at the nominal amount of such instruments outstanding on 1 January 2013, their recognition is capped at 80% in 2014, with this cap decreasing by 10% in each subsequent year (see, in particular, Part Two, Chapter 14, Section 2 of Bank of Italy's Circular No. 285 of 17 December 2013).

The new liquidity requirements introduced under the CRD IV Package are the liquidity coverage ratio (the "Liquidity Coverage Ratio") and the NSFR. The Liquidity Coverage Ratio Delegated Act has been adopted in October 2014 and published in the Official Journal of the European Union in January 2015. It shall be applicable from 1 October 2015, under a phase-in approach

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Bank of Italy Circular n. 285 of 17 December 2013 (Transitional Provisions)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Bank of Italy Circular n. 285 of 17 December 2013 (Transitional Provisions)

before it becomes fully applicable from 1 January 2018. On the NSFR, in the light of the reports to be prepared by the EBA by 31 December 2015, the Commission will prepare, if appropriate, a legislative proposal by the end of 2016, with aims to comply with NSFR implementation in 2018, as per the Basel rules approved in October 2014. In any case, Member States may maintain or introduce national provisions in the area of stable funding requirements before binding minimum standards for net stable funding requirements are specified and introduced in the European Union..

The CRD IV Package introduces a new leverage ratio with the aim of restricting the level of leverage that an institution can take on to ensure that an institution's assets are in line with its capital. The Leverage Ratio Delegated Act was published in the Official Journal of the European Union in January 2015, supplementing the CRR with regard to liquidity coverage requirement for credit Institution. Institutions have been required to disclose their leverage ratio from 1 January 2015. Full implementation and European harmonisation, however, is not expected until 1 January 2018 following the European Commission's review in 2016.

The CRD IV Package contains specific mandates for the EBA to develop draft regulatory or implementing technical standards as well as guidelines and reports related to liquidity coverage ratio and leverage ratio in order to enhance regulatory harmonisation in Europe through the EBA Single Supervisory Rule Book (as defined below).

In addition to the substantial changes in capital and liquidity requirements introduced by Basel III and CRD IV Package, there are several other initiatives, in various stages of finalisation, which represent additional regulatory pressure over the medium term and will impact the EU's future regulatory direction. These initiatives include, amongst others, a revised Markets in Financial Instruments EU Directive and Markets in Financial Instruments EU Regulation which entered into force on 2 July 2014 with implementation required at Member States level as from January 2017 subject to certain transitional arrangements. The Basel committee has also published certain proposed changes to the current securitisation framework which may be accepted and implemented in due course.

One of the main proposed changes to the global regulatory framework is for G-SIIs to be required to have a minimum Total Loss Absorbing Capacity (the "TLAC"). In November 2014, the Financial Stability Board (the "FSB") published a consultation document setting out its proposals for TLAC, which were endorsed at the Group of Twenty's (G20) Brisbane conference in November 2014. The FSB is aiming for the G20 to adopt a final standard by November 2015, with application as of 2019 at the earliest.

The FSB's proposals would, if implemented, require all G-SIIs to meet a minimum pillar 1 TLAC in the order of 16% - 20% of their Risk Weighted Assets (the "RWA") and at least twice their Basel III leverage ratio requirement. Liabilities that are eligible for TLAC shall be capital instruments and instruments that are contractually, statutorily or structurally subordinated to certain "excluded liabilities" (including insured deposits and liabilities that cannot be effectively written down or converted into equity by relevant authorities) in a manner that does not give rise to a material risk of compensation claims or successful legal challenges. The impact on G-SIIs may well come ahead of 2019, as markets may force earlier compliance and as banks will need to adapt their funding structure in advance.

Moreover, it is worth mentioning the Basel Committee has embarked on a very significant RWA variability agenda. This includes the "Fundamental Review of the Trading Book", revised standardised approaches (credit, market, operational risk) and a consultation paper on a capital floor. The regulator's primary aim is to eliminate unwarranted levels of RWA variance. The finalization of the new framework is likely to be expected by 2015 year end for all the relevant workstreams. The new setup will have a revolutionary impact on risk modelling: directly on the exposures assessed via standardized approach, but also indirectly on internal ratings based approach ("IRB") RWA, due to the introduction of capital floors that, according to the new framework, will be calculated basing on the revised standardized approach.

In addition, as mentioned above, the European Commission intends to develop the net stable funding ratio with the aim of introducing it from 1 January 2018.

Such changes in the regulatory framework and how they will be implemented may have a material effect on the Issuer's business and operations as well. As the new framework of banking laws and regulations affecting the Issuer is currently being implemented, the manner in which those laws and related regulations will be applied to the operations of financial institutions is still evolving. No assurance can be given that laws and regulations will be adopted, enforced or interpreted in a manner that will not have an adverse effect on the business, financial condition, cash flows and results of operations of the Issuer. Prospective investors in the Covered Bonds should consult their own advisers as to the consequences for them of the application of the above regulations as implemented by each Member State.

#### ECB Single Supervisory Mechanism

On 15 October 2013, the Council of the European Union adopted regulations establishing a single supervisory mechanism (the "ECB Single Supervisory Mechanism" or "SSM") for all banks in the Banking Union (euro area banks and banks of any EU member state that joins the Banking Union), which has, beginning in November 2014, given the ECB, in conjunction with the national competent authorities of the eurozone states, direct supervisory responsibility over "banks of systemic importance" established in the Banking Union. The SSM framework regulation (Regulation (EU) No. 468/2014 of the European Central Bank) setting out the practical arrangements for the SSM was published in April 2014 and entered into force in May 2014. Banks directly supervised by ECB include any eurozone bank that: (i) has assets greater than €30 billion or – unless the total value of its assets is below €5 billion – greater than 20% of national gross domestic product; (ii) is one of the three most significant credit institutions established in a Member State; (iii) has requested, or is a recipient of, direct assistance from the European Financial Stability Facility or the European Stability Mechanism; (iv) is considered by the ECB to be of significant relevance where it has established banking subsidiaries in more than one participating Member State and its cross-border assets/liabilities represent a significant part of its total assets/liabilities.

Notwithstanding the fulfilment of these criteria, the ECB, on its own initiative after consulting with national competent authorities or upon request by a national competent authority, may declare an institution significant to ensure the consistent application of high-quality supervisory standards. The ECB is also exclusively responsible for key tasks concerning the prudential supervision of credit institutions, which includes, inter alia, the power to: (i) authorise and withdraw authorisation of all credit institutions in the Eurozone; (ii) assess acquisition and disposal of holdings in other banks; (iii) ensure compliance with all prudential requirements laid down in general EU banking rules; (iv) set, where necessary, higher prudential requirements for certain banks to protect financial stability under the conditions provided by EU law; (v) ensure compliance with robust corporate governance practices and internal capital adequacy assessment controls; and (vi) intervene at the early stages when risks to the viability of a bank exist, in coordination with the relevant resolution authorities.

The ECB has also the right to, *inter alios*, impose pecuniary sanctions National competent authorities will continue to be responsible for supervisory matters not conferred on the ECB, such as consumer protection, money laundering, payment services, and branches of third country banks, besides supporting ECB in day-to-day supervision. In order to foster consistency and efficiency of supervisory practices across the eurozone, the EBA is developing a single supervisory handbook applicable to EU Member States (the "EBA Single Supervisory Rule Book").

# The UBI Banca Group may be subject to the provisions of the EU Recovery and Resolution Directive

On 2 July 2014, the directive providing for the establishment of an EU-wide framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms (Directive 2014/59/EU) (the "Banks Recovery and Resolution Directive" or "BRRD") entered into force.

The BRRD is designed to provide authorities with comprehensive and effective arrangements to deal with failing institutions at national level, as well as cooperation arrangements to tackle cross-border failures.

The BRRD sets out the rules for the resolution of banks and large investment firms in all EU Member States. Banks are required to prepare recovery plans to overcome financial distress. Authorities are also granted a set of powers to intervene in the operations of banks to avoid them failing. In case financial institutions do face failure, authorities are equipped with comprehensive powers and tools to restructure them, allocating losses to shareholders and creditors following a clearly defined hierarchy. In this respect, authorities are entrusted with powers to implement plans to resolve failed institutions as to ensure the continuity of the institution's critical financial and economic functions, while minimising the impact of an institution's failure on the economy and financial system.

The BRRD contains four resolution tools and powers which may be used alone or in combination where the relevant resolution authority considers that (a) an institution is failing or likely to fail, (b) there is no reasonable prospect that any alternative private sector measures would prevent the failure of such institution within a reasonable timeframe, and (c) a resolution action is in the public interest: (i) sale of business - which enables resolution authorities to direct the sale of the firm or the whole or part of its business on commercial terms; (ii) bridge institution - which enables resolution authorities to transfer all or part of the business of the firm to a "bridge institution" (an entity created for this purpose that is wholly or partially in public control); (iii) asset separation – which enables resolution authorities to transfer impaired or problem assets to one or more publicly owned asset management vehicles to allow them to be managed with a view to maximising their value through eventual sale or orderly wind-down (this can be used together with another resolution tool only); and (iv) bail-in - which gives resolution authorities the power to write down certain claims of unsecured creditors of a failing institution and to convert certain unsecured debt claims to equity (the "Bail-In Tool"), which equity could also be subject to any future application of the general bail-in tool.

The BRRD also provides for a Member State as a last resort, after having assessed and exploited the above resolution tools to the maximum extent possible whilst maintaining financial stability, to be able to provide extraordinary public financial support through additional financial stabilization tools. These consist of the public equity support and temporary public ownership tools. Any such extraordinary financial support must be provided in accordance with the EU state aid framework.

An institution will be considered as failing or likely to fail when: it is, or is likely in the near future to be, in breach of its requirements for continuing authorisation; its assets are, or are likely in the near future to be, less than its liabilities; it is, or is likely in the near future to be, unable to pay its debts as they fall due; or it requires extraordinary public financial support (except in limited circumstances).

In addition to the general bail-in tool, the BRRD provides for resolution authorities to have the further power to permanently write-down or convert into equity capital instruments at the point of non-viability and before any other resolution action is taken ("Non-Viability Loss Absorption").

For the purposes of the application of any non-viability loss absorption measure, the point of non-viability under the BRRD is the point at which the relevant authority determines that the institution meets the conditions for resolution (but no resolution action has yet been taken) or that the institution will no longer be viable unless the relevant capital instruments are written-down or converted or extraordinary public support is to be provided and without such support the appropriate authority determines that the institution would no longer be viable.

The BRRD provides that Member States should apply the new "crisis management" measures from 1 January 2015, except for the general bail-in tool which is to be applied from 1 January 2016. On 2 July 2015, the Italian Parliament has approved the "European Delegation Law 2014" — whose publication in the Italian Official Gazzette is still pending — containing, *inter alia*, principles and criteria for the implemation by the Government of the BRRD in Italy

The powers set out in the BRRD will impact how credit institutions and investment firms are managed as well as, in certain circumstances, the rights of creditors.

As of 2016 (or, if earlier, the date of national implementation of the BRRD), European banks will also have to comply with a Minimum Requirement for Eligible Liabilities (the "MREL"). The BRRD does not foresee an absolute minimum, but attributes the competence to set a minimum amount for each bank to national resolution authorities (for banks not being part of the Banking Union) or to the Single Resolution Board (the "SRB") for banks being part of the Banking Union. Differently to the current discussions on TLAC (see more above under "Forthcoming regulatory changes") MREL includes senior unsecured debt, which will make the cost impact for European GSIBs lower than the envisaged TLAC standard. The European Banking Authority (EBA) is currently consulting on Regulatory Technical Standards (the "RTS") which shall further define the way in which resolution authorities / the SRB shall calculate MREL. The EBA consultation paper suggests that the MREL requirements can be implemented for G-SIIs in a manner that is "consistent with" the international framework, and contemplates a possible increase in the MREL requirement over time in order to provide for an adequate transition to compliance with the TLAC requirements that are currently projected to apply as of January 2019 at the earliest.

The Banks Recovery and Resolution Directive is intended to enable a range of actions to be taken in relation to credit institutions and investment firms considered to be at risk of failing. The implementation of the directive or the taking of any action under it could materially affect the value of any Covered Bond.

# As of 2016 the Group may be subject to the provisions of the Regulation establishing the Single Resolution Mechanism

On 19 August 2014, the Regulation (EU) No. 806/2014 establishing a Single Resolution Mechanism (the "**SRM Regulation**") entered into force. The SRM is expected to be operational by 1 January 2016, with the exceptions set out in paragraphs 3 to 5 of art. 99 of SRM Regulation, providing for *inter alia* - the entry into force on 1 January 2015 of the rules concerning preparation of resolution plans and provisions relating to the cooperation of the Single Resolution Board (the "**Board**")

The SRM Regulation, which will complement the ECB Single Supervisory Mechanism, will mainly consist of the Board and a Single Resolution Fund (the "Fund").

A centralised decision-making process will be built around the Board and will involve the European Commission and the Council of the European Union – which will have the possibility to object to Board decisions – as well as the ECB and the national resolution authorities.

The Fund, which will back the SRM Regulation decisions mainly taken by the Board, will be divided into national compartments during an eight years transitional period, as set out by an intergovernmental agreement. Banks will start to pay contributions in 2015 to national resolution funds that will transform gradually into the Fund starting from 2016 (and will be additional to the contributions to the national deposit guarantee schemes). The Issuer may therefore be required to pay contributions to the SRM in addition to contributions to the national deposit guarantee scheme.

This framework ensures that, instead of national resolution authorities, there will be a single authority - i.e. the Board - which will take all relevant decisions for banks being supervised by the SSM and part of the Banking Union.

There are other benefits that will derive from the SRM Regulation. Such benefits are aimed at: (a) breaking the negative feed loop between banks and their sovereigns; (b) providing a solution to home-

host conflicts in resolution, and (c) a competitive advantage that Banking Union banks will have *vis-à-vis* non-Banking Union ones, due to the availability of a larger resolution fund.

The SRM is not operational yet and the manner in which it will be implemented is still evolving so there remains some uncertainty as to how the SRM will affect the UBI Banca Group once implemented and fully operational.

#### The Group may be affected by new accounting standards

Following the entry into force and subsequent application of new accounting standards, regulatory rules and/or the amendment of existing standards and rules, the Group may have to revise the accounting and regulatory treatment of certain outstanding assets and liabilities (eg. deferred tax assets) and transactions (and the related income and expense). This may have potentially negative effects, also significant, on the estimates contained in the financial plans for future years and may cause the Group to have to restate previously published financials. In this regard a relevant change is expected in 2018 from the entry into force of IFRS 9:

• IFRS 9 has been issued on 24 July 2014. This standard will introduce significant changes with regard to classification, measurement, impairment and hedge accounting of instruments, including financial instruments, replacing IAS 39. International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") decided that the mandatory effective date of IFRS 9 will be 1 January 2018, following the endorsement by the European Union.

In addition, it should be noted that:

The European Commission endorsed the following accounting principles and interpretations that will be applicable starting from 2015 financial statements:

- Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2011-2013 Cycle (EU Regulation 1361/2014);
- Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2010-2012 Cycle (EU Regulation 28/2015);
- Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions (Amendments to IAS 19) (EU Regulation 29/2015).

As of 31 December 2014, the IASB also issued the following standards, amendments, interpretations or revisions not yet endorsed by the European Commission:

- IFRS 14 Regulatory Deferral Accounts (issued in January 2014);
- IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (issued in May 2014);
- Amendments to IFRS 10, IFRS 12 and IAS 28: Investment Entities: Applying the Consolidation Exception (issued in December 2014)
- Amendments to IAS 1: Disclosure Initiative (issued in December 2014);
- Annual Improvements to IFRSs 2012–2014 Cycle (issued in September 2014);
- Amendments to IFRS 10 and IAS 28: Sale or Contribution of Assets between an Investor and its Associate or Joint Venture (issued in September 2014);
- Amendments to IAS 27: Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements (issued in August 2014):
- Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 41: Agriculture: Bearer Plants (issued in June 2014);

- Amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 38: Clarification of Acceptable Methods of Depreciation and Amortisation (issued in May 2014);
- Amendments to IFRS 11: Accounting for Acquisitions of Interests in Joint Operations (issued in May 2014).

# Governmental and central banks' actions intended to support liquidity may be insufficient or discontinued

In response to the financial markets crisis, the reduced liquidity available to market operators in the industry, the increase of risk premiums and the capital requirements demanded by investors, intervention with respect to the level of capitalisation of banking institutions has had to be further increased. In many countries, this has been achieved through support measures for the financial system and direct intervention by governments in the share capital of the banks in different forms. In order to technically permit such government support, financial institutions were required to pledge securities deemed appropriate by different central financial institutions as collateral.

The unavailability of liquidity through such measures, or the decrease or discontinuation of such measures by governments and central authorities could result in increased difficulties in procuring liquidity in the market and/or result in higher costs for the procurement of such liquidity, thereby adversely affecting the UBI Banca Group's business, financial condition and results of operations.

### **Investment Considerations relating to the Guarantor**

#### Guarantor only obliged to pay Guaranteed Amounts when they are due for payment

Following service of an Issuer Default Notice on the Issuer and the Guarantor, under the terms of the Covered Bond Guarantee the Guarantor will only be obliged to pay Guaranteed Amounts as and when the same are due for payment on each Interest Payment Date, *provided that*, in the case of any amount representing the Final Redemption Amount due and remaining unpaid as at the original Maturity Date, the Guarantor may pay such amounts on any Interest Payment Date thereafter, up to (and including) the Extended Maturity Date and in the case of Covered Bonds whose principal is payable in instalments, the Guarantor may defer such instalments for a period of one year until the relevant Extended Instalment Date. Such Guaranteed Amounts will be paid subject to and in accordance with the Guarantee Priority of Payments or the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments, as applicable. In these circumstances the Guarantor will not be obliged to pay any other amounts in respect of the Covered Bonds which become payable for any other reason.

Subject to any grace period, if the Guarantor fails to make a payment when due for payment under the Covered Bond Guarantee or any other Guarantor Event of Default occurs, then the Representative of the Covered Bondholders will accelerate the obligations of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee by service of a Guarantor Default Notice, whereupon the Representative of the Covered Bondholders will have a claim under the Covered Bond Guarantee for an amount equal to the Early Termination Amount of each Covered Bond, together with accrued interest and all other amounts then due under the Covered Bonds. Following service of a Guarantor Default Notice, the amounts due from the Guarantor shall be applied by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders in accordance with the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments, and Covered Bondholders will receive amounts from the Guarantor on an accelerated basis. If a Guarantor Default Notice is served on the Guarantor then the Covered Bonds may be repaid sooner or later than expected or not at all.

#### Limited resources available to the Guarantor

Following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and service of an Issuer Default Notice on the Issuer and on the Guarantor, the Guarantor will be under an obligation to pay the Covered Bondholders pursuant to the Covered Bond Guarantee. The Guarantor's ability to meet its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee will depend on (a) the amount of interest and principal generated by the Portfolio and the timing thereof and (b) amounts received from the Swap Providers. The

Guarantor will not have any other source of funds available to meet its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee.

If a Guarantor Event of Default occurs and the Covered Bond Guarantee is enforced, the proceeds of enforcement may not be sufficient to meet the claims of all the secured creditors, including the Covered Bondholders. If, following enforcement and realisation of the assets in the Cover Pool, creditors have not received the full amount due to them pursuant to the terms of the Transaction Documents, then 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.

#### Reliance of the Guarantor on third parties

The Guarantor has entered into agreements with a number of third parties, which have agreed to perform services for the Guarantor. In particular, but without limitation, the Master Servicer and, in relation to the Mortgage Loans comprising each relevant Portfolio, the Sub-Servicers have been appointed to service Portfolios sold to the Guarantor and the Calculation Agent has been appointed to calculate and monitor compliance with the Statutory Tests and the Amortisation Test. In the event that any of these parties fails to perform its obligations under the relevant agreement to which it is a party, the realisable value of the Cover Pool or any part thereof or pending such realisation (if the Cover Pool or any part thereof cannot be sold) the ability of the Guarantor to make payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee may be affected. For instance, if the Master Servicer or any Sub-Servicer has failed to administer the Mortgage Loans adequately, this may lead to higher incidences of non-payment or default by Debtors. The Guarantor is also reliant on the Swap Providers to provide it with the funds matching its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee, as described in the following two investment considerations.

If a Master Servicer Termination Event occurs pursuant to the terms of the Master Servicing Agreement, then the Guarantor and/or the Representative of the Covered Bondholders will be entitled to terminate the appointment of the Master Servicer and, automatically, of any Sub-Servicer and appoint a new master servicer in its place. There can be no assurance that a substitute master servicer with sufficient experience of administering mortgages of residential properties would be found who would be willing and able to service the Mortgage Loans on the terms of the Master Servicing Agreement. The ability of a substitute master servicer to perform fully the required services would depend, among other things, on the information, software and records available at the time of the appointment. Any delay or inability to appoint a substitute master servicer may affect the realisable value of the Cover Pool or any part thereof, and/or the ability of the Guarantor to make payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee.

Neither the Master Servicer nor any Sub-Servicer has any obligation to advance payments if the Debtors fail to make any payments in a timely fashion. Covered Bondholders will have no right to consent to or approve of any actions taken by the Master Servicer or any other Sub-Servicer under the Master Servicing Agreement.

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders is not obliged in any circumstances to act as the Master Servicer or any Sub-Servicer or to monitor the performance by the Master Servicer or any Sub-Servicer of their obligations.

# Reliance on Swap Providers

To hedge against possible variations in the performance of the indexations in the Portfolio and EURIBOR with a certain designated maturity, the Guarantor may enter into one or more Asset Swap Agreements with one or more Asset Swap Providers. In addition, to mitigate against interest rate, basis risk, currency and/or other risks in respect of each Series of Covered Bonds issued under the Programme, the Guarantor is expected to enter into one or more Liability Swap Agreements with one or more Liability Swap Providers in respect of each Series.

If the Guarantor fails to make timely payments of amounts due under any Swap Agreement, then it will (unless otherwise stated in the relevant Swap Agreement) have defaulted under that Swap Agreement. A Swap Provider, unless otherwise stated in the relevant Swap Agreement, is only obliged to make payments to the Guarantor as long as the Guarantor complies with its payment obligations under the relevant Swap Agreement.

In circumstances where non-payment by the Guarantor under a Swap Agreement does not result in a default under that Swap Agreement, the Swap Provider may be obliged to make payments to the Guarantor pursuant to the Swap Agreement as if payment had been made by the Guarantor. Any amount not paid by the Guarantor to a Swap Provider may in such circumstances incur additional amounts of interest by the Guarantor.

If the Swap Provider is not obliged to make payments or if it defaults in its obligations to make payments of amounts in the relevant currency equal to the full amount to be paid to the Guarantor on the payment date under the Swap Agreements, the Guarantor may be exposed to changes in the relevant currency exchange rates to Euro and to any changes in the relevant rates of interest. In addition, subject to the then current ratings of the Covered Bonds not being adversely affected, the Guarantor may hedge only part of the possible risk and, in such circumstances, may have insufficient funds to make payments under the Covered Bonds or the Covered Bond Guarantee.

If a Swap Agreement terminates, then the Guarantor may be obliged to make a termination payment to the relevant Swap Provider. There can be no assurance that the Guarantor will have sufficient funds available to make such termination payment, nor can there be any assurance that the Guarantor will be able to enter into a replacement swap agreement with an adequately rated counterparty, or if one is entered into, that the credit rating of such replacement swap provider will be sufficiently high to prevent a downgrade of the then current ratings of the Covered Bonds by the Rating Agencies. In addition the Swap Agreements may provide that notwithstanding the downgrading of a Swap Provider and the failure by such Swap Provider to take the remedial action set out in the relevant Swap Agreement, the Guarantor may not terminate the Swap Agreement until a replacement swap provider has been found.

If the Guarantor is obliged to pay a termination payment under any Swap Agreement, such termination payment will, following the service of an Issuer Default Notice, rank pari passu and pro rata with amounts due to Covered Bondholders under the Covered Bond Guarantee.

Following the service of an Issuer Default Notice, payments by the Guarantor under the Liability Swap Agreements and Asset Swap Agreements (if any), including any termination payment due and payable by the Guarantor except where the relevant Swap Provider is the Defaulting party or the Affected Party, will rank pari passu and pro rata to amounts due on the Covered Bonds under the Covered Bond Guarantee. Accordingly, the obligation to pay a termination payment may adversely affect the ability of the Guarantor to meet its respective obligations under the Covered Bonds or the Covered Bond Guarantee.

#### Differences in timings of obligations under the Liability Swaps

With respect to any Liability Swap Agreements, it is expected that the Guarantor will pay to the relevant Liability Swap Provider, on each Guarantor Payment Date a fixed rate or a floating rate option such as, for Series of Covered Bonds denominated in Euro, a floating rate linked to EURIBOR. A Liability Swap Provider is expected to make corresponding swap payments to the Guarantor on the Interest Payment Date of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds, which could be monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual.

Due to the mis-match in timing of payments under the Liability Swap Agreements, on any Guarantor Payment Date, the Guarantor will be required to make a payment to the Liability Swap Provider without reciprocal receipt of a payment from the Liability Swap Provider and therefore there can be no netting of payments except and to the extent the date on which the Liability Swap Provider is required to make a payment to the Guarantor is also a Guarantor Payment Date.

## No gross up on withholding tax

In respect of payments made by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee, to the extent that the Guarantor is required by law to withhold or deduct any present or future taxes of any kind imposed or levied by or on behalf of the Republic of Italy from such payments, the Guarantor will not be under an obligation to pay any additional amounts to Covered Bondholders, irrespective of whether such withholding or deduction arises from existing legislation or its application or interpretation as at the relevant Issue Date or from changes in such legislation, application or official interpretation after the Issue Date.

#### Limited description of the Cover Pool

Covered Bondholders will not receive detailed statistics or information in relation to the Mortgage Loans in the Cover Pool, because it is expected that the constitution of the Cover Pool will frequently change due to, for instance:

- the Sellers selling further Mortgage Loans (or types of loans, which are of a type that have not previously been comprised in the relevant Portfolio transferred to the Guarantor); and
- the Sellers repurchasing Mortgage Loans in accordance with the Master Loans Purchase Agreement.

However, each Mortgage Loan will be required to meet the Eligibility Criteria (see "Description of the Cover Pool — Eligibility Criteria") and will be subject to the representations and warranties set out in the Warranty and Indemnity Agreement — see "Overview of the Transaction Documents — Warranty and Indemnity Agreement". In addition, the Nominal Value Test is intended to ensure that the aggregate Outstanding Principal Balance of the Cover Pool is at least equal to the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds for so long as Covered Bonds remain outstanding and the Calculation Agent will provide monthly reports that will set out certain information in relation to the Statutory Tests.

#### Sale of Eligible Assets following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default

If an Issuer Default Notice is served on the Issuer and the Guarantor, then the Guarantor will be obliged to sell Eligible Assets (selected on a random basis) in order to make payments to the Guarantor's creditors including making payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee, see "Overview of the Transaction Documents" – "Cover Pool Management Agreement".

There is no guarantee that a buyer will be found to acquire Eligible Assets at the times required and there can be no guarantee or assurance as to the price which can be obtained for such Eligible Assets, which may affect payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee. However, the Eligible Assets may not be sold by the Guarantor for less than an amount equal to the Required Outstanding Principal Balance Amount for the relevant Series of Covered Bonds until six months prior to the Maturity Date in respect of such Covered Bonds or (if the same is specified as applicable in the relevant Final Terms) the Extended Maturity Date under the Covered Bond Guarantee in respect of such Covered Bonds. In the six months prior to, as applicable, the Maturity Date or Extended Maturity Date, the Guarantor is obliged to sell the Selected Loans for the best price reasonably available notwithstanding that such price may be less than the Required Outstanding Principal Balance Amount.

#### Realisation of assets following the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default

If a Guarantor Event of Default occurs and a Guarantor Default Notice is served on the Guarantor, then the Representative of the Covered Bondholders will be entitled to enforce the Covered Bond Guarantee and to apply the proceeds deriving from the realisation of the Cover Pool towards payment of all secured obligations in accordance with the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments, as described in the section entitled "Cashflows" below.

There is no guarantee that the proceeds of realisation of the Cover Pool will be in an amount sufficient to repay all amounts due to creditors (including the Covered Bondholders) under the Covered Bonds and the Transaction Documents. If a Guarantor Default Notice is served on the Guarantor then the Covered Bonds may be repaid sooner or later than expected or not at all.

# Factors that may affect the realisable value of the Cover Pool or the ability of the Guarantor to make payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee

Following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the service of an Issuer Default Notice on the Issuer and on the Guarantor, the realisable value of Eligible Assets comprised in the Cover Pool may be reduced (which may affect the ability of the Guarantor to make payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee) by:

- default by Debtors of amounts due on their Mortgage Loans;
- changes to the lending criteria of the Sellers;
- set-off risks in relation to some types of Mortgage Loans in the Cover Pool;
- limited recourse to the Sellers;
- possible regulatory changes by the Bank of Italy, CONSOB or other regulatory authorities; and
- regulations in Italy that could lead to some terms of the Mortgage Loans being unenforceable.

Each of these factors is considered in more detail below. However, it should be noted that the Statutory Tests, the Amortisation Test and the Eligibility Criteria are intended to ensure that there will be an adequate amount of Mortgage Loans in the Cover Pool and moneys standing to the credit of the Accounts to enable the Guarantor to repay the Covered Bonds following an Issuer Event of Default, service of an Issuer Default Notice on the Issuer and on the Guarantor and accordingly it is expected (although there is no assurance) that Eligible Assets and Top-Up Assets could be realised for sufficient prices to enable the Guarantor to meet its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee.

#### Default by Debtors in paying amounts due on their Mortgage Loans

Debtors may default on their obligations due under the Mortgage Loans for a variety of reasons. The Mortgage Loans 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 Debtors' individual, personal or financial circumstances may affect the ability of Debtors to repay the Mortgage Loans. Loss of earnings, illness, divorce and other similar factors may lead to an increase in default by and bankruptcies of Debtors, and could ultimately have an adverse impact on the ability of Debtors to repay the Mortgage Loans. In addition, the ability of a borrower to sell a property given as security for Mortgage Loan at a price sufficient to repay the amounts outstanding under that Mortgage Loan 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.

#### Changes to the lending criteria of the Sellers

Each of the Mortgage Loans originated by the Sellers will have been originated in accordance with its lending criteria at the time of origination. Each of the Mortgage Loans sold to the Guarantor by the Sellers, but originated by a person other than a Seller (an "**Originator**"), will have been originated in accordance with the lending criteria of such Originator at the time of origination. It is expected that the relevant Seller's or the relevant Originator's, as the case may be, lending criteria will generally consider type of property, term of loan, age of applicant, the loan-to-value ratio, mortgage indemnity guarantee policies, high loan-to-value fees, status of applicants and credit history. In the event of the

sale or transfer of any Mortgage Loans to the Guarantor, the Sellers will warrant that (a) such Mortgage Loans as were originated by it were originated in accordance with the Seller's lending criteria applicable at the time of origination and (b) such Mortgage Loans as were originated by an Originator, were originated in accordance with the relevant Originator's lending criteria applicable at the time of origination. The Sellers retain the right to revise their lending criteria from time to time subject to the terms of the Master Loans Purchase Agreement. An Originator may additionally revise its lending criteria at any time. However, if such lending criteria change in a manner that affects the creditworthiness of the Mortgage Loans, that may lead to increased defaults by Debtors and may affect the realisable value of the Cover Pool and the ability of the Guarantor to make payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee. However, it should be noted that Defaulted Loans in the Cover Pool will be given a reduced weighting for the purposes of the calculation of the Statutory Tests and the Amortisation Test.

# Legal risks relating to the Mortgage Loans

The ability of the Guarantor to recover payments of interest and principal from the Mortgage Loans is subject to a number of legal risks. These include the risks set out below.

## Set-off risks

The assignment of receivables under the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law is governed by article 58, paragraph 2, 3 and 4, of the Consolidated Banking Act. According to the prevailing interpretation of such provision, such assignment becomes enforceable against the relevant debtors as of the later of (i) the date of the publication of the notice of assignment in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Italy (*La Gazzetta Ufficiale della Repubblica Italiana*), and (ii) the date of registration of the notice of assignment in the local Companies' Registry. Consequently, the rights of the Guarantor may be subject to the direct rights of the Debtors against the Seller or, as applicable the relevant Originator, including rights of set-off on claims arising existing prior to notification in the Official Gazette and registration at the local Companies' Registry. In addition, the exercise of set-off rights by Debtors may adversely affect any sale proceeds of the Cover Pool and, ultimately, the ability of the Guarantor to make payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee. In this respect, it should be noted that the Issuer has undertaken, upon occurrence of an Issuer Downgrading Event, to notify on a quarterly basis the Rating Agencies of the Potential Set-Off Amount.

#### Usury Law

Italian Law number 108 of 7 March 1996, as amended by law decree number 70 of 13 May 2011 (the "Usury Law") introduced legislation preventing lenders from applying interest rates equal to or higher than rates (the "Usury Rates") set every three months on the basis of a Decree issued by the Italian Treasury. In addition, even where the applicable Usury Rates are not exceeded, interest and other advantages and/or remuneration may be held to be usurious if: (i) they are disproportionate to the amount lent (taking into account the specific circumstances of the transaction and the average rate usually applied for similar transactions) and (ii) the person who paid or agreed to pay was in financial and economic difficulties. The provision of usurious interest, advantages or remuneration has the same consequences as non-compliance with the Usury Rates. In certain judgements issued during 2000, the Italian Supreme Court (*Corte di Cassazione*) ruled that the Usury Law applied both to loans advanced prior to and after the entry into force of the Usury Law.

On 29 December 2000, the Italian Government issued law decree No. 394 (the "**Decree 394**), converted into law by the Italian Parliament on 28 February 2001, which clarified the uncertainty about the interpretation of the Usury Law and provided, *inter alia*, that interest will be deemed to be usurious only if the interest rate agreed by the parties exceeded the Usury Rates at the time when the loan agreement or any other credit facility was entered into or the interest rate was agreed. The Decree 394, as interpreted by the Italian Constitutional Court by decision No. 29 of 14 February 2002, also provided that as an extraordinary measure due to the exceptional fall in interest rates in 1998 and 1999, interest rates due on instalments payable after 31 December 2000 on fixed rate loans (other than

subsidised loans) already entered into on the date such decree came into force (such date being 31 December 2000) are to be substituted, except where the parties have agreed to more favourable terms, with a lower interest rate set in accordance with parameters fixed by such decree by reference to the average gross yield of multiannual treasury bonds (*Buoni Tesoro Poliennali*) in the period from January 1986 to October 2000.

According to recent court precedents of the Italian Supreme Court (*Corte di Cassazione*), the remuneration of any given financing must be below the applicable Usury Rate from time to time applicable. Based on this recent evolution of case law on the matter, it will constitute a breach of the Usury Law if the remuneration of a financing is lower than the applicable Usury Rate at the time the terms of the financing were agreed but becomes higher than the applicable Usury Rate at any point in time thereafter. Furthermore, those court precedents have also stated that default interest rates are relevant and must be taken into account when calculating the aggregate remuneration of any given financing for the purposes of determining its compliance with the applicable Usury Rate. That interpretation is in contradiction with the current methodology for determining the Usury Rates, considering that the relevant surveys aimed at calculating the applicable average rate never took into account the default interest rates. On 3 July 2013, also the Bank of Italy has confirmed in an official document that default interest rates should be taken into account for the purposes of the Statutory Usury Rates and has acknowledged that there is a discrepancy between the methods utilised to determine the remuneration of any given financing (which must include default rates) and the applicable Statutory Usury Rates against which the former must be compared.

## Compound interest

Pursuant to article 1283 of the Italian Civil Code, in respect of a monetary claim or receivable, accrued interest may be capitalised after a period of not less than six months or from the date when any legal proceedings are commenced in respect of that monetary claim or receivable. Article 1283 of the Italian Civil Code allows derogation from this provision in the event that there are recognised customary practices to the contrary. Banks and other financial institutions in the Republic of Italy have traditionally capitalised accrued interest on a quarterly basis on the grounds that such practice could be characterised as a customary practice. However, a number of recent judgements from Italian courts (including judgements from the Italian Supreme Court (*Corte di Cassazione*) have held that such practices may not be defined as customary practices. Consequently if Debtors were to challenge this practice, it is possible that such interpretation of the Italian Civil Code would be upheld before other courts in the Republic of Italy and that the returns generated from the relevant Mortgage Loans may be prejudiced.

In this respect, it should be noted that Article 25, paragraph 3, of legislative decree No. 342 of 4 August 1999 ("**Decree No. 342**"), enacted by the Italian Government under a delegation granted pursuant to law No. 142 of 19 February 1992, has considered the capitalisation of accrued interest (*anatocismo*) made by banks prior to the date on which it came into force (19 October 1999) to be valid. After such date, the capitalisation of accrued interest is no longer possible upon the terms established by a resolution of the CICR issued on 22 February 2000. Law No. 342 has been challenged and decision No. 425 of 17 October 2000 of the Italian Constitutional Court has declared as unconstitutional under the provisions of Law No. 342 regarding the validity of the capitalisation of accrued interest made by banks prior to the date on which Law No. 342 came into force.

Recently, article 1, paragraph 629 of law No. 147 of 27 December 2013 (so called, "Legge di Stabilità 2014") amended article 120, paragraph 2, of the Consolidated Banking Act, providing that interests shall not accrue on capitalised interests. However, given the novelty of this new legislation and the absence of any jurisprudential interpretation, the impact of such new legislation may not be predicted as at the date of this Prospectus.

# Law no. 3 of 27 January 2012

Law no. 3 of 27 January 2012, published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Italy no. 24 of 30 January 2012 (the "Over Indebtedness Law") has become effective as of 29 February 2012 and introduced a new procedure, by means of which, *inter alia*, debtors who: (i) are in a state of over indebtedness (*sovraindebitamento*), and (ii) cannot be subject to bankruptcy proceedings or other insolvency proceedings pursuant to the Italian Bankruptcy Law, may request to enter into a debt restructuring agreement (*accordo di ristrutturazione*) with their respective creditors, provided that, in respect of future proceedings, the relevant debtor has not made recourse to the debt restructuring procedure enacted by the Over Indebtedness Law during the preceding 5 years.

The Over Indebtedness Law provides that the relevant debt restructuring agreement, subject to the relevant court approval, shall entail, *inter alia*: (i) the renegotiation of payments' terms with the relevant creditors; (ii) the full payment of the secured creditors; (iii) the full payment of any other creditors which are not part of the debt restructuring agreement (provided that the payments due to any creditors which have not approved the debt restructuring agreement, including any secured creditors, may be suspended for up to one year); and (iv) the possibility to appoint a trustee for the administration and liquidation of the debtor's assets and the distribution to the creditors of the proceeds of the liquidation.

Should the debtors under the Portfolio enter into such debt restructuring agreement (be it with the Issuer or with any other of its creditors), the Issuer could be subject to the risk of having the payments due by the relevant debtor suspended for up one year.

### Mortgage borrower protection

Certain recent legislation enacted in Italy has given new rights and certain benefits to mortgage debtors and/or reinforced existing rights, including that described in the following paragraphs:

Article 120-ter of the Consolidated Banking Act

Article 120-ter of the Consolidated Banking Act provides that any provisions imposing a prepayments penalty in case of early redemption of mortgage loans is null and void with respect to loan agreements entered into, with an individual as borrower for the purpose of purchasing or restructuring real estate properties destined to residential purposes or to carry out the borrower's own professional or business activities.

The Italian banking association ("ABI") and the main national consumer associations have reached an agreement (the "Prepayment Penalty Agreement") regarding the equitable renegotiation of prepayment penalties with certain maximum limits calculated on the outstanding amount of the loans (the "Substitutive Prepayment Penalty") containing the following main provisions: (i) with respect to variable rate loan agreements, the Substitutive Prepayment Penalty should not exceed 0.50 per cent. and should be further reduced to (a) 0.20 per cent. in case of early redemption of the loan carried out within the third year from the final maturity date and (b) zero, in case of early redemption of the loan carried out within two years from the final maturity date, (ii) with respect to fixed rate loan agreements entered into before 1 January 2001, the Substitutive Prepayment Penalty should not exceed 0.50 per cent., and should be further reduced to: (a) 0.20 per cent., in case of early redemption of the loan carried out within the third year from the final maturity date; and (b) zero, in case of early redemption of the loan carried out within two years from the final maturity date, (iii) with respect to fixed rate loan agreements entered into after 31 December 2000, the Substitutive Prepayment Penalty should be equal to: (a) 1.90 per cent. if the relevant early redemption is carried out in the first half of loan's agreed

duration; (b) 1.50 per cent. if the relevant early redemption is carried out following the first half of loan's agreed duration, provided however that the Substitutive Prepayment Penalty should be further reduced to: (x) 0.20 per cent., in case of early redemption of the loan carried out within three years from the final maturity date; and (y) zero, in case of early redemption of the loan carried out within two years from the final maturity date.

The Prepayment Penalty Agreement introduces a further protection for borrowers under a "safeguard" equitable clause (the "Clausola di Salvaguardia") in relation to those loan agreements which already provide for a prepayment penalty in an amount which is compliant with the thresholds described above. In respect of such loans, the Clausola di Salvaguardia provides that: (1) if the relevant loan is either: (x) a variable rate loan agreement; or (y) a fixed rate loan agreement entered into before 1 January 2001; the amount of the relevant prepayment penalty shall be reduced by 0.20 per cent.; (2) if the relevant loan is a fixed rate loan agreement entered into after 31 December 2000, the amount of the relevant prepayment penalty shall be reduced by (x) 0.25 per cent. if the agreed amount of the prepayment penalty was equal or higher than 1.25 per cent.; or (y) 0.15 per cent., if the agreed amount of the prepayment penalty was lower than 1.25 per cent.

Finally the Prepayment Penalty Agreement sets out specific solutions with respect to hybrid rate loans which are meant to apply to the hybrid rates the provisions, as more appropriate, relating respectively to fixed rate and variable rate loans.

Prospective investors' attention is drawn to the fact that, as a result of the entry into force of the Prepayment Penalty Agreement, the rate of prepayment in respect of Receivables can be higher than the one traditionally experienced by the Sellers for mortgage loans and that the Guarantor may not be able to recover the prepayment fees in the amount originally agreed with the borrowers.

Article 120-quater of the Consolidated Banking Act

Article 120-quater of the Consolidated Banking Act provides that any borrower may at any time prepay the relevant loan funding such prepayment by a loan granted by another lender which will be subrogated pursuant to article 1202 of the Italian civil code (*surrogato per volontà del debitore*) in the rights of the former lender, including the mortgages (without any formalities for the annotation of the transfer with the land registry, which shall be requested by enclosing a certified copy of the deed of subrogation (*atto di surrogazione*) to be made in the form of a public deed (*atto pubblico*) or of a deed certified by a notary public with respect to the signature (*scrittura privata autenticata*) without prejudice to any benefits of a fiscal nature.

In the event that the subrogation is not completed within thirty days from the relevant request from the succeeding lender to the former lender to start the relevant cooperation procedures, the original lender shall pay to the borrower an amount equal to 1 per cent. of the amount of the loan for each month or part thereof of delay, provided that if the delay is due to the succeeding lender, the latter shall repay to the former lender the delay penalty paid by it to the borrower.

As a consequence of the above and, as a result of the subrogation, the rate of prepayment of the Receivables might materially increase.

Borrower's right to suspend payments under a mortgage loan

Pursuant to Article 2, paragraph 475 and ff. of Italian law number 244 of 24 December 2007 (the "2008 Budget Law") any borrower under a mortgage loan agreement executed for the purposes of acquiring a "first home" real estate property (*unità immobiliare da adibire ad abitazione principale*)

giving evidence of its incapability to pay any instalments falling due under a mortgage loan is entitled to suspend payment of any such instalments for no more than two times during the life of the relevant mortgage loan and for a maximum duration of 18 months (the "Borrower Payment Suspension Right"). Upon exercise of the Borrower Payment Suspension Right the duration of the relevant mortgage loan will be extended to a period equal to the duration of the relevant suspension period.

The 2008 Budget Law also provided for the establishment of a fund (so called "Fondo di solidarietà", the "Fund") created for the purpose of bearing certain costs deriving from the suspension of payments and refers to implementing regulation to be issued for the determination of: (i) the requirements that the borrowers must comply with in order to have the right to the aforementioned suspension and the subsequent aid of the Fund; and (ii) the formalities and operating procedures of the Fund.

On 21 June 2010, the Ministry of Treasury and Finance (*Ministro dell'economia e delle finanze*) adopted ministerial decree No. 132, as further amended by the decree of the Ministry of Treasury and Finance No. 37 of 22 February 2013, ("**Decree 132/2010**") detailing the requirements and formalities which any Borrower must comply with in order to exercise the Borrower Payment Suspension Right.

Pursuant to Decree 132/2010, the Ministry of Economy and Finance, on 27 October 2010, issued the guidelines (*Linee Guida*) (the "Guidelines") – published on the website *www.dt.tesoro.it* (for the avoidance of doubt, such website does not constitute part of this Prospectus) which establish the procedures that borrowers must follow in order to exercise the Borrower Payment Suspension Right.

As specified in the Guidelines, pursuant to the provision of Decree 132, the Borrower Payment Suspension Right can be granted also in favour of mortgage loans which have been subject to covered bonds transactions pursuant to the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law.

In light of the above, pursuant to the Decree of the General Director of Treasury Department of the Ministry of Economy and Finance issued on 14 September 2010, CONSAP (*Concessionaria Servizi Assicurativi S.p.A.*), was selected as managing company of the Fund. The request to access to the aid granted by the Fund must be presented by borrowers starting from 15 November 2010, by using the relevant form of suspension-request duly prepared in compliance with the Guidelines and accompanied by the relevant documentation indicated therein.

Any borrower who complies with the requirements set out in Decree 132 and the Guidelines, has the right to suspend the payment of the installments of its Receivables up to 18 months.

The agreement entered into on 18 December 2009 between the Italian Banking Association (Associazione Bancaria Italiana - ABI) and the Consumers Associations (Associazioni dei Consumatori) along with the relevant technical document attached therein adhered by the Issuer on 27 January 2010 (the "Piano Famiglie") provides for a 12-month period suspension of payment of instalments relating to mortgage loans, where requested by the relevant Debtor during the period from 1 February 2010 to 31 January 2013. The suspension is allowed only where the following events have occurred: (i) termination of employment relationship; (ii) termination of employment relationships regulated under Article 409 No. 3 of the Italian civil procedure code; (iii) death or the occurrence of conditions pertaining to non-self sufficiency; and/or (iv) suspension from work or reduced working hours for a period of at least 30 days. The relevant events satisfying the subjective requirements must have occurred in respect of the relevant Debtor during the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2012. The suspension can be requested on one occasion only, provided that the mortgage loans are granted for amounts not exceeding €150,000, grantedfor the purchase, construction or renovation of a primary residence (mutui prima casa), including: (i) mortgage loans assigned under securitisation or

covered bond transactions pursuant to the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law, (ii) renegotiated mortgage loans and (iii) mortgage loans whereby the relevant lender was subrogated. Finally, in order to obtain such suspension of payments, the borrower shall have an income not exceeding €40,000 per year. The document clarifies that, in the context of a securitisation or covered bond transaction, the special purpose vehicle, or the Issuer acting on its behalf, can adhere to the Piano Famiglie. The suspension can be limited to principal instalments only or can encompass both principal and interest instalments.

On 31 January 2012 ABI and the consumers' associations entered into a convention (*Nuovo Accordo*) that provides that the suspension of payment of instalments relating to mortgage loans may be applied for by 31 July 2012. Such convention amended the following conditions to be met in order to benefit from the suspension: (i) the conditions to benefit from the Piano Famiglie must be met by 30 June 2012; and (ii) the in payment delays of instalments cannot exceed 90 days (instead of 180 days).

On 31 July 2012 ABI and the consumers' associations entered into a Protocollo d'intesa, amending the "Nuovo Accordo" above mentioned as follows:

- 1) the final term to apply for the suspension of payment has been postponed to the earlier between (i) the date on which regulations implementing the Art. 2, paragraph 475 and followings of Law number 244 of 24 December 2007 relating to the Fund (as defined in the paragraph below) will be issued, and (ii) 31 January 2013.
- 2) the final term to meet the conditions necessary to benefit from the suspention of payment has been postponed to the earlier between (i) the date on which regulations implementing the Art. 2, paragraph 475 and followings of Law number 244 of 24 December 2007 relating to the Fund (as defined above) will be issued, and (ii) 31 December 2012.

Furthermore, on 30 January 2013 ABI and the consumers' associations entered into a new Protocollo d'intesa amending the aforementioned conventions, which provided that the suspension of payment of instalments relating to mortgage loans may be applied for no later than 31 March 2013 and, in order to benefit from the suspension, (i) the conditions must be met by 28 February 2013 and (ii) the payment delays of instalments cannot exceed 90 days.

Moreover, pursuant to Article 8, paragraph 6, of Law Decree No. 70 of 13 May 2011, converted into law by law No. 106 of 12 July 2011 (the "**Decreto Sviluppo**"), subject to certain conditions and up to 31 December 2012, certain borrowers may achieve (i) a renegotiation of mortgage loans which may result in the amendment of the interest calculation method from floating rate to fixed rate and (ii) the extension of the applicable amortisation plan of the relevant mortgage loan for a period not longer than five years, provided that, as a result of such extension, the residual duration of the relevant mortgage loan does not exceed a period equal to 25 years.

Finally, on 31 March 2015 ABI and the consumers' associations, in accordance with the provisions of the Finance Act 2015, as defined below, entered into an agreement pursuant to which, within 31 December 2017, consumers who are in a situation of economic difficulties, as further specified by the agreement, may ask for the suspension of payment of instalments relating to mortgage loans having a maturity of at least 24 months, in accordance with the previous agreements reached between ABI and consumers associations.

Prospective investors' attention is drawn to the fact that the potential effects of the suspension schemes and the impact thereof on the amortisation and prepayment profile of the Cover Pool cannot be predicted by the Issuer as at the date of this Prospectus.

Renegotiations of floating rate Mortgage Loans

Law Decree No. 93 of 27 May 2008 ("Law Decree 93"), converted into law No. 126 of 24 July 2008 ("Law 126") which came into force on 29 May 2008, regulates the renegotiation of floating rate mortgage loans granted for the purposes of purchasing, building or refurbishing real estate assets used as main houses.

According to Law 126, the *Ministero dell'Economia e delle Finanze* (*Minister of Economy and Finance*) and the ABI entered into a convention providing for the procedures for the renegotiation of such floating rate mortgage loans (the "Convention").

The Convention applies to floating rate mortgage loan agreements entered into or taken over (accollati), also further to the parcelling (frazionamento) of the relevant mortgages, before 29 May 2008. Pursuant to the Convention, the instalments payable by a borrower under any of such mortgage loan agreements will be recalculated applying (a) a fixed interest rate (equal to the average of the floating rate interest rates applied under the relevant mortgage loan agreement during 2006) on the initial principal amount and for the original final maturity date of the relevant mortgage loan, or (b) if the mortgage loan has been entered into, renegotiated or taken over (accollato) after 31 December 2006, the parameters used for the calculation of the first instalment due after the date on which the mortgage loan has been entered into, renegotiated or taken over (accollato). The difference between the amount to be paid by the borrower as a result of such recalculation and the amount that the borrower would have paid on the basis of the original instalment plan will be (a) if negative, debited to a bank account on which interest will accrue in favour of the lender at the lower of (i) the rate equal to 10 (ten) IRS (interest rate swap) plus a spread of 0.50, and (ii) the rate applicable pursuant to the relevant mortgage loan, each of them calculated, in a fixed amount, on the renegotiation date, or (b) if positive, credited to such bank account. After the original final maturity date of the mortgage loan, the outstanding debt on the bank account will be repaid by the borrower through constant instalments equal to the ones resulting from the renegotiation, and the amortisation plan will be determined on the basis of the lower of (a) the rate applicable on the bank account, and (ii) the rate applicable pursuant to the relevant mortgage loan, as calculated, in a fixed amount, on the original final maturity date of the mortgage loan.

The legislation referred to in each subparagraph under section "Mortgage borrower protection" above constitutes an adverse effect on the Cover Pool and, in particular, on any cash flow projections concerning the Cover Pool as well as on the over-collateralisation required. However, as this legislation is relatively new, as at the date of this Prospectus, the Issuer is not in a position to predict its impact.

#### 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 (the "Mortgage Credit Directive") sets out a common framework for certain aspects of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning agreements covering credit for consumers secured by a mortgage or otherwise relating to residential immovable property. The Mortgage Credit Directive provides for, amongst other things:

- standard information in advertising, and standard pre-contractual information;
- adequate explanations to the borrower on the proposed credit agreement and any ancillary service;
- calculation of the annual percentage rate of charge in accordance with a prescribed formula;
- assessment of creditworthiness of the borrower;
- a right of the borrower to make early repayment of the credit agreement; and
- prudential and supervisory requirements for credit intermediaries and non-bank lenders.

The Mortgage Credit Directive came into effect on 20 March 2014 and is required to be implemented in Member States by 21 March 2016.

On 1 June 2015, in accordance with Article 18, Article 20(1) and Article 28 of the Mortgage Credit Directive, the EBA published its final Guidelines on creditworthiness assessment, as well as its final Guidelines on arrears and foreclosure, that support the national implementation by Member States of the Mortgage Credit Directive.

No assurance can be given that the final implementation of the Mortgage Credit Directive in the Republic of Italy will not adversely affect the ability of the Guarantor to make payments under the Covered Bond Guarantee.

#### INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

This Prospectus should be read and construed in conjunction with the following information, which has been previously published or filed with the Central Bank:

- (a) the audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer as at and for the year ended 31 December 2013 contained in the Issuer's Reports and Accounts 2013, together with the audit report thereon;
- (b) the audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer as at and for the year ended 31 December 2014 contained in the Issuer's Reports and Accounts 2014, together with the audit report thereon;
- (c) the unaudited consolidated Interim Financial Report of the Issuer as at and for the three months ended 31 March 2015;
- (d) the audited non-consolidated annual financial statements of the Guarantor as at and for the year ended 31 December 2013:
- (e) the audited non-consolidated annual financial statements of the Guarantor as at and for the year ended 31 December 2014; and
- (f) the Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds contained in the previous Prospectus dated 25 July 2014, pages 47-76 (inclusive) prepared by the Issuer in connection with the Programme.

Such information shall be incorporated into, and form part of, this Prospectus, save that any statement contained in information which is incorporated by reference herein shall be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise). Any statement so modified or superseded shall not, except as so modified or superseded, constitute a part of this Prospectus. Any document which is incorporated by reference into any of the documents listed under items (a) to (l) above shall not constitute a part of this Prospectus.

Copies of the Issuer's financial statements and of Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds contained in previous Prospectuses incorporated by reference into this Prospectus may be obtained from registered office of Issuer and the Issuer's website the (http://www.ubibanca.it/pagine/2015\_Financial\_Statements.aspx and http://www.ubibanca.it/pagine/Covered-Bond-Prospectus-Supplement-EN.aspx). Copies Guarantor's financial statements incorporated by reference into this Prospectus may be obtained from the website of the Irish Stock Exchange (http://www.ise.ie/Market-Data-Announcements/Debt/Individual-Debt-Instrument-Data/Dept-Security-Documents/?progID=770&FIELDSORT=fileDate). The audited consolidated financial statements referred to above, together with the audit reports thereon, are available both in the original Italian and in English. The English language versions represent a direct translation from the Italian language documents.

To the extent that any document incorporated by reference in this Prospectus incorporates further information by reference, such further information does not form part of this Prospectus.

Any part of the documents listed under items (a) to (l) above not listed in cross reference list below but contained in such documents, is not incorporated by reference in this Prospectus and is either not relevant for the investor or it is covered elsewhere in this Prospectus.

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# Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds contained in previous Prospectuses

Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds contained in the previous Prospectus dated 25 July 2014

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# SUPPLEMENTS, FINAL TERMS AND FURTHER PROSPECTUSES

The Issuer and the Guarantor have undertaken that, for the duration of the Programme, if at any time there is a significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to the Programme which is capable of affecting the assessment of the Covered Bonds, it shall prepare a supplement to this Prospectus or, as the case may be, publish a replacement Prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent offering of the Covered Bonds and shall supply to each Dealer any number of copies of such supplement as a Dealer may reasonably request.

In addition, the Issuer and the Guarantor may agree with the Dealer to issue Covered Bonds in a form not contemplated in the section entitled "Form of Final Terms". To the extent that the information relating to that Tranche of Covered Bonds constitutes a significant new factor in relation to the information contained in this Prospectus, a separate prospectus specific to such Tranche (a "**Drawdown Prospectus**") will be made available and will contain such information.

The terms and conditions applicable to any particular Tranche of Covered Bonds will be the conditions set out in the section entitled "*Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds*", as completed to the extent described in the relevant Final Terms.

Any Drawdown Prospectus containing the necessary information relating to the Issuer and the Guarantor and/or the relevant Covered Bonds, shall be read in conjunction with this Prospectus.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE COVERED BONDS

The following is the text of the terms and conditions of the Covered Bonds (the "Conditions" and, each of them, a "Condition"). For avoidance of doubt, the following Conditions do not apply to the Covered Bonds issued in registered form and the N Covered Bonds. In these Conditions, references to the "holder" of Covered Bonds and to the "Covered Bondholders" are to the ultimate owners of the Covered Bonds, dematerialised and evidenced by book entries with Monte Titoli in accordance with the provisions of (i) Article 83-bis of Italian Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998 and (ii) the joint regulation of CONSOB and the Bank of Italy dated 22 February 2008 and published in the Official Gazette No. 54 of 4 March 2008, as subsequently amended and supplemented from time to time.

The Covered Bondholders are deemed to have notice of and are bound by, and shall have the benefit of, inter alia, the terms of the Rules of the Organisation of Covered Bondholders attached to, and forming part of, these Conditions. In addition, the applicable Final Terms in relation to any Tranche of Covered Bonds will complete the Conditions for the purpose of such Tranche.

In relation to N Covered Bonds, the terms and conditions of such Series of N Covered Bonds will be as set out in the N Covered Bond (and the relevant terms and conditions of the N Covered Bonds (the "N Covered Bond Conditions") attached thereto) together with the N Covered Bond Agreement relating to such N Covered Bond. Any reference to a "N Covered Bond Condition" other than in this section shall be deemed to be, as applicable, a reference to the relevant provision of the N Covered Bond, the N Covered Bond Conditions attached thereto or the provisions of the N Covered Bond Agreement relating to such N Covered Bonds.

Any reference to the Conditions or a Condition shall be a reference to the Conditions and/or the N Covered Bond Conditions and/or the terms and conditions of the Covered Bonds issued in registered form as the context may require. Any reference to the Covered Bondholders shall be referred to the Holders of the Covered Bonds and/or the registered holder for the time being of a N Covered Bond or a Covered Bond issued in registered form as the context may require. The term "holder", in respect of N Covered Bonds or Covered Bonds issued in registered form, means the ultimate registered owner of such N Covered Bonds and/or such Covered Bond issued in registered form as set out in the Register.

Any reference to the Covered Bonds will be construed as to including the Covered Bonds issued under the Conditions and/or the N Covered Bonds and/or the Covered Bonds issued in registered form as the context may require. Any reference to the Principal Paying Agent will be construed as to including the Registered Paying Agent as the context may require.

#### 1. **Introduction**

#### (a) **Programme**

Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A. (the "Issuer") has established a Covered Bond Programme (the "Programme") for the issuance of up to Euro 15,000,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of covered bonds (the "Covered Bonds") guaranteed by UBI Finance S.r.l. (the "Guarantor"). Covered Bonds are issued pursuant to Article 7-bis of Law No. 130 of 30 April 1999 (as amended, the "Securitisation and Covered Bond Law"), Ministerial Decree No. 310 of the Ministry for the Economy and Finance of 14 December 2006 ("Decree No. 310") and the supervisory instructions of the Bank of Italy relating to covered bonds under Part III, Chapter 3, of circular No. 285 of 17 December 2013, containing the "Disposizioni di vigilanza per le banche" as further implemented and amended (the "Bank of Italy Regulations").

# (b) Final Terms

Covered Bonds are issued in series (each a "Series") and each Series may comprise one or more tranches (each a "Tranche") of Covered Bonds. Each Tranche is the subject of final terms (the "Final Terms") which completes these terms and conditions (the "Conditions").

The terms and conditions applicable to any particular Tranche of Covered Bonds are these Conditions as completed by the relevant Final Terms.

#### (c) Covered Bond Guarantee

Each Series of Covered Bonds is the subject of a guarantee dated 30 July 2008 (the "Covered Bond Guarantee") entered into by the Guarantor for the purpose of guaranteeing the payments due from the Issuer in respect of the Covered Bonds of all Series issued under the Programme and to the Other Issuer's Creditors. The Covered Bond Guarantee will be collateralised by a cover pool constituted by certain assets assigned from time to time to the Guarantor pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement (as defined below) and in accordance with the provisions of the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law, Decree No. 310 and the Bank of Italy Regulations.

## (d) Programme Agreement and Subscription Agreement

In respect of each Tranche of Covered Bonds issued under the Programme, the Relevant Dealer(s) (as defined below) has or have agreed to subscribe for the Covered Bonds and pay the Issuer the issue price specified in the Final Terms for the Covered Bonds on the Issue Date under the terms of a programme agreement dated 30 July 2008 (the "**Programme Agreement**") between the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Sellers, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders and the dealer(s) named therein (the "**Dealers**"), as supplemented (if applicable) by a subscription agreement entered into between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Relevant Dealer(s) (as defined below) on or around the date of the relevant Final Terms (the "**Subscription Agreement**"). In the Programme Agreement, the Dealers have appointed BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited as representative of the Covered Bondholders (in such capacity, the "**Representative of the Covered Bondholders**"), as described in Condition 14 (*Representative of the Covered Bondholders*) and pursuant to the Intercreditor Agreement (as defined below), the Programme Agreement and the relevant Final Terms of each Series of Covered Bonds.

# (e) Monte Titoli Mandate Agreement

In a mandate agreement with Monte Titoli S.p.A. ("Monte Titoli") (the "Monte Titoli Mandate Agreement"), Monte Titoli has agreed to provide the Issuer with certain depository and administration services in relation to the Covered Bonds.

#### (f) Master Definitions Agreement

In a master definitions agreement dated 30 July 2008 (the "Master Definitions Agreement") between certain of the parties to each of the Transaction Documents (as defined below), the definitions of certain terms used in the Transaction Documents have been agreed.

#### (g) The Covered Bonds

Except where stated otherwise, all subsequent references in these Conditions to "Covered Bonds" are to the Covered Bonds which are the subject of the relevant Final Terms, but all references to "each Series of Covered Bonds" are to (i) the Covered Bonds which are the subject of the relevant Final Terms and (ii) each other Tranche of Covered Bonds issued under the Programme which remains outstanding from time to time.

# (h) Rules of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders

The Rules of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders are attached to, and form an integral part of, these Conditions. References in these Conditions to the "Rules of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders" include such rules as from time to time modified in accordance with

the provisions contained therein and any agreement or other document expressed to be supplemental thereto.

#### (i) Summaries

Certain provisions of these Conditions are summaries of the Transaction Documents and are subject to their detailed provisions. Covered Bondholders are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by and are deemed to have notice of all the provisions of the Transaction Documents and the Rules of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders applicable to them. Copies of the Transaction Documents are available for inspection by the Covered Bondholders during normal business hours at the registered office of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders from time to time and, where applicable, at the Specified Offices of the Principal Paying Agent (as defined below).

## 2. **Definitions and Interpretation**

# (a) **Definitions**

Unless defined under Condition 1 (*Introduction*) above, in these Conditions the following expressions have the following meanings:

"Accrual Yield" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"**Additional Business Centre(s)** " means the city or cities specified as such in the relevant Final Terms;

"Additional Financial Centre(s) " means the city or cities specified as such in the relevant Final Terms;

"Amortisation Test" means the tests which will be carried out pursuant to the terms of the Cover Pool Management Agreement in order to ensure, *inter alia*, that, on each Calculation Date following the delivery of an Issuer Default Notice (but prior to the service of a Guarantor Default Notice), the Amortisation Test Aggregate Loan Amount will be in an amount at least equal to the aggregate Outstanding Principal Amount of each Series of Covered Bonds as calculated on the relevant date;

"Amortisation Test Aggregate Loan Amount" has the meaning given in clause 3.2 of the Cover Pool Management Agreement;

"Asset Monitor" means BDO Italia S.p.A., acting as such pursuant to the engagement letter entered into with the Issuer on or about 30 July 2008 and the Asset Monitoring Agreement;

"Asset Monitoring Agreement" means the asset monitoring agreement entered into on or about 30 July 2008 between, *inter alios*, the Asset Monitor and the Issuer;

"Asset Swap Agreements" means the swap agreements entered on or about each Transfer Date between the Guarantor and an asset swap provider;

"Asset Swap Provider" means any entity acting as asset swap provider to the Guarantor under an Asset Swap Agreement;

#### "Business Day" means:

(i) in relation to any sum payable in Euro, a TARGET 2 Settlement Day and a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments generally in each (if any) Additional Business Centre; and

(ii) in relation to any sum payable in a currency other than Euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments generally in London, in Dublin, in the Principal Financial Centre of the relevant currency and in each (if any) Additional Business Centre;

"Business Day Convention", in relation to any particular date, has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms and, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, may have different meanings in relation to different dates and, in this context, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

"Following Business Day Convention" means that the relevant date shall be postponed to the first following day that is a Business Day;

"Modified Following Business Day Convention" or "Modified Business Day Convention" means that the relevant date shall be postponed to the first following day that is a Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month in which case that date will be the first preceding day that is a Business Day;

"Preceding Business Day Convention" means that the relevant date shall be brought forward to the first preceding day that is a Business Day;

"FRN Convention", "Floating Rate Convention" or "Eurodollar Convention" means that each relevant date shall be the date which numerically corresponds to the preceding such date in the calendar month which is the number of months specified in the relevant Final Terms as the Specified Period after the calendar month in which the preceding such date occurred *provided*, *however*, *that*:

- (A) if there is no such numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which any such date should occur, then such date will be the last day which is a Business Day in that calendar month:
- (B) if any such date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then such date will be the first following day which is a Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month, in which case it will be the first preceding day which is a Business Day; and
- (C) if the preceding such date occurred on the last day in a calendar month which was a Business Day, then all subsequent such dates will be the last day which is a Business Day in the calendar month which is the specified number of months after the calendar month in which the preceding such date occurred; and

"No Adjustment" means that the relevant date shall not be adjusted in accordance with any Business Day Convention;

"Calculation Agent" means Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A., acting as such pursuant to the Cash Allocation Management and Payments Agreement;

"Calculation Amount" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Calculation Date" means the third day of each month (or, if such day is not a Business Day, then the immediately preceding Business Day);

"Calculation Period" means each monthly period starting on a Calculation Date (excluded) and ending on the following Calculation Date (included);

"Cash Allocation Management and Payments Agreement" means the cash allocation management and payments agreement entered into on or about 30 July 2008 between, *inter alios*, the Guarantor, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, the Principal Paying

Agent, the Calculation Agent, the English Account Bank and the Italian Account Bank, as amended and restated from time to time;

"Clearstream" means Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, Luxembourg;

"CONSOB" means Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa;

"Consolidated Banking Act" means Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended from time to time;

"Corporate Services Agreement" means the corporate services agreement dated 30 July 2008 between the Guarantor Corporate Servicer and the Guarantor;

"Cover Pool Management Agreement" means the cover pool management agreement dated 30 July 2008 between the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Sellers, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, the Calculation Agent and the Asset Monitor;

"Covered Bond Calculation Agent" means the Principal Paying Agent or such other Person as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms as the party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and Interest Amount(s) and/or such other amount(s) as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms:

"Covered Bondholders" means the holders from time to time of Covered Bonds, title to which is evidenced in the manner described in Condition 3 (*Form, Denomination and Title*);

"Covered Bond Instalment Amount" means the principal amount of a Series of Covered Bonds to be redeemed on a Covered Bond Instalment Date as specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Covered Bond Instalment Date" means a date on which a principal instalment is due on a Series of Covered Bonds as specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Covered Bond Instalment Extension Determination Date" means, with respect to any Covered Bond Instalment Date, the date falling seven Business Days after such Covered Bond Instalment Date:

"Day Count Fraction" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount for any period of time (the "Calculation Period"), such day count fraction as may be specified in these Conditions or the relevant Final Terms and:

- (i) if "Actual/Actual (ICMA) " is so specified, means:
  - (A) where the Calculation Period is equal to or shorter than the Regular Period during which it falls, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by the product of (1) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (2) the number of Regular Periods in any year; and
  - (B) where the Calculation Period is longer than one Regular Period, the sum of:
    - (1) the actual number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the Regular Period in which it begins divided by the product of (a) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (b) the number of Regular Periods in any year; and
    - (2) the actual number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the next Regular Period divided by the product of (a) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (b) the number of Regular Periods in any year;

- (ii) if "Actual/Actual (ISDA) " is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of the Calculation Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (iii) if "Actual/365 (Fixed) " is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365;
- (iv) if "**Actual/360**" is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360;
- (v) if "30/360" is so specified, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

Day Count Fraction = 
$$\frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1) + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1) + (D_2 - D_1)]}{360}$$

where:

- " $Y_1$ " is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls:
- "Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;
- " $\mathbf{M_1}$ " is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;
- "M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;
- " $\mathbf{D_1}$ " is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case  $\mathbf{D_1}$  will be 30; and
- "D<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31 and D<sub>1</sub> is greater than 29, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30;
- (vi) if "30E/360" or "Eurobond Basis" is so specified, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

Day Count Fraction = 
$$\frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1) + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1) + (D_2 - D_1)]}{360}$$

where:

- "Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;
- "Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;
- "M<sub>1</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls:

"D<sub>1</sub>" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

"D<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30; and

(vii) if "30E/360 (ISDA)" is so specified, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

Day Count Fraction = 
$$\frac{[360 \times (Y_2 - Y_1) + [30 \times (M_2 - M_1) + (D_2 - D_1)]}{360}$$

where:

" $Y_1$ " is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

" $M_1$ " is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

" $\mathbf{M_2}$ " is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

" $\mathbf{D_1}$ " is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case  $\mathbf{D_1}$  will be 30; and

"D<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation 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<sub>2</sub> will be 30,

provided, however, that in each such case the number of days in the Calculation Period is calculated from and including the first day of the Calculation Period to but excluding the last day of the Calculation Period;

"**Decree 239**" means Italian Legislative Decree number 239 of 1 April 1996, as amended and supplemented from time to time;

"Deed of Charge" means the English law deed of charge entered into between the Guarantor and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders (acting on behalf of the Covered Bondholders and the Other Creditors) on 8 November 2011 in order to charge the rights arising under the English Accounts, the Swap Collateral Accounts, the English Account Bank Agreement and the Custody Agreement in favour of the Covered Bondholders and the Other Creditors;

"**Deed of Pledge**" means the Italian law deed of pledge entered into on 30 July 2008 between the Guarantor and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders (acting on behalf of the Covered Bondholders and the Other Creditors);

"Early Redemption Amount (Tax)" means, in respect of any Series of Covered Bonds, the principal amount of such Series;

"Early Termination Amount" means, in respect of any Series of Covered Bonds, the principal amount of such Series:

"English Account Bank" means The Bank of New York Mellon, London Branch, acting in its capacity as English account bank pursuant to the English Account Bank Agreement or any such other depository institution as may be appointed in accordance with such English Account Bank Agreement;

"English Account Bank Agreement" means the English Account Bank agreement entered on 8 November 2011 between, *inter alios*, the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Sellers, the Italian Account Bank, the English Account Bank and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders;

"Euroclear" means Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V.;

"Extended Instalment Date" means the date on which a principal instalment in relation to a Series of Covered Bonds becomes due and payable pursuant to the extension of the relevant Covered Bond Instalment Date as specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Extended Maturity Date" means, in relation to any Series of Covered Bonds, the date if any specified as such in the relevant Final Terms to which the payment of all or (as applicable) part of the Final Redemption Amount payable on the Maturity Date will be deferred pursuant to Condition 9(b) (Extension of maturity).

"Extension Determination Date" means, with respect to any Series of Covered Bonds, the date falling seven Business Days after (and including) the Maturity Date of such Series of Covered Bonds;

"Extraordinary Resolution" has the meaning given in the Rules of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders attached to these Conditions;

"Final Redemption Amount" means, in respect of any Series of Covered Bonds, the principal amount of such Series:

"First Interest Payment Date" means the date specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Fixed Coupon Amount" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Guaranteed Amounts" means the amounts due from time to time from the Issuer to (i) the Covered Bondholders with respect to each Series of Covered Bonds (excluding any additional amounts payable to the Covered Bondholders under Condition 11(a) (*Gross-up by Issuer*)) and (ii) the Other Issuer's Creditors pursuant to the relevant Transaction Documents;

"Guarantor Corporate Servicer" means TMF Management Italy S.p.A. as corporate servicer of the Guarantor;

"Guarantor Default Notice" means the notice to be delivered by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders to the Guarantor upon the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default;

"Guarantor Event of Default" has the meaning given to it in Condition 12(c) (Guarantor Events of Default);

"Guarantor Payment Date" means (a) prior to the delivery of a Guarantor Default Notice, the date falling on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of each month or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day; and (b) following the delivery of a Guarantor Default Notice, any day on which any payment is required to be made by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders in accordance with the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments, the relevant Final Terms and the Intercreditor Agreement;

"Insolvency Event" means, in respect of any company, entity, or corporation that:

- (i) such company, entity or corporation has become subject to any applicable bankruptcy, liquidation, administration, insolvency, composition with creditors or insolvent reorganisation (including, without limitation, "fallimento", "liquidazione coatta amministrativa", "concordato preventivo", "accordi di ristrutturazione" and (other than in respect of the Issuer) "amministrazione straordinaria", each such expression bearing the meaning ascribed to it by the laws of the Republic of Italy, and including the seeking of liquidation, winding-up, insolvent reorganisation, dissolution, administration) or similar proceedings or the whole or any substantial part of the undertaking or assets of such company, entity or corporation are subject to a pignoramento or any procedure having a similar effect (other than in the case of the Guarantor, any portfolio of assets purchased by the Guarantor for the purposes of further programme of issuance of Covered Bonds), unless in the opinion of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders (who may in this respect rely on the advice of a legal adviser selected by it), such proceedings are being disputed in good faith with a reasonable prospect of success; or
- (ii) an application for the commencement of any of the proceedings under (i) above is made in respect of or by such company or corporation or such proceedings are otherwise initiated against such company, entity or corporation and, in the opinion of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders (who may in this respect rely on the advice of a legal adviser selected by it), the commencement of such proceedings are not being disputed in good faith with a reasonable prospect of success; or
- (iii) such company, entity or corporation takes any action for a re-adjustment or deferment of any of its obligations or makes a general assignment or an arrangement or composition with or for the benefit of its creditors (other than, in case of the Guarantor, the creditors under the Transaction Documents) or is granted by a competent court a moratorium in respect of any of its indebtedness or any guarantee of any indebtedness given by it or applies for suspension of payments (other than, in respect of the Issuer, the issuance of a resolution pursuant to article 74 of the Consolidated Banking Act); or
- (iv) an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the winding-up, liquidation or dissolution in any form of such company, entity or corporation or any of the events under article 2484 of the Italian Civil Code occurs with respect to such company, entity or corporation (except in any such case a winding-up or other proceeding for the purposes of or pursuant to a solvent amalgamation, merger, corporate reorganization or reconstruction, the terms of which have been previously approved in writing by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders); or
- (v) such company, entity or corporation becomes subject to any proceedings equivalent or analogous to those above under the law of any jurisdiction in which such company or corporation is deemed to carry on business;

"**Intercreditor Agreement**" means the agreement entered into on or about 30 July 2008 between, *inter alios*, the Guarantor and the Other Creditors;

"Interest Amount" means, in relation to any Series of Covered Bonds and an Interest Period, the amount of interest payable in respect of that Series for that Interest Period;

"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;

"Interest Determination Date" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Interest Payment Date" means the First Interest Payment Date and any date or dates specified as such in, or determined in accordance with the provisions of, the relevant Final Terms and, if a Business Day Convention is specified in the relevant Final Terms:

- (i) as the same may be adjusted in accordance with the relevant Business Day Convention; or
- (ii) if the Business Day Convention is the FRN Convention, Floating Rate Convention or Eurodollar Convention and an interval of a number of calendar months is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being the Specified Period, each of such dates as may occur in accordance with the FRN Convention, Floating Rate Convention or Eurodollar Convention at such Specified Period of calendar months following the Interest Commencement Date (in the case of the first Interest Payment Date) or the previous Interest Payment Date (in any other case);

"Interest Period" means each period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date or any Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the next Interest Payment Date;

"ISDA Definitions" means the 2006 ISDA Definitions, as amended and updated as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Covered Bonds of the relevant Series (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.:

"Issue Date" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Issuer Default Notice" means the notice to be delivered by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders to the Issuer and the Guarantor upon the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default;

"Issuer Event of Default" has the meaning given to it in Condition 12(a) (Issuer Events of Default);

"Italian Account Bank" means Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A., in its capacity as Italian account bank pursuant to the Cash Allocation Management and Payments Agreement;

"Liability Swap Agreements" means the swap agreements entered on or about each Issue Date between the Guarantor and a liability swap provider;

"Liability Swap Provider" means any entity acting as liability swap provider to the Guarantor pursuant to a Liability Swap Agreement;

"Loans" means any Mortgage Loan (as defined in the Master Definitions Agreement) which is sold and assigned by each Seller to the Guarantor from time to time under the terms of the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement;

"Mandate Agreement" means the mandate agreement entered into on or about 30 July 2008 between the Representative of the Covered Bondholders and the Guarantor;

"Margin" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Master Loans Purchase Agreement" means each master loans purchase agreement entered into between the Guarantor and the relevant Seller;

"Master Servicer" means Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A. in its capacity as such pursuant to the Master Servicing Agreement;

"Master Servicing Agreement" means the agreement entered into on 30 June 2008 between the Guarantor, the Issuer, the Master Servicer and the Sub-Servicers;

"Maturity Date" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Maximum Redemption Amount" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Minimum Redemption Amount" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Monte Titoli Account Holders" means any authorised financial intermediary institution entitled to hold accounts on behalf of their customers with Monte Titoli (as *intermediari*) in accordance with Article 83-quater of Italian Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998 and includes any depository banks appointed by the Relevant Clearing System;

"Official Gazette" means La Gazzetta Ufficiale della Repubblica Italiana;

"Optional Redemption Amount (Call) " means, in respect of any Series of Covered Bonds, the principal amount of such Series;

"Optional Redemption Amount (Put) " means, in respect of any Series of Covered Bonds, the principal amount of such Series;

"Optional Redemption Date (Call) " has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Optional Redemption Date (Put) " has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Organisation of the Covered Bondholders" means the association of the Covered Bondholders, organised pursuant to the Rules of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders;

"Other Creditors" means the Sellers, the Master Servicer, the Sub-Servicers, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, the Calculation Agent, the Guarantor Corporate Servicer, the Principal Paying Agent, the Italian Account Bank, the English Account Bank, the Asset Monitor the Swap Providers, the Swap Collateral Account Bank, the Registered Paying Agent and the Registrar, and any other creditors which may, from time to time, be identified as such in the context of the Programme;

"Outstanding Principal Amount" means, on any date in respect of any Series of Covered Bonds or, where applicable, in respect of all Series of Covered Bonds:

- (i) the principal amount of such Series or, where applicable, all such Series upon issue; *minus*
- (ii) the aggregate amount of all principal which has been repaid prior to such date in respect of such Series or, where applicable, all such Series and, solely for the purposes of Title II (*Meetings of the Covered Bondholders*) of the Rules of the Organisation of Covered Bondholders, the principal amount of any Covered Bonds in such Series of (where applicable) all such Series held by, or by any Person for the benefit of, the Issuer or the Guarantor;

"Payment Business Day" means a day on which banks in the relevant Place of Payment are open for payment of amounts due in respect of debt securities and for dealings in foreign currencies and any day which is:

- (i) if the currency of payment is Euro, a TARGET Settlement Day 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, 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;

"**Person**" means any individual, company, corporation, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, organisation, state or agency of a state or other entity, whether or not having separate legal personality;

"Place of Payment" means, in respect of any Covered Bondholders, the place at which such Covered Bondholder receives payment of interest or principal on the Covered Bonds;

"**Principal Financial Centre**" means, in relation to any currency, the principal financial centre for that currency *provided*, *however*, *that*:

- (i) in relation to Euro, it means the principal financial centre of such Member State of the European Communities as is selected (in the case of a payment) by the payee or (in the case of a calculation) by the Covered Bond Calculation Agent; and
- (ii) in relation to Australian dollars, it means either Sydney or Melbourne and, in relation to New Zealand dollars, it means either Wellington or Auckland; in each case as is selected (in the case of a payment) by the payee or (in the case of a calculation) by the Covered Bond Calculation Agent;

"Principal Paying Agent" means The Bank of New York Mellon (Luxembourg) S.A., Italian Branch, acting in its capacity as Principal Paying Agent pursuant to the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement;

"Priority of Payments" means each of the Pre-Issuer Event of Default Interest Priority of Payments, the Pre-Issuer Event of Default Principal Priority of Payments, the Guarantee Priority of Payments and the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments, each as set out and defined in the Intercreditor Agreement;

"**Programme Resolution**" has the meaning given in the Rules of the Organisation of Covered Bondholders attached to these Conditions;

"Put Option Notice" means a notice in the form attached to the Cash Allocation Management and Payments Agreement which must be delivered to the Principal Paying Agent by any Covered Bondholder wanting to exercise a right to redeem Covered Bonds at the option of the Covered Bondholder;

"**Put Option Receipt**" means a receipt issued by the Principal Paying Agent to a depositing Covered Bondholder upon deposit of Covered Bonds with the Principal Paying Agent by any Covered Bondholder wanting to exercise a right to redeem Covered Bonds at the option of the Covered Bondholder;

"Quotaholders' Agreement" means the agreement entered into on or about 30 July 2008 between Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A., Stichting Mara as quotaholders of the Guarantor, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders and the Guarantor;

"Rate of Interest" means the rate or rates (expressed as a percentage per annum) of interest payable in respect of the Series of Covered Bonds specified in the relevant Final Terms or calculated or determined in accordance with the provisions of these Conditions and/or the relevant Final Terms;

"**Redemption Amount**" means, as appropriate, the Final Redemption Amount, the Early Redemption Amount (Tax), the Optional Redemption Amount (Call), the Optional Redemption Amount (Put), the Early Termination Amount;

"Reference Banks" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms or, if none, four major banks selected by the Covered Bond Calculation Agent in the market that is most closely connected with the Reference Rate;

"Reference Price" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Reference Rate" means Euribor or Libor, as determined in the relevant Final Terms;

# "Regular Period" means:

- (i) in the case of Covered Bonds where interest is scheduled to be paid only by means of regular payments, each period from and including the Interest Commencement Date to but excluding the first Interest Payment Date and each successive period from and including one Interest Payment Date to but excluding the next Interest Payment Date;
- (ii) in the case of Covered Bonds where, apart from the first Interest Period, interest is scheduled to be paid only by means of regular payments, each period from and including a Regular Date falling in any year to but excluding the next Regular Date, where "Regular Date" means the day and month (but not the year) on which any Interest Payment Date falls; and
- (iii) in the case of Covered Bonds where, apart from one Interest Period other than the first Interest Period, interest is scheduled to be paid only by means of regular payments, each period from and including a Regular Date falling in any year to but excluding the next Regular Date, where "Regular Date" means the day and month (but not the year) on which any Interest Payment Date falls other than the Interest Payment Date falling at the end of the irregular Interest Period;

"Relevant Clearing System" means Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other clearing system (other than Monte Titoli) specified in the relevant Final Terms as a clearing system through which payments under the Covered Bonds may be made;

"Relevant Date" means, in relation to any payment, whichever is the later of (a) the date on which the payment in question first becomes due and (b) if the full amount payable has not been received in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment by the Principal Paying Agent on or prior to such due date, the date on which (the full amount having been so received) notice to that effect has been given to the Covered Bondholders;

"Relevant Dealer(s)" means, in relation to a Tranche, the Dealer(s) which is/are party to any agreement (whether oral or in writing) entered into with the Issuer and the Guarantor for the issue by the Issuer and the subscription by such Dealer(s) of such Tranche pursuant to the Programme Agreement;

"Relevant Financial Centre" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Relevant Screen Page" means the page, section or other part of a particular information service (including, without limitation, Reuters) specified as the Relevant Screen Page in the relevant Final Terms, or such other page, section or other part as may replace it on that information service or such other information service, in each case, as may be nominated by the

Person providing or sponsoring the information appearing there for the purpose of displaying rates or prices comparable to the Reference Rate;

"Relevant Time" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Security" means the security created pursuant to the Deed of Pledge and the Deed of Charge;

"**Seller**" means any seller in its capacity as such pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement;

"**Specified Currency**" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"**Specified Denomination(s)**" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Specified Office" means with respect to the Principal Paying Agent, its Italian branch at Via Carducci, 31, 20123 Milan, Italy, with respect to the Guarantor Corporate Servicer Foro Buonaparte, 74, 20121 Milan, Italy, with respect to the Calculation Agent, Via Cefalonia, 74, 25124, Brescia, Italy, with respect to the English Account Bank, its London branch at One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, E14 5AL London, United Kingdom, and with respect to the Swap Collateral Account Bank, its London branch at 55 Moorgate, London EC2R 6PA, United Kingdom or, in each such case, such other address as it may specify in accordance with the provisions of the English Account Bank Agreement.;

"Specified Period" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Statutory Tests" means such tests provided for under article 3 of Decree 310 and namely: (i) the Nominal Value Test, (ii) the Net Present Value Test and (iii) the Interest Coverage Test, as further defined under clause 2 of the Cover Pool Management Agreement;

"Subordinated Lender" means each Seller, in its capacity as subordinated lender pursuant to the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreement and "Subordinated Lenders" means, collectively, all of them:

"**Subordinated Loan Agreement**" means each subordinated loan agreement entered into between a Subordinated Lender and the Guarantor:

"**Sub-Servicer**" means each Seller, other than UBI, in its capacity as sub-servicer pursuant to the Master Servicing Agreement;

"Subsidiary" has the meaning given to it in Article 2359 of the Italian Civil Code;

"Swap Agreements" means, collectively, the Asset Swap Agreement, each Liability Swap Agreement and any other swap agreement that may be entered into in connection with the Programme;

"Swap Collateral Account Bank" means BNP Paribas Securities Services, London Branch acting in its capacity as swap collateral account bank pursuant to the Cash Allocation Management and Payments Agreement and the English Account Bank Agreement or any such other depository institution as may be appointed as such in accordance with the Cash Allocation Management and Payments Agreement and the English Account Bank Agreement;

"Swap Collateral Accounts" means, collectively, any Swap Collateral Cash Account and any Swap Collateral Securities Account.

"Swap Collateral Cash Account" means the account IBAN No. GB29 PARB 6095 8870 2266 71 and any collateral account with respect to each Swap Provider, opened, in name and on behalf of the Guarantor, with the Swap Collateral Account Bank on which each Swap Collateral in the form of cash is and/or will be posted in accordance with the relevant Swap Agreement and the English Account Bank Agreement.

"Swap Collateral Securities Account" means the account No. 1040702266G and any collateral account (if any) related to each Swap Provider which may be opened, in name and on behalf of the Guarantor, with the Swap Collateral Account Bank on which the Swap Collateral in the form of securities may be posted in accordance with the relevant Swap Agreement.

"Swap Providers" means, collectively, the Asset Swap Providers, the Liability Swap Providers and the providers of any other swap agreements entered into in connection with the Programme;

"TARGET 2 Settlement Day" means any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET 2) System is open;

"**Test Grace Period**" means the period starting from the Calculation Date on which the breach of a Test is notified by the Calculation Agent and ending on the immediately following Calculation Date;

"Tests" means collectively the Statutory Tests and the Amortisation Test;

"Transaction Documents" means each Master Loans Purchase Agreement, the Master Servicing Agreement, each Warranty and Indemnity Agreement, the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement, the Programme Agreement, each Subscription Agreement, the Cover Pool Management Agreement, the Intercreditor Agreement, each Subordinated Loan Agreement, the Asset Monitoring Agreement, the Covered Bond Guarantee, the Corporate Services Agreement, the Swap Agreements, the Mandate Agreement, the Quotaholders' Agreement, these Conditions, each Final Terms, the Deed of Charge, the Deed of Pledge, the English Account Bank Agreement, the Master Definitions Agreement, each N Covered Bond Certificate, each N Covered Bond Agreements, each N Covered Bond Assignment Agreement and the N Covered Bond Conditions, and any other agreement entered into from time to time in connection with the Programme;

"Warranty and Indemnity Agreement" means each warranty and indemnity agreement entered into between a Seller and the Guarantor;

#### (a) Interpretation

In these Conditions:

- (i) any reference to principal shall be deemed to include the Redemption Amount, any additional amounts in respect of principal which may be payable under Condition 11 (Taxation), any premium payable in respect of a Series of Covered Bonds and any other amount in the nature of principal payable pursuant to these Conditions;
- (ii) any reference to interest shall be deemed to include any additional amounts in respect of interest which may be payable under Condition 11 (Taxation) and any other amount in the nature of interest payable pursuant to these Conditions;
- (iii) if an expression is stated in Condition 2(a) (Definitions) to have the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms, but the relevant Final Terms gives no such meaning or specifies that such expression is "not applicable" then such expression is not applicable to the Covered Bonds;
- (iv) any reference to a Transaction Document shall be construed as a reference to such Transaction Document, as amended and/or supplemented up to and including the Issue Date of the relevant Covered Bonds;
- (v) any reference to a party to a Transaction Document (other than the Issuer and the Guarantor) shall, where the context permits, include any Person who, in accordance with the terms of such Transaction Document, becomes a party thereto subsequent to

the date thereof, whether by appointment as a successor to an existing party or by appointment or otherwise as an additional party to such document and whether in respect of the Programme generally or in respect of a single Tranche only; and

(vi) any reference in any legislation (whether primary legislation or regulations or other subsidiary legislation made pursuant to primary legislation) shall be construed as a reference to such legislation as the same may have been, or may from time to time be, amended or re-enacted.

# 3. Form, Denomination and Title

The Covered Bonds are in the Specified Denomination(s), which may include a minimum denomination and higher integral multiples of a smaller amount, in each case as specified in the relevant Final Terms. The Covered Bonds will at all times be evidenced by, and title thereto will be transferable by means of, book entries in accordance with the provisions of Article 83-bis of Italian Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998 and the joint regulation of CONSOB and the Bank of Italy dated 22 February 2008 and published in the Official Gazette No. 54 of 4 March 2008, as amended and supplemented from time to time. The Covered Bonds will be held by Monte Titoli on behalf of the Covered Bondholders until redemption or cancellation thereof for the account of the relevant Monte Titoli Account Holder. No physical documents of title will be issued in respect of the Covered Bonds. The rights and powers of the Covered Bondholders may only be exercised in accordance with the Rules of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders.

#### 4. Status and Guarantee

#### (a) Status of the Covered Bonds

The Covered Bonds constitute direct, unconditional, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* without preference among themselves and (save for any applicable statutory provisions) at least equally with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer from time to time outstanding. In the event of a compulsory winding-up (*liquidazione coatta amministrativa*) of the Issuer, any funds realised and payable to the Covered Bondholders will be collected by the Guarantor on their behalf.

# (b) Status of the Covered Bond Guarantee

The payment of Guaranteed Amounts in respect of each Series of Covered Bonds when due for payment will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor in the Covered Bond Guarantee.

# (c) Priority of Payments

Amounts due from the Issuer pursuant to these Conditions or from the Guarantor pursuant to the Covered Bond Guarantee shall be paid in accordance with the Priority of Payments, as set out in the Intercreditor Agreement.

#### 5. Fixed Rate Provisions

#### (a) Application

This Condition 5 is applicable to the Covered Bonds only if the Fixed Rate Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable.

#### (b) Accrual of interest

The Covered Bonds bear interest from the Interest Commencement Date at the Rate of Interest payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date, subject as provided in Condition 10

(*Payments*). Each Covered Bond will cease to bear interest from the due date for final redemption unless payment of the Redemption Amount is improperly withheld or refused, in which case it will continue to bear interest in accordance with this Condition 5 (both before and after judgment) until whichever is the earlier of (i) the day on which all sums due in respect of such Covered Bond up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Covered Bondholder and (ii) the day which is seven days after the Principal Paying Agent has notified the Covered Bondholders that it has received all sums due in respect of the Covered Bonds up to such seventh day (except to the extent that there is any subsequent default in payment).

## (c) Fixed Coupon Amount

The amount of interest payable in respect of each Covered Bond for any Interest Period shall be the relevant Fixed Coupon Amount and, if the Covered Bonds are in more than one Specified Denomination, shall be the relevant Fixed Coupon Amount in respect of the relevant Specified Denomination.

## (d) Calculation of interest amount

The amount of interest payable in respect of each Covered Bond for any period for which a Fixed Coupon Amount is not specified 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 a sub unit being rounded upwards) and multiplying such rounded figure by a fraction equal to the Specified Denomination of such Covered Bond divided by the Calculation Amount. For this purpose a "sub-unit" means, in the case of any currency other than Euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, in the case of Euro, means one cent.

## 6. Floating Rate

## (a) Application

This Condition 6 is applicable to the Covered Bonds only if the Floating Rate Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable.

## (b) Accrual of interest

The Covered Bonds bear interest from the Interest Commencement Date at the Rate of Interest payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date, subject as provided in Condition 10 (*Payments*). Each Covered Bond will cease to bear interest from the due date for final redemption unless payment of the Redemption Amount is improperly withheld or refused, in which case it will continue to bear interest in accordance with this Condition (both before and after judgment) until whichever is the earlier of (i) the day on which all sums due in respect of such Covered Bond up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Covered Bondholder and (ii) the day which is seven days after the Principal Paying Agent has notified the Covered Bondholders that it has received all sums due in respect of the Covered Bonds up to such seventh day (except to the extent that there is any subsequent default in payment).

## (c) Screen Rate Determination

If Screen Rate Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined, the Rate of Interest applicable to the Covered Bonds for each Interest Period will be determined by the Covered Bond Calculation Agent on the following basis:

(i) if the Reference Rate is a composite quotation or customarily supplied by one entity, the Covered Bond Calculation Agent will determine the Reference Rate which appears on the

Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date;

- (ii) in any other case, the Covered Bond Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean of the Reference Rates which appear on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date;
- (iii) if, in the case of (i) above, such rate does not appear on that page or, in the case of (ii) above, fewer than two such rates appear on that page or if, in either case, the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable, the Covered Bond Calculation Agent will:
  - (C) request the principal Relevant Financial Centre office of each of the Reference Banks to provide a quotation of the Reference Rate at approximately the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date to prime banks in the Relevant Financial Centre interbank market in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in that market at that time; and
  - (D) determine the arithmetic mean of such quotations; and
- (iv) if fewer than two such quotations are provided as requested, the Covered Bond Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean of the rates (being the nearest to the Reference Rate, as determined by the Covered Bond Calculation Agent) quoted by major banks in the Principal Financial Centre of the Specified Currency, selected by the Covered Bond 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 Covered Bond 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.

#### (d) ISDA Determination

If ISDA Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined, the Rate of Interest applicable to the Covered Bonds for each Interest Period will be the sum of the Margin and the relevant ISDA Rate where "ISDA Rate" in relation to any Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) that would be determined by the Covered Bond Calculation Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Covered Bond Calculation Agent were acting as Covered Bond Calculation Agent for that interest rate swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the ISDA Definitions and under which:

- (i) the Floating Rate Option (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is as specified in the relevant Final Terms;
- (ii) the Designated Maturity (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is a period specified in the relevant Final Terms; and
- (iii) the relevant Reset Date (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is either (A) if the relevant Floating Rate Option is based on the London interbank offered rate (LIBOR) for a

currency, the first day of that Interest Period or (B) in any other case, as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

## (e) Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest

If any Maximum Rate of Interest or Minimum Rate of Interest is specified in the relevant Final Terms, then the Rate of Interest shall in no event be greater than the maximum or be less than the minimum so specified.

# (f) Calculation of Interest Amount

The Covered Bond Calculation Agent will, as soon as practicable after the time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined in relation to each Interest Period, calculate the Interest Amount payable in respect of each Covered Bond for such Interest Period. The Interest Amount will be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period 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 a sub unit being rounded upwards) and multiplying such rounded figure by a fraction equal to the Specified Denomination of the relevant Covered Bond divided by the Calculation Amount. For this purpose a "sub unit" means, in the case of any currency other than Euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, in the case of Euro, means one cent.

# (g) Calculation of other amounts

If the relevant Final Terms specifies that any other amount is to be calculated by the Covered Bond Calculation Agent, then the Covered Bond Calculation Agent will, as soon as practicable after the time or times at which any such amount is to be determined, calculate the relevant amount. The relevant amount will be calculated by the Covered Bond Calculation Agent in the manner specified in the relevant Final Terms.

#### (h) **Publication**

The Covered Bond Calculation Agent will cause each Rate of Interest and Interest Amount determined by it, together with the relevant Interest Payment Date, and any other amount(s) required to be determined by it together with any relevant payment date(s) to be notified to the Principal Paying Agent and each competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system (if any) by which the Covered Bonds have then been admitted to listing, trading and/ or quotation as soon as practicable after such determination but (in the case of each Rate of Interest, Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date) in any event not later than the first day of the relevant Interest Period. Notice thereof shall also promptly be given to the Covered Bondholders. The Covered Bond Calculation Agent will be entitled to recalculate any Interest Amount (on the basis of the foregoing provisions) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the relevant Interest Period. If the Calculation Amount is less than the minimum Specified Denomination, the Covered Bond 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 Covered Bond having the minimum Specified Denomination.

## (i) Notifications etc

All notifications, opinions, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of this Condition by the Covered Bond Calculation Agent will (in the absence of manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Principal Paying Agent, the Covered Bondholders and (subject as aforesaid) no liability to any such Person will attach to the Covered Bond Calculation Agent in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions for such purposes.

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# 9. **Redemption and Purchase**

## (a) Scheduled redemption

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled in accordance with the Conditions and the relevant Final Terms, the Covered Bonds will be redeemed at their Final Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date, subject as provided in this Condition 9 (*Redemption and Purchase*) and Condition 10 (*Payments*).

# (b) Extension of maturity

If an Extended Maturity Date is specified as applicable in the relevant Final Terms for a Series of Covered Bonds and the Issuer has failed to pay the Final Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date specified in the relevant Final Terms and the Guarantor or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that the Guarantor has insufficient moneys available under the relevant Priority of Payments to pay the Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the Final Redemption Amount in full in respect of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds on the date falling on the Extension Determination Date, then (subject as provided below), payment of the unpaid amount by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee shall be deferred until the Extended Maturity Date *provided that* any amount representing the Final Redemption Amount due and remaining after the Extension Determination Date may be paid by the Guarantor on any Interest Payment Date thereafter up to (and including) the relevant Extended Maturity Date.

The Issuer shall confirm to the Principal Paying Agent as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event at least four Business Days prior to the Maturity Date as to whether payment will or will not be made in full of the Final Redemption Amount in respect of the Covered Bonds on that Maturity Date. Any failure by the Issuer to notify the Principal Paying Agent shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the extension.

The Guarantor shall notify the relevant holders of the Covered Bonds (in accordance with Condition 18 (*Notices*), any relevant Swap Provider(s), the Rating Agencies, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders and the Principal Paying Agent as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event at least six Business Days prior to the Maturity Date of any inability of the Guarantor to pay in full the Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the Final Redemption Amount in respect of the Covered Bonds pursuant to the Covered Bond Guarantee. Any failure by the Guarantor to notify such parties shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the extension nor give rise to any rights in any such party.

In the circumstances outlined above, the Guarantor shall on the Extension Determination Date, pursuant to the Covered Bond Guarantee, apply the moneys (if any) available (after paying or providing for payment of higher ranking or *pari passu* amounts in accordance with the relevant Priority of Payments) *pro rata* in partial payment of an amount equal to the Final Redemption Amount in respect of the Covered Bonds and shall pay Guaranteed Amounts constituting interest in respect of each such Covered Bond on such date. The obligation of the Guarantor to pay any amount in respect of the balance of the Final Redemption Amount not so paid shall be deferred as described above.

Interest will continue to accrue on any unpaid amount and be payable on each Interest Payment Date during such extended period up to (and including) the Extended Maturity Date or, if earlier, the Interest Payment Date on which the Final Redemption Amount is paid in full.

## (c) Redemption for tax reasons

The Covered Bonds may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part:

- (i) at any time (if the Floating Rate Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable); or
- (ii) on any Interest Payment Date (if the Floating Rate Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable),

on giving not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice to the Covered Bondholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), at their Early Redemption Amount (Tax), together with interest accrued (if any) to the date fixed for redemption, if:

- (A) the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 11 (*Taxation*) as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of Italy or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations (including a holding by a court of competent jurisdiction), which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Covered Bonds; and
- (B) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it,

provided, however, that no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than:

- where the Covered Bonds may be redeemed at any time, 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts if a payment in respect of the Covered Bonds were then due; or
- (2) where the Covered Bonds may be redeemed only on an Interest Payment Date, 60 days prior to the Interest Payment Date occurring immediately before the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts if a payment in respect of the Covered Bonds were then due.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this paragraph, the Issuer shall deliver to the Principal Paying Agent (A) a certificate signed by two directors 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 of and (B) an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay such additional amounts as a result of such change or amendment. Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 9(c), the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Covered Bonds in accordance with this Condition 9(c).

## (d) Redemption at the option of the Issuer

If the Call Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the Covered Bonds may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole or, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, in part on any Optional Redemption Date (Call) at the relevant Optional Redemption Amount (Call) on the Issuer's giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Covered Bondholders (which notice shall be irrevocable and shall oblige the Issuer to redeem the Covered Bonds on the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Call) at the Optional Redemption Amount (Call) plus accrued interest (if any) to such date).

# (e) Partial redemption and instalment redemption

If the Covered Bonds are to be redeemed in part only on any date in accordance with Condition 9(d) (*Redemption at the option of the Issuer*) or if they are redeemed in instalments pursuant to the relevant Final Terms and the Conditions, the Covered Bonds to be redeemed in part or in instalments shall be redeemed in the principal amount specified by the Issuer and the Covered Bonds will be so redeemed in accordance with the rules and procedures of Monte Titoli and/or any other Relevant Clearing System (to be reflected in the records of such clearing systems as a pool factor or a reduction in principal amount, at their discretion), subject to compliance with applicable law, the rules of each competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system (if any) by which the Covered Bonds have then been admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation. The notice to Covered Bondholders referred to in Condition 9(d) (*Redemption at the option of the Issuer*) shall specify the proportion of the Covered Bonds so to be redeemed. If any Maximum Redemption Amount or Minimum Redemption Amount is specified in the relevant Final Terms, then the Optional Redemption Amount (Call) shall in no event be greater than the maximum or be less than the minimum so specified.

# (f) Redemption at the option of Covered Bondholders

If the Put Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the Issuer shall, at the option of any Covered Bondholder redeem such Covered Bonds held by it on the Optional Redemption Date (Put) specified in the relevant Put Option Notice at the relevant Optional Redemption Amount (Put) together with interest (if any) accrued to such date. In order to exercise the option contained in this Condition 9(f), the Covered Bondholder must, not less than 15 nor more than 30 days before the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Put), deposit with the Principal Paying Agent a duly completed Put Option Notice (which notice shall be irrevocable) in the form obtainable from the Principal Paying Agent. The Principal Paying Agent shall deliver a duly completed Put Option Receipt to the depositing Covered Bondholder. Once deposited in accordance with this Condition 9(f), no duly completed Put Option Notice, may be withdrawn; provided, however, that if, prior to the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Put), any Covered Bonds become immediately due and payable or, upon due presentation of any such Covered Bonds on the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Put), payment of the redemption moneys is improperly withheld or refused, the Principal Paying Agent shall mail notification thereof to the Covered Bondholder at such address as may have been given by such Covered Bondholder in the relevant Put Option Notice and shall hold such Covered Bond against surrender of the relevant Put Option Receipt. For so long as any outstanding Covered Bonds are held by the Principal Paying Agent in accordance with this Condition 9(f), the Covered Bondholder and not the Principal Paying Agent shall be deemed to be the holder of such Covered Bonds for all purposes.

## (g) No other redemption

The Issuer shall not be entitled to redeem the Covered Bonds otherwise than as provided in this Condition 9 and as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

## (h) Purchase

The Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries (other than the Guarantor) may at any time purchase Covered Bonds in the open market or otherwise and at any price and any Covered Bonds so purchased may be held or resold or may be surrendered in accordance with Condition 9(i) (Cancellation). The Guarantor shall not purchase any Covered Bonds at any time.

#### (i) Cancellation

All Covered Bonds so redeemed or purchased by the Issuer or any such Subsidiary and subsequently surrendered for cancellation shall be cancelled and may not be reissued or resold.

# (j) Extension of principal instalments

If Extended Instalment Date is specified as applicable in the relevant Final Terms for a Series of Covered Bonds whose principal is payable in instalments and the Issuer has failed to pay a Covered Bond Instalment Amount on the applicable Covered Bond Instalment Date specified in the relevant Final Terms and the Guarantor or the Calculation Agent on its behalf determines that the Guarantor has insufficient moneys available under the relevant Priority of Payments to pay the Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to such Covered Bond Instalment Amount in full on the applicable Covered Bond Instalment Extension Determination Date, then (subject as provided below), payment by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee of each of (a) such Covered Bond Instalment Amount and (b) all subsequently due and payable Covered Bond Instalment Amounts shall be deferred until the Interest Payment Date falling one year or the other period specified in the Final Terms after the date on which it was previously due provided that no Covered Bond Instalment Amount may be deferred to a date falling after the Extended Maturity Date for the relevant Series.

The Issuer shall confirm to the Principal Paying Agent as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event at least four Business Days prior to the applicable Covered Bond Instalment Date as to whether payment will or will not be made in full of the relevant Covered Bond Instalment Amount on its Covered Bond Instalment Date. Any failure by the Issuer to notify the Principal Paying Agent shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the extension.

The Guarantor shall notify the relevant holders of the Covered Bonds (in accordance with Condition 18 (*Notices*), any relevant Swap Provider(s), the Rating Agencies, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders and the Principal Paying Agent as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event at least six Business Days prior to a Covered Bond Instalment Date of any inability of the Guarantor to pay in full the Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to the relevant Covered Bond Instalment Amount pursuant to the Covered Bond Guarantee. Any failure by the Guarantor to notify such parties shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the extension nor give rise to any rights in any such party.

In the circumstances outlined above, the Guarantor shall on each Interest Payment Date following the applicable Covered Bond Instalment Extension Determination Date until the applicable Extended Instalment Date, pursuant to the Covered Bond Guarantee, apply the moneys (if any) available (after paying or providing for payment of higher ranking or *pari passu* amounts in accordance with the relevant Priority of Payments) *pro rata* towards payment of an amount equal to the relevant Covered Bond Instalment Amount together with interest accrued thereon up to (and including) such date.

Interest will continue to accrue on any unpaid amount during such extended period and shall be payable on each Interest Payment Date from the relevant Covered Bond Instalment Date until the Extended Instalment Date or, if earlier, the date on which the deferred Covered Bond Instalment Amount is paid in full.

Failure by the Issuer to pay the Covered Bond Instalment Amount on its Covered Bond Instalment Date will (subject to any applicable grace period) be an Issuer Event of Default. Failure by the Guarantor to pay the deferred Covered Bond Instalment Amount on the related Extended Instalment Date will (subject to any applicable grace period) be a Guarantor Event of Default.

## 10. Payments

## (a) Payments through clearing systems

Payment of interest and repayment of principal in respect of the Covered Bonds will be credited, in accordance with the instructions of Monte Titoli, by the Principal Paying Agent on behalf of the Issuer or the Guarantor (as the case may be) to the accounts of those banks and

authorised brokers whose accounts with Monte Titoli are credited with those Covered Bonds and thereafter credited by such banks and authorised brokers from such aforementioned accounts to the accounts of the beneficial owners of those Covered Bonds or through the Relevant Clearing Systems to the accounts with the Relevant Clearing Systems of the beneficial owners of those Covered Bonds, in accordance with the rules and procedures of Monte Titoli and of the Relevant Clearing Systems, as the case may be.

# (b) Payments subject to fiscal laws

All payments in respect of the Covered Bonds are subject in all cases to any applicable fiscal or other laws and regulations in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 11 (*Taxation*). No commissions or expenses shall be charged to Covered Bondholders in respect of such payments.

## (c) Payments on business days

If the due date for payment of any amount in respect of any Covered Bond is not a Payment Business Day in the Place of Payment, the Covered Bondholder shall not be entitled to payment in such place of the amount due until the next succeeding Payment Business Day in such place and shall not be entitled to any further interest or other payment in respect of any such delay.

#### 11. **Taxation**

## (a) Gross up by Issuer

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Covered Bonds by or on behalf of the Issuer shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for or on account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed (i) by or on behalf of the Republic of Italy or any political subdivision therein or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, or (ii) pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code and any regulations or agreements thereunder or official interpretations thereof ("FATCA") unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments, or governmental charges is required by law (including pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the Code or otherwise imposed pursuant to FATCA). In that event, the Issuer shall pay such additional amounts as will result in receipt by the Covered Bondholders after such withholding or deduction of such amounts as would have been received by them had no such withholding or deduction been required, except that no such additional amounts shall be payable in respect of any Covered Bond:

- (i) in respect of any payment or deduction of any interest or principal on account of *imposta sostitutiva* (at the then applicable rate of tax) pursuant to Decree 239 with respect to any Covered Bonds and in all circumstances in which the procedures set forth in Decree 239 have not been met or complied with except where such procedures have not been met or complied with due to the actions or omissions of the Issuer or its agents; or
- (ii) held by or on behalf of a Covered Bondholder which is liable to such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Covered Bonds by reason of its having some connection with the jurisdiction by which such taxes, duties, assessments or charges have been imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed other than the mere holding of the Covered Bonds; or
- (iii) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC, Amending

Directive or any law or agreement implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directives; or

- (iv) presented for payment by or on behalf of a Covered Bondholder which would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Covered Bond to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union; or
- (v) where such withholding is required by FATCA.

## (b) Taxing jurisdiction

If the Issuer becomes subject at any time to any taxing jurisdiction other than the Republic of Italy, references in these Conditions to the Republic of Italy shall be construed as references to the Republic of Italy and/or such other jurisdiction. For the purposes of this paragraph (b), the Issuer will not be considered to become subject to the taxing jurisdiction of the United States should the Issuer be required to withhold amounts in respect any withholding tax imposed by the United States on any payments the Issuer makes.

# (c) No Gross-up by the Guarantor

If withholding of, or deduction of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or charges of whatever nature is imposed by or on behalf of Italy, any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, the Guarantor will make the required withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments or charges for the account of the Covered Bondholders, as the case may be, and shall not be obliged to pay any additional amounts to the Covered Bondholders.

#### 12. Events of Default

# (a) Issuer Events of Default:

If any of the following events (each, an "Issuer Event of Default") occurs and is continuing:

- (i) *Non-payment*: the Issuer fails to pay any amount of interest and/or principal due and payable on any Series of Covered Bonds at their relevant Interest Payment Date and such breach is not remedied within the next 15 Business Days, in case of amounts of interest, or 20 Business Days, in case of amounts of principal, as the case may be; or
- (ii) *Breach of other obligation*: a breach of any obligation under the Transaction Documents by the Issuer occurs which is not remedied within 30 days after the Representative of the Covered Bondholders has given written notice thereof to the Issuer; or
- (iii) Cross-default: any of the events described in paragraphs (i) to (ii) above occurs in respect of any other Series of Covered Bonds; or
- (iv) *Insolvency*: an Insolvency Event occurs with respect to the Issuer; or
- (v) Article 74 resolution: a resolution pursuant to article 74 of the Consolidated Banking Act is issued in respect of the Issuer; or
- (vi) Cessation of business: the Issuer ceases to carry on its primary business; or
- (vii) Breach of Tests: the Tests are breached and are not remedied within the Test Grace Period,

then the Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall serve an Issuer Default Notice on the Issuer and the Guarantor demanding payment under the Covered Bond Guarantee, and specifying, in case of the Issuer Event of Default referred to under item (v) (*Article 74 resolution*) above, that the Issuer Event of Default may be temporary.

# (b) Effect of an Issuer Default Notice:

Upon service of an Issuer Default Notice upon the Issuer and the Guarantor:

- (i) No further Series of Covered Bonds: the Issuer may not issue any further Series of Covered Bonds;
- (ii) Covered Bond Guarantee:
  - (a) interest and principal falling due on the Covered Bonds will be payable by the Guarantor at the time and in the manner provided under these Conditions, subject to and in accordance with the terms of the Covered Bond Guarantee and the Priority of Payments;
  - (b) the Guarantor (or the Representative of the Covered Bondholders pursuant to the Intercreditor Agreement) shall be entitled to request from the Issuer an amount up to the Guaranteed Amounts and any sum so received or recovered from the Issuer will be used to make payments in accordance with the Covered Bond Guarantee;
  - (c) if (i) the right of the Guarantor under Condition 12(b)(ii)(b) is in any way challenged or revoked and (ii) a Programme Resolution of the Covered Bondholders has been passed to this effect, the Covered Bonds will become immediately due and payable by the Issuer, at their Early Termination Amount together with accrued interest thereon and the Guarantor will no longer be entitled to request from the Issuer the amount set out under Condition 12(b)(ii)(b);
- (iii) Disposal of Assets: the Guarantor shall sell the Eligible Assets and Top-Up Assets included in the Cover Pool in accordance with the provisions of the Cover Pool Management Agreement,

provided that, in case of the Issuer Event of Default referred to under item (v) (Article 74 resolution) above, the effects listed in items (i) (No further Series of Covered Bonds), (ii) (Covered Bond Guarantee) and (iii) (Disposal of Assets) above will only apply for as long as the suspension of payments pursuant to Article 74 of the Consolidated Banking Act will be in force and effect (the "Suspension Period"). Accordingly (A) the Guarantor, in accordance with Decree 310, shall be responsible for the payments of the amounts due and payable under the Covered Bonds during the Suspension Period and (B) at the end of the Suspension Period, the Issuer shall be again responsible for meeting the payment obligations under the Covered Bonds.

## (c) Guarantor Events of Default:

If any of the following events (each, a "Guarantor Event of Default") occurs and is continuing:

- (i) Non-payment: following delivery of an Issuer Default Notice, the Guarantor fails to pay any interest and/or principal due and payable under the Covered Bond Guarantee and such breach is not remedied within the next following 15 Business Days, in case of amounts of interests, or 20 Business Days, in case of amounts of principal, as the case may be; or
- (ii) Insolvency: an Insolvency Event occurs with respect to the Guarantor; or
- (iii) Breach of other obligation: a breach of any obligation under the Transaction Documents by the Guarantor occurs (other than payment obligations referred to in Condition 12(c)(i) which is not remedied within 30 days after the Representative of the Covered Bondholders has given written notice thereof to the Guarantor; or

- (iv) Breach of Amortisation Test: the Amortisation Test is breached and is not remedied within the Test Grace Period; or
- (v) *Invalidity of the Covered Bond Guarantee*: the Covered Bond Guarantee is not in full force and effect or it is claimed by the Guarantor not to be in full force and effect,

then the Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall or, in the case of the Guarantor Event of Default under Condition 12(c)(iii) (*Breach of other obligation*) shall, if so directed by a Programme Resolution, serve a Guarantor Default Notice on the Guarantor.

# (d) Effect of a Guarantor Default Notice:

Upon service of a Guarantor Default Notice upon the Guarantor:

- (i) Acceleration of Covered Bonds: the Covered Bonds shall become immediately due and payable at their Early Termination Amount together, if appropriate, with any accrued interest:
- (ii) Covered Bond Guarantee: subject to and in accordance with the terms of the Covered Bond Guarantee, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, on behalf of the Covered Bondholders, shall have a claim against the Guarantor for an amount equal to the Early Termination Amount, together with accrued interest and any other amount due under the Covered Bonds (other than additional amounts payable under Condition 11(a) (*Gross up by Issuer*) in accordance with the Priority of Payments;
- (iii) Disposal of assets: the Guarantor shall immediately sell all assets included in the Cover Pool in accordance with the provisions of the Cover Pool Management Agreement; and
- (iv) *Enforcement*: the Representative of the Covered Bondholders may, at its discretion and without further notice subject to having been indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction, take such steps and/or institute such proceedings against the Issuer or the Guarantor (as the case may be) as it may think fit to enforce such payments, but it shall not be bound to take any such proceedings or steps unless requested or authorised by a Programme Resolution of the Covered Bondholders.

## (e) Determinations, etc

All notifications, opinions, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of this Condition 12 by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall (in the absence of fraud (*frode*), gross negligence (*colpa grave*) or wilful default (*dolo*)) be binding on the Issuer, the Guarantor and all Covered Bondholders and (in such absence as aforesaid) no liability to the Covered Bondholders, the Issuer or the Guarantor shall attach to the Representative of the Covered Bondholders in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions hereunder.

## 13. **Prescription**

Claims for payment under the Covered Bonds shall become void unless made within ten years (in respect of principal) or five years (in respect of interest) from the due date thereof.

## 14. Representative of the Covered Bondholders

# (a) Organisation of the Covered Bondholders

The Organisation of the Covered Bondholders shall be established upon, and by virtue of, the issuance of the first Series of Covered Bonds under the Programme and shall remain in force and in effect until repayment in full or cancellation of the Covered Bonds of any Series.

Pursuant to the Rules of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders, for as long as the Covered Bonds are outstanding, there shall at all times be a Representative of the Covered Bondholders. The appointment of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders as legal representative of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders is made by the Covered Bondholders subject to and in accordance with the Rules of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders.

# (b) Initial appointment

In the Programme Agreement, the Relevant Dealer(s) has or have appointed the Representative of the Covered Bondholders to perform the activities described in the Programme Agreement, in these Conditions (including the Rules of the Organisation of Covered Bondholders), in the Intercreditor Agreement and in the other Transaction Documents, and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders has accepted such appointment for the period commencing on the Issue Date of the first Series of Covered Bonds and ending (subject to early termination of its appointment) on the date on which all of the Covered Bonds have been cancelled or redeemed in accordance with these Conditions and the relevant Final Terms.

## (c) Acknowledgment by Covered Bondholders

Each Covered Bondholder, by reason of holding Covered Bonds:

- (i) recognises the Representative of the Covered Bondholders as its representative and (to the fullest extent permitted by law) agrees to be bound by any agreement entered into from time to time by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders in such capacity as if such Covered Bondholder were a signatory thereto; and
- (ii) acknowledges and accepts that the Relevant Dealer(s) shall not be liable in respect of any loss, liability, claim, expenses or damage suffered or incurred by any of the Covered Bondholders as a result of the performance by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders of its duties or the exercise of any of its rights under the Transaction Documents.

# 15. Agents

In acting under the Cash Allocation Management and Payments Agreement and in connection with the Covered Bonds, the Principal Paying Agent acts solely as an agent of the Issuer and, following service of an Issuer Default Notice or a Guarantor Default Notice, as an agent of the Guarantor and does not assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for or with any of the Covered Bondholders.

The Principal Paying Agent and its initial Specified Offices are set out in these Conditions. The Covered Bond Calculation Agent (if not the Principal Paying Agent) is specified in the relevant Final Terms. The Issuer and the Guarantor reserve the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the Principal Paying Agent and to appoint a successor principal paying agent or Covered Bond Calculation Agent; *provided*, *however*, *that*:

- (i) the Issuer and the Guarantor shall at all times maintain a principal paying agent; and
- (ii) the Issuer and the Guarantor shall at all times procure that the Principal Paying Agent operates in an EU member state such that it will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any other Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council meeting of 26–27 November 2000; and

- (iii) if a Covered Bond Calculation Agent is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer and the Guarantor shall at all times maintain a Covered Bond Calculation Agent; and
- (iv) if and for so long as the Covered Bonds are admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system which requires the appointment of a paying agent in any particular place, the Issuer and the Guarantor shall maintain a paying agent having its specified office in the place required by such competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system.

Notice of any change in the Principal Paying Agent or in its Specified Offices shall promptly be given to the Covered Bondholders.

#### 16. Further Issues

The Issuer may from time to time, without the consent of the Covered Bondholders, create and issue further Covered Bonds having the same terms and conditions as the Covered Bonds in all respects (or in all respects except for the first payment of interest) so as to form a single series with the Covered Bonds.

#### 17. Limited Recourse and Non Petition

## (a) Limited Recourse

The obligations of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee constitute direct and unconditional, unsubordinated and limited recourse obligations of the Guarantor, collateralised by the Cover Pool as provided under the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law, Decree 310 and the Bank of Italy Regulations. The recourse of the Covered Bondholders to the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee will be limited to the assets comprised in the Cover Pool subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant Priority of Payments pursuant to which specified payments will be made to other parties prior to payments to the Covered Bondholders.

#### (b) Non Petition

Only the Representative of the Covered Bondholders may pursue the remedies available under the general law or under the Transaction Documents to obtain payment of the Guaranteed Amounts or enforce the Covered Bond Guarantee and/or the Security and no Covered Bondholder shall be entitled to proceed directly against the Guarantor to obtain payment of the Guaranteed Amounts or to enforce the Covered Bond Guarantee and/or the Security. In particular:

- (i) no Covered Bondholder (nor any person on its behalf) is entitled, otherwise than as permitted by the Transaction Documents, to direct the Representative of the Covered Bondholders to enforce the Covered Bond Guarantee and/or the Security or (except for the Representative of the Covered Bondholders) take any proceedings against the Guarantor to enforce the Covered Bond Guarantee and/or the Security;
- (ii) no Covered Bondholder (nor any person on its behalf, other than the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, where appropriate) shall, save as expressly permitted by the Transaction Documents, have the right to take or join any person in taking any steps against the Guarantor for the purpose of obtaining payment of any amount due from the Guarantor;
- (iii) at least until the date falling one year and one day after the date on which all Series of Covered Bonds issued in the context of the Programme have been cancelled or redeemed in full in accordance with their Final Terms together with any payments

payable in priority or *pari passu* thereto, no Covered Bondholder (nor any person on its behalf, other than the Representative of the Covered Bondholders) shall initiate or join any person in initiating an Insolvency Event in relation to the Guarantor; and

(iv) no Covered Bondholder shall be entitled to take or join in the taking of any corporate action, legal proceedings or other procedure or step which would result in the Priorities of Payments not being complied with.

#### 18. **Notices**

## (a) Notices given through Monte Titoli

Any notice regarding the Covered Bonds, as long as the Covered Bonds are held through Monte Titoli, shall be deemed to have been duly given if given through the systems of Monte Titoli.

## (b) Other publication

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall be at liberty to sanction any other method of giving notice to Covered Bondholders if, in its sole opinion, such other method is reasonable having regard to market practice then prevailing and to the rules of the competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system by which the Covered Bonds are then admitted to trading and *provided that* notice of such other method is given to the holders of the Covered Bonds in such manner as the Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall require.

#### 19. **Rounding**

For the purposes of any calculations referred to in these Conditions (unless otherwise specified in these Conditions or the relevant Final Terms), (a) all percentages resulting from such calculations will be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with 0.000005 per cent. being rounded up to 0.00001 per cent.), (b) all United States dollar amounts used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one half cent being rounded up), (c) all Japanese Yen amounts used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded downwards to the next lower whole Japanese Yen amount, and (d) all amounts denominated in any other currency used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in such currency, with 0.005 being rounded upwards.

# 20. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

## (a) Governing law

These Covered Bonds and any non-contractual obligations arising out of, or in connection, thereof are governed by Italian law. All other Transaction Documents and any non-contractual obligations arising out of, or in connection, thereof are governed by Italian law, save for the Deed of Charge, the English Account Bank Agreement and the Swap Agreements, which are governed by English law.

#### (b) Jurisdiction

The courts of Milan have exclusive competence for the resolution of any dispute that may arise in relation to the Covered Bonds or their validity, interpretation or performance.

## (c) Relevant legislation

Anything not expressly provided for in these Conditions will be governed by the provisions of the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law and, if applicable, Article 58 of the Consolidated Banking Law, the Bank of Italy Regulations and Decree No. 310.

# RULES OF THE ORGANISATION OF THE COVERED BONDHOLDERS TITLE I

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### 1. **GENERAL**

- 1.1 The Organisation of the Covered Bondholders in respect of all Covered Bonds of whatever Series issued under the Programme by Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.a. is created concurrently with the issue and subscription of the Covered Bonds of the first Series to be issued and is governed by these Rules of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders ("Rules").
- 1.2 These Rules shall remain in force and effect until full repayment or cancellation of all the Covered Bonds of whatever Series.
- 1.3 The contents of these Rules are deemed to be an integral part of the Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds (the "Conditions") of each Series issued by the Issuer.

#### 2. **DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

## 2.1 **Definitions**

In these Rules, the terms below shall have the following meanings:

"Block Voting Instruction" means, in relation to a Meeting, a document issued by the Principal Paying Agent or by a Registrar, as the case may be:

- (a) in case of Covered Bond issued in a dematerialized form, certifying that specified Covered Bonds are held to the order of the Principal Paying Agent or under its control or have been blocked in an account with a clearing system and will not be released until a the earlier of:
  - (i) a specified date which falls after the conclusion of the Meeting; and
  - (ii) the relevant Covered Bonds ceasing with the agreement of the Principal Paying Agent to be held to its order or under its control or so blocked and notification of the release thereof by the Principal Paying Agent to the Issuer and Representative of the Covered Bondholders;
- (b) in case of N Covered Bonds and Covered Bonds issued in registered form, certifying that specified Covered Bonds have been blocked with the Registrar and will not be released until the conclusion of the Meeting;
- (c) certifying that the Holder, or the registered Holder in case of N Covered Bonds or Covered Bonds issued in registered form, of the relevant Blocked Covered Bonds or a duly authorised person on its behalf has notified the Principal Paying Agent or Registrar that the votes attributable to such Covered Bonds are to be cast in a particular way on each resolution to be put to the Meeting and that during the period of 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting such instructions may not be amended or revoked:
- (d) listing the aggregate principal amount of such specified Blocked Covered Bonds, distinguishing between those amounts in respect of which instructions have been given to vote for, and against, each resolution; and
- (e) authorising a named individual to vote in accordance with such instructions;

"Blocked Covered Bonds" means (i) Covered Bonds which have been blocked in an account with a clearing system or otherwise are held to the order of or under the control of the Principal Paying Agent, or (ii) in case of N Covered Bonds and Covered Bonds issued in registered form, such Covered Bonds which have been blocked with the Registrar, for the purpose of obtaining from the Principal Paying Agent and/or the Registrar a Block Voting Instruction or a Voting Certificate on terms that they will not be released until after the conclusion of the Meeting in respect of which the Block Voting Instruction or Voting Certificate is required;

"Chairman" means, in relation to any Meeting, the person who takes the chair in accordance with Article 8 (*Chairman of the Meeting*);

"Cover Pool" has the meaning given to it in the Master Definitions Agreement;

"Event of Default" means an Issuer Event of Default or a Guarantor Event of Default;

"Extraordinary Resolution" means a resolution passed at a Meeting, duly convened and held in accordance with the provisions contained in these Rules by a majority of not less than three quarters of the votes cast or, in the case of a resolution pursuant to Condition 12(b)(ii)(c) (Effect of an Issuer Default Notice – Covered Bond Guarantee), by a majority of not less than 50 per cent. of the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds of the relevant Series then outstanding;

"Fitch" means Fitch Ratings Ltd.;

"Holder" or "holder" means in respect of Covered Bonds, the ultimate owner of such Covered Bonds and, in respect of the Covered Bonds issued in registered form and N Covered Bonds, the ultimate registered owner of such Covered Bonds as set out in the Register;

"Liabilities" means losses, liabilities, inconvenience, costs, expenses, damages, claims, actions or demands;

"Meeting" means a meeting of Covered Bondholders (whether originally convened or resumed following an adjournment);

"Monte Titoli Account Holder" means any authorised financial intermediary institution entitled to hold accounts on behalf of its customers with Monte Titoli (as *intermediari aderenti*) in accordance with Article 83-quarter of Italian Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998 and includes any depository banks appointed by the Relevant Clearing System;

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service Limited;

"Ordinary Resolution" means any resolution passed at a Meeting, duly convened and held in accordance with the provisions contained in these Rules by a majority of more than 50 per cent. of the votes cast;

"Programme Resolution" means an Extraordinary Resolution passed at a single meeting of the Covered Bondholders of all Series, duly convened and held in accordance with the provisions contained in these Rules (ii) to direct the Representative of the Covered Bondholders to take action pursuant to Condition 12(b)(ii)(c) (Effect of an Issuer Default Notice – Covered Bond Guarantee), Condition 12(c)(iii) (Guarantor Event of Default – Breach of other obligation) or Condition 12(d)(iv) (Guarantor Event of Default – Enforcement) or to appoint or remove the Representative of the Covered Bondholders pursuant to Article 26 (Appointment, Removal and Remuneration); or (ii) to direct the Representative of the Covered Bondholders to take other action stipulated in the Conditions or the Transaction Documents as requiring a Programme Resolution.

"**Proxy**" means a person appointed to vote under a Voting Certificate as a proxy or a person appointed to vote under a Block Voting Instruction, in each case other than:

- (a) any person whose appointment has been revoked and in relation to whom the Principal Paying Agent or, the Registrar or, in the case of a proxy appointed under a Voting Certificate, the Issuer has been notified in writing of such revocation by the time which is 48 hours before the time fixed for the relevant Meeting; and
- (b) any person appointed to vote at a Meeting which has been adjourned for want of a quorum and who has not been reappointed to vote at the Meeting when it is resumed;

"Rating Agencies" means Fitch and Moody's and each of them is a "Rating Agency";

"**Resolutions**" means the Ordinary Resolutions, the Extraordinary Resolutions and the Programme Resolutions, collectively;

"Swap Rate" means, in relation to a Covered Bond or Series of Covered Bonds, the exchange rate specified in any Swap Agreement relating to such Covered Bond or Series of Covered Bonds or, if there is no exchange rate specified or if the Swap Agreement has terminated, the applicable spot rate;

"Transaction Party" means any person who is a party to a Transaction Document;

"**Voter**" means, in relation to a Meeting, the Holder or a Proxy named in a Voting Certificate, the bearer of a Voting Certificate issued by the Principal Paying Agent or by a Registrar or a Proxy named in a Block Voting Instruction;

"Voting Certificate" means, in relation to any Meeting:

- (a) a certificate issued by a Monte Titoli Account Holder in accordance with the regulation issued jointly by the Bank of Italy and CONSOB on 22 February 2008, as amended from time to time; or
- (b) a certificate issued by the Principal Paying Agent or by the Registrar stating:
  - (i) that Blocked Covered Bonds will not be released until the earlier of:
    - (A) specified date which falls after the conclusion of the Meeting; and
    - (B) the surrender of such certificate to the Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar; and
  - (ii) the bearer of the certificate is entitled to attend and vote at such Meeting in respect of such Blocked Covered Bonds;

"Written Resolution" means a resolution in writing signed by or on behalf of one or more persons being or representing the holders of at least 75 per cent of the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds for the time being outstanding, the holders of which at any relevant time are entitled to participate in a Meeting in accordance with the provisions of these Rules, whether contained in one document or several documents in the same form, each signed by or on behalf of one or more of such Covered Bondholders;

"24 hours" means a period of 24 hours including all or part of a day on which banks are open for business both in the place where any relevant Meeting is to be held and the places where the Principal Paying Agent has its Specified Office; and

"48 hours" means two consecutive periods of 24 hours.

Unless otherwise provided in these Rules, or unless the context requires otherwise, words and expressions used in these Rules shall have the meanings and the construction ascribed to them in the Conditions to which these Rules are attached.

## 2.2 Interpretation

In these Rules:

- any reference herein to an "**Article**" shall, except where expressly provided to the contrary, be a reference to an article of these Rules of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders;
- a "successor" of any party shall be construed so as to include an assignee or successor in title of such party and any person who under the laws of the jurisdiction of incorporation or domicile of such party has assumed the rights and obligations of such party under any Transaction Document or to which, under such laws, such rights and obligations have been transferred; and
- any reference to any Transaction Party shall be construed so as to include its and any subsequent successors and transferees in accordance with their respective interests.

## 2.3 Separate Series

Subject to the provisions of the next sentence, the Covered Bonds of each Series shall form a separate Series of Covered Bonds and accordingly, unless for any purpose the Representative of the Covered Bondholders in its absolute discretion shall otherwise determine, the provisions of this sentence and of Articles 3 (*Purpose of the Organisation*) to 25 (*Meetings and Separate Series*) and 28 (*Duties and Powers of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders*) to 35 (*Powers to Act on behalf of the Guarantor*) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* separately and independently to the Covered Bonds of each Series. However, for the purposes of this Clause 2.3:

- 2.3.1 Articles 26 (Appointment, Removal and Resignation) and 27 (Resignation of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders); and
- 2.3.2 insofar as they relate to a Programme Resolution, Articles 3 (*Purpose of the Organisation*) to 25 (*Meetings and Separate Series*) and 28 (*Duties and Powers of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders*) to 35 (*Powers to Act on behalf of the Guarantor*),

the Covered Bonds shall be deemed to constitute a single Series and the provisions of such Articles shall apply to all the Covered Bonds together as if they constituted a single Series and, in such Articles, the expressions "Covered Bonds" and "Covered Bondholders" shall be construed accordingly.

## 3. **PURPOSE OF THE ORGANISATION**

- 3.1 Each Covered Bondholder, whatever Series of the Covered Bonds he holds, is a member of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders.
- 3.2 The purpose of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders is to co-ordinate the exercise of the rights of the Covered Bondholders and, more generally, to take any action necessary or desirable to protect the interest of the Covered Bondholders.

## TITLE II

## MEETINGS OF THE COVERED BONDHOLDERS

## 4. VOTING CERTIFICATES AND BLOCK VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 A Covered Bondholder may obtain a Voting Certificate in respect of a Meeting by requesting its Monte Titoli Account Holder to issue a certificate in accordance with the regulation issued jointly by the Bank of Italy and CONSOB on 22 February 2008, as amended from time to time; or
- 4.2 A Covered Bondholder may also obtain a Voting Certificate from the Principal Paying Agent or require the Principal Paying Agent to issue a Block Voting Instruction by arranging for Covered Bonds to be (to the satisfaction of the Principal Paying Agent) held to its order or under its control or blocked in an account in a clearing system (other than Monte Titoli) not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the relevant Meeting.
- 4.3 A Voting Certificate or Block Voting Instruction issued pursuant to Article 4.2 shall be valid until the release of the Blocked Covered Bonds to which it relates.
- 4.4 So long as a Voting Certificate or Block Voting Instruction is valid, the person named therein as Holder or Proxy (in the case of a Voting Certificate issued by a Monte Titoli Account Holder), the bearer thereof (in the case of a Voting Certificate issued by the Principal Paying Agent), and any Proxy named therein (in the case of a Block Voting Instruction issued by the Principal Paying Agent) shall be deemed to be the Holder of the Covered Bonds to which it relates for all purposes in connection with the Meeting to which such Voting Certificate or Block Voting Instruction relates.
- 4.5 A Voting Certificate and a Block Voting Instruction cannot be outstanding simultaneously in respect of the same Covered Bonds.
- 4.6 References to the blocking or release of Covered Bonds shall be construed in accordance with the usual practices (including blocking the relevant account) of any Relevant Clearing System.
- Any registered Holder may require the Registrar and/or the Principal Paying Agent to issue a Block Voting Instruction by arranging (to the satisfaction of the Registrar and/or the Principal Paying Agent) for the related Covered Bonds issued in registered form and N Covered Bonds to be blocked with the Registrar not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the relevant Meeting. The registered Holder may require the Registrar and/or the Principal Paying Agent to issue a Block Voting Instruction by delivering to the Registrar and/or the Principal Paying Agent written instructions not later than 48 hours before the time fixed for the relevant Meeting. Any registered Holder may obtain an uncompleted and unexecuted Form of Proxy from the Registrar or the Principal Paying Agent. A Block Voting Instruction shall be valid until the release of the Blocked Bonds to which it relates. A Form of Proxy and a Block Voting Instruction cannot be outstanding simultaneously in respect of the same Bond.
- 4.8 The Issuer may fix a record date for the purposes of any Meeting or any resumption thereof following its adjournment for want of a quorum provided that such record date is not more than 10 days prior to the time fixed for such Meeting or (as the case may be) its resumption. The person in whose name a Covered Bond issued in registered form and/or a N Covered Bond is registered in the Register on the record date at close of business in the city in which the Registrar has its Specified Office shall be deemed to be the Holder of such N Covered Bond or Covered Bonds issued in registered form for the purposes of such Meeting and notwithstanding any subsequent transfer of the N Covered Bond or Covered Bonds issued in registered form or entries in the Register.

## 5. VALIDITY OF BLOCK VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

A Block Voting Instruction or a Voting Certificate issued by a Monte Titoli Account Holder or, in case of N Covered Bonds and Covered Bonds issued in registered form, by the Registrar shall be valid for the purpose of the relevant Meeting only if it is deposited at the Specified

Offices of the Principal Paying Agent, or at any other place approved by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, at least 24 hours before the time fixed for the relevant Meeting. If a Block Voting Instruction or a Voting Certificate is not deposited before such deadline, it shall not be valid. If the Representative of the Covered Bondholders so requires, a notarised (or otherwise acceptable) copy of each Block Voting Instruction and satisfactory evidence of the identity of each Proxy named in a Block Voting Instruction or of each Holder or Proxy named in a Voting Certificate issued by a Monte Titoli Account Holder or by the Registrar shall be produced at the Meeting but the Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall not be obliged to investigate the validity of a Block Voting Instruction or a Voting Certificate or the identity of any Proxy or any holder of the Covered Bonds named in a Voting Certificate or a Block Voting Instruction.

#### 6. **CONVENING A MEETING**

#### 6.1 Convening a Meeting

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders, the Guarantor or the Issuer may and (in relation to a meeting for the passing of a Programme Resolution) the Issuer shall upon a requisition in writing signed by the holders of not less than five per cent. of the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds for the time being outstanding convene a meeting of the Covered Bondholders and if the Issuer makes default for a period of seven days in convening such a meeting upon requisition by the Covered Bondholders the same may be convened by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders or the requisitionists. The Representative of the Covered Bondholders may convene a single meeting of the holders of Covered Bonds of more than one Series if in the opinion of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders there is no conflict between the holders of the Covered Bonds of the relevant Series, in which event the provisions of this Schedule shall apply thereto *mutatis mutandis*.

## 6.2 Meetings convened by Issuer

Whenever the Issuer is about to convene a Meeting, it shall immediately give notice in writing to the Representative of the Covered Bondholders specifying the proposed day, time and place of the Meeting, and the items to be included in the agenda.

## 6.3 Time and place of Meetings

Every Meeting will be held on a date and at a time and place selected or approved by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders.

#### 7. **NOTICE**

## 7.1 *Notice of Meeting*

At least 21 days' notice (exclusive of the day notice is delivered and of the day on which the relevant Meeting is to be held), specifying the day, time and place of the Meeting, must be given to the relevant Covered Bondholders, the Registrar and the Principal Paying Agent, with a copy to the Issuer and the Guarantor, where the Meeting is convened by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, or with a copy to the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, where the Meeting is convened by the Issuer.

## 7.2 Content of notice

The notice shall set out the full text of any resolution to be proposed at the Meeting unless the Representative of the Covered Bondholders agrees that the notice shall instead specify the nature of the resolution without including the full text and shall state that Voting Certificates for the purpose of such Meeting may be obtained from a Monte Titoli Account Holder in accordance with the provisions of the regulation issued jointly by the Bank of Italy and

CONSOB on 22 February 2008, as amended from time to time and that for the purpose of obtaining Voting Certificates from the Principal Paying Agent or appointing Proxies under a Block Voting Instruction, Covered Bondholders must (to the satisfaction of the Principal Paying Agent) be held to the order of or placed under the control of the Principal Paying Agent or blocked in an account with a clearing system not later than 48 hours before the relevant Meeting.

With reference to the N Covered Bonds and Covered Bonds issued in registered form, the notice shall set out the full text of any resolution to be proposed at the Meeting unless the Representative of the Covered Bondholders agrees that the notice shall instead specify the nature of the resolution without including the full text and shall state that N Covered Bonds or Covered Bond issued in registered form may be blocked with the Registrar, or with other entity authorised to do so by the Registrar, for the purposes of appointing Proxies under Block voting Instructions until 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting and that N Covered Bondholders or holders of Covered Bonds issued in registered form may also appoint Proxies either under a Block Voting Instruction by delivering written instructions to the Registrar or the Principal Paying Agent or by executing and delivering a form of Proxy to the Specified Office of the Registrar or the Principal Paying Agent, in either case until 48 hours before the time fixed for the Meeting.

# 7.3 Validity notwithstanding lack of notice

A Meeting is valid notwithstanding that the formalities required by this Article 7 are not complied with if the Holders of the Covered Bonds constituting all the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds, the Holders of which are entitled to attend and vote are represented at such Meeting and the Issuer and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders are present.

## 8. CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING

## 8.1 Appointment of Chairman

An individual (who may, but need not be, a Covered Bondholder), nominated by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders may take the chair at any Meeting, but if:

- the Representative of the Covered Bondholders fails to make a nomination; or
- 8.1.2 the individual nominated declines to act or is not present within 15 minutes after the time fixed for the Meeting,

the Meeting shall be chaired by the person elected by the majority of the Voters present, failing which, the Issuer shall appoint a Chairman. The Chairman of an adjourned Meeting need not be the same person as was Chairman at the original Meeting.

# 8.2 Duties of Chairman

The Chairman ascertains that the Meeting has been duly convened and validly constituted, manages the business of the Meeting, monitors the fairness of proceedings, leads and moderates the debate, and determines the mode of voting.

#### 8.3 Assistance to Chairman

The Chairman may be assisted by outside experts or technical consultants, specifically invited to assist in any given matter, and may appoint one or more-vote counters, who are not required to be Covered Bondholders.

# 9. **QUORUM**

- 9.1 The quorum at any Meeting will be:
  - 9.1.1 in the case of an Ordinary Resolution, two or more persons holding or representing at least 50 per cent. of the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds for the time being outstanding, the holders of which are entitled to attended and vote or, at an adjourned Meeting, two or more persons being or representing Covered Bondholders entitled to attend and vote, whatever the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds so held or represented; or
  - 9.1.2 in the case of an Extraordinary Resolution or a Programme Resolution (subject as provided below), two or more persons holding or representing at least 50 per cent. of the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds for the time being outstanding, the holders of which are entitled to attend and vote or, at an adjourned Meeting, two or more persons being or representing Covered Bondholders entitled to attend and vote, whatever the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds so held or represented; or
  - 9.1.3 at any meeting the business of which includes any of the following matters (other than in relation to a Programme Resolution) (each of which shall, subject only to Article 31.4 (*Obligation to act*) and Article 32.4 (*Obligation to exercise powers*), only be capable of being effected after having been approved by Extraordinary Resolution) namely:
    - (a) reduction or cancellation of the amount payable or, where applicable, modification of the method of calculating the amount payable or modification of the date of payment or, where applicable, modification of the method of calculating the date of payment in respect of any principal or interest in respect of the Covered Bonds;
    - (b) alteration of the currency in which payments under the Covered Bonds are to be made;
    - (c) alteration of the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution;
    - (d) any amendment to the Covered Bond Guarantee or the Deeds of Pledge or the Deed of Charge (except in a manner determined by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders not to be materially prejudicial to the interests of the Covered Bondholders of any Series);
    - (e) the sanctioning of any such scheme or proposal to effect the exchange, conversion or substitution of the Covered Bonds for, or the conversion of such Covered Bonds into, shares, bonds or other obligations or securities of the Issuer or the Guarantor or any other person or body corporate, formed or to be formed; and
    - (f) alteration of this Article 9.1.3;

(each a "Series Reserved Matter"), the quorum shall be two or more persons being or representing holders of not less than two-thirds of the aggregate Outstanding Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds of such Series for the time being outstanding or, at any adjourned meeting, two or more persons being or representing not less than one-third of the aggregate Outstanding Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds of such Series for the time being outstanding.

provided that, if in respect of any Covered Bonds the Principal Paying Agent has received evidence that ninety per cent (90 per cent.) of the Outstanding Principal Amount of Covered Bonds then outstanding is held by a single Holder and the Voting Certificate or Block Voting Instruction so states, then a single Voter appointed in relation thereto or being the Holder of the Covered Bonds thereby represented shall be deemed to be two Voters for the purpose of forming a quorum.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT FOR WANT OF QUORUM

- 10.1 If a quorum is not present for the transaction of any particular business within 15 minutes after the time fixed for any Meeting, then, without prejudice to the transaction of the business (if any) for which a quorum is present:
  - 10.1.1 if such Meeting was convened upon the requisition of Covered Bondholders, the Meeting shall be dissolved; and
  - in any other case, the Meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week (or if such day is a public holiday the next succeeding business day) at the same time and place (except in the case of a meeting at which an Extraordinary Resolution is to be proposed in which case it shall stand adjourned for such period, being not less than 13 clear days nor more than 42 clear days, and to such place as may be appointed by the Chairman either at or subsequent to such meeting and approved by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders).
- 10.2 If within 15 minutes (or such longer period not exceeding 30 minutes as the Chairman may decide) after the time appointed for any adjourned meeting a quorum is not present for the transaction of any particular business, then, subject and without prejudice to the transaction of the business (if any) for which a quorum is present, the Chairman may either (with the approval of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders) dissolve such meeting or adjourn the same for such period, being not less than 13 clear days (but without any maximum number of clear days), and to such place as may be appointed by the Chairman either at or subsequent to such adjourned meeting and approved by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders.

## 11. ADJOURNED MEETING

Except as provided in Article 10 (*Adjournment for Want of Quorum*), the Chairman may, with the prior consent of any Meeting, and shall if so directed by any Meeting, adjourn such Meeting to another time and place. No business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting except business which might have been transacted at the Meeting from which the adjournment took place.

## 12. NOTICE FOLLOWING ADJOURNMENT

## 12.1 Notice required

Article 7 (*Notice*) shall apply to any Meeting which is to be resumed after adjournment for lack of a quorum except that:

- 12.1.1 10 days' notice (exclusive of the day on which the notice is delivered and of the day on which the Meeting is to be resumed) shall be sufficient; and
- the notice shall specifically set out the quorum requirements which will apply when the Meeting resumes.

## 12.2 Notice not required

Except in the case of a Meeting to consider an Extraordinary Resolution, it shall not be necessary to give notice of resumption of any Meeting adjourned for reasons other than those described in Article 10 (*Adjournment for Want of Quorum*).

# 13. **PARTICIPATION**

The following categories of persons may attend and speak at a Meeting:

- 13.1 Voters;
- 13.2 the directors and the auditors of the Issuer and the Guarantor;
- 13.3 representatives of the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Registrar and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders;
- 13.4 financial advisers to the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders;
- 13.5 legal advisers to the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Registrar and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders; and
- 13.6 other person authorised by virtue of a resolution of such Meeting or by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders.

#### 14. VOTING BY SHOW OF HANDS

- 14.1 Every question submitted to a Meeting shall be decided in the first instance by a vote by a show of hands.
- 14.2 Unless a poll is validly demanded before or at the time that the result is declared, the Chairman's declaration that on a show of hands a resolution has been passed or passed by a particular majority or rejected, or rejected by a particular majority, shall be conclusive without proof of the number of votes cast for, or against, the resolution.

## 15. **VOTING BY POLL**

## 15.1 **Demand for a poll**

A demand for a poll shall be valid if it is made by the Chairman, the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders or any one or more-Voters, whatever the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds held or represented by such Voter(s). A poll may be taken immediately or after such adjournment as is decided by the Chairman but any poll demanded on the election of a Chairman or on any question of adjournment shall be taken immediately. A valid demand for a poll shall not prevent the continuation of the relevant Meeting for any other business. The result of a poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the Meeting at which the poll was demanded.

#### 15.2 The Chairman and a poll

The Chairman sets the conditions for the voting, including for counting and calculating the votes, and may set a time limit by which all votes must be cast. Any vote which is not cast in compliance with the terms specified by the Chairman shall be null and void. After voting ends, the votes shall be counted and, after the counting, the Chairman shall announce to the Meeting the outcome of the vote.

#### 16. **VOTES**

#### 16.1 *Voting*

Each Voter shall have:

- 16.1.1 on a show of hands, one vote; and
- on a poll every Voter who is present shall have one vote in respect of each Euro1,000 or such other amount as the Representative of the Covered Bondholders may in its absolute discretion stipulate (or, in the case of meetings of holders of Covered Bonds denominated in another currency, such amount in such other currency as the Representative of the Covered Bondholders in its absolute discretion may stipulate) in the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds it holds or represents.

# 16.2 **Block Voting Instruction**

Unless the terms of any Block Voting Instruction or Voting Certificate state otherwise in the case of a Proxy, a Voter shall not be obliged to exercise all the votes to which such Voter is entitled or to cast all the votes he exercises the same way.

#### 16.3 Voting tie

In the case of a voting tie, the relevant Resolution shall be deemed to have been rejected.

#### 17. **VOTING BY PROXY**

#### 17.1 *Validity*

Any vote by a Proxy in accordance with the relevant Block Voting Instruction or Voting Certificate appointing a Proxy shall be valid even if such Block Voting Instruction or Voting Certificate or any instruction pursuant to which it has been given had been amended or revoked *provided that* none of the Issuer, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, the Registrar or the Chairman has been notified in writing of such amendment or revocation at least 24 hours prior to the time set for the relevant Meeting.

# 17.2 Adjournment

Unless revoked, the appointment of a Proxy under a Block Voting Instruction or a Voting Certificate in relation to a Meeting shall remain in force in relation to any resumption of such Meeting following an adjournment save that no such appointment of a Proxy in relation to a meeting originally convened which has been adjourned for want of a quorum shall remain in force in relation to such meeting when it is resumed. Any person appointed to vote at such Meeting must be re-appointed under a Block Voting Instruction or Voting Certificate to vote at the Meeting when it is resumed.

#### 18. **RESOLUTIONS**

#### 18.1 Ordinary Resolutions

Subject to Article 18.2 (*Extraordinary Resolutions*), a Meeting shall have the following powers exercisable by Ordinary Resolution, to:

grant any authority, order or sanction which, under the provisions of these Rules or of the Conditions, is required to be the subject of an Ordinary Resolution or required to be the subject of a resolution or determined by a Meeting and not required to be the subject of an Extraordinary Resolution; and

to authorise the Representative of the Covered Bondholders or any other person to execute all documents and do all things necessary to give effect to any Ordinary Resolution.

# 18.2 Extraordinary Resolutions

A Meeting, in addition to any powers assigned to it in the Conditions, shall have power exercisable by Extraordinary Resolution to:

- 18.2.1 sanction any compromise or arrangement proposed to be made between the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, the Covered Bondholders or any of them;
- approve any modification, abrogation, variation or compromise in respect of (a) the rights of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Covered Bondholders or any of them, whether such rights arise under the Transaction Documents or otherwise, and (b) these Rules, the Conditions or of any Transaction Document or any arrangement in respect of the obligations of the Issuer under or in respect of the Covered Bonds, which, in any such case, shall be proposed by the Issuer, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders and/or any other party thereto;
- 18.2.3 assent to any modification of the provisions of these Rules or the Transaction Documents which shall be proposed by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders or of any Covered Bondholder;
- in accordance with Article 26 (*Appointment, Removal and Remuneration*), appoint and remove the Representative of the Covered Bondholders;
- 18.2.5 direct the Representative of the Covered Bondholders to issue an Issuer Default Notice as a result of an Event of Default pursuant to Condition 12(a) (*Issuer Event of Default*) or a Guarantor Default Notice as a result of a Guarantor Event of Default pursuant to Condition 12(c) (*Guarantor Event of Default*);
- discharge or exonerate, whether retrospectively or otherwise, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders from any liability in relation to any act or omission for which the Representative of the Covered Bondholders has or may become liable pursuant or in relation to these Rules, the Conditions or any other Transaction Document;
- 18.2.7 waive any breach or authorise any proposed breach by the Issuer, the Guarantor or (if relevant) any other Transaction Party of its obligations under or in respect of these Rules, the Covered Bonds or any other Transaction Document or any act or omission which might otherwise constitute an Event of Default;
- grant any authority, order or sanction which, under the provisions of these Rules or of the Conditions, must be granted by an Extraordinary Resolution;
- authorise and ratify the actions of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders in compliance with these Rules, the Intercreditor Agreement and any other Transaction Document:
- 18.2.10 to appoint any persons (whether Covered Bondholders or not) as a committee to represent the interests of the Covered Bondholders and to confer on any such committee any powers which the Covered Bondholders could themselves exercise by Extraordinary Resolution; and
- authorise the Representative of the Covered Bondholders or any other person to execute all documents and do all things necessary to give effect to any Extraordinary Resolution.

## 18.3 **Programme Resolutions**

A Meeting shall have power exercisable by a Programme Resolution to direct the Representative of the Covered Bondholders to take action pursuant to Condition 12(b)(ii)(c) (Issuer Event of Default – Covered Bond Guarantee) or Condition 12(d)(iv) (Guarantor Event of Default – Enforcement) or to appoint or remove the Representative of the Covered Bondholders pursuant to Article 26 (Appointment, Removal and Remuneration) or to take any other action required by the Conditions or any Transaction Documents to be taken by Programme Resolution.

## 18.4 Other Series of Covered Bonds

No Ordinary Resolution or Extraordinary Resolution other than a Programme Resolution that is passed by the Holders of one Series of Covered Bonds shall be effective in respect of another Series of Covered Bonds unless it is sanctioned by an Ordinary Resolution or Extraordinary Resolution (as the case may be) of the Holders of Covered Bonds then outstanding of that other Series.

# 19. **EFFECT OF RESOLUTIONS**

## 19.1 **Binding nature**

Subject to Article 18.4 (*Other Series of Covered Bonds*), any resolution passed at a Meeting of the Covered Bondholders of any Series duly convened and held in accordance with these Rules shall be binding upon all Covered Bondholders of any such Series, whether or not present at such Meeting and or not voting. A Programme Resolution passed at any Meeting of the holders of the Covered Bonds of all Series shall be binding on all holders of the Covered Bonds of all Series, whether or not present at the meeting.

## 19.2 Notice of voting results

Notice of the results of every vote on a resolution duly considered by Covered Bondholders shall be published (at the cost of the Issuer) in accordance with the Conditions and given to the Registrar and the Principal Paying Agent (with a copy to the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders within 14 days of the conclusion of each Meeting).

## 20. CHALLENGE TO RESOLUTIONS

Any absent or dissenting Covered Bondholder has the right to challenge Resolutions which are not passed in compliance with the provisions of these Rules.

#### 21. MINUTES

Minutes shall be made of all resolutions and proceedings of each Meeting and entered in books provided by the Issuer for that purpose. The Minutes shall be signed by the Chairman and shall be *prima facie* evidence of the proceedings therein recorded. Unless and until the contrary is proved, every Meeting in respect of which minutes have been signed by the Chairman shall be regarded as having been duly convened and held and all resolutions passed or proceedings transacted shall be regarded as having been duly passed and transacted.

## 22. WRITTEN RESOLUTION

A Written Resolution shall take effect as if it were an Extraordinary Resolution or, in respect of matters required to be determined by Ordinary Resolution, as if it were an Ordinary Resolution.

## 23. INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS AND REMEDIES

Each Covered Bondholder has accepted and is bound by the provisions of Condition 17 (Limited Recourse and Non Petition) and, accordingly, if any Covered Bondholder is considering bringing individual actions or using other individual remedies to enforce his/her rights under the Covered Bond Guarantee (hereinafter, a "Claiming Covered Bondholder"), then such Claiming Covered Bondholder intending to enforce his/her rights under the Covered Bonds will notify the Representative of the Covered Bondholders of his/her intention. The Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall inform the other Covered Bondholders in accordance with Condition 18 (Notices) of such prospective individual actions and remedies and invite them to raise, in writing, any objection that they may have by a specific date not more than 30 days after the date of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders' notification and not less than 10 days after such notification. If Covered Bondholders representing 5 per cent. or more of the aggregate Outstanding Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds then outstanding object to such prospective individual actions and remedies, then the Claiming Covered Bondholder will be prevented from taking any individual action or remedy (without prejudice to the fact that, after a reasonable period of time, the same matter may be resubmitted to the Representative of the Covered Bondholders pursuant to the terms of this Article 23).

## 24. MEETINGS AND SEPARATE SERIES

# 24.1 Choice of Meeting

If and whenever the Issuer shall have issued and have outstanding Covered Bonds of more than one Series the foregoing provisions of this Schedule shall have effect subject to the following modifications:

- a resolution which in the opinion of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders affects the Covered Bonds of only one Series shall be deemed to have been duly passed if passed at a separate meeting of the holders of the Covered Bonds of that Series;
- a resolution which in the opinion of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders affects the Covered Bonds of more than one Series but does not give rise to a conflict of interest between the holders of Covered Bonds of any of the Series so affected shall be deemed to have been duly passed if passed at a single meeting of the holders of the Covered Bonds of all the Series so affected:
- a resolution which in the opinion of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders affects the Covered Bonds of more than one Series and gives or may give rise to a conflict of interest between the holders of the Covered Bonds of one Series or group of Series so affected and the holders of the Covered Bonds of another Series or group of Series so affected shall be deemed to have been duly passed only if passed at separate meetings of the holders of the Covered Bonds of each Series or group of Series so affected;
- 24.1.4 a Programme Resolution shall be deemed to have been duly passed only if passed at a single meeting of the Covered Bondholders of all Series; and
- 24.1.5 to all such meetings all the preceding provisions of these Rules shall *mutatis mutandis* apply as though references therein to Covered Bonds and Covered Bondholders were references to the Covered Bonds of the Series or group of Series in question or to the holders of such Covered Bonds, as the case may be.

#### 24.2 Denominations other than Euro

If the Issuer has issued and has outstanding Covered Bonds which are not denominated in Euro in the case of any Meeting or request in writing or Written Resolution of holders of Covered Bonds of more than one currency (whether in respect of the meeting or any adjourned such Meeting or any poll resulting therefrom or any such request or Written Resolution) the Outstanding Principal Amount of such Covered Bonds shall be the equivalent in Euro at the relevant Swap Rate. In such circumstances, on any poll each person present shall have one vote for each Euro1.00 (or such other Euro amount as the Representative of the Covered Bondholders may in its absolute discretion stipulate) of the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds (converted as above) which he holds or represents.

## 25. FURTHER REGULATIONS

Subject to all other provisions contained in these Rules, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders may, without the consent of the Issuer, prescribe such further regulations regarding the holding of Meetings and attendance and voting at them and/or the provisions of a Written Resolution as the Representative of the Covered Bondholders in its sole discretion may decide.

#### TITLE III

#### THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COVERED BONDHOLDERS

# 26. APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL AND REMUNERATION

# 26.1 Appointment

The appointment of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders takes place by Programme Resolution in accordance with the provisions of this Article 26, except for the appointment of the first Representative of the Covered Bondholders which will be BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited.

#### 26.2 Identity of Representative of the Covered Bondholders

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall be:

- a bank incorporated in any jurisdiction of the European Union or a bank incorporated in any other jurisdiction acting through an Italian branch; or
- a company or financial institution enrolled with the register held by the Bank of Italy pursuant to Article 107 of Italian Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1993; or
- 26.2.3 any other entity which is not prohibited from acting in the capacity of Representative of the Covered Bondholders pursuant to the law.

The directors and auditors of the Issuer and those who fall within the conditions set out in Article 2399 of the Italian Civil Code cannot be appointed as Representative of the Covered Bondholders and, if appointed as such, they shall be automatically removed.

## 26.3 **Duration of appointment**

Unless the Representative of the Covered Bondholders is removed by Programme Resolution of the Covered Bondholders pursuant to Article 18.3 (*Programme Resolution*) or resigns pursuant to Article 27 (*Resignation of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders*), it shall remain in office until full repayment or cancellation of all the Covered Bonds.

## 26.4 After termination

In the event of a termination of the appointment of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders for any reason whatsoever, such representative shall remain in office until the substitute Representative of the Covered Bondholders, which shall be an entity specified in Article 26.2 (*Identity of Representative of the Covered Bondholders*), accepts its appointment, and the powers and authority of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders whose appointment has been terminated shall, pending the acceptance of its appointment by the substitute, be limited to those necessary to perform the essential functions required in connection with the Covered Bonds.

#### 26.5 Remuneration

The Issuer, failing which the Guarantor, shall pay to the Representative of the Covered Bondholders an annual fee for its services as Representative of the Covered Bondholders from the Issue Date, as agreed either in the initial agreement(s) for the issue of and subscription for the Covered Bonds or in a separate fee letter. Such fees shall accrue from day-to-day and shall be payable in accordance with the priority of payments set out in the Intercreditor Agreement up to (and including) the date when all the Covered Bonds of whatever Series shall have been repaid in full or cancelled in accordance with the Conditions.

## 27. RESIGNATION OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COVERED BONDHOLDERS

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders may resign at any time by giving at least three calendar months' written notice to the Issuer and the Guarantor, without needing to provide any specific reason for the resignation and without being responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such resignation. The resignation of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall not become effective until a new Representative of the Covered Bondholders has been appointed in accordance with Article 26.1 (*Appointment*) and such new Representative of the Covered Bondholders has accepted its appointment, *provided that* if Covered Bondholders fail to select a new Representative of the Covered Bondholders within three months of written notice of resignation delivered by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders may appoint a successor which is a qualifying entity pursuant to Article 26.2 (*Identity of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders*).

# 28. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COVERED BONDHOLDERS

## 28.1 Representative of the Covered Bondholders as legal representative

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders is the legal representative of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders and has the power to exercise the rights conferred on it by the Transaction Documents in order to protect the interests of the Covered Bondholders.

## 28.2 Meetings and resolutions

Unless any Resolution provides to the contrary, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders is responsible for implementing all resolutions of the Covered Bondholders. The Representative of the Covered Bondholders has the right to convene and attend Meetings to propose any course of action which it considers from time to time necessary or desirable.

# 28.3 **Delegation**

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders may in the exercise of the powers, discretions and authorities vested in it by these Rules and the Transaction Documents:

28.3.1 act by responsible officers or a responsible officer for the time being of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders;

28.3.2 whenever it considers it expedient and in the interest of the Covered Bondholders, whether by power of attorney or otherwise, delegate to any person or persons or fluctuating body of persons some, but not all, of the powers, discretions or authorities vested in it as aforesaid.

Any such delegation pursuant to Article 28.3.1 may be made upon such conditions and subject to such regulations (including power to sub-delegate) as the Representative of the Covered Bondholders may think fit in the interest of the Covered Bondholders. The Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall not be bound to supervise the acts or proceedings of such delegate or sub-delegate and shall not in any way or to any extent be responsible for any loss incurred by reason of any misconduct, omission or default on the part of such delegate or sub-delegate, *provided that* the Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall use all reasonable care in the appointment of any such delegate and shall be responsible for the instructions given by it to such delegate. The Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, give notice to the Issuer and the Guarantor of the appointment of any delegate and any renewal, extension and termination of such appointment, and shall procure that any delegate shall give notice to the Issuer and the Guarantor of the appointment of any sub-delegate as soon as reasonably practicable.

## 28.4 Judicial proceedings

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders is authorised to represent the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders in any judicial proceedings including any Insolvency Event in respect of the Issuer and/or the Guarantor.

## 28.5 Consents given by Representative of Covered Bondholders

Any consent or approval given by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders under these Rules and any other Transaction Document may be given on such terms and subject to such conditions (if any) as the Representative of the Covered Bondholders deems appropriate and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Rules or in the Transaction Documents, such consent or approval may be given retrospectively.

## 28.6 Discretions

Save as expressly otherwise provided herein, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall have absolute discretion as to the exercise or non-exercise of any right, power and discretion vested in the Representative of the Covered Bondholders by these Rules or by operation of law.

## 28.7 **Obtaining instructions**

In connection with matters in respect of which the Representative of the Covered Bondholders is entitled to exercise its discretion hereunder, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders has the right (but not the obligation) to convene a Meeting or Meetings in order to obtain the Covered Bondholders' instructions as to how it should act. Prior to undertaking any action, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall be entitled to request that the Covered Bondholders indemnify it and/or provide it with security as specified in Article 29.2 (*Specific Limitations*).

## 28.8 Remedy

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders may in its sole discretion determine whether or not a default in the performance by the Issuer or the Guarantor of any obligation under the provisions of these Rules, the Covered Bonds or any other Transaction Documents may be remedied, and if the Representative of the Covered Bondholders certifies that any such default is, in its opinion, not capable of being remedied, such certificate shall be conclusive and

binding upon the Issuer, the Covered Bondholders, the other creditors of the Guarantor and any other party to the Transaction Documents.

#### 29. EXONERATION OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COVERED BONDHOLDERS

#### 29.1 Limited obligations

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall not assume any obligations or responsibilities in addition to those expressly provided herein and in the Transaction Documents.

# 29.2 Specific limitations

Without limiting the generality of the Article 29.1, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders:

- shall not be under any obligation to take any steps to ascertain whether an Issuer Event of Default or a Guarantor Event of Default or any other event, condition or act, the occurrence of which would cause a right or remedy to become exercisable by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders hereunder or under any other Transaction Document, has occurred and, until the Representative of the Covered Bondholders has actual knowledge or express notice to the contrary, it shall be entitled to assume that no Issuer Event of Default or a Guarantor Event of Default or such other event, condition or act has occurred;
- shall not be under any obligation to monitor or supervise the observance and performance by the Issuer or the Guarantor or any other parties of their obligations contained in these Rules, the Transaction Documents or the Conditions and, until it shall have actual knowledge or express notice to the contrary, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall be entitled to assume that the Issuer or the Guarantor and each other party to the Transaction Documents are duly observing and performing all their respective obligations;
- 29.2.3 except as expressly required in these Rules or any Transaction Document, shall not be under any obligation to give notice to any person of its activities in performance of the provisions of these Rules or any other Transaction Document;
- shall not be responsible for investigating the legality, validity, effectiveness, adequacy, suitability or genuineness of these Rules or of any Transaction Document, or of any other document or any obligation or rights created or purported to be created hereby or thereby or pursuant hereto or thereto, and (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) it shall not have any responsibility for or have any duty to make any investigation in respect of or in any way be liable whatsoever for:
  - (i) the nature, status, creditworthiness or solvency of the Issuer or the Guarantor;
  - (ii) the existence, accuracy or sufficiency of any legal or other opinion, search, report, certificate, valuation or investigation delivered or obtained or required to be delivered or obtained at any time in connection with the Programme;
  - (iii) the suitability, adequacy or sufficiency of any collection procedure operated by the Master Servicer or any Sub-Servicer or compliance therewith;
  - (iv) the failure by the Issuer to obtain or comply with any licence, consent or other authorisation in connection with the purchase or administration of the assets contained in the Cover Pool; and

- (v) any accounts, books, records or files maintained by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Master Servicer, any Sub-Servicer, the Registrar and the Principal Paying Agent or any other person in respect of the Cover Pool or the Covered Bonds;
- shall not be responsible for the receipt or application by the Issuer of the proceeds of the issue of the Covered Bonds or the distribution of any of such proceeds to the persons entitled thereto;
- shall have no responsibility for procuring or maintaining any rating of the Covered Bonds by any credit or rating agency or any other person;
- shall not be responsible for investigating any matter which is the subject of any recital, statement, warranty, representation or covenant by any party other than the Representative of the Covered Bondholders contained herein or in any Transaction Document or any certificate, document or agreement relating thereto or for the execution, legality, validity, effectiveness, enforceability or admissibility in evidence thereof:
- 29.2.8 shall not be liable for any failure, omission or defect in registering or filing or procuring registration or filing of or otherwise protecting or perfecting these Rules or any Transaction Document;
- 29.2.9 shall not be bound or concerned to examine or enquire into or be liable for any defect or failure in the right or title of the Guarantor in relation to the assets contained in the Cover Pool or any part thereof, whether such defect or failure was known to the Representative of the Covered Bondholders or might have been discovered upon examination or enquiry or whether capable of being remedied or not;
- 29.2.10 shall not be under any obligation to guarantee or procure the repayment of the Mortgage Loans contained in the Cover Pool or any part thereof;
- 29.2.11 shall not be responsible for reviewing or investigating any report relating to the Cover Pool or any part thereof provided by any person;
- 29.2.12 shall not be responsible for or have any liability with respect to any loss or damage arising from the realisation of the Cover Pool or any part thereof;
- 29.2.13 shall not be responsible (except as expressly provided in the Conditions) for making or verifying any determination or calculation in respect of the Covered Bonds, the Cover Pool or any Transaction Document;
- 29.2.14 shall not be under any obligation to insure the Cover Pool or any part thereof;
- shall, when in these Rules or any Transaction Document it is required in connection with the exercise of its powers, trusts, authorities or discretions to have regard to the interests of the Covered Bondholders, have regard to the overall interests of the Covered Bondholders of each Series as a class of persons and shall not be obliged to have regard to any interests arising from circumstances particular to individual Covered Bondholders whatever their number and, in particular but without limitation, shall not have regard to the consequences of such exercise for individual Covered Bondholders (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 taxing authority;
- 29.2.16 shall not, if in connection with the exercise of its powers, trusts, authorities or discretions, it is of the opinion that the interest of the holders of the Covered Bonds of any one or more Series would be materially prejudiced thereby, exercise such power,

trust, authority or discretion without the approval of such Covered Bondholders by Extraordinary Resolution or by a written resolution of such Covered Bondholders holding not less than 25 per cent. of the Outstanding Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds of the relevant Series then outstanding;

- shall, as regards at the powers, trusts, authorities and discretions vested in it by the Transaction Documents, except where expressly provided therein, have regard to the interests of both the Covered Bondholders and the other creditors of the Issuer or the Guarantor but if, in the opinion of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, there is a conflict between their interests the Representative of the Covered Bondholders will have regard solely to the interest of the Covered Bondholders;
- 29.2.18 may refrain from taking any action or exercising any right, power, authority or discretion vested in it under these Rules or any Transaction Document or any other agreement relating to the transactions herein or therein contemplated until it has been indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction against any and all actions, proceedings, claims and demands which might be brought or made against it and against all Liabilities suffered, incurred or sustained by it as a result. Nothing contained in these Rules or any of the other Transaction Documents shall require the Representative of the Covered Bondholders to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of its duties or the exercise of any right, power, authority or discretion hereunder if it has grounds for believing the repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against, or security for, such risk or liability is not reasonably assured; and
- 29.2.19 shall not have any liability for any loss, liability, damages claim or expense directly or indirectly suffered or incurred by the Issuer, the Guarantor, any Covered Bondholder, any Other Creditor or any other person as a result of any determination, any act, matter or thing that will not be materially prejudicial to the interests of the Covered Bondholders as a whole or the interests of the Covered Bondholders of any Series.

# 29.3 Covered Bonds held by Issuer

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders may assume without enquiry that no Covered Bonds are, at any given time, held by or for the benefit of the Issuer or the Guarantor.

# 29.4 *Illegality*

No provision of these Rules shall require the Representative of the Covered Bondholders to do anything which may be illegal or contrary to applicable law or regulations or to expend moneys or otherwise take risks in the performance of any of its duties, or in the exercise of any of its powers or discretion. The Representative of the Covered Bondholders may refrain from taking any action which would or might, in its opinion, be contrary to any law of any jurisdiction or any regulation or directive of any agency of any state, or if it has reasonable grounds to believe that it will not be reimbursed for any funds it expends, or that it will not be indemnified against any loss or Liabilities which it may incur as a consequence of such action. The Representative of the Covered Bondholders may do anything which, in its opinion, is necessary to comply with any such law, regulation or directive as aforesaid.

## 30. **RELIANCE ON INFORMATION**

#### 30.1 Advice

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders may act on the advice of a certificate or opinion of, or any written information obtained from, any lawyer, accountant, banker, broker, credit or rating agency or other expert, whether obtained by the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders or otherwise, and shall not be liable for any loss

occasioned by so acting. Any such opinion, advice, certificate or information may be sent or obtained by letter, telegram, e-mail or fax transmission and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall not be liable for acting on any opinion, advice, certificate or information purporting to be so conveyed although the same contains some error or is not authentic and, in circumstances where in the opinion of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders to obtain such advice on any other basis is not practicable, notwithstanding any limitation of or cap on liability in respect thereof.

## 30.2 Certificates of Issuer and/or Guarantor

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders may require, and shall be at liberty to accept (a) as sufficient evidence

- as to any fact or matter *prima facie* within the Issuer's or the Guarantor's knowledge, a certificate duly signed by a director of the Issuer or (as the case may be) the Guarantor;
- 30.2.2 that such is the case, a certificate of a director of the Issuer or (as the case may be) the Guarantor to the effect that any particular dealing, transaction, step or thing is expedient,

and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall not be bound in any such case to call for further evidence or be responsible for any loss that may be incurred as a result of acting on such certificate unless any of its officers in charge of the administration of these Rules shall have actual knowledge or express notice of the untruthfulness of the matters contained in the certificate.

## 30.3 Resolution or direction of Covered Bondholders

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall not be responsible for acting upon any resolution purporting to be a Written Resolution or to have been passed at any Meeting in respect whereof minutes have been made and signed or a direction of the requisite percentage of Covered Bondholders, even though it may subsequently be found that there was some defect in the constitution of the Meeting or the passing of the Written Resolution or the giving of such directions or that for any reason the resolution purporting to be a Written Resolution or to have been passed at any Meeting or the giving of the direction was not valid or binding upon the Covered Bondholders.

# 30.4 Certificates of Monte Titoli Account Holders

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders, in order to ascertain ownership of the Covered Bonds, may fully rely on the certificates issued by any Monte Titoli Account Holder in accordance with the regulation issued jointly by the Bank of Italy and CONSOB on 22 February 2008, as amended from time to time, which certificates are to be conclusive proof of the matters certified therein.

# 30.5 Clearing Systems

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall be at liberty to call for and to rely on as sufficient evidence of the facts stated therein, a certificate, letter or confirmation certified as true and accurate and signed on behalf of such clearing system as the Representative of the Covered Bondholders considers appropriate, or any form of record made by any clearing system, to the effect that at any particular time or throughout any particular period any particular person is, or was, or will be, shown its records as entitled to a particular number of Covered Bonds.

## 30.6 Rating Agencies

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall be entitled to assume, for the purposes of exercising any power, authority, duty or discretion under or in relation to these Rules that such exercise will not be materially prejudicial to the interests of the holders of Covered Bonds of any Series or of all Series for the time being outstanding if the Rating Agencies have confirmed that the then current rating of the Covered Bonds of any such Series or all such Series (as the case may be) would not be adversely affected by such exercise, or have otherwise given their consent. If the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, in order properly to exercise its rights or fulfil its obligations, deems it necessary to obtain the views of the Rating Agencies as to how a specific act would affect any outstanding rating of the Covered Bonds, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders may inform the Issuer, which will then obtain such views at its expense on behalf of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders or the Representative of the Covered Bondholders may seek and obtain such views itself at the cost of the Issuer.

## 30.7 Certificates of Parties to Transaction Document

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall have the right to call for or require the Issuer or the Guarantor to call for and to rely on written certificates issued by any party (other than the Issuer or the Guarantor) to the Intercreditor Agreement or any other Transaction Document,

- 30.7.1 in respect of every matter and circumstance for which a certificate is expressly provided for under the Conditions or any Transaction Document;
- 30.7.2 as any matter or fact *prima facie* within the knowledge of such party; or
- 30.7.3 as to such party's opinion with respect to any issue

and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall not be required to seek additional evidence in respect of the relevant fact, matter or circumstances and shall not be held responsible for any Liabilities incurred as a result of having failed to do so unless any of its officers has actual knowledge or express notice of the untruthfulness of the matter contained in the certificate.

#### 30.8 Auditors

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall not be responsible for reviewing or investigating any auditors' report or certificate and may rely on the contents of any such report or certificate.

#### 31. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATIONS

## 31.1 *Modification*

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders may at any time and from time to time and without the consent or sanction of the Covered Bondholders of any Series concur with the Issuer and/or the Guarantor and any other relevant parties in making any modification (and for this purpose the Representative of the Covered Bondholders may disregard whether any such modification relates to a Series Reserved Matter) as follows:

31.1.1 to these Rules, the Conditions and/or the other Transaction Documents which, in the sole opinion of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, it may be expedient to make *provided that* the Representative of the Covered Bondholders is of the opinion that such modification will not be materially prejudicial to the interests of any of the Covered Bondholders of any Series; and

- 31.1.2 to these Rules, the Conditions and/or the other Transaction Documents which is of a formal, minor, administrative or technical nature or to comply with mandatory provisions of law; and
- 31.1.3 to these Rules, the Conditions and/or the other Transaction Documents which, in the opinion of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, is to correct a manifest error or an error established as such to the satisfaction of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders.

# 31.2 **Binding Nature**

Any such modification may be made on such terms and subject to such conditions (if any) as the Representative of the Covered Bondholders may determine, shall be binding upon the Covered Bondholders and, unless the Representative of the Covered Bondholders otherwise agrees, shall be notified by the Issuer or the Guarantor (as the case may be) to the Covered Bondholders in accordance with Condition 18 (*Notices*) as soon as practicable thereafter.

# 31.3 Establishing an error

In establishing whether an error is established as such, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders may have regard to any evidence on which the Representative of the Covered Bondholders considers it appropriate to rely and may, but shall not be obliged to, have regard to any of the following:

- 31.3.1 a certificate from the Arranger:
  - (i) stating the intention of the parties to the relevant Transaction Document;
  - (ii) confirming nothing has been said to, or by, investors or any other parties which is in any way inconsistent with such stated intention; and
  - (iii) stating the modification to the relevant Transaction Document that is required to reflect such intention; and
- 31.3.2 confirmation from the relevant credit rating agencies that, after giving effect to such modification, the Covered Bonds shall continue to have the same credit ratings as those assigned to them immediately prior to the modification.

#### 31.4 *Obligation to act*

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall be bound to concur with the Issuer and the Guarantor and any other party in making any modifications to these Rules, the Conditions and/or the other Transaction Documents if it is so directed by a Programme Resolution and then only if it is indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction against all Liabilities to which it may thereby render itself liable or which it may incur by so doing.

#### 32. WAIVER

## 32.1 Waiver of Breach

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders may at any time and from time to time without the consent or sanction of the Covered Bondholders of any Series and, without prejudice to its rights in respect of any subsequent breach, condition, or event but only if, and in so far as, in its opinion the interests of the Holders of the Covered Bonds of any Series then outstanding shall not be materially prejudiced thereby:

- 32.1.1 authorise or waive, any proposed breach or breach by the Issuer or the Guarantor of any of the covenants or provisions contained in the Covered Bond Guarantee these Rules or the other Transaction Documents; or
- determine that any Issuer Event of Default or Guarantor Event of Default shall not be treated as such for the purposes of the Transaction Documents,

without any consent or sanction of the Covered Bondholders.

# 32.2 **Binding Nature**

Any authorisation, or, waiver or determination may be given on such terms and subject to such conditions (if any) as the Representative of the Covered Bondholders may determine, shall be binding on all Bondholders and, if the Representative of the Covered Bondholders so requires, shall be notified to the Bondholders and the Other Creditors by the Issuer or the Guarantor, as soon as practicable after it has been given or made in accordance with the provisions of the conditions relating to Notices and the relevant Transaction Documents.

# 32.3 Restriction on powers

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall not exercise any powers conferred upon it by this Article 32 (*Waiver*) in contravention of any express direction by an Programme Resolution, but so that no such direction shall affect any authorisation, waiver or determination previously given or made.

#### 32.4 *Obligation to exercise powers*

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall be bound to waive or authorise any breach or proposed breach by the Issuer or the Guarantor of any of the covenants or provisions contained in the Guarantee, these Rules or any of the other Transaction Documents or determine that any Issuer Event of Default or Guarantor Event of Default shall not be treated as such if it is so directed by an Programme Resolution and then only if it is indemnified and/or secured to its satisfaction against all Liabilities to which it may thereby render itself liable or which it may incur by so doing.

#### 32.5 *Notice of waiver*

If the Representative of the Covered Bondholders so requires, the Issuer shall cause any such authorisation, waiver or determination to be notified to the Covered Bondholders and the Other Creditors, as soon as practicable after it has been given or made in accordance with Condition 18 (*Notices*).

#### 33. **INDEMNITY**

Pursuant to the Programme Agreement, each Subscription Agreement and other document been agreed between the Issuer and the Relevant Dealer(s), the Issuer, failing which the Guarantor, has covenanted and undertaken to reimburse, pay or discharge (on a full indemnity basis) upon demand, to the extent not already reimbursed, paid or discharged by the Covered Bondholders,

all costs, liabilities, losses, charges, expenses, damages, actions, proceedings, claims and demands properly incurred by or made against the Representative of the Covered Bondholders or any entity to which the Representative of the Covered Bondholders has delegated any power, authority or discretion in relation to the exercise or purported exercise of its powers, authorities and discretions and the performance of its duties under and otherwise in relation to these Rules and the Transaction Documents, including but not limited to legal and travelling expenses, and any stamp, issue, registration, documentary and other taxes or duties paid by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders in connection with any action and/or legal proceedings brought or contemplated by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders pursuant to the Transaction Documents against the Issuer, or any other person to enforce any obligation under these Rules, the Covered Bonds or the Transaction Documents except insofar as the same are incurred as a result of fraud (*frode*), gross negligence (*colpa grave*) or wilful default (*dolo*) of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders.

#### 34. **LIABILITY**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Rules, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall not be liable for any act, matter or thing done or omitted in any way in connection with the Transaction Documents, the Covered Bonds, the Conditions or the Rules except in relation to its own fraud (*frode*), gross negligence (*colpa grave*) or wilful default (*dolo*).

#### 35. **SECURITY DOCUMENTS**

#### 35.1 The Deeds of Pledge

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall have the right to exercise all the rights granted by the Guarantor to the Covered Bondholders pursuant to the Deeds of Pledge. The beneficiaries of the Deeds of Pledge are referred to in this Article 35 as the "**Secured Bondholders**".

# 35.2 Rights of Representative of the Covered Bondholders

- 35.2.1 The Representative of the Covered Bondholders, acting on behalf of the Secured Bondholders, shall be entitled to appoint and entrust the Guarantor to collect, in the Secured Bondholders' interest and on their behalf, any amount deriving from the pledged claims and rights, and shall be entitled to give instructions, jointly with the Guarantor, to the respective debtors of the pledged claims to make the payments related to such claims to any account opened in the name of the Guarantor and appropriate for such purpose;
- 35.2.2 The Secured Bondholders irrevocably waive any right they may have in relation to any amount deriving from time to time from the pledged claims or credited to any such account opened in the name of the Guarantor and appropriate of such purpose which is not in accordance with the provisions of this Article 35. The Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall not be entitled to collect, withdraw or apply, or issue instructions for the collection, withdrawal or application of, cash deriving from time to time from the pledged claims under the Deeds of Pledge except in accordance with the provisions of this Article 35 and the Intercreditor Agreement.

#### TITLE IV

# THE ORGANISATION OF THE COVERED BONDHOLDERS AFTER SERVICE OF AN NOTICE

#### 36. POWERS TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GUARANTOR

It is hereby acknowledged that, upon service of a Guarantor Default Notice or, prior to service of a Guarantor Default Notice, following the failure of the Guarantor to exercise any right to which it is entitled, pursuant to the Mandate Agreement the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, in its capacity as legal representative of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders, shall be entitled (also in the interests of the Other Issuer's Creditors) pursuant to Articles 1411 and 1723 of the Italian Civil Code, to exercise certain rights in relation to the Cover Pool. Therefore, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, in its capacity as legal representative of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders, will be authorised, pursuant to the terms of the Mandate Agreement, to exercise, in the name and on behalf of the Guarantor and as *mandatario in rem propriam* of the Guarantor, any and all of the Guarantor's rights under certain Transaction Documents, including the right to give directions and instructions to the relevant parties to the relevant Transaction Documents.

#### TITLE V

#### **GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION**

#### 37. **GOVERNING LAW**

These Rules are governed by, and will be construed in accordance with, the laws of the Republic of Italy.

### 38. **JURISDICTION**

The Courts of Milan will have jurisdiction to law and determine any suit, action or proceedings and to settle any disputes which may arise out of or in connection with these Rules.

#### FORM OF FINAL TERMS

## Final Terms dated [•]

### UNIONE DI BANCHE ITALIANE S.c.p.a.

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Description]

Covered Bonds (Obbligazioni Bancarie Garantite) due [Maturity]

Guaranteed by

**UBI Finance S.r.l.** 

under the Euro 15,000,000,000 Programme

#### PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the "Conditions") set forth in the prospectus dated 31 July 2015, approved by the Central Bank of Ireland [and the supplement[s] to the prospectus dated [•]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus (the "Prospectus") [for the purposes of the Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended and supplemented from time to time, the "Prospectus Directive"). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Covered Bonds (Obbligazioni Bancarie Garantite) described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive.] <sup>4</sup> These Final Terms contain the final terms of the Covered Bonds (Obbligazioni Bancarie Garantite) and must be read in conjunction with such Prospectus [as so supplemented]. Full information on the Issuer, the Guarantor and the offer of the Covered Bonds (Obbligazioni Bancarie Garantite) described herein is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Prospectus [as so supplemented]. The Prospectus [including the supplement[s]] [is/are] available for viewing [at the Issuer's website (http://www.ubibanca.it)] [and] during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer at Piazza Vittorio Veneto 8, 24122 Bergamo (Italy) and copies may be obtained from the registered office of the Issuer. [This Final Terms will be published on the website of the Irish Stock Exchange at www.ise.ie].

[Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the "Conditions") set forth in the prospectus dated 25 July 2014 which are incorporated by reference in the Prospectus dated 31 July 2015, which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus (the "Prospectus") for the purposes of article 14 of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the "Prospectus Directive"). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Covered Bonds (*Obbligazioni Bancarie Garantite*) described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive. These Final Terms contain the final terms of the Covered Bonds (*Obbligazioni Bancarie Garantite*) and must be read in conjunction with such Prospectus [as so supplemented]. Full information on the Issuer, the Guarantor and the offer of the Covered Bonds (*Obbligazioni Bancarie Garantite*) described herein is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Prospectus [as so supplemented]. The Prospectus [including the supplement[s]] [is/are] available for viewing [at the Issuer's website (http://www.ubibanca.it)] [and] during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer at Piazza Vittorio Veneto 8, 24122 Bergamo (Italy) [and copies may be obtained from [the registered office of the Issuer]. [This Final Terms will be published on the website of the Irish Stock Exchange at www.ise.ie]

1.	(i)	Series Number:	[•]
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(ii) Tranche Number: [•]

<sup>4</sup> The language included in square brackets shall be removed where exempt offers are made under this Prospectus.

(iii) Date on which the Covered Bonds will become fungible [The Covered Bonds will be consolidated and will form a single Series with [identify earlier Tranche] [(insert number of the Series and ISIN Code)] [●] on [the Issue Date (insert date)]/[Not Applicable]

2. Specified Currency or Currencies:

[•][Euro/UK Sterling/Swiss Franc/Japanese Yen/ US Dollar/Other]

3. Aggregate Nominal Amount:

[•]

(i) Series:

[•]

(ii) Tranche:

[•]

4. Issue Price:

[•]% of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from [•]

5. (i) Specified Denominations:

 $[\bullet]$  [plus integral multiples of  $[\bullet]$  in addition to the said sum of  $[\bullet]$ ]

(ii) Calculation Amount:

[•]

6. (i) Issue Date:

[•]

(ii) Interest Commencement Date:

[Specify/Issue Date//Not Applicable]

7. Maturity Date:

[Specify date or (for Floating Rate Covered Bonds) Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to the relevant month and year.]

8. (i) Extended Maturity Date of
Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to
Final Redemption Amount under the
Covered Bond Guarantee:

[Not applicable / Specify date or (for Floating Rate Covered Bonds) Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to the relevant month and year] (as referred to in Condition 9(b)

(ii) Extended Instalment Date of Guaranteed Amounts corresponding to Covered Bond Instalment Amounts under the Covered Bond Guarantee: [Not Applicable/ Applicable]

9. Interest Basis:

[[•]% Fixed Rate]

 $[[[\bullet]] + - [\bullet]\%$  [Floating Rate]

(further particulars specified in paragraphs [•] below)

10. Redemption/Payment Basis:

[Subject to any purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Covered Bonds will be redeemed on the Maturity Date at [100] % of their nominal amount] (as provided for in Condition [•])

[Instalment] [The Covered Bonds shall be redeemed in the Covered Bond Instalment Amounts and on the Covered Bond Instalment Dates set out in paragraph 21 below.]

11. Change of Interest [Not Applicable] / [Applicable]

[(further particulars specified in paragraphs [14 / 15]

below)]

12. Put/Call Options: [Not Applicable]

[Investor Put]

[Issuer Call]

[(further particulars specified in paragraphs [●] below)]

13. [Date [Board] approval for issuance of Covered Bonds [and Covered Bond

Guarantee] [respectively]] obtained:

[•] and [•], respectively

### PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

14. **Fixed Rate Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(i) Rate(s) of Interest: [•]% per annum payable in arrears

[annually/semi-annually/quarterly/monthly] on each

**Interest Payment Date** 

(ii) Interest Payment Date(s): [•] in each year [adjusted in accordance with

[•]][specify Business Day Convention and any applicable Business Centre(s) for the definition of

"Business Day"]/not adjusted]

(iii) Fixed Coupon Amount[(s)]: [•] per Calculation Amount

(iv) Broken Amount(s): [[•] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest

Payment Date falling [in/on] [•]]/[Not Applicable]

(v) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual (ICMA)

Actual/Actual (ISDA) Actual/365 (Fixed)

Actual/365 (Fixed Actual/360

30/360

30E/360 or Eurobond Basis

30E/360 (ISDA)]

(vi) [Determination Date(s): [[•] in each year/Not Applicable]]

15. Floating Rate Provisions [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(i) Interest Period(s): [•]

(ii) Specified Period: [•] / [Not Applicable]

(Specified Period and Interest Payment Dates are alternatives. A Specified Period, rather than Interest Payment Dates, will only be relevant if the Business Day Convention is the FRN Convention, Floating Rate Convention or Eurodollar Convention. Otherwise, insert "Not Applicable")

(iii) Interest Payment Dates: [[•] / Not Applicable]

(iv) First Interest Payment Date: [•]

(v) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention/ Following Business Day

Convention/ Modified Following Business Day Convention/ Preceding Business Day Convention/

FRN Convention/ Eurodollar Convention]

(vi) Additional Business Centre(s): [Not Applicable/[•]]

(vii) Manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined:

[Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination]

(viii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and/or Interest Amount(s) (if not the Principal Paying Agent):

[[•] shall be the Calculation Agent ]

(ix) Screen Rate Determination:

• Reference Rate: [[•] month *LIBOR/EURIBOR*]

• Interest Determination [•] Date(s):

• Relevant Screen Page: [•]

• Relevant Time: [•]

• Relevant Financial [●] Centre:

(x) ISDA Determination:

Floating Rate Option: [•]

Designated Maturity: [•]

• Reset Date: [•]

(xi) Margin(s):  $[+/-][\bullet]\%$  per annum

(xii) Minimum Rate of Interest: [•]% per annum

(xiii) Maximum Rate of Interest: [•]% per annum

(xiv) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual (ICMA)

Actual/Actual (ISDA) Actual/365 (Fixed)

Actual/360

30/360

30E/360 or Eurobond Basis

### 30E/360 (ISDA)]

### PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

16. [Applicable/Not Applicable] (as referred in Condition **Call Option** 9(d)(i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [•] [•] per Calculation of Amount (ii) **Optional Redemption** Amount(s) of Covered Bonds and method, if any, of calculation of such amount (iii) If redeemable in part: Minimum Redemption [•] per Calculation Amount (a) Amount: (b) Maximum Redemption [•] per Calculation Amount Amount Notice period: [•] (iv) **Put Option** [Applicable/Not Applicable] (as referred in Condition 17. 9(f)(i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [•] (ii) Optional Redemption [•] per Calculation Amount Amount(s) of each Covered **Bonds** (iii) Notice period: [•] 18. **Final Redemption Amount of** [•] per Calculation Amount (as referred in Condition 9) **Covered Bonds** 19. [Not Applicable/[•] per Calculation Amount] (as **Early Redemption Amount** referred in Condition 9) Early redemption amount(s) per Calculation Amount payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on

### GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE COVERED BONDS

20. Additional Financial Centre(s) [Not Applicable/[●]]

21. Details relating to Covered Bonds for which principal is repayable in instalments: amount of each instalment, date on which each payment is to be made:

acceleration following an Event of

Default

[Not Applicable/[●]]

[The Covered Bonds shall be redeemed on each date set out below (each a "Covered Bond Instalment Date") in the amounts set out below (each a "Covered **Bond Instalment Amount**").

Covered Instalment Date	Bond	Covered Bond Instalment Amount
[•]		[•]
[●]		[•]
[Maturity Date]		All outstanding Covered Bonds not previously redeemed]

[(Relevant third party information) has been extracted from  $[\bullet]$ . Each of the Issuer and the Guarantor confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware, and is able to ascertain from information published by  $[\bullet]$ , no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]

Signed on behalf of Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.a.

By: Duly authorised
Signed on behalf of UBI Finance S.r.l.
By: Duly authorised

# **PART B – OTHER INFORMATION**

#### 1. LISTING

(i) Listing [Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange/Other]/[Not

Applicable]

(ii) Admission to trading [Application [is expected to be/has been] made by the

Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Covered Bonds to be admitted to trading on [the regulated market of the Irish Stock Exchange/Other] with effect from [•]/Not

Applicable.]

(iii) Estimate of total expenses  $[\bullet]$ 

related to admission to trading:

### 2. RATINGS

Ratings:

[The Covered Bonds to be issued [[have been]/[are expected]] to be rated]/[The following ratings assigned to the Covered Bonds of this type issued under the Programme generally:]

[Moody's Investors Service Ltd.: [•]]

[Fitch Ratings Limited: [•]]

The credit ratings included or referred to in these Final Terms [have been issued by Fitch, [[●] or [●],] [each of ]which is established in the European Union and is registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 as amended by Regulation (EU) No 513/2011 and Regulation(EU) No. 462/2013 on credit rating agencies (the "CRA Regulation") as set out in the list of credit rating agencies registered in accordance with the CRA Regulation published on the website of the European Securities and Markets Authority pursuant to the CRA Regulation (for more information please visit the European Securities and Markets Authority webpage http://www.esma.europa.eu/page/Listregistered-and-certified-CRAs).

# 3. [INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE/OFFER]

[Save for any fees payable to the [Managers/Dealers], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Covered Bonds has an interest material to the offer. The [Managers/Dealers] and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer and [its] affiliates in the ordinary course of business - *Amend as appropriate if there are other interests*]

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

[(i) Reasons for the offer [•]

[(ii) Estimated net proceeds: [•]

[(iii) Estimated total expenses: [•]

#### 5. [Fixed Rate Covered Bonds only - YIELD

Indication of yield: [•]

> As set out above, the yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield.

#### 6. [Floating Rate Covered Bonds only – HISTORIC INTEREST RATES

Details of historic [LIBOR/EURIBOR] rates can be obtained from [Reuters]./[Not Applicable]

#### 7. **OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

ISIN Code: [•]

Common Code: [•]

Any Relevant Clearing System(s) [Not Applicable/[●]] other than Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme and the relevant identification number(s):

Delivery: Delivery [against/free of] payment

Names and Specified Offices of [•] additional [•] paying agent(s) (if any):

# **DISTRIBUTION**

- 1. (i) Method of distribution: [Syndicated/Non-Syndicated]
  - of [Not Applicable/[●]] (ii) If syndicated, names Managers:
  - (iii) Date of [Subscription]:
  - Stabilising Manager(s) (if any):: (iv) [Not Applicable/[●]]
- 2. If non-syndicated, name of Dealer: [Not Applicable/[●]]
- 3. U.S. Selling Restrictions: Applicable/Compliant [Not with Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act

of 1933]

[•]

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds of the sale of the Covered Bonds will be used by the Issuer for general funding purposes of the UBI Banca Group.

#### THE ISSUER

#### **UBI Banca and the UBI Banca Group**

Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.a. ("**UBI Banca**") is the entity resulting from the merger by incorporation of Banca Lombarda e Piemontese S.p.A. ("**Banca Lombarda**") into Banche Popolari Unite S.c.p.a. ("**BPU**") (the "**Merger**"). The Merger became legally effective on 1 April 2007, with the surviving entity, BPU, changing its name to UBI Banca. UBI Banca is the parent company of the UBI Banca Group (the "**UBI Banca Group**").

The Head Office and General Management of UBI Banca are located in Piazza Vittorio Veneto 8, 24122 Bergamo (Italy) and the telephone number is +39 035392111. UBI Banca's fiscal code, VAT number and registration number in the Company Registry of Bergamo is 03053920165. UBI Banca, incorporated under the laws of Italy, is registered under number 5678 in the Bank of Italy's Bank Registry and under number 3111.2 in the Bank of Italy's Banking Groups' Registry. The duration of UBI Banca's corporate life is until 31 December 2100, but may be extended.

### The UBI Banca Group

UBI Banca is a cooperative bank (banca popolare). According to this status each shareholder:

- is entitled to hold up to 1% of the share capital with the exception of mutual funds
- has a per-capita vote at least 250 shares must be held to become and remain "voting shareholder".

UBI Banca, the Parent Bank of the Group, is a company listed on the Italian Stock Exchange, included in the FTSE MIB index. The UBI Banca Group has adopted a federal organisational model, multifunctional and integrated, where UBI Banca, as parent company, centralises governance, control, coordination and support functions

The consolidated figures of UBI Banca as at 31 December 2014 were as follows:

- a domestic network of 1,670 branches;
- 18,132 employees actually in service ("Dipendenti effettivi in servizio");
- approximately 3.6 million customers;
- direct funding from customers of Euro 93.2 billion (ranking fourth in Italy and first among Italian co-operative banks);
- loans to customers of Euro 85.6 billion (ranking fourth in Italy and first among Italian co-operative banks);
- total assets of Euro 121.8 billion (ranking fifth in Italy and second among Italian co-operative banks) and
- sound capital ratios: Common Equity Tier 1 of 12.33 per cent., Tier 1 of 12.33 per cent., Total Capital ratio of 15.29 per cent.

In terms of distribution structure, the UBI Banca Group has (market shares in terms of branches as at 31 December 2014<sup>5</sup>):

• a strong presence in some of the wealthiest regions of Italy, namely Lombardy (13.1 per cent. market share), Piedmont (7.6 per cent. market share) and Marches (7.3 per cent. market share);

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Market share information sourced from Bank of Italy "Bollettino Statistico".

- leadership in the reference provinces: Bergamo (22.5 per cent. market share), Brescia (22.6 per cent. market share), Varese (23.8 per cent. market share) and Cuneo (22.6 per cent. market share);
- a market share equal or greater than 10 per cent. in 11 provinces: aside from the four provinces indicated above, Pavia, Alessandria, Viterbo, Fermo, Matera, Potenza, Catanzaro, Cosenza, Crotone, Reggio Calabria, Vibo Valentia, and a significant presence in the provinces of Milan (9.1 per cent. market share) and of Rome (4.0 per cent. market share).

# The Parent Bank— Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A.

UBI Banca performs the following activities within the UBI Banca Group:

- management, co-ordination and control by setting Group polices, formulating the Group business model and drawing up the budget and consolidated Business Plan. It also performs risk management activities for the individual business areas of the Group;
- control of business functions and support of the activities of network banks and product companies in their core business, with supervision of both markets and customer segments. UBI Banca ensures that business initiatives and commercial policies are consistent, co-ordinates the development and management of the range of products and services, manages group finances centrally and supervises the lending policies of the UBI Banca Group; and
- the provision, whether directly or through subsidiaries, of business support services, with the
  aim of facilitating business growth and providing effective customer service by optimising
  operating costs through economies of scale and ensuring that service levels meet the highest
  industry standards.

UBI Banca also performs its commercial activity through four branches, two in Bergamo, one in Milan and one in Brescia. In 2012 and 2013 respectively, Banca 24/7 and Centrobanca were merged into UBI Banca. UBI Banca manages the run off portfolio of Banca 24/7 and carries on all specialistic lending activities previously effected by Centrobanca.

#### The Network Banks

Management is of the view that local presence guarantees more accurate interpretation of trends on the ground, faster decision-making and encourages and improves customer loyalty and the management of credit risk. The network banks operate in their original local markets with the objective of consolidating and broadening customer relations and maximising the economic value and the quality of the services they provide at local level.

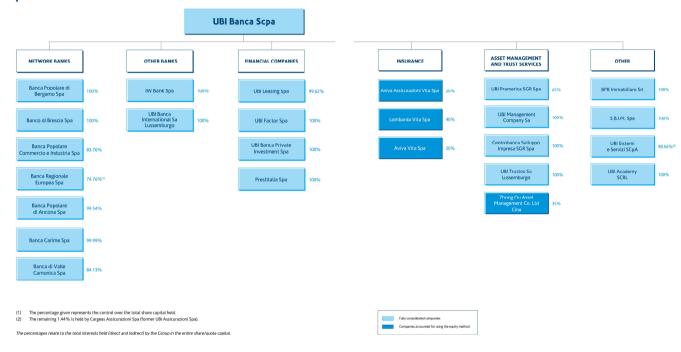
The network banks are divisionalized (retail and private/corporate markets) and their customer base is segmented to allow specific service models to be employed for each customer segment.

The network banks use services and instruments and offer services and products, made available by UBI Banca and the product companies.

# **Product Companies**

• The product companies' role is to optimise the quality, breadth of range and value for money of their products and services, concentrating and rationalising the specialist expertise of the UBI Banca Group. Thanks to the contribution of the two original Groups, UBI Banca is now active, through its product companies, in a number of different specialist sectors, namely asset management, life bancassurance, leasing, factoring and online trading.

# UBI Banca Group: the principal subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates as at 31.03.2015



# **UBI Banca Group Companies and Operations**

The UBI Banca Group is fully integrated at organisational, commercial and financial levels. The UBI Banca Group structure may be summarised as follows:

- (a) UBI Banca, which is the parent company of the UBI Banca Group
- (b) eight network banks, namely:
  - (i) Banca Popolare di Bergamo S.p.A., with headquarters and administrative offices in Bergamo;
  - (ii) Banco di Brescia S.p.A., with headquarters and administrative offices in Brescia;
  - (iii) Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria S.p.A., with headquarters and administrative offices in Milan:
  - (iv) Banca Regionale Europea S.p.A., with registered office in Cuneo, and general management and the administrative offices in Turin;
  - (v) Banca Popolare di Ancona S.p.A. with headquarters and administrative offices in Jesi;
  - (vi) Banca Carime S.p.A., with headquarters and administrative offices in Cosenza; and
  - (vii) Banca di Valle Camonica S.p.A., with headquarters and administrative offices in Breno.

These network banks are all deeply rooted in their respective local markets and are focused on the development of commercial and lending activities with a client base consisting mainly of retail customers and small and medium sized businesses;

- (c) an on line trading Bank, IW Bank S.p.A., based in Milan; recently integrated with the banking network of private bankers and financial advisers coming from former UBI Banca Private Investment S.p.A;
- (d) various product companies operating mainly in the areas of asset management, life bancassurance, factoring and leasing;
- (e) a consortium company, UBI Sistemi e Servizi S.c.p.A., based in Brescia, providing services and products to the other group's companies; and
- (f) various service companies.

The UBI Banca Group also has an international presence through:

- (i) one foreign bank, UBI Banca International Sa (with headquarters in Luxembourg, branches in Munich and Madrid);
- (ii) three foreign branches in France (at Nice, Menton and Antibes of Banca Regionale Europea);
- (iii) representative offices in San Paolo of Brazil, Hong Kong, Mumbai, Shanghai and Moscow;
- (iv) one branch of UBI Factor S.p.A. in Krakow in Poland;
- (v) other equity investments as per the above chart.

# Merger by incorporation of IW Bank S.p.A. into UBI Banca Private Investment S.p.A.

As part of the policies pursued to streamline and enhance the Group's operations, effective from the 25<sup>th</sup> of May, 2015 (the "Merger Date") IW Bank S.p.A. (the online banking company of the Group, "IWB") merged by incorporation into UBI Banca Private Investment S.p.A. (the network of financial advisors, "UBI Banca Private Investment"), this last changing its name into IW Bank S.p.A. ("IW Bank S.p.A."), thereby maintaining a brand that is known and appreciated in the marketplace. For accounting and tax purposes the merger took effect beginning on 1st January 2015.

The Head Office and General Management of the IW Bank S.p.A. are located in Milan.

# The merger is aimed at:

- creating a distinctive model within the Group for this type of service and offering, which is aimed mainly at the affluent-account segment (i.e. customers with account assets of at least €50 thousand);
- creating significant synergies including in view of the planned IT integration with limited investment and risk;
- triggering a process of growth that would lead to IW Bank S.p.A. becoming one of the market's leading players;
- simplifying the structure of the Group.

In terms of organisation, the organisational solutions adopted by the surviving company (UBI Banca Private Investment) has been extended to the businesses conducted by the merged company (IWB) in line with the Group's model that calls for the parent company (i.e. UBI BANCA) to provide services related to: risk management, compliance, money laundering, administration, financial reporting, taxation, management control, treasury, and security-portfolio management. Both companies previous structures for managing their primary areas of operations (i.e. financial advisory, trading and market services; banking, and marketing) will be essentially maintained, whereas their structures concerning corporate and legal affairs, lending, organisation and operations will be unified.

IW Bank S.p.A. is 100 per cent. owned by UBI Banca. IW Bank S.p.A. operates through a distribution network of about 757 financial advisors as of 25 May 2015.

# **Banking Activities**

The financial information hereafter provided is extracted from the financial statements under IFRS as at 31 December 2014.

#### Network banks

Please see the "Sellers" section.

#### Asset Management

UBI Pramerica Sgr S.p.A. ("**UBI Pramerica**"), the asset management company of the Group, is a joint venture between UBI Banca and Prudential International Investments Corporation., USA ("**Prudential**"), with 65 per cent. of its capital held by the UBI Banca Group and 35 per cent held by Prudential.

UBI Pramerica offers a wide range of products, from mutual funds to discretionary asset management.

Total assets under management of UBI Pramerica relating to ordinary customers totalled Euro 24.7 billion and the company's net profit for the year amounted to Euro 43.4 million.

#### Bancassurance

In December 2014, after obtaining the necessary authorisations, the UBI Banca Group redefined its strategic partnerships in both life and non-life insurance sectors As concerns the non-life Bancassurance sector UBI Banca. transferred to Ageas and BNP Paribas Cardif the entire stake in the share capital of UBI Assicurazioni S.p.A. still held by UBI Banca (50%-1 share) and a new agreement was signed for the distribution of the insurance company's products, for the areas of activity and on the distribution channels currently in operation in the UBI Group.

In the life bancassurance sector UBI Banca has sold to Aviva Group approx. 30% of the two joint ventures Aviva Vita S.p.A (previously approx. 50% of capital held), remaining with a stake of approximately 20% in the share capital of each one. As concerns the commercial scope, the duration of the existing commercial distribution agreements in force (originally expiring in 2015) has been extended to  $31^{st}$  December 2020. These companies in 2014 recorded net results of € 17.1 million and -€0.2 million respectively.

Unvaried the stake in the other company active in the sector of life bancassurance: Lombarda Vita S.p.A. (owned 40 per cent by UBI Banca) that reported a net profit of €7.7 million in 2014.

## Leasing

The Group presently offers leasing products through UBI Leasing S.p.A. UBI Leasing S.p.A. is 99.62 per cent controlled by UBI Banca.

As at 31 December 2014 UBI Leasing S.p.A. had total outstanding loans amounting to Euro 6.9 billion and reported net loss of Euro 38.9 million.

# **Factoring**

UBI Factor S.p.A. is wholly owned by UBI Banca. As at 31 December 2014 the company had outstanding loans amounting to Euro 2.0 billion and a net profit of Euro 8.2 million.

### **UBI Banca's Management and Supervisory Bodies**

UBI Banca has adopted a "dual" governance system.

The dual governance system consists of a Supervisory Board and a Management Board; the Shareholders' Meeting appoints the Supervisory Board, which then appoints the Management Board.

The Supervisory Board is in charge of setting the strategic guidelines and of controlling the management of the company. It approves the financial statements of UBI Banca and the consolidated financial statements of the Group prepared by the Management Board.

The Management Board has exclusive responsibility for the management of the company and for performing all those operations necessary for implementing the business purpose of the company in compliance with the general strategies and plans drawn up by the Supervisory Board.

## Supervisory Board

According to Article 44 of UBI Banca's Articles of Association, the Supervisory Board is presently composed of 23 members with a three-year term of office and is elected on a list basis from amongst registered shareholders with voting rights. All its members must possess the qualities of integrity, professionalism and independence required by the legislation currently in force and at least three of them must be chosen from among persons enrolled in the *Registro dei Revisori Legali* (register of auditors) who have practised as legal certifiers of accounts for a period of not less than three-years.

The General Meeting of the Shareholders on 10 May 2014 approved, *inter alia*, (i) the reduction of the number of members of the Supervisory Board from 23 to 17, with effect from the next renewal of the Supervisory Board, (ii) the increase of the professionial requirements of members of governing bodies with respect to those provided for under laws and regulations in force, and (iii) the introduction of age limits for appointment to those positions.

Persons who have occupied the position of Chairman or Senior Deputy Chairman for the three preceding terms of office may not be appointed to the relative position.

The actual Supervisory Board of UBI Banca is composed as follows:

Name	Position	Principal activities performed outside the UBI
Name	Position	Banca Group
Andrea Moltrasio	Chairman	Chair of the Board of Directors of Clinica Castelli S.p.A.
		Chair of the Board of Directors of ICRO Didonè S.p.A.
Mario Cera	Senior Deputy Chairman	Chairman of Fondazione Ravasi Garzanti
	Charman	Chairman of Fondazione Artistica Museo Poldi Pezzoli
Alberto Folonari	Deputy Chairman	Member of the Board of Directors of Centro Stampa Quotidiani - S.p.A.
		Member of the Board of Directors of Editoriale Brescia S.p.A.
		Chair of the Board of Directors of Fingiama S.p.A.
		Chair of the Board of Directors of Mercury S.p.A.
		Member of the Steering Committee Fondazione Guido e Angela Folonari
		Chairman of Fondazione CAB
		Member of the Board of Directors of Fondazione Iniziative Zooprofilattiche e Zootecniche
		Member of the Board of Directors of Fondazione il Vittoriale degli Italiani
Armando Santus	Deputy Chairman	Member of the Board of Directors of Opera Pia Maria Caleppio Ricotti
		Member of the Board of Directors of Edizioni Studium S.r.L.
		Member of the Board of Directors of Fondazione Papa Giovanni XXIII
Dorino Mario Agliardi	Board Member	Member of the Board of Statutory Auditors of CONFCOOPERATIVE Bergamo

		Member of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Fondazione Scuola d'Arte Andrea Fantoni Bergamo Sole auditor of Arrigoni Chiara srl
		Presidente Consorzio dell'Isola
Antonella Bardoni	Board Member	Director of CONFIAB
Letizia Bellini Cavalletti	Board Member	General Manager of SIIT HFS LIQUID
Marina Brogi	Board Member	Member of the Board of Directors of Luxottica Group S.p.A.
		Member of the Board of Directors of Salini- Impregilo S.p.A.
		Member of the Board of Directors of Prelios S.p.A. Chairman of the Supervisory Board of CAPE NATIXIS SGR S.p.A. in liquidation
		Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Credito Fiorentino in liquidation
Pierpaolo Camadini	Board Member	Chairman of the Board of Directors of Tipografia Camuna S.p.A.
		Board Member of Editoriale Bresciana S.p.A.
		Board Member of Finanziaria di Valle Camonica S.p.A.
		Board Member of Vincenzo Foppa Società Cooperativa Sociale – ONLUS
		Chairman of the Board of Directors of Editoriale Teletutto Bresciasette S.r.L.
		Chairman of FONDAZIONE CAMUNITAS
		Board Member Fondazione Opera per l'Educazione Cristiana di Brescia
		Board Member dell'Agenzia ANSA – Agenzia Nazionale Stampa Associata
		Board Member of FONDAZIONE " BRIXIA FIDELIS "
		Board Member of FONDAZIONE BANCA SAN PAOLO DI BRESCIA
		Board Member of FONDAZIONE CENTRO PASTORALE PAOLO VI
		Board Member of FONDAZIONE TASSARA
		Chairman of the Board of Directors of Fondazione

		Bresciana per l'educazione Monsignor Giuseppe
		Cavalleri
		Chairman of the Board of Directors of O.P.Q. Organizzazione Pubblicita' Quotidiani S.r.L.
		Board Member of Gold Line SpA
		Board Member of Numerica srl
		Chairman of the Board of Radio Cronache Bresciane srl
Luca Vittorio Cividini	Board Member	Chairman of the Board of Directors of GEFI S.p.A.
Cividini		Board Member of Agricola Guardara S.r.L.
		Board Member of Casalpusterlengo Interporto Merci Internazionale S.r.L.
		Sole Board Member Cividini Ingegneria e Costruzioni S.r.L.
		Sole Board Member CO.RO. Immobiliare S.r.L.
		Chairman of the Board of Directors F.C.F. S.r.L.
		Deputy Chairman and CEO of G.F.C. S.p.A.
		Board Member Impresa Edile Luigi Cividini - S.p.A.
		Board Member Ippocampo S.r.L.
		Board Member Malpaga S.p.A.
		Board Member Maxicubo Self Storage S.r.L.
		Deputy Chairman of Progetto Uno S.r.L.
		Sole Board Member Rondanini S.r.L.
		Sole Board Member Societa' Agricola Cividini S.r.L.
		Deputy Chairman of Solvestia 1 S.r.L
Alessandra Del Boca	Board Member	
Ester Faia	Board Member	
Marco Giacinto	Board Member	Board Member C.R.S. Holding S.p.A.
Gallarati		Sole Board Member E.V.A. Efficienza Valore Analisi S.p.A.
		Sole Board Member CSH S.R.L.
		Board Member Venpay
		Chairman of the Board of Directors of COIN Service

		Nord S.p.A.
		Chairman of the Board of Directors of COIN Service S.p.A.
		Board Member Rheingold S.r.l.
		Deputy Chairman of the Board Cialdamia srl:
Carlo Garavaglia	Board Member	Deputy Chairman of the Board Cialdamia srl:
		Statutory Auditor of Gebau di Tosolini Pietro & C. S.a.p.A.
		Chairman of the Board of Directors of EUNOMIA S.p.A. Centro Medico Visconti Di Modrone
		Board Member De Longhi S.p.A.
		Board Member DELCLIMA S.p.A.
		Board Member CORDIFIN S.p.A.
		Board Member Ori Martin S.p.A.
Gian Luigi Gola	Board Member	Chairman of the Board of Statutory Preve Costruzioni S.p.A.
		Board Member Newspaper Milano S.r.L.
		Auditor 2I RETE GAS S.p.A.
		Auditor S.I.G.I.T Societa' Italiana Gomma Industriale Torino S.p.A.
		Chairman of the Auditors' Committee of Arpa Piemonte
		Chairman of the Supervisory Board of IAL CISL Piemonte (in special administration)
Lorenzo Renato Guerini	Board Member	Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors of Italcementi Fabbriche Riunite Cemento S.p.A. Bergamo
		Chairman of the Board of Directors of 035 Investimenti S.p.A.
		Chairman of the Board of Directors of Quenze S.r.l.
Alfredo Gusmini	Board Member and Secretary	
Federico Manzoni	Board Member	Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of MESGO S.p.A.
		Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Dedalo Esco S.p.A.
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		Auditor Terme e Grandi Alberghi Sirmione S.p.A.
		Auditor Fidelitas S.p.A.
		Auditor FGH S.p.A.
		Auditor Castello SGR S.p.A.
		Auditor of Barabino & Partners S.p.A.
		Chairman of the Board of Directors of Mittel Investimenti Immobiliari S.r.L.
		Chairman of the Board of Directors of IDS & UNITELM S.r.L.
		Chairman of Fondazione Giordano dell'Amore
		Board Member Istituto Centrale Sostentamento Clero
		Auditor Iniziative Bresciane S.p.A.
		Auditor Enercom s.r.l
		Auditor G.e.i. Gestione Energetica Impianti S.p.A.
Mario Mazzoleni	Board Member	Board Member and attorney Mazzoleni Trafilerie Bergamasche S.p.A.
Enrico Minelli	Board Member	Chairman of Editrice Morcelliana S.r.L.
		Member of the Board, La Scuola SpA
Sergio Pivato	Board Member	Member of the Board of Statutory Auditors Freni Brembo S.p.A.
		Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors SMA S.p.A.
		Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors Vita Società Editoriale S.p.A.
		Auditor Auchan S.p.A.
Andrea Cesare Resti	Board Member	
Maurizio Zucchi	Board Member	

The business address of the Supervisory Board is the Issuer's registered office at Piazza Vittorio Veneto 8, 24122 Bergamo.

The present Supervisory Board has been appointed for a term of office expiring at the shareholders' meeting convened to approve the annual financial statements of UBI Banca as at and for the year ending 31 December 2015.

The Supervisory Board also established from among its members the three committees provided for under the Articles of Association:

- the Appointments Committee, with the responsibility for selecting and proposing appointments to the Supervisory Board;
- the Remuneration Committee, with responsibility for proposing and consulting on remuneration in accordance with applicable law and the Articles of Association; and
- the Internal Audit Committee, with responsibility for proposing, consulting and enquiring on matters attributed to the Supervisory Board regarding internal controls, risk management and the ICT and accounting system.

The Supervisory Board has also established from amongst its members an Accounting Committee, which supports with proposal and consultation functions the Supervisory Board in relation to issues concerning the individual and consolidated Annual Reports and the interim reports.

The Supervisory Board also set up an internal related parties committee (the "**Related Parties Committee**"), made up of 3 members, who are required to perform the functions assigned to the same by the "Regulations for the discipline of UBI Banca related-party transactions", in compliance with the provisions envisaged by the Consob Regulation concerning related parties adopted by means of Resolution n. 17221/2010.

The Related Parties Committee has changed its name in "Related Parties and Connected Subjects Committee" ("Comitato Parti Correlate e Soggetti Collegati") as it has assumed, in addition to the functions provided for under Consob Resolution No. 17221 of 2010, also those established by the Bank of Italy regulations on the subject of "risk activities and conflicts of interests to connected subjects".

In accordance with the resolution of the Supervisory Board dated 11 March 2015 the by-laws has been amended in order to provide the establishment of a Risk Committee, for the purpose of compliance with the provisions of the Bank of Italy's Regulations. The reorganization of Committees within the Supervisory Board is currently being evaluated.

# **Management Board**

The Management Board is composed by a minimum of 7 to a maximum of 9 members elected with a three-years mandate from amongst registered shareholders with voting rights by the Supervisory Board, on the proposal of the Appointments Committee. The Supervisory Board also appoints the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman of the Management Board. The Management Board appoints the Chief Executive Officer from among its members, upon proposal of the Supervisory Board, heard the Appointments Committee.

The Articles of Association of UBI Banca provides for the presence of senior managers of the Bank in the Management Board. The amendments to paragraphs 6 and 7 of Article 30 of the Articles of Association, which have been approved by Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of 10 May 2014, will become effective from the date of the meeting of the Supervisory Board called to appoint the Management Board which will replace the existing one.

The members of the Management Board must be in possession of the qualities of integrity and professionalism and any other requirement prescribed by regulations currently in force. The majority of them must have at least a total of three-years experience in management and/or professional activities in financial and/or securities and/or banking and/or insurance companies in Italy or abroad and at least one of them must possess the requirements of independence stated in the consolidated law on finance. The Management Board, which meets at least once a month, is responsible for the

management of the company in observance of the general strategic policies and programmes approved by the Supervisory Board.

On 10 May 2015 the General Meeting of the shareholders approved, inter alia, an increase of the professional requirements required in relation to the members of the Management Board applicable with effect from the next renewal of the Management Board.

The main powers of the Management Board are as follows:

- the definition of the general programmes and strategic policies and the drawing up of the industrial and/or financial plans of the Bank and the Group to be submitted to the approval of the Supervisory Board;
- the appointment and dismissal of the General Management and the definition of its functions and responsibilities, and also the appointment of the senior management of the Group;
- the preparation of the draft Individual Company Financial Statements and of the draft Consolidated Financial Statements.

On 23 April 2013 the Supervisory Board, as elected by the Shareholders' Meeting of 20 April 2013, decided the number of members of the Management Board for the years 2013-2015, reducing it to 9 members.

In compliance with the provisions of the Appointments Committee, the members of Management Board will include senior managers of the UBI Banca Group and more specifically the General Manager and Senior Deputy General Manager of UBI Banca. Furthermore, in compliance with the provisions of Law No. 120 of 12 July 2011, a balance between genders is ensured for the period.

Accepting the proposal put forward by the Appointments Committee, the Supervisory Board then appointed the members and also the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Management Board and submitted a proposal to it that it appoint Victor Massiah as CEO. The Management Board, in a subsequent meeting, confirmed the appointment of Victor Massiah as CEO.

On 28 May 2015 the Management Board resolved to appoint Victor Massiah, the Chief Executive Officer, also as General Manager with effect from 1st June 2015 until not later than the expiry of the Management Board's term of office (i.e.: 2016 Annual General Meeting).

The Management Board is currently composed by:

Name	Position	Principal activities performed outside the UBI  Banca Group
Franco Polotti	Chairman	F.B.G. di Polotti Franco e C. S.n.C Managing Partner  Trafilati Martin S.p.A. – CEO
		Associazione Arte e Spiritualità Centro Studi Paolo VI sull'Arte Moderna e Contemporanea – Board Member
		Fondazione Banca San Paolo di Brescia – Board Member
		Mar.Bea. S.r.L - CEO – Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors

		Opera per l'Educazione Cristiana – Board Member
		Eco Fortis S.r.L. – Board Member
		O.R.I. Martin S.p.A. – Chairman of the Board of Directors – CEO
		C.M. S.r.L. –Board Member
		Associazione Bancaria Italiana (ABI) – Board Member
		Federacciai – Member of the Executive Board
		Associazione Industriale Bresciana – Member of the Executive Board
Giorgio Frigeri	Deputy Chairman	Istituto Diocesano per il Sostentamento del Clero di Bergamo – Chairman
Victor Massiah	CEO and General Manager	Associazione Bancaria Italiana (ABI) – Board Member
		Fondo Interbancario di Tutela dei Depositi – Board Member
Silvia Fidanza	Board Member	Condor Trade S.r.L. – Special Attorney
		Befado S.p. zo.o. (Polonia) – Chairman of the Supervisory Board
Luciana Gattinoni	Board Member	Italcementi Fabbriche Riunite Cemento S.p.A. Bergamo – Acting Auditor
		Angelo Canevisio - S.p.A Acting Auditor
		Immobilegno S.p.A. – Alternate Auditor
		Valle D'Astino srl – Board Member
		Proposte S.p.A – Alternate Auditor
		Ganart S.r.L ActingAuditor
		Anita S.r.L. – Alternate Auditor
		Trafilerie Assi S.p.A. – ActingAuditor
		Metalmauri Trafilerie S.p.A – Acting Auditor
Italo Lucchini	Board Member	Italcementi Fabbriche Riunite Cemento S.p.A. Bergamo - Board Member
		Immobiliare S.p.A. – Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors
		Azienda Agricola Lodoletta S.r.L Chairman of the

		Board of Directors
		Fonderia di Torbole S.p.A. – Alternate Auditor
		Immobileffe S.p.A. – Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors
		Fondazione per la Storia Economica e Sociale di Bergamo – Istituto di Studi e Ricerche – CEO -
		Fondazione Famiglia Legler – CEO
		Fondazione Banca Popolare di Bergamo - Board Member
		Fondazione Italcementi Cav.Lav.Carlo Pesenti – Board Member
		Fondazione A.J.Zaninoni – Board Member
		Fondazione Bergamo nella Storia Organizzazione non Lucrativa di Utilità Sociale - Board Member
		Ateneo di Scienze Lettere ed Arti di bergamo - Auditor
Ettore Giuseppe Medda	Board Member	
Flavio Pizzini	Board Member	Novaradio S.r.l – Sole Auditor
		Immobiliare Due Febbraio S.r.l. –Board Member Fondazione Lambriana –Board Member
		Fondazione Borghesi Buroni – Chairman of the Board of Directors
		Moncucco SA – Board Member
		Clinica Luganese SA – Board Member
		Impresa Tecnoeditoriale Lombarda srl – Chairman of
		the Board of Statutory Auditors
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		the Board of Statutory Auditors  Fondazione Housing Sociale – Chairman of the
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Elvio Sonnino	Board Member	Centro Studi Nazionale per il Controllo e la Gestione
		dei Rischi Aziendali - Chairman of the Steering Committee

The business address of the Management Board is the Issuer's registered office at Piazza Vittorio Veneto 8, 24122 Bergamo.

The present Management Board has been appointed for a term of office expiring at the shareholders' meeting convened to approve the annual financial statements of UBI Banca as at and for the year ending 31 December 2015.

# General Management

Name	Position		
Victor Massiah	General Manager		
Elvio Sonnino	Senior	Dep.	Gen.
	Manager	•	
Rossella Leidi	Deputy	C	General
	Manager	•	
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Ettore Medda	Deputy	~	Seneral
	Manager	•	

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

The members of the Supervisory Board and the Management Board of UBI Banca do not have any conflicts or potential conflicts of interest between their duties to UBI Banca and their private interests or other duties.

### **Significant Legal Proceedings**

The UBI Banca Group is subject to certain claims and is party to a number of legal proceedings relating to the normal course of its business. Although it is difficult to predict the outcome of such claims and proceedings with certainty, UBI Banca believes that liabilities related to such claims and proceedings are unlikely to have, in the aggregate, significant effects on the financial position or profitability of UBI Banca or the UBI Banca Group.

### The Issuer's share capital

As at 31 December 2014, the issued share capital of the Issuer amounted to Euro 2,254,371,430.00, consisting of 901,748,572 ordinary shares.

The share capital is variable and unlimited; it consists of registered shares with no nominal value.

### **Capital Ratios**

As at 31 December 2014, the Group's capital ratios, were as follows: Common Equity Tier 1 ratio of 12.33 per cent., Tier 1 ratio of 12.33 per cent. and a Total Capital ratio of 15.29 per cent. The capital ratios are calculated by applying the internal models for the purpose of measuring credit risk towards businesses in the corporate and retail segment and for the purpose of measuring operational risk.

The credit risk associated to the portfolios of UBI Leasing S.p.A. and UBI Factor S.p.A. and to the other minor legal entities is still calculated under the standardised methodology.

# UBI Banca and the UBI Banca Group recent developments

On 20 January 2015, the Italian Council of Ministers approved Law Decree No. 3 of 24 January 2015 entitled "*Urgent measures for the banking system and investment*" (the "**Decree 3/2015**"). On 25 March 2015, Law No. 33 dated 24 March 2015 was published in the Official Gazette, which converted the Decree 3/2015 into Italian law.

Article 1 of the Decree 3/2015 provides for the reform of cooperative banks (*banche popolari*). In particular, Article 29 of Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September, 1993 has been amended to introduce a new paragraph 2 *bis*, which states that the total assets of a cooperative bank cannot exceed €8 billion. New paragraph 2 *ter* of Article 29 of the Banking Act states that if the total assets of a cooperative bank exceed this threshold, the cooperative bank will be required to change its corporate form by converting into a joint-stock company.

In the event of conversion into a joint-stock company, the Decree 3/2015 provides cooperative banks the option to amend their by-laws to include a ceiling on voting rights of shareholders at General Meetings, provided that the ceiling is not less than 5% of the bank's share capital with voting rights, for a maximum period of 24 months from the date of entry into force of the Law N. 33 dated 24 March 2015.

The Bank of Italy is charged with issuing the related implementing provisions of Law N. 33 dated 24 March 2015, including in relation to the mandatory conversion from cooperative bank to joint-stock company. Cooperative banks with assets which exceed €8 billion will have 18 months from 12 June 2015, being the date of the Bank of Italy's implementing provisions entered into force, to convert into joint-stock companies.

On 16 June 2015, the Supervisory Board confirmed that UBI Banca's consolidated assets exceed €8 billion and resolved to convert UBI Banca into a joint stock company. In order to comply with the new legislative framework in connection with the conversion of UBI Banca into a joint stock company, the Articles of Association of UBI Banca will be amended at a Shareholders Meeting expected to be held by the end of October 2015.

Additionally, the Supervisory Board, upon recommendation from the Management Board, have identified additional amendments to the Articles of Association of UBI Banca, which are to be made prior to the above mentioned Shareholders' Meeting and the conversion of UBI Banca into a joint stock company. Amendments include (i) increasing the maximum number of proxies that may be granted to a registered shareholder for participation in Shareholders' Meetings to ten; (ii) amending the decision-making powers of the Supervisory Board concerning the limitation or the postponement, in full or in part, of the redemption of shares subject to withdrawal from UBI Banca; and (iii) repealing the provision concerning the status of a registered shareholder in order to be eligible to fulfil a board member position. Application for such amendments to the Articles of Association have been submitted to the Bank of Italy for approval.

#### OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE ISSUER

# The **following tables** present:

- (i) the audited consolidated balance sheet and income statement information of the Group approved by the Issuer's Supervisory Board as at and for the year ended 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013, and
- (ii) the unaudited consolidated interim balance sheet and income statement information of the Issuer as at and for the three months ended 31 March 2015 and 31 March 2014,

prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as adopted by the European Union and as implemented under the Bank of Italy's instructions contained in Circular No. 262 of 22 December 2005 (as amended from time to time) and related transitional regulations in Italy (IFRS). All figures are in thousand euro unless otherwise stated.

The information set out in the tables below should be read in conjunction with and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the full financial statements referred to above, in each case together with the accompanying notes and auditors' reports, all of which are incorporated by reference in this Prospectus.

# UNIONE DI BANCHE ITALIANE S.C.P.A. MANDATORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	31.12.2014	31.12.201
	31.12.2014	31,12,201
Cash and cash equivalents	598,062	589,70
Financial assets held for trading	1,420,506	3,056,26
Financial assets at fair value	193,167	208,14
Available-for-sale financial assets	18,554,956	15,489,49
Held-to-maturity investments	3,576,951	3,086,81
Loans to banks	3,340,415	4,129,75
Loans to customers	85,644,223	88,421,46
Hedging derivatives	649,250	253,60
Fair value change in hedged financial assets (+/-)	64,124	33,38
Equity investments	246,250	411,88
Property, equipment and investment property	1,729,107	1,798,35
Intangible assets	1,776,925	2,918,50
of which:		
- goodwill	1,465,260	2,511,679
Tax assets	2,991,600	2,833,18
a) current	547,704	552,03
b) deferred	2,443,896	2,281,14
Non-current assets and disposal groups held for sale	69,893	79,87
Other assets	931,275	931,38
TOTAL ASSETS	121,786,704	124,241,83
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (Figures in thousands of euro)		
	31.12.2014	31.12.201
Due to banks	13.292.723	15.017.26
Due to banks Due to customers	13,292,723 51,616,920	
Due to customers	51,616,920	50,702,15
Due to customers Securities issued	51,616,920 41,590,349	50,702,15 41,901,77
Due to customers Securities issued Financial liabilities held for trading	51,616,920 41,590,349 617,762	50,702,15 41,901,77 1,396,35
Due to customers Securities issued Financial liabilities held for trading Hedging derivatives	51,616,920 41,590,349 617,762 1,009,092	50,702,15 41,901,77 1,396,35 483,54
Due to customers Securities issued Financial liabilities held for trading Hedging derivatives Tax liabilities	51,616,920 41,590,349 617,762 1,009,092 630,223	50,702,15 41,901,77 1,396,35 483,54 756,35
Due to customers Securities issued	51,616,920 41,590,349 617,762 1,009,092 630,223 303,740	50,702,15 41,901,77 1,396,35 483,54 756,35 404,24
Due to customers Securities issued Financial liabilities held for trading Hedging derivatives Tax liabilities a) current b) deferred	51,616,920 41,590,349 617,762 1,009,092 630,223 303,740 326,483	50,702,15 41,901,77 1,396,35 483,54 756,35 404,24 352,11
Due to customers Securities issued Financial liabilities held for trading Hedging derivatives Tax liabilities a) current b) deferred Other liabilities	51,616,920 41,590,349 617,762 1,009,092 630,223 303,740 326,483 1,994,340	50,702,15 41,901,77 1,396,35 483,54 756,35 404,24 352,11 2,111,53
Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities  a) current b) deferred  Other liabilities  Post-employment benefits	51,616,920 41,590,349 617,762 1,009,092 630,223 303,740 326,483 1,994,340 391,199	50,702,15 41,901,77 1,396,35 483,54 756,35 404,24 352,11 2,111,53 382,26
Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities  a) current b) deferred  Other liabilities  Post-employment benefits  Provisions for risks and charges:	51,616,920 41,590,349 617,762 1,009,092 630,223 303,740 326,483 1,994,340 391,199 285,029	50,702,15 41,901,77 1,396,35 483,54 756,35 404,24 352,11 2,111,53 382,26 309,21
Due to customers Securities issued Financial liabilities held for trading Hedging derivatives Tax liabilities a) current b) deferred Other liabilities Post-employment benefits	51,616,920 41,590,349 617,762 1,009,092 630,223 303,740 326,483 1,994,340 391,199 285,029 80,529	50,702,15 41,901,77 1,396,35 483,54 756,35 404,24 352,11 2,111,53 382,26 309,21 77,38
Due to customers Securities issued Financial liabilities held for trading Hedging derivatives Tax liabilities a) current b) deferred Other liabilities Post-employment benefits Provisions for risks and charges: a) pension and similar obligations b) other provisions	51,616,920 41,590,349 617,762 1,009,092 630,223 303,740 326,483 1,994,340 391,199 285,029 80,529 204,500	50,702,15 41,901,77 1,396,35 483,54 756,35 404,24 352,11 2,111,53 382,26 309,21 77,38 231,83
Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities a) current b) deferred  Other liabilities  Post-employment benefits  Provisions for risks and charges: a) pension and similar obligations b) other provisions  Fair value reserves	51,616,920 41,590,349 617,762 1,009,092 630,223 303,740 326,483 1,994,340 391,199 285,029 80,529	50,702,15 41,901,77 1,396,35 483,54 756,35 404,24 352,11 2,111,53 382,26 309,21 77,38 231,83 (170,966
Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities  a) current b) deferred  Other liabilities  Post-employment benefits  Provisions for risks and charges: a) pension and similar obligations b) other provisions  Fair value reserves  Reserves	51,616,920 41,590,349 617,762 1,009,092 630,223 303,740 326,483 1,994,340 391,199 285,029 80,529 204,500 113,836	50,702,15 41,901,77 1,396,35 483,54 756,35 404,24 352,11 2,111,53 382,26 309,21 77,38 231,83 (170,968 3,294,41
Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities  a) current b) deferred  Other liabilities  Post-employment benefits  Provisions for risks and charges: a) pension and similar obligations b) other provisions  Fair value reserves  Reserves  Share premiums	51,616,920 41,590,349 617,762 1,009,092 630,223 303,740 326,483 1,994,340 391,199 285,029 80,529 204,500 113,836 3,450,082 4,716,866	50,702,15 41,901,77 1,396,35 483,54 756,35 404,24 352,11 2,111,53 382,26 309,21 77,38 231,83 (170,968 3,294,41 4,716,86
Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities a) current b) deferred  Other liabilities  Post-employment benefits  Provisions for risks and charges: a) pension and similar obligations b) other provisions  Fair value reserves  Reserves  Share premiums  Share capital	51,616,920 41,590,349 617,762 1,009,092 630,223 303,740 326,483 1,994,340 391,199 285,029 80,529 204,500 113,836 3,450,082 4,716,866 2,254,371	50,702,15 41,901,77 1,396,35 483,54 756,35 404,24 352,11 2,111,53 382,26 309,21 77,38 231,83 (170,968 3,294,41 4,716,86
Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities  a) current b) deferred  Other liabilities  Post-employment benefits  Provisions for risks and charges: a) pension and similar obligations b) other provisions  Fair value reserves  Reserves  Share premiums  Share capital  Treasury shares	51,616,920 41,590,349 617,762 1,009,092 630,223 303,740 326,483 1,994,340 391,199 285,029 80,529 204,500 113,836 3,450,082 4,716,866 2,254,371 (5,340)	50,702,15 41,901,77 1,396,35 483,54 756,35 404,24 352,11 2,111,53 382,26 309,21 77,38 231,83 (170,968 3,294,41 4,716,86 2,254,37 (6,121
Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities  a) current b) deferred  Other liabilities  Post-employment benefits  Provisions for risks and charges: a) pension and similar obligations	51,616,920 41,590,349 617,762 1,009,092 630,223 303,740 326,483 1,994,340 391,199 285,029 80,529 204,500 113,836 3,450,082 4,716,866 2,254,371	15,017,26 50,702,15 41,901,77 1,396,35 483,54 756,35 404,24 352,11 2,111,53 382,26 309,21 77,38 231,83 (170,968 3,294,41 4,716,86 2,254,37 (6,121 841,97 250,83

# UNIONE DI BANCHE ITALIANE S.C.P.A. MANDATORY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

Figures in thousands of euro	31.12.2014	31.12.2013
Interest and similar income	3,015,058	3,254,962
Interest expense and similar	(1,196,671)	(1,504,247)
Net interest income	1,818,387	1,750,715
Commission income	1,403,306	1,382,528
Commission expense	(176,719)	(195,462)
Net commission income	1,226,587	1,187,066
Dividends and similar income	10,044	10,409
Net trading income (loss)	63,166	107,234
Net hedging income	(11,217)	(3,318)
Income (losses) from disposal or repurchas e of	144,636	217,475
a) loans	(15,348)	(3,149)
b) available-for-sale financial assets	168,304	220,025
c) financial liabilities	(8,320)	599
Net income (loss) on financial assets and liabilities at fair value	3,073	3,163
Gross income	3,254,676	3,272,744
Net impairment los ses on:	(937,267)	(990,489)
a) loans	(928,617)	(942,978)
b) available-for-sale financial assets	(4,821)	(26,898)
c) other financial transactions	(3,829)	(20,613)
Net financial income	2,317,409	2,282,255
Net Income from banking and insurance operations	2,317,409	2,282 ,255
Administrative expenses	(2,273,143)	(2,194,758)
a) personnel expense	(1,413,312)	(1,337,687)
b) other administrative expenses	(859,831)	(857,071)
Net provisions for risks and charges	(9,074)	(12,372)
Net impairment los ses on property, equipment and investment property	(88,924)	(119,956)
Net irnpainnent los ses on intangible assets	(143,141)	(78,535)
Other net operating income	336,366	310,511
Operating expenses	(2,177,916)	(2,095,110)
Profits of equity investments	122,293	46,506
Net impainnent los ses on goodwill	(1,046,419)	(24,895)
Profits on disposal of investments	8,729	(7,251)
Pre-tax profit (loss) from continuing operations	(775,904)	201,505
Taxes on income for the year from continuing operations	72,314	72,632
Post-tax profit (loss) from continuing operations	(703,590)	274,137
Profit (loss) for the year	(703,590)	274,137
Profit (loss) for the year attributable to non-controlling interests	(22,177)	(23,307)
Profit (loss) for the year attributable to the shareholders of the Parent	(725,767)	250,830

## Defaulted and problem loans

The supervisory regulations of the Bank of Italy relating to problem loans identify the following categories:

- restructured loans (*crediti ristrutturati*);
- loans subject to country risk (crediti soggetti a rischio paese);
- impaired loans (partite incagliate);
- bad and doubtful loans (*crediti in sofferenza*); and
- loans past due (*esposizioni scadute e/o sconfinanti*).

### Restructured loans

These are loans for which a bank (or a pool of banks) agrees to amend the original contractual terms and conditions, due to deterioration in the debtor's financial and economic conditions, giving rise to a loss.

#### Loans subject to country risk

"Country risk" relates to problems of solvency in countries where there are difficulties surrounding the service of debt. There are seven categories of risk. Italian banks must monitor the percentage of devaluation (0–15–20–25–30–40–60 per cent.) which has to be applied to loans in each of these categories which are not specifically guaranteed against political or economic risk. Italian banks must report monthly to the Bank of Italy on their positions for each country.

#### Impaired loans

Pursuant to guidelines established by the Bank of Italy, banks must classify a loan as an "impaired loan" if they determine that the borrower is experiencing financial or economic difficulties that are likely to be temporary.

### Non-performing loans

Non performing loans are loans in relation to which the relevant borrower is in a state of insolvency (whether or not insolvency proceedings have been commenced). A subjective test is used by the relevant lending bank to determine whether the borrower is in a state of insolvency.

### Loans past due

A debtor should be reported as past-due if both of the following conditions apply:

- Overdue or overdraft credit has last for over 180<sup>6</sup> days in consecutive terms.
- The higher of the following two values is at least equal to the threshold of 5 per cent.:
  - Average amount of overdue and/or overdrafts over the entire amount on a daily basis on the last preceding quarter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Starting from 1 January 2012 according to new Bank of Italy's regulations, the requirement has been changed to "over 90 days".

Amount of overdue and/or overdrafts over the entire amount at the date of the report.

Loans secured by real estate overdue for more than 90 consecutive days are classified as "past due" without any reference to the threshold stated above.

The following table shows a breakdown of the Group's loans as at 31 December 2014.

Loans to customers as at 31 December 2014		Total net impairment			
Figures in thousands of Euro	Gross exposure	%	losses	Net exposure	%
Deteriorated loans	13,048,862	14.55	(3,540,757)	9,508,105	11.10
Non performing loans	6,551,628	7.31	(2,526,549)	4,025,079	4.70
Impaired loans	5,063,592	5.65	(826,960)	4,236,632	4.95
Restructured loans	880,008	0.98	(162,929)	717,079	0.84
Past due loans	553,634	0.61	(24,319)	529,315	0.61
Performing loans	76,617,912	85.45	(481,794)	76,136,118	88.90
of which: Unguaranteed loans to countries at risk	-	-	-	-	-
TO TAL	89,666,774	100.00	(4,022,551)	85,644,223	100.00

The following table shows a breakdown of the Group's loans as at 31 December 2013.

Loans to customers as at 31 December 2013			Total net impairment		
Figures in thousands of Euro	Gross exposure	%	losses	Net exposure	%
Deteriorated loans	12,673,865	13.74	(3,361,592)	9,312,273	10.53
Non performing loans	5,885,049	6.38	(2,447,924)	3,437,125	3.89
Impaired loans	5,082,523	5.51	(768,542)	4,313,981	4.88
Restructured loans	872,069	0.95	(121,545)	750,524	0.85
Past due loans	834,224	0.90	(23,581)	810,643	0.91
Performing loans	79,591,097	86.26	(481,903)	79,109,194	89.47
of which: Unguaranteed loans to countries at risk	-	-	-	-	-
TO TAL	92,264,962	100.00	(3,843,495)	88,421,467	100.00

# **Funding (consolidated)**

The following table presents the sources of the Groups' funding from customers as at 31 December 2014.

Direct funding from customers			
Figures in thousands of Euro	31.12.2014	%	
Due to customers	51.616.920	55,38%	
Securities in issue	41.590.349	44,62%	
of which: EMTN	3.123.932	3,35%	
Total Direct Funding	93.207.269	100%	

# Financial assets/liabilities of the Group

The book value of securities portfolios (net of liabilities) of the UBI Banca Group amounted to approx Euro 23.1 billion as at 31 December 2014. The securities portfolios have been classified into IFRS categories as follows:

Figures in thousands of Euro	31.12.2014
Financial assets held for trading	1,420,506
Financial assets at fair value	193,167
Available for sale financial assets	18,554,956
Held to maturity financial assets	3,576,951
TOTAL	23,745,580
Financial liabilities held for trading	617,762
Total net of financial liabilities	23,127,818

# Net interbank position of the Group

As at 31 December 2014 the Group has a net interbank position negative by Euro 9,952.3 million.

## Financial information for the quarter ended 31 March 2015

On 12 May 2015 the Management Board of UBI Banca approved the consolidated results for the first quarter of 2015, which ended with a profit of 75.9 million euro compared to 58.1 million euro achieved in the same period of 2014. Both quarters include non-recurring events and items that impact on earnings and are summarised as follows:

#### March 2015:

- Disposal of equity stakes in UBI Gestioni Fiduciarie Sim;
- Impairment losses on units in available-for-sale financial assets ("AFS");
- Integration costs of the merger of UBI Banca Private Investment and IW Bank;
- Redundancy expenses pursuant to the Framework Agreement of 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

#### March 2014:

• Adjustment in the price for the disposal in 2013 of the interest held in Banque de Dépôts et de Gestion SA (BDG)

The Issuer makes use of the incorporation regime by means of reference to the document indicated above pursuant to Article 11 of Directive 2003/71/EC and Article 28 of Regulation (EC) 809/2004.

# UNIONE DI BANCHE ITALIANE S.C.P.A. INTERIM CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	31.03.2015	31.03.2014
(Figures in thousands of euro)		
Cash and cash equivalents	466,288	492,398
Financial assets held for trading	1,527,401	3,900,044
Financial assets at fair value	198,365	193,692
Available-for-sale financial assets	17,904,652	16,030,885
Held-to-maturity investments	3,528,010	3,113,263
Loans to banks	3,331,195	4,009,183
Loans to customers	84,634,175	87,094,749
Hedging derivatives	689,227	323,782
Fair value change in hedged financial assets (+/-)	66,716	36,493
Equity investments	254,129	427,438
Property, equipment and investment property	1,711,351	1,780,575
Intangible assets	1,767,675	2,903,371
of which:		
- goodwill	1,465,260	2,511,679
Tax assets	2,927,911	2,824,368
(a) current	543,866	551,822
(b) deferred	2,384,045	2,272,546
Non-current assets and disposal groups held for sale	68,798	79,769
Other assets	847,697	773,252
TO TAL ASSEIS	119,923,590	123,983,262
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	31.03.2015	31.03.2014
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (Figures in thousands of euro)	31.03.2015	31.03.2014
-	<b>31.03.2015</b> 12,360,302	<b>31.03.2014</b> 15,397,770
(Figures in thousands of euro)		15,397,770
(Figures in thousands of euro) Due to banks	12,360,302	
(Figures in thousands of euro )  Due to banks  Due to customers	12,360,302 50,817,925	15,397,770 46,366,664
(Figures in thousands of euro )  Due to banks  Due to customers  Securities issued	12,360,302 50,817,925 40,324,315	15,397,770 46,366,664 44,477,537
(Figures in thousands of euro )  Due to banks  Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading	12,360,302 50,817,925 40,324,315 740,247	15,397,770 46,366,664 44,477,537 1,409,672
(Figures in thousands of euro )  Due to banks  Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives	12,360,302 50,817,925 40,324,315 740,247 1,217,816	15,397,770 46,366,664 44,477,537 1,409,672 528,059
(Figures in thousands of euro )  Due to banks  Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities	12,360,302 50,817,925 40,324,315 740,247 1,217,816 735,132	15,397,770 46,366,664 44,477,537 1,409,672 528,059 908,372
(Figures in thousands of euro )  Due to banks  Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities  (a) current	12,360,302 50,817,925 40,324,315 740,247 1,217,816 735,132 370,410	15,397,770 46,366,664 44,477,537 1,409,672 528,059 908,372 499,203
(Figures in thousands of euro)  Due to banks  Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities  (a) current  (b) deferred	12,360,302 50,817,925 40,324,315 740,247 1,217,816 735,132 370,410 364,722	15,397,770 46,366,664 44,477,537 1,409,672 528,059 908,372 499,203 409,169
(Figures in thousands of euro)  Due to banks  Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities  (a) current  (b) deferred  Other liabilities	12,360,302 50,817,925 40,324,315 740,247 1,217,816 735,132 370,410 364,722 2,435,841	15,397,770 46,366,664 44,477,537 1,409,672 528,059 908,372 499,203 409,169 2,704,318
(Figures in thousands of euro)  Due to banks  Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities  (a) current  (b) deferred  Other liabilities  Staff severance provisions	12,360,302 50,817,925 40,324,315 740,247 1,217,816 735,132 370,410 364,722 2,435,841 368,186	15,397,770 46,366,664 44,477,537 1,409,672 528,059 908,372 499,203 409,169 2,704,318 387,412 320,253
(Figures in thousands of euro)  Due to banks  Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities (a) current (b) deferred  Other liabilities  Staff severance provisions  Provisions for risks and charges:	12,360,302 50,817,925 40,324,315 740,247 1,217,816 735,132 370,410 364,722 2,435,841 368,186 289,799	15,397,770 46,366,664 44,477,537 1,409,672 528,059 908,372 499,203 409,169 2,704,318 387,412
(Figures in thousands of euro)  Due to banks  Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities (a) current (b) deferred  Other liabilities  Staff severance provisions  Provisions for risks and charges: (a) pension and similar obligations	12,360,302 50,817,925 40,324,315 740,247 1,217,816 735,132 370,410 364,722 2,435,841 368,186 289,799 79,457	15,397,770 46,366,664 44,477,537 1,409,672 528,059 908,372 499,203 409,169 2,704,318 387,412 320,253 76,251 244,002
(Figures in thousands of euro)  Due to banks  Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities (a) current (b) deferred  Other liabilities  Staff severance provisions  Provisions for risks and charges: (a) pension and similar obligations (b) other provisions	12,360,302 50,817,925 40,324,315 740,247 1,217,816 735,132 370,410 364,722 2,435,841 368,186 289,799 79,457 210,342	15,397,770 46,366,664 44,477,537 1,409,672 528,059 908,372 499,203 409,169 2,704,318 387,412 320,253 76,251 244,002 104,728
(Figures in thousands of euro)  Due to banks  Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities (a) current (b) deferred  Other liabilities  Staff severance provisions  Provisions for risks and charges: (a) pension and similar obligations (b) other provisions  Fair value reserves	12,360,302 50,817,925 40,324,315 740,247 1,217,816 735,132 370,410 364,722 2,435,841 368,186 289,799 79,457 210,342 330,887	15,397,770 46,366,664 44,477,537 1,409,672 528,059 908,372 499,203 409,169 2,704,318 387,412 320,253 76,251
(Figures in thousands of euro)  Due to banks  Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities (a) current (b) deferred  Other liabilities  Staff severance provisions  Provisions for risks and charges: (a) pension and similar obligations (b) other provisions  Fair value reserves  Reserves	12,360,302 50,817,925 40,324,315 740,247 1,217,816 735,132 370,410 364,722 2,435,841 368,186 289,799 79,457 210,342 330,887 2,721,374	15,397,770 46,366,664 44,477,537 1,409,672 528,059 908,372 499,203 409,169 2,704,318 387,412 320,253 76,251 244,002 104,728 3,539,503
(Figures in thousands of euro)  Due to banks  Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities (a) current (b) deferred  Other liabilities  Staff severance provisions  Provisions for risks and charges: (a) pension and similar obligations (b) other provisions  Fair value reserves  Reserves  Share premiums	12,360,302 50,817,925 40,324,315 740,247 1,217,816 735,132 370,410 364,722 2,435,841 368,186 289,799 79,457 210,342 330,887 2,721,374 4,716,866	15,397,770 46,366,664 44,477,537 1,409,672 528,059 908,372 499,203 409,169 2,704,318 387,412 320,253 76,251 244,002 104,728 3,539,503 4,716,866
(Figures in thousands of euro)  Due to banks  Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities (a) current (b) deferred  Other liabilities  Staff severance provisions  Provisions for risks and charges: (a) pension and similar obligations (b) other provisions  Fair value reserves  Reserves  Share premiums  Share capital	12,360,302 50,817,925 40,324,315 740,247 1,217,816 735,132 370,410 364,722 2,435,841 368,186 289,799 79,457 210,342 330,887 2,721,374 4,716,866 2,254,371	15,397,770 46,366,664 44,477,537 1,409,672 528,059 908,372 499,203 409,169 2,704,318 387,412 320,253 76,251 244,002 104,728 3,539,503 4,716,866 2,254,371
(Figures in thousands of euro)  Due to banks  Due to customers  Securities issued  Financial liabilities held for trading  Hedging derivatives  Tax liabilities (a) current (b) deferred  Other liabilities  Staff severance provisions  Provisions for risks and charges: (a) pension and similar obligations (b) other provisions  Fair value reserves  Reserves  Share premiums  Share capital  Treasury shares	12,360,302 50,817,925 40,324,315 740,247 1,217,816 735,132 370,410 364,722 2,435,841 368,186 289,799 79,457 210,342 330,887 2,721,374 4,716,866 2,254,371 (5,340)	15,397,770 46,366,664 44,477,537 1,409,672 528,059 908,372 499,203 409,169 2,704,318 387,412 320,253 76,251 244,002 104,728 3,539,503 4,716,866 2,254,371 (6,121)

# UNIONE DI BANCHE ITALIANE S.C.P.A. INTERIM CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

Figures in thousands of euro	31.03.2015	31.03.2014
Interest and similar income	667,373	785,367
Interest expense and similar	(236,768)	(330,895)
Net interest income	430,605	454,472
Commission income	390,008	347,332
Commission expense	(48,816)	(47,222)
Net commission income	341,192	300,110
Dividends and similar income	533	787
Net trading income (loss)	27,431	34,085
Net hedging income (loss)	(3,016)	(4,188)
Incometexpenses from disposal or repurchase of:	28,367	32,115
a) loans	881	(705)
b) available-for-sale financial assets	31,936	34,090
c) financial liabilities	(4,450)	(1,270)
Net incomelexpenses on financial assets and liabilities at fair value	5,242	599
Gross income	830,354	817,980
Net impairment losses on:	(191,158)	(196,953)
a) loans	(190,192)	(198,626)
b) available-for-sale financial assets	(4,589)	297
c) other financial transactions	3,623	1,376
Net financial operating income	639,196	621,027
Net income from banking and insurance operations	639,196	621,027
Administrative expenses	(539,708)	(525,804)
a) personnel expenses	(336,572)	(326,094)
b) other administrative expenses	(203,136)	(199,710)
Net provisions for risks and charges	(4,319)	(10,063)
Net impairment losses on property, equipment and investment property	(21,061)	(22,141)
Net impairment losses on intangible assets	(16,589)	(19,212)
Other operating income/(expense)	83,845	70,460
Operating expenses	(497,832)	(506,760)
Profits (losses) of equity investments	6,154	10,009
Profits (losses) on disposal of investments	(295)	230
Profit (loss) from continuing operations before tax	147,223	124,506
Taxes on income for the period from continuing operations	(61,546)	(58,702)
After tax profit (loss) from continuing operations	85,677	65,804
Profit (loss) for the period	85,677	65,804
Profit (loss) for the period attributable to minority interests	(9,749)	(7,669)
Profit (loss) for the period attributable to the shareholders of the Parent	75,928	58,135

## THE GUARANTOR

#### Introduction

The Guarantor, UBI Finance S.r.l., is a limited liability company (*società a responsabilità limitata*) incorporated on 18 March 2008 under the laws of the Republic of Italy pursuant to the Securitisation and Covered Bonds Law, fiscal code and enrolment with the companies register of Milan No. 06132280964, enrolled under No. 40685 in the general register of financial intermediaries held by the Bank of Italy pursuant to article 106 of the Consolidated Banking Act (in this respect please see the recent updates to Italian law described under the section "Description of Certain Relevant Legislation in Italy"), part of the Unione di Banche Italiane Group enrolled under No. 3111.2 with the register held by the Bank of Italy in accordance with article 64 of the Consolidated Banking Act. The Guarantor has no employees and no subsidiaries.

The Guarantor has its registered office at Foro Buonaparte 70, 20121 Milan, Italy; the telephone number of the registered office is +39 02 861914 and the fax number is +39 02 862495.

The Guarantor is part of the Unione di Banche Italiane Group and is subject to the management and coordination activity (attività di direzione e coordinamento) by UBI Banca that holds 60% of the Guarantor's quota capital.

The Guarantor commenced operations following its entry into the Transaction Documents to which it is a party.

# **Principal Activities**

The duration of the company is up to 31 December 2050 and may be extended. The sole purpose of the Guarantor under the objects clause in its by-laws is the ownership of the Covered Pool and the granting to, *inter alios*, the Covered Bondholders of the Covered Bond Guarantee.

## **Quota Capital**

The outstanding capital of the Guarantor is Euro 10,000, fully paid-up and divided into quotas as described below. The quotaholders of the Guarantor are as follows:

Quotaholder	Quota
Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.a.	€6,000 (60% of the capital)
Stichting Mara	€4,000 (40% of capital)

Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.a., with the 60 per cent. of the quota capital controls UBI Finance S.r.l., which belongs to the UBI Banca Group.

The Guarantor has not declared or paid any dividends or, save as otherwise described in this Prospectus, incurred any indebtedness.

## **Quotaholders' Agreement**

Under the Quotaholders' Agreement, each Quotaholder has agreed and undertaken to and with each other and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, for the period necessary in order to exercise the call option and the put option granted thereunder, to keep its quota free and clear of any liens, claims, burdens, encumbrances, security interests or any other rights of any third parties whatsoever and not to sell, charge, pledge or otherwise dispose in any manner whatsoever of its quota.

The Quotaholders' Agreement contains put and call options granted pursuant to article 1331 of the Italian Civil Code in respect of the entire quota of Stichting Mara in the Guarantor's quota capital. In detail, Stichting Mara has granted UBI Banca an option to purchase the whole of Stichting Mara's quota and UBI Banca has granted Stichting Mara an option to sell such quota, in each case at a price equal to the nominal value of the quota. In both cases, the option is exercisable exclusively from the

later of the Expiry Date and the date falling five years after the Issue Date of the first Tranche of Covered Bonds issued under the Programme. Any purchase by UBI Banca may be effected either directly or through another company of the UBI Banca Group selected by UBI Banca.

# Management

# **Board of Directors**

The following table sets out certain information regarding the current members of the Board of Directors.

	Principal activities performed outside	
Name	Position	the Guarantor
Renzo Parisotto	Chairman	_
Andrea Di Cola	Independent Director	Chartered accountant
Giuseppe Sciarrotta	Director	<del>_</del>

The business address of the Board of Directors is the Guarantor's registered office at Foro Buonaparte 70, 20121 Milan, Italy.

# **Board of Statutory Auditors**

No Board of Statutory Auditors has currently been appointed.

#### **Auditors**

The current independent auditors of UBI Finance Srl are Deloitte & Touche S.p.A.

## **Conflict of Interest**

There are no potential conflicts of interest between the duties of the directors and their private interests or other duties.

## **Financial Statements**

The following tables set out non-consolidated balance sheet and income statement information relating to UBI Finance. The financial year of the Guarantor ends on 31 December of each calendar year. Such information is reproduced from the non-consolidated financial statements of UBI Finance as at and for the years ended 31 December 2014 and 31 December 2013. The financial statements of are prepared in accordance with IFRS.

Figures in Euros	31/12/2014	31/12/2013
Total assets	364,803	316,667
Net profit for the year		5

#### THE SELLERS

#### Banca Popolare di Bergamo S.p.A.

## History and development

Banca Popolare di Bergamo S.p.A. ("**Banca Popolare di Bergamo**") was incorporated under the laws of Italy on 25 March 2003, and started its banking activities on 1 July 2003, as Network Bank of the former BPU Group. The contribution in kind of the branch business of former Banca Popolare di Bergamo CV Scrl (established in 1869) to the new Bank and the authorisation released by the Governor of Bank of Italy to perform banking activities became effective on the same date.

Pursuant to Article 3 of its by-Laws, the duration of the company is up to 31 December 2050 but it may be extended by the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders. Its registered office is at Piazza Vittorio Veneto 8, Bergamo, and its principal objects, as set out in Article 4 of its by-Laws, are deposit-taking and the carrying-out of all forms of lending activities. The Company may carry out, in addition to banking activities, all other financial activities in compliance with the discipline set out for each of them, including the purchase and management of equity investments and the establishment and management of supplementary pension programmes, either open or closed.

# Areas of activity – general

Banca Popolare di Bergamo is one of the eight network banks of the UBI Group and carries on its business by maintaining a close relationship with its customers in the territory where it operates. The bank has a strong presence in Lombardy, the key geographical areas in which it operates, and has a distinctive capability in understanding and serving the requirements of the local economy in that area. It carries on its business with the support and services provided directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries by its parent company, UBI Banca, and offers and sells products and services developed at parent bank level. It has a sales model divided up according to market segment: Retail (predominant activity of the Bank), Private & Corporate Unity . Because of the wide range of product companies within the UBI Group, Banca Popolare di Bergamo is able to offer services and products which are both customised and evolved over time, and which are aimed at satisfying the needs of different kinds of customers.

## Management

Banca Popolare di Bergamo is managed by the Board of Directors, appointed by the General Meeting of Shareholders. The Board of Directors appoints the General Manager, who manages the day to day operations of the bank. In accordance with the by Laws of Banca Popolare di Bergamo, the Board of Directors has also set up an Executive Committee, to which it has delegated certain powers. In addition, Banca Popolare di Bergamo is required to have a Board of Statutory Auditors, who verify that the company complies with applicable laws and its by Laws, and the principles of correct administration, and that it maintains an adequate organisational structure, internal controls and administrative and accounting systems.

# **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of Banca Popolare di Bergamo consists of between nine and fifteen members and is currently composed of the following persons:

Name	
	Position
Giorgio Frigeri (*)	Chairman

Antonio Bulgheroni (*)	Deputy Chairman
Guido Lupini (*)	Deputy Chairman
Paolo Agnelli	Director
Cristina Bombassei	Director
Riccardo Cagnoni	Director
Ercole Galizzi	
Stefano Gianotti (*)	Director
Giuseppe Guerini	Director
Paolo Alberto Lamberti	Director
Angelo Radici	Director
Marino Augusto Vago	Director
Matteo Zanetti (*)	Director

# (\*) Member of Executive Committee

The present Board of Directors has been appointed for a term of office expiring at the shareholders' meeting convened to approve the annual financial statements of Banca Popolare di Bergamo as at and for the year ending 31 December 2016.

## **Board of Statutory Auditors**

The following table sets out the composition of the Board of Statutory Auditors.

Name	Position
Alberto Carrara	Chairman
Giorgio Berta	Acting Auditor
Maurizio Vicentini	Acting Auditor
Alessandro Masera	Alternate Auditor
Paolo Pensotti Bruni	Alternate Auditor
Constal Management	

# General Management

Name	Position	
Osvaldo Ranica	GeneralM	anager
Silvano Manella	Deputy	General
	Manager	

## Auditors

The current independent auditors of Banca Popolare di Bergamo are Deloitte & Touche S.p.A., who have been appointed to audit the bank's financial statements for a period ending 31 December 2020.

# Subsidiaries and associated companies

As at 31 December 2014, Banca Popolare di Bergamo has a 2.88 per cent. stake in UBI Sistemi e Servizi S.c.p.A. and a 3.16 per cent stake in UBI Banca International S.A. and a 3.00 per cent stake in UBI Academy S.c.r.l.

# Share capital and shareholders

As at 31 December 2014, Banca Popolare di Bergamo has an issued and fully paid up share capital of Euro 1,350,514,252 consisting of 1,350,514,252 ordinary shares with a nominal value of Euro1.00 each.

The shares of Banca Popolare di Bergamo are unlisted and are wholly owned by UBI Banca (as at 31 December 2014).

# Banco di Brescia S.p.A.

## History and development

Banco di Brescia S.p.A. ("**Banco di Brescia**") was incorporated under the laws of Italy on 31 December 1998 and, pursuant to Article 3 of its by Laws, the duration of the company is up to 31 December 2103 and may be extended by Shareholders' Meetings resolutions. Its registered office is at Corso Martiri della Libertà 13, Brescia and its principal objects, as set out in Article 2 of its by Laws, are deposit taking and the carrying out of all forms of lending activities. For such purposes, it may, subject to compliance with legislation in force and obtaining the required authorisations, perform any transactions or banking or financial services, together with any other activity incidental to or in any way connected with the achievement of its corporate objects, including the issue of bonds in accordance with laws and regulation.

# Areas of activity - general

Banco di Brescia is one of the eight network banks of the UBI Group and carries on its business by maintaining a close relationship with its customers in the territory where it operates. The bank has a strong presence in the key geographical areas in which it operates (namely in Lombardy and Veneto in Northern Italy and Latium in Central Italy) and has a distinctive capability in understanding and serving the requirements of the local economy in those areas. It carries on its business with the support and services provided directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries by its parent company, UBI Banca, and offers and sells products and services developed at parent bank level. It has a sales model divided up according to market segment: Retail (predominant activity of the Bank) and Unity. Because of the wide range of product companies within the UBI Group, Banco di Brescia is able to offer services and products which are both customised and evolved over time, and which are aimed at satisfying the needs of different kinds of customers.

## Management

Banco di Brescia is managed by the Board of Directors, appointed by the general meeting of shareholders. The Board of Directors appoints the General Manager, who manages the day-to-day operations of the bank. In accordance with the by-Laws of Banco di Brescia, the Board of Directors has also set up an Executive Committee, to which it can delegate certain powers. In addition, Banco di Brescia is required to have a Board of Statutory Auditors, who verify that the company complies with applicable laws and its by-Laws, and the principles of correct administration, and that it maintains an adequate organisational structure, internal controls and administrative and accounting systems.

# **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of Banco di Brescia consists of between nine and thirteen members and is currently composed of the following persons:

Name	Position
Costantino Vitali (*)	Chairman
Pierfrancesco Rampinelli Rota(*)	Deputy Chairman
Pietro Gussalli Beretta(*)	Deputy Chairman
Franco Bossoni(*)	Director and Segretary of
	the Board
Francesca Bazoli(*)	Director
Francesco Bettoni	Director
Giorgio Franceschi	Director
Stefano Gianotti	Director
Orlando Niboli	Director
Francesco Passerini Glazel	Director
Giuseppe Riello	Director

Name	Position
Raffaele Rizzardi (*)	Director Director

(\*) Member of Executive Committee.

The present Board of Directors has been appointed for the 2014, 2015 and 2016 financial years.

## **Board of Statutory Auditors**

The following table sets out the composition of the Board of Statutory Auditors.

Name	Position
Paolo Golia	Chairman
Eugenio Ballerio	Acting Auditor
Alessandro Masetti Zannini	Acting Auditor
Maurizio Baiguera	Alternate Auditor
Guido Piccinelli	Alternate Auditor
General Management	
Name	Position
Roberto Tonizzo	General Manager

#### Auditors

Mario Spaltini

The current independent auditors of Banco di Brescia are KPMG S.p.A., who have been appointed by the General Meeting of Shareholders of 5 April 2012 to audit the bank's annual financial statements up to the year ending 31 December 2021.

Deputy General Manager

## Subsidiaries and associated companies

As at 31 December 2014, Banco di Brescia has a 8.84 per cent. shareholding in Banca di Valle Camonica S.p.A., a 5.48 per cent. shareholding in UBI Banca International S.A., a 2.877 per cent shareholding in UBI Sistemi e Servizi S.c.p.A. and a 3.00 per cent. shareholding in UBI Academy S.c.r.l. All the aforementioned companies belong to UBI Banca Group. Banco di Brescia has no subsidiaries and no other significant shareholdings in other companies.

## Share capital and shareholders

As at 31 December 2014, Banco di Brescia has an issued and fully paid-up share capital of Euro 615,632,230,88 consisting of 905,341,516 ordinary shares with a nominal value of Euro 0.68 each.

Banco di Brescia's shares are unlisted and are wholly owned by UBI Banca (as at 31 December 2014).

## Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria S.p.A.

Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria S.p.A. ("Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria") was incorporated under the laws of Italy on 27 March 2003, and started its banking activities on 1 July 2003, as Network Bank of the former BPU Group. The contribution in kind of the branch business of former Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria Scrl (established in 1888) and Banca Popolare di Luino e di Varese S.p.A. (established in 1885) to the new Bank and the authorization released by the Governor of Bank of Italy to perform banking activities became effective on the same date.

Pursuant to Article 3 of its by-Laws, the duration of the company is up to 31 December 2050 but it may be extended by the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders. Its registered office is in Milan, via Monte di Pietà, 7, and its principal objects, as set out in Article 4 of its by-Laws, are deposit-taking and the carrying-out of all forms of lending activities. The Company may carry out, in addition to banking activities, all other financial activities in compliance with the discipline set out for each of them, including the purchase and management of equity investments and the establishment and management of supplementary pension programmes, either open or closed.

# Areas of activity – general

Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria is one of the eight network banks of the UBI Group and carries on its business by maintaining a close relationship with its customers in the territory where it operates. The bank has a strong presence in Lombardy, the key geographical areas in which it operates, and has a distinctive capability in understanding and serving the requirements of the local economy in that area. It carries on its business with the support and services provided by its parent company UBI Banca directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries, and offers and sells products and services developed at parent bank level. It has a sales model divided up according to market segment: Retail and Private & Corporate Unity. Because of the wide range of product companies within the UBI Group, Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria is able to offer services and products which are both customised and evolved over time, and which are aimed at satisfying the needs of different kinds of customers.

## Management

Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria is managed by the Board of Directors, appointed by the General Meeting of Shareholders. The Board of Directors appoints the General Manager, who manages the day-to-day operations of the bank. In accordance with the by-Laws of Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria, the Board of Directors has also set up an Executive Committee, to which it has delegated certain powers. In addition, Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria is required to have a Board of Statutory Auditors, who verify that the company complies with applicable laws and its By-Laws, and the principles of correct administration, and that it maintains an organisational structure, internal controls and administrative and accounting systems.

## **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria consists of eleven members.

The Board of Directors of Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria is currently composed of the following persons:

Name	Position
Alberto Barcella (*)	Chairman
Livio Strazzera (*)	Deputy Chairman
Marco Agliati (*)	Director
Silvio Albini	Director
Giovanni Frau	Director
Giuseppe Gallo	Director
Alberto Majocchi (*)	Director
Giovanna Mazzocchi	Director
Carlo Porcari (*)	Director
Felice Scalvini	Director
Antonio Trotta	Director
	Director
	Director
	Director

# (\*) Member of Executive Committee

The present Board of Directors has been appointed for a term of office expiring at the shareholders' meeting convened to approve the annual financial statements of Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria as at and for the year ending 31 December 2016.

# **Board of Statutory Auditors**

The following table sets out the current members of the Board of Statutory Auditors.

Name	Position
Pietro Mazzola  Marcello Coato  Giorgio Dall'Olio  Franco Ghiringhelli  Vittorio Fiammarelli	Chairman Acting Auditor Acting Auditor Alternate Auditor Alternate Auditor
General Management	
Name	Position
Marco Mandelli	General Manager Deputy General Manager

## **Auditors**

The current independent auditors of Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria are Deloitte & Touche S.p.A., who have been appointed to audit the bank's financial statements for a period ending 31 December 2020.

## Subsidiaries and associated companies

As at 31 December 2014, Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria has a 2.88 per cent. stake in UBI Sistemi e Servizi S.c.p.A. and a 3.00 per cent. stake in UBI Academy S.c.r.l. It has no subsidiaries and no other significant shareholdings in other companies.

## Share capital and shareholders

As at 31 December 2014, Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria has an issued and fully paid-up share capital of Euro 934,150,468 consisting of 889,667,112 ordinary shares with a nominal value of Euro1.05 each.

Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria's shares are unlisted and are 83.763 per cent. owned by UBI Banca (as at 31 December 2014), 16.237 per cent owned by Fondazione Banca del Monte di Lombardia.

# Banca Regionale Europea S.p.A.

Banca Regionale Europea S.p.A. ("Banca Regionale Europea") was created in 1994 following the merger between Cassa di Risparmio di Cuneo and Banca del Monte di Lombardia. In 2000, it became one of the network banks of the former Group Banca Lombarda and the Group took the name of

Banca Lombarda e Piemontese. In April 2007, it became one of the network banks of the UBI Banca Group.

Pursuant to Article 3 of its by-Laws, the duration of the company is up to 31 December 2100. Its registered office is in Cuneo, via Roma 13, while the General Management and the Administrative Offices are located in Turin, Via Santa Teresa, 11. Its principal objects, as set out in Article 4 of its by-Laws, are banking activities; in addition, the Company may carry out all other financial activities in compliance with the discipline set out for each of them, and the establishment and management of supplementary pension programmes.

# Areas of activity - general

Banca Regionale Europea is one of the eight network banks of the UBI Group and carries on its business by maintaining a close relationship with its customers in the territory where it operates. The Bank, following the reorganisation of the Group, focused its banking activities in Piedmont and Ligury, although it has also a branch in Milan and three branches in France – in Côte d'Azur It has a distinctive capability in understanding and serving the requirements of the local economy in the reference areas. It carries on its business with the support and services provided directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries by its parent company, UBI Banca, and offers and sells products and services developed at parent bank level. It has a sales model divided up according to market segment: Retail (predominant activity of the Bank), Private & Corporate Unity. Because of the wide range of product companies within the UBI Group, Banca Regionale Europea is able to offer services and products which are both customised and evolved over time, and which are aimed at satisfying the needs of different kinds of customers.

On 22 October 2012, the creation of a single North West banking operation was realised through the merger of Banco di San Giorgio into Banca Regionale Europea with a view to Group simplification and local market focus.

# Management

Banca Regionale Europea is managed by the Board of Directors, appointed by the General Meeting of Shareholders. The Board of Directors appoints the General Manager, who manages the day-to-day operations of the bank. In accordance with the by-Laws of Banca Regionale Europea, the Board of Directors has also set up an Executive Committee, to which it has delegated certain powers. In addition, Banca Regionale Europea is required to have a Board of Statutory Auditors, who verify that the company complies with applicable laws and its by-Laws, and the principles of correct administration, and that it maintains an adequate organisational structure, internal controls and administrative and accounting systems.

# **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of Banca Regionale Europea consists of eleven members and is currently composed of the following persons:

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Name	<u>Position</u>
Luigi Rossi di Montelera (*)	Chairman
Pierfranco Giovanni Risoli (*)	Vice Chairman
Mario Cismondi (*)	Director
Ferruccio Dardanello	Director
Cristina Faissola	Director
Filippo Ferrua Magliani (*)	Director and Secretary
	of the Board
Maurilio Fratino	Director
Giacomo Lodi	Director

Marco Manfredi	Director
Ettore Giuseppe Medda (*)	Director
Fabrizio Pace	Director

# (\*) Member of Executive Committee

The present Board of Directors has been appointed for a term of office expiring at the shareholders' meeting convened to approve the annual financial statements of Banca Regionale Europea as at and for the year ending 31 December 2016.

# **Board of Statutory Auditors**

The following table sets out the current members of the Board of Statutory Auditors.

Name	Position
Claudio Uberti	Chairman
Davide Alciati	Acting Auditor
Aristide Rodiani	
Francesco Fortina	
Pietro Ratti	Alternate Auditor
General Management	
Name	Position
Riccardo Barbarini	General Manager

## Auditors

The current independent auditors of Banca Regionale Europea are KPMG S.p.A who have been appointed to audit the bank's annual financial statements from the year ending 31 December 2013 to the year ending 31 December 2021.

# Share capital and shareholders

As at 31 December 2014, Banca Regionale Europea has an issued and fully paid-up share capital of Euro 587,892,824.35 consisting of 789,548,506 ordinary shares, 68,591,443 privileged shares and 46,310,550 saving shares with a nominal value of Euro 0.65 each.

Banca Regionale Europea's shares are unlisted and are 74.760 per cent. owned by UBI Banca (as at 31 December 2014), 24.904 per cent owned by Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Cuneo 0.336 per cent by third parties.

# Banca Popolare di Ancona S.p.A.

Banca Popolare di Ancona S.p.A. ("**Banca Popolare di Ancona**") was incorporated on 18 October 1891 in Jesi as a co-operative bank. In 1995 it became Joint-Stock company and entered the former Banca Popolare di Bergamo-Credito Varesino Group. In July 2003 it became one of the network banks of the former BPU Group, and in April 2007 it joined the UBI Banca Group.

Pursuant to Article 2 of its by-Laws, the duration of the company is up to 31 December 2050. Its registered office is at via Don A. Battistoni, 4, Jesi (AN), and its principal objects, as set out in Article 3 of its by-Laws, are deposit-taking and the carrying-out of all forms of lending activities. The company may, subject to compliance with legislation in force and obtaining the required

authorisations, perform any transactions or banking or financial services, together with any other activity incidental to or in any way connected with the achievement of its corporate objects. Provided the relevant authorisations are obtained, the company may proceed to the purchase, incorporation, or concentration with other banks or companies; it may also purchase and manage equity stakes, including controlling stakes, in companies carrying-out banking, insurance and financial or other activities allowed, within the limits and with the modalities set out in law dispositions.

## Areas of activity - general

Banca Popolare di Ancona is one of the eight network banks of the UBI Group and carries on its business by maintaining a close relationship with its customers in the territory where it operates. The bank has a strong presence in the Marches region, the key geographical area in which it operates, and has a distinctive capability in understanding and serving the requirements of the local economy in that area. It carries on its business with the support and services provided, directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries, by its parent company, UBI Banca, and offers and sells products and services developed at parent bank level. It has a sales model divided up according to market segment: Retail (predominant activity of the Bank), Private & Corporate Unity . Because of the wide range of product companies within the UBI Group, Banca Popolare di Ancona is able to offer services and products which are both customised and evolved over time, and which are aimed at satisfying the needs of different kinds of customers.

# Management

Banca Popolare di Ancona is managed by the Board of Directors, appointed by the General Meeting of Shareholders. The Board of Directors appoints the General Manager, who manages the day-to-day operations of the bank. In addition, Banca Popolare di Ancona is required to have a Board of Statutory Auditors, who verify that the company complies with applicable laws and its by-Laws, and the principles of correct administration, and that it maintains an adequate organisational structure, internal controls and administrative and accounting systems.

# **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of Banca Popolare di Ancona consists of between seven and fifteen members and is currently composed of the following persons:

Name	Position
Corrado Mariotti	Chairman
Paolo Leonardi	Deputy Chairman
Giovanni Frezzotti	Director
Rodolfo Giampieri	Director
Otello Gregorini	Director
Maria Cristina Loccioni	Director
Giannalberto Luzi	Director
Marco Pacetti	Director
Andrea Pisani Massamormile	Director

The present Board of Directors has been appointed for a term of office expiring at the shareholders' meeting convened to approve the annual financial statements of Banca Popolare di Ancona as at and for the year ending 31 December 2016.

## **Board of Statutory Auditors**

The following table sets out the current members of the Board of Statutory Auditors.

Name	Position
Roberto Barbieri	Chairman Acting Auditor
Luigi Scoponi	Acting Auditor
Guido Cesarini	Alternate Auditor
Paolo Di Paolo	Alternate Auditor
General Management	
Name	Position
Nunzio Tartaglia	General Manager
Genesio Rispoli	Deputy General
	Manager

#### **Auditors**

The current independent auditors of Banca Popolare di Ancona are Deloitte & Touche S.p.A., who have been appointed to audit the bank's financial statements for a period ending 31 December 2019.

## Subsidiaries and associated companies

As at 31 December 2014, Banca Popolare di Ancona has a 2.88 per cent stake in UBI Sistemi e Servizi S.c.p.A.and a 3 per cent. stake in UBI Academy S.c.r.l.

#### Share capital and shareholders

As at 31 December 2014, Banca Popolare di Ancona has an issued and fully paid up share capital of Euro 147,301,670.32 consisting of 24,468,716 ordinary shares with a nominal value of Euro 6.02 each.

Banca Popolare di Ancona's shares are unlisted and are 99,53 per cent. owned by UBI Banca (as at 31 December 2014) and for the remaining part by minority shareholders.

#### Banca Carime S.p.A.

#### History and development

Banca Carime S.p.A. ("Banca Carime") was incorporated under the laws of Italy on 30 January 2001 following the merger between a financial company belonging to the former Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria Group and Carime, a banking company incorporated on 31 December 1997 within the Intesa Group, to which the lines of business of three Southern Saving Banks (Carical S.p.A., Caripuglia S.p.A. and Cassa di Risparmio Salernitana S.p.A.) has been transferred. In June 2000 Banca Intesa and Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria reached an agreement for the sale to the latter of the controlling stake in Banca Carime. On 1 July 2003, Banca Carime became part of the BPU Group, created from the merger between Banca Popolare di Bergamo-Credito Varesino Scrl, Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria Scrl and Banca Popolare di Luino e di Varese S.p.A. Banca Carime then became part of the UBI Banca Group following the merger between BPU Banca and Banca Lombarda effective from the 1 April 2007.

Pursuant to Article 3 of its by-Laws, the duration of the company is up to 31 December 2050. Its registered office is at Viale Crati in Cosenza and its principal objects, as set out in Article 4 of its by-Laws, are deposit-taking and the carrying-out of all forms of lending activities. For such purposes, the Company may carry out, in addition to banking activities, all other financial activities in compliance with the discipline set out for each of them, including the purchase and management of

equity investments and the establishment and management of supplementary pension programmes, either open or closed.

## Areas of activity – general

Banca Carime is one of the eight network banks of the UBI Group and carries on its business by maintaining a close relationship with its customers in the territory where it operates. The bank has a strong presence in the key geographical areas in which it operates (namely Southern Italy, and, in particular, the Calabria, Apulia, Basilicata and Campania regions) and considers that it has a distinctive capability in understanding and serving the requirements of the local economy in those areas. It carries on its business with the support and services provided directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries by its parent company, UBI Banca, and offers and sells products and services developed at parent bank level. It has a sales model divided up according to market segment: Retail (predominant activity of the Bank), Private & Corporate Unity. Because of the wide range of product companies within the UBI Group, Banca Carime is able to offer services and products which are both customised and evolved over time, and which are aimed at satisfying the needs of different kinds of customers.

# Management

The management of Banca Carime is divided between the Board of Directors and the General Manager, who manages the day-to-day operations of the bank. In accordance with the by-Laws of Banca Carime, the Board of Directors has also set up an Executive Committee, to which it can delegate certain powers. In addition, Banca Carime is required to have a Board of Statutory Auditors, who verify that the company complies with applicable laws and its by-Laws, and the principles of correct administration, and that it maintains an adequate organisational structure, internal controls and administrative and accounting systems.

## **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of Banca Carime consists of between seven and fifteen members and is currently composed of the following persons:

Name	Position
Andrea Pisani Massamormile(*)	
Carlo Porcari (*)	Deputy Chairman
Marcello Calbiani(*)	Director
Alberto Cazzani	
Marco Franzini	Director
Giorgio Palasciano(*)	Director
Giuseppe Sciarrotta	
**	Director
Mario Scicutella	Director
Alberto Valdembri (*)	Director

<sup>(\*)</sup> Member of Executive Committee

The present Board of Directors has been appointed for a term of office expiring at the shareholders' meeting convened to approve the annual financial statements of Banca Carime as at and for the year ending 31 December 2016.

# **Board of Statutory Auditors**

The following table sets out the current members of the Board of Statutory Auditors.

Name	Position	
Stefano Adamo	Chairman	
Alberto Nardi	Acting Auditor	
Nicola Vito Notarnicola	Acting Auditor	
Giuseppe Macario	Alternate Auditor	
Antonio Cianniello	Alternate Auditor	
General Management		
Name	Position	
Raffaele Avantaggiato Giuseppe Minervino	General Manager Deputy General Manager	

#### Auditors

The current independent auditors of Banca Carime are Deloitte & Touche S.p.A., who have been appointed to audit the bank's financial statements for a period ending 31 December 2020.

## Subsidiaries and associated companies

As at 31 December 2014, Banca Carime has a 2.88 per cent stake in UBI Sistemi e Servizi S.c.p.A. and a 3.00 in UBI Academy S.c.r.l., no other significant shareholdings in other companies of the UBI Group.

#### Share capital and shareholders

As at 31 December 2014, Banca Carime has an issued and fully paid-up share capital of Euro 1,468,208,506 consisting of 1,411,738,948 ordinary shares with a nominal value of Euro 1.04 each.

Banca Carime's shares are unlisted and are 99.99 per cent owned by UBI Banca and the remaining part by minority shareholders.

# Banca di Valle Camonica S.p.A

Banca di Valle Camonica S.p.A. ("**Banca di Valle Camonica**") was created in 1872. In 1963 it was acquired by Banca San Paolo di Brescia, which in 1998 changed its name into Banca Lombarda following its merger with Credito Agrario Bresciano. In April 2007, Banca di Valle Camonica became one of the network banks of the UBI Group.

Pursuant to Article 3 of its by-Laws, the duration of the company is up to 31 December 2050 but it may be extended by the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders. Its registered office is in Breno (Brescia), Piazza della Repubblica 2, and its principal objects, as set out in Article 4 of its by-Laws, are deposit-taking and the carrying-out of all forms of lending activities. Its aim is to generate value for shareholders and to promote activities for moral and economic improvement. For such purposes, it may, subject to compliance with legislation in force and obtaining the required authorisations and the approval from the supervisory authority, perform any transactions or banking services, together with any other activity incidental to or in any way connected with the achievement of its corporate objects, including the issue of bonds.

# Areas of activity - general

Banca di Valle Camonica is one of the eight network banks of the UBI Group and carries on its business by maintaining a close relationship with its customers in the territory where it operates. The

bank is present in Lombardy and has a distinctive capability in understanding and serving the requirements of the local economy in that area. It carries on its business with the support and services provided directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries by its parent company, UBI Banca, and offers and sells products and services developed at parent bank level. It has a sales model divided up according to market segment: Retail (predominant activity of the Bank), Private & Corporate Unity . Because of the wide range of product companies within the UBI Group, Banca di Valle Camonica is able to offer services and products which are both customised and evolved over time, and which are aimed at satisfying the needs of different kinds of customers.

## Management

Banca di Valle Camonica is managed by the Board of Directors, appointed by the General Meeting of Shareholders. The Board of Directors appoints the General Manager, who manages the day-to-day operations of the bank. In addition, Banca di Valle Camonica is required to have a Board of Statutory Auditors, who verify that the company complies with applicable laws and its by-Laws, and the principles of correct administration, and that it maintains an adequate organisational structure, internal controls and administrative and accounting systems.

## **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of Banca di Valle Camonica consists of between five and nine members and is currently composed of the following persons:

Position
Chairman
Deputy Chairman
Secretary Director
Director
Director
Director
Director

The present Board of Directors has been appointed for a term of office expiring at the shareholders' meeting convened to approve the annual financial statements of Banca di Valle Camonica as at and for the year ending 31 December 2014.

# **Board of Statutory Auditors**

The following table sets out the current members of the Board of Statutory Auditors.

Name	Position
Francesco Landriscina Paolo Stefano De Zan Giovanni Nulli Clara Sterli	Chairman Acting Auditor Acting Auditor Alternate Auditor
Ilenia Monchieri  General Management	Alternate Auditor
Name	Position

Name	Position
Stefano Vittorio Kuhn	General Manager
Pietro Tosana	Deputy General
	Manager

#### Auditors

The current independent auditors of Banca di Valle Camonica are KPMG S.p.A., who have been appointed to audit the bank's financial statements for a period ending 31 December 2015.

## Subsidiaries and associated companies

As at 31 December 2014, Banca di Valle Camonica has a 1.44 per cent stake in UBI Sistemi e Servizi S.c.p.A., a 1.50 per cent. stake in UBI Academy S.c.r.l. and no other significant shareholdings in other companies.

## Share capital and shareholders

As at 31 December 2014, Banca di Valle Camonica has an issued and fully paid up share capital of Euro 3,176,883consisting of 3,176,883 ordinary shares with a nominal value of Euro 1.00 each.

Banca di Valle Camonica's shares are unlisted and are 75.292 per cent owned by UBI Banca (as at 31 December 2014), 8.838 per cent owned by Banco di Brescia, 7.089 per cent owned by Finanziaria di Valle Camonica S.p.A.,5.497per cent owned by Società Cattolica di Assicurazione S.p.A., and for the remaining part by minority shareholders.

# IW Bank S.p.A. (former UBI Banca Private Investment S.p.A.)

IW Bank S.p.A. is a bank providing financial advisory and private banking services. It is 100 per cent. owned by UBI Banca. It was formed through the merger by incorporation, effective on 25 May 2015 of former IW Bank S.p.A., the on line banking company of the Group ("IWB"), into former UBI Banca Private Investment S.p.A. ("UBI Banca Private Investment S.p.A."), this last changing its name into IW Bank S.p.A. ("IW Bank S.p.A."). IW Bank S.p.A. operates through a distribution network of about 757 financial advisors as of 25 May 2015.

The Head Office and General Management of the Bank IW Bank S.p.A.are located in Piazzale Fratelli Zavattari,12, 20149 (Italy). IW Bank S.p.A.'s fiscal code and registration number in the Company Registry of Milan is 00485260459 and its VAT number is 02458160245.

For further Information about IW Bank S.p.A. see Section "Merger by incorporation of IW Bank S.p.A. into UBI Banca Private Investment S.p.A." above.

# Business object

According to Article 2 of its by-Laws, the duration of the company is up to 31 December 2050 but may be extended. Its principal objects, as set out in Article 3 of its by-Laws, are deposit-taking and the carrying-out of all forms of lending activities. For such purposes, it may, subject to compliance with legislation in force and obtaining the required authorisations, perform any transactions or banking or financial services, together with any other activity incidental to or in any way connected with the achievement of its corporate objects. The company may issue bonds in accordance with laws and regulations.

# IW Bank S.p.A.'s Board of Directors, Statutory Board of Auditors and Management

## **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors of IW Bank S.p.A. presently consists of the following persons:

Name	Position
Caio Massimo Capuano	Chairman
Elvio Sonnino	Deputy Chairman
Lucio Cassia	Director
Silvia Quilleri	Director
Renato Tassetti	Director
Giancesare Toffetti	Director

The present Board of Directors has been appointed for a term of office expiring at the shareholders' meeting convened to approve the annual financial statements of IW Bank S.p.A. for the year ending 31 December 2017.

# **Board of Statutory Auditors**

The following table sets out the composition of the IW Bank S.p.A.'s Board of Statutory Auditors.

Name	Position
Paolo Prandi	Chairman Acting Auditor Acting Auditor Alternate Auditor Alternate Auditor
Maria Rachele Vigani Francesco Fortina	
Giorgio Luigi Guatri	
General Management	

Name	Position
Andrea Pennacchia	General Manager

#### Auditors

The auditors of IW Bank S.p.A. are KPMG S.p.A., appointed to audit the bank's annual financial statements up to the year ending 31 December 2021.

## Subsidiaries and associated companies

As at 31 December 2014, UBI Banca Private Investment S.p.A. (now IW Bank S.p.A.)has a 1,44 per cent. stake in UBI Sistemi e Servizi S.c.p.A and a 1,5 per cent. stake in UBI Academy S.c.r.l

## Share capital and shareholders

According to Article 4 of its by-Laws, IW Bank S.p.A. has issued and fully paid-up capital of Euro 67,950,000 consisting of 22,650,000 shares with a nominal value of Euro 3.00 each.

IW Bank S.p.A. shares are unlisted and fully owned by UBI Banca.

#### OVERVIEW OF THE TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS

#### **Covered Bond Guarantee**

On 30 July 2008, the Guarantor, the Issuer and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders entered into the Covered Bond Guarantee pursuant to which the Guarantor agreed to issue, for the benefit of the Covered Bondholders and the Other Issuer's Creditors, a first demand, unconditional, irrevocable and autonomous guarantee to support payments of interest and principal under the Covered Bonds issued by the Issuer under the Programme and other payments due to the Other Issuer's Creditors. Under the Covered Bond Guarantee the Guarantor has agreed to pay an amount equal to the Guaranteed Amounts when the same shall become due and payable but which would otherwise be unpaid by the Issuer. The obligations of the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee constitute direct and unconditional, unsubordinated and limited recourse obligations of the Guarantor, collateralised by the Cover Pool as provided under the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law, Decree 310 and the Bank of Italy Regulations.

The Representative of the Covered Bondholders will enforce the Covered Bond Guarantee: (i) following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and subject to any applicable grace periods, by serving an Issuer Default Notice on the Issuer and the Guarantor; and (ii) following the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default and subject to any applicable grace periods, by serving a Guarantor Default Notice on the Guarantor.

Following the service of an Issuer Default Notice by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, payment of the Guaranteed Amounts shall be made by the Guarantor on the dates scheduled and for the amounts determined in accordance with the Guarantee Priority of Payments.

Under the Covered Bond Guarantee, the parties have agreed that, should a resolution pursuant to article 74 of the Consolidated Banking Act be issued in respect of the Issuer, although such event constitutes an Issuer Event of Default, the consequences thereof will only apply during the Suspension Period. Following an Article 74 Event:

- (i) the Representative of the Covered Bondholders will serve an Issuer Default Notice on the Issuer and the Guarantor, specifying that an Article 74 Event has occurred and that such event may be temporary; and
- (ii) in accordance with Decree 310, the Guarantor shall be responsible for the payments of the amounts due and payable under the Covered Bonds within the Suspension Period at their relevant due date *provided that* it shall be entitled to claim any such amounts from the Issuer.

The Suspension Period shall end upon delivery by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders to the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Asset Monitor of an Article 74 Event Cure Notice, informing such parties that the Article 74 Event has been revoked.

Upon the termination of the Suspension Period the Issuer shall again be responsible for meeting the payment obligations under the Covered Bonds.

Under the Covered Bond Guarantee, the parties thereto have also agreed that, upon enforcement of the Covered Bond Guarantee, the Guarantor shall be entitled to request from the Issuer — also prior to any payments are effected by the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee — an amount up to the Guaranteed Amounts, in order to secure the Issuer obligations to the subrogation right of the Guarantor. Any sum so received or recovered from the Issuer will be used to make payments in accordance with the Covered Bond Guarantee. The parties have also agreed that the Guarantor shall no longer be entitled request to the Issuer payment of such amounts if a Guarantor Default Notice is delivered by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders or the Covered Bonds have been otherwise accelerated pursuant to the Conditions.

The service of a Guarantor Default Notice by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders will result in the acceleration of the right of the Covered Bondholders of each Series of Covered Bonds

issued to receive payment of the Guaranteed Amounts and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders will demand the immediate payment by the Guarantor of all Guaranteed Amounts. Payments made by the Guarantor following the service of a Guarantor Event of Default shall be made *pari passu* and on a *pro-rata* basis to the Covered Bondholders of all outstanding Series of Covered Bonds, in accordance with the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments.

Pursuant to the terms of the Covered Bond Guarantee, the recourse of the Covered Bondholders and the Other Issuer's Creditors to the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee will be limited to the Guarantor Available Funds.

Furthermore, under the Covered Bond Guarantee, the parties have agreed that as of the date of administrative liquidation (*liquidazione coatta amministrativa*) of the Issuer or following the delivery of an Issuer Default Notice to the Issuer and the Guarantor, the Guarantor (or the Representative of the Covered Bondholders pursuant to the Intercreditor Agreement) shall exercise, on an exclusive basis and in compliance with the provisions of article 4 of the Decree 310, the rights of the Covered Bondholders against the Issuer and any amount recovered from the Issuer will be part of the Guarantor Available Funds.

To the extent that the Guarantor makes, or there is made on its behalf, a payment of any amount under the Covered Bond Guarantee, the Guarantor will be fully and automatically subrogated to the Covered Bondholders' and Other Issuer's Creditors' rights against the Issuer pursuant to article 2900 *et seq.* of the Italian Civil Code.

Governing law

The Covered Bond Guarantee is governed by Italian law.

# **Subordinated Loan Agreements**

On or about the date of the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement, each Seller and the Guarantor entered into a Subordinated Loan Agreement, as amended from time to time, pursuant to article 7-bis of the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law under which each Seller granted or will grant to the Guarantor a term loan facility in an aggregate amount equal to the relevant Total Commitment, for the purposes of funding the purchase by the Guarantor of (i) Eligible Assets from the relevant Seller pursuant to the terms of the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement and (ii) Eligible Asset and/or Top-Up Assets from the relevant Seller pursuant to the terms of the Cover Pool Management Agreement.

Pursuant to the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreement, each Subordinated Lender has acknowledged its undertakings (i) pursuant to the Cover Pool Management Agreement, to transfer further Eligible Assets and/or Top-Up Assets to the Guarantor and to make available to the Guarantor further Term Loans in order to fund the purchase of such assets, and (ii) pursuant to the Master Loans Purchase Agreement, to make available to the Guarantor further Term Loans in order to fund any settlement amounts of the purchase price of the Initial Portfolio or any New Portfolio which may be due by the Guarantor under the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement.

The obligation of each Seller (in its capacity as Subordinated Lender) to advance a Term Loan to the Guarantor under the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreement will be off-set against the obligation of the Guarantor to pay to the relevant Seller the purchase price for the Eligible Assets and Top-Up Assets funded by means of the relevant Term Loan.

The rate of interest applicable in respect of each Term Loan for each Loan Interest Period shall be an amount of interest equal to 0.001 per cent. per annum (the "Base Interest"). On each Guarantor Payment Date, the Guarantor will pay to the Subordinated Lender, in addition to the Base Interest, the amount of the Premium, if any, payable to such Subordinated Lender on the relevant Guarantor Payment Date in accordance with the applicable Priority of Payments and the terms of the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreement.

Interest and Premium, if any, payable in respect of a Term Loan shall be payable on each Guarantor Payment Date following the Drawdown Date of that Term Loan, subject to the relevant Priority of Payments.

Prior to the delivery of an Issuer Default Notice, each Term Loan shall be repaid on each Guarantor Payment Date subject to the written request of the relevant Subordinated Lender and the Issuer, according to the Pre Issuer Event of Default Principal Priority of Payments and within the limits of the then Guarantor Available Funds, provided that such repayment does not result in a breach of any of the Tests or the Relevant Portfolio Test.

Following the service of an Issuer Default Notice, the Term Loans shall be repaid within the limits of the Guarantor Available Funds subject to the repayment in full (or, prior to the service of a Guarantor Default Notice, the accumulation of funds sufficient for the purpose of such repayment) of all Covered Bonds.

Governing law

Each Subordinated Loan Agreement is governed by Italian law.

# **Master Loans Purchase Agreements**

On 30 June 2008, Banca Regionale Europa S.p.A., Banco di Brescia S.p.A. and, subsequently, upon accession to the Programme, each Seller and the Guarantor entered into the Master Loans Purchase Agreements, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which, each Seller will assign and transfer to the Guarantor, and the Guarantor will purchase, without recourse (*pro soluto*) from the relevant Seller, an Initial Portfolio and New Portfolios of Eligible Assets and Top-Up Assets that shall form part of the Cover Pool, in accordance with articles 4 and 7-bis of the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law and article 2 of Decree 310.

Under each Master Loans Purchase Agreement, upon satisfaction of certain conditions set out therein, the relevant Seller (i) may or shall, as the case may be, assign and transfer, without recourse (*pro soluto*), to the Guarantor and the Guarantor shall purchase, without recourse (*pro soluto*) from the relevant Seller, New Portfolios which shall form part of the Cover Pool held by the Guarantor, if such transfer is required under the terms of the Cover Pool Management Agreement in order to ensure the compliance of the Cover Pool with the Tests or with the 15 per cent threshold limit with respect to Top-Up Assets provided for by Decree 310 and the Bank of Italy Regulations; and (ii) may transfer New Portfolios to the Guarantor, and the Guarantor shall purchase from each Seller such New Portfolios, in order to supplement the Cover Pool in connection with the issuance of further Series of Covered Bonds under the Programme in accordance with the Programme Agreement.

In addition to (i) and (ii) above, under the terms and subject to the conditions of the Master Loans Purchase Agreement, prior to the delivery to the Issuer and the Guarantor of an Issuer Default Notice, each Seller may transfer New Portfolios to the Guarantor, which will fund the purchase price thereof through the principal collections then standing to the credit of the relevant English Principal Collection Account.

The Purchase Price payable for the Initial Portfolio has been determined pursuant to each Master Loans Purchase Agreement. Under each Master Loans Purchase Agreement the relevant parties thereto have acknowledged that the Purchase Price for the Initial Portfolio shall be funded through the proceeds of the first Term Loan under the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreement. The Purchase Price for each New Portfolio will be equal to the aggregate amount of the Individual Purchase Price of all Receivables comprised in such New Portfolio as at the relevant Transfer Date.

In case the Purchase Price is paid with the principal collections then standing to the credit of the relevant English Principal Collection Account and, upon the settlement procedure set out above, the Guarantor is required to pay amounts to the Seller in excess of the Purchase Price already paid, such amounts will be deducted from the amounts due to the relevant Seller as repayment of the outstanding

Term Loans and, to the extent no such amounts are available, through the proceeds of an appropriate Term Loan to be made available by the relevant Seller as Subordinated Lender pursuant to the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreement.

Each initial Seller has sold to the Guarantor, and the Guarantor has purchased from such Seller, the Receivables comprised in the Initial Portfolio, which meet the Common Criteria and the relevant Specific Criteria (both as described in detail in the section headed "Description of the Cover Pool"). Receivables comprised in any New Portfolio to be transferred under the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement shall meet, in addition to the Common Criteria, the relevant Specific Criteria and/or any Further Criteria.

Pursuant to each Master Loans Purchase Agreement, prior to the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the relevant Seller will have the right to repurchase individual Receivables (including Defaulted Receivables) transferred to the Guarantor under the Master Loans Purchase Agreement.

After the service of an Issuer Default Notice, the Guarantor will, prior to disposing of the Eligible Assets or Top-Up Assets pursuant to the terms of the Cover Pool Management Agreement, offer to sell the Eligible Assets to the relevant Seller at a price equal to the minimum purchase price of the relevant Eligible Assets as determined pursuant to the Cover Pool Management Agreement. If the Guarantor should subsequently propose to transfer such assets for a price lower than the minimum purchase price as determined pursuant to the Cover Pool Management Agreement, it shall again offer such assets to the relevant Seller on the same terms and conditions offered by such third parties before entering into a transfer agreement with the latter.

The transfer of each Portfolio is made in accordance with article 58, subsections 2, 3 and 4 of the Consolidated Banking Act (as provided by article 4 of the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law).

Governing law

Each Master Loan Purchase Agreement is governed by Italian law.

#### **Warranty and Indemnity Agreement**

Pursuant to the Warranty and Indemnity Agreements entered into between each Seller and the Guarantor, each Seller has given certain representations and warranties in favour of the Guarantor in respect of, *inter alia*, itself, the Portfolio transferred and to be transferred by it pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement, the Real Estate Assets over which the relevant Mortgages are established and certain other matters in relation to the issue of the Covered Bonds and has agreed to indemnify the Guarantor in respect of certain liabilities of the Guarantor that may be incurred, *inter alia*, in connection with the purchase and ownership of the relevant Portfolio.

Each Warranty and Indemnity Agreement contains representations and warranties given by the relevant Seller as to matters of law and fact affecting the relevant Seller including, without limitation, that the relevant Seller validly exists as a legal entity, has the corporate authority and power to enter into the Transaction Documents to which it is party and assume the obligations contemplated therein and has all the necessary authorisations for such purpose.

Each Warranty and Indemnity Agreement sets out certain representations and warranties in respect of the Portfolio to which it relates, including, *inter alia*, that, as of the date of execution of each Warranty and Indemnity Agreement, the Receivables comprised in the Initial Portfolio (i) are valid, in existence and in compliance with the Criteria, and (ii) relate to Mortgage Loan Agreements which have been entered into, executed and performed by the relevant Seller in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations.

Pursuant to each Warranty and Indemnity Agreement, the relevant Seller has agreed to indemnify and hold harmless the Guarantor, its officers or agents or any of its permitted assigns from and against any and all damages, losses, claims, costs and expenses awarded against, or incurred by such parties which

arise out of or result from, *inter alia*, any representation and warranty given by the Seller under or pursuant to the relevant Warranty and Indemnity Agreement being false, incomplete or incorrect.

Governing law

Each Warranty and Indemnity Agreement is governed by Italian law.

# **Master Servicing Agreement**

On 30 June 2008, the Master Servicer, Banca Regionale Europa S.p.A., Banco di Brescia S.p.A. and, subsequently, upon accession to the Programme, each Seller (in its capacity as Sub-Servicer) and the Guarantor entered into the Master Servicing Agreement, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which the Guarantor has appointed Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A. as Master Servicer of the Receivables. The Master Servicer will act as the "soggetto incaricato della riscossione dei crediti ceduti e dei servizi di cassa e di pagamento" pursuant to the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law and will be responsible for the receipt of the Collections acting as agent (mandatario con obbligo di rendiconto) of the Guarantor. In such capacity, the Master Servicer shall also be responsible for ensuring that such operations comply with the provisions of articles 2.3, letter (c), and 2.6 of the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law.

Pursuant to the Master Servicing Agreement the Master Servicer will transfer the interest and principal collections with respect to the Receivables credited to the Italian Collection Account pertaining to each Seller to, as appropriate, the relevant English Interest Collection Account and English Principal Collection Account held with the English Account Bank within the immediately following Business Day.

Under the Master Servicing Agreement the Master Servicer is entitled to delegate each Seller (other than UBI), in its capacity as Sub-Servicer, to carry out on behalf of the Guarantor and in accordance with the Master Servicing Agreement and the Credit and Collection Policy the management, administration, collection, recovery, monitoring and reporting activities with respect to the Receivables transferred by the relevant Seller to the Guarantor, except from the Receivables arising from UBI Portfolio and with the exception of the activities aimed at recovering any Defaulted Receivables and Delinquent Receivables, provided that in any case the activity of assignment of Defaulted Receivables to third parties cannot be delegated to the Sub-Servicers in accordance with the Master Servicing Agreement.

The Master Servicer will not be responsible for the actions undertaken by the Sub-Servicers which will be responsible for the fulfilment of the obligations undertaken by them under the Master Servicing Agreement on an individual basis and without joint liability. Each Sub-Servicer has confirmed, in relation to its undertakings pursuant to the Master Servicing Agreement, its willingness to be the autonomous holder (*titolare autonomo del trattamento dei dati personali*) for the processing of personal data in relation to the Receivables, pursuant to the Privacy Law.

The Master Servicer has undertaken to deliver to, *inter alios*, the Guarantor, the Asset Monitor, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, the Principal Paying Agent and the Corporate Servicer, the Monthly Master Servicer's Report and the Quarterly Master Servicer's Report prepared on the basis of the information reported by each Seller as Sub-Servicer.

The Master Servicer and each Sub-Servicer have represented to the Guarantor that each has all skills, software, hardware, information technology and human resources necessary to comply with the efficiency standards required by the Master Servicing Agreement in relation to the respective responsibilities.

The Guarantor has undertaken, also in accordance with the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, to use reasonable endeavours to appoint a back-up Master Servicer within 45 days from the date on which the Master Servicer's long-term rating has been downgraded below "BBB-" from Fitch or

"Baa3" from Moody's or the Master Servicer's short-term rating has been downgraded below "F3" from Fitch or "P-3" from Moody's.

In the event the long-term unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations of the Master Servicer falls below "Baa2" by Moody's or "BBB" by Fitch, the Master Servicer shall (i) immediately communicate such event to the Sub-Servicer and the Guarantor, (ii) prepare letters to communicate to the Debtors changes to their payment instructions, and (iii) identify one or more counterparties meeting the requirements provided for the appointment of the Back-up Master Servicer. In the event the short-term rating of unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations of the Master Servicer falls below "P-3" by Moody's or "F3" by Fitch or the long-term rating of unsecured and unsubordinated debt obligations of the Master Servicer falls below "Baa3" by Moody's or "BBB-" by Fitch, the Master Servicer shall immediately give notice of such event to the Representative of the Bondholders, the Rating Agencies, the Calculation Agent, the Sub-Servicer and the Guarantor; and shall alternatively: (i) notify in writing to the Debtors the details of the new account opened in name and on behalf of the Guarantor with an Eligible Institution where any payments in respect of the Receivables shall be made and ensure that, starting from the date in which such downgrading has occurred, the daily balance of the Italian Collection Accounts is equal to zero as set out in the relevant account statements (estratti conto); or (ii) procure and maintain a first demand guarantee issued by an Eligible Institution, so to guarantee the obligations of the Master Servicer and/or the Sub-Servicer to transfer the Collections pursuant to the Master Servicing Agreement, provided that, in the event the Commingling Amount is considered for the calculation of the Nominal Value Test in accordance with the provisions of Clause 2.3 of the Cover Pool Management Agreement, and in case such test is satisfied, the Master Servicer shall not be obliged to realise any of the activities referred to in points (i) and (ii) above.

The Guarantor may terminate the Master Servicer's and each Sub-Servicer's appointment and appoint a successor master servicer or sub-servicer if certain events occur, namely, with respect to the Master Servicer (each, a "Master Servicer Termination Event"):

- (i) failure (not attributable to *force majeure*) to deposit or pay any amount required to be paid or deposited which failure continues for a period of 10 Business Days following receipt of a written notice from the Guarantor requiring the relevant amount to be paid or deposited;
- (ii) failure to observe or perform duties under specified clauses of the Master Servicing Agreement and the continuation of such failure for a period of 10 (ten) Business Days following receipt of written notice from the Guarantor (*provided that* a failure ascribable to any Sub-Servicers delegated by the Master Servicer shall not constitute a Master Servicer Termination Event);
- (iii) an Insolvency Event occurs with respect to the Master Servicer;
- (iv) it becomes unlawful for the Master Servicer to perform or comply with any of its obligations under the Master Servicing Agreement;
- (v) the Master Servicer is or will be unable to meet the current or future legal requirements and the Bank of Italy's Regulations for entities acting as servicers in the context of a covered bonds transaction;

Governing law

The Master Servicing Agreement is governed by Italian law.

# **Programme Agreement**

For a description of the Programme Agreement, see "Subscription and Sale".

# **Intercreditor Agreement**

On 30 July 2008, the Guarantor and, upon accession to the Programme, each of the Other Creditors entered into the Intercreditor Agreement, as amended from time to time. Under the Intercreditor

Agreement provision is made as to the application of the proceeds from Collections in respect of the Cover Pool and as to the circumstances in which the Representative of the Covered Bondholders will be entitled, in the interest of the Covered Bondholders, to exercise certain of the Guarantor's rights in respect of the Cover Pool and the Transaction Documents.

In the Intercreditor Agreement the Other Creditors have agreed, *inter alia*: to the order of priority of payments to be made out of the Guarantor Available Funds; that the obligations owed by the Guarantor to the Covered Bondholders and, in general, to the Other Creditors are limited recourse obligations of the Guarantor; and that the Covered Bondholders and the Other Creditors have a claim against the Guarantor only to the extent of the Guarantor Available Funds.

Under the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement, the Guarantor has undertaken, following the service of a Guarantor Default Notice, to comply with all directions of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, acting pursuant to the Conditions, in relation to the management and administration of the Cover Pool.

Governing law

The Intercreditor Agreement is governed by Italian law.

## **Asset Monitor Agreement**

On 30 July 2008, the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Asset Monitor, the Calculation Agent and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders entered into the Asset Monitoring Agreement, whereby each of the Issuer and the Guarantor has appointed the Asset Monitor to perform the services set out therein — please see "*The Asset Monitor*" below.

The appointment by the Guarantor will become effective only subject to, and with effect from, the delivery of an Issuer Default Notice, *provided that*, in case the Issuer Event of Default consists of an Article 74 Event, the Asset Monitor will provide the services to the Guarantor up to the date on which the Representative of the Covered Bondholder will have delivered an Article 74 Event Cure Notice.

Pursuant to the Asset Monitoring Agreement, the Asset Monitor has agreed to the Issuer and, upon delivery of an Issuer Default Notice, to the Guarantor, to verify, subject to due receipt of the information to be provided by the Calculation Agent to the Asset Monitor, the arithmetic accuracy of the calculations performed by the Calculation Agent under the Statutory Tests and the Amortisation Test carried out pursuant to the Cover Pool Management Agreement, with a view to confirming whether such calculations are accurate.

In the Asset Monitoring Agreement, the Asset Monitor has acknowledged to perform its services also for the benefit and in the interests of the Guarantor (to the extent it will carry out the services under the appointment of the Issuer) and the Covered Bondholders and accepted that upon delivery of an Issuer Default Notice, it will receive instructions from, provide its services to, and be liable vis-à-vis the Guarantor or the Representative of the Covered Bondholders on its behalf.

In addition, on or prior to each relevant date as set out in the Asset Monitoring Agreement, the Asset Monitor has undertaken to deliver to the Guarantor, the Calculation Agent, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders and the Issuer the Asset Monitor Report.

The Issuer or the Guarantor (as the case may be) may, until the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default without any prior approval of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders and following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default with the prior approval of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, revoke the appointment of the Asset Monitor, in either case by giving not less than three months' (or earlier, in the event of a breach of warranties and covenants) written notice to the Asset Monitor (with a copy to the Representative of the Covered Bondholders and the Calculation Agent). The Asset Monitor may resign from its appointment under the Asset Monitoring Agreement, upon giving not less than three months' (or such shorter period as the Representative of the Covered

Bondholders may agree) prior written notice of termination to the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Calculation Agent and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders subject to and conditional upon certain conditions set out in the Asset Monitoring Agreement.

Governing law

The Asset Monitor Agreement is governed by Italian law.

# **Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement**

On 30 July 2008, the Guarantor, the Issuer, the Sellers, each upon accession to the Programme (also in their capacity as Sub-Servicers), the Master Servicer, the Italian Account Bank, the English Account Bank, the Swap Collateral Account Bank upon accession to the Programme, the Calculation Agent, the Principal Paying Agent, the Guarantor Corporate Servicer and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders entered into the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement, as amended from time to time.

Under the terms of the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement:

- (i) the Italian Account Bank has agreed to establish and maintain, in the name and on behalf of the Guarantor, the Italian Collection Accounts, the Quota Capital Account and the Expenses Account and to provide the Guarantor with certain reporting services together with account handling services in relation to monies from time to time standing to the credit of such Accounts;
- (ii) the English Account Bank has agreed to establish and maintain, in the name and on behalf of the Guarantor, the English Principal Collection Accounts, the English Interest Collection Accounts and the Reserve Fund Account and to provide the Guarantor with certain reporting services together with account handling services in relation to monies from time to time standing to the credit of such accounts. In addition the English Account Bank has agreed to provide the Guarantor with certain payment services pursuant to the terms of the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement;
- (iii) the Guarantor has appointed the Swap Collateral Account Bank with which it has opened the Swap Collateral Accounts pursuant to the English Account Bank Agreement and the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement;
- (iv) the Principal Paying Agent has agreed to provide the Guarantor (and, prior to the delivery of an Issuer Default Notice, the Issuer) with certain payment services together with certain calculation services pursuant to the terms of the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement; and
- (v) the Calculation Agent has agreed to provide the Guarantor with calculation services.

The English Account Bank shall comply with any instruction of the Calculation Agent to invest, on behalf of the Guarantor, amounts standing to the credit of the English Principal Collection Accounts and the Reserve Fund Account in Eligible Investments, as from time to time selected by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the provisions of the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement.

The Guarantor may (with the prior approval of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders) revoke its appointment of any Agent by giving not less than three months' (or earlier, in the event of a breach of warranties and covenants by the relevant Agent) written notice to the relevant Agent (with a copy to the Representative of the Covered Bondholders), regardless of whether an Issuer Event of Default or a Guarantor Event of Default has occurred. Any Agent may resign from its appointment under the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement, upon giving not less than three months' (or such shorter period as the Representative of the Covered Bondholders may agree) prior written notice of

termination to the Guarantor and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders subject to and conditional upon certain conditions set out in the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement.

Governing law

The Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement is governed by Italian law.

# The English Account Bank Agreement

On 8 November 2011, the Issuer, the Master Servicer, the English Account Bank, the Italian Account Bank, each Seller upon accession to the Programme, the Sub-Servicers, the Principal Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent, the Guarantor Corporate Servicer, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, the Swap Collateral Account Bank upon accession to the Programme and the Guarantor entered into the English Account Bank Agreement.

Pursuant to the terms of the English Account Bank Agreement, the English Account Bank and the Swap Collateral Account Bank have agreed to establish and maintain, in the name and on behalf of the Guarantor, respectively, the English Accounts and the Swap Collateral Accounts (as defined in the Glossary of the Prospectus), and to provide the Guarantor with certain reporting and payment services together with account handling services in relation to monies from time to time standing to the credit of the English Accounts and the Swap Collateral Accounts.

The English Accounts and the Swap Collateral Accounts held with the English Account Bank and the Swap Collateral Account Bank shall be operated by the English Account Bank and the Swap Collateral Account Bank in accordance with the instructions given by, or on behalf of, the Guarantor and in accordance with the provisions of the English Account Bank Agreement, the Cash Allocation Management and Payments Agreement and the Intercreditor Agreement.

Governing law

The English Account Bank Agreement and any non – contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with English law.

## **Cover Pool Management Agreement**

On 30 July 2008, the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Asset Monitor, the Calculation Agent, each Seller upon accession to the Programme, and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders entered into the Cover Pool Management Agreement, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which they have agreed certain terms regulating, *inter alia*, the performance of the Tests with respect to the Cover Pool and the purchase and sale by the Guarantor of assets included in the Cover Pool.

Under the Cover Pool Management Agreement, starting from the Issue Date of the first Series of Covered Bonds and until the date on which all Series of Covered Bonds issued in the context of the Programme have been cancelled or redeemed in full in accordance with their Final Terms, each Seller (and failing the Seller to do so, the Issuer and, failing the Issuer, the other Seller(s)) has undertaken to procure that on any Calculation Date each of the Statutory Tests is met with respect to the Cover Pool. In addition, on each Calculation Date following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and service of an Issuer Default Notice (but prior to service of a Guarantor Default Notice) the Calculation Agent shall verify that the Amortisation Test is met with respect to the Cover Pool.

The Calculation Agent has agreed to prepare and deliver to Issuer, the Sellers, the Guarantor, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, the Rating Agencies and the Asset Monitor a report setting out the calculations carried out by it with respect of the Statutory Tests, the Amortisation Test and other information such as, *inter alia*, the Top-up Assets Limits (the "**Test Performance Report**"). Such Test Performance Report shall specify the amount of Top-Up Assets in relation to each Seller,

the occurrence of a breach of the Statutory Tests and/or of the Amortisation Test and the Portfolio with respect to which a shortfall has occurred, identified on the basis of the Seller (or Sellers) which transferred it to the Guarantor (each, a "Relevant Seller").

If the Calculation Agent notifies the breach of any Test during the Test Grace Period, the Guarantor will purchase Eligible Assets and/or Top-Up Assets, to be transferred by (a) the Relevant Seller(s); and/or (b) upon the occurrence of the circumstances set out below, the Issuer; and/or (c) upon the occurrence of the circumstances set out below, the other Sellers, in an aggregate amount sufficient to ensure, also taking into account the information provided by the Calculation Agent in the Test Performance Report notifying the relevant breach, that as of the Calculation Date falling at the end of the Test Grace Period, all Tests are satisfied with respect to the Cover Pool.

Each Seller has undertaken, to the extent it is identified as a Relevant Seller, to promptly deliver a written notice to the Guarantor, the Issuer and the other Seller(s) informing them of any circumstance which may prevent it from complying (in part or in full) with its obligation to transfer the required amount of Eligible Assets and/or Top-Up Assets to the Guarantor (the "Relevant Seller Notice"). To the extent that the Relevant Seller deems that the circumstances above will only prevent it from transferring to the Guarantor a part of the Eligible Assets and/or Top-Up Assets required, for the purpose of allowing the Issuer or, as appropriate, the other Seller(s) to determine the amount of Eligible Assets and Top-Up Assets to be transferred to remedy the breach of Tests, the Relevant Seller Notice shall specify the amount of Eligible Assets and Top-Up Assets that the Relevant Seller will not be able to transfer.

To the extent that, within 20 calendar days from the Calculation Date in which the breach of the Tests has occurred, the Issuer has received a Relevant Seller Notice from the Relevant Seller(s) or the Guarantor has not received an offer by the Relevant Seller in accordance with the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement in respect of such Eligible Assets and/or Top-Up Assets to be transferred to remedy the Tests, the Issuer has undertaken to (a) transfer to the Guarantor Eligible Assets and/or Top-Up Assets, in the aggregate amount sufficient to ensure that, as of the Calculation Date falling at the end of the Test Grace Period, all Tests are satisfied with respect to the Cover Pool and (b) accordingly to promptly deliver a written notice, substantially in the form of the Relevant Seller Notice, to the Guarantor and the other Seller(s) informing them of any circumstance which may prevent it from complying (in part or in full) with its obligation to transfer the required amount of Eligible Assets and/or Top-Up Assets to the Guarantor.

To the extent that, within 25 calendar days from the Calculation Date in which the breach of the Tests has occurred, (a) the Issuer has received a Relevant Seller Notice from the Relevant Seller(s); or (b) the Guarantor has not received an offer by the Relevant Seller in accordance with the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement in respect of such Eligible Assets and/or Top-Up Assets; and (i) the other Seller(s) have received a notice substantially in the form of a Relevant Seller Notice from the Issuer; or (ii) the Guarantor has not received a contractual proposal by the Issuer in respect of such Eligible Assets and/or Top-Up Assets, the other Seller(s), jointly and severally, have undertaken to transfer to the Guarantor Eligible Assets and/or Top-Up Assets, in the aggregate amount sufficient to ensure that, as of the Calculation Date falling at the end of the Test Grace Period, all Tests are satisfied with respect to the Cover Pool.

The parties to the Cover Pool Management Agreement have acknowledged that, at any time prior to the delivery of an Issuer Default Notice, the aggregate amount of Top-Up Assets included in the Cover Pool may not exceed 15 per cent. of the aggregate Outstanding Principal Balance of the Eligible Cover Pool, pursuant to the combined provisions of Decree 310 and the Bank of Italy Regulations. In this respect, the Calculation Agent has undertaken to determine, on each Calculation Date, the amount of Top-Up Assets (including any Collections and Recoveries and other cash flows deriving from the Eligible Assets and/or Top-Up Assets already transferred to the Guarantor) forming part of the Cover Pool and to report such calculation in each Test Performance Report.

Should it result from any Test Performance Report that the aggregate amount of Top-Up Assets included in the Cover Pool is in excess of 15 per cent. of the aggregate Outstanding Principal Balance of the Eligible Cover Pool, then the Seller(s) in relation to which the aggregate amount of (i) Top-Up Assets transferred by such Seller(s) to the Guarantor and (ii) the Collections and Recoveries on the relevant Portfolio is in excess of 15 per cent. of the Outstanding Principal Balance of the relevant Portfolio (the "Relevant Top-Up Assets Excess") must, during the immediately following Calculation Period, transfer to the Guarantor New Portfolio(s) of Eligible Assets in an aggregate amount at least equal to the Relevant Top-Up Asset Excess; provided however that such transfer will not be necessary if the Relevant Top-Up Assets Excess has been cured in full on the Guarantor Payment Date immediately following the Calculation Date in which any such Test Performance Report has been delivered, upon repayment by the Guarantor of any Term Loan outstanding under the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreement in accordance with the Pre-Issuer Event of Default Principal Priority of Payments.

The purchase price of New Portfolio(s) of Eligible Assets so transferred will be financed (i) through the principal collections standing to the credit of the relevant English Principal Collection Accounts, pursuant to Clause 3.4 of the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement or (ii) if the sums standing to the credit of the relevant English Principal Collection Accounts are not sufficient to fund the purchase price of such New Portfolio(s) of Eligible Assets, through the proceeds of Term Loan(s) advanced by such Seller(s) to the Guarantor pursuant to the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreement.

The parties have also acknowledged and agreed that, if notwithstanding one or more Seller(s) having pursued the remedies set out in above, the aggregate amount of Top-Up Assets included in the Cover Pool is still in excess of 15 per cent. of the aggregate Outstanding Principal Balance of the Eligible Cover Pool, (a) the obligations to transfer New Portfolio(s) of Eligible Assets will be undertaken by the Issuer and/or the other Seller(s) (which for such purpose are deemed to be Relevant Seller(s)) in the circumstances set out above and (b) the obligations to fund the purchase price of such New Portfolio(s) of Eligible Assets will be funded as described below. It is understood that, until the Relevant Top-Up Assets Excess is cured pursuant to the provisions of the Cover Pool Managament Agreement, the Relevant Top-Up Assets Excess would not be computed for the purposes of the calculation of the Statutory Tests.

Following the delivery of an Issuer Default Notice on the Issuer and the Guarantor, any Collections and Recoveries and other cash flows deriving from the Eligible Assets and/or Top-Up Assets transferred to the Guarantor may then exceed the 15 per cent. limit of the aggregate Outstanding Principal Balance of the Eligible Cover Pool and the above provisions shall cease to apply, provided however that, should the Issuer Default Notice consist of an Article 74 Event, such provisions will again apply upon delivery of an Article 74 Cure Notice.

For the purpose of allowing the Guarantor to fund the purchases referred to above:

- (a) each Relevant Seller, in its capacity as Subordinated Lender, has undertaken to advance to the Guarantor a Term Loan in accordance with the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreement in an amount equal to the purchase price to be paid by the Guarantor for the Eligible Assets and/or Top- Up Assets to be transferred by such Relevant Seller, also acknowledging that the Total Commitment set out from time to time under the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreement shall not be a limitation with respect to the Relevant Seller's obligation to advance the Term Loans to the Guarantor in order to fund the purchase price for the relevant Eligible Assets and Top-Up Assets:
- (b) the Issuer has undertaken to advance a subordinated loan to the Guarantor on substantially the same terms as provided for under the Subordinated Loan Agreements in an amount equal to the purchase price to be paid by the Guarantor for the Eligible Assets and/or Top-Up Assets to be transferred by the Issuer; and

(c) each other Seller, in its capacity as Subordinated Lender, has undertaken to advance to the Guarantor a Term Loan in accordance with the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreement in an amount equal to the purchase price to be paid by the Guarantor for the Eligible Assets and/or Top- Up Assets to be transferred by such other Seller.

The Guarantor will not be allowed under the Cover Pool Management Agreement to purchase Eligible Assets and/or Top-Up Assets from any other entities that are not part of the UBI Banca Group.

If, within the Test Grace Period, the relevant breach of the Tests is not remedied in accordance with the terms of the Cover Pool Management Agreement, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders will deliver:

- 1. an Issuer Default Notice to the Issuer and the Guarantor; or
- 2. a Guarantor Default Notice, if an Issuer Default Notice has already been served (*provided that*, should such Issuer Default Notice consist of an Article 74 Event, it has not served an Article 74 Event Cure Notice).

Upon receipt of an Issuer Default Notice or a Guarantor Default Notice, the Guarantor shall dispose of the assets included in the Cover Pool.

After the service of an Issuer Default Notice on the Issuer and the Guarantor, but prior to service of a Guarantor Default Notice, the Guarantor will sell, refinance or otherwise liquidate the Eligible Assets and Top-Up Assets included in the Cover Pool, subject to the rights of pre-emption in favour of the Sellers to buy such Eligible Assets and, if applicable, Top-Up Assets pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreements, *provided that*, in case the Issuer Event of Default consists of an Article 74 Event, such provisions will only apply for as long as the Representative of the Covered Bondholders will have delivered an Article 74 Event Cure Notice.

The Eligible Assets to be sold or liquidated will be selected from the Cover Pool by the Master Servicer on behalf of the Guarantor (any such Eligible Assets, together with any relevant Top-Up Assets, the "Selected Assets") and the proceeds from any sale of Selected Assets shall be credited to the Reserve Fund Account and applied as part of the Guarantor Available Funds in accordance with the applicable Priority of Payments. The Selected Assets shall be selected on a random basis and so to ensure that the ratio between the aggregate Outstanding Principal Balance of the Cover Pool and the Outstanding Principal Amount of all Series of Covered Bonds remains unaltered both prior to and following the sale or liquidation of the relevant Selected Assets and repayment of the Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds.

Before offering Selected Assets for sale or liquidating them, the Guarantor shall ensure that the Selected Assets have an aggregate Outstanding Principal Balance in an amount which is as close as possible to:

- 1. the Outstanding Principal Amount in respect of the Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds, multiplied by 1+ Negative Carry Factor x (days to maturity of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds/365); *minus*
- 2. amounts standing to the credit of the English Principal Collection Accounts; minus
- 3. the principal amount of any Top-Up Assets consisting of deposits,

excluding, with respect to items 1 and 2 above, all amounts to be applied on the next following Guarantor Payment Date to repay higher ranking amounts in the applicable Priority of Payments (the "**Required Outstanding Principal Balance**").

The Guarantor will offer the Selected Assets for sale or liquidate them for the best price or proceeds reasonably available but in any event for an amount not less than the Required Outstanding Principal Balance (the "Required Outstanding Principal Balance Amount").

If the Selected Assets have not been sold or otherwise liquidated in an amount equal to the Required Outstanding Principal Balance Amount by the date which is six months prior to, as applicable, the Maturity Date (if the relevant Series of Covered Bonds is not subject to an Extended Maturity Date) or the Extended Maturity Date (if the relevant Series of Covered Bonds is subject to an Extended Maturity Date) of the Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds, and the Guarantor does not have sufficient other funds standing to the credit of the Accounts available to repay the Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds (after taking into account all payments, provisions and credits to be made in priority thereto), then the Guarantor will offer the Selected Assets for sale or liquidate them for the best price reasonably available notwithstanding that such amount may be less than the Required Outstanding Principal Balance Amount.

With respect to any sale or liquidation to be carried out, the Guarantor shall instruct the Portfolio Manager (as defined below) — to the extent possible taking into account the time left before the Maturity Date or Extended Maturity Date (if applicable) of the Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds — to sell or liquidate any Top-Up Assets included in the Cover Pool before any Eligible Assets are sold in accordance herewith.

The Guarantor may offer for sale or otherwise liquidate part of any portfolio of Selected Assets (a "Partial Portfolio"). Except in certain circumstances described in the Cover Pool Management Agreement, the sale price or liquidation proceeds of the Partial Portfolio (as a proportion of the Required Outstanding Principal Balance Amount) shall be at least equal to the proportion that the Partial Portfolio bears to the relevant portfolio of Selected Assets.

Upon the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, the Guarantor will through a tender process (to be carried out by the Guarantor Corporate Servicer on behalf of the Guarantor) appoint a portfolio manager (the "Portfolio Manager") of recognised standing on a basis intended to incentivise the Portfolio Manager to achieve the best proceeds for the sale or liquidation of the Selected Assets (if such terms are commercially available in the market) and to advise it in relation to the sale to purchasers (except where a Seller is buying the Selected Assets in accordance with its right of pre-emption under the Master Loans Purchase Agreement) or liquidation of the Selected Assets. The terms of the agreement giving effect to the appointment in accordance with such tender, as well as the terms and conditions of the sale of the Selected Assets, shall be approved by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders (which may, but will never be obliged to, seek instructions from the Covered Bondholders to this end, in accordance with the Transaction Documents and the Rules of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders).

Following the delivery of an Issuer Default Notice consisting of an Article 74 Event, the obligation of the Guarantor to sell or liquidate Selected Assets, as described above, shall cease to apply starting from the date on which the Representative of the Covered Bondholders delivers to the Issuer, the Sellers, the Guarantor and the Asset Monitor an Article 74 Event Cure Notice in accordance with the provisions of the Covered Bond Guarantee.

Following the delivery by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders of a Guarantor Default Notice, the Guarantor shall immediately sell or liquidate all assets included in the Cover Pool in accordance with the procedures described above and the proceeds thereof will be applied as Guarantor Available Funds, *provided that* the Guarantor (or, in the absence, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders) will instruct the Portfolio Manager to use all reasonable endeavours to procure that such sale or liquidation is carried out as quickly as reasonably practicable taking into account the market conditions at that time.

Governing law

The Cover Pool Management Agreement is governed by Italian law.

## The Swap Agreements

#### Liability Swap Agreements

The Guarantor may enter into one or more Liability Swap Agreements on or about each Issue Date of a Series of Covered Bonds with one or more Liability Swap Providers to hedge certain interest rate, currency and other risks in respect of amounts payable by the Guarantor in respect of the Series of Covered Bonds issued on that Issue Date. The aggregate notional amount of the Liability Swap Agreements entered into on each Issue Date shall be linked to the Outstanding Principal Amount of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds.

Under the Liability Swap Agreements, on each Guarantor Payment Date following the delivery of an Issuer Default Notice, it is expected that the Guarantor will pay to the Liability Swap Provider an amount calculated by reference to the notional amount of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds multiplied by either a fixed rate or EURIBOR, possibly increased by a margin. In return, it is anticipated that the Liability Swap Provider(s) will pay to the Guarantor, on the payment dates elected in the relevant confirmation, under the relevant Liability Swap Agreement, an amount calculated by reference to the notional amount multiplied by a rate linked to the interest rate applicable to the relevant Series of Covered Bonds.

It is intented that each Liability Swap Agreement would terminate on the date corresponding to the Maturity Date of the Covered Bonds of the relevant Series and may or may not take account of any extension of the Maturity Date under the terms of such Series of Covered Bonds as specified in the relevant Liability Swap Agreement.

## Asset Swap Agreements

Some of the Mortgage Loans in the portfolio purchased by the Guarantor from each Seller from time to time will pay a variable rate of interest and other Mortgage Loans will pay a fixed rate of interest. The Guarantor may enter into an Asset Swap Agreement to mitigate variations between the rate of interest payable on the Mortgage Loans in the Cover Pool and EURIBOR and to ensure sufficient funding of the payment obligations of the Guarantor.

## Rating Downgrade Event

Under the terms of each Swap Agreement, in the event that the rating(s) of a Swap Provider or its credit support provider are downgraded by a Rating Agency below the rating(s) specified in the relevant Swap Agreement (in accordance with the criteria of the Rating Agencies), then such Swap Provider will, in accordance with the relevant Swap Agreement, be required to take certain remedial measures which may include:

- (a) providing collateral for its obligations under the Swap Agreement, or
- (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 in order to maintain the rating of the Covered Bonds, or
- (c) procuring another entity, with the ratings meeting the relevant Rating Agency's criteria in order to maintain the rating of the Covered Bonds, to become a guarantor in respect of such Swap Provider's obligations under the Swap Agreement.

A failure by the relevant Swap Provider to take such steps within the time periods specified in the Swap Agreement may allow the Guarantor to terminate the relevant Swap Agreement(s).

Any Swap Provider that does not have the adequate rating on the day of entry into a Swap Agreement shall have its obligations to the Guarantor under the relevant Swap Agreement guaranteed by an appropriately rated entity.

# Swap Agreement Credit Support Document

Each Swap Agreement will be supplemented and complemented by a credit support document in the form of the ISDA 1995 Credit Support Annex (Transfer English Law) to the ISDA Master Agreement (a "Credit Support Annex"). The Credit Support Annex will provide that the relevant Swap Provider, if required to do so following its downgrade or the downgrade of its credit support provider and subject to the conditions specified in such Credit Support Annex, will transfer collateral ("Swap Collateral"), and the Guarantor will be obliged to return equivalent collateral in accordance with the terms of the Swap Agreement.

Cash and securities (and all income in respect thereof) transferred as collateral will only be available to be applied in returning collateral (and income thereon) or in satisfaction of amounts owing by the relevant Swap Provider in accordance with the terms and within the limits of the Swap Agreement.

Any Swap Collateral will be returned by the Guarantor to the relevant Swap Provider directly in accordance with the terms of the Swap Agreement Credit Support Document and not under the Priorities of Payments.

Governing law

The Swap Agreements and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection therewith are governed by English Law.

# **Mandate Agreement**

On 30 July 2008, the Guarantor and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders entered into a mandate agreement (the "Mandate Agreement"), pursuant to which the Representative of the Covered Bondholders shall be authorised, subject to a Guarantor Default Notice being delivered to the Guarantor or upon failure by the Guarantor to exercise its rights under the Transaction Documents and, subject to certain conditions, to exercise, in the name and on behalf of the Guarantor, in the interest of the Covered Bondholders and for the benefit of the Other Creditors all the Guarantor's right with reference to certain Transaction Documents.

Governing law

The Mandate Agreement is governed by Italian law.

## **Deed of Pledge**

On 30 July 2008, the Guarantor and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders entered into the Deed of Pledge under which, without prejudice and in addition to any security, guarantee and other right provided by the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law and the Deed of Charge securing the discharge of the Guarantor's obligations to the Covered Bondholders and the Other Creditors, the Guarantor has pledged in favour of the Covered Bondholders and the Other Creditors all monetary claims and rights and all the amount arising (including payment for claims, indemnities, damages, penalties, credits and guarantees) to which the Guarantor is or will be entitled to from time to time pursuant to certain Transaction Documents, with the exclusion of the Cover Pool and the Collections. The security created pursuant to the Deed of Pledge will become enforceable upon the service of a Guarantor Default Notice.

Governing law

The Deed of Pledge is governed by Italian law.

# **Deed of Charge**

The Guarantor has entered into the Deed of Charge with the Representative of the Covered Bondholders. Pursuant to the Deed of Charge, without prejudice and in addition to any security, guarantees and other rights provided for in the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law securing the discharge of the Guarantor's obligations to the Covered Bondholders and the Other Creditors, the Guarantor will charge and assign in favour of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders as trustee for the Covered Bondholders and the Other Creditors all right, title, benefit and interest in and to the Swap Agreements, including the benefit of any guarantees thereunder, and right or title on or to any asset subject to English law, including, but not limited to, the English Accounts, the English Account Bank Agreement and the Custody Agreement. The security created by the Deed of Charge will become enforceable upon the service of a Guarantor Default Notice.

Governing law

The Deed of Charge is governed by English law.

# **Corporate Services Agreement**

The Guarantor Corporate Servicer and the Guarantor have entered into a corporate services agreement with the Guarantor Corporate Servicer on 30 July 2008 (the "Corporate Services Agreement"), pursuant to which the Guarantor Corporate Servicer has agreed to provide certain corporate and administrative services to the Guarantor.

Governing law

The Corporate Services Agreement is governed by Italian law.

# **Quotaholders' Agreement**

For a description of the Quotaholders' Agreement, see "The Guarantor".

#### CREDIT STRUCTURE

The Covered Bonds will be direct, unsecured, unconditional obligations of the Issuer. The Guarantor has no obligation to pay the Guaranteed Amounts under the Covered Bond Guarantee until the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default, service by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders of an Issuer Default Notice on the Issuer and on the Guarantor or, if earlier, following the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default, service by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders of a Guarantor Default Notice on the Guarantor.

There are a number of features of the Programme which enhance the likelihood of timely and, as applicable, ultimate payments to Covered Bondholders, as follows:

- the Covered Bond Guarantee provides credit support;
- the Statutory Tests are periodically performed with the intention of ensuring that the Cover Pool is at all times sufficient to repay the Covered Bonds;
- the Amortisation Test is periodically performed, following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default and service of an Issuer Default Notice on the Issuer and the Guarantor, for the purpose of testing the asset coverage of the Guarantor's assets in respect of the Covered Bonds; and
- a Reserve Fund Account will be established which will build up over time using excess cash flow from Interest Available Funds and Principal Available Funds, in order to ensure that the Guarantor will have sufficient funds set aside to fulfil its obligation to pay interest accruing with respect to the Covered Bonds.

Certain of these factors are considered more fully in the remainder of this section.

#### Guarantee

The Covered Bond Guarantee provided by the Guarantee payment of Guaranteed Amounts when they become due for payment in respect of all Covered Bonds issued under the Programme.

See "Overview of the Transaction Documents — Covered Bond Guarantee" above, as regards the terms of the Covered Bond Guarantee. See "Cashflows — Guarantee Priority of Payments" further, as regards the payment of amounts payable by the Guarantor to Covered Bondholders and the Other Issuer's Creditors following the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default.

Under the terms of the Cover Pool Management Agreement, each Relevant Seller (and failing which, the Issuer, failing which, the other Seller(s)) must ensure that, on each Calculation Date prior to service of an Issuer Default Notice, the Cover Pool is in compliance with the Tests described below. If on any Calculation Date the Cover Pool is not in compliance with the Tests, then the Sellers (and failing which, the Issuer, failing which, the other Seller(s)) will sell Eligible Assets or Top-Up Assets to the Guarantor for an amount sufficient to allow the Tests to be met on the next following Calculation Date, in accordance with the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreements and the Cover Pool Management Agreement, to be financed through the proceeds of Term Loans to be granted by the Relevant Seller(s), and/or the Issuer and/or the other Seller(s) (each only in respect of the Eligible Assets and/or Top-Up Assets transferred by it — see "The Cover Pool Management Agreement".

# Statutory Tests

The Statutory Tests are intended to ensure that the Guarantor can meet its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee. In order to ensure that the statutory tests provided for under Article 3 of Decree 310 (the "**Statutory Tests**") are satisfied and that the Cover Pool is at all times sufficient to repay the Covered Bonds, each Seller (and failing the Seller to do so, the Issuer) must ensure that the three tests set out below are satisfied on each Calculation Date.

### Nominal Value Test

The Calculation Agent shall verify that on each Calculation Date, the aggregate Outstanding Principal Balance of the Eligible Cover Pool shall be higher than or equal to the Outstanding Principal Amount of all Series of Covered Bonds issued under the Programme and not cancelled or redeemed in full in accordance with their Final Terms at the relevant Calculation Date.

For the purpose of the above, the Calculation Agent shall consider the Outstanding Principal Balance of the Eligible Cover Pool as an amount equal to the "**Nominal Value**", which will be calculated on each Calculation Date, by applying the following formula:

$$A + B + C - Y - W - Z$$

where,

- "A" stands for the "Adjusted Outstanding Principal Balance" of each Mortgage Loan, which shall be the lower of:
  - (i) the actual Outstanding Principal Balance of the relevant Mortgage Loan as calculated on the relevant Calculation Date; and
  - (ii) the Latest Valuation relating to that Mortgage Loan multiplied by M,

where

- (a) for all Residential Mortgage Loans that are not Defaulted Loans, M = 0.80;
- (b) for all Commercial Mortgage Loans that are not Defaulted Loans, M = 0.60; and
- (c) for all Mortgage Loans that are Defaulted Loans M = 0;

minus

the aggregate sum of the following deemed reductions to the aggregate Adjusted Outstanding Principal Balance of the Mortgage Loans in the Cover Pool, if any of the following occurred during the previous Calculation Period:

- (1) a Mortgage Loan (or any security granted in relation thereto, the "Related Security") was, in the immediately preceding Calculation Period, in breach of the representations and warranties contained in the Warranty and Indemnity Agreement or was subject to any other obligation of the relevant Seller to repurchase the relevant Mortgage Loan and its Related Security, and in each case the Seller has not repurchased the Mortgage Loan or Mortgage Loans of the relevant Debtor to the extent required by the terms of the Master Loans Purchase Agreement (each such loan being an "Affected Loan", provided that in relation to Fitch only, such definition shall comprise also any Mortgage Loan relating to a Real Estate Asset the valuation of which exceeds Euro 1,500,000 insofar as otherwise confirmed in writing by Fitch from time to time). In this event, the aggregate Adjusted Outstanding Principal Balance of the Mortgage Loans in the Cover Pool (as calculated on the relevant Calculation Date) will be deemed to be reduced by an amount equal to the Adjusted Outstanding Principal Balance of the relevant Affected Loan or Affected Loans (as calculated on the relevant Calculation Date); and/or
- the Issuer or any other Seller, in the preceding Calculation Period, was in breach of any other material warranty under the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement and/or the Master Servicer or any Sub-Servicer was, in the preceding Calculation Period, in breach of a material term of the Master Servicing Agreement. In this event, the aggregate Adjusted Outstanding Principal Balance of the Mortgage Loans in the Cover Pool (as calculated on the relevant Calculation Date) will be deemed to be reduced by an amount equal to the resulting financial loss incurred by the Guarantor in the immediately preceding Calculation Period (such financial

loss to be calculated by the Guarantor or on its behalf without double counting and to be reduced by any amount paid (in cash or in kind) to the Guarantor by the Issuer, the relevant Seller and/or the Master Servicer or the relevant Sub-Servicer to indemnify the Guarantor for such financial loss);

multiplied by the Asset Percentage;

- "B" stands for the aggregate amount standing to the credit of the English Principal Collection Accounts, the principal amount to standing to the credit of the Italian Collection Accounts or the principal amount of any Eligible Assets and Top-Up Assets qualifying as Eligible Investment;
- "C" stands for the aggregate Outstanding Principal Balance of any Eligible Assets other than Mortgage Loans, *provided that* any such Eligible Assets (other than Mortgage Loans) will be weighted according to the then applicable Rating Agencies' criteria;
- "Y" is equal to (i) nil, if the Issuer's long term and short term ratings are at least "A2" and "P-1" by Moody's and the Issuer's long term and short term rating are at least "A" and "F1" by Fitch (provided that, if the Issuer is on rating watch negative, it shall be treated as one notch below its then current Fitch rating), or (ii) otherwise, the Potential Set-Off Amount;
- "W" is equal to (i) nil, if (a) the Issuer's long term and short term ratings are at least "A2" and "P-1" by Moody's and the Issuer's long term and short term ratings are at least "A" and "F1" by Fitch (provided that, if the Issuer is on rating watch negative, it shall be treated as one notch below its then current Fitch rating), or (b) any of the remedies under Clause 12 of the Master Servicing Agreement have been implemented; or (ii) otherwise, the Commingling Amount; and
- "Z" stands for the weighted average remaining maturity of all Covered Bonds (expressed in years) then outstanding multiplied by the aggregate Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds multiplied by the Negative Carry Factor.

The "Asset Percentage" means the lower of (i) 93.00 per cent and (ii) such other percentage figure as may be determined by the Issuer on behalf of the Guarantor in accordance with the methodologies published by the Rating Agencies (after procuring the level of overcollateralization in line with the target rating). Notwithstanding that, in the event the Issuer chooses not to apply such other percentage figure (item (ii) above) of the Asset Percentage, this will not result in a breach of the Nominal Value Test.

#### Net Present Value Test

The Calculation Agent shall verify on each Calculation Date that the Net Present Value Test is met with respect to the Eligible Cover Pool. The Net Present Value Test will be considered met if, on the relevant Calculation Date, the Net Present Value of the Eligible Cover Pool, net of the transaction costs to be borne by the Guarantor (including the payments of any nature expected to be borne or due with respect to any Swap Agreement) shall be higher than or equal to the net present value of all Series of Covered Bonds issued under the Programme and not cancelled or redeemed in full in accordance with their Final Terms at the relevant Calculation Date.

The "Net Present Value" is an amount equal to:

A + B

where:

"A" stands for the net present value of all Eligible Assets and Top-Up Assets comprised in the Eligible Cover Pool; and

"B" stands for the net present value of each Asset Swap Agreement and Liability Swap Agreement.

## Interest Coverage Test

The Issuer and the Sellers must ensure that on each Calculation Date the amount of interest and other revenues generated by the assets included in the Eligible Cover Pool, net of the costs borne by the Guarantor (including the payments of any nature expected to be borne or due with respect to any Swap Agreement), shall be higher than the amount of interest due on all Series of Covered Bonds issued under the Programme and not cancelled or redeemed in full in accordance with their Final Terms at the relevant Calculation Date, taking into account the Swap Agreements entered into in connection with the Programme.

The Interest Coverage Test will be considered met if, on the relevant Calculation Date, the Expected Revenue Income (as defined below) is in an amount equal to or greater than the Expected Revenue Liability (as defined below), both as calculated on the relevant Calculation Date.

The "**Expected Revenue Income**" will be an amount calculated on each Calculation Date by applying the following formula:

#### A+B+C+D

where,

- "A" stands for the aggregate amount standing to the credit of the English Interest Collection Accounts and the interest amount standing to the credit of the Italian Collection Accounts as of the relevant Calculation Date;
- "B" stands for any payments that the Guarantor is expected to receive under any Swap Agreement as at the end of the relevant Collection Period;
- "C" stands for the interest component of all the Instalments relating to the Eligible Assets and Top Up Assets comprised in the Eligible Cover Pool falling due from the relevant Calculation Date to the date falling 12 months thereafter (such interest payments to be calculated with respect to the applicable interest rates as of the relevant Calculation Date); and
- "D" stands for any amount in respect of interest expected to be received from the Eligible Investments existing as of such date.

The "Expected Revenue Liability" will be an amount calculated on each Calculation Date by applying the following formula:

## E+F+G

where.

- "E" stands for the aggregate amount of all interest payments due under all outstanding Series of Covered Bonds on the Interest Payment Dates falling in the period starting from the relevant Calculation Date and ending on the date falling 12 months thereafter (such interest payments to be calculated with respect to the applicable interest rates as of the relevant Calculation Date);
- "F" stands for any Senior Liabilities (net of any amount credited to the Reserve Fund Account and payments made under the Swap Agreements, if any) expected to be borne by the Guarantor during the period starting from the relevant Calculation Date and ending on the date falling 12 months thereafter; and
- "G" stands for any payments expected to be borne or due by the Guarantor under any Swap Agreement as at the end of the relevant Collection Period.

The Interest Coverage Test will:

- (i) be met if  $A+B+C+D \ge E+F+G$ ; or
- (ii) not be met if A+B+C+D<E+F+G.

#### **Amortisation Test**

The Amortisation Test is intended to ensure that, following an Issuer Event of Default, the service of an Issuer Default Notice on the Issuer and on the Guarantor (but prior to service on the Guarantor of a Guarantor Default Notice), the Cover Pool contains sufficient assets to enable the Guarantor to meet its obligations under the Covered Bond Guarantee. The Amortisation Test will be considered met if the Amortisation Test Aggregate Loan Amount is an amount at least equal to the Outstanding Principal Amount of the issued Covered Bonds as calculated on the relevant Calculation Date. If the Amortisation Test Aggregate Loan Amount is less than the Outstanding Principal Amount of the issued Covered Bonds, then the Amortisation Test will be deemed to be breached and if such breach is not remedied by the Relevant Seller(s) (or failing which, the Issuer or, failing the Issuer, the other Seller(s)) by the immediately following Calculation Date, a Guarantor Default Notice will be served by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders on the Guarantor causing the acceleration of the Covered Bonds and a demand for enforcement of the Covered Bond Guarantee. The Calculation Agent, whilst Covered Bonds are outstanding, will immediately notify the Representative of the Covered Bondholders of any breach of the Amortisation Test. Following a Guarantor Default Notice, the Guarantor will be required to make payments in accordance with the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments.

The "Amortisation Test Aggregate Loan Amount" will be calculated on each Calculation Date as follows:

$$A + B + C - Z$$

where,

- "A" stands for the aggregate "Amortisation Test Outstanding Principal Balance" of each Mortgage Loan, which shall be the lower of:
  - (i) the actual Outstanding Principal Balance of the relevant Mortgage Loan as calculated on the relevant Calculation Date; and
  - (ii) the Latest Valuation relating to that Mortgage Loan multiplied by M,

where

- (a) for all Residential Mortgage Loans that are not Defaulted Loans, M = 0.80;
- (b) for all Commercial Mortgage Loans that are not Defaulted Loans, M = 0.60; and
- (c) for all Mortgage Loans that are Defaulted Loans M = 0;
- "B" stands for the aggregate amount standing to the credit of the English Principal Collection Accounts and the principal amount of any Top-Up Assets or Eligible Assets qualifying as Eligible Investment;
- "C" stands for the aggregate Outstanding Principal Balance of any Eligible Assets other than Mortgage Loans; and
- "Z" stands for the weighted average remaining maturity of all Covered Bonds (expressed in years) then outstanding multiplied by the aggregate Outstanding Principal Amount of the Covered Bonds multiplied by the Negative Carry Factor.

#### Reserve Fund Account

The Reserve Fund Account is held in the name of the Guarantor for the purpose of setting aside, on each Guarantor Payment Date, the relevant Reserve Fund Amount. Such Reserve Fund Amount will be determined on or prior to each Calculation Date in an amount sufficient to ensure that, in the event that a payment is required to the Guarantor under the Covered Bond Guarantee, the Guarantor would have sufficient funds set aside and readily available to pay (i) interest amounts accruing, from time to time, with respect to the Covered Bonds plus (ii) all costs and expenses ranking under items (a) to (c) of each of the Pre-Issuer Event of Default Interest Priority of Payments and the Pre-Issuer Event of Default Principal Priority of Payments. The required Reserve Fund Amount will be credited by the Guarantor to the Reserve Fund Account on each Guarantor Payment Date in accordance with the Pre-Issuer Event of Default Interest Priority of Payments and the Pre-Issuer Event of Default Principal Priority of Payments.

## Set-Off Risk and Commingling Risk

Pursuant to the Cover Pool Management Agreement, the Issuer has undertaken, upon occurrence of an Issuer Downgrading Event, to notify on a quarterly basis the Rating Agencies of each of the Potential Set-Off Amount and the Commingling Amount.

#### **CASHFLOWS**

As described above under "*Credit Structure*", until an Issuer Default Notice is served on the Issuer and the Guarantor, the Covered Bonds will be obligations of the Issuer only. The Issuer is liable to make payments when due on the Covered Bonds, whether or not it has received any corresponding payment from the Guarantor.

This section summarises the cashflows of the Guarantor only, as to the allocation and distribution of amounts standing to the credit of the Accounts and their order of priority (all such orders of priority, the "**Priority of Payments**") (a) prior to an Issuer Event of Default and a Guarantor Event of Default, (b) following an Issuer Event of Default (but prior to a Guarantor Event of Default) and (c) following a Guarantor Event of Default.

#### **Definitions**

For the purposes hereof:

"Interest Available Funds" means, in respect of any Calculation Date, the aggregate of:

- (a) interest collected by the Master Servicer or any Sub-Servicer in respect of the Cover Pool and credited into the English Interest Collection Accounts;
- (b) all recoveries in the nature of interest received by the Master Servicer or any Sub-Servicer and credited to the English Interest Collection Accounts;
- (c) all amounts of interest accrued (net of any withholding or expenses, if due) and paid on the Accounts:
- (d) any payment received on or immediately prior to such Guarantor Payment Date from any Swap Provider other than any Swap Collateral Excluded Amounts;
- (e) all interest amounts received from any Seller by the Guarantor pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement;
- (f) the Reserve Fund Amount standing to the credit of the Reserve Fund Account; and
- (g) any amount (other than the amounts already allocated under other items of the Guarantor Available Funds) received by the Guarantor from any party to the Transaction Documents.

"Principal Available Funds" means, in respect of any Calculation Date, the aggregate of:

- (a) all principal amounts collected by the Master Servicer or any Sub-Servicer in respect of the Cover Pool and credited to the English Principal Collection Accounts net of the amounts applied to purchase Eligible Assets and Top-Up Assets during the immediately preceding Collection Period;
- (b) all other recoveries in the nature of principal received by the Master Servicer or any Sub-Servicer and credited to the English Principal Collection Accounts;
- (c) all principal amounts received from each Seller by the Guarantor pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement;
- (d) the proceeds of any disposal of Eligible Assets and any disinvestment of Top-Up Assets;
- (e) any swap principal payable under the Swap Agreements; and

(f) all the amounts allocated pursuant to item *Sixth* of the Pre-Issuer Event of Default Interest Priority of Payments.

## Pre-Issuer Event of Default Interest Priority of Payments

Prior to service of an Issuer Default Notice on the Guarantor and the Issuer or service of a Guarantor Default Notice on the Guarantor, Interest Available Funds will be applied by or on behalf of the Guarantor on each Guarantor Payment Date in making the following payments and provisions (the "**Pre-Issuer Event of Default Interest 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 pay, pari passu and pro rata, according to the respective amounts thereof, any Expenses of the Guarantor;
- (b) Second, to pay any amount due and payable to the Representative of the Covered Bondholders;
- (c) *Third*, to pay, *pari passu* and *pro rata*, according to the respective amounts thereof, any amount due and payable to the Master Servicer, the Sub-Servicers, the Italian Account Bank, the Calculation Agent, the Guarantor Corporate Servicer, the Asset Monitor, the English Account Bank, the Swap Collateral Account Bank, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registered Paying Agent (if any) and the Registrar (if any);
- (d) Fourth, to pay any amount due and payable to any Swap Provider (including any termination payments due and payable by the Guarantor except where the relevant Swap Provider is the Defaulting Party or the Sole Affected Party) other than the swap principal;
- (e) Fifth, to transfer to the Reserve Fund Account the relevant Reserve Fund Amount;
- (f) Sixth, to allocate to the Principal Available Funds an amount equal to the amounts, if any, allocated on the immediately preceding Guarantor Payment Date and on any preceding Guarantor Payment Date pursuant to item (b) of the Pre Issuer Event of Default Principal Priority of Payments, net of any amount already allocated under this item six on any previous Guarantor Payment Date:
- (g) Seventh, to pay the Base Interest due to the Subordinated Lenders under the relevant Term Loans;
- (h) *Eighth*, to pay any termination payments due and payable by the Guarantor to any Swap Provider not paid under item Fourth above; and
- (i) *Ninth*, to pay any Premium due to the Subordinated Lenders under the relevant Term Loans.

# **Pre-Issuer Event of Default Principal Priority of Payments**

Prior to service of an Issuer Default Notice on the Issuer and the Guarantor or service of a Guarantor Default Notice on the Guarantor, all Principal Available Funds will be applied by or on behalf of the Guarantor on each Guarantor Payment Date in making the following payments and provisions (the "Pre-Issuer Event of Default Principal Priority of Payments"):

- (a) First, to pay any swap principal due to any Swap Provider;
- (b) Second, to transfer any amount to the Reserve Fund Account necessary in order to make up any shortfall in the Reserve Fund Amount;
- (c) *Third*, to repay the Term Loans advanced by the Subordinated Lenders under the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreements, provided the Tests and the Relevant Portfolio Test are complied with and the relevant Subordinated Lender has requested the repayment of the

- relevant Subordinated Loan pursuant to clause 6.2 of the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreement; and
- (d) Fourth, to the extent that any Subordinated Lender has not received amounts as repayment of the Term Loans under item (c) Third above, to deposit, pursuant to clause 6.2.2 of the Subordinated Loan Agreements, the relevant amounts in the appropriate English Principal Collection Account(s).

## Guarantee Priority of Payments

On each Guarantor Payment Date after the service of an Issuer Default Notice on the Issuer and the Guarantor (but prior to the service of a Guarantor Default Notice), the Guarantor Available Funds shall be applied on each Guarantor Payment Date at the direction of the Guarantor in making the following payments or provisions in the following order of priority (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 pay, pari passu and pro rata, according to the respective amounts thereof, any Expenses of the Guarantor owed to third parties;
- (b) Second, to pay any amount due and payable to the Representative of the Covered Bondholders;
- (c) Third, to pay, pari passu and pro rata, according to the respective amounts thereof, any amount due and payable to the Master Servicer, the Sub-Servicers, the Italian Account Bank, the Calculation Agent, the Guarantor Corporate Servicer, the Asset Monitor, the English Account Bank, the Swap Collateral Account Bank, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registered Paying Agent (if any) and the Registrar (if any);
- (d) Fourth, to pay, pari passu and pro rata, according to the respective amounts thereof, any amount, other than in respect of principal, due and payable on such Guarantor Payment Date or during the period commencing on (and including) such Guarantor Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the immediately following Guarantor Payment Date (the "Guarantor Payment Period") (i) to any Swap Provider (including any termination payments due and payable by the Guarantor except where the relevant Swap Provider is the Defaulting Party or the Sole Affected Party); and (ii) on the Covered Bonds;
- (e) Fifth, to pay, pari passu and pro rata, according to the respective amounts thereof, any amount in respect of principal due and payable on such Guarantor Payment Date or during the immediately following Guarantor Payment Period (i) to any Swap Provider (including any termination payments due and payable by the Guarantor except where the relevant Swap Provider is the Defaulting Party or the Sole Affected Party); and (ii) on the Covered Bonds;
- (f) Sixth, to deposit in the Reserve Fund Account any cash balances until the Covered Bonds have been repaid in full or sufficient amounts have been accumulated to pay outstanding Covered Bonds;
- (g) Seventh, to pay any termination payments due and payable by the Guarantor to the Swap Providers not paid under item Fourth or Fifth above;
- (h) *Eighth*, to pay to the Sellers any amount due and payable under the Transaction Documents, to the extent not already paid or payable under other items above;
- (i) Ninth, to pay any Base Interest due to the Subordinated Lenders under the relevant Term Loans;
- (j) *Tenth*, to pay any principal due and payable to the Subordinated Lenders under the relevant Term Loans; and
- (k) Eleventh, to pay any Premium due to the Subordinated Lenders under the relevant Term Loans.

# Application of Moneys following Occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default

Following the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default and service of a Guarantor Default Notice on the Guarantor, the Guarantor Available Funds will be applied in the following order of priority (the "Post-Enforcement 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 pay, pari passu and pro rata, according to the respective amounts thereof, any Expenses of the Guarantor owed to third parties;
- (b) Second, to pay, pari passu and pro rata, according to the respective amounts thereof, any amount due and payable to the Representative of the Covered Bondholders and the remuneration due to any Receiver and any proper costs and expenses incurred by it;
- (c) *Third*, to pay, *pari passu* and *pro rata*, according to the respective amounts thereof, any amount due and payable to the Master Servicer, the Sub-Servicers, the Italian Account Bank, the Calculation Agent, the Guarantor Corporate Servicer, the Asset Monitor, the English Account Bank, the Swap Collateral Account Bank, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registered Paying Agent (if any) and the Registrar (if any);
- (d) Fourth, to pay, pari passu and pro rata, according to the respective amounts thereof, (i) any amount due and payable to any Swap Provider (including any termination payments due and payable by the Guarantor except where the relevant Swap Provider is the Defaulting Party or the Sole Affected Party); and (ii) any interest and any Outstanding Principal Amount due under all outstanding Series of Covered Bonds;
- (e) *Fifth*, to pay any termination payments due and payable by the Guarantor to any Swap Provider not paid under item *Fourth* above;
- (f) Sixth, to pay to the Sellers any amount due and payable under the Transaction Documents, to the extent not already paid or payable under other items above;
- (g) Seventh, to pay any Base Interest due to the Subordinated Lenders under the relevant Term Loans;
- (h) *Eighth*, to pay any principal due and payable to the Subordinated Lenders under the relevant Term Loans; and
- (i) Ninth, to pay any Premium due to the Subordinated Lenders under the relevant Term Loans.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE COVER POOL

The Cover Pool is comprised of (i) the Portfolio, which is in turn comprised of Mortgage Loans and related collateral assigned to the Guarantor by the Sellers in accordance with the terms of the Master Loans Purchase Agreement and (ii) any other Eligible Assets and Top-Up Assets held by the Guarantor.

The Initial Portfolio and each New Portfolio acquired by the Guarantor (the "**Portfolio**"), consists of Mortgage Loans sold by any of the Sellers to the Guarantor from time to time, in accordance with the terms of the Master Loans Purchase Agreement, as more fully described under "Overview of the Transaction Documents — Master Loans Purchase Agreements".

For the purposes hereof:

"**Initial Portfolio**" means the initial portfolio of Receivables, comprising Eligible Assets, purchased by the Guarantor from each Seller pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement;

"New Portfolio" means any portfolio of Receivables (other than the Initial Portfolio), comprising Eligible Assets, which may be purchased by the Guarantor from any Seller pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions of the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement.

# **Eligibility Criteria**

The sale of Loans and their Related Security and the transfer of any other Eligible Asset or Top-Up Asset to the Guarantor will be subject to various conditions (the "Eligibility Criteria") being satisfied on the relevant Transfer Date (except as otherwise indicated). The Eligibility Criteria with respect to each asset type will vary from time to time but will at all times include criteria so that both Italian law and Rating Agency requirements are met.

The following assets (*attivi idonei* or "**Eligible Assets**") are considered eligible under Article 2, sub-paragraph 1, of Decree 310:

- (a) residential mortgage loans that have an LTV that does not exceed 80 per cent and for which the hardening period with respect to the perfection of the relevant mortgage has elapsed;
- (b) commercial mortgage loans that have an LTV that does not exceed 60 per cent and for which the hardening period with respect to the perfection of the relevant mortgage has elapsed;
- (c) receivables owed by, securities issued by, or receivables or securities which have the benefit of a guarantee eligible for credit risk mitigation granted by:
  - (i) public entities, including ministerial bodies and local or regional bodies, located within the European Economic Area or Switzerland for which a risk weight not exceeding 20 per cent. is applicable in accordance with the Bank of Italy's prudential regulations for Banks standardised approach; and
  - (ii) public entities, located outside the European Economic Area or Switzerland, for which a 0 per cent. risk weight is applicable in accordance with the Bank of Italy's prudential regulations for Banks standardised approach or regional or local public entities or non-economic administrative entities, located outside the European Economic Area or Switzerland, for which a risk weight not exceeding 20 per cent. is applicable in accordance with the Bank of Italy's prudential regulations for Banks standardised approach;

- (d) asset backed securities for which a risk weight not exceeding 20 per cent. is applicable in accordance with the Bank of Italy's prudential regulations for Banks standardised approach provided that at least 95 per cent. of the relevant securitised assets are:
  - (i) residential mortgage loans that have an LTV that does not exceed 80 per cent. and for which the hardening period with respect to the perfection of the relevant mortgage has elapsed;
  - (ii) commercial mortgage loans that have an LTV that does not exceed 60 per cent. and for which the hardening period with respect to the perfection of the relevant mortgage has elapsed;
  - (iii) receivables or securities satisfying the requirements indicated under item (c) above;

provided that the assets described under item (d)(ii) above may not amount to more than 10 per cent. of the aggregate nominal value of the Cover Pool.

# Eligibility Criteria for Residential Mortgage Loans

Under the Master Loans Purchase Agreements, the relevant Sellers and the Guarantor have agreed the following Common Criteria and Specific Criteria (see "Overview of the Transaction Documents — Master Loans Purchase Agreements" above) that will be applied in selecting the Residential Mortgage Loans that will be transferred thereunder to the Guarantor.

#### **Common Criteria**

Receivables arising from loans:

- which are residential mortgage receivables (i) with a risk weight not higher than 35 per cent. and in respect of which the relevant principal amount outstanding added to the principal amount outstanding of any higher ranking mortgage loans secured by the same property, does not exceed 80 per cent of the value of the property, in accordance with Decree 310, or (ii) in case of at least one residential real estate that guarantees the loans with other not residential real estate, which have a risk weight higher than 35 per cent. and in respect of which the relevant principal amount outstanding added to the principal amount outstanding of any higher ranking mortgage loans secured by the same property, does not exceed 80 per cent of the value of the residential property;
- in respect of which the hardening period (*periodo di consolidamento*) applicable to the relevant mortgage has elapsed and the relevant mortgage is not capable of being challenged pursuant to Article 67 of the Bankruptcy Law and, if applicable, of article 39, fourth paragraph of the Consolidated Banking Act;
- loans granted or acquired by the relevant Seller;
- which are governed by Italian law;
- which are performing and in respect of which no instalments are due but not paid since more than one day from the relevant payment date (five days for the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh sale of Receivables);
- which do not include any clauses limiting the possibility for the relevant Seller to assign the receivables arising thereunder or providing the Debtor's consent for such assignment and the relevant Seller has obtained such consent;
- which provide for the payment by the Debtor of monthly, bimonthly, quarterly, four-monthly, semi-annual or annual instalments;

- which provide for all payments due by the Debtor thereunder to be made in Euro;
- which are fully disbursed;
- which have not been granted to employees of any company of the UBI Banca Group;
- which have been granted to one or more individuals (persone fisiche o cointestatari);
- which did not provide at the time of disbursement for any subsidy or other benefit in relation to principal or interest (*mutui agevolati*);
- the payment of which is secured by a first ranking mortgage (*ipoteca di primo grado economico*), such term meaning (i) a first ranking mortgage or (ii) (A) a second or subsequent ranking priority mortgage in respect of which the lender secured by the first ranking priority mortgage is the relevant Seller and with respect to which the obligations secured by the mortgage(s) ranking prior to such second or subsequent mortgage have been fully satisfied, or (B) a second or subsequent ranking priority mortgage in respect of which the lender secured by the mortgage(s) ranking prior to such second or subsequent mortgage is the relevant Seller (even if the obligations secured by such ranking priority mortgage(s) have not been fully satisfied) and the receivables secured by such priority mortgages arise from loans meeting the Common Criteria.

### THE ASSET MONITOR

The Bank of Italy Regulations require that the Issuer appoints a qualified entity to be the asset monitor to carry out controls on the regularity of the transaction and the integrity of the Guarantee and, following the latest amendments to the Bank of Italy Regulations introduced by way of inclusion of the new Part III, Chapter 3 (*Obbligazioni Bancarie Garantite*) in Bank of Italy's Circular No. 285 of 17 December 2013, the information to be provided to investors.

Pursuant to the Bank of Italy Regulations, the asset monitor must be an independent auditor enrolled with the Register of Certified Auditors held by the Ministery for Economy and Finance pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 39 of 27 January 2010 and the Ministerial Decree No. 145 of 20 June 2012 and shall be independent from the Issuer and any other party to the Programme and from the accounting firm who carries out the audit of the Issuer.

Based upon controls carried out, the asset monitor shall prepare annual reports, to be addressed also to the Supervisory Board of the Issuer.

BDO Italia S.p.A., a *società per azioni* incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Italy, having its registered office at Viale Abruzzi, 94, 20131, Milan, Italy, fiscal code and enrolment with the companies register of Milan No. 07722780967.

BDO Italia S.p.A. is included in the Register of Certified Auditors held by the Ministery for Economy and Finance – Stage general accounting office, at no. 167911.

Pursuant to an engagement letter entered into on 30 July 2008, as amended on 25 March 2015, the Issuer has appointed the Asset Monitor in order to perform, subject to receipt of the relevant information from the Issuer, specific monitoring activities concerning, *inter alia*, (i) the compliance with the issuing criteria set out in Decree No. 310 in respect of the issuance of covered bonds; (ii) the fulfilment of the eligibility criteria set out under Decree No. 310 with respect to the Eligible Assets and Top-Up Assets included in the Cover Pool; (iii) the compliance with the limits on the transfer of the Eligible Assets and Top-Up Assets set out under Decree No. 310; (iv) the compliance with the limits set out in Decree No. 310 with respect to covered bonds issued and the Eligible Assets and Top-Up Assets included in the Portfolios as determined in the Statutory Tests; (iv) the effectiveness and adequacy of the risk protection provided by any Swap Agreement entered into in the context of the Programme, (v) the arithmetical accuracy of the calculations performed by the Calculation Agent in respect of the Mandatory Tests and (v) the completeness, truthfulness and the timely delivery of the information provided to investors pursuant to article 129, paragraph 7, of Regulation (EU) No. 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union of 26 June 2013.

The engagement letter is in line with the provisions of the Bank of Italy Regulations in relation to the reports to be prepared and submitted by the Asset Monitor also to the Supervisory Board of the Issuer.

The engagement letter provides for certain matters such as the payment of fees and expenses by the Issuer to the Asset Monitor and the resignation of the Asset Monitor.

The engagement letter is governed by Italian law.

Furthermore, on 30 July 2008, the Issuer, the Calculation Agent, the Asset Monitor, the Guarantor and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders entered into the Asset Monitor Agreement, as more fully described under "Overview of the Transaction Documents — Asset Monitoring Agreement".

### DESCRIPTION OF CERTAIN RELEVANT LEGISLATION IN ITALY

The following is a general description of the Italian Securitisation and Covered Bond Law (as defined below) and other legislation that may be relevant to investors in assessing the Covered Bonds, including recent legislation affecting the rights of mortgage borrowers. It does not purport to be a complete analysis of the legislation described below or of the other considerations relating to the Covered Bonds arising from Italian laws and regulations. Furthermore, this overview is based on Italian Legislation as in effect on the date of this Prospectus, which may be subject to change, potentially with retroactive effect. This description will not be updated to reflect changes in laws. Accordingly, prospective Covered Bondholders should consult their own advisers as to the risks arising from Italian legislations that may affect any assessment by them of the Covered Bonds.

## The Securitisation and Covered Bond Law

The legal and regulatory framework with respect to the issue of covered bonds in Italy comprises the following:

- Article 7-bis and article 7-ter of the Law No. 130 of 30 April 1999 (as amended and supplemented from time to time, the "Italian Securitisation and Covered Bond Law");
- the regulations issued by the Italian Ministry for the Economy and Finance on 14 December 2006 under Decree No. 310 (the "**MEF Regulation**");
- the C.I.C.R. Decree dated 12 April 2007; and
- Part III, Chapter 3 of the "Disposizioni di Vigilanza per le Banche" (Circolare No. 285 of 17 December 2013), as amended and supplemented from time to time (the "Bank of Italy Instructions").

Law Decree No. 35 of 14 March 2005, converted by Law No. 80 of 14 May 2005, amended the Italian Securitisation and Covered Bond Law by adding two new articles, Articles 7-bis and 7-ter, which enable banks to issue covered bonds. Articles 7-bis and 7-ter, however, required both the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance and the Bank of Italy to issue specific regulations before the relevant structures could be implemented.

The Italian Securitisation and Covered Bond Law was further amended by Law Decree no. 145 of 23 December 2013 (the "**Destinazione Italia Decree**") as converted with amendments into Law n. 9 of 21 February 2014 and by Law Decree no. 91 of 24 June 2014 (the "**Decreto Competitività**") as converted with amendments into Law No. 116 of 11 August 2014.

Following the issue of the MEF Regulation, the Bank of Italy Instructions were published on 17 May 2007, as subsequently amended on 24 March 2010 and further supplemented by Title V, Chapter 3 of the "Nuove Disposizioni di Vigilanza Prudenziale per le Banche" (Circolare No. 263 of 27 December 2006), completing the relevant legal and regulatory framework and allowing for the implementation on the Italian market of this funding instrument, which has previously only been available under special legislation to specific companies (such as Cassa Depositi e Prestiti S.p.A.).

The Bank of Italy published new supervisory regulations on banks in December 2013 (*Circolare* of the Bank of Italy No. 285 of 17 December 2013) which came into force on 1 January 2014, implementing CRD IV Package and setting out additional local prudential rules concerning matters not harmonised on EU level. Following the publication on 24 June 2014 of the 5<sup>th</sup> update to Circular of the Bank of Italy No. 285 of 17 December 2013, which added a new Chapter 3 ("*Obbligazioni bancarie garantite*") in Part III contained therein, the provisions set forth under Title V, Chapter 3 of *Circolare* No. 263 of 27 December 2006 have been abrogated.

The Bank of Italy Instructions introduced provisions, among other things, regulating:

- the capital adequacy requirements that issuing banks must satisfy in order to issue covered bonds and the ability of issuing banks to manage risks;
- limitations on the total value of eligible assets that banks, individually or as part of a group, may transfer as cover pools in the context of covered bond transactions;
- criteria to be adopted in the integration of the assets constituting the cover pools;
- the identification of the cases in which the integration is permitted and its limits; and
- monitoring and surveillance requirements applicable with respect to covered bond transactions and the provision of information relating to the transaction.

# Basic structure of a covered bond issue

The structure provided under Article 7-bis with respect to the issue of covered bonds may be summarised as follows:

- a bank transfers a pool of eligible assets (i.e. the cover pool) to an Article 7-bis special purpose vehicle (the "SPV");
- the bank grants the SPV a subordinated loan in order to fund the payment by the SPV of the purchase price due for the cover pool;
- the bank issues the covered bonds which are supported by a first demand, unconditional and irrevocable guarantee issued by the SPV for the exclusive benefit of the holders of the covered bonds and the hedging counterparties involved in the transaction. The Guarantee is backed by the entire cover pool held by the SPV.

Article 7-bis however also allows for structures which contemplate different entities acting respectively as cover pool provider, subordinated loan provider and covered bonds issuer.

### The SPV

The Italian legislator chose to implement the new legislation on covered bonds by supplementing the Italian Securitisation Law, thus basing the new structure on a well established platform and applying to covered bonds many provisions with which the market is already familiar in relation to Italian securitisations. Accordingly, as is the case with the special purpose entities which act as issuers in Italian securitisation transactions, the SPV is required to be established with an exclusive corporate object that, in the case of covered bonds, must be the purchaser of assets eligible for cover pools and the person giving guarantees in the context of covered bond transactions.

On 8 May 2015, the Ministerial Decree No. 53/2015 (the "**Decree 53/2015**") issued by the Ministry of Economy and Finance has been published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Italy. The Decree 53/2015 provides for the implementation of Articles 106, paragraph 3, 112, paragraph 3, and 114 of the Consolidated Banking Act and Article 7-ter, paragraph 1-bis of the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law and will come into force on 23 May 2015, repealing the Decree No. 29/2009. Pursuant to Article 7 of the Decree 53/2015, the assignee companies which guarantee covered bonds, belonging to a banking group as defined by Article 60 of the Consolidated Banking Act (such as UBI Finance S.r.l.), will no longer have to be registered in the general register held by the Bank of Italy pursuant to Article 106 of the Consolidated Banking Act.

## The guarantee

The MEF Regulation provides that the guarantee issued by the SPV for the benefit of the bondholders must be irrevocable, first-demand, unconditional and independent from the obligations of the issuer of the covered bonds. Furthermore, upon the occurrence of a default by the issuer in respect of its payment obligations under the covered bonds, the SPV must provide for the payment of the amounts due under the covered bonds, in accordance with their original terms and with limited recourse to the amounts available to the SPV from the cover pool. The acceleration of the issuer's payment obligations under the covered bonds will not therefore result in a corresponding acceleration of the SPV's payment obligations under the guarantee (thereby preserving the maturity profile of the covered bonds).

Upon an insolvency of the issuer, the SPV will be solely responsible for the payment obligations of the issuer owed to the covered bond holders, in accordance with their original terms and with limited recourse to the amounts available to the SPV from the cover pool. In addition, the SPV will be exclusively entitled to exercise the rights of the covered bond holders vis à vis the issuer's bankruptcy in accordance with the applicable bankruptcy law. Any amount recovered by the SPV from the bankruptcy of the issuer become part of the cover pool.

Finally, if a moratorium is imposed on the issuer's payments, the SPV will fulfil the issuer's payment obligations, with respect to amounts which are due and payable and with limited recourse to the cover pool. The SPV will then have recourse against the issuer for any such payments.

# Segregation and subordination

Article 7-bis provides that the assets comprised in the cover pool and the amounts paid by the debtors with respect to the receivables and/or debt securities included in the cover pool are exclusively designated and segregated by law for the benefit of the holders of the covered bonds and the hedging counterparties involved in the transaction.

In addition, Article 7-bis expressly provides that the claim for reimbursement of the loan granted to the SPV to fund the purchase of assets in the cover pool is subordinated to the rights of the covered bond holders and of the hedging counterparties involved in the transaction.

# Exemption from claw-back

Article 7-bis provides that the guarantee and the subordinated loan granted to fund the payment by the SPV of the purchase price due for the cover pool are exempt from the bankruptcy claw-back provisions set out in Article 67 of the Italian Bankruptcy Law (Royal Decree No. 267 of 16 March 1942).

In addition to the above, any payments made by an assigned debtor to the SPV may not be subject to any claw-back action according to Article 65 of the Italian Bankruptcy Law.

## The issuing bank

The Bank of Italy Instructions provide that covered bonds may only be issued by banks which individually satisfy, or which belong to banking groups which, on a consolidated basis:

- have own funds of at least Euro 250,000,000; and
- have a minimum total capital ratio of not less than 9 per cent.

The Bank of Italy Instructions specify that the requirements above also apply to the bank acting as cover pool provider (in the case of structures in which separate entities act respectively as issuing bank and as cover pool provider).

The Bank of Italy Instructions furthermore provide that the total amount of eligible assets that a bank may transfer to cover pools in the context of covered bond transactions is subject to limitations linked

to the tier 1 ratio and common equity tier 1 ratio of the individual bank (or of the relevant banking group, if applicable) as follows:

Ratios		Transfer Limitations
"A" range	– Tier 1 ratio≥ 9%	No limitation
	<ul><li>Common Equity Tier 1 ratio ≥ 8%</li></ul>	
"B" range	– Tier 1 ratio ≥ 8%	Up to 60% of eligible assets may be transferred
	– Common Equity Tier 1 ratio ≥ 7%	
"C" range	– Tier 1 ratio ≥ 7%	Up to 25% of eligible assets may be transferred
	<ul><li>Common Equity Tier 1 ratio ≥ 6%</li></ul>	

The Bank of Italy Instructions clarify that the ratios provided with respect to each range above must be satisfied jointly: if a bank does not satisfy both ratios with respect to a specific range, the range applicable to it will be the following, more restrictive, range. Accordingly, if a bank (or the relevant banking group) satisfies the "b" range tier 1 ratio but falls within the "c" range with respect to its common equity tier 1 ratio, the relevant bank will be subject to the transfer limitations applicable to the "c" range.

In addition to the above, certain further amendments have been introduced in respect of the monitoring activities to be performed by the asset monitor.

## The Cover Pool

For a description of the assets which are considered eligible for inclusion in a cover pool under Article 7-bis, see "Description of the Cover Pool – Eligibility Criteria".

Ratio between cover pool value and covered bond outstanding amount

The MEF Regulation provides that the cover pool provider and the issuer must continually ensure that, throughout the transaction:

- the aggregate nominal value of the cover pool is at least equal to the nominal amount of the relevant outstanding covered bonds;
- the net present value of the cover pool (net of all the transaction costs borne by the SPV, including in relation to hedging arrangements) is at least equal to the net present value of the relevant outstanding covered bonds;
- the interest and other revenues deriving from the cover pool (net of all the transaction costs borne by the SPV) are sufficient to cover interest and costs due by the issuer with respect to the relevant outstanding covered bonds, taking into account any hedging agreements entered into in connection with the transaction.

In respect of the above, under the Bank of Italy Instructions, strict monitoring procedures are imposed on banks for the monitoring of the transaction and of the adequacy of the guarantee on the cover pool. Such activities must be carried out both by the relevant bank and by an asset monitor, to be appointed by the bank, which is an independent accounting firm. The asset monitor must prepare and deliver to the issuing bank's s board of auditors, on an annual basis, a report detailing its monitoring activity and the relevant findings.

The Bank of Italy Instructions require banks to carry out the monitoring activities described above at least every 6 months with respect to each covered bond transaction. Furthermore, the internal auditors of banks must comprehensively review every 12-months the monitoring activity carried out with respect to each covered bond transaction, basing such review, among other things, on the evaluations supplied by the asset monitor.

In addition to the above, pursuant to the Bank of Italy Instructions provide that the management body of the issuing bank must ensure that the internal structures delegated to the risk management verify at least every six months and for each transaction completeness, accuracy and timeliness of information available to investors pursuant to art. 129, paragraph 7, of Regulation (EU) No. 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union of 26 June 2013.

In order to ensure that the monitoring activities above may be appropriately implemented, the Bank of Italy Instructions require that the entities participating in covered bond transactions be bound by appropriate contractual undertakings to communicate to the issuing bank, the cover pool provider and the entity acting as servicer in relation to the cover pool assets all the necessary information with respect to the cover pool assets and their performance.

## Substitution of assets

The MEF Regulation and the Bank of Italy Instructions provide that, following the initial transfer to the cover pool, the eligible assets comprised in the cover pool may only be substituted or supplemented in order to ensure that the requirements described under "Ratio between cover pool value and covered bond outstanding amount", or the higher over-collateralisation provided for under the relevant covered bond transaction documents, are satisfied at all times during the transaction.

The eligible assets comprised in the cover pool may only be substituted or supplemented by means of:

- the transfer of further assets (eligible to be included in the cover pool in accordance with the criteria described above);
- the establishment of deposits held with banks ("Qualified Banks") which have their registered office in a member state of the European Economic Area or in Switzerland or in a state for which a 0 per cent. risk weight is applicable in accordance with the prudential regulations' standardised approach; and
- the transfer of debt securities, having a residual life of less than one year, issued by the Oualified Banks.

The MEF Regulation and the Bank of Italy Instructions, however, provide that the assets described in the last two paragraphs above, cannot exceed 15 per cent. of the aggregate nominal value of the cover pool. This 15 per cent. limitation must be satisfied throughout the transaction and, accordingly, the substitution of cover pool assets may also be carried out in order to ensure that the composition of the assets comprised in the cover pool continues to comply with the relevant threshold.

The Bank of Italy Instructions clarify that the limitations to the overall amount of eligible assets that may be transferred to cover pools described under "*The Issuing Bank*" above do not apply to the subsequent transfer of supplemental assets for the purposes described under this paragraph.

### **Suspension of payments**

In exceptional circumstances, pursuant to article 74 of the Consolidated Banking Act, one or more special administrator (*commissari straordinari*) appointed by the Bank of Italy, in order to protect the interests of the creditors, in consultation with an oversight committee composed of between three and five members (*comitato di sorveglianza*) and subject to an authorisation by the Bank of Italy, may suspend payment of the bank's liabilities and the restitution to customers of financial instruments. Payments may be suspended for a period of up to one month, which may be extended for an additional

two months. During the suspension period forced executions or actions to perfect security interests involving the bank's properties or customers' securities may not be initiated or prosecuted. During the same period mortgages may not be registered on the bank's immovable property nor may any other rights of preference on the bank's movable property be acquired, except in the case of enforceable court orders issued prior to the beginning of the suspension period. The suspension shall not constitute insolvency.

If a resolution pursuant to Article 74 of the Consolidated Banking Act is passed in respect of the Issuer, the SPV, in accordance with Decree 310, shall be responsible for the payments of the amounts due and payable under the Covered Bonds within the entire period in which the suspension continues at their relevant due date, provided that it shall be entitled to claim any such amounts from the Issuer. For further details see section "The Guarantor and the Covered Bond Guarantee - Suspension of Payments" and section "Overview of the Transaction Documents - Covered Bond Guarantee".

#### **Taxation**

Article 7-bis, sub-paragraph 7, provides that any tax is due as if the granting of the subordinated loan and the transfer of the cover pool had not taken place and as if the assets constituting the cover pool were registered as on-balance sheet assets of the cover pool provider, *provided that*:

- the purchase price paid for the transfer of the cover pool is equal to the most recent book value of the assets constituting the cover pool; and
- the subordinated loan is granted by the same bank acting as cover pool provider.

The provision described above would imply, as a main consequence, that banks issuing covered bonds will be entitled to include the receivables transferred to the cover pool as on-balance receivables for the purpose of tax deductions applicable to reserves for the depreciation on receivables in accordance with Article 106 of Presidential Decree No. 917 of 22 December 1986.

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### **TAXATION**

The statements herein regarding taxation are based on the laws in force as at the date of this Prospectus and are subject to any changes in law occurring after such date, which changes could be made on a retroactive basis. The following summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the tax considerations which may be relevant to a decision to subscribe for, purchase, own or dispose of the Covered Bonds and does not purport to deal with the tax consequences applicable to all categories of investors, some of which (such as dealers in securities or commodities) may be subject to special rules.

Law Decree No. 66 of 24 April 2014, as converted with amendments by Law No. 89 of 23 June 2014 published in the Official Gazette No. 143 of 23 June 2014, ("Law No. 89") has introduced new tax provisions amending certain aspects of the tax regime of the Covered Bonds as summarised below. In particular the Law No. 89 has increased from 20 per cent. to 26 per cent the rate of withholding and substitute taxes of interest accrued, and capital gains realised, as of 1 July 2014 on financial instruments (including the Covered Bonds) other than government bonds.

Prospective purchasers of the Covered Bonds are advised to consult their own tax advisers concerning the overall tax consequences of their ownership of the Covered Bonds.

### Republic of Italy

## Tax treatment of Covered Bonds issued by the Issuer

Decree No. 239 sets out the applicable regime regarding the tax treatment of interest, premium and other income from certain securities issued, *inter alia*, by Italian resident banks (including the difference between the redemption amount and the issue price) (hereinafter collectively referred to as "**Interest**"). The provisions of Decree No. 239 only apply to Covered Bonds issued by the Issuer which qualify as *obbligazioni* (bonds) or *titoli similari alle obbligazioni* (securities similar to bonds) pursuant to Article 44 of Presidential Decree No. 917 of 22 December 1986, as amended and supplemented ("**Decree No. 917**").

#### Italian resident Covered Bondholders

Where an Italian resident Covered Bondholders is:

- (a) an individual not engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Covered Bonds are connected (unless he has opted for the application of the *risparmio gestito regime* see under "*Capital gains tax*" below);
- (b) a non-commercial partnership;
- (c) a private or public institution other than companies, and trusts not carrying out mainly or exclusively commercial activities; or
- (d) an investor exempt from Italian corporate income taxation,

interest, premium and other income (the "Interest") relating to the Covered Bonds, accrued during the relevant holding period, are subject to a withholding tax, referred to as "imposta sostitutiva", levied at the rate of 26 per cent.. In the event that the Covered Bondholders described under (a) and (c) above are engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Covered Bonds are connected, the imposta sostitutiva applies as a provisional tax and may be deducted from the taxation on income due.

Where an Italian resident Covered Bondholder is a company or similar commercial entity, or a permanent establishment in Italy of a foreign company to which the Covered Bonds are effectively connected, and the Covered Bonds are deposited with an authorised intermediary, Interest from the Covered Bonds will not be subject to *imposta sostitutiva*. It must, however, be included in the relevant Covered Bondholder's income tax return and is therefore subject to general Italian corporate taxation

(and, in certain circumstances, depending on the "status" of the Covered Bondholder, also to IRAP (the regional tax on productive activities).

Under the current regime provided by Law Decree No. 351 of 25 September 2001 converted into law with amendments by Law No. 410 of 23 November 2001 ("Decree 351"), as clarified by the Italian Revenue Agency (Agenzia delle Entrate) through Circular No. 47/E of 8 August 2003 and Circular No. 11/E of 28 March 2012, payments of Interest in respect of the Covered Bonds made to Italian resident real estate investment funds established pursuant to Article 37 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended and supplemented, and Article 14-bis of Law No. 86 of 25 January 1994, and to Italian Real Estate SICAFs ("Società di investimento a capitale fisso") ("Italian Real Estate SICAFs") to which the provisions of Decree 351 apply are subject neither to imposta sostitutiva nor to any other income tax in the hands of a real estate investment fund or Italian Real Estate SICAFs. However, a withholding tax of 26 per cent. will apply, in certain circumstances, to distributions made in favour of unitholders/shareholders of the real investment fund or the Italian Real Estate SICAF.

If the investor is resident in Italy and is an open-ended or closed-ended investment fund or a SICAF or a SICAV ("Società di investimento a capital variabile") established in Italy and either (i) the fund, the SICAF or the SICAV or (ii) their manager is subject to the supervision of a regulatory authority (the "Fund"), and the relevant Covered Bonds are held by an authorised intermediary, Interest accrued during the holding period on the Covered Bonds will not be subject to imposta sostitutiva, but must be included in the management results of the Fund. The Fund will not be subject to taxation on such results but a substitute tax or withholding tax of 26 per cent. will apply, in certain circumstances, to distributions made in favour of unitholders or shareholders (the "Collective Investment Fund Tax").

Where an Italian resident Covered Bondholders is a pension fund (subject to the regime provided for by article 17 of the Italian Legislative Decree No. 252 of 5 December 2005) and the Covered Bonds are deposited with an authorised intermediary, Interest relating to the Covered Bonds and accrued during the holding period will not be subject to *imposta sostitutiva*, but must be included in the result of the relevant portfolio accrued at the end of the tax period, to be subject to a 20 per cent. substitute tax. The 20 per cent. substitute tax shall apply on the portfolio's results accrued at the end of the tax year from 2015 onwards, but would also apply on a retroactive basis with reference to the portfolio's results accrued at the end of tax year 2014, but on a reduced taxable basis.

As of 1 January 2015, Italian pension funds benefit from a tax credit equal to 9% of the result of the relevant portfolio accrued at the end of the tax period, provided that such pension funds invest in certain medium long term financial assets as identified with a Ministerial Decree.

Pursuant to Decree No. 239, *imposta sostitutiva* is applied by banks, SIMs, fiduciary companies, SGRs, stockbrokers and other entities identified by a decree of the Ministry of Finance (each an "**Intermediary**").

An Intermediary must (a) be resident in Italy or be a permanent establishment in Italy of a non-Italian resident financial intermediary, and (b) intervene, in any way, in the collection of interest or in the transfer of the Covered Bonds. For the purpose of the application of the *imposta sostitutiva*, a transfer of Covered Bonds includes any assignment or other act, either with or without consideration, which results in a change of the ownership of the relevant Covered Bonds or in a change of the Intermediary with which the Covered Bonds are deposited.

Where the Covered Bonds are not deposited with an Intermediary, the *imposta sostitutiva* is applied and withheld by any Italian financial intermediary paying interest to a Covered Bondholders or, absent that, by the Issuer.

## Non-Italian resident Covered Bondholders

Where the Covered Bondholder is a non-Italian resident, without a permanent establishment in Italy to which the Covered Bonds are effectively connected, an exemption from the *imposta sostitutiva* applies provided that the non-Italian resident beneficial owner is:

- (a) resident, for tax purposes, in a country which allows for a satisfactory exchange of information with Italy (the "White List States") as listed in the Italian Ministerial Decree dated 4 September 1996, as amended from time to time, or in any other decree or regulation that will be issued in the future to provide the list of such countries, including any country that will be deemed listed therein for the purpose of any interim rule; or
- (b) an international body or entity set up in accordance with international agreements which have entered into force in Italy; or
- (c) a Central Bank or an entity which manages, inter alia, the official reserves of a foreign State; or
- (d) an "institutional investor", whether or not subject to tax, which is established in a White List State.

In order to ensure gross payment, non-Italian resident Covered Bondholders without a permanent establishment in Italy to which the Covered Bonds are effectively connected must be the beneficial owners of the payments of Interest and must:

- (a) deposit, directly or indirectly, the Covered Bonds with a resident bank or SIM or a permanent establishment in Italy of a non-Italian resident bank or SIM or with a non-Italian resident entity or company participating in a centralised securities management system which is in contact, via computer, with the Ministry of Economy and Finance; and
- (b) file with the relevant depository, prior to or concurrently with the deposit of the Covered Bonds, a statement of the relevant Covered Bondholder, which remains valid until withdrawn or revoked, in which the Covered Bondholder declares to be eligible to benefit from the applicable exemption from *imposta sostitutiva*. This statement, which is not requested for international bodies or entities set up in accordance with international agreements which have entered into force in Italy nor in the case of foreign Central Banks or entities which manage, *inter alia*, the official reserves of a foreign State, must comply with the requirements set forth by Ministerial Decree of 12 December 2001.

The *imposta sostitutiva* will be applicable at the rate of 26 per cent. to Interest paid to Covered Bondholders who do not qualify for the exemption.

Covered Bondholders who are subject to the substitute tax might, nevertheless, be eligible for a total or partial relief under an applicable tax treaty between the Republic of Italy and the country of residence of the relevant Covered Bondholder.

## Payment made by an Italian resident guarantor

There is no authority directly on point regarding the Italian tax regime of payments made by an Italian resident guarantor under the Guarantee. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the Italian revenue authorities will not assert an alternative treatment of such payments than that set forth herein or that the Italian court would not sustain such an alternative treatment.

With respect to payments on the Covered Bonds made to certain Italian resident Covered Bondholders by an Italian resident guarantor, in accordance with one interpretation of Italian tax law, any payment of liabilities equal to interest and other proceeds from the Covered Bonds may be treated, in certain circumstances, as a payment by the relevant Issuer and will thus be subject to the tax regime described in the previous paragraphs of this section.

In accordance with another interpretation, any such payment made by the Italian resident Guarantor may be subject to an advance or final withholding tax at a rate of 26 per cent. pursuant to Presidential

Decree No. 600 of 29 September 1973, as subsequently amended. In the case of payments to non-Italian resident Covered Bondholders, double taxation treaties entered into by Italy may apply allowing for a lower (or, in certain cases, nil) rate of withholding tax.

# Capital gains tax

Any gain obtained from the sale or redemption of the Covered Bonds would be treated as part of the taxable income (and, in certain circumstances, depending on the "status" of the Covered Bondholder, also as part of the net value of the production for IRAP purposes) if realised by an Italian company, a similar commercial entity (including the Italian permanent establishment of foreign entities to which the Covered Bonds are connected) or Italian resident individuals engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Covered Bonds are connected.

Where an Italian resident Covered Bondholder is an individual not engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Covered Bonds are connected, any capital gain realised by such Covered Bondholder from the sale or redemption of the Covered Bonds would be subject to an *imposta sostitutiva*, levied at the rate of 26 per cent.. The Covered Bondholders may set off any losses with their gains.

In respect of the application of *imposta sostitutiva*, taxpayers may opt for one of the three regimes described below:

- Under the tax declaration regime (regime della dichiarazione), which is the default regime for (a) Italian resident individuals not engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Covered Bonds are connected, the imposta sostitutiva on capital gains will be chargeable, on a cumulative basis, on all capital gains (net of any incurred capital loss) realised by the Italian resident individual Covered Bondholders holding the Covered Bonds. In this instance, "capital gains" means any capital gain not connected with an entrepreneurial activity pursuant to all sales or redemptions of the Covered Bonds carried out during any given tax year. Italian resident individuals holding the Covered Bonds not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity must indicate the overall capital gains realised in any tax year, net of any relevant incurred capital loss, in the annual tax return and pay the imposta sostitutiva on such gains together with any balance income tax due for such year. Capital losses in excess of capital gains may be carried forward against capital gains realised in any of the four succeeding tax years. However, according to Law No. 89, capital losses realized up to 30June 2014 may be offset against capital gains realized after that date with the following limitations: (i) for an amount equal to 48.08%, for capital losses realized up to 31 December 2011; and (ii) for an amount equal to 76.92%, for capital losses realized from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2014.
- (b) As an alternative to the tax declaration regime, Italian resident individual Covered Bondholders holding the Covered Bonds not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity may elect to pay the *imposta sostitutiva* separately on capital gains realised on each sale or redemption of the Covered Bonds (the *risparmio amministrato regime*). Such separate taxation of capital gains is allowed subject to:
  - (i) the Covered Bonds being deposited with Italian banks, SIMs or certain authorised financial intermediaries; and
  - (ii) an express election for the *risparmio amministrato* regime being timely made in writing by the relevant Covered Bondholder.

The depository must account for the *imposta sostitutiva* in respect of capital gains realised on each sale or redemption of the Covered Bonds (as well as in respect of capital gains realised upon the revocation of its mandate), net of any incurred capital loss. The depository must also pay the relevant amount to

the Italian tax authorities on behalf of the taxpayer, deducting a corresponding amount from the proceeds to be credited to the Covered Bondholders or using funds provided by the Covered Bondholders for this purpose. Under the *risparmio amministrato regime*, any possible capital loss resulting from a sale or redemption or certain other transfer of the Covered Bonds may be deducted from capital gains subsequently realized, within the same securities management, in the same tax year or in the following tax years up to the fourth. However, according to Law No. 89, capital losses realized up to 30 June 2014 may be offset against capital gains realized after that date with the following limitations: (i) for an amount equal to 48.08%, for capital losses realized up to 31 December 2011; and (ii) for an amount equal to 76.92%, for capital losses realized from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2014. Under the *risparmio amministrato* regime, the Covered Bondholders are not required to declare the capital gains in the annual tax return.

In the "risparmio gestito" regime, any capital gains realised by Italian resident individuals holding the Covered Bonds not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity who have entrusted the management of their financial assets (including the Covered Bonds) to an authorised intermediary, will be included in the computation of the annual increase in value of the managed assets accrued, even if not realised, at year end, subject to a 26 per cent. substitute tax, to be paid by the managing authorised intermediary. Any depreciation of the managed assets accrued at the year-end may be carried forward against increase in value of the managed assets accrued in any of the four succeeding tax years. Pursuant to Law No. 89, depreciations of the managed assets may be carried forward to be offset against any subsequent increase in value accrued as of 1 July 2014 for an overall amount of: (i) 48.08 per cent. of the relevant depreciations in value registered before 1 January 2012; (ii) 76.92 per cent. of the depreciations in value registered from 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2014. The Covered Bondholders are not required to declare the capital gains realised in the annual tax return.

Any capital gains realised by a Covered Bondholder who is a Fund will neither be subject to imposta sostitutiva on capital gains, nor to any other income tax in the hands of the relevant Covered Bondholders; the Collective Investment Fund Tax will be levied on proceeds distributed by the Fund or received by certain categories of unitholders upon redemption or disposal of the units.

Italian real estate funds created under Article 37 of Italian Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998 and Article 14 bis of Italian Law No. 86 of 25 January 1994, and Italian Real Estate SICAFs are not subject to any substitute tax at the fund level nor to any other income tax in the hands of the fund or Italian Real Estate SICAF. However, a withholding tax of 26 per cent. will apply, in certain circumstances, to distributions made in favour of unitholders/shareholders of the real estate investment fund or the Italian Real Estate SICAF.

Any capital gains realised by a Covered Bondholder who is an Italian pension fund (subject to the regime provided for by article 17 of the Italian Legislative Decree No. 252 of 5 December 2005) will be included in the result of the relevant portfolio accrued at the end of the tax period, to be subject to a 20 per cent. substitute tax. The 20 per cent. substitute tax shall apply on the portfolio's results accrued at the end of the tax year from 2015 onwards, but would also apply on a retroactive basis with reference to the portfolio's results accrued at the end of tax year 2014, but on a reduced taxable basis.

As of 1 January 2015, Italian pension funds benefit from a tax credit equal to 9% of the result of the relevant portfolio accrued at the end of the tax period, provided that such pension funds invest in certain medium long term financial assets as identified with a Ministerial Decree.

Capital gains realised by non-Italian resident Covered Bondholders without a permanent establishment in Italy to which the Covered Bonds are effectively connected, from the sale or redemption of Covered Bonds traded on regulated markets are not subject to the *imposta sostitutiva*. The exemption applies provided that the non-Italian resident Covered Bondholders file in due course with the authorised financial intermediary an appropriate affidavit (*autocertificazione*) stating that the Covered Bondholder is not resident in Italy for tax purposes.

Capital gains realised by non-Italian resident Covered Bondholders, without a permanent establishment in Italy to which the Covered Bonds are effectively connected, from the sale or redemption of Covered Bonds issued by an Italian resident issuer not traded on regulated markets are not subject to the *imposta sostitutiva*, provided that the effective beneficiary is:

- (a) resident in a White List State;
- (b) an international entity or body set up in accordance with international agreements which have entered into force in Italy;
- (c) a Central Bank or an entity which manages, inter alia, the official reserves of a foreign State; or
- (d) an "institutional investor", whether or not subject to tax, which is established in a White List State.

If none of the conditions above is met, capital gains realised by non-Italian resident Covered Bondholders, without a permanent establishment in Italy to which the Covered Bonds are effectively connected, from the sale or redemption of Covered Bonds issued by an Italian resident issuer and not traded on regulated markets are subject to the *imposta sostitutiva* at the current rate of 26 per cent.. However, Covered Bondholders may benefit from an applicable tax treaty with Italy providing that capital gains realised upon the sale or redemption of the Covered Bonds are to be taxed only in the resident tax country of the recipient.

## Inheritance and gift taxes

Transfers of any valuable asset (including shares, Covered Bonds or other securities) as a result of death or donation are taxed as follows:

- (a) transfers in favour of spouses and direct descendants or direct ancestors are subject to an inheritance and gift tax applied at a rate of 4 per cent. on the value of the inheritance or gift exceeding, for each beneficiary, Euro 1,000,000;
- (b) transfers in favour of relatives to the fourth degree or relatives-in-law to the third degree are subject to an inheritance and gift tax at a rate of 6 per cent. on the entire value of the inheritance or the gift. Transfers in favour of brothers/sisters are subject to the 6 per cent. inheritance and gift tax on the value of the inheritance or gift exceeding, for each beneficiary, Euro 100,000; and
- (c) any other transfer is, in principle, subject to an inheritance and gift tax applied at a rate of 8 per cent. on the entire value of the inheritance or gift.

If the transfer is made in favour of persons with severe disabilities, the tax is levied at the rate mentioned above in (a), (b) and (c) on the value exceeding, for each beneficiary, Euro 1,500,000.

# Transfer tax

Contracts relating to the transfer of securities are subject to a Euro 200.00 registration tax as follows: (i) public deeds and notarised deeds are subject to mandatory registration; (ii) private deeds are subject to registration only in the case of voluntary registration.

# Stamp Duty

Pursuant to Article 13 of the tariff attached to Presidential Decree No. 642 of 26 October 1972 ("**Decree No. 642**"), a proportional stamp duty applies on an annual basis to any periodic reporting communications which may be sent by a financial intermediary to a Covered Bondholder in respect of any Covered Bonds which may be deposited with such financial intermediary. The stamp duty applies at a rate of 0.20 per cent.; this stamp duty is determined on the basis of the market value or – if no

market value figure is available – the nominal value or redemption amount of the Covered Bonds held. The stamp duty cannot exceed € 14,000.00 if the Covered Bondholder is not an individual.

The statement is deemed to be sent at least once a year, even for instruments for which is not mandatory nor the deposit nor the release nor the drafting of the statement. In case of reporting periods less than 12 months, the stamp duty is payable on a pro-rata basis.

Based on the wording of the law and the implementing decree issued by the Italian Ministry of Finance on 24 May 2012, the stamp duty applies to any investor who is a client - regardless of the fiscal residence of the investor - (as defined in the regulations issued by the Bank of Italy on 20 June 2012) of an entity that exercises in any form a banking, financial or insurance activity within the Italian territory.

## Wealth Tax on securities deposited abroad

According to the provisions set forth by Law No. 214 of 22 December 2011, as amended and supplemented, Italian resident individuals holding the Covered Bonds outside the Italian territory are required to pay an additional tax at a rate of 0.20 per cent. In this case the above mentioned stamp duty provided for by Article 13 of the tariff attached to Decree No. 642 does not apply.

This tax is calculated on the market value of the Covered Bonds at the end of the relevant year or – if no market value is available – the nominal value or the redemption value of such financial assets held outside the Italian territory. Taxpayers are entitled to an Italian tax credit equivalent to the amount of wealth taxes paid in the State where the financial assets are held (up to an amount equal to the Italian wealth tax due).

Financial assets held abroad are excluded from the scope of the wealth tax if they are administered by Italian financial intermediaries pursuant to an administration agreement. In this case, the above mentioned stamp duty provided for by Article 13 of the tariff attached to Decree No. 642 does apply.

### Tax Monitoring

According to the Law Decree No. 167 of 28 June 1990, converted with amendments into Law No. 227 of 4 August 1990, as amended from time to time, individuals, non-profit entities and certain partnerships (*società semplici* or similar partnerships in accordance with Article 5 of Presidential Decree No. 917 of 22 December 1986) resident in Italy for tax purposes, under certain conditions, are required to report for tax monitoring purposes in their yearly income tax the amount of investments (including the Covered Bonds) directly or indirectly held abroad.

The requirement applies also where the persons above, being not the direct holder of the financial instruments, are the actual owner of the instrument.

Furthermore, the above reporting requirement is not required to comply with respect to: (i) Covered Bonds deposited for management with qualified Italian financial intermediaries; (ii) contracts entered into through the intervention of qualified Italian financial intermediaries, upon condition that the items of income derived from the Covered Bonds have been subject to tax by the same intermediaries; or (iii) if the foreign investments are only composed by deposits and/or bank accounts and their aggregate value does not exceed a €15,000 threshold throughout the year.

### EU Savings Directive

Under EU Savings Directive, each Member State is required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest or other similar income paid by a paying agent (within the meaning of the EU Savings Directive) within its jurisdiction to, or collected by such a paying agent for an individual resident or certain limited types of entity established in that other Member State; however, for a transitional period, Austria may instead apply a withholding system in relation to such payments, deducting tax at rates rising over time to 35%.

In any case, the transitional period is to terminate at the end of the first full tax year following agreement by certain non-EU countries to the exchange of information relating to such payments

A number of non-EU countries, including Switzerland and certain dependent or associated territories of certain Member States, have agreed to adopt similar measures (either provision of information or transitional withholding) in relation to payments made by a paying agent within its jurisdiction to, or collected by such a paying agent for an individual resident or certain limited types of entity established in a Member State. In addition, the Member States have entered into provision of information or transitional withholding arrangements with certain of those dependent or associated territories in relation to payments made by a paying agent in a Member State to, or collected by such a paying agent for an individual resident or certain limited types of entity established in one of those territories.

The Council of the European Union formally adopted a Council Directive amending the Directive on 24 March 2014 (the "Amending Directive"). The Amending Directive broadens the scope of the requirements described above. Member States have until 1 January 2016 to adopt the national legislation necessary to comply with the Amending Directive. The changes made under the Amending Directive extend the scope of the Directive to payments made to, or collected for, certain other entities and legal arrangements. They also broaden the definition of "interest payment" to cover income that is equivalent to interest.

However, the Commission of the European Union has proposed the repeal of the EU Savings Directive from 1 January 2017 in the case of Austria and from 1 January 2016 in the case of all other Member States (subject to on-going requirements to fulfil administrative obligations such as the reporting and exchange of information relating to, and accounting for withholding taxes on, payments made before those dates). This is to prevent overlap between the EU Savings Directive and a new automatic exchange of information regime to be implemented under Council Directive No. 2011/16/EU on Administrative Cooperation in the field of Taxation (as amended by Council Directive No. 2014/107/EU). The proposal also provides that, if it proceeds, Member States will not be required to apply the new requirements of the Amending Directive.

# Implementation in Italy of the Savings Directive

Italy has implemented the Savings Directive through Legislative Decree No. 84 of 18 April 2005 ("Decree No. 84"). Under Decree No. 84, subject to a number of important conditions being met, for interest paid from 1 July 2005 to individuals which qualify as beneficial owners of the interest payment and are resident for tax purposes in another Member State, Italian qualified paying agents shall report to the Italian Tax Authorities details of the relevant payments and personal information on the individual beneficial owner and shall not apply the withholding tax. Such information is transmitted by the Italian Tax Authorities to the competent foreign tax Authorities of the State of residence of the beneficial owner.

Either payments of interest on the covered bonds or the realisation of the accrued interest through the sale of the covered bonds would constitute "payments of interest" under article 6 of the directive and, as far as Italy is concerned, article 2 of Decree 84. Accordingly, such payments of interest arising out of the covered bonds would fall within the scope of the directive.

### SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

Covered Bonds may be sold from time to time by the Issuer to any one or more of the Dealers. The arrangements under which Covered Bonds may from time to time be agreed to be sold by the Issuer to, and purchased by, Dealers are set out in the Programme Agreement. Under the Programme Agreement, the Issuer and the Dealer(s) have agreed that any Covered Bonds of any Series which may from time to time be agreed between the Issuer and any Dealer(s) to be issued by the Issuer and subscribed for by such Dealer(s) shall be issued and subscribed for on the basis of, and in reliance upon, the representations, warranties, undertakings and indemnities made or given or provided to be made or given pursuant to the terms of the Programme Agreement. Any such agreement will, *inter alia*, make provision for the terms and conditions of the relevant Covered Bonds, the price at which such Covered Bonds will be purchased by the Dealers and the commissions or other agreed deductibles (if any) payable or allowable by the Issuer in respect of such purchase. The Programme Agreement makes provision for the resignation or termination of appointment of existing Dealers and for the appointment of additional or other Dealers either generally in respect of the Programme or in relation to a particular Tranche of Covered Bonds.

## **Public Offer Selling Restriction under the Prospectus Directive**

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "Relevant Member State"), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the "Relevant Implementation Date") it has not made and will not make an offer of Covered Bonds which are the subject of the offering contemplated by the Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant Member State except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such Covered Bonds to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive;
- (b) at any time to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 Amending Directive, 150, natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (c) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of Covered Bonds referred to in (a) to (c) above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, (i) the expression an "offer of Covered Bonds to the public" in relation to any Covered Bonds in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Covered Bonds to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Covered Bonds, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State, (ii) the expression **Prospectus Directive** means Directive 2003/71/EC (and the amendments thereto, including the 2010 Amending Directive), and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State, and (iii) the expression "2010 Amending Directive" means the Directive 2010/73/EU.

## United States of America

The Covered Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and may not be offered or sold within the United States of America or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Each Dealer 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 Covered Bonds, (a) as part of their distribution at any time or (b) otherwise until 40 days after the completion of the distribution, as determined and certified by the relevant Dealer or, in case of an issue of the 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 within the United States of America or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. 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 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 of America 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.

Until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of any Series of Covered Bonds an offer or sale of such Covered Bonds within the United States of America 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 that in accordance with an available exemption from registration under the Securities Act.

#### 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 each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it will not offer or sell any Covered Bonds, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, resident of Japan (as defined under Item 5, Paragraph 1, Article 6 of the Foreign Exchange and Foreign Trade Act (Act No. 228 of 1949, as amended)), or to others for reoffering or resale, directly or indirectly in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, a resident of Japan except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEA and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

# The United Kingdom

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme 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 any 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 apply to the Issuer or the Covered Bonds Guarantor, as the case may be; 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.

#### France

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, Covered Bonds to the public in France, and it has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in France, the Prospectus, the relevant Final Terms or any other offering material relating to the Covered Bonds and that such offers, sales and distributions have been and will be made in France only to qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*), other than individuals, all as defined in, and in accordance with, articles L.411-1, L.411-2, D.411-1, L.533-16 and L.533-20 of the French Code *monétaire et financier*.

# The Republic of Ireland

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (a) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Covered Bonds except in conformity with the provisions of the Prospectus Directive and, where applicable, implementing measures in Ireland and the provisions of the Companies Acts 2014 of Ireland and every other enactment that is to be read together with any of those Acts;
- (b) in respect of Covered Bonds issued by UBI Banca which are not listed on a stock exchange and which do not mature within two years its action in any jurisdiction will comply with the then applicable laws and regulations of that jurisdiction, it will not knowingly offer to sell such Covered Bonds to an Irish resident, or to persons whose usual place of abode is Ireland, and that it will not knowingly distribute or cause to be distributed in Ireland any offering material in connection with such Covered Bonds. In addition, such Covered Bonds must be cleared through Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, or Depository Trust Company (or any other clearing system recognised for this purpose by the Revenue Commissioners) and have a minimum denomination of £300,000 or its equivalent at the date of issuance;
- (c) in respect of Covered Bonds issued by UBI Banca which are not listed on a stock exchange and which mature within two years, such Covered Bonds must have a minimum denomination of €500,000 or US\$500,000 or, in the case of Covered Bond which are denominated in a currency other than euro or US dollars, the equivalent in that other currency of €500,000 (such amount to be determined by reference to the relevant rate of exchange at the date of first publication of this Programme). In addition, such Covered Bonds must be cleared through Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or Depository Trust Company (or any other clearing system recognised for this purpose by the Revenue Commissioners);
- (d) it has only issued or passed on, and will only issue or pass on, any document received by it in connection with the issue of Covered Bonds to persons who are persons to whom the document may otherwise lawfully be issued or passed on;
- (e) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of S.I. No. 60 of 2007, the European Communities (Markets in Financial Instruments) Regulations 2007 and the provisions of the Investor Compensation Act 1998, with respect to anything done by it in relation to the Covered Bonds or operating in, or otherwise involving, Ireland is acting under and within the terms of an authorisation to do so for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union of 21 April 2004 and it has complied with any applicable codes of conduct or practice made pursuant to implementing measures in respect of the foregoing Directive in any relevant jurisdiction;
- (f) it has not offered or sold or will not offer or sell any Covered Bonds other than in compliance with the provisions of the Central Bank Acts 1942-2013 (as amended) and any codes of conduct rules made thereunder; and
- (g) it has not offered or sold or will not offer or sell any Covered Bonds other than in compliance with the provisions of the Market Abuse (Directive 2003/6/EC) Regulations 2005 (as amended) and any rules issued under the Irish Companies Act 2014 by the Central Bank of Ireland.

#### Germany

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it shall only offer Covered Bonds in the Federal Republic of Germany in compliance with the provisions of the German Securities Prospectus Act (Wertpapierprospektgesetz) and any other laws applicable in the Federal Republic of Germany.

## Republic of Italy

The offering of Covered Bonds has not been registered pursuant to Italian securities legislation and, accordingly, no Covered Bonds may be offered, sold or delivered, nor may copies of the Prospectus or of any other document relating to any Covered Bonds be distributed in the Republic of Italy, except:

- (a) to qualified investors (*investitori qualificati*), as defined pursuant to Article 100 of the Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24th February, 1998, as amended (the "**Financial Law**") and Article 34-*ter*, first paragraph, letter b, of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999(as amended from time to time) ("**Regulation No. 11971**"); or
- (b) in any other circumstances which are exempted from the rules on public offerings pursuant to Article 100 of the Financial Law and Article 34-*ter* of Regulation No. 11971.

Any offer, sale or delivery of the Covered Bonds or distribution of copies of this Prospectus or any other document relating to the Covered Bonds in the Republic of Italy under (a) or (b) above must be:

- (a) made by an investment firm, bank or financial intermediary permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with the Financial Law, CONSOB Regulation No. 16190 of 29 October 2007 and Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1st September, 1993, as amended (the "Banking Law");
- (b) in compliance with Article 129 of the Banking Law, as amended, and the implementing guidelines of the Bank of Italy, as amended from time to time; and
- (c) in compliance with any other applicable laws and regulations or requirement imposed by CONSOB or any other Italian authority.

## General

Each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed that it has complied and will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in each country or jurisdiction in or from which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Covered Bonds or possesses, distributes or publishes this Prospectus or any Final Terms or any related offering material, in all cases at its own expense. Other persons into whose hands this Prospectus or any Final Terms comes are required by the Issuer and the Dealers 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 Prospectus or any Final Terms or any related offering material, in all cases at their own expense.

The Programme Agreement provides that the Dealers 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 the Dealers described in the paragraph headed "General" above.

Selling restrictions may be supplemented or modified with the agreement of the Issuer. Any such supplement or modification may be set out in a supplement to this Prospectus.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

## **Listing and Admission to Trading**

This Prospectus has been approved as a base prospectus issued in compliance with the Prospectus Directive by the Central Bank, as competent authority in Ireland under the Prospectus Directive. The Central Bank only approves this Prospectus as meeting the requirements imposed under the Irish and EU law pursuant to the Prospectus Directive. Application has been made to the Irish Stock Exchange for the Covered Bonds other than Covered Bonds issued in registered form and the N Covered Bonds) issued under the Programme during the period of 12 months from the date of this Prospectus to be admitted to the Official List and trading on its regulated market.

However, Covered Bonds may be issued pursuant to the Programme which will be unlisted or be admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by such other competent authority, stock exchange or quotation system as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) may agree. Such Covered Bonds are not part of this Prospectus and neither the Central Bank nor the Irish Stock Exchange has approved or reviewed information contained in this Prospectus in connection with such Covered Bonds.

The Central Bank may, at the request of the Issuer, send to the competent authority of another Member State of the European Economic Area: (i) a copy of this Prospectus; (ii) a certificate of approval attesting that this Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive; and (iii) if so required by the competent authority of such Member State, a translation into the official language(s) of such Member State of a summary of this Prospectus.

#### **Authorisations**

The update of the Programme has been duly authorised by a resolution of the management board of the Issuer dated 24 February 2015 and a resolution of the board of directors of the Guarantor dated 18 March 2015 and the giving of the Covered Bond Guarantee has been duly authorised by the resolutions of the board of directors of the Guarantor dated 25 June 2008 and 21 July 2008.

# **Legal and Arbitration Proceedings**

There are no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings, (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened, of which the Issuer or the Guarantor is aware), which may have, or have had during the 12-months prior to the date of this Prospectus, a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of the Issuer and/or its Subsidiaries or the Guarantor.

### **Trend Information**

Since 31 December 2014, there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of UBI Banca and the UBI Banca Group.

Since 31 December 2014, there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Guarantor.

## No Significant Change

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of UBI Banca and the UBI Banca Group since 31 March 2015.

Since 31 December 2014, there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Guarantor.

## **Minimum Denomination**

Where Covered Bonds issued under the Programme are admitted to trading on a regulated market within the European Economic Area or offered to the public in a Member State of the European Economic Area in circumstances which require the publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive, such Covered Bonds will not have a denomination of less than Euro 100,000 (or, where the

Covered Bonds are issued in a currency other than Euro, the equivalent amount in such other currency).

### **Documents on Display**

So long as Covered Bonds are capable of being issued under the Programme, physical or electronic copies of the following documents will, when published, be available (in English translation, where necessary) free of charge during usual business hours on any weekday (except for Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) for inspection at the registered office of the Issuer:

- (a) the By-laws of the Issuer and the constitutive documents of the Guarantor;
- (b) the consolidated audited financial statements of the Issuer as at and for the years ended 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2014;
- (c) the unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Issuer as at and for the three months ended 31 March 2015;
- (d) the non-consolidated audited financial statements of the Guarantor as at and for the years ended 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2014;
- (e) the most recently published audited annual financial statements of the Issuer and the Guarantor and the most recently published unaudited interim financial statements (if any) of the Issuer;
- (f) a copy of this Prospectus;
- (g) any future offering circulars, prospectuses, information memoranda and supplements to this Prospectus including Final Terms and any other documents incorporated herein or therein by reference; and
- (h) each of the Transaction Documents.

## **Auditors**

Deloitte & Touche S.p.A. are the auditors of UBI Banca for the period 2012 to 2020, pursuant to article 13, first paragraph and 17, first paragraph, of Legislative Decree No. 39 of 2010. Deloitte & Touche S.p.A., with registered office in Milan, Via Tortona No. 25, are registered the Register of Certified Auditors held by the Ministery for Economy and Finance pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 39 of 27 January 2010 and the Ministerial Decree No. 145 of 20 June 2012 and in the Register of Accountancy Auditors (*Registro dei Revisori Contabili*). Deloitte & Touche S.p.A. is also member of Assirevi, the Italian association of auditing firms.

Deloitte & Touche S.p.A. has audited and rendered unqualified audit reports on the consolidated financial statements of the Issuer for the year ended 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2014.

Deloitte & Touche S.p.A. are the auditors of the Guarantor for the period 31 December 2013 - 31 December 2016 and are registered in Register of Certified Auditors held by the Ministery for Economy and Finance pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 39 of 27 January 2010 and the Ministerial Decree No. 145 of 20 June 2012 and in the Register of Accountancy Auditors ("*Registro dei Revisori Contabili*"), in compliance with the provisions of Decree No. 88 of 27 January 1992. Deloitte & Touche S.p.A. is also a member of Assirevi.

Deloitte & Touche S.p.A. has audited and rendered unqualified audit report on the financial statements of the Guarantor for the year ended 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2014.

### **Post-issuance Information**

Unless otherwise required by any applicable laws or regulations, the Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information.

### **Material Contracts**

Neither the Issuer nor any of its subsidiaries nor the Guarantor has entered into any contracts in the last two years outside the ordinary course of business that have been or may be reasonably expected to be material to their ability to meet their obligations to Covered Bondholders.

# **Clearing of the Covered Bonds**

The Covered Bonds issued in dematerialised form have been accepted for clearance through Monte Titoli, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. The appropriate common code and the International Securities Identification Number in relation to the Covered Bonds of each Tranche will be specified in the relevant Final Terms. The relevant Final Terms shall specify any other clearing system for the Covered Bonds issued in dematerialised form as shall have accepted the relevant Covered Bonds for clearance together with any further appropriate information.

### **GLOSSARY**

- "Accounts" means, collectively, the Italian Accounts, the English Accounts and any other account opened from time to time in connection with the Programme.
- "Adjusted Outstanding Principal Balance" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the section named "Credit Structure" above.
- "Agents" means each of the Italian Account Bank, the Calculation Agent, the Principal Paying Agent, the Registered Paying Agent, the Registrar, the English Account Bank, the Swap Collateral Account Bank and the Guarantor Corporate Servicer.
- "Amortisation Test" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the section named "Credit Structure" above.
- "Amortisation Test Aggregate Loan Amount" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the section named "Credit Structure" above.
- "Amortisation Test Outstanding Principal Balance" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Section named "Credit Structure" above.
- "Appointment Agreement" means the appointment agreement entered into on 10 December 2014 between the Guarantor, the Issuer, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, the English Account Bank, the Swap Collateral Account Bank and the Guarantor Corporate Servicer, pursuant to which the Guarantor has appointed BNP Paribas Securities Services, London Branch as Swap Collateral Account Bank in the context of the Programme.
- "Arranger" means Barclays Bank PLC.
- "Article 74 Event" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Section named "Overview of the Programme The Guarantor and the Covered Bond Guarantee".
- "Article 74 Event Cure Notice" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Section named "Overview of the Programme The Guarantor and the Covered Bond Guarantee".
- "Asset Monitor" means BDO Italia S.p.A., acting in its capacity as asset monitor pursuant to the engagement letter entered into with the Issuer on or about 30 July 2008 as amended and supplemented from time to time and the Asset Monitoring Agreement.
- "Asset Monitoring Agreement" means the asset monitoring agreement entered into on or about 30 July 2008 between, *inter alios*, the Asset Monitor and the Issuer.
- "Asset Monitor Report" means the report to be prepared and delivered by the Asset Monitor to the Guarantor, the Calculation Agent, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders and the Issuer in accordance with the Asset Monitoring Agreement.
- "Asset Percentage" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the section named "Credit Structure" above.
- "Asset Swap Agreements" means the swap agreements entered on or about each Transfer Date between the Guarantor and an Asset Swap Provider..
- "Asset Swap Provider" means any entity acting as asset swap provider to the Guarantor pursuant to an Asset Swap Agreement..
- "Availability Period" means, for the purposes of each Subordinated Loan Agreement, the period starting on date of the signing of the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreement and ending on the date on which all Series of Covered Bonds issued in the context of the Programme have been cancelled or redeemed in full in accordance with the respective Final Terms.

"Bank of Italy Regulations" means the supervisory instructions of the Bank of Italy relating to covered bonds (*Obbligazioni Bancarie Garantite*) under Part III, Chapter 3, of the Circular No. 285 dated 17 December 2013, as subsequently amended and supplemented, containing the "*Disposizioni di vigilanza per le banche*".

"Bankruptcy Law" means Royal Decree No. 267 of 16 March 1942.

"Base Interest" means 0.001 per cent. per annum.

"BdB" means Banco di Brescia S.p.A., a bank with sole shareholder incorporated under the laws of Italy with its registered office at Corso Martiri della Libertà, 13, Brescia, fiscal code and enrolment in the companies register of Brescia No. 03480180177, enrolled under No. 5393 with the register of banks held by the Bank of Italy in accordance with article 13 of the Consolidated Banking Act and part of the UBI Group.

"BdB Portfolios" means the portfolios transferred by BdB to the Guarantor pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement.

"BNYM English Accounts" means the English Interest Collection Account, the English Principal Collection Account (together the "English Collection Accounts") and the Reserve Fund Account, or any other account which may be opened from time to time with the English Account Bank.

"BPA" means Banca Popolare di Ancona S.p.A., a società per azioni incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Italy, having its registered office at Via Don A. Battistoni, 4, 60035 Jesi (AN), Italy, fiscal code and enrolment with the companies register of Ancona number 00078240421, enrolled under number 301 with the register of banks held by the Bank of Italy pursuant to article 13 of the Consolidated Banking Act and part of the UBI Group.

"BPA Portfolios" means the portfolios transferred by BPB to the Guarantor pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement.

"BPB" means Banca Popolare di Bergamo S.p.A., a società per azioni incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Italy, having its registered office at Piazza Vittorio Veneto, 8, 24122, Bergamo, Italy, fiscal code and enrolment with the companies register of Bergamo, number 03034840169, enrolled under number 5561 with the register of banks held by the Bank of Italy pursuant to article 13 of the Consolidated Banking Act and part of the UBI Group.

"BPB Portfolios" means the portfolios transferred by BPB to the Guarantor pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement.

"BPCI" means Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria S.p.A., a società per azioni incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Italy, having its registered office at Via Monte di Pietà 7, 20121 Milano, Italy, fiscal code and enrolment with the companies register of Milan number 03910420961, enrolled under number 5560 with the register of banks held by the Bank of Italy pursuant to article 13 of the Consolidated Banking Act and part of the UBI Group.

"BPCI Portfolios" means the portfolios transferred by BPCI to the Guarantor pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement.

"BRE" means Banca Regionale Europea S.p.A., a bank incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Italy, with its registered office at Via Roma, 13, Cuneo, Italy, fiscal code and enrolment in the companies register of Cuneo No. 01127760047, registered under No. 5240.70 with the register of banks held by the Bank of Italy pursuant to article 13 of the Consolidated Banking Act and part of the UBI Group.

"BRE Portfolios" means the portfolios transferred by BRE to the Guarantor pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement.

- "BVC" means Banca di Valle Camonica S.p.A., a società per azioni incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Italy, having its registered office at Piazza della Republica 2, 25043 Breno (BS), Italy, fiscal code and enrolment with the companies register of Brescia number 00283770170, enrolled under number 83.6.0, with the register of banks held by the Bank of Italy pursuant to article 13 of the Consolidated Banking Act and part of the UBI Group.
- "BVC Portfolios" means the portfolios transferred by BVC to the Guarantor pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement.
- "Business Day" means any day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System (TARGET 2) (or any successor thereto) is open.
- "Calculation Agent" means Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A., acting as calculation agent pursuant to the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement.
- "Calculation Date" means the third day of each month (or, if such day is not a Business Day, then the immediately preceding Business Day).
- "Calculation Period" means each monthly period starting on a Calculation Date (included) and ending on the following Calculation Date (excluded).
- "Carime" means Banca Carime S.p.A., a società per azioni incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Italy, having its registered office at Viale Crati, 87100 Cosenza, Italy, fiscal code and enrolment with the companies register of Cosenza number 13336590156, enrolled under number 5562 with the register of banks held by the Bank of Italy pursuant to article 13 of the Consolidated Banking Act and part of the UBI Group.
- "Carime Portfolios" means the portfolios transferred by Carime to the Guarantor pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement.
- "Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement" means the cash allocation, management and payments agreement entered into on or about 30 July 2008 between, *inter alios*, the Guarantor, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, the Principal Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent, the English Account Bank and the Italian Account Bank.
- "Cash Management Report" means the report which the English Account Bank shall deliver, upon request of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, to the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, the Guarantor Corporate Servicer, the Calculation Agent, the Italian Account Bank and the Sellers, substantially in the form of schedule 5 (*Form of Cash Management Report*) to the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement..
- "Cash Management Report Date" means the fifth Business Day of each month.
- "Central Bank" means the Central Bank of Ireland.
- "Clearstream" means Clearstream Banking, société anonyme, Luxembourg.
- "Collateral Security" means any security (including any loan mortgage insurance and excluding Mortgages) granted to any Seller by any Debtor in order to guarantee or secure the payment and/or repayment of any amount due under the relevant Mortgages Loan Agreements.
- "Collection Period" means each monthly period, commencing on (and including) the first calendar day of each month and ending on (and including) the last calendar day of the same month.
- "Collections" means all amounts received or recovered by the Master Servicer and/or the Sub-Servicers in respect of the Receivables comprised in the Cover Pool.
- "Commercial Assets" means the Real Estate Assets with respect to Commercial Mortgage Loans.

- "Commercial Mortgage Loan" means "crediti ipotecari commerciali" as defined under article 1, sub-paragraph 1, letter (c) of Decree 310 having the features set forth under article 2, sub-paragraph 1, of Decree 310.
- "Commercial Mortgage Loan Agreement" means any commercial mortgage loan agreement out of which Receivables arise.
- "Commingling Amount" means an amount calculated by the Issuer on a monthly basis equal to the maximum of the total amount of Collections and Recoveries expected to be credited to the Italian Collection Account on any of the following 12 (twelve) calendar months and considering a 15 per cent. cumulative prepayment ratio.
- "Commission Regulation No. 809/2004" means the Commission Regulation (EC) No. 809/2004 of 29 April 2004, implementing the Prospectus Directive, as supplemented and amended form time to time.
- "Common Criteria" means the criteria of selection of the Portfolio, as described in section "Description of the Cover Pool" above.
- "Conditions" means the Terms and Conditions of the Covered Bonds and "Condition" means a clause of them.
- "CONSOB" means Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa.
- "Consolidated Banking Act" means Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993.
- "Corporate Services Agreement" means the corporate services agreement entered into on or about 30 July 2008 between the Guarantor and the Guarantor Corporate Servicer.
- "Covered Bonds" means any and all the covered bonds (*obbligazioni bancarie garantite*) issued or to be issued by the Issuer pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions of the Programme Agreement, including the Covered Bonds issued in registered form and the N Covered Bonds.
- "Covered Bond Guarantee" means the guarantee issued by the Guarantor for the purpose of guaranteeing the payments due by the Issuer in respect of the Covered Bonds and the Other Issuer's Creditors, in accordance with the provisions of the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law, Decree 310 and the Bank of Italy Regulations.
- "Covered Bond Instalment Amount" means the principal amount of a Series of Covered Bonds to be redeemed on a Covered Bond Instalment Date as specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Covered Bond Instalment Date" means a date on which a principal instalment is due on a Series of Covered Bonds as specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- "Covered Bond Instalment Extension Determination Date" means, with respect to any Covered Bond Instalment Date, the date falling seven Business Days after such Covered Bond Instalment Date.
- "Covered Bondholders" means the holders of each Series of Covered Bonds.
- "Cover Pool" means the cover pool constituted by, collectively, any assets held by the Guarantor in accordance with the provisions of the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law, the Decree 310 and the Bank of Italy Regulations.
- "Cover Pool Management Agreement" means the cover pool management agreement entered into on 30 July 2008 between the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Sellers, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, the Calculation Agent and the Asset Monitor.

"Credit and Collection Policy" means the procedures for the management, collection and recovery of Receivables attached as schedule 1 (*Procedure di Riscossione*) to the Master Servicing Agreement.

"Criteria" means, collectively, the Common Criteria, the Specific Criteria and any Further Criteria.

"CRR" means the Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms, as amended and supplemented from time to time.

"Dealer" means each of Barclays Bank PLC, Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft, Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft, DZ BANK AG Deutsche Zentral-Genossenschaftsbank AG, Frankfurt am Main, ING Bank N.V., Landesbank Baden-Württemberg, Natixis, Nomura International plc, Société Générale, UBS Limited, UniCredit Bank AG, Goldman Sachs International and any other entity which may be nominated as such by the Issuer upon execution of a letter in the terms or substantially in the terms set out in schedule 6 (Form of Dealer Accession Letter) to the Programme Agreement on any other terms acceptable to the Issuer and such entity.

"**Debtor**" means any borrower and any other person, other than a Mortgagor, who entered into a Mortgage Loan Agreement as principal debtor or guarantor or who is liable for the payment or repayment of amounts due in respect of a Mortgage Loan, as a consequence, *inter alia*, of having granted any Collateral Security or having assumed the borrower's obligation under an *accollo*, or otherwise.

"Decree 239" means Italian Legislative Decree number 239 of 1 April 1996.

"**Decree 310**" means the ministerial decree No. 310 of 14 December 2006 issued by the Ministry of the Economy and Finance.

"Deed of Charge" means the English law deed of charge entered into between the Guarantor and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders (acting on behalf of the Covered Bondholders and the Other Creditors) on 8 November 2011 in order to charge the rights arising under the English Accounts, the Swap Collateral Accounts, the English Account Bank Agreement and the Custody Agreement in favour of the Covered Bondholders and the Other Creditors.

"**Deed of Pledge**" means the Italian law deed of pledge entered into on or about 30 July 2008 between the Guarantor and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders (acting on behalf of the Covered Bondholders and of the Other Creditors).

"**Defaulted Loans**" means any Mortgage Loan in relation to which there are one or more Defaulted Receivables.

"**Defaulted Receivable**" means any Receivable arising from Mortgage Loan Agreements included in the Cover Pool which has been classified as "*crediti deteriorati*" pursuant to the Bank of Italy's supervisory regulations (*Istruzioni di Vigilanza della Banca d'Italia*)

"**Defaulting Party**" has the meaning ascribed to that term in the relevant Swap Agreement.

"**Delinquent Loan**" means any Mortgage Loan in relation to which there are one or more Delinquent Receivables.

"**Delinquent Receivable**" means any Receivable arising from Mortgage Loan Agreements included in the Cover Pool in respect of which there are one or more Instalments due and not paid by the relevant Debtor and which has not been classified as Defaulted Receivable.

"**Drawdown Date**" means the date on which a Term Loan is advanced under the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreement during the Availability Period and that corresponds to, in respect of any

Portfolio, the date on which the relevant purchase price has to be paid to the relevant Seller by the Guarantor pursuant to the terms of the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement.

"Earliest Maturing Covered Bonds" means, at any time, the Series of Covered Bonds that has or have the earliest Maturity Date (if the relevant Series of Covered Bonds is not subject to an Extended Maturity Date) or Extended Maturity Date (if the relevant Series of Covered Bonds is subject to an Extended Maturity Date) as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

"Early Termination Amount" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Terms and Conditions.

"**Eligible Assets**" means the following assets contemplated under article 2, sub-paragraph 1, of Decree 310:

- (i) the Residential Mortgage Loans;
- (ii) the Commercial Mortgage Loans;
- (iii) the Public Entities Receivables; and
- (iv) the Public Entities Securities.

"Eligible Cover Pool" means the aggregate amount of Eligible Assets and Top-up Assets (including any sum standing to the credit of the Accounts) included in the Cover Pool provided that (i) any Defaulted Receivable and those Eligible Assets and Top-up Assets for which a breach of the representations and warranties granted under each Warranty and Indemnity Agreement has occurred and has not been remedied will not be considered for the purpose of the calculation and (ii) any Mortgage Loan in respect of which the LTV exceeds the percentage limit set forth under Article 2, para. 1, of the Decree 310, will be calculated up to an amount of principal which - taking into account the market value of the relevant Real Estate Asset - allows the compliance with such percentage limit.

## "Eligible Institution" means:

- (A) any bank organised under the laws of any country which is a member of the European Union or of the United States (to the extent that United States are a country for which a 0% risk weight is applicable in accordance with the Bank of Italy's prudential regulations for banks standardised approach),
  - (i) whose short-term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations are rated at least "F1" by Fitch (provided that, if any of the above banks is on rating watch negative, it shall be treated as one notch below its then current Fitch rating) and "P-1" by Moody's or
  - (ii) whose obligations are guaranteed (in compliance with the relevant criteria respectively of Fitch and Moody's on the guarantee) by an entity whose short-term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations are rated at least "F1" by Fitch (provided that, if any of the above banks is on rating watch negative, it shall be treated as one notch below its then current Fitch rating) and "P-1" by Moody's and the long-term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of which are rated at least "A" by Fitch (provided that, if any of the above banks is on rating watch negative, it shall be treated as one notch below its then current Fitch rating) and "Aa3" by Moody's " or
  - (iii) any other rating level from time to time provided for in the Rating Agencies' criteria,

provided however that any such bank qualifies for the "credit quality step 1" pursuant to Article 129, let. (c) of the CRR unless (a) it is an entity in the European Union and (b) the exposure vis-

- *à-vis* such bank have a maturity not exceeding 100 (one-hundred) days, in which case it may qualify for the "credit quality step 2" pursuant to Article 129, let. (c) of the CRR;
- (B) with exclusively reference to Clauses 5.3.1 (*Italian Account Bank no longer an Eligible Institution*) and 11.2.9 (*Eligible Institution*) of the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement and with reference to the sole Italian Account Bank until Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.a. acts in such role, any bank organized under the laws of any country which is a member of the European Union, (i) the short term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of which are rated at least "F2" by Fitch (provided that, if any of the above banks is on rating watch negative, it shall be treated as one notch below its then current Fitch rating) and "P 3" by Moody's or (ii) which is guaranteed (in compliance with the relevant criteria respectively of Fitch and Moody's on the guarantee) by an entity whose short term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations are rated at least "F2" by Fitch (provided that, if any of the above banks is on rating watch negative, it shall be treated as one notch below its then current Fitch rating) and "P 3" by Moody's and the long term unsecured, unsubordinated and unguaranteed debt obligations of which are rated at least "A-" by Fitch (provided that, if any of the above banks is on rating watch negative, it shall be treated as one notch below its then current Fitch rating) and "A3" by Moody's.

"Eligible Investment" means any Eligible Assets or Top-up Assets which meet the following requirements:

(i) any Euro denominated security rated at least "P-3" by Moody's and "F2" and/or "BBB+" by Fitch (provided that, if any of the above securities is on rating watch negative, it shall be treated as one notch below its then current Fitch rating), where they have a maturity of up to 30 calendar days or, if greater than 30 calendar days, which may be liquidated without loss within 30 days of a downgrade below "P-3" by Moody's and "F1+" and/or "AA-" by Fitch, and/or (ii) reserve accounts, deposit accounts, and other similar accounts that provide direct liquidity and/or credit enhancement held at a financial institution rated at least "P-3" by Moody's and "F2" and/or "BBB+" by Fitch (provided that, if any of the above financial institutions is on rating watch negative, it shall be treated as one notch below its then current Fitch rating), provided that any such investments mature on or before the next following Guarantor Payment Date or are disposable at no loss

provided that the relevant exposure qualifies for the "credit quality step 1" pursuant to Article 129, let. (c) of the CRR or, in case of exposure vis-à-vis an entity in the European Union which has a maturity not exceeding 100 (one-hundred) days, it may qualify for "credit quality step 2" pursuant to Article 129, let. (c) of the CRR.

"Eligible Investment Maturity Date" means two Business Days before each Guarantor Payment Date.

"English Account Bank" means The Bank of New York Mellon, London branch, acting in its capacity as English account bank pursuant to the English Account Bank Agreement or any such other depository institution as may be appointed in accordance with such English Account Bank Agreement.

"**English Accounts**" means the English Collection Accounts and any Swap Collateral Account and the Reserve Fund Account.

"English BdB Interest Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank for the deposit of the interest Collections received by the Guarantor on the Italian BdB Collection Account, with number 2411909780 (IBAN: GB22IRVT70022524119080), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.

"English BdB Principal Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank for the deposit of the principal Collections received by the Guarantor on the Italian BdB Collection Account, with number 2411989780 (IBAN: GB53IRVT70022524119880), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.

- "English BPA Interest Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank for the deposit of the interest Collections received by the Guarantor on the Italian BPA Collection Account, with number 2411919780 (IBAN: GB38IRVT70022524119180), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.
- "English BPA Principal Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank for the deposit of the principal Collections received by the Guarantor on the Italian BPA Collection Account, with number 2412009780 (IBAN: GB85IRVT70022524120080), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.
- "English BPB Interest Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank for the deposit of the interest Collections received by the Guarantor on the Italian BPB Collection Account, with number 2411939780 (IBAN: GB70IRVT70022524119380), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.
- "English BPB Principal Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank for the deposit of the principal Collections received by the Guarantor on the Italian BPB Collection Account, with number 2412029780 (IBAN: GB20IRVT70022524120280), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.
- "English BPCI Interest Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank for the deposit of the interest Collections received by the Guarantor on the Italian BPCI Collection Account, with number 2411949780 (IBAN: GB86IRVT70022524119480), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.
- "English BPCI Principal Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank for the deposit of the principal Collections received by the Guarantor on the Italian BPCI Collection Account, with number 2412039780 (IBAN: GB36IRVT70022524120380), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.
- "English BVC Interest Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank for the deposit of the interest Collections received by the Guarantor on the Italian BVC Collection Account, with number 2411959780 (IBAN: GB05IRVT70022524119580), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.
- "English BVC Principal Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank for the deposit of the principal Collections received by the Guarantor on the Italian BVC Collection Account, with number 2412049780 (IBAN: GB52IRVT70022524120480), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.
- "English BRE Interest Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank for the deposit of the interest Collections received by Guarantor on the Italian BRE Collection Account, with number 2412079780 (IBAN: GB03IRVT70022524120780), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.
- "English BRE Principal Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank for the deposit of the principal Collections received by Guarantor on the Italian BRE Collection Account, with number 2411999780 (IBAN:

GB69IRVT70022524119980), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.

"English Carime Interest Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank for the deposit of the interest Collections received by the Guarantor on the Italian Carime Collection Account, with number 2411969780 (IBAN: GB21IRVT70022524119680), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.

"English Carime Principal Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank for the deposit of the principal Collections received by the Guarantor on the Italian Carime Collection Account, with number 2412059780 (IBAN: GB68IRVT70022524120580), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.

"English Collection Accounts" means, collectively, the English Principal Collection Accounts and the English Interest Collection Accounts.

"English IWB Interest Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank for the deposit of the interest Collections received by the Guarantor on the Italian IWB Collection Account, with number 2411979780 (IBAN: GB37IRVT70022524119780), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.

"English IWB Principal Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank for the deposit of the principal Collections received by the Guarantor on the Italian IWB Collection Account, with number 2412069780 (IBAN: GB84IRVT70022524120680), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.

"English UBI Interest Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank for the deposit of the interest Collections received by the Guarantor on the Italian UBI Collection Account, with number 7829099780, IBAN GB91IRVT70022578290980, or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.

"English UBI Principal Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank for the deposit of the principal Collections received by the Guarantor on the Italian UBI Collection Account, with number 7829109780, IBAN GB10IRVT70022578291080, or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.

"English Interest Collection Accounts" means collectively, the English BdB Interest Collection Account, the English BPA Interest Collection Account, the English BPB Interest Collection Account, the English BPCI Interest Collection Account, the English BVC Interest Collection Account, the English UBI Interest Collection Account, the English IWB Interest Collection Account, and any other English interest collection accounts which shall be opened by the Guarantor upon any entity part of the UBI Group becoming part of the Programme as Seller, Sub-Servicer and Subordinated Lender.

"English Principal Collection Accounts" means, collectively, the English BdB Principal Collection Account, the English BRE Principal Collection Account, the English BPB Principal Collection Account, the English BPCI Principal Collection Account, the English BVC Principal Collection Account, the English UBI Principal Collection Account, the English IWB Principal Collection Account, the English IWB Principal Collection Account and any other English principal collection accounts which shall be opened by the Guarantor upon any entity part of the UBI Group becoming part of the Programme as Seller, Sub-Servicer and Subordinated Lender.

"**EURIBOR**" means the Euro-Zone Inter-Bank offered rate for Euro deposits, as determined from time to time pursuant to the Transaction Documents.

"Euro", "€" and "EUR" refer to the single currency of member states of the European Union which adopt the single currency introduced in accordance with the treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

"**Euroclear**" means Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., with offices at 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B-1210 Bruxelles

"European Economic Area means the region comprised of member states of the European Union as well as Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

"Excess Receivables" means, in relation to the Cover Pool and on each Calculation Date, those Receivables the aggregate Outstanding Principal of which is equal to: (i) any amount by reason of which the Portfolios comprised in the Cover Pool are in excess (as nominal value, interest coverage and net present value) of any Eligible Assets necessary to satisfy all Tests on the relevant Calculation Date; *minus* (ii) the aggregate Outstanding Principal of those Receivables indicated by the Calculation Agent as Affected Receivables pursuant to the provisions of clause 9.1 (*Payment of Indemnity*) of the Warranty and Indemnity Agreement.

"Expenses" means any documented fees, costs, expenses and taxes required to be paid to any third party creditors (other than the Covered Bondholders, the Other Issuer's Creditors and the Other Creditors) arising in connection with the Programme, and required to be paid (as determined in accordance with the Corporate Services Agreement) in order to preserve the existence of the Guarantor or to comply with applicable laws and legislation.

"Expenses Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the Italian Account Bank, with number 201/89284 (IBAN: IT18S0311111299000000089284), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the Cash Allocation Management and Payments Agreement.

"Expiry Date" means the date falling one year and one day after the date on which all Series of Covered Bonds issued in the context of the Programme have been cancelled or redeemed in full in accordance with their terms and conditions.

"Extended Instalment Date" means the date on which a principal instalment in relation to a Series of Covered Bonds becomes due and payable pursuant to the extension of the relevant Covered Bond Instalment Date as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

"Extended Maturity Date" means the date on which final redemption payments in relation to a specific Series of Covered Bonds becomes due and payable pursuant to the extension of the relevant Maturity Date in accordance with the relevant Final Terms.

"Extension Determination Date" means, with respect to any Series of Covered Bonds, the date falling seven Business Days after (and including) the Maturity Date of such Series of Covered Bonds.

"Facility" means the facility to be granted by each Subordinated Lender pursuant to the terms of clause 2 (*Il Finanziamento*) of the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreement.

"Final Redemption Amount" means, in respect of any Series of Covered Bonds, the principal amount of such Series.

"Final Terms" means, in relation to any issue of any Series of Covered Bonds, the relevant terms contained in the applicable Transaction Documents and, in case of any Series of Covered Bonds to be admitted to listing, the final terms submitted to the appropriate listing authority on or before the Issue Date of the applicable Series of Covered Bonds.

"First Interest Period" means, in relation to any Term Loan, the period starting on the relevant Drawdown Date and ending on the first Guarantor Payment Date.

"Fitch" means Fitch Ratings Limited.

"Further Criteria" means the criteria identified in accordance with clause 2.4.3 (*Criteri Ulteriori*) of each Master Loans Purchase Agreement.

"Guarantee Priority of Payments" means the order of priority pursuant to which the Guarantor Available Funds shall be applied, on each Guarantor Payment Date following the delivery of an Issuer Default Notice, but prior to the delivery of a Guarantor Default Notice, in accordance with the terms of the Intercreditor Agreement.

"Guaranteed Amounts" means the amounts due from time to time from the Issuer to (i) the Covered Bondholders with respect to each Series of Covered Bonds (excluding any additional amounts payable to the Covered Bondholders under Condition 11(a) (*Gross-up by the Issuer*) and (ii) the Other Issuer's Creditors pursuant to the relevant Transaction Documents.

"Guarantor" means UBI Finance S.r.l., acting in its capacity as guarantor pursuant to the Covered Bond Guarantee.

"Guarantor Available Funds" means, collectively, the Interest Available Funds and the Principal Available Funds.

"Guarantor Corporate Servicer" means TMF Management Italy S.r.l., acting in its capacity as corporate servicer of the Guarantor pursuant to the Corporate Services Agreement.

"Guarantor Default Notice" means the notice to be delivered by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders to the Guarantor upon the occurrence of a Guarantor Event of Default.

"Guarantor Event of Default" has the meaning ascribed to such expression in the Conditions.

"Guarantor Payments Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor and held with the Principal Paying Agent, or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement.

"Guarantor Payment Date" means (a) prior to the delivery of a Guarantor Default Notice, the date falling on the 18th day of each month or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately following Business Day; and (b) following the delivery of a Guarantor Default Notice, any day on which any payment is required to be made by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders in accordance with the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments, the relevant Final Terms and the Intercreditor Agreement.

"Guarantor Payment Period" has the meaning ascribed to that term in the Section "Cashflows" above.

"Individual Purchase Price" means, with respect to each Receivable transferred pursuant to the Master Loan Purchase Agreements: (i) the most recent book value (*ultimo valore di iscrizione in bilancio*) of the relevant Receivable *minus* all principal and interest collections (with respect only to the amounts of interest which constitute the most recent book value) received by the Seller with respect to the relevant Receivables up to the relevant Transfer Date and increased of the amount of interest accrued and not yet collected on such Receivables as at the relevant Transfer Date; or, at the option of the relevant Seller (ii) such other value, as indicated by the relevant Receivables had not been transferred for the purpose of article 7-bis, sub-paragraph 7, of the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law.

"**Initial Portfolio**" means the initial portfolio of Receivables, comprising Eligible Assets, purchased by the Guarantor from each Seller pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement.

"Insolvency Event" means in respect of any company, entity, or corporation that:

- (i) such company, entity or corporation has become subject to any applicable bankruptcy, liquidation, administration, insolvency, composition with creditors or insolvent reorganisation (including, without limitation, "fallimento", "liquidazione coatta amministrativa", "concordato preventivo", "accordi di ristrutturazione" and (other than in respect of the Issuer) "amministrazione straordinaria", each such expression bearing the meaning ascribed to it by the laws of the Republic of Italy, and including the seeking of liquidation, winding-up, insolvent reorganisation, dissolution, administration) or similar proceedings or the whole or any substantial part of the undertaking or assets of such company, entity or corporation are subject to a pignoramento or any procedure having a similar effect (other than in the case of the Guarantor, any portfolio of assets purchased by the Guarantor for the purposes of further programme of issuance of Covered Bonds), unless in the opinion of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders (who may in this respect rely on the advice of a legal adviser selected by it), such proceedings are being disputed in good faith with a reasonable prospect of success; or
- (ii) an application for the commencement of any of the proceedings under (i) above is made in respect of or by such company or corporation or such proceedings are otherwise initiated against such company, entity or corporation and, in the opinion of the Representative of the Covered Bondholders (who may in this respect rely on the advice of a legal adviser selected by it), the commencement of such proceedings are not being disputed in good faith with a reasonable prospect of success; or
- (iii) such company, entity or corporation takes any action for a re-adjustment or deferment of any of its obligations or makes a general assignment or an arrangement or composition with or for the benefit of its creditors (other than, in case of the Guarantor, the creditors under the Transaction Documents) or is granted by a competent court a moratorium in respect of any of its indebtedness or any guarantee of any indebtedness given by it or applies for suspension of payments (other than, in respect of the Issuer, the issuance of a resolution pursuant to article 74 of the Consolidated Banking Act); or
- (iv) an order is made or an effective resolution is passed for the winding-up, liquidation or dissolution in any form of such company, entity or corporation or any of the events under article 2484 of the Italian Civil Code occurs with respect to such company, entity or corporation (except in any such case a winding-up or other proceeding for the purposes of or pursuant to a solvent amalgamation, merger, corporate reorganization or reconstruction, the terms of which have been previously approved in writing by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders); or
- (v) such company, entity or corporation becomes subject to any proceedings equivalent or analogous to those above under the law of any jurisdiction in which such company or corporation is deemed to carry on business.

"Instalment" means with respect to each Mortgage Loan Agreement, each instalment due from the relevant Debtor thereunder and which consists of an Interest Instalment and a Principal Instalment.

"Insurance Policies" means the insurance policies taken out with the insurance companies in relation to each Real Estate Asset and each Mortgage Loan.

"**Intercreditor Agreement**" means the intercreditor agreement entered into on or about 30 July 2008, between, *inter alios*, the Guarantor and the Other Creditors.

"Interest Available Funds" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Section named "Cashflows" above.

"Interest Coverage Test" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Section named "Credit Structure" above.

"Interest Instalment" means the interest component of each Instalment.

"Interest Payment Date" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Conditions.

"Issue Date" has the meaning ascribed to such term, with respect to each Series of Covered Bonds, in the relevant Final Terms.

"Issuer" means Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A., acting in its capacity as issuer pursuant to the Programme Agreement.

"Issuer Downgrading Event" means the Issuer being downgraded to "F2" by Fitch and "P-1" by Moody's.

"Issuer Default Notice" means the notice to be delivered by the Representative of the Covered Bondholders to the Issuer and the Guarantor upon the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default.

"Issuer Event of Default" has the meaning ascribed to such expression in the Conditions.

"Italian Account Bank" means Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A., in its capacity as Italian account bank pursuant to the Cash Allocation Management and Payments Agreement.

"Italian Accounts" means the Expenses Account, the Quota Capital Account, the Guarantor Payment Account and the Italian Collection Accounts.

"Italian BdB Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the Italian Account Bank for the deposit of any amount related to the Collections pertaining to the BdB Portfolios, with number 201/89282 (IBAN: IT64Q0311111299000000089282), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the Cash Allocation Management and Payments Agreement.

"Italian BPA Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the Italian Account Bank for the deposit of any amount related to the Collections pertaining to the BPA Portfolios, IBAN IT88F031111129900000089319, or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement.

"Italian BPB Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the Italian Account Bank for the deposit of any amount related to the Collections pertaining to the BPB Portfolios, IBAN IT14E0311111299000000089318, or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement.

"Italian BPCI Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the Italian Account Bank for the deposit of any amount related to the Collections pertaining to the BPCI Portfolios, IBAN: IT32K0311111299000000089329, or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement.

"Italian BRE Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the Italian Account Bank for the deposit of any amount related to the Collections pertaining to the BRE Portfolios, with number 201/89281 (IBAN: IT87P0311111299000000089281),

or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the Cash Allocation Management and Payments Agreement.

"Italian BVC Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the Italian Account Bank for the deposit of any amount related to the Collections pertaining to the BVC Portfolios, IBAN: IT51E0311111299000000089331, or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement.

"Italian Carime Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the Italian Account Bank for the deposit of any amount related to the Collections pertaining to the Carime Portfolios, IBAN: IT 74 D03111129900000089330, or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement.

"Italian IWB Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the Italian Account Bank for the deposit of any amount related to the Collections pertaining to the IWB Portfolios, IBAN: IT55J031111129900000089328, or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement.

"Italian UBI Collection Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the Italian Account Bank for the deposit of any amount related to the Collections pertaining to the UBI Portfolios, number: 89571, IBAN IT21Q0311111299000000089571, or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement.

"Italian Collection Accounts" means, collectively, the Italian BdB Collection Account, the Italian BRE Collection Account and any other Italian collection account which shall be opened by the Guarantor upon any entity part of the UBI Group becoming part of the Programme as Seller, Sub-Servicer and Subordinated Lender, for the purpose of crediting therein collections pertaining to the Portfolios transferred to the Guarantor by such entity in its capacity as Seller.

"IWB" means IW Bank S.p.A., a *società per azioni* incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Italy, having its registered office at Piazzale Fratelli Zavattari, 12, 20149 Milan, Italy, fiscal code and enrolment with the companies register of Milan number 00485260459, enrolled under number 03083.3, with the register of banks held by the Bank of Italy pursuant to article 13 of the Consolidated Banking Act and part of the UBI Group.

"IWB Portfolios" means the portfolios transferred by IWB to the Guarantor pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement.

"Latest Valuation" means, at any time with respect to any Real Estate Asset, the value given to the relevant Real Estate Asset by the most recent valuation (to be performed in accordance with the requirements provided for under the Prudential Regulations) addressed to the Sellers or obtained from an independently maintained valuation model, acceptable to reasonable and prudent institutional mortgage lenders in Italy.

"Liability Swap Agreements" means the swap agreements entered on or about each Issue Date between the Guarantor and a Liability Swap Provider.

"Liability Swap Provider" means any entity acting as a liability swap provider to the Guarantor pursuant to a Liability Swap Agreement.

"Listing Agent" means the Bank of New York Mellon SA/NV, Dublin Branch.

- "Loan Interest Period" means, in relation to any Term Loan: (i) the relevant First Interest Period; and thereafter (ii) each monthly period starting on a Guarantor Payment Date (excluded) and ending on the following Guarantor Payment Date (included).
- "LTV" means, with respect to a Mortgage Loan, the Loan-to-Value ratio, determined as the ratio between the value of a Real Estate Asset and the value of the relevant Mortgage Loan.
- "Mandate Agreement" means the mandate agreement entered into on or about 30 July 2008 between the Representative of the Covered Bondholders and the Guarantor.
- "Margin" has the meaning ascribed to such term under the Final Terms.
- "Master Definitions Agreement" means the master definitions agreement entered into on or about 30 July 2008, between the Issuer, the Guarantor and the Other Creditors.
- "Master Loans Purchase Agreement" means each master loans purchase agreement entered into between the Guarantor and a Seller.
- "Master Servicer" means Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A., in its capacity as master servicer pursuant to the Master Servicing Agreement.
- "Master Servicer Termination Event" means any of the events set out under clause 10.1 (Casi di revoca del mandato del Master Servicer) of the Master Servicing Agreement, which allows the Guarantor to terminate the Master Servicer's appointment and appoint a Substitute Master Servicer.
- "Master Servicing Agreement" means the master servicing agreement entered into on 30 June 2008 between the Guarantor, the Issuer, the Master Servicer and the Sub-Servicers.
- "Maturity Date" means each date on which final redemption payments for a Series of Covered Bonds become due in accordance with the Final Terms but subject to it being extended to the Extended Maturity Date.
- "**Monte Titoli**" means Monte Titoli S.p.A., a *società per azioni* having its registered office at Piazza degli Affari 6, 20123 Milan, Italy.
- "Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service Ltd.
- "Mortgage Loan Agreement" means any Residential Mortgage Loan Agreement or Commercial Mortgage Loan Agreement, as the case may be, out of which the Receivables arise.
- "Mortgage Loan" means a Residential Mortgage Loan or a Commercial Mortgage Loan, as the case may be.
- "Mortgages" means the mortgage security interests (*ipoteche*) created on the Real Estate Assets or the Commercial Assets, as the case may be, pursuant to Italian law in order to secure claims in respect of the Receivables.
- "Mortgagor" means any person, either a borrower or a third party, who has granted a Mortgage in favour of a Seller to secure the payment or repayment of any amount payable in respect of a Mortgage Loan, and/or his/her successor in interest.
- "Negative Carry Factor" means a percentage (which will never be less than 0.5 per cent.) calculated by reference to the weighted average margin of the Covered Bonds.
- "Net Deposit Amount of Future Transfers" means, for each Debtor, an amount equal to the lower of:
- while the Covered Bonds are rated "AAA" by Fitch and "Aaa" by Moody's, an amount equal to the lower of;

- (i) the Outstanding Principal Balance of the assets transferred to the Guarantor since 31 October 2011 and included in the Cover Pool in relation to which such Debtor is a debtor, and
- (ii) the higher of:
  - (a) the lower of the (a) the aggregate amount of cash or saving accounts deposited by such Debtor with the relevant Seller, as of the date on which all the formalities relating to the assignment of the assets relating to such Debtor, as provided for under the Master Loan Purchase Agreement, have been complied with, and (b) the monthly aggregate amount of cash or saving accounts deposited by such Debtor with the relevant Seller, calculated at the end of the previous calendar month, and
  - (b) an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent which will be made public and notified to the Rating Agencies. With respect to Moody's, such amount will be calculated in accordance with the methodologies and/or the calculations set out with Moody's,

if the Covered Bonds cease to be rated "AAA" by Fitch and "Aaa" by Moody's, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent which will be made public and notified to the Rating Agencies. With respect to Moody's, such amount will be calculated in accordance with the methodologies and/or the calculations set out with Moody's.

### "Net Deposit Amount of Previous Transfers" means for each Debtor

- (A) while the Covered Bonds are rated "AAA" by Fitch and "Aaa" by Moody's, an amount equal to the lower of:
  - (i) the Outstanding Principal Balance of the assets transferred to the Guarantor until 30 October 2011 and included in the Cover Pool in relation to which such Debtor is a debtor, and
  - (ii) the higher of:
    - (a) the lower of (a) the aggregate amount of cash or saving accounts deposited by such Debtor with the relevant Seller, as of 31 October 2011, and (b) the monthly aggregate amount of cash or saving accounts deposited by such Debtor with the relevant Seller, calculated at the end of the previous calendar month; and
    - (b) an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent which will be made public and notified to the Rating Agencies. With respect to Moody's, such amount will be calculated in accordance with the methodologies and/or the calculations set out with Moody's,
- (B) if the Covered Bonds cease to be rated "AAA" by Fitch and "Aaa" by Moody's, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent which will be made public and notified to the Rating Agencies. With respect to Moody's, such amount will be calculated in accordance with the methodologies and/or the calculations set out with Moody's.

"Net Present Value Test" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Section named "Credit Structure" above.

"Net Present Value" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Section named "Credit Structure" above.

- "New Portfolio" means any portfolio (other than the Initial Portfolio), comprising Eligible Assets, and/or Top-Up Assets which may be purchased by the Guarantor from any Seller pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions of the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement.
- "Nominal Value" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Section named "Credit Structure" above.
- "Nominal Value Test" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Section named "Credit Structure" above.
- "N Covered Bonds" means the German law governed covered bonds issued in registered form (Gedeckte Namensschuldverschreibungen).
- "N Covered Bond Agreement" means, in respect of any Series of N Covered Bonds, an agreement to be entered into between the Issuer, the Guarantor, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders and the relevant N Covered Bondholder.
- "N Covered Bond Assignment Agreement" means, in respect of any N Covered Bonds, an assignment agreement attached to each N Covered Bond Certificate."
- "N Covered Bond Certificate" means the certificate evidencing the N Covered Bonds.
- "N Covered Bond Conditions" means the terms and conditions of each N Covered Bond.
- "Official Gazette" means La Gazzetta Ufficiale della Repubblica Italiana.
- "Organisation of the Covered Bondholders" means the association of the Covered Bondholders, organised pursuant to the Rules of the Organisation of the Covered Bondholders.
- "Other Creditors" means, the Sellers, the Master Servicer, the Sub-Servicers, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders, the Calculation Agent, the Guarantor Corporate Servicer, the Principal Paying Agent, the Italian Account Bank, the English Account Bank, the Asset Monitor, the Swap Providers, the Swap Collateral Account Bank, the Registered Paying Agent and the Registrar, and any other creditors which may, from time to time, be identified as such in the context of the Programme.
- "Other Issuer's Creditors" means the Principal Paying Agent, any Liability Swap Provider, the Asset Monitor and any other Issuer's creditors which may from time to time be identified as such in the context of the Programme.
- "Outstanding Principal" means, on any given date and in relation to any Receivable, the sum of all (i) Principal Instalments due but unpaid at such date; and (ii) the Principal Instalments not yet due at such date.
- "Outstanding Principal Amount" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Conditions.
- "Outstanding Principal Balance" means, on any date, in relation to a loan, a bond or any other asset included in the Cover Pool, the aggregate nominal principal amount outstanding of such loan, bond or asset at such date.
- "Portfolio" means, in respect of each Seller, collectively, the Initial Portfolio and any New Portfolios which has been purchased and will be purchased by the Guarantor pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement.
- "Portfolio Manager" means the entity appointed as such in accordance with of the Cover Pool Management Agreement.

"Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments" means the order of priority pursuant to which the Guarantor Available Funds shall be applied on each Guarantor Payment Date, following the delivery of a Guarantor Default Notice, in accordance with the Intercreditor Agreement.

"Potential Set-Off Amount" means the sum of the Potential Set-Off Amount of Previous Transfers and the Potential Set-Off Amount of Future Transfers.

"Potential Set-Off Amount of Future Transfers" means an amount equal to the aggregate Outstanding Principal Balance of the assets transferred to the Guarantor since 31 October 2011 and included in the Cover Pool that could potentially be set-off by the relevant Debtors against any credit owed by any such Debtor towards the relevant Seller. Such amount, which in any case will never be lower than the Net Deposits of Future Transfers, will be calculated by the Calculation Agent (based on the aggregate information provided by the Master Servicer) on a quarterly basis on each Calculation Date and/or on each other date on which the Nominal Value Test is to be carried out pursuant to the provisions of the Cover Pool Management Agreement.

"Potential Set-Off Amount of Previous Transfers" means an amount equal to the aggregate Outstanding Principal Balance of the assets transferred to the Guarantor until 30 October 2011 and included in the Cover Pool that could potentially be set-off by the relevant Debtors against any credit owed by any such Debtor towards the relevant Seller. Such amount, which in any case will never be lower than the Net Deposits of Previous Transfers, will be calculated by the Calculation Agent (based on the aggregate information provided by the Master Servicer) on a quarterly basis on each Calculation Date and/or on each other date on which the Nominal Value Test is to be carried out pursuant to the provisions of the Cover Pool Management Agreement.

"Pre-Issuer Event of Default Interest Priority of Payments" means the order of priority pursuant to which the Interest Available Funds shall be applied on each Guarantor Payment Date, prior to the delivery of an Issuer Default Notice in accordance with the Intercreditor Agreement.

"Pre-Issuer Event of Default Principal Priority of Payments" means the order of priority pursuant to which the Principal Available Funds shall be applied on each Guarantor Payment Date, prior to the delivery of an Issuer Default Notice in accordance with the Intercreditor Agreement.

"**Premium**" means the premium payable by the Guarantor to each Seller in accordance with the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreement, as determined thereunder.

"Principal Available Funds" has the meaning ascribed to such term in the Section named "Cashflows".

"Principal Instalment" means the principal component of each Instalment.

"Principal Paying Agent" means The Bank of New York Mellon (Luxembourg) S.A., Italian Branch, acting in its capacity as principal paying agent pursuant to the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement.

"**Priority of Payments**" means each of the Pre-Issuer Event of Default Interest Priority of Payments, the Pre-Issuer Event of Default Principal Priority of Payments, the Guarantee Priority of Payments and the Post-Enforcement Priority of Payments.

"Privacy Law" means the Italian Legislative Decree number 196 of 30 June 2003, as subsequently amended, modified or supplemented, together with any relevant implementing regulations as integrated from time to time by the *Autorità Garante per la Protezione dei Dati Personali*.

"**Programme**" means the programme for the issuance of each Series of Covered Bonds (*obbligazioni bancarie garantite*) by the Issuer in accordance with article 7-bis of the Securitisation and Covered Bond Law.

"**Programme Agreement**" means the programme agreement entered into on or about 30 July 2008 between, *inter alios*, the Guarantor, the Sellers, the Issuer, the Representative of the Covered Bondholders and the Dealers.

"**Prospectus**" means the prospectus prepared in connection with the issue of the Covered Bonds and the establishment and any update of the Programme, as supplemented from time to time.

"**Prospectus Directive**" means Directive 2003/71/EC of 4 November 2003, as amended (which includes the amendments made by Directive 2010/73/EU to the extent that such amendments have been implemented in a relevant Members State of the European Economic Area).

"**Prudential Regulations**" means the prudential regulations for banks issued by the Bank of Italy on 17 December 2013 with Circular No. 285 (Disposizioni di vigilanza per le banche) as subsequently amended and supplemented.

#### "Public Entities" means:

- (i) public entities, including ministerial bodies and local or regional bodies, located within the European Economic Area or Switzerland for which a risk weight not exceeding 20 per cent. is applicable in accordance with the Bank of Italy's prudential regulations for banks standardised approach;
- (ii) public entities, located outside the European Economic Area or Switzerland, for which a 0 per cent. risk weight is applicable in accordance with the Bank of Italy's prudential regulations for banks standardised approach or regional or local public entities or non-economic administrative entities, located outside the European Economic Area or Switzerland, for which a risk weight not exceeding 20 per cent. is applicable in accordance with the Bank of Italy's prudential regulations for banks standardised approach.

"Public Entity Receivables" means, pursuant to article 2, sub-paragraph 1, of Decree 310, any receivables owned by, or receivables which have been benefit of a guarantee eligible for credit risk mitigation granted by, Public Entities.

"**Public Entity Securities**" means pursuant to article 2, sub-paragraph 1, of Decree 310, any securities issued by, or which have benefit of a guarantee eligible for credit risk mitigation granted by, Public Entities.

"Purchase Price" means, in relation to the Initial Portfolio and each New Portfolio transferred by a Seller, the consideration paid by the Guarantor to such Seller for the transfer thereof, calculated in accordance with the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement.

"Quotaholders' Agreement" means the agreement entered into on or about 30 July 2008, between UBI, Stichting Mara, the Guarantor and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders.

"Quotaholders" means Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A. and Stichting Mara.

"Quota Capital" means the quota capital of the Guarantor, equal to Euro 10,000.

"Quota Capital Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the Italian Account Bank, with number 201/89283 (IBAN: IT41R0311111299000000089283) for the deposit of the Quota Capital.

"Rating Agencies" means Fitch and Moody's.

"Real Estate Assets" means the real estate properties which have been mortgaged in order to secure the Receivables.

- "Receivables" means specifically each and every right arising under the Mortgage Loans pursuant to the Mortgage Loan Agreements, including but not limited to:
- (i) all rights in relation to all Outstanding Principal of the Mortgage Loans as at the relevant Transfer Date;
- (ii) all rights in relation to interest (including default interest) amounts which will accrue on the Mortgage Loans as from the relevant Transfer Date;
- (iii) all rights in relation to the reimbursement of expenses and in relation to any losses, costs, indemnities and damages and any other amount due to each Seller in relation to the Mortgage Loans, the Mortgage Loan Agreements, including penalties and any other amount due to each Seller in the case of prepayments of the Mortgage Loans, and to the warranties and insurance related thereto, including the rights in relation to the reimbursement of legal, judicial and other possible expenses incurred in connection with the collection and recovery of all amounts due in relation to the Mortgage Loans up to and as from the relevant Transfer Date;
- (iv) all rights in relation to any amount paid pursuant to any Insurance Policy or guarantee in respect of the Mortgage Loans of which each Seller is the beneficiary or is entitled pursuant to any liens (*vincoli*);
- (v) all of the above together with the Mortgages and any other security interests (garanzie reali o garanzie personali) assignable as a result of the assignment of the Receivables (except for the fidejussioni omnibus which have not been granted exclusively in relation to or in connection with the Mortgage Loans), including any other guarantee granted in favour of the Sellers in connection with the Mortgage Loans or the Mortgage Loan Agreements and the Receivables.

"**Receiver**" means any receiver, manager or administrative receiver appointed in accordance with clause 8 (*Appointment of Receiver*) of the Deed of Charge.

"Recoveries" means any amount received or recovered by the Master Servicer, or by each Sub-Servicer in accordance with the terms of the Master Servicing Agreement, in relation to any Defaulted Receivable and any Delinquent Receivable.

"**Register**" means the register of the holders of the Covered Bonds issued in registered form and/or the N Covered Bonds to be maintained by the Registrar.

"Registered Paying Agent" means the Issuer or any other institution which shall be appointed by the Issuer to act as paying agent in respect of the Covered Bonds issued in registered form and/or the N Covered Bonds under the Programme.

"Registrar" means the Issuer or any other institution which shall be appointed by the Issuer to act as registrar in respect of the Covered Bonds issued in registered form and/or the N Covered Bonds under the Programme.

"**Relevant Portfolio**" means, in respect of each Asset Swap Agreement, the Portfolio transferred to the Guarantor by the Asset Swap Provider which is party thereto.

"Relevant Seller Portfolio Test" means the test that the Calculation Agent will perform on each Calculation Date in the same manner as the Nominal Value Test, with respect to the Portfolio transferred by each relevant Seller.

"Representative of the Covered Bondholders" means BNY Mellon Corporate Trustee Services Limited, acting in its capacity as representative of the Covered Bond holders pursuant to the Intercreditor Agreement, the Programme Agreement, the Conditions and the Final Terms of each Series of Covered Bonds.

"Reserve Fund Account" means the Euro denominated account established in the name of the Guarantor with the English Account Bank with number 2372349780 (IBAN: GB84IRVT70022524120680), or such other substitute account as may be opened in accordance with the English Account Bank Agreement.

"Reserve Fund Amount" means, on each Guarantor Payment Date, an aggregate amount, as calculated by the Calculation Agent on or prior to each Calculation Date in relation to all the outstanding Series of Covered Bonds, equal to the sum of, the aggregate amount to be paid by the Guarantor on the immediately following Guarantor Payment Date in respect of the items (*first*) to (*third*) of the Pre-Issuer Event of Default Interest Priority of Payments or the Guarantee Priority of Payments, as the case may be and:

- (A) if a Liability Swap Agreement has been entered into in relation to the relevant Series of Covered Bonds and the Issuer is the Liability Swap Provider, "four thirds" of the interests accruing in respect of all the outstanding Series of Covered Bonds during the immediately following Calculation Period until the entire amount of the maturing coupon of each Series of Covered Bonds is fully reserved for; and/or
- (B) if a Liability Swap Agreement has been entered into in relation to the relevant Series of Covered Bonds and the Issuer is not the Liability Swap Provider, the sum of:
  - an amount equal to any interest amounts actually received from, and any amount which would have been due to be paid, but for the application of netting have not been paid, by the respective Liability Swap Provider after the last relevant Interest Payment Date (or, with regard to Series in respect of which no Interest Payment Date occurred, the Issue Date) of the Series in respect of which the relevant Liability Swap Agreement has been entered into, and until the entire amount of the maturing coupon of each Series of Covered Bonds is fully reserved for,
  - an amount equal to "four thirds" of the amount of interest accruing in respect of the unhedged portion of each such Series of Covered Bonds since the last relevant Interest Payment Date (or, with regard to Series in respect of which no Interest Payment Date occurred, the Issue Date) up to the end of the immediately following Calculation Period:
  - an amount equal to any interest amounts due in the immediately following three months to the respective Liability Swap Provider in respect of the relevant Liability Swap Agreement, calculated by applying the specified Euribor rate increased by the applicable spread for each relevant Liability Swap Agreement and determined on a forward basis; and
  - 4) Euro 400,000;

provided that the sum of the amounts under (1) and (2) above will not at any time exceed the amounts due in relation to that Series of Covered Bonds on the following Interest Payment Date, and

(C) if no Liability Swap Agreement has been entered into in relation to a Series of Covered Bonds, any interest amounts due in relation to that Series of Covered Bonds in the immediately following three months.

"Residential Mortgage Loan" means "crediti ipotecari residenziali" – as defined under article 1, sub-paragraph 1, letter (b) of Decree 310 – having the features set forth under, pursuant to article 2, sub-paragraph 1, of Decree 310.

"Residential Mortgage Loan Agreement" means any residential mortgage loan agreement out of which Receivables arise.

"Securities Accounts" means the accounts (if any) that will be opened in the name of the Guarantor with the Italian Account Bank or the English Account Bank, upon purchase by the Guarantor from any Seller of Eligible Assets and/or Top-Up Assets represented by bonds, debentures, notes or other financial instruments in book entry form in accordance with and subject to the conditions of the Cash Allocation Management and Payment Agreement and the English Account Bank Agreement.

"Securities Act" means the U.S. Securities Act of 1933.

"Securitisation and Covered Bond Law" means Italian Law No. 130 of 30 April 1999.

"Seller" means any seller in its capacity as such pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement.

"Series of Covered Bonds" means each series of Covered Bonds issued in the context of the Programme.

"Sole Affected Party" means an Affected Party as defined in the relevant Swap Agreement which at the relevant time is the only Affected Party under such Swap Agreement.

"**Specific Criteria**" means the criteria as described in Section named "*Description of the Cover Pool*" above.

"**Specified Currency**" means the currency as may be agreed from time to time by the Issuer, the relevant Dealer(s), the Principal Paying Agent and the Representative of the Covered Bondholders (as set out in the applicable Final Terms).

"Statutory Tests" means such tests provided for under article 3 of Decree 310 and namely: (i) the Nominal Value Test, (ii) the Net Present Value Test and (iii) the Interest Coverage Test, as further described in the Section named "Credit Structure" above.

"Subordinated Lender" means each Seller, in its capacity as subordinated lender pursuant to the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreement.

"**Subordinated Loan Agreement**" means each subordinated loan agreement entered into between a Subordinated Lender and the Guarantor.

"Substitute Master Servicer" means the successor to the Master Servicer which may be appointed by the Guarantor, upon the occurrence of a Master Servicer Termination Event, pursuant to clause 10.4 (Sostituto del Master Servicer) of the Master Servicing Agreement.

"Sub-Servicer" means each Seller, other than UBI, in its capacity as sub-servicer pursuant to the Master Servicing Agreement.

"Substitute Master Servicer" means the successor of the Master Servicer upon the occurrence of a Master Servicer Termination Event, which may be appointed by the Guarantor pursuant to clause 10.4 (Sostituto del Master Servicer) of the Master Servicing Agreement.

"Swap Agreements" means, jointly and severally, as the case may require, each Asset Swap Agreement, each Liability Swap Agreement, each being a 1992 ISDA Master Agreement (Multicurrency – Cross Border) (including the respective schedule credit support annexes thereto and any confirmation evidencing a swap transaction entered into thereunder) that may be entered into from time to time, and any other swap agreement that may be entered into in connection with the Programme.

"Swap Calculation Period" has the meaning given to the term "Calculation Period" in each Asset Swap Agreement.

"Swap Collateral" means the collateral which may be transferred by the relevant Swap Provider to the Issuer or, as the case may require, the Guarantor in support of its obligations under the Swap Agreements.

"Swap Collateral Account Bank" means BNP Paribas Securities Services, London Branch acting in its capacity as swap collateral account bank pursuant to the Cash Allocation Management and Payment Agreement and the English Account Bank Agreement or any such other bank as may be appointed as such in accordance with the Cash Allocation Management and Payment Agreement and the English Account Bank Agreement.

"Swap Collateral Accounts" means, collectively, any Swap Collateral Cash Account and any Swap Collateral Securities Account.

"Swap Collateral Cash Account" means any collateral account with respect to each Swap Provider, opened, in name and on behalf of the Guarantor, with the English Account Bank on which the Swap Collateral in the form of cash is and/or will be posted in accordance with the relevant Swap Agreement and the English Account Bank Agreement.

"Swap Collateral Cash Account" means the account IBAN No. GB29 PARB 6095 8870 2266 71 and any collateral account with respect to each Swap Provider, opened, in name and on behalf of the Guarantor, with the Swap Collateral Account Bank on which each Swap Collateral in the form of cash is and/or will be posted in accordance with the relevant Swap Agreement and the English Account Bank Agreement.

"Swap Collateral Securities Account" means the account No. 1040702266G and any collateral account (if any) related to each Swap Provider which may be opened, in name and on behalf of the Guarantor, with the Swap Collateral Account Bank on which the Swap Collateral in the form of securities may be posted in accordance with the relevant Swap Agreement.

"Swap Collateral Excluded Amounts" means at any time, the amounts of Swap Collateral which may not be applied under the terms of the relevant Swap Agreement at that time in satisfaction of the relevant Swap Provider's obligations to the Guarantor or, as the case may be, the Issuer including Swap Collateral which is to be returned to the relevant Swap Provider from time to time in accordance with the terms of the Swap Agreements and ultimately upon termination of the relevant Swap Agreement.

"Swap Providers" means, jointly and severeally, as the case may require, the Asset Swap Providers, the Liability Swap Providers and any other entity that may act as counterparty to the Guraantor by entering into a Swap Agreement.

"TARGET2" means the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer payments system which utilises a single shared platform and which was launched on 19 November 2007.

"**Term Loan**" means a loan made or to be made available to the Guarantor under the Facility or the principal amount outstanding for the time being of that loan, in accordance with each Subordinated Loan Agreement.

"Tests" means, collectively, the Statutory Tests and the Amortisation Test.

"**Test Grace Period**" means the period starting from the Calculation Date on which the breach of a test is notified by the Calculation Agent and ending on the immediately following Calculation Date.

"**Test Performance Report**" means the report to be delivered, not later than the tenth Business Day of each month,, by the Calculation Agent pursuant to the terms of the Cover Pool Management Agreement.

"**Top-Up Assets**" means, in accordance with article 2, sub-paragraph 3.2 and 3.3 of Decree 310, each of the following assets:

- (i) deposits held with banks which (a) have their registered office in the European Economic Area or Switzerland or in a country for which a 0% risk weight is applicable in accordance with the Bank of Italy's prudential regulations for banks standardised approach and (b) qualify as Eligible Institutions; and
- (ii) securities issued by the banks indicated in item (i) above, which have a residual maturity not exceeding one year.

"Total Commitment" with respect to each Subordinated Lender, has the meaning ascribed to such term under the relevant Subordinated Loan Agreement.

"Tranche" means the tranche of Covered Bonds (excluding any Series of Covered Bonds issued in registered form and the N Covered Bonds, which may be issued only in Series) issued under the Programme to which each Final Terms relates, each such tranche forming part of a Series.

"Transaction Documents" means each Master Loans Purchase Agreement, the Master Servicing Agreement, each Warranty and Indemnity Agreement, the Cash Allocation, Management and Payments Agreement, the Programme Agreement, each Subscription Agreement, the Cover Pool Management Agreement, the Intercreditor Agreement, each Subordinated Loan Agreement, the Asset Monitoring Agreement, the Covered Bond Guarantee, the Corporate Services Agreement, the Swap Agreements, the Mandate Agreement, the Quotaholders' Agreement, the Conditions, the Deed of Pledge, the Deed of Charge, the English Account Bank Agreement, the Master Definitions Agreement, each Final Term, each N Covered Bond Certificate, each N Covered Bond Agreements, each N Covered Bond Agreement and the N Covered Bond Conditions, and any other agreement which will be entered into from time to time in connection with the Programme.

"**Transfer Date**" means: (a) with respect to the Initial Portfolio, 1 July 2008; and (ii) with respect to New Portfolios, the date designated by each Seller in the relevant Transfer Notice.

"Transfer Notice" means, in respect to each New Portfolio, such transfer notice which will be sent by each Seller and addressed to the Guarantor in the form set out in the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement.

"Treaty" means the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

"UBI" means Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A., a joint-stock co-operative company (società co-operativa per azioni) incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Italy with its registered office at Piazza Vittorio Veneto 8, 24122 Bergamo, fiscal code and enrolment in the companies register of Bergamo No. 03053920165, enrolled under No. 5678 with the register of banks held by the Bank of Italy in accordance with article 13 of the Consolidated Banking Act and enrolled under No. 3111.2 with the register held by the Bank of Italy in accordance with article 64 of the Consolidated Banking Act.

"**UBI Portfolios**" means the portfolios transferred by UBI to the Guarantor pursuant to the relevant Master Loans Purchase Agreement.

"UBI Group" means a banking group whose structure includes, as at the date this Prospectus, Unione di Banche Italiane S.c.p.A. as parent company and the following banks: (i) Banca Popolare di Bergamo S.p.A., (ii) Banco di Brescia S.p.A., (iii) Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria S.p.a., (iv) Banca Regionale Europea S.p.A., (v) Banca Popolare di Ancona S.p.A., (vi) Banca Carime S.p.A., (vii) Banca di Valle Camonica S.p.A. and (viii) IW Bank S.p.A.

"VAT" means *Imposta sul Valore Aggiunto (IVA)* as defined in D.P.R. number 633 of 26 October 1972.

"Warranty and Indemnity Agreement" means each warranty and indemnity agreement entered into between a Seller and the Guarantor.

"Weighted Average Balance" means in respect of Loans in a Swap Calculation Period, the aggregate outstanding balance of the Loans in the Relevant Portfolio on the first day of such Swap Calculation Period plus the aggregate outstanding balance of the Loans in the Relevant Portfolio on the last day of such Swap Calculation Period divided by two.

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