



BANCA IMI S.p.A.

(incorporated with limited liability in the Republic of Italy)

WARRANT AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME

Under the terms of its Warrant and Certificate Programme (the **Programme**), Banca IMI S.p.A. (the **Issuer**) may from time to time issue warrants (**Warrants**) or certificates (**Certificates** and, together with the Warrants, **Securities**) of any kind including, but not limited to, Warrants or Certificates relating to a specified index or a basket of indices (**Index Securities**), a specified share or a basket of shares (**Share Securities**), a specified debt instrument or a basket of debt instruments (**Debt Securities**), a specified currency or a basket of currencies (**Currency Securities**), a specified fund or a basket of funds (**Fund Securities**) or a specified commodity or a basket of commodities (**Commodity Securities**). Each issue of Securities will be made on the terms set out herein which are relevant to such Securities under “*Terms and Conditions of the Securities*” (the **Conditions**) and on such additional terms as will be set out in a final terms document (the **Final Terms**).

Application has been made to the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* (the **CSSF**) in its capacity as competent authority under the Luxembourg Act dated 10 July 2005 on prospectuses for securities to approve this document as a base prospectus. Application has also been made to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange for Securities issued under the Programme to be admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange’s regulated market and to be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. The regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange is a regulated market for the purposes of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (Directive 2004/39/EC).

The Programme provides that Securities may be listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on such further or other stock exchanges or markets as the Issuer may determine. In particular, the Issuer may list the Securities on the Italian Stock Exchange and admit the Securities to trading on the electronic “Securitised Derivatives Market” organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. (the **SeDeX**). The applicable Final Terms will specify whether or not Securities are to be listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and/or any other stock exchange(s). The Issuer may also issue unlisted Securities and/or Securities not admitted to trading on any market.

Prospective purchasers of Securities should ensure that they understand the nature of the relevant Securities and the extent of their exposure to risks and that they consider the suitability of the relevant Securities as an investment in the light of their own circumstances and financial condition. Securities involve a high degree of risk, including the risk of their expiring worthless. Potential investors should be prepared to sustain a loss of all or part of the purchase price of their Securities. It is the responsibility of prospective purchasers to ensure that they have sufficient knowledge, experience and professional advice to make their own legal, financial, tax, accounting and other business evaluation of the merits and risks of investing in the Securities and are not relying on the advice of the Issuer or, if relevant, any Manager in that regard. See “Risk Factors” on pages 13 to 20. In addition, the applicable Final Terms may contain specific risk factors relating to the relevant Securities.

The Securities and, in the case of Physical Delivery Securities, the Entitlement (as defined herein) to be delivered upon the exercise of such Securities, have not been, and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the **Securities Act**) or any state securities laws and trading in the Securities has not been approved by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended. The Securities are only being offered and sold pursuant to the registration exemption contained in Regulation S under the Securities Act. No Securities of any series, or interests therein, may at any time be offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, exercised, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act) and any offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, exercise, redemption, transfer or delivery made, directly or indirectly, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person will not be recognised. The Securities may not be legally or beneficially owned at any time by any U.S. person. For a description of certain further restrictions on offers and sales of the Securities and on the distribution of this Base Prospectus, see “*Offering and Sale*” below.

The date of this Base Prospectus is 12 September, 2008.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

This Base Prospectus comprises a base prospectus for the purposes of Article 5.4 of Directive 2003/71/EC (the Prospectus Directive).

The Issuer (the Responsible Person) accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Base Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Base Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

Subject as provided in the applicable Final Terms, the only persons authorised to use this Base Prospectus in connection with an offer of Securities are the Issuer, the persons named in the applicable Final Terms as the relevant Manager(s) and the persons named in or identifiable following the applicable Final Terms as the Financial Intermediaries, as the case may be.

This Base Prospectus is to be read and construed in conjunction with all documents which are deemed to be incorporated herein by reference (see “*Documents Incorporated by Reference*” below) and, in relation to any Securities, should be read and construed together with the applicable Final Terms. This Base Prospectus shall be read and construed on the basis that such documents are incorporated and form part of this Base Prospectus.

A description of the Final Terms is set out herein on page 21 and will specify with respect to the issue of Securities to which it relates, *inter alia*, the specific designation of the Securities, the aggregate number and type of the Securities, the date of issue of the Securities, the issue price, the underlying asset, index or other item(s) to which the Securities relate, certain other terms relating to the offering and sale of the Securities including, in the case of Certificates, whether they bear remuneration and the exercise date and, in the case of Warrants, the exercise price and the exercise period or date.

The applicable Final Terms will (if applicable) contain information relating to the underlying asset, index or other item(s) (each a Reference Item) to which the Securities relate and which is contained in such Final Terms. However, unless otherwise expressly stated in the applicable Final Terms, any information contained therein relating to a Reference Item will only consist of extracts from, or summaries of, information contained in financial and other information released publicly by the issuer, owner or sponsor, as the case may be, of such Reference Item. The Issuer will, unless otherwise expressly stated in the applicable Final Terms, confirm that such extracts or summaries have been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by the issuer, owner or sponsor, as the case may be, of such Reference Item, no facts have been omitted that would render the reproduced inaccurate or misleading, but the Issuer does not accept any further or other responsibility in respect of such information.

As specified in the applicable Final Terms, each issue of Securities will entitle the holder thereof either to receive a cash amount from the Issuer calculated in accordance with the Conditions and/or to receive delivery of specified securities or other asset(s) on such terms as are set out in the Conditions, all as set forth in the Conditions.

Upon exercise of Physical Delivery Securities, in order to receive the relevant Entitlement, each Securityholder will be required to certify (in accordance with the provisions outlined in “*Offering and Sale*” below) that it is not a U.S. person or a person who has purchased such Security for resale to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons and that it is not exercising such Security on behalf, or for the account or benefit, of a U.S. person.

Copies of Final Terms will be available from the registered office of the Issuer and the specified offices set out below of the Security Agents (as defined below).

No person is or has been authorised by the Issuer to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Base Prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Securities and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer or any other manager of an issue of Securities (each a Manager).

No Manager has independently verified the information contained herein. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made and no responsibility is accepted by any Manager as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained or incorporated in this Base Prospectus or any other information provided by the Issuer in connection with the Programme.

Neither this Base Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the Securities (i) is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation or (ii) should be

considered as a recommendation by the Issuer that any recipient of this Base Prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Securities should purchase any Securities. Each investor contemplating purchasing any Securities should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the Issuer. Neither this Base Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the issue of any Securities constitutes an offer or an invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer to any person to subscribe for or to purchase any Securities.

Neither the delivery of this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Securities shall in any circumstances imply that the information contained herein concerning the Issuer is correct at any time subsequent to the date hereof or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same or that there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer since the date thereof or, if later, the date upon which this Base Prospectus has been most recently amended or supplemented. Investors should review, *inter alia*, the most recently published documents incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus when deciding whether or not to purchase any Securities.

The Securities are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to United States persons, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. Treasury regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder.

This Base Prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any Securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make the offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. The distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offer or sale of Securities may be restricted by law in certain jurisdictions. The Issuer does not represent that this Base Prospectus may be lawfully distributed, or that any Securities may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any such jurisdiction, or pursuant to an exemption available thereunder, or assume any responsibility for facilitating any such distribution or offering. In particular, unless specifically indicated to the contrary in the applicable Final Terms, no action has been taken by the Issuer which is intended to permit a public offering of any Securities or distribution of this document in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, no Securities may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Base Prospectus nor any advertisement or other offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations. Persons into whose possession this Base Prospectus or any Securities may come must inform themselves about, and observe, any such restrictions on the distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offering and sale of Securities. In particular, there are restrictions on the distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offer or sale of Securities in the United States and the European Economic Area (including the Republic of Italy and the United Kingdom) (see “*Offering and Sale*” on page 74).

Warrants create options which are exercisable by the relevant holder and/or will be automatically exercised as provided herein. There is no obligation on the Issuer to pay any amount to any holder of a Warrant or to deliver any asset to any holder of a Warrant unless the relevant holder duly exercises such Warrant or such Securities are automatically exercised and, in certain circumstances, an Exercise Notice is duly delivered. Securities will be exercised or exercisable in the manner set forth herein and in the applicable Final Terms.

The Securities of each issue may be sold by the Issuer and/or any Manager at such time and at such prices as the Issuer and/or the Manager(s) may select. There is no obligation upon the Issuer or any Manager to sell all of the Securities of any issue. The Securities of any issue may be offered or sold from time to time in one or more transactions in the over-the-counter market or otherwise at prevailing market prices or in negotiated transactions, at the discretion of the Issuer.

This Base Prospectus has been prepared on the basis that, except to the extent sub-paragraph (ii) below may apply, any offer of Securities in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a Relevant Member State) will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of Securities. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of Securities which are the subject of an offering contemplated in this Base Prospectus as completed by final terms in relation to the offer of those Securities may only do so (i) in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any

Manager to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer, or (ii) if a prospectus for such offer has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State and (in either case) published, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by final terms which specify that offers may be made other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State and such offer is made in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified for such purpose in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable. Except to the extent sub-paragraph (ii) above may apply, neither the Issuer nor any Manager have authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Securities in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Issuer or any Manager to publish or supplement a prospectus for such offer.

TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CIRCULAR 230, PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT: (A) ANY DISCUSSION OF FEDERAL TAX ISSUES CONTAINED OR REFERRED TO IN THIS BASE PROSPECTUS IS NOT INTENDED OR WRITTEN TO BE USED, AND CANNOT BE USED BY, PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS FOR THE PURPOSE OF AVOIDING PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON THEM UNDER THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE; (B) SUCH DISCUSSION IS WRITTEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROMOTION OR MARKETING OF THE ISSUER BY THE TRANSACTIONS OR MATTERS ADDRESSED HEREIN; AND (C) PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS SHOULD SEEK ADVICE BASED ON THEIR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES FROM AN INDEPENDENT TAX ADVISER.

All references to “USD”, “U.S.\$”, “\$”, “US Dollars”, “US dollars” and “U.S. dollars” are to United States dollars and references to “euro”, “EUR” and “€” are to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended.

CERTAIN DEFINITIONS

The Issuer is the entity resulting from the merger (the **Merger**) between Banca Caboto S.p.A. (the **Merging Bank** or **Banca Caboto**) and the former Banca IMI S.p.A. (the **Merged Bank**). The Merger became effective as of 1 October 2007, on which date (i) the Merged Bank was merged by incorporation into the Merging Bank and (ii) the Merging Bank changed its name to Banca IMI S.p.A.

The Merger took place in the broader context of the merger between Banca Intesa S.p.A. (**Banca Intesa**) and Sanpaolo IMI S.p.A. (**Sanpaolo IMI**), which became effective as of 1 January 2007 and pursuant to which Sanpaolo IMI was merged by incorporation into Banca Intesa, with the latter changing its name to Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A. Prior to 1 January 2007, the Merging Bank was a subsidiary of Banca Intesa and the Merged Bank was a subsidiary of Sanpaolo IMI.

Accordingly, in this Base Prospectus:

- (a) references to the **Issuer** are to Banca IMI S.p.A. for the period from, and including, 1 October 2007;
- (b) references to the **Merging Bank** or **Banca Caboto** are to the pre-Merger entity called Banca Caboto S.p.A. for the period prior to, and excluding, 1 October 2007; and
- (c) references to the **Merged Bank** are to the pre-Merger entity called Banca IMI S.p.A. for the period prior to, and excluding, 1 October 2007.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
IMPORTANT NOTICES	2
DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE.....	7
SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMME.....	9
RISK FACTORS	13
FORM OF FINAL TERMS.....	21
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SECURITIES.....	32
USE OF PROCEEDS	69
DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUER.....	70
TAXATION	71
OFFERING AND SALE	74
GENERAL INFORMATION.....	78

In connection with the issue of any Securities, the person or persons (if any) named as the Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in the applicable Final Terms may over-allot Securities or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Securities at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons 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 Securities 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 Securities and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Securities. 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.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following documents which have previously been published or are published simultaneously with this Base Prospectus and have been filed with the CSSF shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and to form part of, this Base Prospectus. Any information not referred to in the cross-reference lists below but contained in the relevant document is incorporated by reference for information purposes only. The documents set out below that are incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus are available both in the Italian language original and in English. The English language version represents a direct translation from the Italian language documents. For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer does not publish audited interim financial statements.

1. The registration document of the Issuer filed with CONSOB on 2 July 2008 pursuant to the authorisation communicated by notice No. 8055643 of 11 June 2008 (the **Registration Document**)

History and development of the Issuer	Page 12
Principal activities	Page 14
Principal markets	Page 15
Organisational structure	Pages 16 to 18
Administrative, management and supervisory bodies	Pages 20 to 23
Major shareholders	Page 24
Documents incorporated by reference	Page 25
Legal and arbitration proceedings	Page 26 to 28
2. The unaudited interim financial statements of the Issuer as at and for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

Balance Sheet	Pages 40 to 41
Income Statement	Page 42
Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity	Pages 43 to 44
Statement of Cash Flows	Pages 45 to 46
Accounting policies	Pages 48 to 59
3. The auditors' review report on the interim condensed financial statements of the Issuer as at and for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

Independent Auditors' Review Report	Page 1 of 1
-------------------------------------	-------------
4. The audited financial statements of the Issuer as at and for the year ended 31 December 2007, together with the auditors' report thereon.

Balance Sheet	Pages 48 to 49
Income Statement	Page 50
Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity	Pages 51 to 52
Statement of Cash Flows	Pages 53 to 54
Accounting policies	Pages 56 to 67
Independent Auditors' Report	Pages 45 to 46
5. The audited financial statements of the Issuer (formerly Banca Caboto) as at and for the year ended 31 December 2006.

Balance Sheet	Pages 47 to 48
Income Statement	Page 49
Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity	Page 50
Statement of Cash Flows	Page 51
Accounting policies	Pages 55 to 61
6. The auditor's report on the financial statements of the Issuer (formerly Banca Caboto) as at and for the year ended 31 December 2006.

Independent Auditors' Report	Pages 1 to 2
------------------------------	--------------

Any statement contained herein or in a document which is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Base Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in any such subsequent document which is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise). Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Base Prospectus.

Copies of documents incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus can be obtained from the registered office of the Issuer and from the specified offices of the Security Agents for the time being in Luxembourg. This Base Prospectus and all documents incorporated by reference herein are available on the official website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange at www.bourse.lu.

The Issuer will in the event of any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in this Base Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Securities, prepare a supplement to this Base Prospectus or publish a new base prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent issue of Securities.

SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMME

This summary must be read as an introduction to this Base Prospectus and any decision to invest in any Securities should be based on a consideration of this Base Prospectus as a whole, including the documents incorporated by reference. Following the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Prospectus Directive in each Member State of the European Economic Area, no civil liability will attach to the Responsible Person in any such Member State in respect of this Summary, including any translation thereof, unless it is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of this Base Prospectus. Where a claim relating to information contained in this Base Prospectus is brought before a court in a Member State of the European Economic Area, the plaintiff may, under the national legislation of the Member State where the claim is brought, be required to bear the costs of translating the Base Prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated.

Words and expressions defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Securities and in the remainder of this Base Prospectus shall have the same meanings in this summary.

Issuer:	Banca IMI S.p.A.
Information about the Issuer:	The Issuer is a bank organised and existing under the laws of the Republic of Italy engaged in investment banking activities. The Issuer is the entity resulting from the merger by incorporation of the pre-Merger entity Banca IMI S.p.A. into the pre-Merger entity Banca Caboto S.p.A., which became effective on 1 October 2007. Upon the Merger, Banca Caboto changed its name to Banca IMI S.p.A. The Issuer is registered with the Companies' Register of Milan under No. 04377700150. Its registered office is at Piazzetta Giordano Dell'Amore 3, 20121 Milan, with telephone number +39 02 72611. The Issuer is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Intesa Sanpaolo S.p.A., the parent company of the Intesa Sanpaolo banking group.
Principal Security Agent and Luxembourg Listing Agent:	BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch
Calculation Agent:	The Issuer or such other calculation agent specified in the applicable Final Terms.
Description:	Warrant and Certificate Programme
Certain Restrictions	Each issue of Securities denominated in a currency in respect of which particular laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements apply will only be issued in circumstances which comply with such laws, guidelines, regulations, restrictions or reporting requirements from time to time (see " <i>Offering and Sale</i> ").
Risk Factors:	There are certain factors that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Securities issued under the Programme. These are set out at pages 13 to 20 under " <i>Risk Factors</i> " below. In addition, there are certain factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Securities issued under the Programme. These are set out under " <i>Risk Factors</i> " below and include exposure to an underlying asset or basis of reference, factors affecting the value and trading price of Securities, certain considerations regarding hedging, specific risks in relation to each of Share Securities, Currency Securities and Fund Securities, option to vary settlement, market disruption, settlement disruption, expenses and taxation, illegality and cancellation, change of law, potential conflicts of interest, physical delivery requirements and settlement risk, time lag after exercise (in the case of Warrants), minimum exercise amount (in the case of Warrants), limitations on exercise (in the case of Warrants), possible illiquidity of the Securities in the secondary market and exchange rate risks and exchange controls.

Prospective investors should also consider all information provided in the Registration Document referred to in “*Documents Incorporated by Reference*” on page 7 of this Base Prospectus and consult with their own professional advisers if they consider it necessary.

Distribution:	Securities may be issued on a continuous basis and may be distributed by way of private or public placement as specified in the applicable Final Terms. If the applicable Final Terms so specify, Securities may be distributed to one or more Managers.
Settlement Currencies:	Euro, U.S. dollars or any other currency or currencies selected by the Issuer or any Manager, subject to compliance with all applicable legal and/or regulatory and/or central bank requirements.
Issue Price:	Securities may be issued at such price as shall be determined by the Issuer or any Manager appointed in respect of the issue.
Form of Securities:	Each issue of Securities will on issue be represented by either a Temporary Global Security or a Permanent Global Security as indicated in the applicable Final Terms. The Temporary Global Security will be exchangeable either, in accordance with its terms, for a Permanent Global Security or for Definitive Securities. The Permanent Global Security will be exchangeable in limited circumstances for Definitive Securities. Each Temporary Global Security and each Permanent Global Security will be held by a common depository on behalf of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.
Clearing Systems:	Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg.
Type of Securities:	<p>The Issuer may issue Warrants or Certificates (together, Securities) of any kind, including but not limited to Index Securities, Share Securities, Debt Securities, Currency Securities, Fund Securities and Commodities Securities.</p> <p>Certificates may bear remuneration, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms.</p> <p>Warrants may be European Style Warrants, American Style Warrants or such other style specified in the applicable Final Terms.</p>
Settlement:	Settlement will be by way of cash payment (Cash Settled Securities) or physical delivery (Physical Delivery Securities).
Index Securities:	The Cash Settlement Amount in respect of Index Securities will be calculated by reference to a single index or basket of indices.
Share Securities:	<p>The Cash Settlement Amount in respect of Cash Settled Share Securities will be calculated by reference to a single share or basket of shares.</p> <p>The Entitlement in respect of Physical Delivery Share Securities will be a specified amount of shares of one or more companies, as applicable, subject to payment of the relevant Exercise Price (in the case of Warrants) and any other sums payable.</p>
Currency Securities:	<p>The Cash Settlement Amount in respect of Cash Settled Currency Securities will be calculated by reference to a single currency or basket of currencies.</p> <p>The Entitlement in respect of Physical Delivery Currency Securities will be a specified amount of the relevant currency or currencies as applicable, subject to payment of the relevant Exercise Price (in the case of Warrants) and any other sums payable.</p>

Debt Securities:	<p>The Cash Settlement Amount in respect of Cash Settled Debt Securities will be calculated by reference to a single debt instrument or basket of debt instruments.</p> <p>The Entitlement in respect of Physical Delivery Debt Securities will be a specified amount of debt instruments of one or more issuers, as applicable, subject to payment of the relevant Exercise Price (in the case of Warrants) and any other sums payable.</p>
Commodity Securities:	<p>The Cash Settlement Amount in respect of Cash Settled Commodity Securities will be calculated by reference to a single commodity or basket of commodities.</p> <p>The Entitlement in respect of Physical Delivery Commodity Securities will be a specified amount of commodities, subject to payment of the relevant Exercise Price (in the case of Warrants) and any other sums payable.</p>
Fund Securities:	<p>The Cash Settlement Amount in respect of Cash Settled Fund Securities will be calculated by reference to units or shares in a single fund or basket of funds.</p> <p>The Entitlement in respect of Physical Delivery Fund Securities will be a specified amount of fund shares or units, subject to payment of the relevant Exercise Price (in the case of Warrants) and any other sums payable.</p>
Other Securities:	<p>Securities relating to other underlying instruments, baskets or bases of reference may be issued on such terms as may be determined by the Issuer and specified in the applicable Final Terms.</p>
Warrants:	<p>European Style Warrants are only exercisable on the Exercise Date or, if such day is not an Exercise Business Day, the immediately succeeding Exercise Business Day (the Actual Exercise Date and the Expiration Date).</p> <p>American Style Warrants are exercisable on any Exercise Business Day during the Exercise Period.</p> <p>If Automatic Exercise is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, any Warrant which has not been duly exercised by the relevant Securityholder, at or prior to 10.00 a.m., Brussels or Luxembourg time, as the case may be, on the Expiration Date shall become void.</p> <p>If Automatic Exercise is specified in the applicable Final Terms, any Warrant which has not been duly exercised by the relevant Securityholder, at or prior to 10.00 a.m., Brussels or Luxembourg time, as the case may be, on the Expiration Date and which is, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, “In-The-Money” shall be automatically exercised on the Expiration Date.</p>
Certificates:	<p>Each Certificate shall be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.</p>
Physical Delivery Securities and Assessed Value Payment Amount:	<p>In the case of Physical Delivery Securities, in order to receive the relevant Entitlement the relevant Securityholder must deliver to the Principal Security Agent an Exercise Notice (in the case of Warrants) or a Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice (in the case of Certificates) prior to 10.00 a.m. Brussels or Luxembourg time, as the case may be, on the Expiration Date (in the case of Warrants) or the Exercise Date (in the case of Certificates) and pay any Expenses and any other amounts payable and, in the case of Warrants, the relevant Exercise Price. If a Securityholder does not deliver an Exercise Notice or a Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice, as applicable, prior to 10.00 a.m. Brussels or Luxembourg time, as the case may be, on the Expiration Date or the Exercise</p>

	Date, as applicable, no delivery of the Entitlement will be made and in lieu thereof the Issuer shall determine and pay the Assessed Value Payment Amount.
Status of Securities:	Securities constitute direct, unsubordinated, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank <i>pari passu</i> among themselves and (save for certain obligations required to be preferred by law) rank equally with all other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) of the Issuer from time to time outstanding.
Expenses and Taxation:	<p>All payments made by the Issuer shall be made subject to all taxes, duties, withholdings or other payments which may be required to be made, paid, withheld or deducted as a result of the ownership, transfer, exercise, redemption or enforcement of any Security.</p> <p>A holder of a Security must pay all taxes, duties and/or expenses arising from the exercise and/or redemption of such Security.</p> <p>Investors are encouraged to read the section “<i>Taxation</i>” on page 71 of the Base Prospectus.</p>
Use of Proceeds:	The Issuer intends to use the net proceeds from each issue of Securities for general corporate purposes, including making a profit. A substantial portion of the proceeds may be used to hedge market risks with respect to the Securities. If in respect of any particular issue of Securities, there is a particular identified use of proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Final Terms.
Governing law:	The Securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English Law.
Listing and admission to trading:	<p>Application has been made to the CSSF to approve this document as a base prospectus. Application has also been made to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange for Securities issued under the Programme to be admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange’s regulated market and to be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.</p> <p>Securities may be listed or admitted to trading, as the case may be, on such other or further stock exchange(s) or market(s) as determined by the Issuer. In particular, the Issuer may list the Certificates on the Italian Stock Exchange and admit the Certificates to trading on the electronic “Securitized Derivatives market” organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. (the SeDeX).</p> <p>The applicable Final Terms will state whether or not the relevant Securities are to be listed and/or admitted to trading and if so, on which stock exchange(s) and/or market(s).</p>
Selling Restrictions:	There are restrictions on the offer, sale and transfer of the Securities in the United States and the European Economic Area (including the Republic of Italy, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom) and such other restrictions as may be required in connection with the offering and sale of a particular series of Securities, see “ <i>Offering and Sale</i> ”.
Substitution of the Issuer:	Unless otherwise indicated in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer is entitled, subject to the Conditions of the Securities, to substitute any other company as principal debtor in respect of all obligations arising from or in connection with any Securities or to change the branch through which it is acting for the purpose of any Securities. Upon any such substitution of the Issuer or branch, the Conditions of the Securities will be amended in all consequential respects.

RISK FACTORS

The Issuer believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations in respect of Securities issued under the Programme and/or are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Securities issued under the Programme. Most of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and the Issuer is not in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.

The Issuer believes that the factors described below or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus as described below, represent the principal risks inherent in investing in Securities issued under the Programme, but the inability of the Issuer to pay Cash Settlement Amounts in respect of Cash Settled Securities or deliver the Entitlement in respect of Physical Delivery Securities may occur for other reasons and the Issuer does not represent that the statements below regarding the risks of holding any Securities are exhaustive. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to the Issuer or that the Issuer currently believes to be immaterial could also have a material impact on its business operations or the Securities. The Final Terms in respect of an issue of Securities may contain additional Risk Factors in respect of such Securities. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Base Prospectus and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.

Terms used in this section and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings given to them in “Terms and Conditions of the Securities”.

Factors that may affect the Issuer’s ability to fulfil its obligations under Securities issued under the Programme ***Creditworthiness of the Issuer***

The Securities constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* among themselves and (save for certain obligations required to be preferred by law) equally with all other unsecured obligations (other than subordinated obligations, if any) of the Issuer, from time to time outstanding. The Issuer issues a large number of financial instruments, including the Securities and, at any given time, the financial instruments outstanding may be substantial.

If a court in the jurisdiction of incorporation of the Issuer institutes bankruptcy or composition proceedings to avert bankruptcy or similar proceedings against the assets of the Issuer, or the Issuer applies for the institution of such proceedings concerning its assets, payments of interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with the Securities and/or delivery of any assets in connection with the Securities may be limited and/or may be substantially delayed.

Prospective investors should also consider the section entitled “*Risk Factors*” provided in the Registration Document referred to in “*Documents Incorporated by Reference*” on page 7 of this Base Prospectus.

Factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Securities issued under the Programme

The Securities may not be a suitable investment for all investors

Each potential investor in the Securities must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should:

- (i) have sufficient knowledge and experience to evaluate the Securities, the merits and risks of investing in the Securities and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any applicable supplement to the Base Prospectus and all information contained in the applicable Final Terms;
- (ii) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Securities and the impact the Securities will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Securities, including Securities with a Cash Settlement Amount payable in one or more currencies, or where the Settlement Currency is different from the potential investor’s currency;
- (iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the Securities and be familiar with any relevant indices and financial markets; and

- (v) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

In addition, an investment in Index Securities, Share Securities, Debt Securities, Currency Securities, Fund Securities, Commodity Securities or other Securities linked to other assets or bases of reference, may entail significant risks not associated with investments in conventional securities such as debt or equity securities, including, but not limited to, the risks set out in “*Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Securities*” set out below.

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

Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Securities

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

General risks and risks relating to underlying asset or basis of reference

The Securities involve a high degree of risk, which may include, among others, interest rate, foreign exchange, time value and political risks. Purchasers should be prepared to sustain a partial or total loss of the purchase price of their Securities. This risk reflects the nature of a Security as an asset which, other factors held constant, tends to decline in value over time and which may become worthless on expiration. See “*Certain Factors Affecting the Value and Trading Price of Securities*” below. Prospective purchasers of Securities should be experienced with respect to options and option transactions, should understand the risks of transactions involving the relevant Securities and should reach an investment decision only after careful consideration, with their advisers, of the suitability of such Securities in light of their particular financial circumstances, the information set forth herein and the information regarding the relevant Securities and the particular share (or basket of shares), index (or basket of indices), currency (or basket of currencies), debt instrument (or basket of debt instruments), fund (or basket of funds), commodity (or basket of commodities) or other asset or basis of reference to which the value of the relevant Securities may relate, as specified in the applicable Final Terms.

The risk of the loss of some or all of the purchase price of a Security upon expiration means that, in order to recover and realise a return upon his or her investment, a purchaser of a Security must generally be correct about the direction, timing and magnitude of an anticipated change in the value of the relevant share (or basket of shares), index (or basket of indices), currency (or basket of currencies), debt instrument (or basket of debt instruments), fund (or basket of funds), commodity (or basket of commodities) or other asset or basis of reference which may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. Assuming all other factors are held constant, the lower the value of a Security and the shorter its remaining term to expiration, the greater the risk that purchasers of such Security will lose all or part of their investment. With respect to European Style Warrants and to Certificates, the only means through which a holder can realise value from such Security prior to the Exercise Date in relation to such Security is to sell it at its then market price in an available secondary market. See “*Possible Illiquidity of the Securities in the Secondary Market*” below.

Fluctuations in the value of the relevant index or basket of indices will affect the value of Index Securities. Fluctuations in the price of the relevant share or value of the basket of shares will affect the value of Share Securities. Fluctuations in the price or yield of the relevant debt instrument or value of the basket of debt instruments will affect the value of Debt Securities. Also, due to the character of the particular market on which a debt instrument is traded, the absence of last sale information and the limited availability of quotations for such debt instrument may make it difficult for many investors to obtain timely, accurate data for the price or yield of such debt instrument. Fluctuations in the rates of exchange between the relevant currencies will affect the value of Currency Securities. Fluctuations in the value of the relevant fund or the value of the basket of funds will

affect the value of Fund Securities. Fluctuations in the value of the relevant commodity or basket of commodities will affect the value of Commodity Securities. Purchasers of Securities risk losing their entire investment if the value of the relevant underlying basis of reference does not move in the anticipated direction.

The Issuer may issue several issues of Securities relating to various reference indices, debt instruments, shares, funds, currencies, commodities or other assets or bases of reference as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. However, no assurance can be given that the Issuer will issue any Securities other than the Securities to which particular Final Terms relate. At any given time, the number of Securities outstanding may be substantial. Securities provide opportunities for investment and pose risks to investors as a result of fluctuations in the value of the underlying investment. In general, certain of the risks associated with the Securities are similar to those generally applicable to other options of private corporate issuers. Options or Securities on equities or debt securities are priced primarily on the basis of the value of underlying securities. The trading value of Currency Securities and Commodity Securities is likely to reflect primarily present and expected values of the reference currency (or basket of currencies) or commodity (or basket of commodities) specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Certain Factors Affecting the Value and Trading Price of Securities

The Cash Settlement Amount (in the case of Cash Settled Securities) or the value of the Entitlement less (in the case of Warrants) the Exercise Price (the **Physical Settlement Value**) (in the case of Physical Delivery Securities) at any time prior to expiration is typically expected to be less than the trading price of such Securities at that time. The difference between the trading price and the Cash Settlement Amount or the Physical Settlement Value, as the case may be, will reflect, among other things, a “time value” for the Securities. The “time value” of the Securities will depend partly upon the length of the period remaining to expiration and expectations concerning the value of the share (or basket of shares), index (or basket of indices), currency (or basket of currencies), debt instrument (or basket of debt instruments), fund (or basket of funds), commodity (or basket of commodities) or other asset or basis of reference as specified in the applicable Final Terms. Securities offer hedging and investment diversification opportunities but also pose some additional risks with regard to interim value. The interim value of the Securities varies with the price level of the share (or basket of shares), index (or basket of indices), currency (or basket of currencies), debt instrument (or basket of debt instruments), fund (or basket of funds), commodity (or basket of commodities) or other asset or basis of reference as specified in the applicable Final Terms, as well as by a number of other interrelated factors, including those specified herein.

Before exercising (in the case of Warrants) or selling Securities, Securityholders should carefully consider, among other things, (i) the trading price of the Securities, (ii) the value and volatility of the share (or basket of shares), index (or basket of indices), debt instrument (or basket of debt instruments), fund (or basket of funds), currency (or basket of currencies), commodity (or basket of commodities) or other asset or basis of reference as specified in the applicable Final Terms, (iii) the time remaining to expiration, (iv), in the case of Cash Settled Securities, the probable range of Cash Settlement Amounts, (v) any change(s) in interim interest rates and dividend yields if applicable, (vi) any change(s) in currency exchange rates, (vii) the depth of the market or liquidity of the share (or basket of shares), index (or basket of indices), debt instrument (or basket of debt instruments), fund (or basket of funds), currency (or basket of currencies), commodity (or basket of commodities) or other asset or basis of reference as specified in the applicable Final Terms and (viii) any related transaction costs.

Certain Considerations Regarding Hedging

Prospective purchasers intending to purchase Securities to hedge against the market risk associated with investing in a share (or basket of shares), index (or basket of indices), currency (or basket of currencies), debt instrument (or basket of debt instruments), fund (or basket of funds), commodity (or basket of commodities) or other asset or basis of reference which may be specified in the applicable Final Terms, should recognise the complexities of utilising Securities in this manner. For example, the value of the Securities may not exactly correlate with the value of the share (or basket of shares), index (or basket of indices), debt instrument (or basket of debt instruments), fund (or basket of funds), currency (or basket of currencies), commodity (or basket of commodities) or other asset or basis of reference which may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. Due to fluctuating supply and demand for the Securities, there is no assurance that their value will correlate with movements of the share (or basket of shares), index (or basket of indices), debt instrument (or

basket of debt instruments), fund (or basket of funds), currency (or basket of currencies), commodity (or basket of commodities) or other asset or basis of reference which may be specified in the applicable Final Terms. For these reasons, among others, it may not be possible to purchase or liquidate securities in a portfolio at the prices used to calculate the value of any relevant index or basket.

In the case of Securities relating to a share (or basket of shares), the Issuer and/or any of its respective Affiliates or agents may from time to time hedge the Issuer's obligations under such Securities (and under other instruments and OTC contracts issued by or entered into from time to time by the Issuer and/or any of its respective Affiliates or agents relating to such securities) by taking positions, directly or indirectly, in such share (or basket of shares). Although the Issuer has no reason to believe that such hedging activities will have a material impact on the price of any share, there can be no assurance that such hedging activities will not adversely affect the value of the Securities.

Certain Considerations Associated with Securities Relating to Shares (or Baskets of Shares)

In the case of Securities relating to a share (or basket of shares), no issuer of such shares will have participated in the preparation of the relevant Final Terms or in establishing the terms of the Securities and neither the Issuer nor any Manager will make any investigation or enquiry in connection with such offering with respect to any information concerning any such issuer of shares contained in such Final Terms or in the documents from which such information was extracted. Consequently, there can be no assurance that all events occurring prior to the relevant issue date (including events that would affect the accuracy or completeness of the publicly available information described in this paragraph or in any relevant Final Terms) that would affect the trading price of the share will have been publicly disclosed. Subsequent disclosure of any such events or the disclosure of or failure to disclose material future events concerning such an issuer of shares could affect the trading price of the share and therefore the trading price of the Securities.

Except as provided in the Conditions in relation to Physical Delivery Securities, Securityholders will not have voting rights or rights to receive dividends or distributions or any other rights with respect to the relevant shares to which such Securities relate.

Certain Additional Risk Factors Associated with Currency Securities

Fluctuations in exchange rates of the relevant currency (or basket of currencies) will affect the value of Currency Securities. Furthermore, investors who intend to convert gains or losses from the exercise or sale of Securities into their home currency may be affected by fluctuations in exchange rates between their home currency and the Settlement Currency of the Securities. Currency values may be affected by complex political and economic factors, including governmental action to fix or support the value of a currency (or basket of currencies), regardless of other market forces (see "*Exchange rate risks and exchange controls*" below). Purchasers of Securities risk losing their entire investment if exchange rates of the relevant currency (or basket of currencies) do not move in the anticipated direction.

If additional warrants, certificates or options relating to particular currencies or particular currency indices are subsequently issued, the supply of warrants, certificates and options relating to such currencies or currency indices, as applicable, in the market will increase, which could cause the price at which the Currency Securities and such other warrants, certificates and options trade in the secondary market to decline significantly.

Certain Considerations Associated with Securities Relating to Funds (or Baskets of Funds)

An investment in Fund Securities may bear similar market risks to a direct investment in the relevant fund(s) and investors should take advice accordingly.

Risks Related to Securities Generally

Option to Vary Settlement

If the applicable Final Terms in respect of any Securities indicates that the Issuer has an option to vary settlement in respect of such Securities, the Issuer may, at its sole and unfettered discretion, elect (1) not to pay the relevant Securityholders the Cash Settlement Amount, but to deliver or procure delivery of the Entitlement or (2) not to deliver or procure delivery of the Entitlement, but to make payment of the Cash Settlement Amount on the Settlement Date to the relevant Securityholders.

Modification

The Conditions contain provisions for calling meetings of Securityholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Securityholders including Securityholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and Securityholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

The Conditions also provide that the Principal Security Agent and the Issuer may, without the consent of Securityholders, agree to (i) any modification (subject to certain specific exceptions) of the Securities or the Agency Agreement which is not prejudicial to the interests of the Securityholders or (ii) any modification of the Securities or the Agency Agreement which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest error or proven error or to comply with mandatory provisions of law.

Market Disruption Event and Disrupted Day

If an issue of Securities includes provisions dealing with the occurrence of a market disruption event or a failure to open of an exchange or related exchange on a Valuation Date or an Averaging Date and the Calculation Agent determines that a market disruption event or such failure has occurred or exists on a Valuation Date or an Averaging Date, any consequential postponement of the Valuation Date or Averaging Date or any alternative provisions for valuation provided in any Securities may have an adverse effect on the value of such Securities.

Settlement Disruption Event

In the case of Physical Delivery Securities, if a Settlement Disruption Event occurs or exists on the Settlement Date, settlement will be postponed until the next Settlement Business Day on which no Settlement Disruption Event occurs. The Issuer in these circumstances also has the right to pay the Settlement Disruption Amount (as defined in the Conditions) in lieu of delivering the Entitlement. Such a determination may have an adverse effect on the value of the relevant Securities.

Expenses and Taxation

A holder of Securities must pay all Expenses relating to such Securities. As used in the Conditions, **Expenses** means all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including any applicable depository charges, transaction or exercise charges, stamp duty, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising from the exercise and settlement of such Securities and/or the delivery or transfer of the Entitlement (as applicable) pursuant to the terms of such Securities as more fully set out in Condition 9.

The Issuer shall not be liable for or otherwise obliged to pay any tax, duty, withholding or other payment which may arise as a result of the ownership, transfer, exercise or enforcement of any Security by any person and all payments made by the Issuer shall be made subject to any such tax, duty, withholding or other payment which may be required to be made, paid, withheld or deducted.

Illegality and Cancellation

If the Issuer determines that its performance under any Securities has, or that any arrangements made to hedge the Issuer's obligations under any Securities have become, illegal in whole or in part for any reason, the Issuer may cancel such Securities. The Issuer may also cancel the Securities upon the occurrence of certain adjustment events as set out in Condition 13 (as may be amended by the applicable Final Terms). If the Issuer cancels the Securities, it will (in the case of an illegality, if permitted by applicable law), pay the holder of each such Security an amount equal to the fair market value of such Security or, in relation to Warrants and where Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each Unit, as set out in the Conditions, notwithstanding such illegality less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent. The fair market value of the Securities may be less than the purchase price of the Securities and may in certain circumstances be zero.

Change of law

The Conditions are based on English law in effect as at the date of this Base Prospectus. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to English law or administrative practice after the date of this Base Prospectus.

Potential Conflicts of Interest

The Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates may also engage in trading activities (including hedging activities) related to the asset or other basis of reference underlying any Securities and other instruments or derivative products based on or related to the asset or other basis of reference underlying any Security for their proprietary accounts or for other accounts under their management. The Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates may also issue other derivative instruments in respect of the asset or other basis of reference underlying Securities. The Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates may also act as underwriter in connection with future offerings of shares or other securities related to an issue of Securities or may act as financial adviser to certain companies or companies whose shares are included in a basket of shares or in a commercial banking capacity for such companies. Such activities could present certain conflicts of interest, could influence the prices of such shares or other securities and could adversely affect the value of such Securities.

Any further conflict of interest, including conflicts between the Issuer and any Managers will be indicated in the relevant Final Terms.

Physical Delivery Requirements and Settlement Risk

In order to receive the Entitlement in respect of a Physical Delivery Security, the holder of such Security must (1) deliver or send by authenticated swift message (confirmed in writing) to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as the case may be), with a copy to the Issuer and the Principal Security Agent (a) a duly completed Exercise Notice on or prior to the relevant time on the Expiration Date (in the case of a Physical Delivery Warrant) or (b) a duly completed Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice on or prior to the relevant time on the Exercise Date (in the case of a Physical Delivery Certificate) and (2) pay the relevant Exercise Price (in the case of a Warrant) and Expenses (in the case of a Warrant or a Certificate), together with any other amounts payable. Failure to do so will result (i) in the case of a Warrant where Automatic Exercise is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Warrant's becoming void or (ii) in the case of a Warrant where Automatic Exercise is specified in the applicable Final Terms, or in the case of a Certificate, the Securityholder receiving the Assessed Value Payment Amount instead of the Entitlement. The Assessed Value Payment Amount will be determined by the Calculation Agent by reference to the fair market value of the assets comprised in the Entitlement. See Condition 16 for Warrants and Condition 20 for Certificates.

Following the exercise of Physical Delivery Warrants or in connection with the exercise of Physical Delivery Certificates, unless otherwise indicated in the applicable Final Terms, the Calculation Agent may determine that a Settlement Disruption Event or, if applicable, a Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity is subsisting. Any such determination may affect the value of the Securities and/or may delay settlement and/or lead to cash settlement rather than physical settlement in respect of the Securities.

If so indicated in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Issuer has an option to vary settlement in respect of the Securities. If exercised by the Issuer, this option will lead to Physical Delivery Securities being cash settled or Cash Settled Securities being physically settled. Exercise of such option may affect the value of the Securities.

Risks related to Warrants only

Time Lag after Exercise

In the case of any exercise of Warrants, there will be a time lag between the time a Warrantholder gives instructions to exercise, or the time the Warrant is automatically exercised, and the time the applicable Cash Settlement Amount (in the case of Cash Settled Warrants) relating to such exercise is determined. Any such delay between the time of exercise and the determination of the Cash Settlement Amount will be specified in the Conditions. However, such delay could be significantly longer, particularly in the case of a delay in exercise of Warrants arising from any daily maximum exercise limitation (in the case of American Style Warrants), the occurrence of a market disruption event or failure to open of an exchange or related exchange (if applicable) or following the imposition of any exchange controls or other similar regulations affecting the ability to obtain or exchange any relevant currency (or basket of currencies) in the case of Currency Warrants. The applicable Cash Settlement Amount may change significantly during any such period, and such movement or movements could decrease the Cash Settlement Amount of the Warrants being exercised and may result in such Cash Settlement Amount being zero.

Minimum Exercise Amount

If so indicated in the applicable Final Terms, a Warrantholder must tender or hold a specified number of Warrants at any one time in order to exercise. Thus, Warrantholders with fewer than the specified minimum number of Warrants will either have to sell their Warrants or purchase additional Warrants, incurring transaction costs in each case, in order to realise their investment. Furthermore, holders of such Warrants incur the risk that there may be differences between the trading price of such Warrants and the Cash Settlement Amount (in the case of Cash Settled Warrants) or the Physical Settlement Value (in the case of Physical Delivery Warrants) of such Warrants.

Limitations on Exercise

In the case of American Style Warrants, if so indicated in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Issuer will have the option to limit the number of American Style Warrants exercisable on any date (other than the final exercise date) to the maximum number specified in the applicable Final Terms and, in conjunction with such limitation, to limit the number of American Style Warrants exercisable by any person or group of persons (whether or not acting in concert) on such date. In the event that the total number of American Style Warrants being exercised on any date (other than the final exercise date) exceeds such maximum number and the relevant Issuer elects to limit the number of American Style Warrants exercisable on such date, a Warrantholder may not be able to exercise on such date all American Style Warrants that such holder desires to exercise. In any such case, the number of American Style Warrants to be exercised on such date will be reduced until the total number of American Style Warrants exercised on such date no longer exceeds such maximum, such American Style Warrants being selected at the discretion of the relevant Issuer or in any other manner specified in the applicable Final Terms. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the American Style Warrants tendered for exercise but not exercised on such date will be automatically exercised on the next date on which American Style Warrants may be exercised, subject to the same daily maximum limitation and delayed exercise provisions.

Risks Related to the Market Generally

Set out below is a brief description of the principal market risks, including liquidity risk, exchange rate risk, interest risk and credit risk.

Possible Illiquidity of the Securities in the Secondary Market

It is not possible to predict the price at which Securities will trade in the secondary market or whether such market will be liquid or illiquid. The Issuer may, but is not obliged to, list or admit to trading Securities on a stock exchange or market. If the Securities are not listed or admitted to trading on any exchange or market, pricing information for the Securities may be more difficult to obtain and the liquidity of the Securities may be adversely affected. If the Issuer does list or admit to trading an issue of Securities, there can be no assurance that at a later date, the Securities will not be delisted or that trading on such exchange or market will not be suspended. In the event of a delisting or suspension of listing or trading on a stock exchange or market, the Issuer will use its reasonable efforts to list or admit to trading the Securities on another exchange or market. Also, (in the case of Warrants) to the extent Warrants of a particular issue are exercised, the number of Warrants of such issue outstanding will decrease, resulting in a diminished liquidity for the remaining Warrants of such issue. A decrease in the liquidity of an issue of Warrants may cause, in turn, an increase in the volatility associated with the price of such issue of Warrants.

The Issuer, or any of its Affiliates may, but is not obliged to, at any time purchase Securities at any price in the open market or by tender or private treaty. Any Securities so purchased may be held or resold or surrendered for cancellation. The Issuer or any of its Affiliates may, but is not obliged to, be a market-maker for an issue of Securities. Even if the Issuer or such other entity is a market-maker for an issue of Securities, the secondary market for such Securities may be limited. To the extent that an issue of Securities becomes illiquid, an investor may have to exercise such Securities (in the case of American Style Warrants) or wait until the Exercise Date (in the case of European Style Warrants and Certificates) to realise value.

Exchange rate risks and exchange controls

In the case of Cash Settled Securities, the Issuer will pay the Cash Settlement Amount in respect of the Securities in the Settlement Currency specified in the applicable Final Terms. 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 Settlement

Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Settlement 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 Settlement Currency would decrease (i) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Securities, (ii) the Investor's Currency equivalent value of the Cash Settlement Amount in respect of the Securities and (iii) the Investor's Currency equivalent market value of the Securities.

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, the Cash Settlement Amount that investors may receive may be less than expected or zero.

Legal Risks

Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments

Each prospective purchaser of Securities must determine, based on its own independent review and such professional advice as it deems appropriate under the circumstances, that its acquisition of the Securities (i) is fully consistent with its (or if it is acquiring the Securities in a fiduciary capacity, the beneficiary's) financial needs, objectives and condition, (ii) complies and is fully consistent with all investment policies, guidelines and restrictions applicable to it (whether acquiring the Securities as principal or in a fiduciary capacity) and (iii) is a fit, proper and suitable investment for it (or if it is acquiring the Securities in a fiduciary capacity, for the beneficiary), notwithstanding the clear and substantial risks inherent in investing in or holding the Securities. Potential investors should consult with their own tax, legal, accounting and/or financial advisers before considering investing in the Securities.

The investment activities of certain investors are subject to legal 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 (1) Securities are legal investments for it, (2) Securities can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (3) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Securities. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisers or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Securities under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

No reliance

A prospective purchaser may not rely on the Issuer, the Managers, if any, or any of their respective affiliates in connection with its determination as to the legality of its acquisition of the Securities or as to the other matters referred to above. None of the Issuer, the Managers, if any, or any of their respective affiliates has or assumes responsibility for the lawfulness of the acquisition of the Securities by a prospective purchaser of the Securities, whether under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or the jurisdiction in which it operates (if different), or for compliance by that prospective purchaser with any law, regulation or regulatory policy applicable to it.

Disclaimers

Each type of structured Security will be issued subject to express disclaimers in respect of the risks involved in investing in such Securities. The text of such disclaimers will be set out in full in the applicable Final Terms.

FORM OF FINAL TERMS

BANCA IMI S.P.A.

[Title of Warrants or Certificates]

under the Warrant and Certificate Programme

[The Base Prospectus referred to below (as completed by these Final Terms) has been prepared on the basis that, except as provided in sub-paragraph (ii) below, any offer of Securities in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (2003/71/EC) (each, a **Relevant Member State**) will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the Securities. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer of the Securities may only do so:

- (i) in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Manager to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer; or
- (ii) in those Public Offer Jurisdictions mentioned in Paragraph 51 of Part A below, provided such person is one of the persons mentioned in Paragraph 51 of Part A below and that such offer is made during the Offer Period specified for such purpose therein.

Neither the Issuer nor any Manager has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Securities in any other circumstances].¹

[The Base Prospectus referred to below (as completed by these Final Terms) has been prepared on the basis that any offer of Securities in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (2003/71/EC) (each, a **Relevant Member State**) will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the Securities. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of the Securities may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Manager to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither the Issuer nor any Manager has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Securities in any other circumstances].²

1 Consider including this legend where a non-exempt offer of Securities is anticipated. (NB. Not relevant for an issue of Securities with an issue price equal to or greater than EUR50,000 (or its equivalent in another currency).)

2 Consider including this legend where only an exempt offer of Securities is anticipated. (NB. Not relevant for an issue of Securities with an issue price of equal to or greater than EUR50,000 (or its equivalent in another currency).)

PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Terms and Conditions set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 12 September 2008 [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated 1] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the **Prospectus Directive**). This document (which for the avoidance of doubt may be issued in respect of more than one series of Securities) constitutes the Final Terms of the Securities described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus [as supplemented]. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Securities is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus [as supplemented]. The Base Prospectus [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] is [are] available for viewing during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer and the specified offices of the Security Agents.

[The Final Terms relating to each issue of Securities will contain (without limitation) such of the following information as is applicable in respect of such Securities. Any information that is not applicable will be deleted.]

[When adding any other final terms or information consideration should be given as to whether such amendments would be acceptable as Final Terms or whether a prospectus for the issue should be prepared.]

References herein to numbered Conditions are to the terms and conditions of the relevant series of Securities and words and expressions defined in such terms and conditions shall bear the same meaning in these Final Terms insofar as they relate to such series of Securities, save as where otherwise expressly provided.

These Final Terms relate to the series of Securities as set out in “Specific Provisions for each Series” below. References herein to “Securities” shall be deemed to be references to the relevant [Warrants/Certificates] that are the subject of these Final Terms and references to “Securities” and “Security” shall be construed accordingly.

[If applicable, insert disclaimer language in respect of the Shares, Index, Debt Instruments, Currencies or Commodities or other asset or reference basis for the Securities.]

1. Issuer: Banca IMI S.p.A.

2. Specific provisions for each Series:

Series Number	No. of Securities issued	[No. of Securities per Unit ³	Issue price per [Security/Unit ³	[Call/Put] ³	[Exercise Price ³	Exercise [Period] ^{3/} [Date] / [●]
●	●	●	●	[Call/Put]	[insert currency] [●]	[from and including] [●] [to and including] [●]
●	●	●]	●	[Call/Put]	[insert currency] [●]	[from and including] [●] [to and including] [●]

3. Consolidation: The Securities are to be consolidated and form a single series with the [insert title of relevant series of Securities] issued on [insert issue date]. (N.B Only applicable in relation to Securities which are fungible with an existing series of Securities)

4. Type of Securities and underlying asset:

(a) The Securities are [Certificates]/[Warrants]. The Securities are [Index Securities / Share Securities / Debt Securities / Currency Securities / Commodity Securities / Fund Securities (specify other type of Security)].

(b) The index or other item(s) to which the

³ Not applicable for Certificates

- Securities relate is/are [*specify underlying asset*].
5. Averaging: Averaging [applies/does not apply] to the Securities. [The Averaging Dates are [].]
[In the event that an Averaging Date is a Disrupted Day, [Omission/Postponement/Modified Postponement] (as defined in Condition 3) will apply.
[In the event of Modified Postponement applying, the Averaging Date will be determined [*specify relevant provisions*] (*N.B. Only applicable in relation to Debt Securities, Currency Securities or Commodity Securities*).]
 6. Issue Date: The issue date of the Securities is [].
 7. Exercise Date: In the case of [European Style Warrants/Certificates] the exercise date of the Securities is set out in paragraph 2 under “Specific Provisions for each Series” above.
 8. Settlement Date: The settlement date for the Securities is []. (*N.B. Applicable for Physical Delivery Securities. Only applicable for Cash Settled Securities if Settlement Date is different from the definition in Condition 3*).
 9. Number of Securities being issued: The number of Securities being issued is set out in paragraph 2 under “Specific Provisions for each Series”, above.
 10. Issue Price: The issue price per [Security/Unit] is set out in paragraph 2 under “Specific Provisions for each Series”, above.
 11. Settlement Business Day: **Settlement Business Day** for the purposes of Condition 4 means []. (*N.B. Only applicable in the case of Physical Delivery Securities*)
 12. Exchange Business Day: [] (*N.B. Only applicable if different from the definition in Condition 3 or if the Securities are neither Share Securities nor Index Securities*).
 13. Business Day Centre(s): The applicable Business Day Centre[s] for the purposes of the definition of “Business Day” in Condition 3 [is/are] [].
 14. Settlement: Settlement will be by way of [cash payment (**Cash Settled Securities**)] [and/or] [physical delivery (**Physical Delivery Securities**)].
 15. Issuer’s option to vary settlement: The Issuer [has/does not have] the option to vary settlement in respect of the Securities.
 16. Exchange Rate: The applicable rate of exchange for conversion of any amount into the relevant settlement currency for the purposes of determining the Settlement Price (as defined in Condition 3) or the Cash Settlement Amount (as defined in Condition 3) is [*insert rate of exchange and details of how and when such rate is to be ascertained*].
 17. Settlement Currency: The settlement currency for the payment of [the Cash Settlement Amount] (*in the case of Cash Settled Securities*)/[the Settlement Disruption Amount] (*in the case of Physical Delivery*

- Securities) is [].
18. Name and address of Calculation Agent: The Calculation Agent is [●]/[specify other].
[Insert address of Calculation Agent]
19. Exchange(s): [For the purposes of Condition 3 and Condition 13, the relevant Exchange[s] [is/are] []. (N.B. Only applicable in relation to Share Securities)]
20. Exchange(s), Index Sponsor and Designated Multi-Exchange Indices: [For the purposes of Condition 3 and Condition 13(A):
(a) the relevant Exchange[s] [is/are] [];
(b) the relevant Index Sponsor is []; and
(c) the relevant Index Currency is [].]; and]
[[d)] [] [the Index] is a Designated Multi-Exchange Index.] (N.B. Only applicable in relation to Index Securities). (N.B. Designated Multi-Exchange Indices applies in relation to Euro Stoxx Indices).
21. Related Exchange(s): [For the purposes of Condition 3 and Condition 13(B), the relevant Related Exchange(s) [is/are] []/[All Exchanges] (N.B. Only applicable in relation to Share Securities)]/[For the purposes of Condition 3 and Condition 13(B), the relevant Related Exchange(s) [is/are] []/[All Exchanges] (N.B. Only applicable in relation to Index Securities)]
22. Multiplier: The multiplier to be applied to each item comprising the Basket to ascertain the Settlement Price is []. Each such Multiplier shall be subject to adjustment [in accordance with Condition 13(B) in the case of Share Securities]/[specify other]. (N.B. Only applicable in relation to Cash Settled Securities relating to a Basket)
23. Nominal Amount and Relevant Screen Page: The Nominal Amount for the determination of the Cash Settlement Amount is [] and the relevant screen page (**Relevant Screen Page**) is []. (N.B. Only applicable in relation to Cash Settled Securities relating to Debt Instruments)
[The bid price in respect of [the/each] Debt Instrument shall [include/exclude] any accrued but unpaid interest. (N.B. only applicable in relation to Cash Settled Securities relating to Debt Instruments).]
24. Relevant Asset(s): The relevant asset to which the Securities relate [is/are] []. (N.B. Only applicable in relation to Physical Delivery Securities)
25. Entitlement:
(i) The Entitlement (as defined in Condition 3) in relation to each Security is [].
(ii) The Entitlement will be evidenced by [insert details of how the Entitlement will be evidenced].
(iii) The Entitlement will be delivered [insert details of the method of delivery of the Entitlement].

- (N.B. Only applicable in relation to Physical Delivery Securities)
26. Settlement Price: The Settlement Price will be calculated [*insert calculation method*]. (N.B. Only applicable in relation to Commodity Securities and Fund Securities)
27. Adjustments to Valuation Date and/or Averaging Date: [If the Valuation Date or an Averaging Date (each as defined in Condition 3), as the case may be, is a Disrupted Day, the Settlement Price will be calculated [*insert calculation method*]. (N.B. Only applicable where provisions in the Conditions not appropriate)]
28. Redemption of Debt Instruments: Where one or more of the relevant Debt Instruments is redeemed (or otherwise ceases to exist) before the expiration of the relevant Securities, [*insert appropriate fallback provisions*]. (N.B. Only applicable in relation to Debt Securities)
29. Valuation Time: The valuation time is [], being the time specified on the Valuation Date or an Averaging Date, as the case may be, for the calculation of the Settlement Price.
30. Currency Securities:
- (i) The Relevant Screen Page is [].
 - (ii) The relevant base currency (the **Base Currency**) is [].
 - (iii) The relevant subject [currency/currencies] (each a **Subject Currency**) [is/are] [].
- (N.B. Only applicable in relation to Currency Securities)
31. Fund Securities: [*Specify applicable market disruption, general disruption, adjustment and/or termination provisions*]
32. Tender Offer: [Applicable/Not Applicable]
(N.B. Only applicable in relation to Share Securities)
33. Additional Disruption Events: [(a)] The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the Securities:
(Specify each of the following which applies. NB Additional Disruption Events are applicable to certain Index Securities or Share Securities. Careful consideration should be given to whether Additional Disruption Events would apply for Debt Securities, Currency Securities, Commodity Securities or Fund Securities and if so the relevant definitions will require amendment)
[Change in Law
Hedging Disruption
Increased Cost of Hedging
Increased Cost of Stock Borrow
Insolvency Filing
Loss of Stock Borrow]
[(b)] [The Trade Date is [].
(N.B. only applicable if Change in Law and/or Increased Cost of Hedging is applicable)
[(c)] [The Maximum Stock Loan Rate in

respect of [specify in relation to each relevant Share] is [].

(N.B. Only applicable if Loss of Stock Borrow is applicable.)

[(d)] [The Initial Stock Loan rate in respect of [specify in relation to each relevant Share] is [].

(N.B. Only applicable if increased Cost of Stock Borrow is applicable.)

34. Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity:

Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity applies to the Securities. (N.B. (1) Only applicable in the case of Physical Delivery Securities. (2) Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity is applicable to certain Share Securities. Careful consideration should be given to whether Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity would apply to other Physical Delivery Securities)

PROVISION RELATING TO WARRANTS

[The following provisions are only applicable to Warrants:]

35. Type of Warrants:

(i) The Warrants are [European/American/ (specify other)] Style Warrants.

(ii) The Warrants are Call Warrants or Put Warrants as set out in paragraph 2 under “Specific Provisions for each Series” above.

36. Exercise Price:

The exercise price per [Warrant/Unit] (which may be subject to adjustment in accordance with Condition 13(B) in the case of Share Warrants) is set out in paragraph 2 under “Specific Provisions for each Series” above. (N.B. This should take into account any relevant Multiplier and, in the case of an Index Security, must be expressed as a monetary value).

37. Exercise Period:

In the case of American Style Warrants the exercise period in respect of the Warrants is set out in paragraph 2 under “Specific Provisions for each Series” above.

38. Automatic Exercise:

Automatic Exercise [applies/does not apply] to the Warrants.

39. Minimum Exercise Number:

The minimum number of Warrants that may be exercised on any day by any Securityholder is [] [and Warrants may only be exercised in integral multiples of [] Warrants in excess thereof].

40. Maximum Exercise Number:

The maximum number of Warrants that must be exercised on any day by any Securityholder or group of Securityholders (whether or not acting in concert) is []. (N.B. not applicable for European Style Warrants).

41. Cash Settlement Amount:

[Insert details of how Cash Settlement Amount is to be calculated for Cash Settled Warrants if not as set out in Condition 16(B)].

42. [Units:

Warrants must be exercised in Units. Each Unit consists of the number of Securities set out in paragraph 2 under “Specific Provisions for each

Series” above. (N.B. This is in addition to any requirements relating to “Minimum Exercise Number” or “Maximum Exercise Number” set out above).]

PROVISIONS RELATING TO CERTIFICATES

[The following provisions are only applicable to Certificates:]

43. Cash Settlement Amount: [Insert details of how Cash Settlement Amount is to be calculated for Cash Settled Certificates].

PROVISIONS RELATING TO REMUNERATION IN RESPECT OF CERTIFICATES

[The following provisions are only applicable to Certificates.]

44. Notional Amount per Certificate: []
45. Remuneration Payment Dates: [[] and the Settlement Date]
46. Remuneration Rate: []
47. Remuneration Rate Day Count Fraction: [Actual/360]
[Actual/Actual (ISDA)]
[Actual/365 (Fixed)]
[30/360 (Floating) or 30/360 or Bond Basis]
[30E/360 or Eurobond Basis]
[30E/360 (ISDA)]

GENERAL

48. Form of Securities: Temporary Global Security exchangeable for a Permanent Global Security which is exchangeable for Definitive Securities only in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Security

Temporary Global Security exchangeable for Definitive Securities on or after the Exchange Date

Permanent Global Security exchangeable for Definitive Securities only in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Security

49. Other Final Terms: [when adding any other final terms consideration should be given as to whether such amendments would be acceptable as Final Terms]

[insert, including alternative adjustment provisions, if different from those set out in Condition 13]

DISTRIBUTION

50. Syndication: The Securities will be distributed on a [non-syndicated basis.

(i) [If syndicated, names and addresses of Managers and underwriting commitments:] [give names, and addresses and underwriting commitments]

(Including names and addresses of entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis and names and addresses of the entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or on a “best efforts” basis if such entities are not the same as the Managers)

(ii) Date of Subscription Agreement:] []

(iii) Stabilising Manager (if any):] []

If non-syndicated, name and address of [Name and address]
Manager (if not the Issuer):

[Total commission and concession: []]

51. Non exempt Offer*:

[Not Applicable] [An offer of the Securities may be made by the Manager[s] [and [specify names [and addresses] of other financial intermediaries making non-exempt offers, to the extent known OR consider a generic description of other parties involved in non-exempt offers (e.g. "other parties authorised by the Manager[s]") or (if relevant) note that other parties may make non-exempt offers in the Public Offer Jurisdictions during the Offer Period, if not known]] (together with the Manager[s], the **Financial Intermediaries**) other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in [specify relevant Member State(s) – which must be jurisdictions where the Information Memorandum and any supplements have been passported (in addition to the jurisdiction where approved and published)] (**Public Offer Jurisdictions**) during the period from [specify date] until [specify date or a formula such as "the Issue Date" or "the date which falls [●] Business Days thereafter"] (**Offer Period**). See further Paragraph 12 of Part B below.
(N.B. Consider any local regulatory requirements necessary to be fulfilled so as to be able to make a non-exempt offer in relevant jurisdictions. No such offer should be made in any relevant jurisdiction until those requirements have been met. Non-exempt offers may only be made into jurisdictions in which the information memorandum (and any supplement) has been notified/passported.)

52. Additional selling restrictions:

[give details]

PURPOSE OF FINAL TERMS

These Final Terms comprise the final terms required for issue [and public offer in the Public Offer Jurisdictions] [and admission to trading on [specify relevant regulated market (for example the Bourse de Luxembourg) and, if relevant, admission to an official list (for example, the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange)]] of the Securities described herein pursuant to the Warrant and Certificate Programme of Banca IMI S.p.A.

RESPONSIBILITY

[Subject as provided below, the Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms. [The information relating to ● [and ●] (the **Reference Information**) contained herein has been accurately extracted from [insert information source(s)]. The Issuer accepts responsibility for the accuracy of such extraction but accepts no further or other responsibility in respect of such information.]

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

By:

Duly authorised

* Not relevant for an issue of Securities with an issue price of equal to or greater than EUR50,000 (or its equivalent in another currency).

PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

- (i) Listing: [Luxembourg/other (*specify*)/None]
- (ii) Admission to trading: [Application has been made for the Securities to be admitted to trading on [] with effect from [].]
[Not Applicable.]
(Where documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original securities are already admitted to trading)

2. INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE

[Save for any fees payable to the Manager[s], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the Securities has an interest material to the offer. – *Amend as appropriate if there are other interests*]

3. REASONS FOR THE OFFER, ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS AND TOTAL EXPENSES

- (i) Reasons for the offer: []
(See “Use of Proceeds” wording in Base Prospectus – if reasons for offer different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks will need to include those reasons here.)
- (ii) Estimated net proceeds: []
(If proceeds are intended for more than one use will need to split out and present in order of priority. If proceeds insufficient to fund all proposed uses state amount and sources of other funding.)
- (iii) Estimated total expenses: []. *[Expenses are required to be broken down into each principal intended “use” and presented in order of priority of such “uses”.]*
((i) above is required where the reasons for the offer are different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks and where this is the case disclosure of net proceeds and total expenses at (ii) and (iii) above are also required.)

4. YIELD (*fixed rate Certificates only*)

- Indication of yield: []
[Calculated as [include details of method of calculation in summary form] on the Issue Date.
The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield.]

5. HISTORIC INTEREST RATES (*floating rate Certificates only*)

Details of historic [EURIBOR/LIBOR/other] rates can be obtained from [Reuters].

6. PERFORMANCE OF [INDEX/BASKET OF INDICES], EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT AND ASSOCIATED RISKS [AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE [INDEX/BASKET OF INDICES]] (*Index Securities only*)

[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the [index/basket of indices] can be obtained, the relevant weighting of each index within a basket of indices and where pricing information is available]. [Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]

[Need to include the name of [theleach] index, the name of [theleach] index sponsor and a description if composed by the Issuer and if the index is not composed by the Issuer need to include details of where the information about [theleach] index can be obtained.]

7. PERFORMANCE OF [THE SHARE/BASKET OF SHARES], EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT AND ASSOCIATED RISKS [AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING [THE SHARE/BASKET OF SHARES]] (Share Securities only)

[Need to include details of the name of [theleach] share company, any security identification number of the shares, where pricing information about the shares is available, the relevant weighting of each share within a basket of shares (if relevant) and where past and future performance and volatility of the [share/basket of shares] can be obtained.] [Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]

8. INFORMATION IN RELATION TO THE DEBT INSTRUMENT/INSTRUMENTS, EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT AND ASSOCIATED RISKS [AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEBT INSTRUMENT/ INSTRUMENTS] (Debt Securities only)

[Need to include details of the name of the issuer, the ISIN (International Securities Identification Number) of the debt instrument(s), the relevant weighting of each debt instrument in a basket of debt instruments (if relevant) and where pricing information on and where past and future performance and volatility of the debt instrument(s) can be obtained.] [Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]

9. PERFORMANCE OF [RATE[S] OF EXCHANGE/CURRENCIES], EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT AND ASSOCIATED RISKS [AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING [THE [RATE[S] OF EXCHANGE/ CURRENCIES]] (Currency Securities only)

[Need to include details of [theleach] currency, where past and future performance and volatility of the [rate(s)/currencies] can be obtained.] [Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]

10. PERFORMANCE OF [THE COMMODITY/BASKET OF COMMODITIES], EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT AND ASSOCIATED RISKS [AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING [THE COMMODITY/BASKET OF COMMODITIES]] (Commodity Securities only)

[Need to include details of [theleach] commodity, where pricing information about [theleach] commodity is available, the relevant weighting of each commodity within a basket of commodities and where past and future performance and volatility of [the commodity/basket of commodities] can be obtained.] [Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]

11. PERFORMANCE OF [THE FUND/BASKET OF FUNDS], EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT AND ASSOCIATED RISKS [AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING [THE FUND /BASKET OF FUNDS]] (Fund Securities only)

[Need to include details of [theleach] fund, the relevant weighting of each fund within a basket of funds and where past and future performance and volatility of [theleach] [fund/basket of funds] can be obtained.] [Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]

12. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER (Public Offer Only)

Offer Price:	[Issue Price][specify]
[Conditions to which the offer is subject:]	[Not Applicable/give details]
[The time period, including any possible amendments, during which the offer will be	[Not Applicable/give details]

open and description of the application process:]	
[Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of application:]	[Not Applicable/ <i>give details</i>]
[Description of possibility to reduce subscriptions and manner for refunding excess amount paid by applicants:]	[Not Applicable/ <i>give details</i>]
[Details of the method and time limits for paying up and delivering the Securities:]	[Not Applicable/ <i>give details</i>]
[Manner in and date on which results of the offer are to be made public:]	[Not Applicable/ <i>give details</i>]
[Procedure for exercise of any right of pre-emption, negotiability of subscription rights and treatment of subscription rights not exercised:]	[Not Applicable/ <i>give details</i>]
[Categories of potential investors to which the Securities are offered and whether tranche(s) have been reserved for certain countries:]	[Not Applicable/ <i>give details</i>]
[Process for notification to applicants of the amount allotted and the indication whether dealing may begin before notification is made:]	[Not Applicable/ <i>give details</i>]
[Amount of any expenses and taxes specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser:]	[Not Applicable/ <i>give details</i>]

13. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

- (i) ISIN Code:
- (ii) Common Code:
- [(iii)] Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* and the relevant identification number(s): [Not Applicable/*give name(s) and number(s)*]
- [(iv)] Names and addresses of initial Security Agents: []

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SECURITIES

The following is the text of the Terms and Conditions of the Securities which, as supplemented and/or amended in accordance with the applicable Final Terms, will apply to each issue of Securities and be incorporated by reference into each Global Security. The applicable Final Terms in relation to any issue of Securities may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the following Terms and Conditions, be deemed to be incorporated into and thereby supplement, replace or modify the Terms and Conditions, for the purposes of such Securities.

The Securities of this series (such Securities being hereinafter referred to as the **Securities**) are issued by Banca IMI S.p.A. (the **Issuer**) pursuant to an Agency Agreement dated 12 September 2008 (as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the **Agency Agreement**) between the Issuer and BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch as principal security agent (the **Principal Security Agent**, which expression shall include any successor principal security agent) and as Luxembourg listing agent (the **Luxembourg Listing Agent** and, together with the Principal Security Agent, the **Security Agents**, which expression shall include any additional or successor security agents).

The Issuer shall undertake the duties of calculation agent (in this capacity, the **Calculation Agent**) in respect of the Securities unless another entity is so specified as the calculation agent in the applicable Final Terms. The expression Calculation Agent shall, in relation to the relevant Securities, include such other specified Calculation Agent.

The applicable Final Terms for the Securities is attached to the Global Security and supplements these Terms and Conditions (the **Conditions**) and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Conditions, be deemed to be incorporated into and thereby supplement, replace or modify these Conditions for the purposes of the Securities. Securities will be either warrants (**Warrants**) or certificates (**Certificates**), as specified in the applicable Final Terms, and references in these Conditions to **Security** and **Securities** will be construed accordingly. Conditions 16, 17 and 18 apply only to Warrants and Conditions 19 and 20 apply only to Certificates. Other Conditions apply to Warrants or Certificates, as applicable. References herein to the **applicable Final Terms** are to Part A of the Final Terms or each Final Terms (in the case of any further securities issued pursuant to Condition 10 and forming a single series with the Securities) (which for the avoidance of doubt may be issued in respect of more than one series of Securities) attached to the Global Security insofar as it relates to the Securities.

Each series of Securities will on issue be constituted by either (a) in the case of Securities with a maturity of more than one year, a temporary global security in bearer form (the **Temporary Global Security**) or (b) in the case of Securities with a maturity of one year or less, a permanent global security in bearer form (the **Permanent Global Security** and together with the Temporary Global Security, the **Global Securities** and each a **Global Security**) as indicated in the applicable Final Terms which, in either case, will be deposited with a depository (the **Common Depository**) common to Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (**Euroclear**) and Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* (**Clearstream, Luxembourg**).

On or after the 40th day following the Issue Date of the Securities (the **Exchange Date**) the Temporary Global Security will be exchangeable (a) for a Permanent Global Security or (b) for securities in definitive form (**Definitive Securities**, and the expressions **Definitive Warrants** and **Definitive Certificates** shall be construed accordingly), as indicated in the applicable Final Terms and in each case only to the extent that certification (in a form to be provided) to the effect that the beneficial owners of interests in such Security are not United States persons or persons who have purchased for resale to any United States person, as required by U.S. Treasury regulations, has been received by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, has given a like certification (based on the certification received) to the Principal Security Agent. A Permanent Global Security will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for Definitive Securities only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. For these purposes, **Exchange Event** means that (i) the Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and no successor clearing system is available or (ii) the Issuer has or will become subject to adverse tax consequences which would not be suffered were the Securities represented by the Permanent Global Security in definitive form. The Issuer will promptly give notice to Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8 if an Exchange Event occurs. No

Definitive Security delivered in exchange for a Temporary Global Security or a Permanent Global Security, as the case may be, will be mailed or otherwise delivered to any location in the United States or its possessions.

The following legend will appear on all Securities with a maturity of more than one year:

“Any United States person who holds this obligation will be subject to limitations under the United States income tax laws, including the limitations provided in Sections 165(j) and 1287(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.”

The applicable Final Terms for the Securities is attached to the relevant Global Security or the relevant Definitive Security, if applicable, and supplements these Conditions and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Conditions, supplement, replace or modify these Conditions for the purposes of the Securities. References herein to the “applicable Final Terms” are to Part A of the Final Terms attached to the Global Securities or to the Definitive Security, if applicable.

Copies of the Agency Agreement (which contains the form of the Final Terms) and the applicable Final Terms are obtainable at the specified office of each Security Agent, save that if the Securities are neither admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area nor offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive, the applicable Final Terms will only be obtainable by a Securityholder holding one or more Securities (as detailed below) and such Securityholder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer or the relevant Security Agent as to its holding of such Securities and identity.

Words and expressions defined in the Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Final Terms shall have the same meanings where used in these Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated.

The Securityholders (as defined in Condition 1(B)) are entitled to the benefit of and are deemed to have notice of and are bound by all the provisions of the Agency Agreement (insofar as they relate to the Securities) and the applicable Final Terms, which are binding on them.

1. Type, Title and Transfer

(A) *Type*

The Securities are Index Securities, Share Securities, Debt Securities, Currency Securities, Commodity Securities, Fund Securities or any other or further type of Securities as is specified in the applicable Final Terms. Certain terms which will, unless otherwise varied in the applicable Final Terms, apply to Index Securities, Share Securities, Debt Securities or Commodity Securities are set out in Condition 13.

The applicable Final Terms will indicate:

- (1) for all Securities:
 - (i) whether settlement shall be by way of cash payment (**Cash Settled Securities**) or physical delivery (**Physical Delivery Securities**);
 - (ii) whether Averaging (**Averaging**) will apply to the Securities; and
 - (iii) if Averaging is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, the relevant Averaging Dates and, if an Averaging Date is a Disrupted Day (as defined in Condition 3), whether Omission, Postponement or Modified Postponement (each as defined in Condition 3 below) applies;
- (2) in the case of Warrants only:
 - (i) whether the Warrants are American style Warrants, being Warrants which are exercisable during a specified period (**American Style Warrants**) or European style Warrants, being Warrants which are exercisable on a specified date (**European Style Warrants**) or such other type as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms and whether automatic exercise (**Automatic Exercise**) applies to the Warrants;
 - (ii) whether the Warrants are call Warrants (**Call Warrants**) or put Warrants (**Put Warrants**) or such other type as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms and whether the Warrants may only be exercisable in Units. If Units are specified in the

applicable Final Terms, Warrants must be exercised in Units and any Exercise Notice which purports to exercise Warrants in breach of this provision shall be void and of no effect; and

- (3) in the case of Certificates only, whether remuneration shall be payable in respect of the Securities.

References in these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, to Cash Settled Securities shall be deemed to include references to Physical Delivery Securities, which include an option (as set out in the applicable Final Terms) at the Issuer's election to request cash settlement of such Security and where settlement is to be by way of cash payment, and references in these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, to Physical Delivery Securities shall be deemed to include references to Cash Settled Securities which include an option (as set out in the applicable Final Terms) at the Issuer's election to request physical delivery of the relevant underlying asset in settlement of such Security and where settlement is to be by way of physical delivery.

Securities may, if so specified and provided for in the applicable Final Terms, allow holders to elect for settlement by way of cash payment or by way of physical delivery or by such other method of settlement as is specified in the applicable Final Terms. Those Securities where the holder has elected for cash payment will be Cash Settled Securities and those Securities where the holder has elected for physical delivery will be Physical Delivery Securities. The rights of a holder as described in this paragraph may be subject to the Issuer's right to vary settlement if so indicated in the applicable Final Terms.

(B) *Title to Securities*

Except as set out below, each person who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular number of Securities (in which regard any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as to the number of Securities standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer, the Security Agents and the Calculation Agent as the holder of such number of Securities for all purposes (and the expressions **Securityholder** and **holder of Securities** and related expressions shall be construed accordingly).

(C) *Transfers of Securities*

For so long as the Securities are represented by Definitive Securities, title to the Securities will pass by delivery.

For so long as the Securities are represented by a Global Security, all transactions (including transfers of Securities) in the open market or otherwise must be effected through an account at Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, subject to and in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as the case may be). Title will pass upon registration of the transfer in the books of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Any reference herein to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system approved by the Issuer and the Principal Security Agent from time to time and notified to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8.

2. Status of the Securities

The Securities constitute direct, unsubordinated, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* among themselves and (save for certain obligations required to be preferred by law) equally with all other unsecured obligations other than subordinated obligations, if any, of the Issuer from time to time outstanding.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of these Conditions, the following general definitions will apply:

Actual Exercise Date, in respect of an American Style Warrant, is defined in Condition 16(A)(i) or, in respect of a European Style Warrant, is defined in Condition 16(A)(ii), in each case subject to Condition 18(A)(ii);

Affiliate means in relation to any entity (the **First Entity**), any entity controlled, directly or indirectly, by the First Entity, any entity that controls, directly or indirectly, the First Entity or any entity directly or indirectly under common control with the First Entity. For these purposes **control** means ownership of a majority of the voting power of an entity;

Averaging Date means, in respect of an Actual Exercise Date (in the case of Warrants) or an Exercise Date (in the case of Certificates), each date specified as an Averaging Date in the applicable Final Terms or, if any such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Scheduled Trading Day unless, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, any such day is a Disrupted Day. If any such day is a Disrupted Day:

- (a) if **Omission** is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, then such date will be deemed not to be an Averaging Date for the purposes of determining the relevant Settlement Price provided that, if through the operation of this provision there would not be an Averaging Date in respect of such Actual Exercise Date or Exercise Date, as the case may be, then the provisions of the definition of Valuation Date will apply for purposes of determining the relevant level, price or amount on the final Averaging Date with respect to that Actual Exercise Date or Exercise Date, as the case may be, as if such Averaging Date were a Valuation Date that was a Disrupted Day; or
- (b) if **Postponement** is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, then the provisions of the definition of Valuation Date will apply for the purposes of determining the relevant level, price or amount on that Averaging Date as if such Averaging Date were a Valuation Date that was a Disrupted Day irrespective of whether, pursuant to such determination, that deferred Averaging Date would fall on a day that already is or is deemed to be an Averaging Date; or
- (c) if **Modified Postponement** is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (i) where the Securities are Index Securities relating to a single Index or Share Securities relating to a single Share, the Averaging Date shall be the first succeeding Valid Date (as defined below). If the first succeeding Valid Date has not occurred as of the Valuation Time on the eighth Scheduled Trading Day immediately following the original date that, but for the occurrence of another Averaging Date or Disrupted Day, would have been the final Averaging Date in relation to such Actual Exercise Date or Exercise Date, as the case may be, then (A) that eighth Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether that eighth Scheduled Trading Day is already an Averaging Date), and (B) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant level or price for that Averaging Date in accordance with sub-paragraph (a)(ii) of the definition of Valuation Date below;
 - (ii) where the Securities are Index Securities relating to a Basket of Indices or Share Securities relating to a Basket of Shares, the Averaging Date for each Index or Share not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the originally designated Averaging Date (the **Scheduled Averaging Date**) and the Averaging Date for an Index or Share affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the first succeeding Valid Date (as defined below) in relation to such Index or Share. If the first succeeding Valid Date in relation to such Index or Share has not occurred as of the Valuation Time on the eighth Scheduled Trading Day immediately following the original date that, but for the occurrence of another Averaging Date or Disrupted Day, would have been the final Averaging Date in relation to such Actual Exercise Date or Exercise Date, as the case may be, then (A) that eighth Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether that eighth Scheduled Trading Day is already an Averaging Date) in respect of such Index or Share, and (B) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant level or price for that Averaging Date in accordance with sub-paragraph (b)(ii) of the definition of Valuation Date below; and
 - (iii) where the Securities are Debt Securities, Currency Securities or Commodity Securities, provisions for determining the Averaging Date in the event of Modified Postponement applying will be set out in the applicable Final Terms,

for the purposes of these Terms and Conditions **Valid Date** means a Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day and on which another Averaging Date in relation to the Actual Exercise Date or Exercise Date, as the case may be, does not or is not deemed to occur;

Business Day means (i) a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the relevant Business Day Centre(s) and on which each of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg is open for business and (ii) for the purposes of making payments in euro, a day on which the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer (TARGET2) System (the **TARGET2 System**) or any successor thereto is open;

Cash Settlement Amount means, in relation to a Cash Settled Security, the amount which the Securityholder is entitled to receive on the Settlement Date in the Settlement Currency in relation to each such Security, or in relation to Warrants and if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each Unit, in each case as determined by the Calculation Agent (a) in the case of Warrants pursuant to Condition 16(B) and (b) in the case of Certificates as provided in the applicable Final Terms;

Disrupted Day means (a) in relation to Securities other than Index Securities where the relevant Index is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be a Designated Multi-Exchange Index, any Scheduled Trading Day on which a relevant Exchange or any Related Exchange fails to open for trading during its regular trading session or on which a Market Disruption Event has occurred; or (b) in relation to Index Securities where the relevant Index is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be a Designated Multi-Exchange Index, any Scheduled Trading Day on which (i) the Index Sponsor fails to publish the level of the Index, (ii) the Related Exchange fails to open for trading during its regular trading session or (iii) a Market Disruption Event has occurred;

Entitlement means, in relation to a Physical Delivery Security, the quantity of the Relevant Asset or the Relevant Assets, as the case may be, which a Securityholder is entitled to receive on the Settlement Date in respect of each such Security following payment of any sums payable, including the Exercise Price (in the case of a Warrant) and Expenses rounded down as provided in Condition 16(C) or 19(C), as determined by the Calculation Agent including any documents evidencing such Entitlement;

Exchange means:

- (a) in respect of Index Securities and in relation to an Index which is not specified in the applicable Final Terms as being a Designated Multi-Exchange Index, each exchange or quotation system specified as such for such Index in the applicable Final Terms, any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in the securities/commodities comprising such Index has temporarily relocated (provided that the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to the securities/commodities comprising such Index on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Exchange); and
- (b) in respect of Index Securities and in relation to an Index which is specified in the applicable Final Terms as being a Designated Multi-Exchange Index, in respect of each component security of that Index (each a **Component Security**), the principal stock exchange on which such Component Security is principally traded, as determined by the Calculation Agent; and
- (c) in respect of Share Securities and in relation to a Share, each exchange or quotation system specified as such for such Share in the applicable Final Terms, any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in the Share has temporarily relocated (provided that the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to such Share on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Exchange);

Exchange Business Day means (a) in respect of Securities other than Index Securities where the relevant Index is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be a Designated Multi-Exchange Index, any Scheduled Trading Day on which each Exchange and each Related Exchange are open for trading during their respective regular trading sessions, notwithstanding any such Exchange or Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time; or (b) in relation to Index Securities where the relevant Index is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be a Designated Multi-Exchange Index, any Scheduled Trading Day on which (i) the Index Sponsor

publishes the level of the Index and (ii) the Related Exchange is open for trading during its regular trading session, notwithstanding any Exchange or the Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time;

Exercise Business Day means:

- (a) in the case of Cash Settled Securities, a day that is a Business Day; and
- (b) in the case of Physical Delivery Securities, a day that is a Business Day and a Scheduled Trading Day;

In-The-Money means:

- (a) in the case of a Warrant (a **Cash Settled Warrant**) which is a Cash Settled Security, the Cash Settlement Amount in respect of such Warrant is greater than zero; and
- (b) in the case of a Warrant (a **Physical Delivery Warrant**) which is a Physical Delivery Security, the value of the Entitlement on the Actual Exercise Date for such Warrant is greater than the Exercise Price as determined by the Calculation Agent;

Italian Stock Exchange means the electronic “Securitized Derivatives Market” (the **SeDeX**), organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A.;

Related Exchange means, in respect of Index Securities and in relation to an Index or in respect of Share Securities and in relation to a Share, each exchange or quotation system specified as such in relation to such Index or Share in the applicable Final Terms, any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in futures or options contracts relating to such Index or Share has temporarily relocated (provided that the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to the futures or options contracts relating to such Index or such Share on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Related Exchange), provided that where **All Exchanges** is specified as the Related Exchange in the applicable Final Terms, **Related Exchange** shall mean each exchange or quotation system where trading has a material effect (as determined by the Calculation Agent) on the overall market for futures or options contracts relating to such Index or such Share;

Scheduled Closing Time means, in respect of an Exchange or Related Exchange and a Scheduled Trading Day, the scheduled weekday closing time of such Exchange or Related Exchange on such Scheduled Trading Day, without regard to after hours or any other trading outside of the regular trading session hours;

Scheduled Trading Day means (a) in relation to Securities other than Index Securities where the relevant Index is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be a Designated Multi-Exchange Index, any day on which each Exchange and each Related Exchange are scheduled to be open for trading for their respective regular trading sessions or (b) in relation to Index Securities where the relevant Index is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be a Designated Multi-Exchange Index, any day on which (i) the Index Sponsor is scheduled to publish the level of that Index, and (ii) the Related Exchange is scheduled to be open for trading for its regular trading session;

Scheduled Valuation Date means any original date that, but for the occurrence of an event causing a Disrupted Day, would have been a Valuation Date;

Settlement Date means:

- (a) in relation to Cash Settled Securities:
 - (i) where Averaging is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, the fifth Business Day following the Valuation Date provided that if the Securities are Index Securities relating to a Basket of Indices, Share Securities relating to a Basket of Shares, Debt Securities relating to a Basket of Debt Instruments or Commodity Securities relating to a Basket of Commodities and the occurrence of a Disrupted Day has resulted in a Valuation Date for one or more Indices, Shares, Debt Instruments or Commodities, as the case may be, being adjusted as set out in the definition of **Valuation Date** below, the Settlement Date shall be the fifth Business Day next following the last occurring Valuation Date in relation to any Index, Share, Debt Instrument or Commodity, as the case may be; or

- (ii) where Averaging is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the fifth Business Day following the last occurring Averaging Date provided that where the Securities are Index Securities relating to a Basket of Indices, Share Securities relating to a Basket of Shares, Debt Securities relating to a Basket of Debt Instruments or Commodity Securities relating to a Basket of Commodities and the occurrence of a Disrupted Day has resulted in an Averaging Date for one or more Indices, Shares, Debt Instruments or Commodities, as the case may be, being adjusted as set out in the definition of Averaging Date above, the Settlement Date shall be the fifth Business Day next following the last occurring Averaging Date in relation to any Index, Share, Debt Instrument or Commodity, as the case may be, or such other date as is specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (b) in relation to Physical Delivery Securities, the date specified as such in the applicable Final Terms;

Settlement Price means, in relation to each Cash Settled Security and, in relation to Warrants, if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each Unit:

- (a) in respect of Index Securities, subject to Condition 13(A) and as referred to in Valuation Date below or Averaging Date above, as the case may be:
 - (i) in the case of Index Securities relating to a Basket of Indices, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary amount in the Index Currency) equal to the sum of the values calculated for each Index as the official closing level for each Index as determined by the Calculation Agent or, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, the level of each Index determined by the Calculation Agent as set out in the applicable Final Terms at the Valuation Time on (A) if Averaging is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Date or (B) if Averaging is specified in the applicable Final Terms, an Averaging Date and, in either case, without regard to any subsequently published correction, multiplied by the relevant Multiplier; and
 - (ii) in the case of Index Securities relating to a single Index, an amount (which shall be deemed to be a monetary amount in the Index Currency) equal to the official closing level of the Index as determined by the Calculation Agent or, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, the level of the Index determined by the Calculation Agent as set out in the applicable Final Terms at the Valuation Time on (A) if Averaging is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Date or (B) if Averaging is specified in the applicable Final Terms, an Averaging Date and, in either case, without regard to any subsequently published correction;
- (b) in respect of Share Securities, subject to Condition 13(B) and as referred to in Valuation Date below or Averaging Date above, as the case may be:
 - (i) in the case of Share Securities relating to a Basket of Shares, an amount equal to the sum of the values calculated for each Share as the official closing price (or the price at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date or an Averaging Date, as the case may be, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) quoted on the relevant Exchange for such Share (as defined in Condition 15(B)) on (A) if Averaging is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Date or (B) if Averaging is specified in the applicable Final Terms, an Averaging Date and, in either case, without regard to any subsequently published correction (or, if in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, any such official closing price (or the price at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date or such Averaging Date, as the case may be, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) cannot be so determined and the Valuation Date or Averaging Date, as the case may be, is not a Disrupted Day, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent to be equal to the arithmetic mean of the closing fair market buying price (or the fair market buying price at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date or such Averaging Date, as the case may be, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) and the closing fair market selling price (or the fair market selling price at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date or such Averaging Date, as the case may be, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) for the relevant Share whose official closing price (or the price at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date or such Averaging Date, as the case may be, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) cannot be determined based, at the Calculation Agent's discretion, either on the

arithmetic mean of the foregoing prices or middle market quotations provided to it by two or more financial institutions (as selected by the Calculation Agent) engaged in the trading of the relevant Share or on such other factors as the Calculation Agent shall decide), multiplied by the relevant Multiplier, each such value to be converted, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, into the Settlement Currency at the Exchange Rate and the sum of such converted amounts to be the Settlement Price, all as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent; and

- (ii) in the case of Share Securities relating to a single Share, an amount equal to the official closing price (or the price at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date or an Averaging Date, as the case may be, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) quoted on the relevant Exchange for such Share (as defined in Condition 13(B)) on (A) if Averaging is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Date or (B) if Averaging is specified in the applicable Final Terms, an Averaging Date and, in either case, without regard to any subsequent published correction (or, if in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, any such official closing price, (or the price at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date or such Averaging Date, as the case may be, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) cannot be so determined and the Valuation Date or Averaging Date, as the case may be, is not a Disrupted Day, an amount determined by the Calculation Agent to be equal to the arithmetic mean of the closing fair market buying price (or the fair market buying price at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date or such Averaging Date, as the case may be, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) and the closing fair market selling price (or the fair market selling price at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date or such Averaging Date, as the case may be, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms) for the Share based, at the Calculation Agent's discretion, either on the arithmetic mean of the foregoing prices or middle market quotations provided to it by two or more financial institutions (as selected by the Calculation Agent) engaged in the trading of the Share or on such other factors as the Calculation Agent shall decide), such amount to be converted, if so specified in the applicable Final Terms, into the Settlement Currency at the Exchange Rate and such converted amount to be the Settlement Price, all as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent;
- (c) in respect of Debt Securities, subject as referred to in Valuation Date below or Averaging Date above:
- (i) in the case of Debt Securities relating to a Basket of Debt Instruments, an amount equal to the sum of the values calculated for each Debt Instrument at the bid price for such Debt Instrument as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent by reference to the bid price for such Debt Instrument appearing on the Relevant Screen Page at the Valuation Time on (A) if Averaging is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Date or (B) if Averaging is specified in the applicable Final Terms, an Averaging Date, or if such price is not available, the arithmetic mean of the bid prices for such Debt Instrument at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date or such Averaging Date, as the case may be, as received by it from two or more market-makers (as selected by the Calculation Agent) in such Debt Instrument, such bid prices to be expressed as a percentage of the nominal amount of such Debt Instrument, multiplied by the relevant Multiplier; and
 - (ii) in the case of Debt Securities relating to a single Debt Instrument, an amount equal to the bid price for the Debt Instrument as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent by reference to the bid price for such Debt Instrument appearing on the Relevant Screen Page at the Valuation Time on (A) if Averaging is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Date or (B) if Averaging is specified in the applicable Final Terms, an Averaging Date, or if such price is not available, the arithmetic mean of the bid prices for such Debt Instrument at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date or such Averaging Date, as the case may be, as received by it from two or more market-makers (as selected by the Calculation Agent) in such Debt Instrument, such bid prices to be expressed as a percentage of the nominal amount of the Debt Instrument;

- (d) in respect of Currency Securities:
- (i) in the case of Currency Securities relating to a Basket of Subject Currencies, an amount equal to the sum of the values calculated for each Subject Currency at the spot rate of exchange appearing on the Relevant Screen Page at the Valuation Time on (A) if Averaging is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Date or (B) if Averaging is specified in the applicable Final Terms, an Averaging Date, for the exchange of such Subject Currency into the Base Currency (expressed as the number of units (or part units) of such Base Currency for which one unit of the Subject Currency can be exchanged) or, if such rate is not available, the arithmetic mean (rounded, if necessary, to four decimal places (with 0.00005 being rounded upwards)) as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent of the bid and offer Subject Currency/Base Currency exchange rates (expressed as aforesaid) at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date or such Averaging Date, as the case may be, of two or more leading dealers (as selected by the Calculation Agent) on a foreign exchange market (as selected by the Calculation Agent), multiplied by the relevant Multiplier; and
 - (ii) in the case of Currency Securities relating to a single Subject Currency, an amount equal to the spot rate of exchange appearing on the Relevant Screen Page at the Valuation Time on (A) if Averaging is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Valuation Date or (B) if Averaging is specified in the applicable Final Terms, an Averaging Date, for the exchange of such Subject Currency into the Base Currency (expressed as the number of units (or part units) of the Base Currency for which one unit of the Subject Currency can be exchanged) or, if such rate is not available, the arithmetic mean (rounded, if necessary, to four decimal places (with 0.00005 being rounded upwards)) as determined by or on behalf of the Calculation Agent of the bid and offer Subject Currency/Base Currency exchange rates (expressed as aforesaid) at the Valuation Time on the Valuation Date or such Averaging Date, as the case may be, of two or more leading dealers (as selected by the Calculation Agent) on a foreign exchange market (as selected by the Calculation Agent);
- (e) in respect of Commodity Securities or Fund Securities, the provisions relating to the calculation of the Settlement Price will be set out in the applicable Final Terms;

Valuation Date means (a) in the case of Warrants, the Actual Exercise Date of the relevant Warrant or (b) in the case of Certificates, the Exercise Date, or if that is not a Scheduled Trading Day the first Scheduled Trading Day thereafter unless, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, such day is a Disrupted Day. If such day is a Disrupted Day, then:

- (a) where the Securities are Index Securities relating to a single Index, Share Securities relating to a single Share, Debt Securities relating to a single Debt Instrument, Fund Securities relating to a single Fund or Commodity Securities relating to a single Commodity, the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day, unless each of the eight Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date is a Disrupted Day. In that case, (i) that eighth Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date, notwithstanding the fact that such day is a Disrupted Day, and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Settlement Price in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out or if not practicable, determine the Settlement Price:
- (x) in the case of Index Securities, by determining the level of the Index as of the Valuation Time on that eighth Scheduled Trading Day in accordance with (subject to Condition 13(A)(2)) the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the occurrence of the first Disrupted Day using the Exchange traded or quoted price as of the Valuation Time on that eighth Scheduled Trading Day of each security/commodity comprised in the Index (or, if an event giving rise to a Disrupted Day has occurred in respect of the relevant security/commodity on that eighth Scheduled Trading Day, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant security/commodity as of the Valuation Time on that eighth Scheduled Trading Day); or
- (y) in the case of Share Securities, Debt Securities, Fund Securities or Commodity Securities, in accordance with its good faith estimate of the Settlement Price as of the Valuation Time on that eighth Scheduled Trading Day; or

- (b) where the Securities are Index Securities relating to a Basket of Indices, Share Securities relating to a Basket of Shares, Debt Securities relating to a Basket of Debt Instruments, Fund Securities relating to a Basket of Funds or Commodity Securities relating to a Basket of Commodities, the Valuation Date for each Index, Share, Debt Instrument or Commodity, as the case may be, not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the Scheduled Valuation Date, and the Valuation Date for each Index, Share, Debt Instrument, Fund or Commodity, as the case may be, affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day (each an **Affected Item**) shall be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Item unless each of the eight Scheduled Trading Days immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date is a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Item. In that case, (i) that eighth Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date for the Affected Item, notwithstanding the fact that such day is a Disrupted Day, and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall, acting in good faith, determine the Settlement Price using, in relation to the Affected Item, the level or value as applicable, determined in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms, and, in the case of a Share, a price determined in the manner set out in the applicable Final Terms or, if not set out or if not practicable, using:
- (x) in the case of an Index, the level of that Index as of the Valuation Time on that eighth Scheduled Trading Day in accordance with (subject to Condition 13(A)(2)) the formula for and method of calculating that Index last in effect prior to the occurrence of the first Disrupted Day using the Exchange traded or quoted price as of the Valuation Time on that eighth Scheduled Trading Day of each security/commodity comprised in that Index (or, if an event giving rise to a Disrupted Day has occurred in respect of the relevant security/commodity on that eighth Scheduled Trading Day, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant security/commodity as of the Valuation Time on that eighth Scheduled Trading Day); or
 - (y) in the case of a Share, Debt Instrument, Fund or Commodity, its good faith estimate of the value for the Affected Item as of the Valuation Time on that eighth Scheduled Trading Day,

and otherwise in accordance with the above provisions;

Valuation Time means (a) in respect of Securities other than Index Securities where the relevant Index is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be a Designated Multi-Exchange Index, the Valuation Time specified in the applicable Final Terms or, in the case of Index Securities or Share Securities, if no Valuation Time is specified, the Scheduled Closing Time on the relevant Exchange on the relevant Valuation Date or Averaging Date, as the case may be, in relation to each Index or Share to be valued. If the relevant Exchange closes prior to its Scheduled Closing Time and the specified Valuation Time is after the actual closing time for its regular trading session, then the Valuation Time shall be such actual closing time; or (b) in relation to Index Securities where the relevant Index is specified in the applicable Final Terms to be a Designated Multi-Exchange Index, the Valuation Time specified in the applicable Final Terms or if no Valuation Time is specified (i) for the purposes of determining whether a Market Disruption Event has occurred (x) in respect of any Component Security, the Scheduled Closing Time on the relevant Exchange and (y) in respect of any options contracts or futures contracts on the Index, the close of trading on the relevant Related Exchange, and (ii) in all other circumstances, the time at which the official closing level of the Index is calculated and published by the Index Sponsor.

4. Physical Delivery Provisions

(A) Settlement Disruption

If, following the exercise of Physical Delivery Securities, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, delivery of the Entitlement using the method of delivery specified in the applicable Final Terms is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event (as defined below) having occurred and continuing on any Settlement Date, then such Settlement Date for such Securities shall be postponed to the first following Settlement Business Day in respect of which there is no such Settlement Disruption Event, provided that the Issuer may elect in its sole discretion to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Security by delivering the Entitlement using such other commercially reasonable manner as it may select and in such event the Settlement Date shall be such day as the Issuer deems appropriate in connection with delivery of the Entitlement

in such other commercially reasonable manner. For the avoidance of doubt, where a Settlement Disruption Event affects some but not all of the Relevant Assets comprising the Entitlement, the Settlement Date for the Relevant Assets not affected by the Settlement Disruption Event will be the originally designated Settlement Date. For so long as delivery of the Entitlement is not practicable by reason of a Settlement Disruption Event, then in lieu of physical settlement and notwithstanding any other provision hereof, the Issuer may elect in its sole discretion to satisfy and discharge its obligations in respect of the relevant Security by payment to the relevant Securityholder of the Settlement Disruption Amount (as defined below) on the third Business Day following the date that notice of such election is given to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8. Payment of the Settlement Disruption Amount will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8 that a Settlement Disruption Event has occurred provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any such Settlement Disruption Event. No Securityholder shall be entitled to any payment in respect of the relevant Security in the event of any delay in the delivery of the Entitlement due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event and no liability in respect thereof shall attach to the Issuer.

For the purposes hereof:

Settlement Disruption Amount in respect of any relevant Security shall be the fair market value of such Security (taking into account, where the Settlement Disruption Event affected some but not all of the Relevant Assets comprising the Entitlement and such non-affected Relevant Assets have been duly delivered as provided above, the value of such Relevant Assets), less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion plus, if already paid, in the case of Warrants, the Exercise Price (or, where as provided above some Relevant Assets have been delivered and a *pro rata* portion thereof has been paid, such *pro rata* portion); and

Settlement Disruption Event means, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, an event beyond the control of the Issuer as a result of which the Issuer cannot make delivery of the Relevant Asset(s) using the method specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(B) *Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity*

If “Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity” is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms and, following the exercise of Physical Delivery Securities, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, it is impossible or impracticable to deliver, when due, some or all of the Relevant Assets (the **Affected Relevant Assets**) comprising the Entitlement, where such failure to deliver is due to illiquidity in the market for the Relevant Assets (a **Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity**), then:

- (a) subject as provided elsewhere in these Conditions as amended by the applicable Final Terms, any Relevant Assets which are not Affected Relevant Assets, will be delivered on the originally designated Settlement Date in accordance with Condition 16(C) or Condition 19(C), as applicable, and, in the case of Warrants, the Calculation Agent shall determine the appropriate *pro rata* portion of the Exercise Price to be paid by the relevant Securityholder in respect of that partial settlement; and
- (b) in respect of any Affected Relevant Assets, in lieu of physical settlement and notwithstanding any other provision hereof, the Issuer may elect in its sole discretion to satisfy its obligations in respect of the relevant Security by payment to the relevant Securityholder of the Failure to Deliver Settlement Price (as defined below) on the fifth Business Day following the date that notice of such election is given to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8. Payment of the Failure to Deliver Settlement Price will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8 that the provisions of this Condition 4(B) apply.

For the purposes hereof:

Failure to Deliver Settlement Price means, in respect of any relevant Security, the fair market value of such Security (taking into account, the Relevant Assets comprising the Entitlement which have been duly delivered as provided above), less the cost to the Issuer and/or its Affiliates of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements, all as determined by the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion plus, in the case of Warrants and if already paid, the Exercise Price (or, where as provided above some Relevant Assets have been delivered, and a *pro rata* portion thereof has been paid, such *pro rata* portion).

(C) *Issuer's Option to Vary Settlement*

If the applicable Final Terms indicates that the Issuer has an option to vary settlement in respect of the Securities, upon a valid exercise of Securities in accordance with these Conditions, the Issuer may, at its sole and unfettered discretion, in respect of each such Security, elect not to pay the relevant Securityholders the Cash Settlement Amount or not to deliver or procure delivery of the Entitlement to the relevant Securityholders, as the case may be, but, *in lieu* thereof to deliver or procure delivery of the Entitlement or make payment of the Cash Settlement Amount on the Settlement Date to the relevant Securityholders, as the case may be. Notification of such election will be given to Securityholders no later than 10.00 a.m. (Luxembourg time) on the second Business Day following (a) the Actual Exercise Date for Warrants or (b) the Exercise Date for Certificates in accordance with Condition 8 and/or, at the option of the Issuer, if applicable, in accordance with the contact details for a Securityholder specified in its Exercise Notice (in the case of a Warrant) or Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice (in the case of a Certificate).

(D) *Intervening Period*

If the Entitlement in respect of Physical Delivery Securities comprises Relevant Assets which are shares or debt instruments, for such period of time after the Settlement Date as any person other than the relevant Securityholder shall continue to be the legal owner of such securities (the **Intervening Period**), neither the Issuer nor any other person shall (i) be under any obligation to deliver or procure delivery to the relevant Securityholder or any subsequent beneficial owner of such securities or any other person any letter, certificate, notice, circular or any other document or payment whatsoever received by that person in its capacity as the holder of such securities or (ii) be under any obligation to exercise or procure exercise of any or all rights (including voting rights) attaching to such securities during the Intervening Period.

(E) *General*

None of the Issuer, the Security Agents and the Calculation Agent shall have any responsibility for any errors or omissions in the calculation of any Cash Settlement Amount or of any Entitlement.

The purchase of Securities does not confer on any holder of such Securities any rights (whether in respect of voting, distributions or otherwise) attaching to any Relevant Asset.

The Issuer shall be under no obligation to register or procure the registration of any Securityholder or any other person as the registered holder in respect of any shares comprised in any Entitlement in the register of members of the relevant Share Company (as defined in Condition 13(B)).

5. Illegality

If the Issuer determines that the performance of its obligations under the Securities or that any arrangements made to hedge the Issuer's obligations under the Securities have become illegal in whole or in part for any reason, the Issuer may cancel the Securities by giving notice to Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8.

Should any one or more of the provisions contained in these Conditions be or become invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected thereby.

If the Issuer cancels the Securities then the Issuer will, if and to the extent permitted by applicable law, pay an amount to each Securityholder in respect of each Security or, in the case of Warrants, if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each Unit, as the case may be, held by such holder, which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security or Unit, as the case may be, notwithstanding such illegality less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any

cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements) plus, in the case of Warrants and if already paid by or on behalf of a Securityholder, the Exercise Price, all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8.

6. Purchases and Cancellation

The Issuer may, but is not obliged to, at any time purchase Securities at any price in the open market or by tender or private treaty. Any Securities so purchased may be held or resold or surrendered for cancellation.

7. Agents, Determinations, Meetings of Securityholders and Modifications

(A) Security Agents

The specified offices of the Security Agents are as set out at the end of these Conditions.

The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Security Agent and to appoint further or additional Security Agents, provided that no termination of appointment of the Principal Security Agent shall become effective until a replacement Principal Security Agent shall have been appointed and provided that, so long as any of the Securities are listed on any stock exchange or admitted to trading or listing by any other relevant authority, there shall be a Security Agent having a specified office in each location required by the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority. Notice of any termination of appointment and of any changes in the specified office of any Security Agent will be given to Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8 provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any such termination or changes. In acting under the Agency Agreement, each Security Agent acts solely as agent of the Issuer and does not assume any obligation or duty to, or any relationship of agency or trust for or with, the Securityholders and any Security Agent's determinations and calculations in respect of the Securities shall (save in the case of manifest error) be final, conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the Securityholders.

The Agency Agreement may be amended by the parties thereto, but without the consent of the Securityholders, for the purpose of curing any ambiguity or of curing, correcting or supplementing any defective provision contained therein or in any manner which the parties may mutually deem necessary or desirable and which shall not be materially prejudicial to the interests of the Securityholders.

(B) Calculation Agent

In relation to each issue of Securities, the Calculation Agent (whether it be the Issuer or another entity) acts solely as agent of the Issuer and does not assume any obligation or duty to, or any relationship of agency or trust for or with, the Securityholders. All calculations and determinations made in respect of the Securities by the Calculation Agent shall (save in the case of manifest error) be final, conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the Securityholders.

The Calculation Agent may, with the consent of the Issuer, delegate any of its obligations and functions to a third party as it deems appropriate.

(C) Determinations by the Issuer

Any determination made by the Issuer pursuant to these Conditions shall (save in the case of manifest error) be final, conclusive and binding on the Issuer and the Securityholders.

(D) Meetings of Securityholders and Modifications

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of the Securityholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution of a modification of the Securities or any of the provisions of the Agency Agreement. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is two or more persons holding or representing a clear majority of the Securities for the time being outstanding or at any adjourned meeting two or more persons being or representing Securityholders whatever the number or Securities so held or represented, except that at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain provisions of the Securities (including modifying the date of exercise of the Securities, reducing or cancelling the Cash Settlement Amount or the Entitlement in respect of the Securities or altering the currency of payment of the Securities other than pursuant to Condition

14), the quorum shall be two or more persons holding or representing not less than two-thirds of the Securities for the time being outstanding or at any adjourned such meeting one or more persons holding or representing not less than one-third of the Securities for the time being outstanding. An Extraordinary Resolution passed at any meeting of the Securityholders shall be binding on all the Securityholders, whether or not they are present at the meeting save, in the case of American Style Warrants, for those Warrants remaining outstanding but for which an Exercise Notice shall have been submitted prior to the date of the meeting.

The Principal Security Agent and the Issuer may agree, without the consent of the Securityholders to:

- (a) any modification (except as mentioned above) of the Securities or the Agency Agreement which is not prejudicial to the interests of the Securityholders; or
- (b) any modification of the Securities or the Agency Agreement which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest error or proven error or to comply with mandatory provisions of law.

Any such modification shall be binding on the Securityholders and any such modification shall be notified to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8 as soon as practicable thereafter.

8. Notices

All notices to Securityholders shall be valid if (i) until such time as any Definitive Securities are issued, the notice is delivered to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, for communication by them to the Securityholders; and (ii) if and so long as the Securities are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market and listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, the notice is published in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (which shall include publication on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu)). The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in a manner which complies with the rules of any other stock exchange (or any other relevant authority) on which the Securities are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to trading. If Definitive Securities are issued, notices to Securityholders will be deemed validly given if published in a leading English language daily newspaper of general circulation in London. It is expected that such publication will be made in the *Financial Times*. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of delivery to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or the date of publication, as the case may be, or, if published more than once, on the date of the first publication.

9. Expenses and Taxation

- (A) A holder of Securities must pay all taxes, duties and/or expenses, including any applicable depository charges, transaction or exercise charges, sale commissions, stamp duty, stamp duty reserve tax, issue, registration, securities transfer and/or other taxes or duties arising from the exercise and settlement of such Securities and/or the delivery or transfer of the Entitlement (as applicable) pursuant to the terms of such Securities (**Expenses**) relating to such Securities as provided above.
- (B) The Issuer shall not be liable for or otherwise obliged to pay any tax, duty, withholding or other payment which may arise as a result of the ownership, transfer, exercise or enforcement of any Security by any person and all payments made by the Issuer shall be made subject to any such tax, duty, withholding or other payment which may be required to be made, paid, withheld or deducted.

10. Further Issues

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of Securityholders to create and issue further Securities so as to be consolidated with and form a single series with the outstanding Securities.

11. Substitution of the Issuer

(A) *Substitution of Issuer*

Unless otherwise indicated in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer (or any previously substituted company from time to time) shall, without the consent of the Securityholders, be entitled at any time to substitute for the Issuer any other company (the **Substitute**) as principal debtor in respect of all obligations arising from or in connection with the Securities provided that (i) all action, conditions and things required to be taken, fulfilled and done (including the obtaining of any necessary consents) to ensure that the Securities represent valid, legally binding and enforceable obligations of the Substitute have been taken, fulfilled and done and are in full force and effect; (ii) the Substitute shall have assumed all obligations arising from or in connection with the Securities and shall have become a party to the Agency Agreement, with any consequential amendments; (iii) the obligations of the Substitute in respect of the Securities shall be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Issuer; (iv) each stock exchange or listing authority on which the Securities are listed shall have confirmed that following the proposed substitution of the Substitute the Securities would continue to be listed on such stock exchange; and (v) the Issuer shall have given at least 30 days' prior notice of the date of such substitution to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8.

(B) *Modification of Conditions as a result of Substitution of Issuer*

After any substitution or change of branch pursuant to Condition 11(A) above, the Conditions will be modified in all consequential respects including, but not limited to, replacement of references to the Republic of Italy in the Conditions where applicable, by references to the country of incorporation, domicile and/or residence for tax purposes of the Substitute or the new branch, as the case may be. Such modifications shall be notified to Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8.

12. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

The Securities, the Global Security and the Agency Agreement are governed by and shall be construed in accordance with English law.

In relation to any legal action or proceedings arising out of or in connection with the Securities and the Global Security (**Proceedings**), the Issuer irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of the courts of England and hereby waives any objection to Proceedings in such courts whether on the ground of venue or on the ground that the Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum. These submissions are for the benefit of each of the Securityholders and shall not limit the right of any of them to take Proceedings in any other court of competent jurisdiction nor shall the taking of Proceedings in one or more jurisdictions preclude the taking of Proceedings in any other jurisdiction (whether concurrently or not).

The Issuer hereby appoints Banca IMI S.p.A., London Branch at its office for the time being in London, as its agent for service of process and undertakes that, in the event of Banca IMI S.p.A., London Branch ceasing so to act, it will appoint another person as its agent for service of process in England in respect of any Proceedings. Nothing herein shall affect the right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

13. Terms for Index Securities, Share Securities, Debt Securities, Commodity Securities and Fund Securities

(A) *Index Securities*

For the purposes of this Condition 13(A):

Indices and **Index** mean, subject to adjustment in accordance with this Condition 13(A), the indices or index specified in the applicable Final Terms and related expressions shall be construed accordingly; and

Index Sponsor means, in relation to an Index, the corporation or other entity that (a) is responsible for setting and reviewing the rules and procedures and the methods of calculation and adjustments, if any, related to such Index and (b) announces (directly or through an agent) the level of such Index on a regular basis during each Scheduled Trading Day, which as of the Issue Date is the index sponsor specified for such Index in the applicable Final Terms.

(1) Market Disruption

Market Disruption Event means, in relation to Securities relating to a single Index or Basket of Indices, in respect of an Index:

- (a) in respect of an Index other than a Designated Multi-Exchange Index:
 - (i) the occurrence or existence at any time during the one hour period that ends at the Valuation Time:
 - (A) of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise and whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise:
 - (I) on any relevant Exchange(s) in securities/commodities that comprise 20 per cent. or more of the level of the relevant Index; or
 - (II) in futures or options contracts relating to the relevant Index on any relevant Related Exchange;
 - (B) of any event (other than an event described in (ii) below) that disrupts or impairs (as determined by the Calculation Agent) the ability of market participants in general (A) on any relevant Exchange(s) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, securities/commodities that comprise 20 per cent. or more of the level of the relevant Index, or (B) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, futures or options contracts relating to the relevant Index on any relevant Related Exchange, which in either case the Calculation Agent determines is material; or
 - (ii) the closure on any Exchange Business Day of any relevant Exchange(s) in securities/commodities that comprise 20 per cent. or more of the level of the relevant Index or any Related Exchange(s) prior to its Scheduled Closing Time unless such earlier closing time is announced by such Exchange(s) or such Related Exchange(s), as the case may be, at least one hour prior to (A) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such Exchange(s) or such Related Exchange(s) on such Exchange Business Day or, if earlier, (B) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into the Exchange or Related Exchange system for execution at the Valuation Time on such Exchange Business Day; or
- (b) in respect of an Index which is a Designated Multi-Exchange Index either:
 - (i) (x) the occurrence or existence, in respect of any Component Security, of:
 - (A) a Trading Disruption in respect of such Component Security, which the Calculation Agent determines is material, at any time during the one hour period that ends at the relevant Valuation Time in respect of the Exchange on which such Component Security is principally traded;
 - (B) an Exchange Disruption in respect of such Component Security, which the Calculation Agent determines is material, at any time during the one hour period that ends at the relevant Valuation Time in respect of the Exchange on which such Component Security is principally traded; or
 - (C) an Early Closure in respect of such Component Security; and
 - (y) the aggregate of all Component Securities in respect of which a Trading Disruption, an Exchange Disruption or an Early Closure occurs or exists, comprises 20 per cent. or more of the level of the Index; or
 - (ii) the occurrence or existence, in respect of futures or options contracts relating to the Index, of: (A) a Trading Disruption, (B) an Exchange Disruption which in either case the Calculation Agent determines is material, at any time during the one hour period that ends at the Valuation Time in respect of the Related Exchange or (C) an Early Closure, in each case in respect of such futures or options contracts.

As used above:

Trading Disruption means any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise and whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise (i) relating to any Component Security on the Exchange in respect of such Component Security or (ii) in futures or options contracts relating to the Index on the Related Exchange.

Exchange Disruption means any event (other than an Early Closure) that disrupts or impairs (as determined by the Calculation Agent) the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for (i) any Component Security on the Exchange in respect of such Component Security or (ii) futures or options contracts relating to the Index on the Related Exchange.

Early Closure means the closure on any Exchange Business Day of the Exchange or Related Exchange in respect of any Component Security prior to its Scheduled Closing Time unless such earlier closing is announced by such Exchange or Related Exchange, as the case may be, at least one hour prior to the earlier of (i) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such Exchange or Related Exchange, as the case may be, on such Exchange Business Day and (ii) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into on the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange system for execution at the relevant Valuation Time on such Exchange Business Day.

For the purposes of determining whether a Market Disruption Event in respect of an Index or a Component Security exists at any time, if a Market Disruption Event occurs in respect of a security/commodity included in the Index or such Component Security at any time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that security/commodity or Component Security, as the case may be, to the level of the Index shall be based on a comparison of (i) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that security/commodity or Component Security, as the case may be, and (ii) the overall level of the Index, in each case either (a) except where the Index is a Designated Multi-Exchange Index, immediately before the occurrence of such Market Disruption Event or (b) where that Index is a Designated Multi-Exchange Index, using the official opening weightings as published by the Index Sponsor as part of the market “opening data”.

The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8 of the occurrence of a Disrupted Day on any day that, but for the occurrence of a Disrupted Day, would have been an Averaging Date or a Valuation Date provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any such Disrupted Day.

(2) Adjustments to an Index

(a) Successor Index Sponsor Calculates and Reports an Index

If a relevant Index is (i) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and announced by a successor sponsor (the **Successor Index Sponsor**) acceptable to the Issuer, or (ii) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of that Index, then in each case that index (the **Successor Index**) will be deemed to be the Index.

(b) Modification and Cessation of Calculation of an Index

If (i) on or prior to a Valuation Date or an Averaging Date the relevant Index Sponsor makes or announces that it will make a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating a relevant Index or in any other way materially modifies that Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain that Index in the event of changes in constituent stock and capitalisation, contracts or commodities and other routine events) (an **Index Modification**), or permanently cancels a relevant Index and no Successor Index exists (an **Index Cancellation**), or (ii) on a Valuation Date or an Averaging Date the Index Sponsor or, if applicable, the Successor Index Sponsor fails to calculate and announce a relevant Index (an **Index Disruption** and, together with an Index Modification and an Index Calculation, each an **Index Adjustment Event**), then the Issuer may take the action described in (i) or (ii) below:

- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine if such Index Adjustment Event has a material effect on the Securities and, if so, to calculate the relevant Settlement Price using, in lieu of a published level for that Index, the level for that Index as at the Valuation Time on that Valuation Date or that Averaging Date, as the case may be, as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating that Index last in effect prior to the change, failure or cancellation, but using only those securities/commodities that comprised that Index immediately prior to that Index Adjustment Event; or
- (ii) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8. If the Securities are so cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Securityholder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security, taking into account the Index Adjustment Event, less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payments will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8.

(c) Notice

The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable after receipt of any written request to do so, notify a Securityholder of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraph (b) above, as at the date of receipt of such request. The Issuer shall make available for inspection by Securityholders during normal office hours copies of any such determinations.

(B) *Share Securities*

For the purposes of this Condition 13(B):

Basket Company means a company whose shares are included in the Basket of Shares and **Basket Companies** means all such companies;

Shares and **Share** mean, subject to adjustment in accordance with this Condition 13(B), the shares or a share of the relevant Basket Company and, in the case of an issue of Securities relating to a single Share, such share, and related expressions shall be construed accordingly; and

Share Company means, in the case of an issue of Securities relating to a single share, the company that has issued such share.

(1) **Market Disruption**

Market Disruption Event means, in relation to Securities relating to a single Share or Basket of Shares, in respect of a Share:

- (a) the occurrence or existence at any time during the one hour period that ends at the Valuation Time for such Share:
 - (i) of any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise and whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the relevant Exchange or any Related Exchange or otherwise:
 - (A) relating to the Share on the Exchange; or
 - (B) in futures or options contracts relating to the Share on any relevant Related Exchange; or
 - (ii) of any event (other than as described in (b) below) that disrupts or impairs (as determined by the Calculation Agent) the ability of market participants in general (A) to effect transactions in or obtain market values for, the Share on the Exchange or (B) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, futures or options contracts on or relating to the Share on any relevant Related Exchange,

which in either case the Calculation Agent determines is material; or

- (b) the closure on any Exchange Business Day of the relevant Exchange or any Related Exchange(s) prior to its Scheduled Closing Time unless such earlier closing time is announced by such Exchange(s) or such Related Exchange(s), as the case may be, at least one hour prior to (A) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such Exchange(s) or such Related Exchange(s) on such Exchange Business Day or, if earlier, (B) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into the Exchange or Related Exchange system for execution at the Valuation Time on such Exchange Business Day.

The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8 of the occurrence of a Disrupted Day on any day that, but for the occurrence of a Disrupted Day, would have been an Averaging Date or a Valuation Date provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any such Disrupted Day.

(2) Potential Adjustment Events, Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation and Insolvency

(a) **Potential Adjustment Event** means any of the following:

- (i) a subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of relevant Shares (unless resulting in a Merger Event) or a free distribution or dividend of any such Shares to existing holders by way of bonus, capitalisation or similar issue;
- (ii) a distribution, issue or dividend to existing holders of the relevant Shares of (a) such Shares or (b) other share capital or securities granting the right to payment of dividends and/or the proceeds of liquidation of the Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, equally or proportionately with such payments to holders of such Shares or (c) share capital or other securities of another issuer acquired or owned (directly or indirectly) by the Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, as a result of a spin-off or other similar transaction or (d) any other type of securities, rights, certificates or warrants or other assets, in any case for payment (in cash or otherwise) at less than the prevailing market price as determined by the Calculation Agent;
- (iii) an extraordinary dividend as determined by the Calculation Agent;
- (iv) a call by a Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, in respect of relevant Shares that are not fully paid;
- (v) a repurchase by the Basket Company or any of its subsidiaries or Share Company or any of its subsidiaries, as the case may be, of relevant Shares whether out of profits or capital and whether the consideration for such repurchase is cash, securities or otherwise; or
- (vi) in respect of a Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, an event that results in any shareholder rights being distributed or becoming separated from shares of common stock or other shares of the capital stock of such Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, pursuant to a shareholder rights plan or arrangement directed against hostile takeovers that provides upon the occurrence of certain events for a distribution of preferred stock, warrants, debt instruments or stock rights at a price below their market value as determined by the Calculation Agent, provided that any adjustment effected as a result of such an event shall be readjusted upon any redemption of such rights; or
- (vii) any other event having, in the opinion of the Calculation Agent, a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the relevant Shares.

Following the declaration by the Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, of the terms of any Potential Adjustment Event, the Calculation Agent will, in its sole and absolute discretion, determine whether such Potential Adjustment Event has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of the Shares and, if so, will (i) make the corresponding adjustment, if any, to any one or more of any Relevant Asset and/or the Entitlement and/or the Exercise Price and/or the Multiplier and/or any of the other terms of these Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate to account for that diluting or concentrative effect (provided that no adjustments will be made to account solely for changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relative to the relevant Share)

and (ii) determine the effective date of that adjustment. The Calculation Agent may, but need not, determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of such Potential Adjustment Event made by an options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange.

Upon the making of any such adjustment, the Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8, stating the adjustment to any Relevant Asset and/or the Entitlement and/or the Exercise Price and/or the Multiplier and/or any of the other terms of these Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms and giving brief details of the Potential Adjustment Event provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any such adjustment.

- (b) **De-listing** means, in respect of any relevant Shares, the Exchange announces that pursuant to the rules of such Exchange, such Shares cease (or will cease) to be listed, traded or publicly quoted on the Exchange for any reason (other than a Merger Event or Tender Offer) and are not immediately re-listed, re-traded or re-quoted on an exchange or quotation system located in the same country as the Exchange (or, where the Exchange is within the European Union, in a member state of the European Union).

Insolvency means that by reason of the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, bankruptcy, insolvency, dissolution or winding-up of or any analogous proceeding affecting the Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, (i) all the Shares of that Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, are required to be transferred to a trustee, liquidator or other similar official or (ii) holders of the Shares of that Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, become legally prohibited from transferring them.

Merger Date means the closing date of a Merger Event or, where a closing date cannot be determined under the local law applicable to such Merger Event, such other date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

Merger Event means, in respect of any relevant Shares, any (i) reclassification or change of such Shares that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all of such Shares outstanding to another entity or person, (ii) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of a Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, with or into another entity or person (other than a consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange in which such Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, is the continuing entity and which does not result in a reclassification or change of all of such Shares outstanding), (iii) takeover offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person to purchase or otherwise obtain 100 per cent. of the outstanding Shares of the Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, that results in a transfer of or an irrevocable commitment to transfer all such Shares (other than such Shares owned or controlled by such other entity or person), or (iv) consolidation, amalgamation, merger or binding share exchange of the Basket Company or its subsidiaries or the Share Company or its subsidiaries, as the case may be, with or into another entity in which the Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, is the continuing entity and which does not result in a reclassification or change of all such Shares outstanding but results in the outstanding Shares (other than Shares owned or controlled by such other entity) immediately prior to such event collectively representing less than 50 per cent. of the outstanding Shares immediately following such event, in each case if the Merger Date is on or before (a) in the case of Cash Settled Securities, the last occurring Valuation Date or where Averaging is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the final Averaging Date in respect of the relevant Security or (b) in the case of Physical Delivery Securities, the relevant Settlement Date.

Nationalisation means that all the Shares or all or substantially all the assets of the Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, are nationalised, expropriated or are otherwise required to be transferred to any governmental agency, authority, entity or instrumentality thereof.

Tender Offer means a takeover offer, tender offer, exchange offer, solicitation, proposal or other event by any entity or person that results in such entity or person purchasing, or otherwise obtaining or having the right to obtain, by conversion or other means, greater

than 10 per cent. and less than 100 per cent. of the outstanding voting shares of the Basket Company or Share Company, as the case may be, as determined by the Calculation Agent, based upon the making of filings with governmental or self-regulatory agencies or such other information as the Calculation Agent deems relevant.

If (x) a Merger Event, De-listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency and/or (y) Tender Offer is specified as applying in the applicable Final Terms, a Tender Offer occurs in relation to a Share, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i), (ii) or (iii) below:

- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine in its sole and absolute discretion the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any one or more of any Relevant Assets and/or the Entitlement and/or the Exercise Price and/or the Multiplier and/or any of the other terms of these Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms to account for the Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, and determine the effective date of that adjustment. The relevant adjustments may, in the case of adjustments following a Merger Event or a Tender Offer, include (without limitation) adjustments to account for changes in volatility, expected dividends, stock loan rate or liquidity relevant to the Shares or the Securities. The Calculation Agent may (but need not) determine the appropriate adjustment by reference to the adjustment in respect of the Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency made by any options exchange to options on the Shares traded on that options exchange; or
 - (ii) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8. If the Securities are so cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Securityholder in respect of each Security or, in the case of Warrants and where Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each Unit, held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of a Security or a Unit, as the case may be, taking into account the Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements) plus, in the case of Warrants, the Exercise Price (if already paid), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payments will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8; or
 - (iii) following such adjustment to the settlement terms of options on the Shares traded on such exchange(s) or quotation system(s) as the Issuer in its sole discretion shall select (the **Options Exchange**), require the Calculation Agent to make a corresponding adjustment to any one or more of any Relevant Asset and/or the Entitlement and/or the Exercise Price and/or the Multiplier and/or any of the other terms of these Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms, which adjustment will be effective as of the date reasonably determined by the Calculation Agent to be the effective date of the corresponding adjustment made by the Options Exchange. If options on the Shares are not traded on the Options Exchange, the Calculation Agent will make such adjustment, if any, to any one or more of any Relevant Asset and/or the Entitlement and/or the Exercise Price and/or the Multiplier and/or any of the other terms of these Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms as the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion determines appropriate, with reference to the rules and precedents (if any) set by the Options Exchange to account for the Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, that in the determination of the Calculation Agent would have given rise to an adjustment by the Options Exchange if such options were so traded.
- (c) Upon the occurrence of a Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8 stating the occurrence of the Merger Event, Tender Offer, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be, giving details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of any such Merger Event, Tender Offer, De-listing, Nationalisation or Insolvency, as the case may be.

(C) *Debt Securities*

Market Disruption

Market Disruption Event shall mean the suspension of or limitation imposed on trading either on any exchange on which the Debt Instruments or any of them (in the case of a Basket of Debt Instruments) are traded or on any exchange on which options contracts or futures contracts with respect to the Debt Instruments or any of them (in the case of a Basket of Debt Instruments) are traded if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material.

The Issuer shall give notice as soon as reasonably practicable to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8 that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

(D) *Commodity Securities*

Market Disruption

Market Disruption Event shall mean the suspension of or limitation imposed on trading on either any exchange on which the Commodity or any of the Commodities (in the case of a Basket of Commodities) are traded or on any exchange on which options contracts or futures contracts with respect to the Commodity or any of the Commodities (in the case of a Basket of Commodities) are traded if, in the determination of the Calculation Agent, such suspension or limitation is material.

The Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8 that a Market Disruption Event has occurred.

(E) *Additional Disruption Events*

Additional Disruption Event means any of Change in Law, Hedging Disruption, Increased Cost of Hedging, Increased Cost of Stock Borrow, Insolvency Filing and/or Loss of Stock Borrow, in each case if specified in the applicable Final Terms.

Change in Law means that, on or after the Trade Date (as specified in the applicable Final Terms) (A) due to the adoption of or any change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law), or (B) due to the promulgation of or any change in the interpretation by any court, tribunal or regulatory authority with competent jurisdiction of any applicable law or regulation (including any action taken by a taxing authority), the Issuer determines in its sole and absolute discretion that (X) it has become illegal for it or any of its Affiliates or agents acting on its behalf to hold, acquire or dispose of any relevant Share (in the case of Share Securities) or any relevant security/commodity comprised in an Index (in the case of Index Securities) or (Y) it will incur a materially increased cost in performing its obligations in relation to the Securities (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on the tax position of the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents acting on its behalf).

Hedging Disruption means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents acting on its behalf is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to (A) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the equity or other price risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Securities, or (B) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s).

Hedging Shares means the number of Shares that the Issuer deems necessary to hedge the equity or other price risk of entering into and performing its obligations with respect to the Securities.

Increased Cost of Hedging means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents acting on its behalf would incur a materially increased (as compared with circumstances existing on the Trade Date) amount of tax, duty, expense or fee (other than brokerage commissions) to (A) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the equity or other price risk of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the Securities, or (B) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s), provided that any such materially increased amount that is incurred solely due to the deterioration of the creditworthiness of the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents acting on its behalf shall not be deemed an Increased Cost of Hedging.

Increased Cost of Stock Borrow means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates would incur a rate to borrow Shares that is greater than the Initial Stock Loan Rate.

Initial Stock Loan Rate means, in respect of a Share, the initial stock loan rate specified in relation to such Share in the applicable Final Terms.

Insolvency Filing means that a Share Company or Basket Company institutes or has instituted against it by a regulator, supervisor or any similar official with primary insolvency, rehabilitative or regulatory jurisdiction over it in the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organisation or the jurisdiction of its head or home office, or it consents to a proceeding seeking a judgment of insolvency or bankruptcy or any other relief under any bankruptcy or insolvency law or affecting creditors' rights, or a petition is presented for its winding-up or liquidation by it or such regulator, supervisor or similar official or it consents to such a petition, provided that proceedings instituted or petitions presented by creditors and not consented to by the Share Company or Basket Company shall not be deemed an Insolvency Filing.

Loss of Stock Borrow means that the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to borrow (or maintain a borrowing of) any Share in an amount equal to the Hedging Shares at a rate equal to or less than the Maximum Stock Loan Rate.

Maximum Stock Loan Rate means, in respect of a Share, the Maximum Stock Loan Rate specified in the applicable Final Terms.

If an Additional Disruption Event occurs, the Issuer in its sole and absolute discretion may take the action described in (i) or (ii) below:

- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine, in its sole and absolute discretion, the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any one or more of any Relevant Assets and/or the Entitlement and/or the Exercise Price and/or the Multiplier and/or any of the other terms of these Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms to account for the Additional Disruption Event and determine the effective date of that adjustment; or
- (ii) cancel the Securities by giving notice to Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8. If the Securities are so cancelled the Issuer will pay an amount to each Securityholder in respect of each Security held by him which amount shall be the fair market value of such Security, taking into account the Additional Disruption Event less the cost to the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates or agents of unwinding any underlying related hedging arrangements (including any cost of funding in respect of such hedging arrangements), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole and absolute discretion. Payments will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8.

Upon the occurrence of an Additional Disruption Event, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8 stating the occurrence of the Additional Disruption Event, as the case may be, giving details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto, provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of the Additional Disruption Event.

(F) *Fund Securities*

Any market disruption, general disruption, adjustment and/or termination provisions relating to Fund Securities will be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

14. Adjustments for European Monetary Union

The Issuer may, without the consent of the Securityholders, on giving notice to the Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8:

- (i) elect that, with effect from the Adjustment Date specified in the notice, certain terms of the Securities shall be redenominated in euro;

The election will have effect as follows:

- (A) where the Settlement Currency of the Securities is the National Currency Unit of a country which is participating in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union, such Settlement Currency shall be deemed to be an amount of euro converted from the original Settlement Currency into euro at the Established Rate, subject to such provisions (if any) as to rounding as the Calculation Agent may

decide and as may be specified in the notice, and after the Adjustment Date, all payments of the Cash Settlement Amount in respect of the Securities will be made solely in euro as though references in the Securities to the Settlement Currency were to euro;

- (B) where the Exchange Rate and/or any other terms of these Conditions (as amended or supplemented in the applicable Final Terms) are expressed in or, in the case of the Exchange Rate, contemplate the exchange from or into, the currency (the **Original Currency**) of a country which is participating in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union, such Exchange Rate and/or any other terms of these Conditions shall be deemed to be expressed in or, in the case of the Exchange Rate, converted for or, as the case may be into, euro at the Established Rate; and
 - (C) such other changes shall be made to these Conditions (as amended or supplemented in the applicable Final Terms) as the Issuer may decide, in its sole and absolute discretion to conform them to conventions then applicable to instruments expressed in euro; and/or
- (ii) require that the Calculation Agent make such adjustments to the Multiplier and/or the Exercise Price and/or the Settlement Price and/or any other terms of these Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms as the Calculation Agent, in its sole and absolute discretion, may determine to be appropriate to account for the effect of the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union on the Multiplier and/or the Exercise Price and/or the Settlement Price and/or such other terms of these Conditions and/or the applicable Final Terms).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, none of the Issuer, any of its Affiliates, the Calculation Agent or any of the Security Agents shall be liable to any Securityholder or other person for any commissions, costs, losses or expenses in relation to or resulting from the transfer of euro or any currency conversion or rounding effected in connection therewith.

In this Condition, the following expressions have the following meanings:

Adjustment Date means a date specified by the Issuer in the notice given to the Securityholders pursuant to this Condition which falls on or after the date on which the country of the Original Currency first participates in the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty;

Established Rate means the rate for the conversion of the Original Currency (including compliance with rules relating to rounding in accordance with applicable European Community regulations) into euro established by the Council of the European Union pursuant to first sentence of Article 1091(4) of the Treaty;

euro means the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European Economic and Monetary Union pursuant to the Treaty;

National Currency Unit means the unit of the currency of a country, as those units are defined on the date on which the country of the Original Currency first participates in European Economic and Monetary Union; and

Treaty means the treaty establishing the European Community, as amended.

15. **Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999**

Subject as provided in the Agency Agreement, the Securities do not confer on any third party any rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 (the **Act**) to enforce any term of the Securities, but this does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available apart from the Act.

16. **Exercise Rights for Warrants**

Conditions 16, 17 and 18 shall apply only to Warrants

(A) *Exercise Period*

(i) American Style Warrants

American Style Warrants are exercisable on any Exercise Business Day during the Exercise Period by the delivery of an Exercise Notice in the manner set out in Condition 17(A).

If Automatic Exercise is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, any such American Style Warrant with respect to which no Exercise Notice (as defined below) has been delivered in the manner set out in Condition 17(A), at or prior to 10.00 a.m., Brussels or Luxembourg time, as the case may be, on the last Exercise Business Day of the Exercise Period (the **Expiration Date**), shall become void.

If Automatic Exercise is specified in the applicable Final Terms, any such American Style Warrant with respect to which no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Condition 17(A), at or prior to 10.00 a.m., Brussels or Luxembourg time, as the case may be, on the Expiration Date and which is in the determination of the Calculation Agent “In-The-Money” shall be automatically exercised on the Expiration Date and the provisions of Condition 17(G) shall apply, provided the relevant Warrant is not a Definitive Warrant. The expressions **exercise**, **due exercise** and related expressions shall be construed to apply to any Warrants which are automatically exercised on the Expiration Date in accordance with this provision.

With respect to an American Style Warrant, the **Actual Exercise Date** means (a) if Automatic Exercise is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Exercise Business Day during the Exercise Period on which an Exercise Notice in respect of an American Style Warrant is delivered to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg with a copy to the Issuer and the Principal Security Agent as provided in Condition 17(A), at or prior to 10.00 a.m. Brussels or Luxembourg time, as appropriate, or (b) if Automatic Exercise is specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Expiration Date. If any Exercise Notice in respect of an American Style Warrant is received by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, or a copy thereof is delivered to the Issuer or the Principal Security Agent after 10.00 a.m. Brussels or Luxembourg time, as appropriate, on any Exercise Business Day during the Exercise Period, such Exercise Notice will be deemed to have been delivered on the next Exercise Business Day, which Exercise Business Day shall be deemed to be the Actual Exercise Date, provided that any such Warrant in respect of which no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Condition 17(A) at or prior to 10.00 a.m. Brussels or Luxembourg time (as appropriate) on the Expiration Date shall (i) if Automatic Exercise is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, become void or (ii) if Automatic Exercise is specified in the applicable Final Terms, be automatically exercised on the Expiration Date as provided above.

If the Warrants are listed on the Italian Stock Exchange, prior to 10:00 a.m. (Milan time) on the Expiration Date the Securityholder may renounce any Automatic Exercise of such Warrant by the delivery or the sending by authenticated swift message (confirmed in writing) of a duly completed Renouncement Notice (a **Renouncement Notice**) to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, with a copy to the Principal Security Agent and the Issuer, in compliance with the laws and regulation, including the regulations of the Italian Stock Exchange, applicable from time to time.

Once delivered a Renouncement Notice shall be irrevocable. Any determination as to whether a Renouncement Notice is duly completed and in proper form shall be made by the Principal Security Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer, the Security Agents, the Calculation Agent and the relevant Securityholder. Subject as set out below, any Renouncement Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form or which is not duly delivered shall be null and void. If such Renouncement Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in consultation with the Issuer and the Principal Security Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Renouncement Notice submitted at the time such correction was delivered to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, and copied to the Issuer and the Principal Security Agent.

(ii) European Style Warrants

European Style Warrants are only exercisable on the Exercise Date or if such day is not an Exercise Business Day the immediately succeeding Exercise Business Day (the **Actual Exercise Date** and the **Expiration Date**).

If Automatic Exercise is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, any European Style Warrant with respect to which no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Condition 17(A), at or prior to 10.00 a.m., Brussels or Luxembourg time (as appropriate) on the Actual Exercise Date, shall become void.

If Automatic Exercise is specified in the applicable Final Terms, any such European Style Warrant with respect to which no Exercise Notice has been delivered in the manner set out in Condition 17(A), at or prior to 10.00 a.m., Brussels or Luxembourg time, as the case may be, on the Actual Exercise Date and which is in the determination of the Calculation Agent “In-The-Money”, shall be automatically exercised on the Actual Exercise Date and the provisions of Condition 17(G) shall apply, provided the relevant Warrant is not a Definitive Warrant. The expressions **exercise**, **due exercise** and related expressions shall be construed to apply to any Warrants which are automatically exercised on the Actual Exercise Date in accordance with this provision.

If the Warrants are listed on the Italian Stock Exchange, prior to 10.00 a.m. (Milan time) on the Expiration Date, the Securityholder may renounce any Automatic Exercise of such Warrant by the delivery or the sending by authenticated swift message (confirmed in writing) of a duly completed Renunciation Notice to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, with a copy to the Issuer and the Principal Security Agent, in compliance with the laws and regulation, including the regulations of the Italian Stock Exchange, applicable from time to time.

Once delivered a Renunciation Notice shall be irrevocable. Any determination as to whether a Renunciation Notice is duly completed and in proper form shall be made by the Principal Security Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer, the Security Agents, the Calculation Agent and the relevant Securityholder. Subject as set out below, any Renunciation Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form or which is not duly delivered shall be null and void. If such Renunciation Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in consultation with the Issuer and the Principal Security Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Renunciation Notice submitted at the time such correction was delivered to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, and copied to the Issuer and the Principal Security Agent.

(B) *Cash Settlement*

If the Warrants are Cash Settled Warrants, each such Warrant or, if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each Unit entitles its holder, upon due exercise in accordance with Condition 17(A) to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date a Cash Settlement Amount calculated by the Calculation Agent (which shall not be less than zero) equal to:

- (i) where Averaging is not specified in the applicable Final Terms;
 - (a) if such Warrants are Call Warrants,
(the Settlement Price minus the Exercise Price) multiplied by, in the case of Warrants which are Debt Securities only, the Nominal Amount;
 - (b) if such Warrants are Put Warrants,
(the Exercise Price minus the Settlement Price) multiplied by, in the case of Warrants which are Debt Securities only, the Nominal Amount; and
 - (c) if such Warrants are neither Call Warrants nor Put Warrants, settlement will be as specified in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (ii) where Averaging is specified in the applicable Final Terms:
 - (a) if such Warrants are Call Warrants,
(the arithmetic average of the Settlement Prices for all the Averaging Dates minus the Exercise Price) multiplied by, in the case of Warrants which are Debt Securities only, the Nominal Amount;
 - (b) if such Warrants are Put Warrants,
(the Exercise Price minus the arithmetic average of the Settlement Prices for all the Averaging Dates) multiplied by, in the case of Warrants which are Debt Securities only, the Nominal Amount; and
 - (c) if such Warrants are neither Call Warrants nor Put Warrants, settlement will be as specified in the applicable Final Terms,
less, in each case, any Expenses not already paid.

Any amount determined pursuant to the above, if not an amount in the Settlement Currency, will be converted into the Settlement Currency at the Exchange Rate specified in the applicable Final Terms for the purposes of determining the Cash Settlement Amount. The Cash Settlement Amount will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places (or, in the case of Japanese Yen, the nearest whole unit) in the relevant Settlement Currency, 0.005 (or, in the case of Japanese Yen, half a unit) being rounded upwards, with Warrants exercised at the same time by the same Securityholder being aggregated for the purpose of determining the aggregate Cash Settlement Amounts payable in respect of such Warrants or Units, as the case may be.

(C) *Physical Settlement*

If the Warrants are Physical Delivery Securities, each such Warrant or, if Units are specified in the applicable Final Terms, each Unit, as the case may be, entitles its holder, upon due exercise and subject as provided in Condition 4, to receive the Entitlement from the Issuer on the Settlement Date, subject to payment of the relevant Exercise Price, any Expenses and any other sums payable. The method of delivery of the Entitlement is set out in the applicable Final Terms.

Warrants or Units, as the case may be, exercised at the same time by the same Securityholder will be aggregated for the purpose of determining the aggregate Entitlements in respect of such Warrants or Units, as the case may be, provided that the aggregate Entitlements in respect of the same Securityholder will be rounded down to the nearest whole unit of the Relevant Asset or each of the Relevant Assets, as the case may be, in such manner as the Calculation Agent shall determine. Therefore, fractions of the Relevant Asset or of each of the Relevant Assets, as the case may be, will not be delivered and a cash adjustment amount calculated by the Calculation Agent will be paid in lieu of such fractions of the Relevant Asset. Any such cash adjustment amount will be paid to the account specified in the relevant Exercise Notice.

Following exercise of a Share Security which is a Physical Delivery Warrant, all dividends on the Shares to be delivered will be payable to the party that would receive such dividend according to market practice for a sale of the Shares executed on the relevant Actual Exercise Date and to be delivered in the same manner as such relevant Shares, all as determined by the Calculation Agent. Any such dividends to be paid to a Securityholder will be paid to the account specified by the Securityholder in the relevant Exercise Notice as referred to in Condition 17(A)(v).

17. Exercise Procedure

(A) *Exercise Notice*

Warrants may only be exercised by the delivery or the sending by authenticated swift message (confirmed in writing) to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, with a copy to the Principal Security Agent and the Issuer, of a duly completed exercise notice (an **Exercise Notice**) in the form set out in the Agency Agreement (copies of which form may be obtained from Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and the Security Agents) in accordance with the provisions set out in Condition 16 and this Condition. If the relevant Warrant is in definitive form, such Warrant must be delivered, together with the Exercise Notice, to the Issuer and with a copy to the Principal Security Agent.

An Exercise Notice shall:

- (i) specify the series of the Warrants and the number of Warrants or Units the subject of such Notice;
- (ii) except in the case of Definitive Warrants, specify the number of the Securityholder's account at Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, to be debited with the Warrants the subject of such Exercise Notice;
- (iii) except in the case of Definitive Warrants, irrevocably instruct Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, to debit on or before the Settlement Date the Securityholder's account with the Warrants the subject of such Exercise Notice;
- (iv) include (A) an undertaking to pay all Expenses and, in the case of Physical Delivery Warrants, the aggregate Exercise Price in respect of the relevant Warrants or Units (together with any other amounts payable); and (B) an authorisation to the Issuer to deduct any Expenses from the Cash Settlement Amount, in the case of Cash Settled Warrants, or, in the case of Physical Delivery Warrants, an irrevocable instruction to

Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be (or to the Principal Security Agent, in the case of Definitive Warrants), to debit a specified account of the Securityholder at Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (or such other specified account of the Securityholder, in the case of Definitive Warrants) with the aggregate Exercise Price and any Expenses (together with any other amounts payable);

- (v) include such details as are required by the applicable Final Terms for delivery of the Entitlement which may include account details and/or the name and address of any person(s) into whose name evidence of the Entitlement is to be registered and/or any bank, broker or agent to whom documents evidencing the Entitlement are to be delivered and specify the name and the number of the Securityholder's account with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, or, in the case of a Definitive Warrant, at a bank in the principal financial centre of the relevant Settlement Currency to be credited with any cash payable by the Issuer, either in respect of any cash amount constituting the Entitlement or any cash adjustment amount paid in lieu of fractions of the Relevant Asset or any dividends relating to the Entitlement or as a result of the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event or, if applicable, a Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity and the Issuer electing to pay the Settlement Disruption Amount or Failure to Deliver Settlement Price;
- (vi) in the case of Currency Warrants only, specify the number of the Securityholder's account at Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, or, in the case of a Definitive Warrant, at a bank in the principal financial centre of the relevant Settlement Currency to be credited with the amount due upon exercise of the Warrants;
- (vii) in the case of Cash Settled Warrants which are Definitive Warrants only, specify the details of an account in the principal financial centre of the relevant Settlement Currency to be credited with the Cash Settlement Amount for each Warrant or Unit, as the case may be, being exercised;
- (viii) certify, *inter alia*, that the beneficial owner of each Warrant the subject of such Exercise Notice is not a U.S. person (as defined in the Exercise Notice), the Warrant was not held on behalf of a U.S. person and no cash, securities or other property have been or will be delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person in connection with such exercise and, where appropriate, undertake to provide such various forms of certification in respect of selling restrictions under the securities, commodities and other laws of the United States as set out in the applicable Final Terms; and
- (viii) authorise the production of such certification in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings,

all as provided in the Agency Agreement.

- (2) If Condition 4(C) applies, the form of Exercise Notice required to be delivered may be different from that set out above. Copies of such Exercise Notice may be obtained from Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and the Security Agents.

(B) *Verification of the Securityholder*

Except in the case of an Exercise Notice submitted in respect of a Definitive Warrant, upon receipt of an Exercise Notice, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, shall verify that the person exercising the Warrant is the holder thereof according to the books of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be. Subject thereto, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, will confirm to the Principal Security Agent the series and the number of Warrants being exercised, the relevant account details (if applicable) for payment of the Cash Settlement Amount or the details for the delivery of the Entitlement, as the case may be, in respect of each Warrant or Unit the subject of the relevant Exercise Notice. Upon receipt of such confirmation, the Principal Security Agent will inform the Issuer thereof. Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, will on or before the Settlement Date debit the account of the relevant Securityholder with the Warrants the subject of the relevant Exercise Notice.

(C) *Cash Settled Warrants*

Subject as provided in this Condition 17, the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) for each duly exercised Warrant or Unit, as the case may be, by credit or transfer to the Securityholder's account with Euroclear or Clearstream Luxembourg, as the case may be, for value on the Settlement Date less any Expenses not already paid, such payment to be made in accordance with the rules of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as appropriate).

The Issuer's obligations will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as the case may be) of the amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular number of Warrants must look solely to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, for his share of each such payment.

Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or any other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment.

(D) *Physical Delivery Warrants*

Subject to payment of the aggregate Exercise Price and any Expenses with regard to the relevant Warrants or Units, as the case may be, the Issuer shall on the Settlement Date deliver, or procure the delivery of, the Entitlement for each duly exercised Warrant or Unit, subject as provided in Condition 4(C). The Entitlement shall be delivered and evidenced in such manner as set out in the applicable Final Terms.

(E) *Determinations*

Any determination as to whether an Exercise Notice is duly completed and in proper form shall be made by the Principal Security Agent, and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer, the Security Agents, the Calculation Agent and the relevant Securityholder. Subject as set out below, any Exercise Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form or which is not duly delivered to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as the case may be) and copied to the Issuer and the Principal Security Agent (or, in the case of Definitive Warrants, is not duly delivered to the Issuer together with the relevant Definitive Warrant(s) and copied to the Principal Security Agent), shall be null and void.

If such Exercise Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as appropriate), in consultation with the Issuer and the Principal Security Agent (or, in the case of Definitive Warrants, to the satisfaction of the Issuer in consultation with the Principal Security Agent), it shall be deemed to be a new Exercise Notice submitted at the time such correction was delivered to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, and copied to the Issuer and the Principal Security Agent (or, in the case of Definitive Warrants, to the Issuer and copied to the Principal Security Agent).

If Automatic Exercise is not specified in the applicable Final Terms, any Warrants with respect to which the Exercise Notice has not been duly completed and delivered in the manner set out above by the cut-off time specified in Condition 16(A)(i), in the case of American Style Warrants, or Condition 16(A)(ii), in the case of European Style Warrants, shall become void.

Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable (or, in the case of Definitive Warrants, the Issuer) shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the Securityholder submitting an Exercise Notice if, in consultation with the Issuer and/or the Principal Security Agent (as applicable), it has determined that such Exercise Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Security Agents, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and the Calculation Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Securityholder.

(F) *Delivery of an Exercise Notice*

Delivery of an Exercise Notice shall constitute an irrevocable election by the relevant Securityholder to exercise the Warrants specified. After the delivery of such Exercise Notice, such exercising Securityholder may not transfer such Warrants.

(G) *Failure to deliver an Exercise Notice*

This paragraph only applies if (i) Automatic Exercise is specified in the applicable Final Terms and Warrants are automatically exercised as provided in Condition 16(A)(i) or Condition 16(A)(ii); and (ii) provided the relevant Warrant is not a Definitive Warrant.

(i) *Cash Settled Warrants*

In the event that a Warrantholder does not, in respect of a Cash Settled Warrant to which this Condition 17(G) applies, deliver an Exercise Notice in accordance with Condition 17(A) above on or prior to 10.00 a.m., Brussels or Luxembourg time, as the case may be, on the Expiration Date, the provisions of Condition 17(C) shall nevertheless apply as if such Warrant or Unit had been duly exercised on such date.

(ii) *Physical Delivery Warrants*

In the event that a Warrantholder does not, in respect of a Physical Delivery Warrant to which this Condition 17(G) applies, deliver an Exercise Notice in accordance with Condition 17(A) above on or prior to 10.00 a.m., Brussels or Luxembourg time, as the case may be, on the Expiration Date, the Issuer shall as soon as reasonably practicable determine the Assessed Value Payment Amount and in respect of the relevant Warrant or Unit, as the case may be, shall pay or cause to be paid the Assessed Value Payment Amount by credit or transfer to the relevant Securityholder's account with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (such payment to be made in accordance with the rules of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be) as soon as reasonably practicable following the determination of the Assessed Value Payment Amount. Upon payment of the Assessed Value Payment Amount as aforesaid, the Issuer's obligations in respect of such Warrant or Unit shall be discharged. Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or any other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment. As used herein, **Assessed Value Payment Amount** means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent to be the fair market value of the Relevant Assets comprised in the Entitlement in respect of the relevant Warrant or Unit, less any Expenses and any other amounts payable.

(H) *Settlement provisions for Definitive Warrants*

In the event that any Definitive Warrants have been issued prior to the Expiration Date, the Issuer shall, on or prior to the Expiration Date, notify Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8 of the procedure to be followed in order to receive any Cash Settlement Amount or Assessed Value Payment Amount that may be payable upon Automatic Exercise.

(I) *Exercise Risk*

Exercise of the Warrants is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force on the relevant Exercise Date and none of the Issuer, any of its Affiliates, the Security Agents and the Calculation Agent shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or practices. None of the Issuer, any of its Affiliates, the Security Agents and the Calculation Agent shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg in relation to the performance of their duties in relation to the Warrants.

18. Minimum and Maximum Number of Warrants Exercisable

(A) *American Style Warrants*

This paragraph (A) applies only to American Style Warrants.

(i) The number of Warrants exercisable by any Securityholder on any Actual Exercise Date, as determined by the Issuer, must not be less than the Minimum Exercise Number specified in the applicable Final Terms and, if specified in the applicable Final Terms, if a number greater than the Minimum Exercise Number, must be an integral multiple of the number specified in the applicable Final Terms. Any Exercise Notice which purports to exercise Warrants in breach of this provision shall be void and of no effect.

(ii) If the Issuer determines that the number of Warrants being exercised on any Actual Exercise Date by any Securityholder or a group of Securityholders (whether or not acting in concert) exceeds the Maximum Exercise Number (a number equal to the Maximum Exercise Number being the **Quota**), the Issuer may deem the Actual Exercise Date for the first Quota of such

Warrants, selected at the discretion of the Issuer, to be such day and the Actual Exercise Date for each additional Quota of such Warrants (and any remaining number thereof) to be each of the succeeding Business Days until all such Warrants have been attributed with an Actual Exercise Date, provided, however, that the deemed Actual Exercise Date for any such Warrants which would thereby fall after the Expiration Date shall fall on the Expiration Date. In any case where more than the Quota of Warrants are exercised on the same day by Securityholder(s), the order of settlement in respect of such Warrants shall be at the sole discretion of the Issuer.

(B) *European Style Warrants*

This paragraph (B) applies only to European Style Warrants.

The number of Warrants exercisable on behalf of any Securityholder on any Exercise Date, as determined by the Issuer, must be equal to the Minimum Exercise Number specified in the applicable Final Terms and, if specified in the applicable Final Terms, if a number greater than the Minimum Exercise Number, must be an integral multiple of the number specified in the applicable Final Terms. Any exercise which purports to exercise Warrants in breach of this provision shall be void and of no effect.

19. Exercise of Certificates

Conditions 19, 20 and 21 shall only apply to Certificates

(A) *Exercise Date*

Each Certificate shall be automatically exercised on the Exercise Date.

If the Certificates are listed on the Italian Stock Exchange, prior to 10.00 a.m. (Milan time) on the Exercise Date, the Securityholder may renounce any Automatic Exercise of such Certificate by the delivery or sending by authenticated swift message (confirmed in writing) of a duly completed Renunciation Notice to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, with a copy to the Principal Security Agent and the Issuer, in compliance with the laws and regulation, including the regulations of the Italian Stock Exchange, applicable from time to time.

Once delivered a Renunciation Notice shall be irrevocable. Any determination as to whether a Renunciation Notice is duly completed and in proper form shall be made by the Principal Security Agent and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer, the Security Agents, the Calculation Agent and the relevant Securityholder. Subject as set out below, any Renunciation Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form or which is not duly delivered shall be null and void. If such Renunciation Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in consultation with the Issuer and the Principal Security Agent, it shall be deemed to be a new Renunciation Notice submitted at the time such correction was delivered to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, and copied to the Issuer and the Principal Security Agent.

(B) *Cash Settlement*

If the Certificates (**Cash Settled Certificates**) are Cash Settled Securities, each such Certificate entitles its holder to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Cash Settlement Amount, less any Expenses not already paid.

(C) *Physical Settlement*

If the Certificates (**Physical Delivery Certificates**) are Physical Delivery Securities, each such Certificate entitles its holder, subject to the provisions of Condition 20(A), to receive from the Issuer on the Settlement Date the Entitlement, subject to payment of any Expenses. The method of delivery of the Entitlement is set out in the applicable Final Terms.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, Certificates of the same Securityholder automatically exercised and in respect of which a Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice (as defined below) has been duly given as provided in Condition 20(A), will be aggregated for the purpose of determining the aggregate Entitlements in respect of such Certificates, provided that the aggregate Entitlements in respect of the same Securityholder will be rounded down to the nearest whole unit of the Relevant Asset or each of the Relevant Assets, as the case may be, in such manner as the Calculation Agent shall determine. Therefore, fractions of the Relevant Asset or of each of the Relevant Assets, as the case may be, will not be delivered and a cash

adjustment amount calculated by the Calculation Agent will be paid in lieu of such fractions of the Relevant Asset. Any such cash adjustment amount will be paid to the account specified in the relevant Exercise Notice.

Following exercise of a Share Security which is a Physical Delivery Certificate, all dividends on the relevant Shares to be delivered will be payable to the party that would receive such dividend according to market practice for a sale of the Shares executed on the Exercise Date and to be delivered in the same manner as such relevant Shares, all as determined by the Calculation Agent. Any such dividends to be paid to a Securityholder will be paid to the account specified by the Securityholder in the relevant Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice as referred to in Condition 20(A)(1)(v).

20. Physical Delivery Confirmation Notices and Settlement

(A) *Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice Requirement*

In the case of Physical Delivery Certificates, in order to obtain delivery of the Entitlement the relevant Securityholder must deliver or send by authenticated swift message (confirmed in writing) to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, with a copy to the Principal Security Agent and the Issuer not later than 10.00 a.m. Brussels or Luxembourg time (as appropriate) on the Exercise Date a duly completed physical delivery confirmation notice (a **Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice**) in the form set out in the Agency Agreement (copies of which form may be obtained from Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or the Security Agents) in accordance with the provisions set out in this Condition. If the relevant Certificate is in definitive form, such Certificate must be delivered, together with the Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice, to the Issuer and with a copy to the Principal Security Agent.

(1) The Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice shall:

- (i) specify the series of the Certificates and the number of Certificates the subject of such Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice;
- (ii) except in the case of Definitive Certificates, specify the number of the Securityholder's account at Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, to be debited with the Certificates the subject of such Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice;
- (iii) except in the case of Definitive Certificates, irrevocably instruct Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, to debit on or before the Settlement Date the Securityholder's account with the Certificates the subject of such Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice;
- (iv) include an undertaking to pay all Expenses and, except in the case of Definitive Certificates, an authority to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, to debit a specified account of the Securityholder at Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, in respect thereof;
- (v) include such details as are required by the applicable Final Terms for delivery of the Entitlement which may include account details and/or the name and address of any person(s) into whose name evidence of the Entitlement is to be registered and/or any bank, broker or agent to whom documents evidencing the Entitlement are to be delivered and specify the name and the number of the Securityholder's account with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, or, in the case of a Definitive Certificate, at a bank in the principal financial centre of the relevant Settlement Currency to be credited with any cash payable by the Issuer, either in respect of any cash amount constituting the Entitlement or any cash adjustment amount paid in lieu of fractions of the Relevant Asset or any dividends relating to the Entitlement or as a result of the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event or a Failure to Deliver due to Illiquidity and the Issuer electing to pay the Settlement Disruption Amount or Failure to Deliver Settlement Price, as the case may be;
- (vi) in the case of Currency Certificates only, specify the number of the Securityholder's account at Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, or, in the case of a Definitive Certificate, at a bank in the principal financial centre of the relevant Settlement Currency to be credited with the amount due upon exercise of the Certificates;

(vii) certify, *inter alia*, that the beneficial owner of each Certificate the subject of such Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice is not a U.S. person (as defined in the Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice), the Certificate was not held on behalf of a U.S. person and no cash, securities or other property have been or will be delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person in connection with such exercise and, where appropriate, undertake to provide such various forms of certification in respect of selling restrictions under the securities, commodities and other laws of the United States as set out in the applicable Final Terms; and

(viii) authorise the production of the Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice in any applicable administrative or legal proceedings,

all as provided in the Agency Agreement.

(2) If Condition 4(C) applies, the form of Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice required to be delivered may be different from that set out above. Copies of such Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice may be obtained from Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and the Security Agents.

(B) *Verification of the Securityholder*

Except in the case of a Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice submitted in respect of a Definitive Certificate, upon receipt of a Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, shall verify that the person exercising the Certificates is the holder thereof according to the books of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be. Subject thereto, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, will confirm to the Principal Security Agent the series and the number of Certificates being exercised and the details for the delivery of the Entitlement in respect of each Certificate the subject of the relevant Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice. Upon receipt of such confirmation, the Principal Security Agent will inform the Issuer thereof. Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, will on or before the Settlement Date debit the account of the relevant Securityholder with the Certificates the subject of the relevant Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice.

(C) *Cash Settled Certificates*

Subject as provided in this Condition 20, the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Cash Settlement Amount (if any) for each Certificate by credit or transfer to the Securityholder's account with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, for value on the Settlement Date, less any Expenses not already paid, such payment to be made in accordance with the rules of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

The Issuer's obligations will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as the case may be) of the amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular amount of the Certificates must look solely to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, for his share of each such payment.

Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment.

(D) *Physical Delivery Certificates*

Subject to payment of any Expenses with regard to the relevant Certificates, the Issuer shall, on the Settlement Date, deliver, or procure the delivery of, the Entitlement for each Certificate in respect of which a valid Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice has been delivered as provided in Condition 20(A) pursuant to the details specified in the Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice, subject as provided in Condition 4(C). The Entitlement shall be delivered and evidenced in such manner as set out in the applicable Final Terms.

In the event that no valid Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice has been duly delivered at or prior to 10.00 a.m. (Brussels or Luxembourg time, as the case may be) on the Exercise Date, the provisions of Condition 20(G) below shall apply.

(E) *Determinations*

Any determination as to whether a Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice is duly completed and in proper form shall be made by the Principal Security Agent, and shall be conclusive and binding on the Issuer, the Security Agents, the Calculation Agent and the relevant Securityholder. Subject as set out below, any Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice so determined to be incomplete or not in proper form or which is not duly delivered to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as the case may be) and copied to the Issuer and the Principal Security Agent (or, in the case of Definitive Certificates, which is not duly delivered to the Issuer together with the relevant Definitive Certificate(s) and copied to the Principal Security Agent) shall be null and void.

If such Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice is subsequently corrected to the satisfaction of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, in consultation with the Issuer and the Principal Security Agent (or, in the case of Definitive Certificates, to the satisfaction of the Issuer in consultation with the Principal Security Agent), it shall be deemed to be a new Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice submitted at the time such correction was delivered to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, and copied to the Issuer and the Principal Security Agent (or, in the case of Definitive Certificates, to the Issuer and copied to the Principal Security Agent).

Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, (or, in the case of Definitive Certificates, the Issuer) shall use its best efforts promptly to notify the Securityholder submitting a Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice if, in consultation with the Issuer and/or the Principal Security Agent (as applicable), it has determined that such Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice is incomplete or not in proper form. In the absence of negligence or wilful misconduct on its part, none of the Issuer, the Security Agents, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and the Calculation Agent shall be liable to any person with respect to any action taken or omitted to be taken by it in connection with such determination or the notification of such determination to a Securityholder.

(F) *Delivery of a Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice*

After the delivery of a Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice, the relevant Securityholder may not transfer Certificates the subject of such notice.

(G) *Failure to deliver a Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice*

Provided that the relevant Certificates are not Definitive Certificates, in which case the provisions of Condition 20(H) will apply, in the event that a Certificateholder does not, in respect of a Physical Delivery Certificate, deliver or procure delivery of a Physical Delivery Confirmation Notice as set out above, prior to 10.00 a.m., Brussels or Luxembourg time, on the Exercise Date, the Issuer shall as soon as reasonably practicable determine the Assessed Value Payment Amount and in respect of such Certificate shall pay or cause to be paid the Assessed Value Payment Amount by credit or transfer to the Securityholder's account with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as soon as reasonably practicable following the determination of the Assessed Value Payment Amount. Upon payment of the Assessed Value Payment Amount as aforesaid, the Issuer's obligations in respect of such Certificate shall be discharged. Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment. As used herein, **Assessed Value Payment Amount** means an amount determined by the Calculation Agent to be the fair market value of the Relevant Assets comprised in the Entitlement in respect of the relevant Certificate, less any Expenses.

(H) *Settlement provisions for Definitive Certificates*

In the event that any Definitive Certificates have been issued prior to the Exercise Date, the Issuer shall, on or prior to the Exercise Date, notify Securityholders in accordance with Condition 8 of the procedure to be followed in order to receive any Cash Settlement Amount or Assessed Value Payment Amount that may be payable upon exercise of the Certificates.

(I) *Exercise Risk*

Exercise of the Certificates is subject to all applicable laws, regulations and practices in force on the Exercise Date and none of the Issuer, any of its Affiliates, the Security Agents and the Calculation Agent shall incur any liability whatsoever if it is unable to effect the transactions contemplated, after using all reasonable efforts, as a result of any such laws, regulations or

practices. None of the Issuer, any of its Affiliates, the Security Agents and the Calculation Agent shall under any circumstances be liable for any acts or defaults of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg in relation to the performance of their duties in relation to the Certificates.

21. Remuneration

(A) *Remuneration Amount*

If so specified in the applicable Final Terms, each Certificate pays remuneration from and including the Issue Date at the Remuneration Rate payable in arrear on each Remuneration Payment Date.

The amount of remuneration payable in respect of each Certificate on each Remuneration Payment Date will amount to the Remuneration Amount for the Remuneration Period ending on (but excluding) such Remuneration Payment Date.

If remuneration is required to be calculated for a period ending other than on (but excluding) an Remuneration Payment Date, it will be calculated on the basis of the number of days from and including the most recent Remuneration Payment Date (or, if none, the Issue Date) to but excluding the relevant payment date and the Remuneration Rate Day Count Fraction.

(B) *Accrual of Remuneration*

Each Certificate will cease to accrue remuneration from and including the Settlement Date or, if earlier, the date on which the Certificates are cancelled (the **Cancellation Date**), if applicable, in accordance with these Conditions unless payment of the amount and/or delivery of any Entitlement due on the Settlement Date or Cancellation Date, as the case may be, is improperly withheld or refused or unless default is otherwise made in respect of the payment or delivery in which case additional remuneration shall accrue from the date such amount or delivery of such Entitlement was due until such amount or delivery of such Entitlement is paid or delivered, as the case may be. For the avoidance of doubt, no remuneration on the Certificates shall accrue beyond the Settlement Date in the event that delivery of any Entitlement is postponed due to the occurrence of a Settlement Disruption Event.

(C) *Payment of Remuneration Amount*

Where the Certificates pay remuneration, subject as provided below, the Issuer shall pay or cause to be paid the Remuneration Amount for each Certificate in respect of each Remuneration Payment Date by credit or transfer to the Securityholder's account with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, for value on the relevant Remuneration Payment Date, such payment to be made in accordance with the rules of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the case may be.

The Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the case may be, in respect of the amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the case may be, as the holder of a particular amount of the Certificates must look solely to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the case may be, for his share of each such payment so made to, or to the order of, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the case may be.

Payments will be subject in all cases to any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto in the place of payment.

(D) *Definitions*

“30/360 (Floating)” or “360/360” or “Bond Basis” means the number of days in the Remuneration Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

“Y₁” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Remuneration Period falls;

“Y₂” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Remuneration Period falls;

“M₁” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Remuneration Period falls;

“M₂” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Remuneration Period falls;

“D₁” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Remuneration Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D₁ will be 30; and

“D₂” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Remuneration Period, unless such number would be 31 and D₁ is greater than 29, in which case D₂ will be 30.

“30E/360” or “Eurobond Basis” means the number of days in the Remuneration Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

“Y₁” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Remuneration Period falls;

“Y₂” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Remuneration Period falls;

“M₁” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Remuneration Period falls;

“M₂” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Remuneration Period falls;

“D₁” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Remuneration Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D₁ will be 30; and

“D₂” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Remuneration Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D₂ will be 30.

“30E/360 (ISDA)” means the number of days in the Remuneration Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

“Y₁” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Remuneration Period falls;

“Y₂” is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Remuneration Period falls;

“M₁” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Remuneration Period falls;

“M₂” is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day of the Remuneration Period falls;

“D₁” is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Remuneration Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D₁ will be 30; and

“D₂” is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Remuneration Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Settlement Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D₂ will be 30.

“Actual/360” means the actual number of days in the Remuneration Period divided by 360.

“Actual/Actual (ISDA)” means the actual number of days in the Remuneration Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Remuneration Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Remuneration Period falling in a leap year divided by 366; and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Remuneration Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365).

“Actual/365 (Fixed)” means the actual number of days in the Remuneration Period divided by 365.

“Remuneration Amount” means, in respect of each Certificate and each Remuneration Period, an amount calculated by the Calculation Agent as follows:

Notional Amount per Certificate x Remuneration Rate x Remuneration Rate Day Count Fraction.

“Remuneration Period” means the period commencing on (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Remuneration Payment Date and each period commencing on (and including) an Remuneration Payment Date to (but excluding) the next following Remuneration Payment Date.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The Issuer intends to use the net proceeds from each issue of Securities for general corporate purposes, including making a profit. A substantial portion of the proceeds may be used to hedge market risks with respect to the Securities. If in respect of any particular issue of Securities, there is a particular identified use of proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Final Terms.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUER

The Registration Document referred to in “*Documents Incorporated By Reference*” on page 7 of this Base Prospectus is deemed incorporated in, and to form part of, this Base Prospectus as more fully described on page 7. The Registration Document contains information *inter alia* regarding the Issuer, its business, administration and management, and shareholders.

TAXATION

1. General

Transactions involving Securities may be subject to stamp taxes and give rise to certain other tax consequences for potential purchasers which may depend, amongst other things, upon the status of the potential purchaser and laws relating to transfer and registration taxes. Paragraphs 2 and 3 below summarise, for information purposes only, certain aspects of the Italian and Luxembourg tax treatment of transactions involving Securities. However, such transactions may have tax consequences in other jurisdictions. Potential purchasers who are in any doubt about the tax position of any aspect of transactions involving Securities should consult their own tax advisers.

The following summary does not take into account taxation which may be imposed by way of withholding or otherwise in the Republic of Italy or the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg or in any other jurisdiction, on income and capital gains in any form, on any of the underlying assets to which a Certificate may relate.

Condition 9 (“Expenses and Taxation”) on page 45 should be considered carefully by all potential purchasers of any Securities.

2. Taxation in the Republic of Italy

The following is a summary of current Italian law and practise relating to the taxation of the Securities. Prospective purchasers of the Securities are advised to consult their own tax advisers concerning the overall tax consequences of their ownership of the Securities.

The statements herein regarding taxation are based on the laws in force in Italy as at the date of this Base 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 Securities 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.

Italian taxation of the Securities

Pursuant to Article 67 of Presidential Decree No. 917 of 22 December 1986 and Legislative Decree No. 461 of 21 November 1997, as subsequently amended, where an Italian resident Securityholder is (i) an individual not engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Securities are connected, (ii) a non-commercial partnership, (iii) a non-commercial private or public institution, or (iv) an investor exempt from Italian corporate income taxation, capital gains accrued under the sale or the exercise of the Securities are subject to a 12.5% substitute tax (*imposta sostitutiva*). The recipient may opt for three different taxation criteria:

- (1) Under the tax declaration regime (*regime della dichiarazione*), which is the default regime for Italian resident individuals not engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Securities 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 holding the Securities not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity pursuant to all sales or redemptions of the Securities carried out during any given tax year. Italian resident individuals holding the Securities 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 *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.
- (2) As an alternative to the tax declaration regime, Italian resident individuals holding the Securities 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 Securities (the “*risparmio amministrato*” regime). Such separate taxation of capital gains is allowed subject to (i) the Securities 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 Securityholder. The depository is responsible for accounting for *imposta sostitutiva* in respect of capital gains realised on each sale or

redemption of the Securities (as well as in respect of capital gains realised upon the revocation of its mandate), net of any incurred capital loss, and is required to 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 Securityholder or using funds provided by the Securityholder for this purpose. Under the *risparmio amministrato* regime, where a sale or redemption of the Securities results in a capital loss, such loss may be deducted from capital gains subsequently realised, within the same Securities management, in the same tax year or in the following tax years up to the fourth. Under the *risparmio amministrato* regime, the Securityholder is not required to declare the capital gains in the annual tax return.

- (3) Any capital gains realised by Italian resident individuals holding the Securities not in connection with an entrepreneurial activity who have entrusted the management of their financial assets, including the Securities, to an authorised intermediary and have opted for the so-called “*risparmio gestito*” regime 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 12.5 per cent. substitute tax, to be paid by the managing authorised intermediary. Under this *risparmio gestito* regime, any depreciation of the managed assets accrued at year end may be carried forward against increase in value of the managed assets accrued in any of the four succeeding tax years. Under the *risparmio gestito* regime, the Securityholder is not required to declare the capital gains realised in the annual tax return.

Where an Italian resident Securityholder is a company or similar commercial entity, or the Italian permanent establishment of a foreign commercial entity to which the Securities are effectively connected, capital gains arising from the Securities will not be subject to *imposta sostitutiva*, but must be included in the relevant Securityholder’s income tax return and are therefore subject to Italian corporate tax.

Capital gains realised by non-Italian resident Securityholders are not subject to Italian taxation, provided that the Securities (i) are transferred on regulated markets, or (ii) are held outside of Italy.

Atypical securities

With specific reference to the Certificates, according to a certain interpretation of Italian fiscal law there is a possibility that the Certificates would be qualified for tax purposes as atypical securities and will be subject to the provisions of Article 5 of Law Decree No. 512 of 30 September 1983. As a consequence, payments relating to Certificates shall be subject to withholding tax levied at a rate of 27 per cent. (final or on account depending on the “status” and tax residence of the Securityholder). Where the Certificate holder is (i) an Italian individual engaged in an entrepreneurial activity to which the Certificates are connected, (ii) an Italian company or a similar commercial entity, (iii) a permanent establishment in Italy of a foreign entity to which the Certificates are effectively connected, (iv) an Italian commercial partnership or (v) an Italian commercial private or public institution, such withholding tax is a provisional withholding tax. In all other cases the withholding tax is a final withholding tax.

EU Savings Directive

Italy has implemented the EU 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, in the case of interest paid to individuals which qualify as beneficial owners of the interest payment and are resident for tax purposes in another Member State, Italian paying agents (i.e. banks, *società di intermediazione mobiliare* (SIM), fiduciary companies, *società di gestione del risparmio* (SGR) resident for tax purposes in Italy, Italian permanent establishments of non-Italian resident persons and any other Italian entity paying interest for professional or business reasons) shall not apply the withholding tax and shall report to the Italian Tax Authorities details of the relevant payments and personal information on the individual beneficial owner. Such information is transmitted by the Italian Tax Authorities to the competent foreign tax authorities of the State of residence of the beneficial owner.

3. Luxembourg Taxation

The following summary is of a general nature and is included herein solely for information purposes. It is based on the laws presently in force in Luxembourg, though it is not intended to be, nor should it be construed to be, legal or tax advice. Prospective investors in the Securities should

therefore consult their own professional advisers as to the effects of state, local or foreign laws, including Luxembourg tax law, to which they may be subject.

Withholding tax

Non-Residents

Under Luxembourg general tax laws currently in force and subject to the laws of 21st June, 2005 (the **Laws**) mentioned below, there is no withholding tax on payments of principal, premium or interest made to non-resident holders of Securities, nor on accrued but unpaid interest in respect of the Securities, nor is any Luxembourg withholding tax payable upon settlement or repurchase of the Securities held by non-resident holders of Securities.

Under the Laws implementing the EC Council Directive 2003/48/EEC on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments and ratifying the treaties entered into by Luxembourg and certain dependent and associated territories of EU Member States (the **Territories**), payments of interest or similar income made or ascribed by a paying agent established in Luxembourg to or for the immediate benefit of an individual beneficial owner or a residual entity, as defined by the Laws, which is a resident of, or established in, an EU Member State (other than Luxembourg) or one of the Territories will be subject to a withholding tax unless the relevant recipient has adequately instructed the relevant paying agent to provide details of the relevant payments of interest or similar income to the fiscal authorities of his/her/its country of residence or establishment, or, in the case of an individual beneficial owner, has provided a tax certificate issued by the fiscal authorities of his/her/its country of residence in the required format to the relevant paying agent. Where withholding tax is applied, it is currently levied at a rate of 20 per cent. and will be levied at a rate of 35 per cent. as of 1st July, 2011. Responsibility for the withholding of the tax will be assumed by the Luxembourg paying agent. Payments of interest under the Securities coming within the scope of the Laws would at present be subject to withholding tax of 20 per cent.

Residents

Under Luxembourg general tax laws currently in force and subject to the law of 23rd December, 2005 (the **Law**) mentioned below, there is no withholding tax on payments of principal, premium or interest made to Luxembourg resident holders of Securities, nor on accrued but unpaid interest in respect of Securities, nor is any Luxembourg withholding tax payable upon settlement or repurchase of Securities held by Luxembourg resident holders of Securities.

Under the Law payments of interest or similar income made or ascribed by a paying agent established in Luxembourg to or for the benefit of an individual beneficial owner who is a resident of Luxembourg will be subject to a withholding tax of 10 per cent. Such withholding tax will be in full discharge of income tax if the beneficial owner is an individual acting in the course of the management of his/her private wealth. Responsibility for the withholding of the tax will be assumed by the Luxembourg paying agent. Payments of interest under the Securities coming within the scope of the Law would be subject to withholding tax of 10 per cent.

4. EU Savings Directive

Under EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income, Member States are required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest (or similar income) paid by a person within its jurisdiction to, or collected by such person for, an individual resident or certain limited types of entity established in that other Member State. However, for a transitional period, Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria are instead required (unless during that period they elect otherwise) to operate a withholding system in relation to such payments (the ending of such transitional period being dependent upon the conclusion of certain other agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries). A number of non-EU countries and territories including Switzerland have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland).

OFFERING AND SALE

No action has been or will be taken by the Issuer that would permit a public offering of any Securities or possession or distribution of any offering material in relation to any Securities in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. No offers, sales, resales or deliveries of any Securities, or distribution of any offering material relating to any Securities, may be made in or from any jurisdiction except in circumstances which will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations and which will not impose any obligation on the Issuer.

United States

No Securities of any series nor, in the case of Physical Delivery Securities, the Entitlement to be delivered upon the exercise of such Securities have been, or will be, registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the **Securities Act**) or under any state securities laws and trading in the Securities has not been approved by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended. The Securities are only being offered and sold pursuant to the registration exemption contained in Regulation S under the Securities Act. No Securities of any series, or interests therein, may at any time be offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, exercised, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States of America (including the states and the District of Columbia), its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction (the **United States**) or directly or indirectly offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, exercised, redeemed, transferred or delivered to, or for the account or benefit of, any “U.S. person” as such term may be defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act. Consequently, any offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, exercise, redemption, transfer or delivery made, directly or indirectly, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person will not be recognised.

Each Manager of an issue of Securities will be required to agree that it, its affiliates and any person acting on its or their behalf will not at any time offer, sell, resell, trade, pledge, exercise, redeem, transfer or deliver, directly or indirectly, Securities of such series in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person or to others for offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, exercise, redemption, transfer or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any such U.S. person. Each Manager of an issue of Securities will be required to agree that it, its affiliates, and any person acting on its or their behalf will not offer or sell the Securities at any time except in accordance with Rule 903 of Regulation S under the Securities Act, and that neither it, its affiliates, nor any persons acting on its or their behalf will engage in any directed selling efforts with respect to the Securities and it and they will comply with the offering restrictions requirements of Regulation S under the Securities Act. The terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act. Any person purchasing Securities of any series must agree with the Manager or the seller of such Securities that (i) it is not a U.S. person and it is not located in the United States and was not solicited to purchase the Securities while present in the United States, (ii) it will not at any time offer, sell, resell, trade, pledge, exercise, redeem, transfer or deliver, directly or indirectly, any Securities of such series so purchased in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person or to others for offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, exercise, redemption, transfer or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of any, U.S. person, (iii) it is not purchasing any Securities of such series for the account or benefit of any U.S. person and (iv) it will not make offers, sales, resales, trades, pledges, exercises, redemptions, transfers or deliveries of any Securities of such series (otherwise acquired), directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person. Each Manager of an issue of Securities will also be required to agree, and any person purchasing Securities of any series must agree, to send each person who purchases any Securities of such series from it at or prior to confirmation of sale of any Securities, a written confirmation (which shall include the definitions of “United States” and “U.S. persons” set forth herein) stating that the Securities have not been registered under the Securities Act or any state securities laws, and trading in the Securities has not been approved by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission under the United States Commodity Exchange Act, as amended, and stating that such purchaser agrees that it will not at any time offer, sell, resell, trade, pledge, exercise, redeem, transfer or deliver Securities, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person. Prior to the delivery of the Entitlement in respect of a Physical Delivery Security the holder thereof will be required to represent that, *inter alia*, he is not a U.S. person, the Security was not exercised on behalf of a U.S. person and in the case of Physical Delivery Securities, no securities or other property have been or will be delivered within the United

States or to, or the account or benefit of, a U.S. person in connection with any exercise thereof. See Condition 17(A) in respect of Warrants and Condition 20(A) in respect of Certificates.

The Securities are also subject to U.S. tax law requirements and, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. Treasury regulations, may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to United States persons. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder.

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**), with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the **Relevant Implementation Date**) the Securities which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Information Memorandum as completed by the final terms in relation thereto may not be offered to the public in that Relevant Member State, except that, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, such Securities may be offered to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) if the final terms in relation to the Securities specify that an offer of those Securities may be made other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State (a **Non-exempt Offer**), following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such Securities which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by the final terms contemplating such Non-exempt Offer, in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable;
- (b) at any time to legal entities which are authorised or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorised or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;
- (c) at any time to any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than €43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than €50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts;
- (d) at any time to fewer than 100 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to the prior consent of the relevant Manager(s) nominated by the Issuer for any such offer having been obtained; or
- (e) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of Securities referred to in (b) to (e) above shall require the publication by the Issuer or any Manager of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or the supplementing by the Issuer or any Manager of a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an **offer of Securities to the public** in relation to any Securities 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 Securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Securities, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State.

Republic of Italy

The offering of the Securities has not been registered pursuant to Italian securities legislation and, accordingly, no Securities may be offered, sold or delivered, nor may copies of the Base Prospectus or of any other document relating to the Securities be distributed in the Republic of Italy, except:

- (i) to qualified investors (*investitori qualificati*), as defined in Article 100 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended (the **Financial Services Act**) and the relevant implementing CONSOB regulations, as amended from time to time, and in Article 2 of Directive No. 2003/71/EC of 4 November 2003; or
- (ii) in other circumstances which are exempted from the rules on solicitation of investments pursuant to Article 100 of the Financial Services Act and Article 33, first paragraph, of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May, 1999, as amended (**Regulation No. 11971**).

Any offer, sale or delivery of the Securities or distribution of copies of the Base Prospectus or any other document relating to the Securities in the Republic of Italy under (i) or (ii) 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 Services Act, CONSOB Regulation No. 16190 of 29 October 2007 (as amended from time to time) and Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September, 1993, as amended (the **Banking Act**);
- (b) in compliance with Article 129 of the Banking Act, as amended, and the implementing guidelines of the Bank of Italy, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which the Bank of Italy may request information on the issue or the offer of securities in the Republic of Italy; and
- (c) in compliance with any other applicable laws and regulations or requirement imposed by CONSOB or any other Italian authority.

Please note that in accordance with Article 100-bis of the Financial Services Act, where no exemption from the rules on solicitation of investments applies under (i) or (ii) above, the subsequent distribution of the Securities on the secondary market in Italy must be made in compliance with the public offer and the prospectus requirement rules provided under the Financial Services Act and Regulation No. 11971. Failure to comply with such rules may result in the sale of such Securities being declared null and void and in the liability of the intermediary transferring the financial instruments for any damages suffered by the investors.

United Kingdom

Any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the **FSMA**)) may only be communicated or caused to be communicated in connection with the issue or sale of any Securities in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer.

Securities which have a maturity of less than one year (i) will only be sold by a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and (ii) will not be offered or sold other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or as agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the Securities would otherwise constitute a contravention of Section 19 of the FSMA by the Issuer.

All applicable provisions of the FSMA must be complied with in respect to anything done in relation to any Securities in, from or otherwise involving, the United Kingdom.

The Grand Duchy of Luxembourg

In addition to the cases described in the Public Offer Selling Restriction under the Prospectus Directive (above) in which the Manager or, as the case may be, the Managers can make an offer of Securities to the public in an EEA Member State (including the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg (**Luxembourg**)), the Manager or, as the case may be, the Managers can also make an offer of Securities to the public in Luxembourg:

- (a) at any time, to national and regional governments, central banks, international and supranational institutions (such as the International Monetary Fund, the European Central Bank, the European Investment Bank) and other similar international organisations;
- (b) at any time, to legal entities which are authorised or regulated to operate in the financial markets (including, credit institutions, investment firms, other authorised or regulated financial institutions, undertakings for collective investment and their management

companies, pension and investment funds and their management companies, insurance undertakings and commodity dealers) as well as entities not so authorised or regulated whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities; and

- (c) at any time, to certain natural persons or small and medium-sized enterprises (as defined in the Luxembourg act dated 10 July 2005 on prospectuses for securities implementing the Prospectus Directive into Luxembourg law) recorded in the register of natural persons or small and medium-sized enterprises considered as qualified investors as held by the *Commission de surveillance du secteur financier* as competent authority in Luxembourg in accordance with the Prospectus Directive.

General

With regard to each issue of Securities, the relevant Manager will be required to comply with such other additional restrictions as the Issuer shall determine as shall be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

GENERAL INFORMATION

(1) Authorisation

The establishment and operation of the Programme has been duly authorised by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Issuer dated 1 August 2008.

(2) Listing and Admission to Trading

Application has been made to the CSSF to approve this document as a base prospectus. Application has also been made to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange for Securities issued under the Programme to be admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market and to be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

The Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market is a regulated market for the purposes of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (Directive 2004/39/EC).

The Issuer may also list the Certificates on the Italian Stock Exchange and admit the Certificates to trading on the electronic "Securitized Derivatives Market" organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. (the **SeDeX**).

(3) Documents Available

For the period of 12 months following the date of this Base Prospectus, copies and, where appropriate, English translations of the following documents may be inspected during normal business hours at the specified offices of the Security Agents in Luxembourg and the registered office of the Issuer:

- (i) the Registration Document;
- (ii) the constitutional documents of the Issuer;
- (iii) the audited financial statements of the Issuer in respect of the financial years ended 31 December 2007 and 2006;
- (iv) the most recently published audited annual financial statements and the most recently published interim financial statements (if any) of the Issuer;
- (v) the Agency Agreement and the forms of the Global Securities;
- (vi) a copy of this Base Prospectus;
- (vii) any future offering circulars, prospectuses, information memoranda and supplements including Final Terms (save that a Final Terms relating to a Security which is neither admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Economic Area nor offered in the European Economic Area in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive will only be available for inspection by a holder of such Security and such holder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer and the relevant Security Agent as to its holding of Securities and identity) and any other documents incorporated herein or therein by reference; and
- (viii) in the case of each issue of listed Securities subscribed pursuant to a subscription agreement, the subscription agreement (or equivalent document).

A copy of this Base Prospectus (and the information incorporated by reference therein) and any Final Terms that are listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange will be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu).

(4) Clearing Systems

Securities to be represented by a Global Security have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. The common code and ISIN for each issue of Securities allocated by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, will be specified in the applicable Final Terms. If the Securities of any series are to clear through an additional or alternative clearing system the appropriate information will be specified in the applicable Final Terms.

(5) Conditions for determining price

The price and amounts of Securities to be issued under the Programme will be determined by the Issuer and any Manager(s) at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions.

(6) Significant or Material Change

There has been no significant change in the financial position of the Issuer since 30 June 2008 and there has been no material adverse change in the financial position or prospects of the Issuer since 30 June 2008.

(7) Litigation

Save as disclosed in this Base Prospectus at page 7, the Issuer has not been involved in any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware) in the 12 months preceding the date of this document which may have or have in such period had a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of the Issuer.

(8) Post-issuance Information

Save as set out in any Final Terms, the Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information in relation to any index (or basket of indices), share (or basket of shares), commodity (or basket of commodities), debt instrument (or basket of debt instruments), currency (or basket of currencies), fund (or basket of funds) or any other asset or basis of reference in relation to any issue of Securities constituting Derivative Securities (as such term is used in the Commission Regulation (EC) No. 809/2004).

THE ISSUER

Banca IMI S.p.A.
Piazzetta Giordano Dell'Amore, 3
20121 Milan

PRINCIPAL SECURITY AND LUXEMBOURG LISTING AGENT

BNP Paribas Securities Services, Luxembourg Branch
33, rue de Gasperich
Howald-Hesperange
L-2085 Luxembourg

CALCULATION AGENT

Banca IMI S.p.A.
Piazzetta Giordano Dell'Amore, 3
20121 Milan

LEGAL ADVISERS TO THE ISSUER

as to English law and Italian law

Allen & Overy
Via Manzoni 41-43
20121 Milan