# SOCIETE GENERALE SCF € 20,000,000,000 EURO MEDIUM TERM NOTE PROGRAMME

# for the issue of Obligations Foncières

Under the Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the "Programme") described in this base prospectus (the "Base Prospectus"), Société Générale SCF (the "Issuer"), a société anonyme (public limited company) incorporated under French law duly licensed as a specialised credit institution (établissement de crédit spécialisé) with the status of société de crédit foncier (the "SCF") delivered by the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution (the "ACPR"). In its capacity as SCF, the Issuer is governed by Articles L. 513-1 et seq. of the Code monétaire et financier (the "French Monetary and Financial Code"), as amended from time to time, in particular as they have been amended by the relevant provisions of the decree-law (ordonnance) no. 2021-858 dated 30 June 2021 which implements under French law Directive (EU) no. 2019/2162 of the European Parliament and of the Council dated 27 November 2019 on the issue of covered bonds and covered bond public supervision amending Directives 2009/65/EC and 2014/59/EU (the "Covered Bonds Directive"). Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, the Issuer may from time to time issue obligations foncières (the "OF") to be governed either by French law or German law, as specified in the relevant Final Terms (as defined below) (respectively, the "French Law Notes" and the "German Law Notes and, together, the "Notes). All French Law Notes and German Law Notes will benefit from the statutory privilège (priority right of payment) created by Article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, as more fully described herein.

This Base Prospectus constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129, as amended (the "Prospectus Regulation). This Base Prospectus received the approval number 22-328 on 29 July 2022 from the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (the "AMF") and shall be in force for a period of one (1) year as of the date of its approval by the AMF. The obligation to supplement this Base Prospectus in the event of a significant new factor, material mistake or material inaccuracy does not apply when this Base Prospectus is no longer valid.

This Base Prospectus has been approved by the AMF as competent authority in France under the Prospectus Regulation. This Base Prospectus is only relevant for the French Law Notes. The AMF only approves this Base Prospectus as meeting the standards of completeness, comprehensibility and consistency imposed by the Prospectus Regulation. Such approval should not be considered as an endorsement of either the Issuer or the quality of the French Law Notes that are the subject of this Base Prospectus and investors should make their own assessment as to the suitability of investing in the French Law Notes.

An application may be made (i) to Euronext Paris within a period of twelve (12) months after the date of approval by the AMF on the Base Prospectus in order for French Law Notes issued under the Programme to be listed and admitted to trading on the regulated market of Euronext Paris ("Euronext Paris"), and/or (ii) to the competent authority of any other Member State of the European Economic Area for French Law Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to trading on a Regulated Market (as defined below) in such Member State. Euronext Paris is a regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2014/65/UE dated 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments, as amended from time to time, appearing on the list of regulated markets issued by the European Securities Markets Authority (the "ESMA") (each a "Regulated Market"). French Law Notes issued under the Programme may also be unlisted or listed and admitted to trading on any other stock exchange, including any other Regulated Market. The relevant final terms (a form of which is contained herein) in respect of the issue of any French Law Notes (the "Final Terms") will specify whether or not an application will be made for such French Law Notes to be listed and admitted to trading and, if so, the relevant Regulated Market(s) or stock exchange(s) where the French Law Notes will be listed and admitted to trading. The German Law Notes will neither be admitted to trading nor listed on any Regulated Market(s) or stock exchange(s).

French Law Notes may be issued either in dematerialised form ("Dematerialised Notes") or in materialised form ("Materialised Notes") as more fully described herein.

Dematerialised Notes will at all times be in book-entry form in compliance with Articles L.211-3 et seq. and R.211-1 et seq. of the French Monetary and Financial Code. No physical documents of title will be issued in respect of the Dematerialised Notes. Dematerialised Notes may, at the option of the Issuer, be (i) in bearer form (au porteur) inscribed as from the issue date in the books of Euroclear France (acting as the central depositary) which shall credit the accounts of the relevant Account Holders (as defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes - Form, Denomination, Title and Redenomination") including Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("Euroclear") and the depositary bank for Clearstream Banking, S.A. ("Clearstream"), or (ii) in registered form (au nominatif) and, in such latter case, at the option of the relevant Noteholder (as defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes - Form, Denomination, Title and Redenomination"), in either fully registered form (au nominatif pur), in which case they will be either inscribed in the relevant Final Terms) for the Issuer, or in administered registered form (au nominatif administred) in which case they will be inscribed in the accounts of the Account Holders designated by the relevant Noteholder.

Materialised Notes will be in bearer materialised form only and may only be issued outside France. A temporary global certificate in bearer form without interest coupons attached (a "Temporary Global Certificate") will initially be issued in relation to the Materialised Notes. Such Temporary Global Certificate will subsequently be exchanged for definitive Materialised Notes with, where applicable, coupons for interest or talons attached, on or after a date expected to be on or about the fortieth (40<sup>th</sup>) day after the issue date of the Notes (subject to postponement as described in "Temporary Global Certificate in respect of Materialised Notes") upon certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership as more fully described herein. Temporary Global Certificates will (a) in the case of a Tranche (as defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes") intended to be cleared through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, be deposited on the issue date with a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, and (b) in the case of a Tranche intended to be cleared through a clearing system other than or in addition to Euroclear and/or Clearstream or delivered outside a clearing system, be deposited as agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) (as defined below).

German Law Notes will be issued in materialised registered form only.

Notes to be issued under the Programme are expected to be rated "AAA" by S&P Global Ratings Europe Limited ("S&P") and "Aaa" by Moody's France S.A.S. (Moody's" and,together with S&P, the "Rating Agencies" and each a "Rating Agency"). The rating of Notes will be specified in the relevant Final Terms. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, change or withdrawal at any time by the assigning Rating Agency without notice. Investors are invited to refer to the websites of the relevant Rating Agencies in order to have access to the latest rating (respectively: http://www.standardand poors.com and http://www.moodys.com). As of the date of this Base Prospectus, each of the Rating Agencies is established in the European Union and registered under Regulation (EC) no. 1060/2009 dated 19 September 2009, as amended (the "CRA Regulation"). Each of the Rating Agencies is included in the list of registered credit rating agencies published by the ESMA on its website (https://www.esma.europa.eu/supervision/credit-rating-agencies/risk) in accordance with the CRA Regulation. S&P and Moody's are not established in the United Kingdom and are not registered in accordance with the CRA Regulation as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (the "EUWA") (the "UK CRA Regulation"). However, the ratings of the Notes to be issued under the Programme are expected to be endorsed by S&P Global Ratings UK Limited and Moody's Investors Service Ltd, in accordance with the UK CRA Regulation. As such, the ratings issued by S&P Global Ratings UK Limited and Moody's may be used for regulatory purposes in the United Kingdom in accordance with the UK CRA Regulation. In general, UK regulated investors are restricted from using a rating for regulatory purposes in the Uik by a credit rating agency established in the UK and registered under the UK CRA Regulation or (2) the rating is provided by a credit rating agency not established in the UK which is ce

Notes to be issued under the Programme as from the date of this Base Prospectus, are intended to be eligible to the "European Covered Bond (Premium)" label (label "obligation garantie européenne de qualité supérieure") to be published by the ACPR. Such eligibility is subject to prior approval and supervision of the ACPR and verification by the Cover Pool Monitor that the conditions are satisfied. No representation is however made or assurance given that any Notes will actually be and remain eligible to the "European Covered Bond (Premium)" label until their Maturity Date.

See "Risk Factors" below for certain information relevant to an investment in the Notes to be issued under the Programme.



This Base Prospectus has been approved by the AMF in its capacity as competent authority under Regulation (EU) 2017/1129. The AMF has approved this Base Prospectus after having verified that the information it contains is complete, coherent and comprehensible within the meaning of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129. This approval should not be considered as an endorsement of the Issuer and of the quality of the French Law Notes described in this Base Prospectus. Investors should make their own assessment as to the opportunity of investing in such French Law Notes.

The Base Prospectus has been approved on 29 July 2022 and is valid until 29 July 2023 and shall be, within that period and pursuant to Article 23 of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129, completed by a supplement to the Base Prospectus in the event of new material facts or substantial errors or inaccuracies. The Base Prospectus has received the following approval no. 22-328.

The approval no. 22-328 granted by the AMF on 29 July 2022 to this Base Prospectus is only applicable for Notes admitted to trading or listed on Euronext Paris which are the French Law Notes, and is not relevant, in any case, for German Law Notes, as German Law Notes will not be admitted to trading nor listed on any market or stock exchange.

## ARRANGER AND DEALER



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This Base Prospectus (together with any supplement thereto that may be published from time to time), constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of Article 8 of the Prospectus Regulation and contains or incorporates by reference all necessary information concerning the Issuer which is material to an investor for making an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profits and losses and prospects of the Issuer, as well as the base terms and conditions of the French Law Notes to be issued under the Programme. The terms and conditions applicable to each Tranche (as defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes") not contained herein (including, without limitation, the aggregate nominal amount, issue price, redemption price thereof, and interest, if any, payable thereunder) will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of the issue on the basis of the then prevailing market conditions and will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

This Base Prospectus should be read and construed in conjunction with (i) any document and/or information which is incorporated by reference (see "Documents incorporated by reference"), (ii) any supplement thereto that may be published from time to time and (iii) in relation to any Tranche of Notes, the relevant Final Terms.

This Base Prospectus (together with any supplement thereto that may be published from time to time) may only be used for the purposes for which it has been published.

No person is, or has been, authorised to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus in connection with the issue or sale of the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, the Arranger or any of the Dealers (as defined in "General Description of the Programme"). Neither the delivery of this Base Prospectus nor any sale made in connection herewith shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer since the date hereof or the date upon which this Base Prospectus has been most recently supplemented or that there has been no adverse change in the financial position of the Issuer since the date hereof or the date upon which this Base Prospectus has been most recently supplemented, or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as at any time subsequent to the date on which it is supplied or, if different, the date indicated in the document containing the same.

The distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offering or sale of Notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. The Issuer, the Arranger and the Dealer(s) do not represent that this Base Prospectus may be lawfully distributed, or that any Notes 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 a distribution or offering. In particular, no action has been taken by the Issuer, the Arranger or the Dealer(s) which is intended to permit a public offering of any Notes or distribution of this Base Prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required other than in compliance with Article 1.4 of the Prospectus Regulation. Accordingly, no Notes may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Base Prospectus nor any 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 Notes may come must inform themselves of, and observe, any such restrictions on the distribution of this Base Prospectus and on the offering and sale of Notes. In particular, there are restrictions on the distribution of this Base Prospectus and on the offer or sale of the Notes in the United States of America, the European Economic Area (including Germany, France and Italy), the United Kingdom and Japan.

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States. The Notes may include Materialised Notes in bearer form that are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, the Notes may not be offered, sold or (in the case of Materialised Notes), delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act ("Regulation S"), or in the case of Materialised

Notes, United States persons (as defined in the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended). The Notes are being offered and sold outside the United States to non-U.S. persons in reliance on Regulation S.

For a description of these and certain other restrictions on offers, sales and transfers of the Notes and on the distribution of this Base Prospectus, see "Subscription and Sale".

PRIIPs/IMPORTANT – PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS – If the Final Terms in respect of any Notes include a legend entitled "Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors", the Notes are not intended, to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the EEA. For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU, as amended ("MiFID II"); (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97 (as amended, the "Insurance Distribution Directive") where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Regulation. Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) no. 1286/2014 (as amended, the "PRIIPs Regulation") for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.

PRIIPs/IMPORTANT - PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS - If the Final Terms in respect of any Notes include a legend entitled "Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors", the Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the United Kingdom (the "UK"). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("EUWA"); or (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended ("FSMA") and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement the Insurance Distribution Directive, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA ("UK MiFIR"); or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the Prospectus Regulation as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA. Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the "UK PRIIPs Regulation") for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.

MiFID II PRODUCT GOVERNANCE / TARGET MARKET – The Final Terms in respect of any Notes will include a legend entitled "MiFID II Product Governance" which will outline the target market assessment in respect of the Notes, taking into account the five (5) categories referred to in item 18 of the Guidelines published by ESMA on 5 February 2018 and which channels for distribution of the Notes are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "distributor") should take into consideration the target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

A determination will be made in relation to each issue about whether, for the purpose of the MiFID II Product Governance rules under EU Delegated Directive 2017/593 (the "MiFID II Product Governance Rules"), any Dealer subscribing for any Notes is a manufacturer in respect of such Notes, but otherwise neither the Arranger nor the Dealer(s) nor any of their respective affiliates will be a manufacturer for the purpose of the MiFID II Product Governance Rules. For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer is not a MiFID II regulated entity and does not qualify as a distributor or manufacturer under the MiFID II Product Governance Rules.

SINGAPORE SFA PRODUCT CLASSIFICATION – The Final Terms in respect of any Notes may include a legend entitled "Singapore SFA Product Classification". In connection with Section 309B of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 (Revised Edition 2020) of Singapore, as modified or amended from time to time (the SFA) and the Securities and Futures (Capital Markets Products) Regulations 2018 of Singapore (the CMP Regulations 2018), unless otherwise specified before an offer of Notes, the Issuer has determined, and hereby notifies all relevant persons (as defined in Section 309A(1) of the SFA), that the Notes are 'prescribed capital markets products' (as defined in the CMP Regulations 2018) and Excluded Investment Products (as defined in MAS Notice SFA 04-N12: Notice on the Sale of Investment Products and MAS Notice FAA-N16: Notice on Recommendations on Investment Products).

UK MiFIR PRODUCT GOVERNANCE / TARGET MARKET – The Final Terms in respect of any Notes may include a legend entitled "UK MiFIR Product Governance" which will outline the target market assessment in respect of the Notes taking into account the five (5) categories referred to in item 18 of the Guidelines published by ESMA on 5 February 2018 (in accordance with the FCA's policy statement entitled Brexit our approach to EU non-legislative materials), and which channels for distribution of the Notes are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "distributor") should take into consideration the target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") Handbook Product Intervention and Product Governance Sourcebook (the "UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules") is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

A determination will be made in relation to each issue about whether, for the purpose of the UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules, any Dealer subscribing for any Notes is a manufacturer in respect of such Notes, but otherwise neither the Arranger nor the Dealer(s) nor any of their respective affiliates will be a manufacturer for the purpose of the UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules. For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer is not a UK MiFIR regulated entity and does not qualify as a distributor or manufacturer under the UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules.

This Base Prospectus does not constitute an offer of, or an invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Arranger or the Dealer(s) to subscribe for, or purchase, any of the Notes below.

The Arranger and the Dealer(s) have not separately verified the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus. Neither the Arranger nor any of the Dealers makes any representation, express or implied, or accepts any responsibility, with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any of the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus. Neither this Base Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme (including any information incorporated by reference therein) (i) is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation and (ii) should not be considered as a recommendation by any of the Issuer, the Arranger or the Dealer(s) that any recipient of this Base Prospectus or other information supplied in connection with the Programme (including any information incorporated by reference therein) should purchase the Notes. Each prospective investor in the Notes should determine for itself the relevance of the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus and its purchase of the Notes should be based upon such investigation as it deems necessary. Neither the Arranger nor any of the Dealers undertakes to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer during the life of the arrangements contemplated by this Base Prospectus nor to advise any investor or prospective investor in the Notes of any information that may come to the attention of any of the Dealers or the Arranger.

None of the Dealers or the Issuer makes any representation to any prospective investor in the Notes regarding the legality of its investment under any applicable laws. Any prospective investor in the Notes should be able to bear the economic risk of an investment in the Notes for an indefinite period of time.

For the purposes of this Base Prospectus, cross-references to the definition of capitalised terms used in this Base Prospectus are set out in "Index of defined terms".

#### 1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

This general description must be read as an introduction to this Base Prospectus and does not purport to be complete and should be read in conjunction with, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, the more detailed information which appears elsewhere in this Base Prospectus. Any decision to invest in any Note should be based on a consideration by the investor of this Base Prospectus as a whole and the corresponding Final Terms.

This general description constitutes a general description of the Programme for the purposes of Article 25.1 (b) of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/980, as amended. It does not, and is not intended to, constitute a summary of this Base Prospectus within the meaning of Article 7 of the Prospectus Regulation.

Words and expressions defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" below shall have the same meanings in this general description. Although the Programme allows the issue of both French Law Notes and German Law Notes, the expression "Notes" refers only to the French Law Notes to the extent permitted by the terms and conditions applicable to the French Law Notes.

#### I - THE PARTIES UNDER THE PROGRAMME

**Issuer**:

Société Générale SCF is a société anonyme à conseil d'administration incorporated under French law and registered with the Registre du Commerce et des Sociétés of Nanterre under number 479 755 480, duly licensed in France as a specialised credit institution (établissement de crédit spécialisé) with the status of SCF delivered by the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution (the "ACPR") and is governed by Articles L. 513-1 et seq. of the Code monétaire et financier (the "French Monetary and Financial Code"), as amended from time to time, in particular as they have been amended by the relevant provisions of the decree-law (*ordonnance*) no. 2021-858 dated 30 June 2021 which transposes under French law Directive (EU) no. 2019/2162 of the European Parliament and of the Council dated 27 November 2019 on the issue of covered bonds and covered bond public supervision amending Directives 2009/65/EC and 2014/59/EU (the "Covered Bonds Directive").

The Issuer, acting as lender, entered with Société Générale, acting as borrower (the "Borrower"), into a facility agreement (the "Facility Agreement"). In order to secure the full and timely payment of all financial obligations which are or will be owed by Société Générale to the Issuer under the Facility Agreement, the Issuer, acting as beneficiary, and Société Générale, in its capacity as Borrower, entered into one or several collateral security agreements (the "Collateral Security Agreements") setting forth the terms and conditions upon which (i) Société Générale shall transfer the full title of (remise en pleine propriété à titre de garantie), or pledge over, public exposures governed by Article L.211-38 of the French Monetary and Financial Code or transfer by way of assignment as security under Dailly law (cession Dailly à titre de garantie) of public exposures governed by Articles L.313-23 et seq. of the French Monetary and Financial Code, (ii) Société Générale undertakes to transfer to the Issuer certain amounts as cash collateral (gage-espèces) liquidity reserve to ensure at any time adequate coverage of its liquidity needs in relation to Series of Notes with non-extendable maturities and (iii) Société Générale shall transfer to the Issuer certain amounts as cash collateral (gage-espèces) upon the occurrence of certain downgrading events relating to Société Générale (see sections entitled "Risk Factors - Risk factors relating to the Issuer - Liquidity risks" and "Relationship between Société Générale SCF and Société Générale").

Société Générale

Société Générale and any other dealer(s) appointed in accordance with the Dealer Agreement.

The Issuer may also terminate the appointment of any Dealer from time to time.

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**Arranger:** 

**Dealers:** 

Fiscal Agent and Principal Paying

Société Générale.

Agent:

Paying Agents: Société Générale (as Paris Paying Agent) and Société Générale Luxembourg (as

Luxembourg Paying Agent).

**Calculation Agent:** Société Générale, unless the Final Terms provide otherwise.

**Services Provider:** Société Générale.

Statutory Auditors: Ernst & Young et Autres and Deloitte & Associés (see sections entitled "Statutory

auditors of the Issuer" and "Description of the Issuer - Control of the Issuer")

Cover Pool Monior (Contrôleur Spécifique):

Cailliau Dedouit et Associés (see "Description of the Issuer - Control of the Issuer").

Rating Agencies:

Moody's and S&P as credit rating agencies authorised to provide a rating document in respect of the Issuer. As of the date of this Base Prospectus, each of the Rating Agencies is established in the European Union and registered under Regulation (EC) no. 1060/2009 dated 16 September 2009, as amended (the "CRA **Regulation**"). Each of the Rating Agencies is included in the list of registered credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its website (https://www.esma.europa.eu/supervision/credit-rating-agencies/risk) in accordance with the CRA Regulation. S&P and Moody's are not established in the United Kingdom and are not registered in accordance with the CRA Regulation as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (the "EUWA") (the "UK CRA Regulation"). However, the ratings of the Notes to be issued under the Programme are expected to be endorsed by S&P Global Ratings UK Limited and Moody's Investors Service Ltd, in accordance with the UK CRA Regulation. As such, the ratings issued by S&P Global Ratings UK Limited and Moody's may be used for regulatory purposes in the United Kingdom in accordance with the UK CRA Regulation.

In general, UK regulated investors are restricted from using a rating for regulatory purposes if such rating is not issued by a credit rating agency established in the UK and registered under the UK CRA Regulation or (1) the rating is provided by a credit rating agency not established in the UK but is endorsed by a credit rating agency established in the UK and registered under the UK CRA Regulation or (2) the rating is provided by a credit rating agency not established in the UK which is certified under the UK CRA Regulation.

## **II - THE PROGRAMME**

**Description:** Euro Medium Term Note Programme for the continuous offer of OF within the

meaning of Article L.513-2-I, 2° of the French Monetary and Financial Code (see "Summary of the legislation and regulations relating to sociétés de crédit foncier

and other legal issues").

**Use of proceeds:** The net proceeds of the issues of the Notes will be used for financing or refinancing:

(a) the granting of loans under the Facility Agreement; and

(b) from time to time, the granting or acquisition of the other assets of the Issuer, in accordance with its by-laws (*statuts*) and Articles L.513-2 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code.

**Programme Limit:** 

Up to € 20,000,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies as of the Issue Date) aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding at any one time.

Risk factors:

There are certain factors that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Notes issued under the Programme (see section entitled "Risk Factors -Risk factors relating to the Issuer"). In addition, there are certain factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme. See section "Risks factors relating to the Notes" in the section headed "Risk Factors" in this Base Prospectus.

Series:

The Notes issued on any given issue date will constitute a Series.

**Tranches:** 

The Notes may be issued in Tranches on the same or different issue dates.

The specific terms of each Tranche (including, without limitation, the aggregate nominal amount, issue price, redemption price thereof, and interest, if any, payable thereunder and supplemented, where necessary, with supplemental terms and conditions which, save in respect of the issue date, issue price, first payment of interest and nominal amount of the Tranche, will be identical to the terms of other Tranches of the same Series) will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of the issue and will be set out in the Final Terms of such Tranche.

Method of Issue:

The Notes may be issued on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis.

The specific terms of each Tranche (including, without limitation, the aggregate nominal amount, issue price, redemption price thereof, and interest, if any, payable thereunder) will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of the issue and will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

**Maturity Date:** 

Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, the Notes may have any maturity as specified in the relevant Final Terms (the "Maturity Date"), subject to such minimum maturity as may be required by the applicable legal and/or regulatory requirements.

**Extended Maturity** Date:

Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, upon the occurrence of any of the following events (if so specified in the relevant Final Terms of a Series of Notes in accordance with Condition 6(a) ("Final Redemption")) the Maturity Date of the Notes shall be extended (the "Extended Maturity Date"):

- in the event of a default of payment of the principal on the Maturity Date initially set by the Issuer, the credit institution benefiting from loans granted by the Issuer and guaranteed by the remittance, assignment or pledge of receivables pursuant to Articles L. 211-38 to L. 211-40 or Articles L. 313-23 to L. 313-35 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, whether or not these receivables are of a professional nature, or the credit institution issuing promissory notes subscribed by the Issuer in accordance with the terms and conditions defined in Articles L. 313-43 to L. 313-48 of the French Monetary and Financial Code;
- (b) in the event the Issuer, a credit institution benefiting from loans granted by the Issuer and guaranteed by the remittance, assignment or pledge of receivables pursuant to Articles L. 211-38 to L. 211-40 or Articles L. 313-23 to L. 313-35 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, whether or not these receivables are of a professional nature, or a credit institution issuing

promissory notes subscribed by the Issuer in accordance with the terms and conditions defined in Articles L. 313-43 to L. 313-48 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, is subject to safeguard proceedings (*procédure de sauvegarde*), judicial reorganisation or liquidation proceedings (*procédure de redressement ou de liquidation judiciaires*) or resolution proceedings opened pursuant to Article L. 613-49 of the French Monetary and Financial Code,

# $(a\ "Maturity\ Extension\ Trigger\ Event").$

**Currencies:** 

Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, Notes may be issued in Euro, US dollars, Yen, Swiss francs and in any other currency (except for Renminbi) agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealers, as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**Denomination(s):** 

Notes shall be issued in the Specified Denomination(s) set out in the relevant Final Terms.

Notes having a maturity of less than one (1) year, in respect of which the issue proceeds are to be accepted in the United Kingdom, will constitute deposits for the purposes of the prohibition on accepting deposits contained in section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, unless they are issued to a limited class of professional investors and they have a denomination of at least £ 100,000 or its equivalent.

Dematerialised Notes shall be issued in one denomination only.

Status of Notes and *Privilège*:

The principal and interest of the Notes (and where applicable any Receipts, Coupons and Talons) will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and privileged obligations of the Issuer, and rank and will rank, *pari passu* and without any preference among themselves and equally and rateably with all other present or future notes (including the Notes of all other Series) and other resources raised by the Issuer benefiting from the *Privilège* created by Article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code as further described in Condition 3 "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes - Status*").

The Notes are issued under Articles L.513-2 to L.513-27 of the French Monetary and Financial Code. The Notes benefit from the *Privilège* defined in Article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code as further described in Condition 4 "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes - Privilège*" and in section "*Summary of the legislation and regulations relating to sociétés de crédit foncier and other legal issues*").

Negative Pledge: None.

Events of Default: None.

Redemption Amount: Subject to any laws and regulations applicable from time to time, the relevant Final Terms will specify the basis for calculating the redemption amounts payable.

Optional Redemption:

The Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Notes will specify whether such Notes may be redeemed prior to their stated maturity at the option of the Issuer (in whole or in part) and, if so, the terms applicable to such redemption (as provided in Condition 6(c) ("Redemption at the Option of the Issuer")).

**Early Redemption:** 

Except as provided in section Optional Redemption above, the Notes will be redeemable by the Issuer prior to their stated maturity only for illegality (as provided in Condition 6(i) ("*Illegality*")).

# Redemption by Instalments:

The Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Notes that are redeemable in two or more instalments will specify the dates on which, and the amounts in which, such Notes may be redeemed (as provided in Condition 6(b) ("Redemption by Instalments and Final Redemption")).

# Interest Periods and Rates of Interest:

The length of the interest periods for the Notes and the applicable interest rate or its method of calculation may differ from time to time or be constant for any Series. Notes may have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate, or both. The use of interest accrual periods permits the Notes to bear interest at different rates in the same interest period. All such information will be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

#### Fixed Rate Notes:

Fixed interest will be payable in arrears on the date or dates in each year specified in the relevant Final Terms.

# Floating Rate Notes:

Floating Rate Notes will bear interest determined separately for each Series as follows:

- (i) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by the June 2013 FBF Master Agreement, as published by the *Fédération bancaire française*, in their updated version applicable as of the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the relevant Series; or
- (ii) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by an agreement incorporating either the 2006 ISDA Definitions or the 2021 ISDA Definitions, each as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. ("ISDA") on its website (http://www.isda.org), in their updated version applicable as of the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the relevant Series; or
- (iii) by reference to EURIBOR, SOFR or other (or any successor rate or alternative rate),

in each case plus or minus any applicable margin, if any, and calculated and payable as specified in the relevant Final Terms. Floating Rate Notes may also have a maximum rate of interest, a minimum rate of interest or both. Unless a higher minimum rate is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the minimum rate of interest shall be deemed equal to zero.

# Fixed/Floating Rate Notes:

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may bear interest at a rate (i) that the Issuer may elect to convert on the date set out in the Final Terms from a Fixed Rate to a Floating Rate, from a Floating Rate to a Fixed Rate, from a Fixed Rate to another Fixed Rate or from a Floating Rate to another Floating Rate or (ii) that will automatically change from a Fixed Rate to a Floating Rate, from a Floating Rate to a Fixed Rate, from a Fixed Rate to another Fixed Rate or from a Floating Rate to another Floating Rate on the date set out in the Final Terms.

#### **Zero Coupon Notes:**

Zero Coupon Notes may be issued at their nominal amount or at a discount to it and will not bear interest.

# Benchmark Trigger Event:

Where screen rate determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the rate of interest is to be determined, if a Benchmark Trigger Event occurs, such that any rate of interest (or any component part thereof) cannot be determined by reference to the original benchmark specified in the relevant Final Terms, then the Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to appoint a Rate Determination Agent to determine a Successor Rate or an Alternative Rate (as provided in Condition 5(c)(iii)(C)(z) ("Benchmark Trigger Event in relation to Floating Rate Notes"))..

## **Redenomination:**

The Notes issued in the currency of any Member State of the EU that participates in the third stage (or any further stage) of European Monetary Union may be redenominated into Euro, all as more provided for in Condition 1(d) (" *Redenomination*")).

# Further Issues and Consolidation:

The Issuer may from time to time issue further Notes to be assimilated (assimilées) with the Notes provided such Notes and the further Notes carry identical rights in all respects and that the terms of such Notes provide for such assimilation as more fully provided for in Condition 12 ("Further Issues and Consolidation").

Notes of one Series may be consolidated with Notes of another Series as more fully provided for in Condition 12 ("Further Issues and Consolidation").

#### Form of Notes:

The Notes may be issued either in dematerialised form ("**Dematerialised Notes**") or in materialised form ("**Materialised Notes**").

Dematerialised Notes may, at the option of the Issuer, be issued in bearer form (au porteur) or in registered form (au nominatif) and, in such latter case, at the option of the relevant holder, in either fully registered form (au nominatif pur) or administered registered form (au nominatif administré). No physical documents of title will be issued in respect of any Dematerialised Notes (see Condition 1 (" Form, Denomination, Title and Redenomination")).

Materialised Notes will be in bearer form only. A Temporary Global Certificate will initially be issued in respect of each Tranche of Materialised Notes. Materialised Notes may only be issued outside France.

# Clearing Systems of Notes:

Euroclear France as central depositary in relation to Dematerialised Notes and, in relation to Materialised Notes, Clearstream and Euroclear or, in any case, any other clearing system that may be agreed between the Issuer, the Fiscal Agent and the relevant Dealer(s).

# Initial Delivery of Dematerialised Notes:

No later than one (1) Paris business day before the issue date of each Tranche of Dematerialised Notes, the *Lettre comptable* or, as the case may be, the Application Form relating to such Tranche shall be deposited with Euroclear France as central depositary.

# Initial Delivery of Materialised Notes:

On or before the issue date for each Tranche of Materialised Notes, the Temporary Global Certificate issued in respect of such Tranche shall be deposited with a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream or with any other clearing system or may be delivered outside any clearing system provided that the method of such delivery has been agreed in advance by the Issuer, the Fiscal Agent and the relevant Dealer(s).

#### **Issue Price:**

Notes may be issued at their nominal amount or at a discount or premium to their nominal amount.

# Listing and Admission to Trading:

Application may be made for the Notes to be listed and admitted to trading on the regulated market of Euronext Paris and/or any other Regulated Market in accordance with the Prospectus Regulation or on an alternative stock exchange or

market, as specified in the relevant Final Terms. As specified in the relevant Final Terms, a Series of Notes may be unlisted.

**Ratings:** 

Notes to be issued under the Programme are expected to be rated AAA by S&P and Aaa by Moody's. The ratings to be assigned to the Notes by the Rating Agencies will only reflect the views of the Rating Agencies.

The rating of the Notes will be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, change or withdrawal at any time by the assigning Rating Agency without notice.

There is no assurance that any such ratings will continue for any period of time or that they will not be reviewed, revised, suspended or withdrawn entirely by the Rating Agencies as a result of changes in or unavailability of information or if, in the judgment of the Rating Agencies, circumstances so warrant.

**Selling Restrictions:** 

There are restrictions on the offer and sale of Notes and on the distribution of offering material in various jurisdictions (see "Subscription and Sale"). In connection with the offering and sale of a particular Tranche additional selling restrictions may be imposed on the relevant Final Terms.

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act, as amended, or the securities laws of any State or jurisdiction of the United States and may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act. The Notes are being offered and sold outside the United States to non-U.S. persons in reliance on Regulation S. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

The Issuer is Category 2 for the purposes of Regulation S under the Securities Act (see section entitled "Subscription and Sale").

Materialised Notes will be issued in compliance with U.S. Treas. Reg. §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D) or any successor regulation issued under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") section 4701(b) containing rules identical to those applying under Code section 163(f)(2)(B) (the "D Rules") unless (i) the relevant Final Terms states that such Materialised Notes are issued in compliance with U.S. Treas. Reg. §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) or any successor regulation issued under Code section 4701(b) containing rules identical to those applying under Code section 163(f)(2)(B) (the "C Rules") or (ii) such Materialised Notes are issued other than in compliance with the D Rules or the C Rules but in circumstances in which such Notes will not constitute "registration required obligations" under the United States Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 ("TEFRA"), which circumstances will be referred to in the relevant Final Terms as a transaction to which TEFRA is not applicable.

**Taxation:** 

All payments of principal, interest and other revenues by or on behalf of the Issuer in respect of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for, any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or within any jurisdiction or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law.

If any law should require that such payments be subject to withholding or deduction, the Issuer will not be required to pay any additional amounts in respect of any such withholding or deduction.

#### **III - GENERAL INFORMATION**

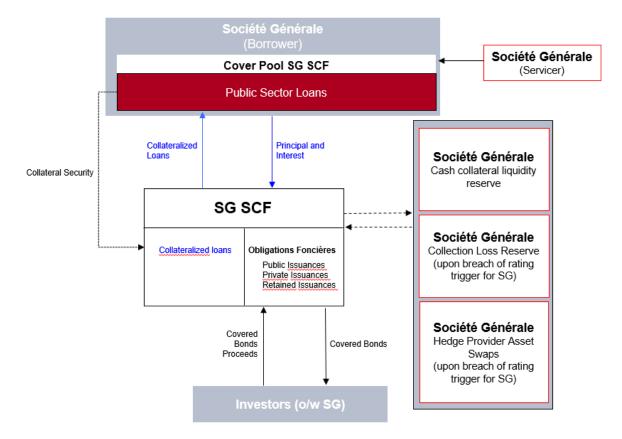
Method of publication of the Base Prospectus, any Supplement and Final Terms:

This Base Prospectus and any supplement to this Base Prospectus and, so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market, the Final Terms of such Notes, will be published on the websites of (a) the AMF (<a href="www.amf-france.org">www.amf-france.org</a>) and (b) the Issuer (<a href="http://prospectus.socgen.com/">http://prospectus.socgen.com/</a>).

Copies of such documents will also, when published, be available free of charge during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted), at the registered office of the Issuer, or through any other means in accordance with Article 21 of the Prospectus Regulation.

**Governing Law:** French law.

#### IV - STRUCTURE DIAGRAM



## 2. RISK FACTORS

The Issuer believes that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent in investing in the Notes issued under the Programme. The Issuer believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations related to Notes issued under the Programme. Most of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur.

Factors which the Issuer believes are specific to the French Law Notes and material for an informed investment decision with respect to investing in the French Law Notes issued under the Programme are described below. In each category below the Issuer sets out first the most material risks, taking into account the negative impact of such risks and the probability of their occurrence. The risk exposure or measurement figures included in the risk factors provide information on the Issuer's exposure level but are not necessarily representative of future evolution. Other risks and uncertainties which, at the date of this Base Prospectus, are not known of by the Issuer, or are considered not to be relevant, may have a significant impact on the Issuer, its activities, its financial condition and the Notes. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Base Prospectus and the Final Terms of the relevant Notes and form their own opinion about risk factors prior to making any investment decision. Investors should in particular conduct their own analysis and evaluation of the risks relating to the Issuer, its financial condition and the Notes.

The Issuer considers that the Notes shall only be purchased or subscribed by investors which are (or are advised by) financial institutions or other professional investors who have sufficient knowledge and experience to appropriately evaluate the risks associated with the Notes.

Words and expressions defined elsewhere in this Base Prospectus shall have the same meanings when used below.

## I. RISK FACTORS RELATING TO THE ISSUER

This section identifies the main risk factors that the Issuer estimates could have a significant effect on its business, profitability, solvency or access to financing.

The risks inherent to the Issuer's activity are presented below under five main categories, in accordance with Article 16 of the Prospectus Regulation:

- 1. liquidity risks;
- 2. risks related to the macroeconomic, geopolitical, market and regulatory environments;
- 3. credit and counterparty risks;
- 4. operational risks; and
- 5. structural risks.

# 1. Liquidity risks

The Issuer's liquidity risk is defined as the risk of not being able to meet its payment obligations under the Notes when they fall due, because of the temporary lags between the amortization profile of its assets and liabilities.

A number of exceptional measures taken by governments, central banks and regulators as well as a downgrade in Société Générale group's (including the Issuer, the "**Group**") external rating or in the sovereign rating of the French State could have a significant negative impact on the Issuer's cost of financing, its access to liquidity. Moreover, a lack of liquidity could have a significant negative impact on the Issuer's capacity to repay the Notes on a short-term period. As of 31 December 2021, the maximum exposure of the Issuer for the next 180 days could be estimated up to 1.75 billion euros, representing the maximum cumulated amount of Notes falling due under this period. From a long-term perspective, the negative impact is lowered due to the ability of the Issuer to gather the necessary cash-flows under the collateralised assets.

Furthermore, in past crises (such as the 2008 financial crisis, the Eurozone sovereign debt crisis, the tensions on the financial markets linked to the Covid-19 pandemic before the intervention of the central banks or more recently the tensions linked to the crisis in Ukraine), access to financing from European banks was intermittently restricted or subject to less favorable conditions. If unfavorable debt market conditions were to reappear following a new systemic or Group-specific crisis, the effect on the liquidity of the European financial sector in general could be very significantly unfavorable and could have a negative impact on the average interest margin between the cover pool assets and the Notes of Société Générale SCF, without affecting its financial situation and its social accounts.

In any case, if the Issuer is not able to cover its liquidity needs, the Issuer's ability to make payments under the Notes may be negatively affected. As a result, Noteholders could lose all or a substantial part of their investment in the Notes.

However, as a specialized credit institution, the Issuer is subject to the production of indicators making it possible to measure, manage and monitor this risk (see section entitled "Summary of the legislation and regulations relating to sociétés de crédit foncier and other legal issues"). As of 31 December 2021, none of the threshold of these indicators has been triggered.

With respect to the liquidity coverage requirements pursuant to the CRD V package (as defined below), as of 31 December 2021, the Issuer is not obliged to hold stocks of liquid assets to maintain its liquidity coverage ratio ("LCR") beyond 100%. Nonetheless, the Issuer's LCR is structurally higher than 100%. At the date of this Base Prospectus, the Issuer also complies with the minimum requirement of 100% regarding the net stable funding ratio ("NSFR").

To finance any temporary liquidity needs, the Issuer also benefits from the ALM management tools and instruments provided to it by the laws and regulations applicable to SCF in order to fund temporary liquidity needs. See section entitled "Summary of the legislation and regulations relating to SCF and other legal issues" for the full list of these tools and instruments.

# 2. Risks related to the macroeconomic, geopolitical, market, legal and regulatory environments

# 2.1. Macroeconomic, geopolitical and market risks

The global economic and financial context, geopolitical tensions, as well as the context of the markets in which the Issuer operates, may adversely affect the Issuer's activities, financial position and results of operations.

Significant deteriorations in market and economic conditions resulting from, in particular, crises affecting capital or credit markets, liquidity constraints, regional or global recessions, sharp fluctuations in currency exchange rates or interest rates, inflation or deflation, rating downgrades, restructuring or defaults of sovereign or private debt, or adverse geopolitical events (including acts of terrorism and military conflicts) could affect the origination of public sector loans.

During an economic slowdown or as part of a contraction policy, origination of loans to sector public entities or guaranteed by them could be reduced. The risk linked to this economic context concerns the portfolio of assets transferred to the Issuer as collateral security.

Very likely a decline in new public exposures origination linked to this situation constitutes a risk for the Issuer which must meet its regulatory requirements, in particular through the quarterly ratios required by the ACPR showing, among other things, that there is no gap between the assets given as collateral and its liabilities.

At the date of this Base Prospectus no incident linked to this situation has been reported for the Issuer.

# 2.2. Regulatory environments and legal risks

The Issuer, as a specialized credit institution subject to Articles L. 513-1 *et seq*. of the French Monetary and Financial Code, is subject to financial services law, regulations, administrative actions and policies in each jurisdiction in which it carries on business and supervised by the ACPR.

In particular, the Issuer is subject to the new capital requirement of the CRD V package (as defined below) and to the Covered Bond Directive (as defined below). The CRD V package has been implemented under French law by

the decree-law (*ordonnance*) no. 2020-1635 dated 21 December 2020 and the Covered Bond Directive has been implemented under French law by the decree-law (*ordonnance*) no. 2021-858 dated 30 June 2021 which applies from 8 July 2022.

Changes in supervision and regulation, in particular in France, could significantly affect the Issuer's business, the products and services offered or the value of its assets. Evolutions in this regulatory framework could have a negative effect on the financial and economic environment in which the Issuer operates, and on its financial position.

In addition, failure to comply with the regulations could eventually result in financial penalties and sanctions, damage to the reputation of the Issuer and may go as far as the withdrawing of its license.

The occurrence of any such events may negatively affect the Issuer's ability to make payments under the Notes. Nevertheless, although future changes in regulation, tax or other policies can be unpredictable and are beyond the control of the Issuer, this risk remains low as the Issuer works closely with its regulators and continually monitors its environment.

# 3. Credit and Counterparty risks

Credit and counterparty risks relate to the risk of losses resulting from the inability of the Issuer's customers or its counterparties to meet their financial commitments. These risks could have a negative impact on the ability of the Issuer to repay its obligations under the Notes. It should be noted that the Issuer has chosen to restrict its refinancing activity to public exposures only, although its articles of association allow for a wider range of eligible assets in accordance with Article L. 513-2 of the French Monetary and Financial Code.

The financial situation of certain counterparties could be affected by the current geopolitical tensions that may have an adverse impact on their ability to repay their financing. However, Société Générale SCF is not exposed to Russia, given that in the event of non-payment of any Russian debtor benefiting from export credit eligible for the cover pool, including geopolitical risk and induced by international sanctions, is covered by the Export credit agencies, German and Austrian in this case. The default of public entities could have an adverse effect on the Company's ability to repay the *Obligations Foncières* subscribed by investors.

It should be noted, however, that all the exposures to public entities or those guaranteed by them are in the Investment grade category, with the vast majority having a minimum rating of AA- and that more than 83% of the portfolio hedging assets consist of receivables relating to French sovereign risk.

#### 3.1. Credit risks

The Issuer is the only entity which has obligations to pay principal and interest in respect of the Notes. The Notes will not be obligations or responsibilities of any other entity, including (but not limited to) Société Générale (in any capacity but in particular in its capacity as Borrower, Collateral Provider, Arranger, Calculation Agent, Dealer, Fiscal Agent, Paying Agent and Principal Paying Agent) or any company within the Group, or the shareholders or directors or agents of any company in the same group of companies as any of them. As of 31 December 2021, the outstanding amount of Notes issued by the Issuer is €11.97 billion (without interest).

The ability of the Issuer to make payments under the Notes depends on the creditworthiness of its debtors and globally on the credit quality of its assets which consist (i) initially in the loans made available to the Borrower (Société Générale) under the Facility Agreement, and therefore the financial soundness and conduct of the Borrower could adversely affect the Issuer's results of operations and financial position and (ii) following the occurrence of an event of default of the Borrower under the Facility Agreement, in the public exposures transferred (*remis en pleine propriété à titre de garantie*) as Collateral Security under the Collateral Security Agreement.

# 3.1.1 Credit risks on Société Générale

The Issuer is directly exposed on Société Générale as sole Borrower under the loans granted under the Facility Agreement. However, this credit risk is covered by the transfer of full title by way of assignment (remise en pleine propriété à titre de garantie) of a portfolio of assets that meet regulatory eligibility criteria and the requirement for Société Générale to maintain at any time a minimum level of cover ratio between the public exposures transferred as Collateral Security and the outstanding amount of the loans made available under the Facility Agreement, as specified under the Collateral Security Agreement (see section entitled "Relationship between

Société Générale SCF and Société Générale"). It is worth noting that the Issuer shall maintain at any time a minimum legal cover ratio of 105% and the cover ratio of the Issuer as of 31 March 2022 certified by the Cover Pool Monitor was 131.72%.

Failure to maintain compliance with such requirements may result in, if not remedied, a mandatory repayment event under the Facility Agreement and, if Société Générale cannot repay in full the loans granted under the Facility Agreement and the public exposures transferred as Collateral Security are not sufficient to pay in full the amounts payable under the Notes, the Issuer may have insufficient funds to meet its obligations under the Notes. As a result, Noteholders could lose all or a substantial part of their investment in the Notes.

# 3.1.2 Credit risks on the assets of the Issuer

## Debtors' ability to pay following enforcement of the Collateral Security

The debtors are either public entities or private entities whose obligations are secured by public entities complying with the eligibility criteria provided for by Article L.513-4 of the French Monetary and Financial Code. Therefore, the Issuer may be exposed to the occurrence of credit risk in relation to the debtors. As of 31 December 2021, the public exposures transferred (*remis en pleine propriété à titre de garantie*) as Collateral Security amounted to €15,510.6 million and were mainly constituted of loans to French local authorities.

If following enforcement of the Collateral Security pursuant to the Collateral Security Agreements, the Issuer does not receive the full amount due from such debtors, or as the case may be, by their guarantors, in respect of such public entities' exposures, this may affect the ability of the Issuer to make payments under the Notes.

None of the Borrower under the Facility Agreement, the Issuer or any other party to the Programme does guarantee or warrant full and timely payment by the debtors of any sums payable under such public entities' exposures.

As a result, the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations under the Notes may be materially adversely affected.

However, this risk can be assessed as relatively low as all public exposures of the Collateral Security fall into the investment grade category with more than 83% of the Collateral Security being exposed to French sovereign risk and for which observed loss rate is close to zero, as of the date of the Base Prospectus.

## No prior notification to debtors under the public exposures transferred as Collateral Security

The Collateral Security Agreement will provide that the relevant public exposures will be transferred (*remis en pleine propriété à titre de garantie*) as Collateral Security pursuant to the provisions of Article L.211-38 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, without notification or information of the debtors under such public exposures. Such debtors will only be notified in case of enforcement of the Collateral Security by the Issuer. As long as no such notification has taken place, any payments made by the debtors under the relevant public exposures will continue to be validly made by such debtors to Société Générale.

Each debtor may further raise defences (which may include, as applicable, any set-off right) against the Issuer arising from such debtor's relationship with its creditor to the extent that such defences (i) are existing prior to the notification of the transfer of the relevant public exposures or (ii) arise out of mutual claims (*compensation de créances connexes*) between the debtor and its creditor which are closely connected with that public exposures (irrespective of whether such notification has been made before or after such claims have arisen).

The notification to the debtors may not be made at the times required and there can be no guarantee or assurance as to the ability of the Issuer to obtain effective direct payment from the debtors in a sufficient timely manner, which may affect payments under the Notes.

Until notification to the debtors has been made and provided that, at such time, an insolvency proceeding has been opened against Société Générale, French insolvency law will prevent the Issuer from recovering from Société Générale any collections received by it under the relevant public exposures which are commingled with other funds of Société Générale.

These may affect the repayment value of the loan and therefore the ability for the Issuer to meet its payment obligations under the Notes.

As of 31 December 2021, the public exposures transferred (*remis en pleine propriété à titre de garantie*) as Collateral Security amounted to €15,510.6 million.

However, these risks are mitigated by a cash collateral (gage-espèces) to be funded by Société Générale if its credit ratings are downgraded below certain minimum rating levels (a "Rating Downgrade Event") for an amount equal to the aggregate amount of collections (interest and principal) scheduled to be received by Société Générale under the public exposures transferred as Collateral Security during the two (2) calendar months following the occurrence of a Rating Downgrade Event (see section entitled "Relationship between Société Générale SCF and Société Générale").

# Maintenance of value of the Collateral Security

Under the Collateral Security Agreements, Société Générale is required to ensure that at any time the value of the Collateral Security is at least equal to the aggregate amounts of loans made available by the Issuer to Société Générale under the Facility Agreement (including, in particular, any amount of interests and any other amounts due and payable on such date by the Borrower under the Facility Agreement). As of 31 December 2021, the aggregate amounts of loans made available by the Issuer to Société Générale is equal to €11.97 billion (without interest). More details on the cover ratio are available on the website of Société Générale: http://www.societegenerale.com/fr/mesurer-notre-performance/investisseurs/investisseursdette.

Failure by Société Générale to maintain the value of the Collateral Security at the above-mentioned level may result in the Issuer having insufficient funds to meet its obligations under the Notes.

# 3.2. Counterparty risks

## Reliance of the Issuer on third parties

The Issuer has entered into agreements with a number of third parties, which have agreed to perform services for the Issuer (in particular for the monitoring and the servicing of the eligible assets transferred as Collateral Security, for the hedging of its obligations under the Notes and for the provision of liquidity upon occurrence of certain rating trigger events and pursuant to the liquidity facility agreement - for more details see "*Relationship between Société Générale SCF and Société Générale*").

The ability of the Issuer to make payments under the Notes may be significantly affected by the due performance of the other third parties involved in the Programme in relation to their payment and other obligations thereunder, the performance by the Servicer, the Calculation Agent, the Fiscal Agent, the Paying Agent or the Principal Paying Agent of their respective obligations thereunder, including and not limited to the performance by Société Générale as (i) the Servicer in charge of the administration and recovery of the public exposures receivables transferred by way of security (*remis en pleine propriété à titre de garantie*) in favour of the Issuer, (ii) hedging counterparty and (iii) Account Bank in relation to the opening and operating of the bank accounts of the Issuer (see section entitled "*Relationship between Société Générale SCF and Société Générale*").

Regarding the servicing risk, in the event that Société Générale is in default procedure, a failure to pay (*cessation de paiements*) in accordance with the provisions set out in French bankruptcy laws, would prevent the Issuer from recovering the sum due for the securities of the assets sold from the portfolio from Société Générale, and this, while the recovery process can be transferred to another establishment that can insure it. In addition, a substitute entity may not be found which can potentially lead to a significant repayment risk due to the inability of the Issuer to recover the asset portfolio during several months.

The failure of the due performance of Société Générale, as hedging counterparty, may also have a significant impact on the ability of the Issuer to make payments under the Notes.

The risk of Société Générale defaulting, as an account-keeping bank, can also have a moderate impact on the Issuer's access to cash-collateral and collections received on its accounts.

To mitigate these risks, the agreements to be entered into between the Issuer and the above counterparties will comply with the specific legal requirements applicable to SCF and with the Rating Agencies' public methodologies and criteria which are commensurate to the then current rating of the Notes (see section entitled "Relationship between Société Générale SCF and Société Générale").

#### Substitution risk

In the event of a downgrading of the short-term and/or long-term credit rating of one (1) or more parties to the Programme documents which triggers the need of a substitution pursuant to the terms of the Programme documents, or if under certain other circumstances the substitution of one (1) or more of these parties is appropriate pursuant to the terms of the Programme documents, a substitute entity may not be found.

Any delay or inability to appoint a substitute entity may affect the ability of the Issuer to make payments under the Notes. As a result, Noteholders could lose all or a substantial part of their investment in the Notes.

# 4. Operational risks

Operational risks are defined as the risk of losses resulting from the failure of processes and information systems or external events.

The Issuer having no human resources, its operational, financial and information systems management and administration have been outsourced to its parent company, Société Générale (see section entitled "Relationship between Société Générale SCF and Société Générale"). Thus, the operational failure, termination or capacity constraints affecting Société Générale as subcontractor, or the failure or the breach of Société Générale's information technology systems, could have an adverse effect on the Issuer's business and result in losses and damages to the reputation of the Issuer's that could harm its competitive position.

The security of the Group's information systems is managed within Société Générale. A security policy has been defined, including directives and operating procedures broken down by risk sector: physical security, security of system access control, security of data bases and applications, and security of continued operations. The situation generated by the conflict in Ukraine, increased the risk of cyber-attacks for the Group, which has provided its infrastructure for the management of the operations of the Issuer and to which the Issuer has externalized its whole activity. The Group, as services provider, could be subject to targeted and sophisticated attacks on its computer network, resulting in embezzlement, loss, theft or disclosure of confidential data or customer data. Such actions could result in operational losses and have an adverse effect on the Issuer's business, results and reputation with its investors.

Operational risks linked to these essential outsourced services are monitored as part of the Issuer's internal control system.

# 5. Structural risks

Structural risks correspond to the risks of loss of interest margin in the event of changes in the interest rates and exchange rates.

The Issuer shall use micro- and macro-interest rate swaps to hedge interest rate and currency risks, the objective of the Issuer being to neutralise these risks as much as possible.

The hedging agreements will provide a hedge of any interest rate or currency risk arising from the mismatches between (i) the amounts of principal and interest payable by the Issuer under the Notes, and (ii) the currencies in which the assets are denominated and the interest rate conditions applicable, as the case may be, to such assets and in particular, the hedging agreements will ensure that the Issuer will have in place appropriate derivative transactions to hedge the currency and interest rate risks arising from such assets.

For this purpose, the Issuer will enter into interest and/or currency hedging agreements with hedging counterparties with sufficient ratings and which are commensurate with the then current rating of the Notes and on terms as per rating agencies' public methodologies and criteria to cover interest rate and/or currency risks arising from the mismatches between the payments received under the assets and the payments to be made under the Notes.

Pursuant to Article L.513-10 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, any amounts payable by the Issuer pursuant to forward financial instruments, after the applicable set-off as the case may be, benefit from the *Privilège* of Article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, unless such forward financial instruments were not concluded by the Issuer to hedge its assets and/or privileged liabilities or the global risk on its assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet items.

In case of termination of any hedging agreement (including the Issuer Hedging Agreement) entered into by the Issuer that benefit from the *Privilège* in accordance with the provisions of Article L.513-10 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, the Issuer may be liable to pay an hedging termination amount to the counterparty in accordance with the provisions of the relevant hedging agreement. Such hedging termination amount, when payable by the Issuer and provided that the amount has not been reduced to zero in accordance with the provisions of the relevant hedging agreement or set off in full, shall be *pari passu* to payments then due under the Notes.

In any case, any changes in the interest rates and currency exchanges rates could have a material adverse effect on the interest margin of the Issuer when there are significant mismatches in terms of amount, maturity, interest rate types and currencies between the Notes and the assets transferred as Collateral Security and may affect the ability of the Issuer to make payments under the Notes.

The potential interest rate risks or currency risks between its assets (loans granted to Société Générale under the Facility Agreement or public exposures once and after enforcement of the Collateral Security Agreement) and its liabilities is mitigated by the fact that as of the date of this Base Prospectus, the Issuer has entered into an Issuer Hedging Agreement (as described in section entitled "Relationship between Société Générale SCF and Société Générale") and, with respect to the public exposures transferred as Collateral Security under the Collateral Security Agreements, has undertaken to enter into an additional swap agreement which will constitute a back-to-back agreement with the Pool Hedging Transaction(s) under the Issuer Hedging Agreement(s) as described in section entitled "Relationship between Société Générale SCF and Société Générale".

#### II. RISK FACTORS RELATING TO THE NOTES

The following does not describe all the risks of an investment in the Notes. Prospective investors should consult their own financial and legal advisers about risks associated with investment in the Notes and the suitability of investing in the Notes considering their particular circumstances. The following categories of risk factors are identified:

#### 1. Risks for the Noteholders as creditors of the Issuer

#### Absence of events of default in respect of all Notes

The Terms and Conditions do not contain any events of default. Therefore, the Noteholders will not be able to accelerate the maturity of the Notes. Accordingly, if the Issuer fails to meet any obligations under such Notes, Noteholders will not have the right of acceleration of principal. Upon a payment default, the sole remedy available to Noteholders for recovery of amounts owing in respect of any payment of principal or interest on such Notes will be the institution of judicial proceedings to enforce such payment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Issuer will not, by virtue of the institution of any such proceedings, be obliged to pay any sum or sums sooner than the same would otherwise have been payable by it. Therefore, the liquidity and market value of the Notes may be significantly adversely affected and investors who sell Notes on the secondary market could lose all or part of their investment.

# Resolution procedures under the European Bank Recovery and Resolution framework may have an impact on the Issuer' liabilities under the Notes

Directive 2014/59/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the European Union dated 15 May 2014 establishing a framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms (the "BRRD") which was implemented in France by a decree-law (*Ordonnance portant diverses dispositions d'adaptation de la législation au droit de l'Union européenne en matière financière*) dated 20 August 2015, as modified by the Directive (EU) 2019/879 dated 20 May 2019 as regards the loss-absorbing and recapitalisation capacity of credit institutions and investment firms (and further amending Directive 98/26/EC) (the "BRRD Revision" and together with the BRRD, the "BRRD II"), which was implemented in France by a decree-law (*Ordonnance no. 2020-1636 relative au régime de résolution dans le secteur bancaire*) dated 21 December 2020 and Regulation (EU) no. 806/2014 dated 15 July 2014 as amended by Regulation (EU) 2019/877 dated 20 May 2019 (the "SRM Regulation") provide for the establishment of an EU-wide framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms. The regime provided for by the BRRD II is, among other things, stated to be needed to provide the authority designated by each EU Member State (the "Resolution Authority") with a credible set of tools to intervene sufficiently early and quickly in an unsound or failing institution so as to ensure the

continuity of the institution's critical financial and economic functions while minimizing the impact of an institution's failure on the economy and financial system (including taxpayers' exposure to losses). Under the SRM Regulation, a centralized power of resolution is established and entrusted to the Single Resolution Board (the "SRB") and to the national resolution authorities.

The recovery framework contains several resolution tools and powers which may be used alone or in combination where the relevant resolution authority considers that (a) an institution is failing or likely to fail (on the basis of objective elements), (b) there is no reasonable prospect that any alternative private sector measures would prevent the failure of such institution within a reasonable timeframe, and (c) a resolution action is necessary in the public interest.

The powers provided to the Resolution Authority in the BRRD II and the SRM Regulation include write-down/conversion powers to ensure that capital instruments (including subordinated debt instruments) and eligible liabilities (including senior debt instruments if junior instruments prove insufficient to absorb all losses) absorb losses of the issuing institution that is subject to resolution in accordance with a set order of priority (the "Bail-in Power"). The conditions for resolution under the French Monetary and Financial Code implementing the BRRD II are deemed to be met when: (i) the Resolution Authority or the relevant supervisory authority determines that the institution is failing or is likely to fail, (ii) there is no reasonable prospect that any measure other than a resolution measure would prevent the failure within a reasonable timeframe, and (iii) a resolution measure is necessary for the achievement of the resolution objectives (in particular, ensuring the continuity of critical functions, avoiding a significant adverse effect on the financial system, protecting public funds by minimizing reliance on extraordinary public financial support, and protecting client funds and assets) and winding up of the institution under normal insolvency proceedings would not meet those resolution objectives to the same extent.

The Resolution Authority could also, independently of a resolution measure or in combination with a resolution measure where the conditions for resolution are met, fully or partially write-down or convert capital instruments (including subordinated debt instruments) and eligible liabilities (subject to conditions) into equity when it determines that the institution or its group will no longer be viable unless such write down or conversion power is exercised or when the institution requires extraordinary public financial support (except when extraordinary public financial support is provided in the form defined in Article L.613-48 III, 3° of the French Monetary and Financial Code).

The Bail-in Power could result in the full (i.e., to zero) or partial write-down or conversion into ordinary shares or other instruments of ownership of the Notes, or the variation of the terms of the Notes (for example, the maturity and/or interest payable may be altered and/or a temporary suspension of payments may be ordered). Extraordinary public financial support should only be used as a last resort after having assessed and applied, to the maximum extent practicable, the resolutions measures, including the Bail-in Power. No support will be available until a minimum amount of contribution to loss absorption and recapitalization of 8% of total liabilities including own funds has been made by shareholders, holders of capital instruments and other bailinable liabilities through write down, conversion or otherwise.

In addition to the Bail-in Power, the BRRD II provides the Resolution Authority with broader powers to implement other resolution measures with respect to institutions that meet the conditions for resolution, which may include (without limitation) the sale of the institution's business, the creation of a bridge institution, the separation of assets, the replacement or substitution of the institution as obligor in respect of debt instruments, modifications to the terms of debt instruments (including altering the maturity and/or the amount of interest payable and/or imposing a temporary suspension on payments), removing management, appointing an interim administrator, and discontinuing the listing and admission to trading of financial instruments.

Before taking a resolution measure, including implementing the Bail-in Power, or exercising the power to write-down or convert to equity relevant debt instruments, the Resolution Authority must ensure that a fair, prudent and realistic valuation of the assets and liabilities of the institution is carried out by a person independent from any public authority.

With respect to the OF, Article L.613-55-1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code provides that the relevant Resolution Authority shall not exercise the Bail-in Power in relation to secured liabilities including covered bonds and liabilities in the form of financial instruments used for hedging purposes which form an integral part of the cover pool and which according to national law are secured in a way similar to covered bonds. Nevertheless, relevant claims for the purposes of the Bail-in Power would still include the claims of

# the holders in respect of any Notes issued under the Programme, <u>only if and to the extent that</u> the bond liability would exceed the value of the cover pool collateral against which it is secured.

The application of any resolution measure under the BRRD II as implemented under French Law, or any suggestions of such application, with respect to the Issuer could materially adversely affect the rights of the Noteholders, the price or value of an investment in the Notes and/or the ability of the Issuer to satisfy its obligations under the Notes, and as a result, investors may lose a part of their investment. Moreover, if the Issuer's financial condition deteriorates, the existence of the Bail-in Power or the exercise of write-down/conversion powers by the resolution authority independently of a resolution measure with respect to capital instruments (including subordinated debt instruments) or in combination with a resolution measure when it determines that the institution or its group will no longer be viable could cause the market price or value of the Notes to decline more rapidly than would be the case in the absence of such powers.

## Noteholders' returns may be limited or delayed by the insolvency of the Issuer

The Issuer, as a specialised credit institution (établissement de crédit spécialisé), is subject to the provisions of Articles L.613-25 et seq. of the French Monetary and Financial Code. These provisions include specific rules on the opening of an insolvency proceeding against the Issuer, the involvement of the ACPR in the event of bankruptcy of the Issuer, specific concepts of suspension of payment (cessation des paiements) for the Issuer and some specific rules of liquidation for the Issuer. As a general principle, the above-mentioned insolvency and reorganisation rules favour the continuation of a business and protection of employment over the payment of creditors.

However, the Issuer, as a SCF, benefits from a regime which derogates in many ways from the French legal provisions relating to insolvency proceedings. Nonetheless, if the Issuer were to become insolvent, Noteholders' returns could be limited or delayed. Application of French insolvency law could affect the Issuer's ability to make payments on the Notes (such as the non-payment of interest and/or principal) and French insolvency laws may not be as favourable to Noteholders as the insolvency laws of other countries.

The Directive (EU) 2019/1023 on preventive restructuring frameworks, on discharge of debt and disqualifications, and on measures to increase the efficiency of procedures concerning restructuring, insolvency and discharge of debt and amending Directive (EU) 2017/1132 has been transposed into French law by the *Ordonnance* 2021-1193 dated 15 September 2021. Such *Ordonnance*, applicable as from 1st October 2021, amends French insolvency law notably with regard to the process of adoption of restructuring plans under insolvency proceedings. According to this *Ordonnance*, "affected parties" (including notably creditors, and therefore the Noteholders) shall be treated in separate classes for the purpose of adopting a restructuring plan. Classes shall be formed in such a way that each class comprises claims or interests with rights that reflect a sufficient commonality of interest based on verifiable criteria. Noteholders will no longer deliberate on the proposed restructuring plan in a separate assembly, meaning that they will no longer benefit from a specific veto power on this plan. Instead, as any other affected parties, the Noteholders will be grouped into one or several classes (with potentially other types of creditors) and their dissenting vote may possibly be overridden by a cross-class cram down.

The decision of each class is taken by a two-third (2/3rd) majority of the voting rights of the participating members, no quorum being required.

If the restructuring plan is not approved by all classes of affected parties, it can still be ratified by the court at the request of the Issuer or the receiver with the Issuer's consent and be imposed on dissenting classes through a cross-class cram down, under certain conditions.

For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions relating to the representation of the Noteholders as further described in Condition 10 (*Meeting and voting provisions*), will not be applicable to the extent they are not in compliance with compulsory insolvency law provisions that apply in these circumstances.

Both the scopes of the Directive (EU) 2019/1023 and the *Ordonnance* do not cover financial institutions, unless the competent authority chooses to make them applicable. In such a case, the application of French insolvency law to a credit institution as the Issuer is also subject to the prior permission of the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution before the opening of any safeguard, judicial reorganisation or liquidation procedures. This limitation will affect the ability of the Noteholders to recover their investments in the Notes.

Should such proceedings be opened, the commencement of insolvency proceedings against the Issuer could have a negative impact on the market value of the Notes and Noteholders may lose all or part of their investment. As a result of the operation of the legal framework of SCF, in the case of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings in respect of the Issuer, the ability of Noteholders to enforce their rights under the Notes may be limited.

## Credit ratings may not reflect all risks and may be lowered, suspended, withdrawn or not maintained

One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign credit ratings to the Notes. At the date of this Base Prospectus, the Notes issued under the Programme are expected to be rated AAA by S&P's and Aaa by Moody's, as described in the section "General Description of the Programme". The rating of the Notes will be specified in the relevant Final Terms. Following the date of this Base Prospectus, any such ratings may not continue for any period of time or may be reviewed, revised, suspended or withdrawn entirely by the Rating Agencies as a result of changes in or unavailability of information or if, in the judgement of the Rating Agencies, circumstances so warrant.

If any rating assigned to the Notes is revised, lowered, suspended or withdrawn, this may adversely affect the market value of the Notes. Further, Rating Agencies may assign unsolicited ratings to the Notes. If non-solicited ratings are assigned, such ratings may differ from, or be lower than, the ratings sought by the Issuer.

## Withholding Taxes - No gross-up obligation

Pursuant to Condition 8 ("Taxation"), if any law should require that any payments in respect of any Notes, Receipts or Coupons be subject to withholding or deduction in respect of any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature, the Issuer will not pay any additional amounts. Therefore, the corresponding risk shall be borne by the Noteholders or, if applicable, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders. Noteholders or, if applicable, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders may receive less than the full amount due, and the market value of such Notes will be adversely affected. As a result, they could lose part of their investment in the Notes.

# "European Covered Bond (Premium)" label

As from the date of this Base Prospectus, the Notes to be issued under the Programme are intended to be eligible to the list of *obligations foncières* that are entitled to use the "European Covered Bond (Premium)" label to be published by the ACPR. Such eligibility is subject to verification by the Cover Pool Monitor that the conditions are satisfied and prior approval and supervision of the ACPR.

The "European Covered Bond (Premium)" label for issuances of *obligations foncières* or other resources benefiting from the Privilège is based on compliance with the SCF Legal Framework and the provisions of Article 129 of Regulation (EU) no. 575/2013 dated 26 June 2013 (as amended).

Notes to be issued under the Programme may not (i) comply with the relevant conditions to be entitled to use the "European Covered Bond (Premium)" label and hence be granted such label and (ii) be allowed to use the "European Covered Bond (Premium)" label until their Maturity Date. As a result, investors should regularly check the current label status in respect of any given Series of Notes on the website of the ACPR.

For any Notes intended to be eligible to the list of *obligations foncières* that are entitled to use the "European Covered Bond (Premium)" label, any non compliance, absence, delay in obtention or withdrawal of the "European Covered Bond (Premium)" label in respect of any Series of Notes may adversely affect the value of the outstanding Notes, increase the Issuer's cost of borrowing and adversely affect the Issuer's ability to issue new Notes. As a result, investors could lose part of their investment in the Notes. Such events may also have a negative impact on the prudential treatment of the investment for the investors, in particular credit institutions.

## 2. Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Notes

The Programme allows for different types of Notes to be issued. Accordingly, each Tranche of Notes may carry varying risks for prospective investors depending on the specific structure and features of such Notes.

#### Notes subject to early redemption by the Issuer

Pursuant to Condition 6(c) ("Redemption at the option of the Issuer") of the Terms and Conditions, and if specified as applicable in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer may, at its option, redeem in whole or in part the Notes prior

to their Maturity Date through the exercise of the Redemption at the Option of the Issuer. The Notes will also be redeemed prior to their stated maturity in case of illegality (in accordance with Condition 6(i) ("*Illegality*")).

At those times, an investor generally may not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. This could have a material adverse effect on the yield of the Notes that could be considerably less than anticipated by the Noteholders. Prospective investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

In addition, any optional redemption of the Notes by the Issuer is likely to limit their market value. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem Notes, the market value of those Notes generally will not rise above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period. If they have acquired the Notes when they were trading above par, such Noteholders could lose part of their investment.

# Changes in interest rates may adversely affect the value of the Notes

Investors are exposed to the risk that if interest rates subsequently increase after the issuance of the Notes, this may adversely affect the value of the Notes and investors may lose all or part of their investment.

Investors in Fixed Rate Notes (see Condition 5(b) (Interest on Fixed Rate Notes)) are exposed to the risk that if interest rates subsequently increase above the rate paid on the Fixed Rate Notes, this will adversely affect the value of the Notes.

Investors in Floating Rate Notes (see Condition 5(c) (Interest on Floating Rate Notes)) are exposed to the risk that they cannot anticipate the interest income on the Floating Rate Notes. Due to varying interest income, investors are not able to determine a definite yield for Floating Rate Notes at the time they purchase them, and therefore their investment return cannot be compared with that of investments having longer fixed interest periods and this will adversely affect the value of the Notes.

#### Risk relating to benchmark reforms and licensing

Where the Final Terms for a Series of Floating Rate Notes or Fixed/Floating Rate Notes identifies that the Rate of Interest for such Notes will be determined by reference to the Euro Interbank Offered Rate ("EURIBOR") or other indices which are deemed to be "benchmarks", investors should be aware that the latest have been the subject of recent international, national and other regulatory guidance and proposals for reform. Some of these reforms are already effective while others are still to be implemented. These reforms may cause such benchmarks to perform differently from the past or disappear entirely or have other consequences that cannot be predicted. Any such consequences could have a material adverse effect on the liquidity and value of and return on any Notes linked to such a "benchmark".

The Benchmarks Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds (as amended, the "Benchmarks Regulation") applies to the provision of benchmarks, the contribution of input data to a benchmark and the use of a benchmark within the European Union. It, among other things, (i) requires benchmark administrators to be authorised or registered (or, if non-EU-based, to be subject to an equivalent regime or otherwise recognised or endorsed) and to comply with extensive requirements in relation to the administration of "benchmarks", and (ii) prevents certain uses by EU supervised entities of "benchmarks" of administrators that are not authorised or registered (or, if non-EU based, not deemed equivalent or recognised or endorsed). Under article 51 of Benchmarks Regulation, an index provider may continue to provide an existing benchmark that has been recognised as a critical benchmark, or an existing benchmark that has been recognised as a critical benchmark may be used for existing and new financial instruments until 31 December 2021.

Regulation (EU) 2019/2089 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 has amended the existing provisions of the Benchmarks Regulation by extending the transitional provisions applicable to material benchmarks and third-country benchmarks until the end of 2021.

The Benchmarks Regulation was further amended by Regulation (EU) 2021/168 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 February 2021 which introduces a harmonised approach to deal with the cessation or wind-down of certain benchmarks (such as EURIBOR) by conferring the power the European Commission to designate a statutory replacement for certain benchmarks on the Commission or the relevant national authority, such

replacement being limited to contracts and financial instruments (such as certain Notes issued under the Programme) which contain no fallback provision or no suitable fallback provisions and where certain trigger events relating to non-representativeness or cessation or wind down of the benchmark are met. before the date of cessation of the benchmark concerned. For instance, if pursuant to a fallback provision included in Condition 5(c)(iii) ("Rate of Interest for Floating Rate Notes") of the Terms and Conditions a benchmark is replaced by a benchmark which no longer reflects or which significantly diverges from the underlying market or the economic reality that the benchmark in cessation is intended to measure, a statutory replacement of such benchmark may be designated. This replacement could have a negative impact on the value or liquidity of, and return on, certain Notes issued under the Programme linked to or referencing such benchmark and may not operate as intended at the relevant time or may perform differently from the discontinued or otherwise unavailable benchmark.

In addition, the transitional provisions applicable to third-country benchmarks are extended until the end of 2023. The Commission is empowered to further extend this period until the end of 2025, if necessary. Such developments may create uncertainty regarding any future legislative or regulatory requirements arising from the implementation of delegated regulations.

The Benchmarks Regulation could have a material impact on any Notes which pay a floating rate of interest (including Floating Rate Notes and Fixed/Floating Rate Notes). In particular, if the methodology or other terms of the benchmark (such as EURIBOR) are changed in order to comply with the requirements of the Benchmarks Regulation, such changes could, among other things, have the effect of reducing, increasing or otherwise affecting the level or volatility of such benchmark. In addition, market participants may be discouraged from continuing to administer or contribute to such benchmark and the rules or methodologies used in the benchmarks may change, which may lead to the disappearance of the benchmark. Any of these changes, could have a material adverse effect on the value of and return on any Notes linked to a benchmark.

If the relevant reference rate ceases to be calculated or administered and no alternative base rate is identified, this may result in the relevant reference rate no longer being available or being subject to replacement as described in "If EURIBOR or any other benchmark is discontinued, the applicable floating rate of interest will be changed in ways that may be adverse to holders of such Notes, without any requirement that the consent of such holders be obtained" below, and the interest rate on such Notes will accrue at the last relevant rate plus the Margin, effectively converting such Notes into fixed rate instruments.

Any of the above changes or any other consequential changes to benchmarks as a result of European Union, United Kingdom, or other international, national, or other proposals for reform or other initiatives or investigations, or any further uncertainty in relation to the timing and manner of implementation of such changes could have a negative impact on the trading market for, value of and return on the Notes.

If EURIBOR or any other benchmark is discontinued, the applicable floating rate of interest will be changed in ways that may be adverse to holders of such Notes, without any requirement that the consent of such holders be obtained

Pursuant to the relevant Terms and Conditions which apply to any Notes which pay a floating rate of interest (including Floating Rate Notes and Fixed/Floating Rate Notes), where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, if the relevant reference rate (except SOFR) has been discontinued, the fallback arrangements referenced in Condition 5(c)(iii)(C)(z) ("Benchmark Trigger Event in relation to Floating Rate Notes") will include the possibility that:

- (i) the relevant rate of interest (or, as applicable, component thereof) could be set or, as the case may be, determined by reference to a successor rate or an alternative rate (as applicable); and
- (ii) such successor rate or alternative rate (as applicable) may be adjusted (if required).

No consent of the Noteholders shall be required in connection with effecting any successor rate or alternative rate (as applicable) or with any other related adjustments and/or amendments to the Terms and Conditions (or any other document) which are made in order to effect any successor rate or alternative rate (as applicable).

The successor or alternative rate (as applicable) may have no or very limited trading history and accordingly its general evolution and/or interaction with other relevant market forces or elements may be difficult to determine or measure. In addition, given the uncertainty concerning the availability of successor or alternative rate (as applicable) and the involvement of a Rate Determination Agent, the fallback provisions may not operate as

intended at the relevant time and the successor or alternative rate (as applicable) may perform differently from the discontinued benchmark. These could significantly affect the performance of a successor or alternative rate (as applicable) compared to the historical and expected performance of EURIBOR or the applicable benchmark.

Any change or adjustment applied to any Series of Notes may not adequately compensate for this impact. Any such adjustment could have unexpected commercial consequences and due to the particular circumstances of each Noteholder, any such adjustment may not be favorable to each Noteholder. This could in turn impact the rate of interest on, and trading value of, the affected Notes. Moreover, any holders of such Notes that enter into hedging instruments based on the relevant reference rate may find their hedges to be ineffective, and they may incur costs replacing such hedges with instruments tied to the successor or alternative rate (as applicable).

In certain circumstances, the ultimate fallback for a particular Interest Period, including where no successor or alternative rate (as applicable) is determined, may be that the rate of interest for the last preceding Interest Period is used for the following Interest Period. This may result in the effective application of a fixed rate for Floating Rate Notes and Fixed/Floating Rate Notes (as applicable).

Furthermore, in the event that no successor or alternative rate (as applicable) is determined and the affected Notes are effectively converted to fixed-rate Notes as described above, investors holding such Notes might incur costs from unwinding hedges. Moreover, in a rising interest rate environment, holders of such Notes will not benefit from any increase in rates. The trading value of such Notes could therefore be adversely affected. There is a high probability that certain IBORs will cease to exist or undergo changes that could increase the likelihood of the risks set out above materializing.

# The use of Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) as a reference rate is subject to important limitations

The rate of interest on the Notes may be calculated on the basis of SOFR, (as further described under Condition 5(c) (Interest on Floating Rate Notes). In June 2017, the New York Federal Reserve's Alternative Reference Rates Committee (the "ARRC") announced SOFR as its recommended alternative to U.S. dollar LIBOR. However, the composition and characteristics of SOFR are not the same as those of LIBOR. SOFR is a broad U.S. Treasury repo financing rate that represents overnight secured funding transactions. This means that SOFR is fundamentally different from LIBOR for two key reasons. First, SOFR is a secured rate, while LIBOR is an unsecured rate. Second, SOFR is an overnight rate, while LIBOR represents interbank funding over different maturities. As a result, SOFR may not perform in the same way as LIBOR would have at any time, including, without limitation, as a result of changes in interest and yield rates in the market, market volatility or global or regional economic, financial, political, or regulatory events. For example, since publication of SOFR began in April 2018, daily changes in SOFR have, on occasion, been more volatile than daily changes in comparable benchmark or other market rates.

As SOFR is an overnight funding rate, interest on SOFR-based Notes with interest periods longer than overnight will be calculated on the basis of compounding SOFR during the relevant interest period. As a consequence of this calculation method, the amount of interest payable on each interest payment date will only be known a short period of time prior to the relevant interest payment date. Noteholders therefore will not know in advance the interest amount which will be payable on such Notes. Although the Federal Reserve Bank of New York has published historical indicative SOFR information going back to 2014, such publication of historical data inherently involves assumptions, estimates and approximations. Noteholders should not rely on any historical changes or trends in SOFR as an indicator of future changes in SOFR.

Also, since SOFR is a relatively new market index, the Notes will likely have no established trading market when issued, and an established trading market may never develop or may not be very liquid. Market terms for debt securities indexed on SOFR, may evolve over time, and trading prices of the Notes may be lower than those of later-issued indexed debt securities as a result. Similarly, if SOFR does not prove to be widely used in securities like the Notes, the trading price of the Notes may be lower than those of debt securities linked to indices that are more widely used. Noteholders may not be able to sell the Notes at all or may not be able to sell the Notes at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market and may consequently suffer from increased pricing volatility and market risk.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York notes that use of SOFR is subject to important limitations and disclaimers, including that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York may alter the methods of calculation, publication schedule, rate revision practices or availability of SOFR at any time without notice. In addition, SOFR is published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York based on data received from other sources. SOFR may be discontinued or

fundamentally altered in a manner that is materially adverse to the interests of Noteholders. If the manner in which the SOFR is calculated is changed or if SOFR is discontinued, that change or discontinuance may result in a reduction of the amount of interest payable on the Notes and the trading prices of the Notes.

# Fixed / Floating Rate Notes

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes (as further described in Condition 5(d) (*Fixed/Floating Rate Notes*)) may bear interest at a rate that will automatically, or that the Issuer may elect to, convert from a fixed rate to a floating rate, from a floating rate to a fixed rate, from a fixed rate to another fixed rate or from a floating rate to another floating rate. The spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may be less favourable than then prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Notes tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate may at any time be lower than the rates on other Notes. If a floating rate is converted to a fixed rate, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing rates on its Notes. The conversion of the interest rate may affect the market yield of the Notes. The movements of the market spread can negatively affect the price of the Notes and can lead to losses for the Noteholders

## Zero Coupon Notes and Notes issued at a substantial discount or premium

The Issuer may issue Zero Coupon Notes (as further described in Condition 5(e) (*Zero Coupon Notes*)) and Notes issued at a substantial discount or premium from their principal amount. The market value of such Notes tends to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for conventional interest-bearing securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of the Notes, the greater the price volatility as compared to conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities. It is difficult to anticipate future market volatility in interest rates, but any such volatility may have a negative effect on the value of the Notes.

## Notes may be redeemed after their Maturity Date

Pursuant to Condition 6(a) ("Final Redemption") and if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, upon the occurrence of a Maturity Extension Trigger Event, the Maturity Date of the Notes shall be extended automatically to the Extended Maturity Date. In that case, the payment of the Final Redemption Amount shall be automatically deferred and shall become due and payable on the Extended Maturity Date as specified in the relevant Final Terms, provided that all or part of the Final Redemption Amount unpaid on the Maturity Date may be paid by the Issuer on any Specified Interest Payment Date occurring thereafter up to and including the relevant Extended Maturity Date. Interest will continue to accrue on any unpaid amount during such extended period at the relevant applicable Rate of Interest (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) and be payable on each Specified Interest Payment Date and on the Extended Maturity Date all as specified in the relevant Final Terms and in accordance with the applicable Terms and Conditions.

The extension of the maturity of the Notes from the Maturity Date to the Extended Maturity Date will not result in any right of the Noteholders to accelerate payments or take action against the Issuer and will result in a delay of payments of principal on the relevant Notes.

# 3. Risks related to the market of the Notes

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

## Market value of the Notes

The market value of the Notes will be affected by the creditworthiness and/or the credit ratings of the Issuer and a number of additional factors, including the market interest and yield rates and the time remaining to the maturity date.

The value of the Notes that may be listed and admitted to trading on Euronext Paris or any other Regulated Market depends on several interrelated factors, including economic, financial, regulatory and political events in France and elsewhere, including factors affecting capital markets generally and the stock exchanges on which the Notes are traded. The price at which a Noteholder may sell the Notes prior to maturity may be at a discount, which could be substantial, from the issue price or the purchase price paid by such purchaser. Therefore, Noteholders may lose all or part of their investment in the Notes.

In addition, if an Extended Maturity Date is specified in the Final Terms and the Final Redemption Amount of the relevant Series is not paid by the Issuer on the Maturity Date, the payment of such Final Redemption Amount shall be automatically deferred and shall become due and payable on the Extended Maturity Date. In this scenario, Noteholders will be further exposed to market risks until the Extended Maturity Date. As a result, the situation of the Issuer might adversely change between the Maturity Date and the Extended Maturity Date and the market value of the Notes between the Maturity Date and the Extended Maturity Date might be significantly affected.

# A trading market may not develop or continue or may not be liquid

Notes may have no established trading market when issued, and an active trading market may not develop in the future. If a market does develop, it may not be very liquid. The liquidity and the market prices for the Notes can be expected to vary with changes in market and economic conditions, the Issuer's financial condition and prospects and other factors that generally influence the market prices of securities. Therefore, investors may not be able to sell their Notes easily or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market. Illiquidity may have a severely adverse effect on the market value of Notes.

Moreover, although the Issuer can purchase Notes at any moment pursuant to Condition 6(f) ("*Purchases*") of the Terms and Conditions, this is not an obligation for the Issuer. Purchases made by the Issuer could affect the liquidity of the secondary market of the relevant Notes and thus the price and the conditions under which investors can negotiate these Notes on the secondary market.

If the relevant Final Terms provide that application is made for a Series of French Law Notes issued under the Programme to be listed and admitted to trading on Euronext Paris and/or any other stock exchange, any particular application may not be accepted, such Series of Notes may not be so admitted, an active trading market in respect of such Series may not develop or, once accepted and/or admitted, such admission and/or listing may be suspended or terminated during the life of the Notes of such Series. Such situation could materially affect the market value of the Notes.

## Changes in exchange rate and exchange controls could result in a substantial loss

This Programme allows for Notes to be issued in a Specified Currency as defined in Condition 5(a) ("Interest and other Calculations"). The Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Notes in the Specified Currency. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the "Investor's Currency") other than the Specified Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may change significantly (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Specified Currency would decrease (i) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Notes, (ii) the Investor's Currency equivalent walue of the Principal payable on the Notes and (iii) the Investor's Currency equivalent market value of the Notes.

Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could affect an applicable exchange rate. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal as measured in the Investor's Currency.

# 3. IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

## Independent review and advice

Each prospective investor in the Notes must determine, based on its own independent review and such professional advice as it deems appropriate under the circumstances, that its acquisition of the Notes is fully consistent with its financial needs, objectives and condition, complies and is fully consistent with all investment policies, guidelines and restrictions applicable to it and is a fit, proper and suitable investment for it, notwithstanding the clear and substantial risks inherent in investing in or holding the Notes.

The investment activities of certain investors are subject to legal investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities. Each prospective investor should consult its legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent (i) Notes are legal investments for it, (ii) Notes can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (iii) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Notes. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisers or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Notes under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules. Prospective investors should also conduct such independent investigation and analysis regarding the Issuer, the Notes and all other relevant market and economic factors as they deem appropriate to evaluate the merits and risks of an investment in Notes.

A prospective investor may not rely on the Issuer, the Arranger or the Dealer(s) or any other member of the group in connection with its determination as to the legality of its acquisition of the Notes or as to the other matters referred to above.

# Assessment of investment suitability

Each prospective investor in the Notes must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own financial circumstances and investment objectives, and only after careful consideration with its financial, legal, tax and other advisers. In particular, each prospective investor should:

- (i) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the relevant Notes and the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any applicable supplement to this Base Prospectus or any applicable supplement;
- (ii) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the Notes and the impact the Notes 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 Notes;
- (iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the Notes and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant interest rates and financial markets;
- 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;
   and
- (vi) be aware, in terms of legislation or regulatory regime applicable to such investor of the applicable restrictions on its ability to invest in the Notes and in any particular type of Notes.

Some Notes are complex financial instruments. A prospective investor should not invest in Notes which are complex financial instruments unless it has the expertise (either alone or with a financial adviser) to evaluate how the Notes will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the value of the Notes and the impact this investment will have on the prospective investor's overall investment portfolio.

# **Taxation**

Prospective investors and sellers of the Notes should be aware that they may be required to pay taxes or documentary charges or duties in accordance with the laws and practices of the jurisdiction where the Notes are transferred or other jurisdictions, including the Issuer's country of incorporation, which may have an impact on the

income received from the securities. In some jurisdictions, no official statements of the tax authorities or court decisions may be available for innovative financial notes, such as the Notes. Prospective investors are advised to ask for their own tax adviser's advice on their individual taxation with respect to the acquisition, holding, disposal and redemption of the Notes. Only these advisors are in a position to duly consider the specific situation of the prospective investor.

# No legal and tax advice

Each prospective investor should consult its own advisers as to legal, tax and related aspects of an investment in the Notes. A Noteholder's effective yield on the Notes may be diminished by the tax on that Noteholder of its investment in the Notes.

A Noteholder's actual yield on the Notes may be reduced from the stated yield by transaction costs.

#### Legality of Purchase

None of the Issuer, the Arranger, the Dealer(s), Agents or any of their respective affiliates has or assumes responsibility for the lawfulness of the acquisition of the Notes by a prospective purchaser of the Notes, 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.

# Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments

The investment activities of certain investors can be subject to legal investment laws and regulations, and/or review or regulation by certain authorities. Each prospective investor should consult its legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent (1) Notes constitute legal investments for it, (2) Notes can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (3) other restrictions that could apply to its purchase or pledge of any Notes. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisors or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Notes under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules. None of the Issuer, the Arranger, the Dealer(s) or any of their respective affiliates has or assumes responsibility for the lawfulness of the acquisition of the Notes by a prospective investor in the Notes, 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 investor with any law, regulation or regulatory policy applicable to it.

# Conflicts of interests in respect of Société Générale

With respect to the Notes, conflicts of interest may arise as a result of various factors involving in particular Société Générale, its affiliates and the other parties named herein. For example, such potential conflicts may arise because Société Générale acts in several capacities under the operating of the Issuer and the Programme as Fiscal Agent, Calculation Agent, Dealer as well as Borrower under the Facility Agreement and controlling shareholder of the Issuer (see "Relationship between Société Générale SCF and Société Générale").

In particular, whilst Société Générale has information barriers and procedures in place to manage conflicts of interest, it may in its other banking activities from time to time be engaged in transactions involving an index or related derivatives which may affect amounts receivable by the Noteholders during the term and on the maturity of the Notes or the market price, liquidity or value of the Notes and which could be deemed to be adverse to the interests of the Noteholders.

Even if their respective rights and obligations under the Programme are not conflicting and are independent from one another, in performing any such obligations in these different capacities under the Programme, Société Générale and/or its affiliates may be in a situation of conflict of interests. Société Générale and/or such affiliates will only have the duties and responsibilities expressly agreed to by such entity in the relevant capacity and will not, by virtue of its or any of its affiliates acting in any other capacity, be deemed to have other duties or responsibilities or be deemed to hold a duty of care other than as expressly provided in respect of each such capacity.

# 4. DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

This Base Prospectus shall be read and construed in conjunction with the following documents which have been previously or simultaneously published and filed with the AMF and which are incorporated in, and shall be deemed to form part of, this Base Prospectus:

- the "Société Générale SCF Rapport financier annuel 2021", including inter alia:
  - i. "Société Générale SCF Rapport de gestion présenté par le conseil d'administration à l'assemblée générale ordinaire annuelle du 18 mai 2022" (the "2021 Annual Report");
  - ii. "Société Générale SCF Comptes annuels au 31/12/2021" including the "Société Générale SCF Tableau des Flux de Trésorerie" which contains the audited cash flow statements of the Issuer for the financial years ended 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020 (the "2021 Annual Accounts");
  - iii. "Société Générale SCF Exercice clos le 31 décembre 2021 Rapport des commissaires aux comptes sur les comptes annuels (the "2021 Auditors' Report"); and
  - iv. "Déclaration des personnes physiques qui assument la responsabilité du rapport financier annuel 2020" (together with the 2021 Annual Report, the 2021 Annual Accounts and the 2021 Auditor' Report, all in French language, the "2021 Annual Financial Report"

    Hyperlink: <a href="https://www.societegenerale.com/sites/default/files/documents/2022-03/SG-SCF-Rapport-Financier-Annuel-2021.pdf">https://www.societegenerale.com/sites/default/files/documents/2022-03/SG-SCF-Rapport-Financier-Annuel-2021.pdf</a>.
- the "Société Générale SCF Rapport financier annuel 2020", including inter alia:
  - i. "Société Générale SCF Rapport de gestion présenté par le conseil d'administration à l'assemblée générale ordinaire annuelle du 18 mai 2021" (the "2020 Annual Report");
  - ii. "Société Générale SCF Comptes annuels au 31/12/2020" including the "Société Générale SCF Tableau des Flux de Trésorerie" which contains the audited cash flow statements of the Issuer for the financial years ended 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019 (the "2020 Annual Accounts");
  - iii. "Société Générale SCF Exercice clos le 31 décembre 2020 Rapport des commissaires aux comptes sur les comptes annuels (the "2020 Auditors' Report"); and
  - iv. "Déclaration des personnes physiques qui assument la responsabilité du rapport financier annuel 2020" (together with the 2020 Annual Report, the 2020 Annual Accounts and the 2020 Auditor' Report, all in French language, the "2020 Annual Financial Report"

    Hyperlink: <a href="https://www.societegenerale.com/sites/default/files/documents/2021-04/SG-SCF-Rapport-Financier-Annuel-31-12-2020.pdf">https://www.societegenerale.com/sites/default/files/documents/2021-04/SG-SCF-Rapport-Financier-Annuel-31-12-2020.pdf</a>).
- the terms and conditions of the notes contained in the base prospectus of the Issuer dated 3 June 2010 (the "2010 EMTN Conditions" Hyperlink: <a href="https://prospectus.socgen.com/program\_search/Société%20Générale%20SCF%20-%20EMTN%20Programme%20dated%203%20June%202010">https://prospectus.socgen.com/program\_search/Société%20Générale%20SCF%20-%20EMTN%20Programme%20dated%203%20June%202010</a>);

- the terms and conditions of the notes contained in the base prospectus of the Issuer dated 10 June 2014
   (the "2014 EMTN Conditions" Hyperlink: <a href="https://prospectus.socgen.com/program\_search/Société%20Générale%20SCF%20-%20EMTN%20Program%20dated%2010%20June%202014">https://prospectus.socgen.com/program\_search/Société%20Générale%20SCF%20-%20EMTN%20Program%20dated%2010%20June%202014</a>);
- the terms and conditions of the notes contained in the base prospectus of the Issuer dated 16 March 2015 (the "2015 EMTN Conditions"- Hyperlink: <a href="https://www.societegenerale.com/sites/default/files/documents/Notations%20Financi%C3%A8res/mars%202015/16\_03\_15\_SG%20SCF\_EMTN\_Programme\_Base\_Prospectus\_VISA.PDF">https://www.societegenerale.com/sites/default/files/documents/Notations%20Financi%C3%A8res/mars%202015/16\_03\_15\_SG%20SCF\_EMTN\_Programme\_Base\_Prospectus\_VISA.PDF</a>);
- the terms and conditions of the notes contained in the base prospectus of the Issuer dated 19 June 2017 (the "2017 EMTN Conditions"- Hyperlink: <a href="https://prospectus.socgen.com/program\_search/Societe%20Generale%20SCF%20EMTN\_Base%20Prospectus%20">https://prospectus.socgen.com/program\_search/Societe%20Generale%20SCF%20EMTN\_Base%20Prospectus%20</a> dated%2019%20June%202017);
- the terms and conditions of the notes contained in the base prospectus of the Issuer dated 15 June 2018
   (the "2018 EMTN Conditions"- Hyperlink:
   <a href="https://prospectus.socgen.com/program\_search/Societe%20Generale%20SCF%20EMTN">https://prospectus.socgen.com/program\_search/Societe%20Generale%20SCF%20EMTN</a> Base%20Pr ospectus\_dated%2015%20June%202018);
- the terms and conditions of the notes contained in the base prospectus of the Issuer dated 21 June 2019 (the "2019 EMTN Conditions" Hyperlink: <a href="https://prospectus.socgen.com/program\_search/Société%20Générale%20SCF%20EMTN\_Base%20Pr">https://prospectus.socgen.com/program\_search/Société%20Générale%20SCF%20EMTN\_Base%20Pr</a> ospectus dated%2021%20June%202019;
- the terms and conditions of the notes contained in the base prospectus of the Issuer dated 25 June 2020 (the "2020 EMTN Conditions" Hyperlink: <a href="https://prospectus.socgen.com/program\_search/Soci%C3%A9t%C3%A9%20G%C3%A9n%C3%A9rale%20SCF%20EMTN%20Base%20Prospectus%20dated%2025%20June%202020">https://prospectus.socgen.com/program\_search/Soci%C3%A9t%C3%A9%20G%C3%A9n%C3%A9rale%20SCF%20EMTN%20Base%20Prospectus%20dated%2025%20June%202020</a>; and
- the terms and conditions of the notes contained in the base prospectus of the Issuer dated 13 July 2021 (the "2021 EMTN Conditions" Hyperlink: <a href="https://prospectus.socgen.com/program\_search/Soci%C3%A9t%C3%A9t%C3%A9m%C3%A9n%C3%A9rale%20SCF\_EMTN\_Base%20Prospectus%20dated%2013%20July%202021">https://prospectus.socgen.com/program\_search/Soci%C3%A9t%C3%A9t%C3%A9m%C3%A9rale%20SCF\_EMTN\_Base%20Prospectus%20dated%2013%20July%202021</a> and, together with the 2009 EMTN Conditions, the 2010 EMTN Conditions, 2012 EMTN Conditions, the 2014 EMTN Conditions, the 2015 EMTN Conditions, the 2017 EMTN Conditions, the 2018 EMTN Conditions, the 2019 EMTN Conditions and the 2020 EMTN Conditions, the "EMTN Previous Conditions") in each case for the purpose only of further issue of Notes to be assimilated (assimilées) and form a single series with Notes already issued under the relevant EMTN Previous Conditions.

Any document incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus and in any Supplement may be obtained without charge and upon request, at the registered office of the Issuer as set out at the end of this Base Prospectus during normal business hours for so long as any of the Notes are outstanding. This Base Prospectus (together with any Supplement to the Base Prospectus) will be published on the websites of (i) the AMF (<a href="www.amf-france.org">www.amf-france.org</a>) and (ii) the Issuer (<a href="http://prospectus.socgen.com/">http://prospectus.socgen.com/</a>) and the documents incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus will be published on the website <a href="http://www.societegenerale.com/fr/investisseurs">http://www.societegenerale.com/fr/investisseurs</a>.

For the avoidance of doubt no information or documents available on the Issuer website, other than the 2021 Annual Financial Report, the 2020 Annual Financial Report and the EMTN Previous Conditions, shall be incorporated herein by reference. Unless otherwise explicitly incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus in accordance with the list above, the information contained on the website of the Issuer shall not be deemed incorporated by reference herein and is for information purposes only. Therefore, it does not form part of this Base Prospectus and has not been scrutinised or approved by the AMF.

The information contained in the documents incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus shall be read in connection with the cross-reference list below. Any information not listed in the cross-reference list but included in the documents incorporated by reference is either not relevant for the investor or covered elsewhere in the Base Prospectus.

# 5. CROSS-REFERENCE LIST

INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (Annex VI of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/980, as	REFERENCE			
amended, supplementing the Prospectus Regulation)				
11. FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER'S ASSETS AND LIABILITIES,				
FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROFITS AND LOSSES				
11.1 Historical Financial Information				
2021 Annual Financial Report				
Balance sheet and off-balance sheet	Pages 56 to 59 of the 2021 Annual Financial Report			
Profit and Loss Account	Pages 60 and 62 of the 2021 Annual Financial Report			
Notes (Annexes)	Pages 63 to 98 of the 2021 Annual Financial Report			
Cash Flow Statements	Pages 96 and 97 of the 2021 Annual Financial Report			
Statutory Auditors' Report	Pages 99 to 104 of the 2021 Annual Financial Report			
2021 Annual Report	Pages 7 to 40 of the 2021 Annual Financial Report			
Age of financial information	31/12/2021			
2020 Annual Financial Report				
Balance sheet and off-balance sheet	Pages 55 to 57 of the 2020 Annual Financial Report			
Profit and Loss Account	Pages 59 and 60 of the 2020 Annual Financial Report			
Notes (Annexes)	Pages 62 to 96 of the 2020 Annual Financial Report			
Cash Flow Statements	Pages 94 and 95 of the 2020 Annual Financial Report			
Statutory Auditors' Report	Pages 97 to 103 of the 2020 Annual Financial Report			
2020 Annual Report	Pages 6 to 35 of the 2020 Annual Financial Report			

The EMTN Previous Conditions are incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus for the purpose only of further issues of Notes to be assimilated (*assimilées*) and form a single series with Notes already issued under the relevant EMTN Previous Conditions.

Information incorporated by reference	Reference
2021 EMTN Conditions	Pages 57 to 95
2020 EMTN Conditions	Pages 57 to 89
2019 EMTN Conditions	Pages 90 to 122
2018 EMTN Conditions	Pages 82 to 110
2017 EMTN Conditions	Pages 77 to 101
2015 EMTN Conditions	Pages 72 to 97
2014 EMTN Conditions	Pages 49 to 73
2012 EMTN Conditions	Pages 49 to 72
2010 EMTN Conditions	Pages 23 to 45
2009 EMTN Conditions	Pages 22 to 44

Non-incorporated parts of the base prospectuses of the Issuer dated 13 July 2021, 25 June 2020, 21 June 2019, 15 June 2018, 19 June 2017, 16 March 2015, 10 June 2014, 25 May 2012, 3 June 2010 and 27 May 2009 are not relevant for investors.

# 6. PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE BASE PROSPECTUS

# In the name of the Issuer

To the best knowledge of the Issuer, the information contained and incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus is in accordance with the facts in any material respect and contains no omission likely to affect its import in any material respect. The Issuer accepts responsibility accordingly.

Paris, 29 July 2022

SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE SCF 17, Cours Valmy 92800 PUTEAUX France

Duly represented by Arnaud Mezrahi

in its capacity as Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Directeur général délégué) of the Issuer.

# 7. STATUTORY AUDITORS OF THE ISSUER

# Deloitte & Associés

6 place de la Pyramide 92908 Paris-La Défense Cedex France

Appointment date: 24 March 2022
Appointment termination date:
date of the General Shareholders Meeting
approving the Annual Accounts as of 31
December 2027

# **Ernst & Young et Autres**

Tour First TSA 14444 92037 Paris-La Défense Cedex France

Appointment date: 15 May 2019
Appointment termination date:
date of the General Shareholders Meeting
approving the Annual Accounts as of 31
December 2024

# 8. SUMMARY OF THE LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO SOCIÉTÉS DE CRÉDIT FONCIER AND OTHER LEGAL ISSUES

# Legal framework

At the date of this Base Prospectus, the legal and regulatory regime applicable to SCF results from the following provisions as they may be amended from time to time, and in particular as they have been amended by the entry into force of the decree-law (*ordonnance*) no. 2021-858 dated 30 June 2021, the decree (*décret*) no. 2021-898 dated 6 July 2021 and a ministerial decree (*arrêté*) dated 7 July 2021 and the decree (*décret*) no 2022-766 dated 2 May 2022, which applies from 8 July 2022 and which implements under French law Directive (EU) no. 2019/2162 of the European Parliament and of the Council dated 27 November 2019 on the issue of covered bonds and covered bond public supervision (the "**Covered Bonds Directive**") amending Directives 2009/65/EC and 2014/59/EU:

- Articles L.513-1 et seq. of the French Monetary and Financial Code (as amended from time to time);
- Articles R.513-1-A et seq. of the French Monetary and Financial Code (as amended from time to time);
- the Regulation (*réglement*) no. 99-10 dated 9 July 1999 issued by the *Comité de la Réglementation Bancaire et Financière* (Banking and Financial Regulation Committee) related to SCF and *sociétés de financement de l'habitat* as amended from time to time (the "**CRBF Regulation**"); and
- various ACPR's instructions applicable to SCF (as amended from time to time).

## Entities entitled to issue obligations foncières

SCF are specialised credit institutions (établissements de crédit spécialisés) and authorised to act as SCF by the ACPR.

The exclusive legal purpose of the SCF is to grant or finance guaranteed loans or public exposures and hold securities, deposits and exposures under the conditions set out in the French Monetary and Financial Code.

## Eligible assets

At the date of this Base Prospectus, in accordance with the French current legal framework applicable to SCF, the eligible assets to a SCF may only be:

- (i) secured loans which, in accordance with Article L.513-3 I, 1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, include loans which are secured by a first-ranking mortgage (hypothèque de premier rang) over an eligible real estate or by other real estate security interests that are equivalent to a first-ranking mortgage (une sureté immobilière conférant une garantie au moins équivalente) or loans that are guaranteed (cautionné) by a credit institution, a financing company (société de financement) or an insurance company, qualifying for the credit quality step 2 (deuxième échelon de qualité de crédit) or above given by an external rating agency recognised by the ACPR as provided in Article L. 511-44 of the French Monetary and Financial Code and that does not belong to the same group as the relevant SCF. The property must be located in France or in any other Member State of the European Union or European Economic Area ("EEA") or in a State benefiting from the highest level of credit assessment (meilleur échelon de qualité de crédit) given by a rating agency recognised by the ACPR as provided in Article L.511-44 of the French Monetary and Financial Code;
- (ii) exposures to public entities which mentionned in Article L.513-4 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, which are assets such as loans, certain debt securities or off-balance-sheet exposures to the entities listed below or fully guaranteed by them:
  - Central governments, central banks, public institutions or local authorities or their groups located in a Member State of the European Union (collectively, the "Eligible States");
  - Central governments or central banks not located in an Eligible State, but who benefit from the highest level of credit quality (*meilleur échelon de qualité de crédit*) (established by a credit rating agency recognized by the ACPR);

- International organizations referred to in Article 118 of Regulation (EU) no. 575/2013 dated 26 June 2013 (as amended), multilateral development banks referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 117 of Regulation (EU) no. 575/2013 dated 26 June 2013 (as amended) and other international organizations and multilateral development banks benefiting from the highest level of credit quality established by a credit rating agency recognized by the ACPR pursuant to Article L. 511-44 of the French Monetary and Financial Code;
- Public institutions and local authorities or their groups not located in an Eligible State if financial exposure to such persons are subject, for the determination of capital adequacy, to the same requirements as those used for central governments, central banks or credit institutions, or fully guaranteed by such persons, and benefiting from the highest level of credit quality established by a credit rating agency recognized by the ACPR pursuant to Article L. 511-44 of the French Monetary and Financial Code; and
- Central governments and central banks not located in an Eligible State, public institutions or local authorities or their groups mentioned in the bullet point above benefiting from the second-highest level of credit quality (*second meilleur échelon de qualité de crédit*) established by a credit rating agency recognized by the ACPR, provided that such exposures are limited to twenty per cent. (20%) of the total outstanding nominal amount of the OF and other sources of financing benefiting from the *Privilège*;
- Eligible assets of the public sector entities described above include, among other things:
  - debt securities issued, or fully guaranteed, by one or more of the public sector entities mentioned above;
  - monetary claims, including those resulting from a successive performance contract, against the public sector entities referred to above, or fully guaranteed by one or more of such public sector entities;
  - debt stemming from leasing contracts or equivalent contracts to which a public sector entity referred to above is party in the capacity of lessee or tenant, or debt stemming from leasing contracts or equivalent contracts fully guaranteed by one or more of those public sector entities. SCF that acquire debt resulting from a leasing contract may also acquire all or part of the debt that results from the sale of the leased property.

With respect to the Issuer however, given its business activity, the sole eligible assets of the Issuer are:

- the exposures to public entities referred to in paragraph (ii) above; and
- the securities that are "assimilated to" such exposures to public entities, in accordance with the paragraph (iii) above where those securities are backed by public exposures complying with the criteria defined in Article L.513-4 of the French Monetary and Financial Code or other receivables benefiting from the same level of guarantees.

Pursuant to Article R. 513-18 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, *sociétés de crédit foncier* must keep the record of all loans made available by it or acquired by it. This record must specify the type and value of the security and guarantees attached to such loans and the type and amount of the liabilities benefiting from the *Privilège*.

In accordance with Article L. 513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, the *sociétés de crédit foncier* are not allowed to make any other investments, except investments in securities, exposures or deposits within the conditions and limits set out in Article R. 513-6 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (the "**Legal Substitution Assets**").

Pursuant to Article 12 of the CRBF Regulation:

- the Issuer shall dispose of a system for measuring overall interest rate risks under the conditions set forth in Articles 134 to 139 of the arrêté dated 3 November 2014 relating to the internal control of credit institutions; and the level of rate matching between the assets and the liabilities

of the Issuer shall be verified by the Cover Pool Monitor. The ACPR will define the rules on inclusion and valuation of the forward financial instruments.

Sociétés de crédit foncier must publish and send to the ACPR certain quarterly an annual information on their assets and liabilities the detail, content and form of which are set forth in the CRBF Regulation and the relevant ACPR instructions (as amended from time to time, in particular as they have been amended by the entry into force of the decree-law (*ordonnance*) no. 2021-858 dated 30 June 2021 which transposes under French law the Covered Bonds Directive).

In addition, according to Article L.513-9 of the French Monetary and Financial Code and Article 13 bis of the CRBF Regulation, the Issuer must publish within forty-five (45) calendar days of the end of every quarter a report containing the same information relating to the quality of its assets. Such report is available for viewing on the website of Société Générale (<a href="http://www.societegenerale.com/fr/mesurer-notre-performance/investisseurs-dette">http://www.societegenerale.com/fr/mesurer-notre-performance/investisseurs-dette</a>).

See also "Description of the Issuer – Issuer's exclusive purpose and business overview".

#### Privilège and liabilities

## Privilège

The OF issued by SCF, together with the other resources raised pursuant to an agreement or a document designed to inform the public (within the meaning of Article L.412-1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code) or any equivalent document required for the admission to trading on foreign regulated markets which mentions the *Privilège*, and the liabilities resulting from derivative transactions relating to the hedging of OF and other privileged debts in accordance with Article L.513-10 of the French Monetary and Financial Code benefit from the statutory *Privilège* set out under Article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code.

Pursuant to Article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, notwithstanding any legal provisions to the contrary and in particular the provisions included in the French Commercial Code relating to the prevention and conciliation of business difficulties, to the safeguard and to the judicial administration and liquidation of companies:

- the sums resulting from the loans, assimilated assets, exposures and securities as referred to in Articles L.513-3 to L.513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, including, any mortgage, charge, lien or other guarantee or indemnity relating thereto, and from the financial instruments used for hedging as referred to in Article L.513-10 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, (in each case after any applicable set-off), together with the claims in respect of deposits made by *a* SCF (i.e. the issuer of OF, such as the Issuer) with credit institutions, are allocated in priority to the payment of any sums due in relation to the OF such as the Notes, to other resources benefiting from the *Privilège* as mentioned in paragraph 2 of I of Article L.513-2 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, to derivative transaction used for hedging, under the condition of Article L.513-10 of the French Monetary and Financial Code and to other ancillary expenses and sums expressly referred to in Article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code;
- (ii) in case of safeguard (sauvegarde), judicial reorganisation (redressement judiciaire) or judicial liquidation (liquidation judiciaire) proceedings against the Issuer, or resolution proceedings opened pursuant to Article L. 613-49 of the French Monetary and Financial Code against the Issuer, the amounts due by the Issuer regularly from the operations referred to in paragraph 2 of I of Article L.513-2 of the French Monetary and Financial Code are paid on their contractual due date, and in priority to all other debts, whether or not preferred or secured, including interest resulting from agreements whatever their duration. No other creditor of a SCF such as the Issuer may exercise any right over the assets and rights of such société until all creditors benefiting from the Privilège as defined in Article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code have been fully paid off, either in principal or accrued or future interest; and
- (iii) neither safeguard (*sauvegarde*), judicial reorganisation (*redressement judiciaire*) or judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) proceedings against the Issuer, nor resolution proceedings opened pursuant to Article L. 613-49 of the French Monetary and Financial Code against the Issuer will result in the acceleration of payment of OF such as the Notes and other debts benefiting from the *Privilège*.

## Non-privileged debts

SCF may also issue ordinary bonds or raise funds which do not benefit from such *Privilège*.

The Issuer may also refinance its assets in accordance with specific means of refinancing set forth by Article L.513-2 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, such as pledge or transfer all or part of the receivables held in accordance with Articles L.211-36 *et seq.* or Articles L.313-23 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code or temporary transfers of its securities as provided for in Articles L.211-22 to L.211-34 of the French Monetary and Financial Code or having recourse to a pledge of a securities account as defined in Article L.211-20 of the French Monetary and Financial Code. In such case, the receivables and securities so used are not included in the scope of the *Privilège* and are not taken into account for the purpose of determining the cover ratio of the resources benefiting from the *Privilège*.

#### Cover ratio

SCF must at any time maintain a cover ratio between their assets and their liabilities benefiting from the *Privilège*. According to Articles L.513-12 and R. 513-8 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, SCF must at any time maintain a ratio of at least one hundred and five per cent. (105%) of the total amount of their liabilities which benefit from the *Privilège* by the total amount of their assets, including claims for payment attached to forward financial instruments benefiting from the *Privilège* as well as any collateral received in relation to such forward financial instruments.

For the calculation of this cover ratio, pursuant to Article R. 513-8 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, when the assets comprise receivables secured by collateral assets pursuant to Articles L.211-36 to L.211-40, L.313-23 to L.313-35 and L.313-42 to L.313-49 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, which are not liquid assets or short term exposures to credit institutions, the SCF must take into account the assets received as collateral rather than the secured receivables. In addition, for the calculation of this ratio, *sociétés crédit foncier* shall take into account, under the conditions and within the limits defined by a ministerial decree (arrêté) dated 7 July 2021, exposures on companies belonging to the same consolidated group within the meaning of Article L. 233-16 of the French Commercial Code. Unsecured receivables deemed to be in default within the meaning of Article 178 of Regulation (EU) no. 575/2013 dated 26 June 2013 (as amended) may not contribute to the calculation of the cover ratio. Moreover, assets that contribute to compliance with the cover ratio above the level of 100% are not subject to the limits applicable to exposures on credit institutions (*établissements de crédit*) defined in Article R. 513-6 of the French Monetary and Financial Code and are not taken into account for the purposes of calculating these limits.

Calculation of this cover ratio is set out in the CRBF Regulation pursuant to which the ratio's denominator (Article 8 of the CRBF Regulation) is composed of *obligations de crédit foncier* and other resources benefiting from the *Privilège*, as well as the projected maintenance and management costs to terminate the Programme and the ratio's numerator (Article 9 of the CRBF Regulation) is composed of all the assets of the SCF, after application of a specific weighting percentage or reduction depending on the nature of the exposure.

SCF must appoint a Cover Pool Monitor (contrôleur spécifique) with the approval of the ACPR whose task is to ensure that the cover ratio is at any time complied with. In particular, the Cover Pool Monitor must certify that the cover ratio is satisfied in connection with (i) the SCF's quarterly programme of issues benefiting from the *Privilège* and (ii) any specific issue also benefiting from the *Privilège* whose amount is equal or greater than Euro 500 million. The Cover Pool Monitor must verify the quality of the assets, the process of yearly revaluation and the quality of the asset liability management. The Cover Pool Monitor has access to information that allows it to carry out its legal control duties.

Pursuant to Article 10 of the CRBF Regulation, this cover ratio is published quarterly (on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December) by the Issuer, and the most updated cover ratio is available for viewing on the website of Société Générale (<a href="http://www.societegenerale.com/fr/mesurer-notre-performance/investisseurs-investisseurs-dette">http://www.societegenerale.com/fr/mesurer-notre-performance/investisseurs-investisseurs-dette</a>).

As of 31 March 2022, the cover ratio certified by the Cover Pool Monitor was 131,72%.

### Liquidity coverage

Pursuant to Article R 513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, a SCF must ensure at any time adequate coverage of their liquidity needs for a hundred and eighty (180) calendar days period by eligible liquid assets listed in Article R. 513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, taking into account expected flows in principal and interests under their assets and net flows relating to forward financial instruments set forth in Article L.513-

10 of the French Monetary and Financial Code. The needs in cash are covered with liquid assets or short-term exposures to credit institutions complying with the provisions of Article R.513-6 of the French Monetary and Financial Code and with assets which are eligible for the credit operations of the *Banque de France* in accordance with the procedures and conditions set forth by the latter in the context of its monetary policy and intraday credit operations. In case of Notes for which the Maturity Date may be extended, the calculation of the expected provisional flows arising from loans or assimilated receivables, exposures and securities eligible to the assets of the Issuer in the meaning of Articles L.513-28 and L.513-29 of the French Monetary and Financial Code may be made on the basis of the Extended Maturity Date as specified in the relevant Final Terms or the Terms and Conditions.

In the case where the assets of the SCF are composed of receivables guaranteed by collateral assets in accordance with Articles L.211-36 to L.211-40, L.313-23 to L.313-35, and L.313-42 to L.313-49 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, if these assets are not securities, exposures or deposits that are sufficiently secure and liquid as defined in Article L. 513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, the liquidity needs are evaluated by considering the assets transferred as collateral security (and not the receivables).

In addition, pursuant to the CRBF Regulation, a SCF must ensure that the average life of the eligible assets held by it, up to the minimum amount required to comply with the overcollateralisation ratio referred to in Article R. 513-8 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, does not exceed more than eighteen (18) months the average life of its liabilities benefiting from the *Privilège*.

To that purpose, when the assets of the SCF comprise receivables secured by collateral assets pursuant to Articles L.211-36 to L.211-40, L.313-23 to L.313-35 and L.313-42 to L.313-49 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, which are not liquid assets and short-term exposures on credit institutions, such as the Issuer, the SCF must take into account the average life of the assets received as collateral rather than the average life of the secured receivables.

In accordance with, and pursuant to, the provisions of Article L.513-26 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, a SCF may also, by derogation to the provisions of Articles 1349 of the *Code civil* (the "**French Civil** Code") and L.228-44 and L.228-74 of the French Commercial Code, subscribe for its own OF, for the sole purpose of pledging them as collateral security (*affecter en garantie*) in order to secure the credit transactions (*opérations de crédit*) of the *Banque de France* in accordance with the terms and conditions determined by the *Banque de France* for its monetary and intraday credit policy, if the SCF is not able to cover its cash needs with the other means available to it, provided that:

- (a) the total amount of the OF subscribed by the Issuer does not exceed ten per cent. (10%) of the total outstanding amount (*encours total*) of the resources benefiting from the *Privilège* as of the date of their subscription;
- (b) such OF are disentitled of their rights under Articles L.228-46 to L.228-89 of the French Commercial Code as long as the SCF holds them;
- (c) such OF are pledged for the benefit of the *Banque de France* within an 8-day period starting from the date on which they are paid and delivered (otherwise, such Notes shall be cancelled by the SCF at the end of such 8-day period); and
- (d) they cannot be subscribed by third parties.

In any case, the OF subscribed by the SCF in accordance with, and pursuant to, the provisions of Article L.513-26 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, shall be cancelled within an 8-day period starting from the date on which they cease to be pledged for the benefit of the *Banque de France*.

# Hedging

The Issuer may enter into financial instruments to hedge its interest rate and currency risks on the exposures set out in Articles L.513-4 to L.513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, on the OF and on other resources benefiting from the *Privilège*. Any amounts payable by the Issuer pursuant to these financial instruments (including any termination costs, if any), after the applicable set-off as the case may be, benefit from the *Privilège*, unless such financial instruments were not concluded by the Issuer to hedge items of its assets and/or privileged liabilities

or the global risk on its assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet items in accordance with Article L.513-10 of the French Monetary and Financial Code.

#### **Insolvency derogating regime**

Article L.513-20 of the French Monetary and Financial Code precludes the extension of any safeguard procedure (procédure de sauvegarde), judicial reorganisation (redressement judiciaire) or liquidation (liquidation judiciaire) in respect of the SCF's shareholders to the SCF.

The French Monetary and Financial Code provides for a regime which derogates in many ways from the French legal provisions relating to insolvency proceedings, in particular:

- in accordance with Article L.513-18 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, the provisions of Article L.632-2 of the French Commercial Code (nullités facultatives de la période suspecte) are not applicable to contracts concluded by a SCF, or to legal transactions made by or in favour of a SCF, as far as such contracts or transactions are directly related to the transactions referred to in Article L.513-2 of the French Monetary and Financial Code:
- in accordance with Article L.513-20 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, the *procédure de sauvegarde, de redressement ou de liquidation judiciaires* of a shareholder of the Issuer cannot be extended to the Issuer;
- in accordance with Article L.513-21 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, any service/loan agreement pursuant to which the Issuer has delegated to another credit institution or financing company (société de financement) the management or the recovery of loans, exposures, assimilated receivables, securities, deposits, bonds or other sources of financing may be immediately terminated upon the opening of bankruptcy proceedings (procédure de sauvegarde, de sauvegarde accélérée, de redressement ou de liquidation judiciaire) affecting that credit institution or financing company (société de financement);
- in accordance with Article L. 513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, notwithstanding any legal provisions to the contrary (including Livre VI of the French Commercial Code), all cash flows generated by the assets of the Issuer are allocated as a matter of absolute priority to servicing liabilities of the Issuer which benefit from the *Privilège* as they fall due, in preference to all other claims, whether or not secured or statutorily preferred and, until payment in full of the liabilities of the Issuer which creditors may take any action against the assets of the Issuer;
- pursuant to Article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, in the event of safeguard (sauvegarde), judicial reorganisation (redressement judiciaire) or judicial liquidation (liquidation judiciaire) proceedings against the Issuer or resolution proceedings opened pursuant to Article L. 613-49 of the French Monetary and Financial Code against the Issuer the amounts due by the Issuer from time to time under the obligations de crédit foncier (including the Notes) and any other resources or liabilities benefiting from the Privilège shall be paid on their contractual due date, and in priority to all other Issuer's debts, whether or not preferred or secured, including interest resulting from agreements whatever their duration. Accordingly, until all creditors benefiting from the Privilège have been paid in full, no other creditor of the Issuer may exercise any right the assets and rights of the Issuer, either in principal or accrued or future interest;
- neither safeguard (*sauvegarde*), judicial reorganisation (*redressement judiciaire*) or judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) proceedings against the Issuer, nor resolution proceedings opened pursuant to Article L. 613-49 of the French Monetary and Financial Code against the Issuer will, give rise to the right for the Noteholders to declare the Notes immediately due and payable
- in case of bankruptcy proceedings (procédure de sauvegarde, de redressement ou de liquidation judiciaires) of a société de crédit foncier, the Cover Pool Monitor will be responsible for filing claims on behalf of creditors benefiting from the *Privilège*; and
- pursuant to Article L. 513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, notwithstanding any legal or contractual provision to the contrary, no termination, suspension, set-off or amendment of an ongoing forward financial instrument entered into by the Issuer can result solely from safeguard (*sauvegarde*), judicial reorganisation (*redressement judiciaire*) or judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) proceedings

against the Issuer, or resolution proceedings opened pursuant to Article L. 613-49 of the French Monetary and Financial Code against the Issuer.

In addition, certain nullity of transactions entered into during the hardening period (période suspecte) are not applicable for transactions or acts entered into by a SCF provided that such transactions and acts are made in accordance with their exclusive legal purpose and without fraud. Pursuant to Article L.513-21 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, in case of the opening of any safeguard procedure (procédure de sauvegarde), judicial reorganisation (redressement judiciaire) or liquidation (liquidation judiciaire) against the company which is acting as manager and servicer of the assets and liabilities of the SCF, the recovery, management and servicing contracts may be immediately terminated by the SCF notwithstanding any legal provisions to the contrary.

## **Cover Pool Monitor**

In each SCF, a cover pool monitor (*contrôleur spécifique*) (the "**Cover Pool Monitor**") and a substitute Cover Pool Monitor (*contrôleur spécifique suppléant*) are in charge of ensuring the compliance of the SCF with the legal framework described above. The Cover Pool Monitor and the substitute Cover Pool Monitor are selected from the official list of auditors and appointed by the officers of the SCF with the approval of the ACPR.

Pursuant to Article L.513-23 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, the tasks of the Cover Pool Monitor, as a *contrôleur spécifique*, are:

- (a) to ensure that the SCF complies with Articles L.513-2 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code:
- (b) to certify that the cover ratio is satisfied in connection with (i) the SCF's quarterly programme of issues benefiting from the *Privilège* and (ii) any issue of resources benefiting from the *Privilège* and whose amount is equal to or greater than Euro 500 million;
- (c) to ensure that the exposures to public entities granted or refinanced by the Issuer comply with the purpose of Article L.513-2 of the French Monetary and Financial Code and with the requirements set out in Articles L.513-4 of the French Monetary and Financial Code;
- (d) to review, pursuant to Article 12 of the CRBF Regulation, the level of rate and maturity matching between the assets and the liabilities. In case the Cover Pool Monitor believes that the level of rate and maturity matching would create excessive risks for the creditors benefiting from the *Privilège*, the Cover Pool Monitor informs the officers of the relevant SCF and the ACPR.

The Cover Pool Monitor attends all shareholders' meetings and, on his request, may be heard by the board of directors of the SCF (Article L.513-23 of the French Monetary and Financial Code).

Pursuant to Artice L. 513-32 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, in relation to Notes for which the Issuer requests the use, or benefits from, the "European Covered Bond (Premium)" label, the Cover Pool Monitor verifies that the provisions of Article 129 of Regulation (EU) no. 575/2013 dated 26 June 2013 (as amended) are complied with.

Pursuant to Articles R. 513-14 of the French Monetary and Financial Code and Article 15 of the CRBF Regulation, the Cover Pool Monitor verifies, on a yearly basis, the availability of all information that must be disclosed in relation to the transfer plan to be put in place by the credit institutions or financing companies (*sociétés de financement*) entrusted with the management or the recovery of loans, bonds or other sources of financing of the Issuer pursuant to Article L. 513-15 of the French Monetary and Financial Code. The transfer plan shall be sent to the ACPR.

The Cover Pool Monitor is entitled to receive all the documents and information necessary to the fulfillment of its mission and to perform, under certain conditions, any audit and control in the premises of the SCF. The Cover Pool Monitor prepares annual reports on the accomplishment of his missions to the management of the SCF, a copy of which is delivered to the ACPR.

## Basel Capital Accord and regulatory capital requirements

The regulatory capital framework published by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision in 2006, or the "Basel II framework" has not been fully implemented in all participating countries. The implementation of the framework in relevant jurisdictions may affect the risk-weighting of the Notes for investors who are or may become subject to capital adequacy requirements that follow the framework.

The Basel Committee has subsequently approved significant changes and extensions to the Basel II framework (such changes and extensions being commonly referred to as "Basel III"), including new capital and liquidity requirements intended to reinforce capital standards and to establish minimum liquidity standards for credit institutions. In particular, the changes refer to, amongst other things, new requirements for the capital base (including an increase in the minimum Tier 1 capital requirement), measures to strengthen the capital requirements for counterparty credit exposures arising from certain transactions and the introduction of a leverage ratio as well as short-term and longer-term standards for funding liquidity (the latter being referred to as the "Liquidity Coverage Ratio" and the "Net Stable Funding Ratio", respectively). The European authorities have now incorporated the Basel III framework into EU law, primarily through Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms, amending Directive 2002/87/EC and repealing Directive 2006/48/EC and 2006/49/EC (Capital Requirements Directive -"CRD") and Regulation (EU) no. 575/2013 of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms ("CRR") known as the "CRD IV-Package" which entered into force in the EU on 1 January 2014. On 23 November 2016, the Commission proposed a new Regulation amending the CRR (the "CRR Revision" and together with CRR, the "CRR II") and a new Directive amending the CRD (the "CRD Revision" and together with the CRD, the "CRD V") which, inter alia, simplified the Net Stable Funding Ratio. The CRR II and CRD V entered into force on 27 June 2019.

The CRD Revision was implemented in France by an ordinance (Ordonnance n°2020-1635 portant diverses dispositions d'adaptation de la législation au droit de l'Union européenne en matière financière dated) 21 December 2020 and a decree (Décret n°2020-1637 portant diverses dispositions d'adaptation au droit de l'Union européenne en matière financière et relative aux sociétés de financement) dated 22 December 2020. Certain portions of the CRR Revision apply immediately as from its entry into force (including those applicable to the new requirements for own funds and eligible liabilities) while others shall apply several years after the date of its entry into force. The changes under CRR II, CRD V and Basel III may have an impact on the capital requirements in respect of the Notes and/or on incentives to hold the Notes for investors that are subject to requirements that follow the relevant framework and, as a result, may affect the liquidity and/or value of the Notes.

## Extendable maturity structure

Prior to the decree-law (*ordonnance*) no. 2021-858 dated 30 June 2021 and the decree (*décret*) no. 2021-898 dated 6 July 2021, the Issuer already issued Notes with extendable maturity structures.

Such practice is now enshrined by decree-law (*ordonnance*) no. 2021-858 dated 30 June 2021, the decree (*décret*) no. 2021-898 dated 6 July 2021 and the decree (*décret*) no 2022-766 dated 2 May 2022. However, these provisions do not apply to *obligations foncières* issued before 8 July 2022.

In accordance with Article L. 513-2 and Article R. 513-8-1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, a *société de crédit foncier* may issue *obligations de crédit foncier* with an extendable maturity date, provided that:

- (i) the relevant Maturity Extension Triggers Events mentioned in Article R. 513-8-1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code are the following:
  - a. in the event of a default of payment of the principal on the Maturity Date initially set by the société de crédit foncier, the credit institution benefiting from loans granted by the société de crédit foncier and guaranteed by the remittance, assignment or pledge of receivables pursuant to Articles L. 211-38 to L. 211-40 or Articles L. 313-23 to L. 313-35 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, whether or not these receivables are of a professional nature, or the credit institution issuing promissory notes subscribed by the société de crédit foncier in accordance with the terms and conditions defined in Articles L. 313-43 to L. 313-48 of the French Monetary and Financial Code:

- b. in the event the *société de crédit foncier*, a credit institution benefiting from loans granted by the *société de crédit foncier* and guaranteed by the remittance, assignment or pledge of receivables pursuant to Articles L. 211-38 to L. 211-40 or Articles L. 313-23 to L. 313-35 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, whether or not these receivables are of a professional nature, or a credit institution issuing promissory notes subscribed by the *société de crédit foncier* in accordance with the terms and conditions defined in Articles L. 313-43 to L. 313-48 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, is subject to safeguard proceedings (*procédure de sauvegarde*), judicial reorganisation or liquidation proceedings (*procédure de redressement ou de liquidation judiciaires*) or resolution proceedings opened pursuant to Article L. 613-49 of the French Monetary and Financial Code.
- (ii) the contractual Terms and Conditions of such *obligations de crédit foncier* specify the relevant Maturity Extension Triggers Event;
- (iii) the Maturity Date of such *obligations de crédit foncier* is at all times determinable; and
- (iv) in the event of the insolvency or resolution of the *société de crédit foncier* issuing such *obligations de crédit foncier*, or in the event of default of payment mentioned in paragraph (i) above, the maturity extensions do not affect the ranking of the investors in such *obligations de crédit foncier* or invert the sequencing of the original maturity schedule of such *obligations de crédit foncier*.

With respect to the Issuer, the maturity of the Notes of a given Series may be extended in accordance with, and subject to, the provisions of Condition 6(a) ("Final Redemption") of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.

## Labelling

Pursuant to Article L. 513-26-1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, a *société de crédit foncier* may use, for its programme:

- (i) the "European Covered Bond" label for issuances of *obligations de crédit foncier* or other resources benefiting from the *Privilège*, provided that it complies with the SCF Legal Framework; and
- (ii) the "European Covered Bond (Premium)" label for issuances of *obligations de crédit foncier* or other resources benefiting from the *Privilège*, provided that it complies with the SCF Legal Framework and the provisions of Article 129 of Regulation (EU) no. 575/2013 dated 26 June 2013 (as amended).

If a *société de crédit foncier* either (i) requests the use of, or (ii) benefits from, the "European Covered Bond (Premium)" label, in accordance with Article L. 513-23 of the French Monetary and Financial Code the Cover Pool Monitor verifies that the provisions of Article 129 of Regulation (EU) no. 575/2013 dated 26 June 2013, (as amended) are complied with.

Pursuant to Article 16 of the CRBF Regulation, the ACPR is responsible for the granting and supervision of both "European Covered Bond" and "European Covered Bond (Premium)" labels. The conditions and procedures for granting and monitoring these labels are detailed in Instruction no 2022-I-05 issued by the ACPR on 9 March 2022. In particular, the ACPR publishes the list of *obligations de crédit foncier* that are entitled to use the "European Covered Bond" label and the list of *obligations de crédit foncier* that are entitled to use the "European Covered Bond (Premium)" label. Subject to the aforementioned verification of the Cover Pool Monitor and approval and supervision of ACPR, the Issuer intends to issue Notes that are eligible to use the "European Covered Bond (Premium)" label.

No representation is however made or assurance given that any Notes will actually be and remain eligible to the "European Covered Bond (Premium)" label until their Maturity Date.

# **Collateral Security**

# No interpretation by French courts of rules applicable to Collateral Security

The Collateral Security is governed by the provisions of Articles L.211-38-I *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code, being the applicable rules of French law implementing Directive 2002/47/EC of the European

Parliament and of the Council of 6 June 2002 on financial collateral arrangements which has been amended by Directive 2009/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009 (the "Collateral Directive").

It should be noted that French courts have not yet had the opportunity to interpret Articles L.211-38-I *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code.

# Impact of the hardening period on the Collateral Security

Under French law, the hardening period (*période suspecte*) is a period, the duration of which is determined by the bankruptcy judge upon the judgement recognising that the cessation of payments (*cessation des paiements*) of the insolvent company has occurred. The hardening period commences on the date of such judgement and extends for up to eighteen (18) months previous to the date of such judgement.

Notwithstanding the above-mentioned, many arguments as described below would tend to consider that the French legal framework relating to the hardening period would not be applicable in the specific case of the Collateral Security, subject to any French case law that would decide in the future that the guarantees governed by Article L.211-38-I of the French Monetary and Financial Code fall within the scope of the French legal framework relating to the hardening period.

The arguments are the following:

- Article L.211-40 of the French Monetary and Financial Code states that the provisions of book VI of the French Commercial Code (pertaining to insolvency proceedings as a matter of French law) shall not impede ("ne font pas obstacle") the application of Articles L.211-36 et seq. of the French Monetary and Financial Code;
- given the provisions of the Collateral Directive, Article L.211-40 of the French Monetary and Financial Code would exclude application of Article L.632-1-6° of French Commercial Code, which provides for an automatic nullity of security interest granted during the hardening period to secure past obligations of a debtor and, therefore, that the Collateral Security, which is governed by Articles L.211-38-I *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code, would not be avoided on the basis of said Article L.632-1-6° of French Commercial Code; and
- in the specific case of Article L.632-2 of the French Commercial Code, which provides for a potential nullity of acts which are onerous (*actes à titre onéreux*) if the counterparty of the debtor was aware, at the time of conclusion of such acts, that the debtor was unable to pay its debts due with its available funds (*en état de cessation des paiements*). Article L.513-18 of the French Monetary and Financial Code provides that the provisions of Article L.632-2 of the French Commercial Code are not applicable to contracts entered into by or with SCF, or to legal transactions entered into by SCF or on their behalf, where such contracts or such transactions are directly related to the transactions referred to in Article L.513-2 of the French Monetary and Financial Code.

## Disproportionate guarantee

Pursuant to Article L.650-1 of the French Commercial Code, a creditor may be held liable towards a bankrupt debtor if the credit granted by it to such debtor entailed a damage and the security interest securing such credit is disproportionate (*disproportionné*) compared to that credit. In such case, such security interest may be void or reduced by the judge. However, there is only few French case law decisions interpreting and implementing the provisions of Article L.650-1 of the French Commercial Code and accordingly, there is an uncertainty as to whether the provisions of Article L.650-1 of the French Commercial Code would apply to the Collateral Security. Moreover, Article L.211-40 of the French Monetary and Financial Code expressly provides that the provisions of book VI of the French Commercial Code shall not impede (*ne font pas obstacle*) the application of Articles L.211-36 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code, save in case of fraud.

# 9. DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUER

For the avoidance of doubt, it is specified that, in the following section, the expression "Notes" will only include French Law Notes and the expression "Noteholder(s)" includes any holder of such Notes.

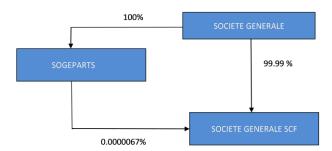
# Incorporation, duration and registered office

The Issuer is a specialised credit institution (établissement de crédit spécialisé) with the status of SCF, incorporated under French law on 8 December 2004 for a period of 99 years as a société anonyme à conseil d'administration. The Issuer is registered under the name of Société Générale SCF in the Commercial and Companies Registry (Registre du Commerce et des Sociétés) of Nanterre under number 479 755 480. The Issuer's office is at 17, Cours Valmy, 92800 Puteaux, France, its telephone number: +33 1 42 14 70 63. On 20 December 2007, the Issuer was authorised to act as a SCF by the Credit Institutions and Investment Services Companies Commission (Comité des établissements de crédit et des entreprises d'investissement) (now the ACPR). The Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) of the Issuer is 969500F9HMMIJD7DJC28. The website of the Issuer is: http://prospectus.socgen.com/.

The Issuer is governed, *inter alia*, by the French Commercial Code and by the French Monetary and Financial Code. In relation to its capacity as a SCF, the Issuer is governed by the provisions of *Livre V Titre I Chapitre III Section 2* (see "Summary of the legislation and regulations relating to sociétés de crédit foncier and other legal issues").

The Issuer is a member of Société Générale group (the "Group").

## Diagram of the Issuer's Group



## **Share capital**

The Issuer's share capital, as of the date of this Base Prospectus, amounts to EUR 150,000,000 divided into 15,000,000 fully paid-up ordinary shares of EUR 10. At the date of this Base Prospectus, 99.99 per cent of this share capital is owned by Société Générale and the remainder is owned by SOGEPARTS, a fully-owned Société Générale's affiliate, which holds one share of the Issuer's share capital.

There is no authorised and unissued share capital. There are no securities which grant rights to shares in the capital of the Issuer. All shares have equal voting rights.

On 16 October 2007, Société Générale formalised a declaration of financial support for its affiliate Société Générale SCF. The text of the declaration of financial support is translated (for information purposes only) as follows:

"Paris, 16 October 2007

Within the scope of its financing policies, Société Générale has created a société de crédit foncier (Société Générale SCF), governed by legal and regulatory provisions of the French monetary and financial Code (Articles L.513-2 and seq.).

Société Générale will hold more than 95% of the capital of Société Générale SCF on a long term basis.

Société Générale will ensure that Société Générale SCF develops its activity in compliance with the abovementioned legal and regulatory activity requirements and Société Générale has undertaken to provide it with its support so as to ensure its global solvency and liquidity to meet its obligations.

Société Générale

Daniel Bouton, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (Président Directeur Général)"

Original text in French:

"Paris, le 16 octobre 2007

Dans le cadre de sa politique de refinancement, Société Générale a créé une société de crédit foncier (Société Générale SCF) soumise aux dispositions législatives et réglementaires prévues par le Code monétaire et financier (articles L.513-2 et suivants).

Société Générale détiendra durablement plus de 95 % du capital de Société Générale SCF.

Société Générale veillera à ce que Société Générale SCF développe son activité dans les conditions d'activité législatives et réglementaires précitées et Société Générale s'est engagée à lui apporter son soutien assurant sa solvabilité et sa liquidité globales pour faire face à ses obligations.

Société Générale

Daniel Bouton, Président Directeur Général"

## Issuer's exclusive purpose and business overview

In accordance with Article L.513-2 of the French Monetary and Financial Code which defines the exclusive purpose of the SCF and with Article 2 of its by-laws, the Issuer's exclusive purpose consists in carrying out the activities and operations below, whether in France or abroad:

- credit operations and assimilated operations within the terms set forth by regulations applicable to SCF and within the limits of its license;
- (ii) financing operations within the terms set forth by regulations applicable to SCF by means of issuance of OF or any other resources in accordance with the regulations applicable to SCF; and
- (iii) any ancillary activities expressly authorized by the texts on SCF for the achievement of its exclusive corporate purpose.

For a description of the legal framework applicable to SCF, see "Summary of the legislation and regulations relating to sociétés de crédit foncier and other legal issues".

The Issuer may sign all necessary agreements with credit institutions or financing companies (*sociétés de financement*) to procure services for the management and recovery of its loans, exposures and other eligible financial assets. OF and other resources.

The establishment of the Issuer takes place as part of the Société Générale refinancing and is intended to lower the overall cost of funding for the Group by mobilising eligible assets at a competitive cost. The Issuer's assets are limited to (i) public exposures complying with the provisions of Article L.513-4 of the French Monetary and

Financial Code and (ii) assets assimilated to those public exposures, as defined in Article L.513-5 of the French Monetary and Financial Code.

The OF which will be issued by the Issuer are expected to be rated AAA by S&P and Aaa by Moody's and listed on the Luxembourg and/or Paris stock exchanges.

By offering the market AAA/Aaa rated OF, which are a reflection, among other factors, of the intrinsic quality of the assets of Société Générale SCF, the Issuer aims to increase the competitiveness of Société Générale. By providing the market with a second counterparty (in addition to Société Générale), the Issuer should increase the Group's investor base.

Pursuant to Articles L.513-12 and R.513-8 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, the total amount of the assets of the Issuer must cover the amount of the liabilities benefiting from the *Privilège* up to at least one hundred and five per cent. (105%), as further described in "Summary of the legislation and regulations relating to sociétés de crédit foncier and other legal issues".

#### **Affiliates**

According to Article L.513-2 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, the Issuer, as a SCF, is not entitled to hold any equity interest (*participations*) in any entity.

# Management of the Issuer and compliance with the corporate governance regulations

The Issuer is administrated by a board of directors (*Conseil d'administration*).

The Issuer's board of directors, which at the date of this Base Prospectus comprises 8 members, including Société Générale, has full powers to act in all circumstances on behalf of the Issuer within the limits set by its internal rules and the by-laws (*statuts*) of the Issuer and subject to the powers expressly conferred by the French Commercial Code on shareholders in general meetings.

The Issuer complies with the corporate governance regulations applicable to French *sociétés anonymes*, as provided by the French Commercial Code, and to specialized credit institutions, as provided by the French Monetary and Financial Code.

In accordance with French applicable corporate law, the chairman of the board of directors (*président du conseil d'administration*), who is also Chief Financial Officer of the Retail Bank of Société Générale in France, organises and directs the work of the board of directors, of which he shall give an account at the shareholders' meetings, ensures that the governing bodies of the Issuer operate properly, and that the directors are able to perform their duties.

The management of the Issuer consists of a Chief Executive Officer (directeur général) and a Deputy Chief Executive Officer (directeur général délégué). All of them are vested with the broadest powers to act in all circumstances on behalf of the Issuer within the limits of the corporate purpose, and subject to the powers expressly attributed by law to shareholders' meetings and the special powers of the board of directors. They represent the Issuer in its relationships with third parties. The Chief Executive Officer (directeur général) and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer (directeur général délégué) are liable for the conduct of the Issuer's activities vis-à-vis the ACPR in accordance with Article L.511-13 of the French Monetary and Financial Code.

Names, business address and functions of the members of the board of directors and principal activities performed by them outside the Issuer are as follows:

Names	<b>Business Address</b>	Function	Principal activities performed outside the Issuer
Agathe Zinzindohoue	17, cours Valmy - 92800 Puteaux	Chief executive officer (directeur général) and director (administrateur)	Group Treasurer of Société Générale

Names	Business Address	Function	Principal activities performed outside the Issuer
Arnaud Mezrahi	17, cours Valmy - 92800 Puteaux	Deputy chief executive officer (directeur général délégué) and director (administrateur)	Head of Funding of Société Générale group
Matthieu Brunet	17, cours Valmy - 92800 Puteaux	Chairman of the board of directors (Président du conseil d'administration) and Director (administrateur)	Chief Financial Officer of the Retail Bank of Société Générale
Bertrand Bréhier	17, cours Valmy - 92800 Puteaux	Director (administrateur)	Deputy Head of Financial and Banking Regulations of Société Générale group
Isabelle Maury	17, cours Valmy - 92800 Puteaux	Independent Director (administrateur indépendant)	Independent Director
Marie-Aude Le Goyat	17, cours Valmy - 92800 Puteaux	Director (administrateur)	Group Accounting Supervision and Quality Officer in Group Finance Department of Société Générale
Véronique Thomas	17, cours Valmy - 92800 Puteaux	Director (administrateur)	Deputy Head of Corporate Investment Banking Risk of Société Générale
Jérôme Brun	17, cours Valmy - 92800 Puteaux	Director (administrateur)	Head of Program Risk Valuation of Société Générale

The Issuer identified no potential conflicts of interest between the duties owed to it by the members of the board of directors (*membres du conseil d'administration*) and their private interests.

# Control of the Issuer

The Issuer appointed Deloitte & Associés as auditor (commissaires aux comptes) in 2010 and renewed in 2016 whose mandate expired at the General Shareholders' Meeting which approved the Annual Accounts as of 31 December 2021 on 24 March 2022. Deloitte & Associés has been renewed as statutory auditor in 2022 for a mandate of six years in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The Issuer has appointed Ernst & Young et Autres as co-statutory auditor (commissaire aux comptes) in 2013 whose mandate expired at the General Shareholders' Meeting which approved the Annual Accounts as of 31 December 2018 on 15 May 2019. The appointment of Ernst & Young et Autres as auditor of the Issuer has been renewed on 15 May 2019 and will terminate on the date of the General Shareholders Meeting approving the Annual Accounts as of 31 December 2024.

Furthermore, the Issuer has appointed, in accordance with Articles L.513-23 to L.513-24 of the French Monetary and Financial Code a Cover Pool Monitor (*Contrôleur Spécifique*), and a substitute Cover Pool Monitor (*Contrôleur Spécifique suppléant*), who are selected from the official list of auditors and are appointed by the board of directors of the Issuer with the approval of the ACPR.

The Cover Pool Monitor ensures that the Issuer complies with the French Monetary and Financial Code (in particular, verifying the eligibility of the assets and the cover ratios). He also monitors the balance between the Issuer's assets and liabilities in terms of rates and maturity (cash flow adequacy) and notifies the board of directors of the Issuer and the ACPR if he considers such balance to be unsatisfactory. The Cover Pool Monitor attends all shareholders' meetings and, on his request, may be heard by the board of directors (Article L.513-23 of the French Monetary and Financial Code).

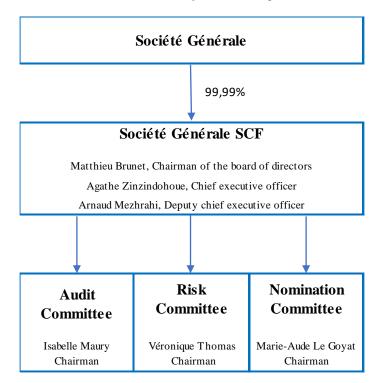
Under the *arrêté* dated 3 November 2014 relating to the internal control of credit institutions, payment services and investment services subject to the supervision of the ACPR (formerly Regulation no. 97-02 of 21 February 1997, as amended from time to time, of the *Comité de la règlementation bancaire et financière*), the board of directors of the Issuer set up an audit committee (the "**Audit Committee**"). The Audit Committee is responsible in particular, under the supervision of the board of directors, for (i) reviewing the accounts of the Issuer before their presentation to the board of directors, (ii) ensuring that the accounting methods used to prepare the individual accounts are relevant and consistent, (iii) advising on the organisation of the internal audit and (iv) reviewing the situation of the Issuer in terms of risks and internal control in order to take appropriate decisions and action plans.

At the date of this Base Prospectus, two committees have been established to comply with Article L.511-89 of the French Monetary and Financial Code: a risk committee (the "**Risk Committee**") and a nomination committee (the "**Nomination Committee**").

The Risk Committee monitors the overall risk strategy and exposure through scrutiny of indicators and risk events and the consistency of products' and services' prices with the Issuer risk profile. It has the responsibility of issuing recommendation on acceptable risk levels and of informing the Board of Directors upon the occurrence of any event or level of risk that would require supervision. This committee also (i) examines the ALM policy of the Issuer, (ii) ensures that checks and procedures relating to the Issuer's ALM policy are effective and (iii) attends to the effective application of principles in force within Société Générale with respect to risk management in connection with entering into forward financial instruments in order to give the Issuer complete protection from rate and currency risks.

The Nomination Committee is in charge of (i) identifying and recommending the futures administrators to the administrative body, (ii) periodically examining the policies of the administrative body in matters of selection and appointment and (iii) proposing an objective to be achieved concerning the balanced representation of women and men of executive officers and persons in charge of key functions.

The management of the Issuer can thus be summarised by the following chart:



#### Staff

The Issuer has no human resources. Its technical administration has been subcontracted to its parent, Société Générale, which acts in accordance with the instructions of the Issuer's board of directors, pursuant to the Outsourcing and Assistance Agreement and any document entered into between the Issuer and Société Générale in relation thereto (see "Relationship between Société Générale SCF and Société Générale").

# Membership of professional organisation

The Issuer is member of the Association Française des Sociétés Financières, 24, avenue de la Grande Armée, 75584 Paris CEDEX 17.

The Issuer is also member of the Covered Bond Label which is a quality label (the "Label") responding to a market-wide request for improved standards and increased transparency in the covered bond market.

The Label is based on the Covered Bond Label Convention which defines the core characteristics required for a covered bond programme to qualify for the Label. This definition of the required characteristics, compliant with Article 129(7) of the CRR, is complemented by a transparency tool developed at national level based on the "Guidelines for National Transparency Templates".

The Covered Bond Label was created by the EMF/European Covered Bond Council (ECBC) in 2012. It was developed by the European issuer community working in close cooperation with investors and regulators and in consultation with all major stakeholders.

# 10. FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE ISSUER

## Historical financial information concerning the Issuer

Historical financial information concerning the Issuer is contained in the documents incorporated in this Base Prospectus by reference (see "*Documents incorporated by reference*").

See sections entitled "Description of the Issuer – Issuer's exclusive purpose and business overview" and "Summary of the legislation and regulations relating to sociétés de credit foncier and other legal issues".

## **Comparative Financial Data (in thousands of EUR)**

The financial statements of Société Générale SCF have been prepared in accordance with general accounting principles applicable in France to credit institution. The method adopted for valuing items recorded in the accounting records is historical cost.

	31/12/2021	31/12/2020		
Income Statement	Audited	Audited		
Net banking income	22,224	20,337		
Gross operating income	16,688	14,663		
Net income	12,038	9,772		
Balance Sheet				
Total balance sheet	13,518,067	12,015,393		
Shareholders' equity	272,882	260,844		
Debt securities	12,065,180	11,647,227		

As of 31 December 2021, the total balance sheet of the Issuer was 13,518,067 thousand of euros whereas it was 12,015,393 thousand of euros as of 31 December 2020.

# Cash Flow Statement (in thousands of EUR)

The cash flow statement analyses changes in cash flow from operating activities, investing activities and financing activities between two financial periods. Financing activities represent bonds borrowings.

The cash flow statement was established according to rules applicable to the regulation no. 2014-07 of 26 November 2014 of the *Autorité des normes comptables* applicable to credit institutions, as well as to accounting principles generally admitted in the French banking profession.

	31/12/2021 Audited	31/12/2020 Audited
Net cash flow from operating activities	(416,448)	(3,286,427)
Net cash flow relating to investment activities	1	-
Net cash flow relating to financing activities	1,448,351	3,287,360
Changes in net cash	1,031,902	933
Total	1,041,380	9,478

# 11. USE OF PROCEEDS

For the avoidance of doubt, it is specified that the expression "Notes" will only include French Law Notes in the following section.

The net proceeds of the issues of the Notes will be used for financing or refinancing:

- (a) the granting of loans under the Facility Agreement; and
- (b) from time to time, the granting or acquisition of the other assets of the Issuer, in accordance with its bylaws (*statuts*) and Articles L.513-2 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code.

# 12. MATERIAL CONTRACTS

Please refer to the section entitled "Relationship between Société Générale SCF and Société Générale" of this Base Prospectus.

# 13. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE SCF AND SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE

For the avoidance of doubt, it is specified that the expression "Notes" will only include French Law Notes in the following section.

On or about the date of this Base Prospectus, Société Générale SCF has entered into, *inter alia*, the following contracts, as amended from time to time:

- a management and recovery agreement entered into with Société Générale (the "Management and Servicing Agreement"), pursuant to which Société Générale shall carry out, in accordance with Article L.513-15 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, the management and recovery of the assets of Société Générale SCF:
- an outsourcing agreement entered into with Société Générale (the "Outsourcing Agreement") pursuant to which Société Générale shall fulfil regulatory obligations of permanent supervision, periodic supervision and compliance supervision on behalf of Société Générale SCF;
- an assistance agreement entered into with Société Générale (the "Assistance Agreement") pursuant to
  which Société Générale shall provide Société Générale SCF with certain services required by the
  operations of Société Générale SCF, in particular for financial (financial management) and legal
  purposes;
- a dealer agreement entered into with Société Générale (the "Dealer Agreement") in relation to the Programme;
- an agency agreement entered into with Société Générale and Société Générale Luxembourg (the "Agency Agreement") in relation to the Programme;
- a facility agreement (the "**Facility Agreement**") pursuant to which the Issuer shall make available from time to time to Société Générale (the "**Borrower**") loans, within the limit of its commitment maximum amount;
- one or several collateral security agreements (the "Collateral Security Agreements") pursuant to which Société Générale (a) shall secure its obligations to the Lender under the Facility Agreement by way of transfers of full title (remise en pleine propriété à titre de garantie) or pledges over public exposures governed by Article L.211-38 of the French Monetary and Financial Code or by way of assignment as security under Dailly law (cession Dailly à titre de garantie) of public exposures governed by Articles L.313-23 et seq. of the French Monetary and Financial Code (the "Collateral Security"), (b) undertakes, as security of its obligations to the Lender under the Facility Agreement, to fund and transfer (remise en pleine propriété à titre de garantie) as cash collateral (gage-espèces) pursuant to Article L.211-38 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, a cash collateral liquidity reserve into the credit of the Issuer's account opened in the books of Société Générale (or such other account or bank as the Issuer may specify for this purpose) in an amount equal to (i) the aggregate amount of principal and interest payable by the Issuer under all Series of Notes with non-extendable maturities during the period starting from, and including, the one hundred and eightieth (180th) calendar day preceding the Maturity Date of those Series and ending on, and including, such Maturity Date less (ii) any assets of the Issuer complying with the requirements set forth in Article R.513-6 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (the "Cash Collateral Liquity Reserve") and (c) shall pay, within ten (10) Business Days when the Moody's Counterparty Risk Assessment of Société Générale is below Baa2 (CR) by Moody's or within sixty (60) calendar days when the long-term issuer credit rating (ICR) of Société Générale is below A by S&P, into the credit of a dedicated account to be opened within such period in the name of Société Générale SCF and in the books of a bank having a certain minimum rating, an amount equal to the collections scheduled to be received by Société Générale under the Collateral Security during the following two (2) calendar months (the "Collection Loss Reserve");
- in order to hedge any interest rate or currency risk arising from the mismatches between the terms and conditions of the Notes and the Collateral Security Assets, two sets of hedging agreements (the

"Hedging Agreements"), and related hedging transactions, which altogether constitute the hedging strategy of this Programme (the "Hedging Strategy"), as follows:

- (a) the first set of Hedging Agreements is entered into by the Issuer with Eligible Hedging Provider(s) in order to hedge any currency and/or interest rate risk borne by the Issuer in connection with (i) any Series of Notes as of the Interest Commencement Date or any further Issue Date; and (ii) the Collateral Security Assets (the "Issuer Hedging Agreement(s)", and the related transactions, either, with respect to any Series of Notes, the "Notes Hedging Transactions" or with respect to the Collateral Security Assets, the "Pool Hedging Transaction(s)"). An Issuer Hedging Agreement has been entered into between, the Issuer and Société Générale as Eligible Hedging Provider and a Notes Hedging Transaction (an interest swap transaction) governed thereby has been entered into in connection with Series A of the Notes:
- (b) the second set of Hedging Agreements is to be entered into by the Issuer with the Borrower upon the occurrence of a downgrading of the Borrower below the minimum required in accordance with the rating agencies publics methodologies and criteria and constitutes a back-to-back agreement with the Pool Hedging Transaction(s) under the Issuer Hedging Agreement(s). It aims at transferring to the Borrower the effect of the Pool Hedging Transaction(s) as long as no Event of Default under the Facility Agreement occurs (the "Borrower Pool Hedging Agreement(s)", the related transactions being the "Borrower Pool Hedging Transaction(s)");
- (c) pursuant to the terms of the Hedging Agreement(s):
  - (1) in the event that the relevant ratings of the Eligible Hedging Provider is or are downgraded by a Rating Agency below the required ratings specified in the relevant Issuer Hedging Agreement, the relevant Eligible Hedging Provider will, in accordance with and pursuant to the terms of the Issuer Hedging Agreements, be required to take certain remedial measures which may include one or more of the following: (i) providing collateral for its obligations under the Issuer Hedging Agreements; (ii) arranging for its obligations under the Issuer Hedging Agreements to be transferred to a replacement Eligible Hedging Provider with the ratings determined in accordance with the methodologies published by the Rating Agencies (as specified in the Issuer Hedging Agreements); (iii) procuring another entity with the ratings required by the relevant Rating Agency (as specified in the Issuer Hedging Agreements) to become co-obligor in respect of its obligations under the Issuer Hedging Agreements; and/or (iv) taking such other actions as the Eligible Hedging Provider may agree with the relevant Rating Agency;
  - (2) for as long as Société Générale is a party to a Issuer Hedging Agreement, Société Générale may terminate any Pool Hedging Transaction and Borrower Pool Hedging Transaction on any Pool Hedging Transaction Renewal Date (as defined in the Issuer Hedging Agreement(s)) and shall conclude a new Pool Hedging Transaction and Borrower Pool Hedging Transaction with the Issuer in respect of any Series of Notes outstanding as of such date;
  - (3) upon the occurrence of an Event of Default under the Facility Agreement, and the subsequent transfer in favor of the Issuer of title to the Collateral Security Assets (as this term is defined under the Collateral Security Agreements) following an enforcement of the Collateral Security: (i) the Borrower Pool Hedging Agreement will be immediately terminated and (ii) the Issuer will maintain its rights and obligations under the Issuer Hedging Agreements;
- (d) any amount payable under the Issuer Hedging Agreements, after any applicable set-off as the case may be, benefit from the *Privilège* defined in Article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, whereas the amounts payable under the Borrower Pool Hedging Agreement(s) shall not;
- (e) for the purpose of the above paragraphs:

"Eligible Hedging Provider" means a financial institution which meets the following conditions:

- it is permitted under any applicable law to enter into forward financial contracts with French residents,
- it is a Qualifying Entity (as defined below); and
- it has sufficient credit ratings which are commensurate with the then current rating of the Notes in accordance with the public methodologies and criteria of the Rating Agencies;

"Qualifying Entity" means an entity which, at the time of conclusion of the relevant Hedging Agreement, fulfils the conditions imposed by applicable laws taking into account, as the case may be, any double taxation agreement in force at that time (subject to the completion of any necessary procedural formalities) and any applicable rulings, as the case may be, issued by the relevant tax authorities, in order for a payment under such Hedging Agreement not to be subject to (or as the case may be, to be exempt from) any withholding tax or similar tax.

# 14. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

The following is the text of the terms and conditions that, subject to completion and amendment and as supplemented or varied in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Final Terms, shall be only applicable to the French Law Notes (the "Terms and Conditions"). In the case of Dematerialised Notes, the text of the terms and conditions will not be endorsed on physical documents of title but will be constituted by the following text as completed by the relevant Final Terms. In the case of Materialised Notes, either (i) the full text of these Terms and Conditions together with the relevant provisions of the Final Terms or (ii) these Terms and Conditions as so completed (in each case subject to simplification by the deletion of non-applicable provisions) shall be endorsed on Definitive Materialised Notes. All capitalised terms that are not defined in these Terms and Conditions will have the meanings given to them in the relevant Final Terms. References below to "Conditions" are to the numbered paragraphs below. References in the Conditions to "Notes" are to the Notes of one Series only, not to all Notes that may be issued under the Programme.

The Notes are issued by Société Générale SCF (the "Issuer"). The Issuer is licensed as a specialised credit institution (établissement de crédit spécialisé) with the status of a société de crédit foncier ("SCF") by the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution (the "ACPR"), and is governed by Articles L. 513-1 et seq. of the French Monetary and Financial Code, as amended from time to time, in particular as they have been amended by the entry into force of the relevant provisions of the decree-law (ordonnance) no. 2021-858 dated 30 June 2021 which implements under French law Directive (EU) no. 2019/2162 of the European Parliament and of the Council dated 27 November 2019 on the issue of covered bonds and covered bond public supervision and amending Directives 2009/65/EC and 2014/59/EU.

The Notes are issued in series (each a "Series") having one or more issue dates and on terms otherwise identical (or identical save as to the first payment of interest and nominal amount of the Tranche), the Notes of each Series being intended to be interchangeable with all other Notes of that Series. Each Series may be issued in tranches (each a "Tranche") on the same or different issue dates. The specific terms of each Tranche (including, without limitation, the issue date, aggregate nominal amount, issue price, redemption price thereof, and interest, if any, payable thereunder and supplemented, where necessary, with supplemental terms and conditions which, save in respect of the issue date, issue price, first payment of interest and nominal amount of the Tranche, will be identical to the terms of other Tranches of the same Series) will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of the issue and will be set out in the final terms of such Tranche (the "Final Terms").

The Notes are issued with the benefit of an amended and restated agency agreement dated 13 July 2021, as amended from time to time (the "Agency Agreement") between the Issuer, Société Générale as fiscal agent and principal paying agent and the other agents named therein. The fiscal agent, the paying agents and the calculation agent(s) for the time being (if any) are referred to below respectively as the "Fiscal Agent", the "Paying Agent" (which expression shall include the Fiscal Agent) and the "Calculation Agent(s)". The Fiscal Agent, the Paying Agents and the Calculation Agent shall be referred to collectively hereunder as the "Agents". The holders of the interest coupons (the "Coupons") relating to interest bearing Materialised Notes and, where applicable in the case of such Notes, talons (the "Talons") for further Coupons and the holders of the receipts for the payment of instalments of principal (the "Receipts") relating to Materialised Notes of which the principal is redeemable in instalments are respectively referred to below as the "Couponholders" and the "Receiptholders".

For the purposes of these Terms and Conditions, "**Regulated Market**" means any regulated market situated in a member state of the European Economic Area (the "**EEA**"), as defined in Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments, as amended from time to time.

# 1. Form, Denomination, Title and Redenomination

# (a) Form

Notes may be issued either in dematerialised form ("**Dematerialised Notes**") or in materialised form ("**Materialised Notes**"), as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

(i) Title to Dematerialised Notes will be evidenced in accordance with Articles L.211-3 *et seq.* and R.211-1 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code by book entries (*inscriptions en compte*). No physical document of title (including *certificats représentatifs* pursuant to Article R.211-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code) will be issued in respect of the Dematerialised Notes.

Dematerialised Notes are issued, at the option of the Issuer, either in bearer form (au porteur), which will be inscribed in the books of Euroclear France (acting as central depositary) which shall credit the accounts of the Account Holders, or in registered form (au nominatif) and, in such latter case, at the option of the relevant holder either in administered registered form (au nominatif administré) inscribed in the books of an Account Holder designated by the relevant Noteholder or in fully registered form (au nominatif pur) inscribed in an account maintained by the Issuer or a registration agent (designated in the relevant Final Terms) acting on behalf of the Issuer (the "Registration Agent").

For the purpose of these Conditions, "**Account Holder**" means any authorised intermediary institution entitled to hold accounts, directly or indirectly, with Euroclear France, and includes Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("**Euroclear**") and the depositary bank for Clearstream Banking, S.A. ("**Clearstream**").

(ii) Materialised Notes are issued in bearer form only. Materialised Notes in definitive form ("Definitive Materialised Notes") are serially numbered and are issued with Coupons (and, where appropriate, a Talon) attached, save in the case of Zero Coupon Notes in which case references to interest (other than in relation to interest due after the Maturity Date), Coupons and Talons in these Conditions are not applicable. "Instalment Notes" are issued with one or more Receipts attached.

In accordance with Articles L.211-3 *et seq.* and R.211-1 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code, securities (such as Notes constituting obligations under French law) in materialised form and governed by French law must be issued outside the French territory.

Materialised Notes and Dematerialised Notes may also be cleared through one or more clearing system(s) other than or in addition to Euroclear France, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

The Notes may be "Fixed Rate Notes", "Floating Rate Notes", "Fixed/Floating Rate Notes", "Zero Coupon Notes" or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending on the Interest Basis and the redemption method specified in these Terms and Conditions and the relevant Final Terms.

# (b) **Denomination**

Notes shall be issued in the specified denomination(s) as set out in the relevant Final Terms (the "Specified Denomination(s)").

Notes having a maturity of less than one year in respect of which the issue proceeds are to be accepted in the United Kingdom will constitute deposits for the purposes of the prohibition on accepting deposits contained in section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 unless they are issued to a limited class of professional investors and have a denomination of at least £100,000 or its equivalent.

Dematerialised Notes shall be issued in one Specified Denomination only.

## (c) Title

- (i) Title to Dematerialised Notes in bearer form (*au porteur*) and in administered registered form (*au nominatif administré*) shall pass upon, and transfer of such Notes may only be completed through, registration of the transfer in the accounts of the Account Holders. Title to Dematerialised Notes in fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*) shall pass upon, and transfer of such Notes may only be fulfilled through, registration of the transfer in the accounts maintained by the Issuer or by the Registration Agent.
- (ii) Title to Definitive Materialised Notes, including, where appropriate, Receipt(s), Coupons and/or a Talon attached, shall pass by delivery.
- (iii) Except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, the holder of any Note (as defined below), Coupon, Receipt or Talon shall be deemed to be and may be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes, whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of

ownership, or an interest in it, any writing on it or its theft or loss and no person shall be liable for so treating the holder.

#### (iv) In these Conditions,

"Noteholder" or, as the case may be, "holder of any Note" means (a) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, the individual or entity whose name appears in the account of the relevant Account Holder, the Issuer or the Registration Agent (as the case may be) as being entitled to such Notes and (b) in the case of Definitive Materialised Notes, the bearer of any Definitive Materialised Note and the Coupons, Receipts or Talons relating to it.

#### (d) Redenomination

- (i) The Issuer may (if so specified in the relevant Final Terms), on any date, without the consent of the holder of any Note, Coupon, Receipt or Talon, by giving at least thirty (30) calendar days' notice in accordance with Condition 13 and on or after the date on which the European Member State in whose national currency the Notes are denominated has become a participating Member State in the single currency of the European Economic and Monetary Union (as provided in the Treaty establishing the European Community (the "EC", as amended from time to time (the "Treaty")) or events have occurred which have substantially the same effects (in either case, "EMU"), redenominate all, but not some only, of the Notes of any Series into Euro and adjust the aggregate principal amount and the Specified Denomination(s) set out in the relevant Final Terms accordingly, as described below. The date on which such redenomination becomes effective shall be referred to in these Conditions as the "Redenomination Date".
- (ii) The redenomination of the Notes pursuant to Condition 1(d)(i) shall be made by converting the principal amount of each Note from the relevant national currency into Euro using the fixed relevant national currency Euro conversion rate established by the Council of the European Union pursuant to Article 123(4) of the Treaty and rounding the resulting figure to the nearest Euro 0.01 (with Euro 0.005 being rounded upwards). If the Issuer so elects, the figure resulting from conversion of the principal amount of each Note using the fixed relevant national currency Euro conversion rate shall be rounded down to the nearest Euro. The Euro denominations of the Notes so determined shall be notified to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13. Any balance remaining from the redenomination with a denomination higher than Euro 0.01 shall be paid by way of cash adjustment rounded to the nearest Euro 0.01 (with Euro 0.005 being rounded upwards). Such cash adjustment will be payable in Euro on the Redenomination Date in the manner notified to Noteholders by the Issuer.
- (iii) Upon redenomination of the Notes, any reference herein to the relevant national currency shall be construed as a reference to Euro.
- (iv) The Issuer may, with the prior approval of the Fiscal Agent, in connection with any redenomination pursuant to this Condition or any consolidation pursuant to Condition 12, without the consent of the holder of any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon, make any changes or additions to these Conditions or Condition 12 (including, without limitation, any change to any applicable business day definition, business day convention, principal financial centre of the country of the Specified Currency, interest accrual basis or benchmark), taking into account market practice in respect of redenominated Euromarket debt obligations and which it believes are not prejudicial to the interests of such holders. Any such changes or additions shall, in the absence of manifest error, be binding on the Noteholders, Receipts, Coupons and Talons and shall be notified to Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 as soon as practicable thereafter.
- (v) Neither the Issuer nor any Paying Agent shall be liable to the holder of any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon or any other person for any commissions, costs, losses or expenses in relation to or resulting from the credit or transfer of Euro or any currency conversion or rounding effected in connection therewith.

# 2. Conversions and Exchanges of Notes

## (a) **Dematerialised Notes**

- (i) Dematerialised Notes issued in bearer form (*au porteur*) may not be converted for Dematerialised Notes in registered form, whether in fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*) or in administered registered form (*au nominatif administré*).
- (ii) Dematerialised Notes issued in registered form (*au nominatif*) may not be converted for Dematerialised Notes in bearer form (*au porteur*).
- (iii) Dematerialised Notes issued in fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*) may, at the option of the holder of such Notes, be converted into Notes in administered registered form (*au nominatif administré*), and *vice versa*. The exercise of any such option by such holder shall be made in accordance with Article R.211-4 of the French Monetary and Financial Code. Any such conversion shall be effected at the cost of such holder.

#### (b) Materialised Notes

Materialised Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Materialised Notes of another Specified Denomination (as specified in the relevant Final Terms).

In accordance with Articles L.211-3 *et seq.* and R.211-1 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code, securities (including the Notes) in materialised form and governed by French law must be issued outside the French territory.

### 3. Status

The principal and interest of the Notes and, where applicable, any Receipts, Coupons and Talons relating to them constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and, pursuant to the provisions of Condition 4, privileged obligations of the Issuer and rank and will rank *pari passu* and without any preference among themselves and equally and rateably with all other present or future notes (including the Notes of all other Series) and other resources raised by the Issuer benefiting from the *privilège* (priority right of payment) created by Article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code as described in Condition 4 (the "*Privilège*").

## 4. Privilège

- (a) The principal and interest of the Notes benefit from the *Privilège* (priority right of payment) created by Article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code.
- (b) Accordingly, notwithstanding any legal provisions to the contrary (including *Livre VI* of the French Commercial Code), pursuant to Article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code:
  - (i) all amounts payable to the Issuer in respect of loans or assimilated receivables, exposures and securities referred to in Articles L.513-3 to L.513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code including, any mortgage, charge, lien or other guarantee or indemnity relating thereto and forward financial instruments referred to in Article L.513-10 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (in each case after any applicable set-off), together with the claims in respect of deposits made by the Issuer with credit institutions, are allocated in priority to the payment of OF such as the Notes, and any other resources raised by the Issuer and benefiting from the *Privilège*; it should be noted that not only Notes benefit from the *Privilège*; other resources (such as loans) and forward financial instruments (i.e. derivative transactions) for hedging Notes and for hedging other resources benefiting from the *Privilège*, as well as some ancillary expenses and the sums, if any, due under the contract provided for in Article L.513-15 of the French Monetary and Financial Code may also benefit from the *Privilège*;
  - (ii) in case of safeguard (*sauvegarde*), judicial reorganisation (*redressement judiciaire*) or judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) proceedings against the Issuer, or resolution proceedings opened pursuant to Article L. 613-49 of the French Monetary and Financial Code against of the Issuer, all amounts due regularly under OF such as the Notes, and any other resources benefiting

from the *Privilège*, are paid on their contractual due date, and in priority to all other debts, whether or not preferred or secured, including interest resulting from agreements whatever their duration. Accordingly, until all creditors (including the Noteholders) benefiting from the *Privilège*, have been fully paid, no other creditor of the Issuer may exercise any right over the assets and rights of the Issuer either in principal or accrued or future interest; and

(iii) neither safeguard (*sauvegarde*), judicial reorganisation (*redressement judiciaire*) or judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) proceedings against the Issuer, nor resolution proceedings opened pursuant to Article L. 613-49 of the French Monetary and Financial Code against the Issuer will not result in the acceleration of payment of OF such as the Notes.

#### 5. Interest and other Calculations

#### (a) **Definitions**

In these Conditions, the following defined terms shall have the meanings set out below:

"2006 ISDA Definitions" means the 2006 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., in their updated versions applicable as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the relevant Series, as may be supplemented, amended or superseded.

"2021 ISDA Definitions" means the 2021 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., in their updated versions applicable as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the relevant Series, as may be supplemented, amended or superseded.

- "Adjustment Spread" means either a spread (which may be positive or negative), or the formula or the methodology for calculating a spread, in either case, which the Rate Determination Agent determines and which is required to be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate, as the case may be, to reduce or eliminate, to the extent reasonably practicable in the circumstances, any economic prejudice or benefit, as the case may be, to Noteholders as a result of the replacement of the Original Reference Rate with the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate, as the case may be, and is the spread, formula or methodology which:
- (i) in the case of a Successor Rate, is formally recommended in relation to the replacement of the Original Reference Rate with the Successor Rate by any Relevant Nominating Body; or (if no such recommendation has been made, or in the case of an Alternative Rate);
- (ii) the Rate Determination Agent determines, and which is recognised or acknowledged as being the industry standard for over-the-counter derivative transactions which reference the Original Reference Rate, where such rate has been replaced by the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate, as the case may be; or (if the Issuer determines that no such industry standard is recognised or acknowledged);
- (iii) the Rate Determination Agent determines to be appropriate.
- "Administrator/Benchmark Event" means, based on publicly available information that reasonably confirms that any authorisation, registration, recognition, endorsement, equivalence decision, approval or inclusion in any official register in respect of the Original Reference Rate or the administrator or sponsor of the Original Reference Rate has not been, or will not be, obtained or has been, or will be, rejected, refused, suspended or withdrawn by the relevant competent authority or other relevant official body, in each case with the effect that either or both of the parties or the Calculation Agent is not, or will not be, permitted under any applicable law or regulation to use the Original Reference Rate to perform its or their respective obligations under the Notes.
- "Alternative Rate" means an alternative benchmark or screen rate which the Rate Determination Agent determines in accordance with Condition 5(c)(iii)(C)(z)(II) and which is customary in market usage in the international debt capital markets for the purposes of determining rates of interest (or the relevant component part thereof) in the same Specified Currency as the Notes.

"Benchmark Amendments" has the meaning given to it in Condition 5(c)(iii)(C)(z)(IV).

"Benchmark Trigger Event" means an Index Cessation Event or an Administrator/Benchmark Event.

## "Business Day" means:

- (i) in the case of Euro, a day on which the Trans European Automated Real Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer or any successor thereto (the "TARGET 2 System") is operating (a "TARGET 2 Business Day"), and/or
- (ii) in the case of a Specified Currency other than Euro, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the principal financial centre for that currency, and/or
- (iii) in the case of a Specified Currency and/or one or more additional business centre(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms (the "Business Centre(s)"), a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in such currency in the Business Centre(s) or, if no currency is indicated, generally in each of the Business Centres so specified.

"Day Count Fraction" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest on any Note for any period of time (from and including the first day of such period to but excluding the last) (whether or not constituting an Interest Period, the "Calculation Period"):

- (i) if "Actual/Actual", "Actual/Actual-ISDA", "Act/Act", "Act/Act-ISDA" or "Actual/365-FBF" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Calculation Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (ii) if "Actual/Actual-FBF" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the fraction whose numerator is the actual number of days elapsed during such period and whose denominator is 365 (or 366 if 29 February falls within the Calculation Period). If the Calculation Period is of a duration of more than one (1) year, the basis shall be calculated as follows:
  - (x) the number of complete years shall be counted back from the last day of the Calculation Period:
  - (y) this number shall be increased by the fraction for the relevant period calculated as set out in the first paragraph of this definition;
- (iii) if "Actual/Actual-ICMA" or "Act/Act-ICMA" is specified in the relevant Final Terms:
  - (A) if the Calculation Period is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which it falls, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year; and
  - (B) if the Calculation Period is longer than one (1) Determination Period, the sum of:
    - (x) the number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the Determination Period in which it begins divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year; and
    - (y) the number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year,

in each case where

"**Determination Period**" means the period from and including a Determination Date in any year to but excluding the next Determination Date, and

"**Determination Date**" means the date specified in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, the Interest Payment Date;

- (iv) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)", "Act/365 (Fixed)", "A/365 (Fixed)" or "A/365 F" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365;
- (v) if "Actual/360", "Act/360" or "A/360" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360;
- (vi) if "30/360", "360/360" or "Bond Basis" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360 calculated on a formula basis as follows:

Day Count Fraction = 
$$\frac{1}{360}$$
 x [[360 x ( Y2 - Y1)] + [30 x (M2 - M1)] + (D2 - D1)]

where:

"Y1" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"Y2" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"M1" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls:

"M2" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"D1" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation 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 Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31 and D1 greater than 29, in which case D2 will be 30;

(vii) if "30/360-FBF" or "Actual 30A/360 (American Bond Basis)" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, in respect of each Calculation Period, the fraction whose denominator is 360 and whose numerator is the number of days calculated as for 30E/360-FBF, subject to the following exception:

where the last day of the Calculation Period is the 31st and the first day is neither the 30th nor the 31st, the last month of the Calculation Period shall be deemed to be a month of thirty-one (31) days,

using the same abbreviations as for 30E/360-FBF, the fraction is:

If 
$$dd2 = 31$$
 and  $dd1 \neq (30,31)$ 

then:

$$\frac{1}{360}$$
 × [(yy2 - yy1) × 360 + (mm2 - mm1) × 30 + (dd2 - dd1)]

or

$$\frac{1}{360}$$
 × [(yy2 - yy1) × 360 + (mm2 - mm1) × 30 + Min (dd2, 30) - Min (dd1, 30)];

(viii) if "30<sup>E</sup>/360" or "Eurobond Basis" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360 calculated on a formula basis as follows:

Day Count Fraction = 
$$\frac{1}{360}$$
 x [[360 x ( Y2 - Y1)] + [30 x (M2 - M1)] + (D2 - D1)]

where:

"Y1" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"Y2" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"M1" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"M2" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"D1" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation 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 Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case D2 will be 30.

(ix) if "30E/360-FBF" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, in respect of each Calculation Period, the fraction whose denominator is 360 and whose numerator is the number of days elapsed during such period, calculated on the basis of a year comprising twelve (12) months of thirty (30) days, subject to the following the exception:

if the last day of the Calculation Period is the last day of the month of February, the number of days elapsed during such month shall be the actual number of days,

where:

D1 (dd1, mm1, yy1) is the date of the beginning of the period

D2 (dd2, mm2, yy2) is the date of the end of the period

the fraction is:

$$\frac{1}{360} \times [(yy2 - yy1) \times 360 + (mm2 - mm1) \times 30 + Min (dd2, 30) - Min (dd1, 30)].$$

(x) if "30<sup>E</sup>/360-ISDA" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360 calculated on a formula basis as follows:

Day Count Fraction = 
$$\frac{1}{360}$$
 x [[360 x (Y2 - Y1)] + [30 x (M2 - M1)] + (D2 - D1)]

where:

"Y1" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"Y2" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

"M1" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"M2" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

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

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

"Effective Date" means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined on an Interest Determination Date, the date specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, the first day of the Interest Accrual Period to which such Interest Determination Date relates.

"Euro Zone" means the region comprised of member states of the European Union that have adopted or will adopt the single currency in accordance with the Treaty.

"FBF Definitions" means the definitions set out in the June 2013 FBF Master Agreement relating to transactions on forward financial instruments as supplemented by the Technical Schedules (*Additifs Techniques*) as published by the *Fédération Bancaire Française*, in their updated version applicable as of the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the relevant Series (together the "FBF Master Agreement").

"Index Cessation Event" means the occurrence of one or more of the following events:

- (i) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of the Original Reference Rate, annoncing that it has ceased or will cease to provide the Original Reference Rate, as the case may be, permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of the statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Original Reference Rate;
- (ii) a public statement or publication of information by the supervisor of the administrator of the Original Reference Rate, the central bank for the currency of the Original Reference Rate, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Original Reference Rate, a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Original Reference Rate, or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for the Original Reference Rate, which states that the administrator of the Original Reference Rate, has ceased or will cease to provide the Original Reference Rate, permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of the statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Original Reference Rate;
- (iii) a public statement by the supervisor of the administrator of the Original Reference Rate that, in the view of such supervisor, such Original Reference Rate is no longer representative of an underlying market or the methodology to calculate such Original Reference Rate has materially changed; or
- (iv) any event which otherwise constitutes an "index cessation event" (regardless of how it is actually defined or described in the definition of the Original Reference Rate) in relation to which a priority fallback is specified.

"**Independent Adviser**" means an independent financial institution of international reputation or an independent financial adviser with appropriate expertise appointed by the Issuer under Condition 5.

"Interest Accrual Period" means the period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and ending on (but excluding) the first Interest Period Date and each successive period beginning on (and including) an Interest Period Date and ending on (but excluding) the next succeeding Interest Period Date.

"Interest Amount" means the amount of interest payable, and in the case of Fixed Rate Notes, means the Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount, as specified in the relevant Final Terms, as the case may be.

"Interest Commencement Date" means the Issue Date (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) or such other date as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

"Interest Determination Date" means, with respect to a Rate of Interest and Interest Accrual Period, the date specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, (i) the day falling two (2) TARGET 2 Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Accrual Period if the Specified Currency is Euro or (ii) the first day of such Interest Accrual Period if the Specified Currency is Sterling or (iii) the day falling two (2) Business Days in the city specified in the Final Terms for the Specified Currency prior to the first day of such Interest Accrual Period if the Specified Currency is neither Sterling nor Euro.

"Interest Payment Date" means the date(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms.

"Interest Period" means the period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and ending on (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each successive period beginning on (and including) an Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the next succeeding Interest Payment Date or the relevant payment date if the Notes become payable on a date other than an Interest Payment Date.

"Interest Period Date" means each Interest Payment Date unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.

"ISDA Definitions" means, as specified in the relevant Final Terms, either (i) the 2006 ISDA Definitions or (ii) the 2021 ISDA Definitions.

"Original Reference Rate" means the originally-specified benchmark or screen rate (as applicable) used to determine the Rate of Interest (or any component part thereof) on the Notes as specified in the Final Terms.

"Page" means such page, section, caption, column or other part of a particular information service (including, but not limited to, Reuters Markets 3000) as may be specified for the purpose of providing a Reference Rate, or such other page, section, caption, column or other part as may replace it on that information service or on such other information service, in each case as may be nominated by the person or organisation providing or sponsoring the information appearing there for the purpose of displaying rates or prices comparable to that Reference Rate.

"Rate Determination Agent" means an agent appointed by the Issuer which may be (i) an Independent Adviser, (ii) a leading bank or a broker-dealer in the principal financial centre of the Specified Currency (which may include one of the Dealers involved in the issue of the Notes) as appointed by the Issuer, (iii) an affiliate of the Issuer or (iv) the Calculation Agent, accepting such role.

"Rate of Interest" means the rate of interest payable from time to time in respect of the Notes and that is either specified or calculated in accordance with the provisions in the relevant Final Terms.

"Reference Banks" means the institutions specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none, four (4) major banks selected by the Calculation Agent in the interbank market (or, if appropriate, money, swap or over-the-counter index options market) that is most closely connected with the Reference Rate (which, if EURIBOR is the Reference Rate, shall be the Euro-zone).

"Reference Rate" means the Original Reference Rate specified in the Final Terms or any Successor Rate or Alternative Rate.

"Relevant Date" means, in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon, the date on which payment in respect of it first became due or (if any amount of the money payable is improperly withheld or refused) the date on which payment in full of the amount outstanding is made or (in the case of Materialised Notes if earlier) the date seven (7) calendar days after that on which notice is duly given to the holders of such Materialised Notes that, upon further presentation of the Materialised Note, Receipt or Coupon being made in accordance with the Conditions, such payment will be made, provided that payment is in fact made upon such presentation.

"Relevant Financial Centre" means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined in accordance with a Screen Rate Determination on an Interest Determination Date, the financial centre as may be specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, the financial centre with which the Reference Rate is most closely connected (which, in the case of EURIBOR, shall be the Euro-zone) or, if none is so connected, Paris.

"Relevant Nominating Body" means, in respect of a benchmark or screen rate, as applicable:

- (i) the central bank for the currency to which the benchmark or screen rate, as applicable, relates, or any central bank or other supervisory authority which is responsible for supervising the administrator of the benchmark or screen rate, as applicable; or
- (ii) any working group or committee sponsored by, chaired or co-chaired by or constituted at the request of (a) the central bank for the currency to which the benchmark or screen rate, as applicable, relates, (b) any central bank or other supervisory authority which is responsible for supervising the administrator of the benchmark or screen rate, as applicable, (c) a group of the aforementioned central banks or other supervisory authorities or (d) the Financial Stability Board (the "FSB") or any part thereof.

"Relevant Time" means, with respect to any Interest Determination Date, the local time in the Relevant Financial Centre specified in the relevant Final Terms or, if no time is specified, the local time in the Relevant Financial Centre at which it is customary to determine bid and offered rates in respect of deposits in the Specified Currency in the interbank market in the Relevant Financial Centre and for this purpose "local time" means, with respect to Europe and the Euro-zone as a Relevant Financial Centre, 11:00 a.m. (Brussels time).

"Representative Amount" means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined in accordance with a Screen Rate Determination on an Interest Determination Date, the amount specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, an amount that is representative for a single transaction in the relevant market at the time.

"**Specified Currency**" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, the currency in which the Notes are denominated.

"Specified Duration" means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined in accordance with a Screen Rate Determination on an Interest Determination Date, the duration specified in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, a period of time equal to the relative Interest Accrual Period, ignoring any adjustment pursuant to Condition 5(c)(ii).

"Successor Rate" means the rate that the Rate Determination Agent determines in accordance with Condition 5(c)(iii)(C)(z)(II), is a successor to or replacement of the Original Reference Rate which is formally recommended by any Relevant Nominating Body. If, following a Benchmark Trigger Event, more than one successor or replacement rates are recommended by any Relevant Nominating Body, the Rate Determination Agent will determine, among those successor or replacement rates, the one which is the most appropriate, taking into consideration, without limitation, the particular features of the relevant Notes and the nature of the Issuer.

#### (b) Interest on Fixed Rate Notes

Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount from the Interest Commencement Date at the rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Rate of Interest,

such interest being payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

If a fixed amount of interest ("**Fixed Coupon Amount**") or a broken amount of interest ("**Broken Amount**") is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount or, if applicable, the Broken Amount so specified and in the case of the Broken Amount will be payable on the particular Interest Payment Date(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms.

## (c) Interest on Floating Rate Notes

- (i) Interest Payment Dates: Each Floating Rate Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount from the Interest Commencement Date at the rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Rate of Interest, such interest being payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date. Such Interest Payment Date(s) is/are either shown in the relevant Final Terms as Specified Interest Payment Dates or, if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are shown in the relevant Final Terms, Interest Payment Date shall mean each date which falls the number of months or other period shown in the relevant Final Terms as the Interest Period after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.
- (ii) Business Day Convention: If any date referred to in these Conditions that is specified to be subject to adjustment in accordance with a Business Day Convention would otherwise fall on a day that is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is (A) the "Floating Rate Business Day Convention", such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (x) such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (y) each subsequent such date shall be the last Business Day of the month in which such date would have fallen had it not been subject to adjustment, (B) the "Following Business Day Convention", such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day, (C) the "Modified Following **Business Day Convention**", such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day or (D) the "Preceding Business Day Convention", such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the relevant Final Terms specify that the relevant Business Day Convention is to be applied on an "unadjusted" basis, the Interest Amount payable on any date shall not be affected by the application of that Business Day Convention.
- (iii) Rate of Interest for Floating Rate Notes: The Rate of Interest in respect of Floating Rate Notes for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined in the manner specified in the relevant Final Terms, which may be:
  - (A) FBF Determination for Floating Rate Notes

Where FBF Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined by the Agent as a rate equal to the relevant FBF Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms) the Margin (if any). For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), "FBF Rate" for an Interest Accrual Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Agent under a notional interest rate swap transaction (*Echange*) in the relevant Specified Currency incorporating the FBF Definitions and under which:

- (x) the Floating Rate is as specified in the relevant Final Terms; and
- (y) the Floating Rate Determination Date is as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), "Floating Rate", "Agent" and "Floating Rate Determination Date" are translations of the French terms "Taux Variable", "Agent"

and "Date de Détermination du Taux Variable", respectively, which have the meanings given to those terms in the FBF Definitions.

In the relevant Final Terms, when the paragraph "Floating Rate" specifies that the rate is determined by linear interpolation, in respect of an Interest Period, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be calculated by the Calculation Agent by straight line linear interpolation by reference to two rates based on the relevant Floating Rate, one of which shall be determined as if the maturity were the period of time for which rates are available of next shorter length before the length of the relevant Interest Period, and the other of which shall be determined as if the maturity were the period of time for which rates are available of next longer length after the length of the relevant Interest Period.

- (B) ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Notes
- (a) Where ISDA Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined and "2006 ISDA Definitions" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined by the Calculation Agent as a rate equal to the relevant ISDA Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms) the Margin (if any). For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (B), "ISDA Rate" for an Interest Accrual Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Calculation Agent under a Swap Transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions and under which:
  - (i) the "Floating Rate Option" is as specified in the relevant Final Terms;
  - (ii) the "**Designated Maturity**" is a period specified in the relevant Final Terms; and
  - (iii) the relevant "Reset Date" is the first day of that Interest Accrual Period.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (B)(a), "Floating Rate", "Calculation Agent", "Floating Rate Option", "Designated Maturity", "Reset Date" and "Swap Transaction" have the meanings given to those terms in the 2006 ISDA Definitions.

In the relevant Final Terms, when the paragraph "Floating Rate Option" specifies that the rate is determined by linear interpolation, in respect of an Interest Period, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be calculated by the Calculation Agent by straight line linear interpolation by reference to two rates based on the relevant Floating Rate Option, one of which shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available of next shorter length before the length of the relevant Interest Period, and the other of which shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available of next longer length after the length of the relevant Interest Period.

- (b) Where ISDA Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, and "2021 ISDA Definitions" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined by the Calculation Agent as a rate equal to the relevant ISDA Rate. For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (B)(b), "ISDA Rate" for an Interest Accrual Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Calculation Agent under a Swap Transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the 2021 ISDA Definitions and under which:
  - (i) the "Floating Rate Option" is as specified in the relevant Final Terms;
  - (ii) the "**Designated Maturity**" is a period specified in the relevant Final Terms;
  - (iii) the relevant "**Reset Date**" is the first day of that Interest Accrual Period or such other date as specified in the relevant Final Terms;

- (iv) the relevant "**Fixing Day**" is the date specified in the applicable Final Terms or, in the absence thereof, as defined in the 2021 ISDA Definitions;
- (v) the "**Effective Date**" is, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the Interest Commencement Date;
- (vi) the "**Termination Date**" is, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Final Terms, the last date of the last occurring Interest Accrual Period;
- (vii) the relevant "Calculation Period" is as specified in the applicable Final Terms or, in the absence thereof, as defined in the 2021 ISDA Definitions for which purpose references to "Effective Date" and "Period End Date" (in the 2021 ISDA Definitions) shall be deemed to be to, respectively, the Issue Date and any last day of the last occurring Interest Accrual Period (as defined in these Conditions); and
- (viii) if the Floating Rate Option specified in the Final Terms is an Overnight Floating Rate Option and Compounding is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms:

the relevant Reset Date is the last day of the last occurring Interest Accrual Period, unless otherwise specified in the Final Terms;

Delayed Payment will be applicable if specified as such in the Final Terms, and if so, the applicable number of days is either (x) as specified in the Final Terms, or (y) if no number is specified as such in the Final Terms, five (5);

OIS Compounding will be applicable if specified as such in the Final Terms;

Compounding with Lookback will be applicable if specified as such in the Final Terms, and if so, the "**Lookback**" is either (x) as specified in the Final Terms, or (y) if no number is specified as such in the Final Terms, the number specified as the "Lookback" for the relevant Floating Rate Option in the 2021 ISDA Definitions, or (z) if no such number is specified for the relevant Floating Rate Option, five (5);

Compounding with Observation Period Shift will be applicable if specified as such in the Final Terms, and if so, Set in Advance will be applicable if specified as such in the Final Terms, "Observation Period Shift Additional Business Day" is as specified in the Final Terms, and the "Observation Period Shift" is either (x) as specified in the Final Terms, or (y) if no number is specified as such in the Final Terms, the number specified as the "Observation Period Shift" for the relevant Floating Rate Option in the 2021 ISDA Definitions, or (z) if no such number is specified for the relevant Floating Rate Option, five (5); and

Compounding with Lockout will be applicable if specified as such in the Final Terms, and if so, "Lockout Period Business Day" is as specified in the Final Terms and the "Lockout" is either (x) as specified in the Final Terms, or (y) if no number is specified as such in the Final Terms, the number specified as the "Lockout" for the relevant Floating Rate Option in the 2021 ISDA Definitions, or (z) if no such number is specified for the relevant Floating Rate Option, five (5).

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (B)(b), except as otherwise defined in such sub-paragraph, "Calculation Agent", "Compounding with Lockout", "Compounding with Lookback", "Compounding with Observation Period Shift", "Delayed Payment, Designated Maturity, Effective Date", "Floating Rate Option", "Floating Rate", "Lockout Period Business Day", "Lockout, Lookback", "Observation Period Shift", "OIS Compounding", "Overnight Floating Rate Option", "Period End Date", "Set in Advance" and "Swap Transaction" have the meanings given to those terms in the 2021 ISDA 2021 Definitions.

The provisions relating to "Linear Interpolation" set out in the 2021 ISDA Definitions shall apply to an ISDA Rate where "2021 ISDA Definitions Linear Interpolation" is specified as applicable in the applicable Final Terms. For such purpose, references to "Relevant Rate" under the 2021 ISDA Definitions shall be deemed to be references to the ISDA Rate.

#### (C) Screen Rate Determination

(a) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined by the Calculation Agent at or about the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date in respect of such Interest Accrual Period in accordance with the following or (if applicable) with Condition 5(c)(iii)(C)(z):

- (w) if the Primary Source for Floating Rate is a Page, subject as provided below, the Rate of Interest shall be:
  - (I) the Reference Rate (where such Reference Rate on such Page is a composite quotation or is customarily supplied by one entity) or
  - (II) the arithmetic mean of the Reference Rates of the persons whose Reference Rates appear on that Page,

in each case appearing on such Page at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date as disclosed in the relevant Final Terms, plus or minus (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms) the Margin (if any);

- (x) if the Primary Source for the Floating Rate is Reference Banks or if sub-paragraph (C)(w)(I) above applies and no Reference Rate appears on the Page at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date or if sub-paragraph (C)(w)(II) above applies and fewer than two Reference Rates appear on the Page at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date, subject as provided below, the Rate of Interest shall be the arithmetic mean of the Reference Rates that each of the Reference Banks is quoting to leading banks in the Relevant Financial Centre at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date, as determined by the Calculation Agent, plus or minus (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms) the Margin (if any); and
- if paragraph (C)(x) above applies and the Calculation Agent determines that fewer (y) than two Reference Banks are so quoting Reference Rates, subject as provided below, the Rate of Interest shall be the arithmetic mean of the rates per annum (expressed as a percentage) that the Calculation Agent determines to be the rates (being the nearest equivalent to the Reference Rate) in respect of a Representative Amount of the Specified Currency that at least two out of five leading banks selected by the Calculation Agent in the principal financial centre of the country of the Specified Currency or, if the Specified Currency is Euro, in the Euro-zone as selected by the Calculation Agent (the "Principal Financial Centre") are quoting at or about the Relevant Time on the date on which such banks would customarily quote such rates for a period commencing on the Effective Date for a period equivalent to the Specified Duration (I) to leading banks carrying on business in Europe, or (if the Calculation Agent determines that fewer than two of such banks are so quoting to leading banks in Europe) (II) to leading banks carrying on business in the Principal Financial Centre plus or minus (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms) the Margin (if any); except that, if fewer than two of such banks are so quoting to leading banks in the Principal Financial Centre, the Rate of Interest shall be the Rate of Interest determined on the previous Interest Determination Date (after readjustment for any difference between any Margin, Rate Multiplier or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest applicable to the

preceding Interest Accrual Period and to the relevant Interest Accrual Period). If the provisions of this paragraph (y) fail to provide a means of determining the Rate of Interest, Condition 5(c)(iii)(C)(z) below shall apply.

Notwithstanding the above, in the case of a Benchmark Trigger Event, Condition 5(c)(iii)(C)(z) below shall apply.

- (z) Benchmark Trigger Event in relation to Floating Rate Notes (except for SOFR reference rate Notes)
  - (I) Appointment of a Rate Determination Agent

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, if a Benchmark Trigger Event occurs in relation to an Original Reference Rate when any Rate of Interest (or any component part thereof) remains to be determined by reference to such Original Reference Rate, then the Issuer shall use its reasonable endeavours to appoint a Rate Determination Agent, as soon as reasonably practicable, to determine a Successor Rate or an Alternative Rate (in accordance with paragraph (II)) and, in either case, an Adjustment Spread if any (in accordance with paragraph (IV)).

A Rate Determination Agent appointed pursuant to this Condition 5(c)(iii)(C)(z) shall act in good faith in a commercially reasonable manner as an expert and in consultation with the Issuer. In the absence of bad faith or fraud, the Rate Determination Agent shall have no liability whatsoever to the Issuer, the Paying Agents, the Noteholders for any determination made by it, pursuant to this Condition 5(c)(iii)(C)(z).

If (i) the Issuer is unable to appoint a Rate Determination Agent or (ii) the Rate Determination Agent appointed by it fails to determine a Successor Rate or an Alternative Rate prior to the relevant Interest Determination Date, then the Reference Rate applicable to the next succeeding Interest Period shall be equal to the Reference Rate last determined in relation to the Notes in respect of the immediately preceding Interest Period. If there has not been a first Interest Payment Date, the Reference Rate shall be the last available Original Reference Rate.

### (II) Successor Rate or Alternative Rate

If the Rate Determination Agent determines that:

- a. there is a Successor Rate, then such Successor Rate shall (subject to adjustment as provided in paragraph (III)) subsequently be used in place of the Original Reference Rate to determine the Rate of Interest (or the relevant component part thereof) for all future payments of interest on the Notes (subject to the operation of this Condition 5(c)(iii)(C)(z)); or
- b. there is no Successor Rate but there is an Alternative Rate, then such Alternative Rate shall (subject to adjustment as provided in paragraph (III)) subsequently be used in place of the Original Reference Rate to determine the Rate of Interest (or the relevant component part thereof) for all future payments of interest on the Notes (subject to the operation of this Condition 5(c)(iii)(C)(z)).

## (III) Adjustment Spread

If the Rate Determination Agent determines (i) that an Adjustment Spread is required to be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate and (ii) the

quantum of, or a formula or methodology for determining such Adjustment Spread, then such Adjustment Spread shall be applied to the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be) for each subsequent determination of a relevant Rate of Interest (or a relevant component part thereof) by reference to such Successor Rate or Alternative Rate (as applicable).

#### (IV) Benchmark Amendments

If any Successor Rate or Alternative Rate or Adjustment Spread is determined in accordance with this Condition 5(c)(iii)(C)(z) and the Rate Determination Agent determines (i) that amendments to these Conditions are necessary to ensure the proper operation of such Successor Rate or Alternative Rate or Adjustment Spread (if any) (such amendments, the "Benchmark Amendments") and (ii) the specific terms of the Benchmark Amendments, then the Issuer shall, subject to giving notice thereof in accordance with paragraph (V) vary these Conditions to the extent needed to give effect to such Benchmark Amendments with effect from the date specified in such notice. For the avoidance of doubt, each Noteholder shall be deemed to have accepted the Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and the Adjustment Spread and the Benchmark Amendments (if any) pursuant to this paragraph.

For the avoidance of doubt, and in connection with any such variation in accordance with this paragraph (IV), the Issuer shall comply with the rules of any stock exchange on which the Notes are for the time being listed or admitted to trading.

#### (V) Notices

Any Successor Rate or Alternative Rate or Adjustment Spread and Benchmark Amendments (as the case may be), determined under this Condition 5(c)(iii)(C)(z) will be notified promptly by the Issuer, after receiving such information from the Rate Determination Agent, to the Fiscal Agent, the Calculation Agent, the Paying Agents, the Representative of the *Masse* (if any). Such notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the effective date of the Benchmark Amendments, if any.

The Issuer shall deliver to the Fiscal Agent a certificate signed by two authorised signatories of the Issuer:

- a. confirming that (i) a Benchmark Trigger Event has occurred, (ii) the Successor Rate or the Alternative Rate (as the case may be) and, (iii) any Adjustment Spread and/or (iv) any Benchmark Amendments, in each case as determined in accordance with the provisions of this Condition 5(c)(iii)(C)(z); and
- b. certifying that the Benchmark Amendments are necessary to ensure the proper operation of such Successor Rate or Alternative Rate or Adjustment Spread (if any).

The Fiscal Agent shall be entitled to rely on such certificate (without liability to any person) as sufficient evidence thereof. In the absence of manifest error or bad faith in the determination of the Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and the Adjustment Spread (if any) and the Benchmark Amendments (if any) as specified in such certificate, and without prejudice to the Fiscal Agent's ability to rely on such certificate as aforesaid, the Successor Rate or Alternative Rate and the Adjustment Spread (if any) and the Benchmark Amendments (if any) specified in such certificate will be binding on the Issuer, the Fiscal Agent, the Calculation Agent, the Paying Agent and the Noteholders.

## (VI) Survival of Original Reference Rate

Without prejudice to the obligations of the Issuer under paragraphs (I), (II), (III) and (IV), the Original Reference Rate and the fallback provisions provided for in Condition 5(c)(iii)(C) will continue to apply unless and until these fallback provisions fail to provide a means of determining the Rate of Interest.

If the Original Reference Rate from time to time in respect of Floating Rate Notes is specified in the Final Terms as being other than EURIBOR or SOFR, as the case may be, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Notes will be determined as provided in the Final Terms. In the relevant Final Terms, when the paragraph "Original Reference Rate" specifies that the rate is determined by linear interpolation, in respect of an Interest Period, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be calculated by the Calculation Agent by straight line linear interpolation by reference to two rates based on the relevant Reference Rate, one of which shall be determined as if the maturity were the period of time for which rates are available of next shorter length than the length of the relevant Interest Period, and the other of which shall be determined as if the maturity were the period of time for which rates are available of next longer length than the length of the relevant Interest Period.

(b) Provisions specific to SOFR reference rate

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined and SOFR is specified as the Reference Rate in the Final Terms in respect of the Floating Rate Note, the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined could be either SOFR Lockout Compound, SOFR Lockback Compound or SOFR Observation Shift Compound as follows:

- (x) if SOFR Lockout Compound is specified as applicable in the Final Terms, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be USD-SOFR-LOCKOUT-COMPOUND plus or minus (as indicated in the Final Terms) the Margin (if any);
- (y) if SOFR Lookback Compound is specified as applicable in the Final Terms, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be USD-SOFR-LOOKBACK-COMPOUND plus or minus (as indicated in the Final Terms) the Margin (if any); or
- (z) if SOFR Observation Shift Compound is specified as applicable in the Final Terms, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be USD-SOFR-OBSERVATION-SHIFT-COMPOUND plus or minus (as indicated in the Final Terms) the Margin (if any).

where:

"USD-SOFR-LOCKOUT-COMPOUND" means the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment (with SOFR as the reference rate for the calculation of interest) and will be calculated by the Calculation Agent (or such other party responsible for the calculation of the Rate of Interest, as specified in the Final Terms) on the U.S. Government Securities Business Day following the SOFR Rate Cut-Off Date, as follows, with the resulting percentage being rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, 0.000005 being rounded upwards:

$$\left[ \prod_{i=1}^{d_0} \left( 1 + \frac{\text{SOFR}_i \times \mathbf{n}_i}{360} \right) - 1 \right] \times \frac{360}{d}$$

where:

"d" means the number of calendar days in the relevant Interest Period;

"d<sub>0</sub>" means for any Interest Period, the number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days in the relevant Interest Period;

"i" means a series of whole numbers from one to  $d_0$ , each representing the relevant U.S. Government Securities Business Day in chronological order from, and including, the first U.S. Government Securities Business Day in the relevant Interest Period;

"ni" means, for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i", the number of calendar days from, and including, such U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" up to, but excluding, the following U.S. Government Securities Business Day ("i+1");

"SOFR<sub>i</sub>" means for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" that is a SOFR Interest Reset Date, SOFR in respect of this SOFR Interest Reset Date;

"SOFR" means, with respect to any U.S. Government Securities Business Day:

- (a) the Secured Overnight Financing Rate published for such date as such rate appears on the SOFR Administrator's Website at 3:00 p.m. (New York time) on the immediately following U.S. Government Securities Business Day (the "SOFR Determination Time"); or
- (b) if the Secured Overnight Financing Rate in respect of such day does not appear as specified in paragraph (a), the Secured Overnight Financing Rate as published in respect of the first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which the Secured Overnight Financing Rate was published on the SOFR Administrator's Website;

"SOFR Rate Cut-Off Date" means the date that is the second U.S. Government Securities Business Day prior to the Interest Payment Date in respect of the relevant Interest Period or such other date specified in the Final Terms;

"SOFR Interest Reset Date" means each U.S. Government Securities Business Day in the relevant Interest Period; provided, however, that SOFR with respect to each SOFR Interest Reset Date in the period from and including, the SOFR Rate Cut-Off Date to, but excluding, the corresponding Interest Payment Date of an Interest Period, will be SOFR with respect to the SOFR Rate Cut-Off Date for such Interest Period;

"U.S. Government Securities Business Day" or "USGSBD" means any day except for a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in U.S. government securities.

"USD-SOFR-LOOKBACK-COMPOUND" means the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment (with SOFR as the reference rate for the calculation of interest) and will be calculated by the Calculation Agent (or such other party responsible for the calculation of the Rate of Interest, as specified in the Final Terms) on the Interest Determination Date, as follows, and the resulting percentage will be rounded if necessary to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point, 0.000005 being rounded upwards:

$$\left[ \prod_{i=1}^{d_0} \left( 1 + \frac{SOFR_{i\text{-}pUSGSBD} \times n_i}{360} \right) - 1 \right] \times \frac{360}{d}$$

Where:

"d" means the number of calendar days in the relevant Interest Period;

"do" means, for any Interest Period, the number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days in the relevant Interest Period;

"i" means a series of whole numbers from one to  $d_0$ , each representing the relevant U.S. Government Securities Business Day in chronological order from, and including, the first U.S. Government Securities Business Day in the relevant Interest Period;

"ni"means, for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i", the number of calendar days from, and including, such U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" up to, but excluding, the following U.S. Government Securities Business Day ("i+1");

"Observation Look-Back Period" is as specified in the Final Terms;

"p" means, in relation to any Interest Period, the number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days included in the Observation Look-Back Period;

"SOFR<sub>i-pusgsbd</sub>" means, for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" in the relevant Interest Period, SOFR in respect of the U.S. Government Securities Business Day falling "p" U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to the relevant U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i";

"**SOFR**" means, with respect to any U.S. Government Securities Business Day:

- (a) the Secured Overnight Financing Rate published for such date as such rate appears on the SOFR Administrator's Website at 3:00 p.m. (New York time) on the immediately following U.S. Government Securities Business Day (the "SOFR Determination Time"); or
- (b) if the Secured Overnight Financing Rate in respect of such day does not appear as specified in paragraph (a), the Secured Overnight Financing Rate as published in respect of the first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which the Secured Overnight Financing Rate was published on the SOFR Administrator's Website;

"U.S. Government Securities Business Day" or "USGSBD" means any day except for a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in U.S. government securities.

"USD-SOFR-OBSERVATION-SHIFT-COMPOUND" means the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment (with SOFR as the reference rate for the calculation of interest) and will be calculated by the Calculation Agent (or such other party responsible for the calculation of the Rate of Interest, as specified in the Final Terms) on the Interest Determination Date, as follows, and the resulting percentage will be rounded if necessary to the nearest one hundred thousandth of a percentage point, 0.000005 being rounded upwards:

$$\left[ \prod_{i=1}^{d_o} \left( 1 + \frac{SOFR_i \times n_i}{360} \right) - 1 \right] \times \frac{360}{d}$$

Where:

"d" means the number of calendar days in the relevant Observation Period;

"d<sub>0</sub>" means for any Observation Period, the number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days in the relevant Observation Period;

"i" means a series of whole numbers from one to d<sub>0</sub>, each representing the relevant U.S. Government Securities Business Day in chronological order from, and including, the first U.S. Government Securities Business Day in the relevant Observation Period;

"ni" means for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" in the relevant Observation Period, the number of calendar days from, and including, such U.S.

Government Securities Business Day "i" up to, but excluding, the following U.S. Government Securities Business Day ("i+1");

"Observation Period" means, in respect of each Interest Period, the period from, and including, the date that is a number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days equal to the Observation Shift Days preceding the first date in such Interest Period to, but excluding the date that is a number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days equal to the number of Observation Shift Days, preceding the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period;

"Observation Shift Days" means the number of U.S. Government Securities Business Days specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"SOFR<sub>i</sub>" means for any U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i" in the relevant Observation Period, SOFR in respect of that U.S. Government Securities Business Day "i":

"SOFR" means, with respect to any U.S. Government Securities Business Day:

- the Secured Overnight Financing Rate published for such date as such rate appears on the SOFR Administrator's Website at 3:00 p.m.
   (New York time) on the immediately following U.S. Government Securities Business Day (the "SOFR Determination Time"); or
- (b) if the Secured Overnight Financing Rate in respect of such day does not appear as specified in paragraph (a), the Secured Overnight Financing Rate as published in respect of the first preceding U.S. Government Securities Business Day for which the Secured Overnight Financing Rate was published on the SOFR Administrator's Website;

"U.S. Government Securities Business Day" or "USGSBD" means any day except for a Saturday, Sunday or a day on which Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association recommends that the fixed income departments of its members be closed for the entire day for purposes of trading in U.S. government securities.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Calculation Agent determines on or prior to the Reference Time that a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to the then-current Benchmark, the Benchmark Replacement will replace the then-current Benchmark for all purposes relating to the Notes in respect of all determinations on such date and for all determinations on all subsequent dates.

In connection with the implementation of a Benchmark Replacement, the Calculation Agent will have the right to make Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes from time to time.

Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Calculation Agent pursuant to those provisions, including any determination with respect to a tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection, (i) will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error, (ii) will be made in the Calculation Agent's sole discretion, and (iii) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the documentation relating to the Notes, shall become effective without consent from the holders of the Notes or any other party.

#### As used herein:

"Benchmark" means, initially, SOFR, as defined above; provided that if the Calculation Agent determines on or prior to the Reference Time that a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to SOFR or the then-current Benchmark, then "Benchmark" means the applicable Benchmark Replacement;

"Benchmark Replacement" means the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Calculation Agent as of the Benchmark Replacement Date:

- (1) the sum of: (a) the alternate rate of interest that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark and (b) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;
- (2) the sum of: (a) the ISDA Fallback Rate and (b) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;
- (3) the sum of: (a) the alternate rate of interest that has been selected by the Calculation Agent as the replacement for the then-current Benchmark giving due consideration to any industry-accepted rate of interest as a replacement for the then-current Benchmark for U.S. dollar-denominated floating rate notes at such time and (b) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;

"Benchmark Replacement Adjustment" means the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Calculation Agent as of the Benchmark Replacement Date:

- (1) the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero), that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement;
- (2) if the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement is equivalent to the ISDA Fallback Rate, then the ISDA Fallback Adjustment;
- (3) the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected by the Calculation Agent giving due consideration to any industry- accepted spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, for the replacement of the then-current Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for U.S. dollar-denominated floating rate notes at such time;

"Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes" means, with respect to any Benchmark Replacement, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including changes to the timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments of interest, rounding of amounts or tenor, and other administrative matters) that the Calculation Agent decides may be appropriate to reflect the adoption of such Benchmark Replacement in a manner substantially consistent with market practice (or, if the Calculation Agent decides that adoption of any portion of such market practice is not administratively feasible or if the Calculation Agent determines that no market practice for use of the Benchmark Replacement exists, in such other manner as the Calculation Agent determines is reasonably necessary);

"Benchmark Replacement Date" means the earliest to occur of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark:

- (1) in the case of clause (1) or (2) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event", the later of (a) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (b) the date on which the administrator of the Benchmark permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide the Benchmark; or
- in the case of clause (3) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event", the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein;

For the avoidance of doubt, if the event that gives rise to the Benchmark Replacement Date occurs on the same day as, but earlier than, the Reference Time in respect of any determination, the Benchmark Replacement Date will be deemed to have occurred prior to the Reference Time for such determination;

"Benchmark Transition Event" means the occurrence of one or more of the following events with respect to the then-current Benchmark:

- (1) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of the Benchmark announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide the Benchmark, permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Benchmark;
- (2) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Benchmark, the central bank for the currency of the Benchmark, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Benchmark, a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Benchmark or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for the Benchmark, which states that the administrator of the Benchmark has ceased or will cease to provide the Benchmark permanently or indefinitely, provided that, at the time of such statement or publication, there is no successor administrator that will continue to provide the Benchmark; or
- a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Benchmark announcing that the Benchmark is no longer representative;

"ISDA Fallback Adjustment" means the spread adjustment (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that would apply for derivatives transactions referencing the ISDA Definitions to be determined upon the occurrence of an index cessation event with respect to the Benchmark for the applicable tenor;

"ISDA Fallback Rate" means the rate that would apply for derivatives transactions referencing the ISDA Definitions to be effective upon the occurrence of an index cessation date with respect to the Benchmark for the applicable tenor excluding the applicable ISDA Fallback Adjustment;

"Reference Time" with respect to any determination of the Benchmark means (1) if the Benchmark is SOFR, the SOFR Determination Time, and (2) if the Benchmark is not SOFR, the time determined by the Calculation Agent after giving effect to the Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes;

"Relevant Governmental Body" means the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or a committee officially endorsed or convened by the Federal Reserve Board and/or the Federal Reserve Bank of New York or any successor thereto;

"SOFR Administrator" means the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (or a successor administrator of the Secured Overnight Financing Rate);

"SOFR Administrator's Website" means the website of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or any successor source;

"Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement" means the Benchmark Replacement excluding the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;

#### (d) Fixed/Floating Rate Notes

If Fixed/Floating Rate Notes Provisions are specified to be applicable in the relevant Final Terms:

- (i) the Issuer may elect to convert on the date set out in the relevant Final Terms (the "Switch Date") from a Fixed Rate to a Floating Rate, from a Floating Rate to a Fixed Rate, from a Fixed Rate to another Fixed Rate or from a Floating Rate to another Floating Rate. The Issuer election to change of interest basis (the "Issuer Change of Interest Basis") should be deemed effective after a valid notification sent by the Issuer to the relevant Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13 within the period specified in the relevant Final Terms; or
- (ii) the rate at which the Notes bear interest will automatically change from a Fixed Rate to a Floating Rate, from a Floating Rate to a Fixed Rate, from a Fixed Rate to another Fixed Rate

or from a Floating Rate to another Floating Rate (the "Automatic Change of Interest Basis") at the date(s) set out in the Final Terms (the "Automatic Switch Date").

#### (e) Zero Coupon Notes

Where a Note the Interest Basis of which is specified to be Zero Coupon, in the relevant Final Terms, is repayable prior to the Maturity Date (or the Extended Maturity Date, as the case may be) pursuant to a Redemption at the Option of the Issuer or, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, pursuant to Condition 6(d) and is not paid when due, the amount due and payable prior to the Maturity Date (or Extended Maturity Date, as the case may be), shall be the Early Redemption Amount. As from the Maturity Date, the Rate of Interest for any overdue principal of such a Note shall be a rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Amortisation Yield (see Condition 6(d)(i)).

#### (f) Accrual of interest

Interest shall cease to accrue on each Note on the due date for redemption unless (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, on such due date or (ii) in the case of Materialised Notes, upon due presentation, payment is improperly withheld or refused, in which event interest shall continue to accrue (as well after as before judgement) at the Rate of Interest in the manner provided in this Condition 5 to the Relevant Date.

# (g) Margin, Maximum/Minimum Rates of Interest, Instalment Amounts and Redemption Amounts and Rounding:

- (i) If any Margin is specified in the relevant Final Terms, either (x) generally or (y) in relation to one or more Interest Accrual Periods, an adjustment shall be made to all Rates of Interest in the case of (x), or to the Rates of Interest for the specified Interest Accrual Periods in the case of (y), calculated in accordance with Condition 5(c) above by adding (if a positive number) or subtracting (if a negative number) the absolute value of such Margin, subject always to the next paragraph.
- (ii) If any Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount is specified in the relevant Final Terms, then any Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount shall be subject to such maximum or minimum, as the case may be.
- (iii) Unless a higher Minimum Rate of Interest is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Minimum Rate of Interest shall be deemed equal to zero. For the avoidance of doubt, "Minimum Rate of Interest" shall refer to the relevant rate plus any relevant margin.
- (iv) For the purposes of any calculations required pursuant to these Conditions, (w) if FBF Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms, all percentages resulting from such calculations shall be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest ten-thousandth of a percentage point (with halves being rounded up), (x) otherwise all percentages resulting from such calculations shall be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest fifth decimal (with halves being rounded up), (y) all figures shall be rounded to seven figures (with halves being rounded up) and (z) all currency amounts that fall due and payable shall be rounded to the nearest unit of such currency (with halves being rounded up), save in the case of yen, which shall be rounded down to the nearest yen. For these purposes "unit" means the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency.

## (h) Calculations

The amount of interest payable in respect of any Note for any period shall be calculated by multiplying the product of the Rate of Interest and the outstanding nominal amount of such Note by the Day Count Fraction, unless an Interest Amount is specified in respect of such period, in which case the amount of interest payable in respect of such Note for such period shall equal such Interest Amount. Where any Interest Period comprises two or more Interest Accrual Periods, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Interest Period shall be the sum of the amounts of interest payable in respect of each of those Interest Accrual Periods.

## (i) Determination and Publication of Rates of Interest, Interest Amounts, Final Redemption Amounts, Early Redemption Amounts, Optional Redemption Amounts and Instalment Amounts

The Calculation Agent, as soon as practicable on such date as it may be required to calculate any rate or amount, obtain any quotation or make any determination or calculation, determine such rate and calculate the Interest Amounts in respect of each Specified Denomination (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) of the Notes for the relevant Interest Accrual Period, shall calculate the Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount, Optional Redemption Amount or Instalment Amount, obtain such quotation or make such determination or calculation, as the case may be, and cause the Rate of Interest and the Interest Amounts for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date and, if required to be calculated, the Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount, Optional Redemption Amount or any Instalment Amount to be notified to the Fiscal Agent, the Issuer, the Paying Agents, the Noteholders, any other Calculation Agent appointed in respect of the Notes that is to make a further calculation upon receipt of such information and, if the Notes are admitted to trading on a Regulated Market or other stock exchange and the rules of such Regulated Market or other stock exchange so require, such Regulated Market or other stock exchange as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than (i) the commencement of the relevant Interest Period, if determined prior to such time, in the case of notification to such Regulated Market or other stock exchange of a Rate of Interest and Interest Amount, or (ii) in all other cases, the fourth Business Day after such determination. Where any Interest Payment Date is subject to adjustment pursuant to Condition 5(c)(ii), the Interest Amounts and the Interest Payment Date so published may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. The determination of any rate or amount, the obtaining of each quotation and the making of each determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent(s) shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding upon all parties.

# (j) Calculation Agent and Reference Banks

The Issuer shall procure that there shall at any time be four (4) Reference Banks (or such other number as may be required) with offices in the Relevant Financial Centre and one or more Calculation Agents if provision is made for them in the relevant Final Terms and for so long as any Note is outstanding (as defined above). If any Reference Bank (acting through its relevant office) is unable or unwilling to continue to act as a Reference Bank, then the Issuer shall appoint another Reference Bank with an office in the Relevant Financial Centre to act as such in its place. Where more than one Calculation Agent is appointed in respect of the Notes, references in these Conditions to the Calculation Agent shall be construed as each Calculation Agent performing its respective duties under the Conditions. If the Calculation Agent is unable or unwilling to act as such or if the Calculation Agent fails duly to establish the Rate of Interest for an Interest Period or Interest Accrual Period or to calculate any Interest Amount, Instalment Amount, Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount or Optional Redemption Amount, as the case may be, or to comply with any other requirement, the Issuer shall appoint a leading bank or investment banking firm engaged in the interbank market (or, if appropriate, money, swap or over-the-counter index options market) that is most closely connected with the calculation or determination to be made by the Calculation Agent (acting through its principal Paris office or any other office actively involved in such market) to act as such in its place. The Calculation Agent may not resign its duties without a successor having been appointed as aforesaid. So long as the Notes are admitted to trading on a Regulated Market or other stock exchange and the rules of, or applicable to, that Regulated Market or other stock exchange so require, notice of any change of Calculation Agent shall be given in accordance with Condition 13.

## 6. Redemption, Purchase and Options

## (a) Final Redemption

Unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled or its maturity is extended as provided below, each Note shall be finally redeemed on the Maturity Date specified in the relevant Final Terms at its Final Redemption Amount, as specified in the relevant Final Terms or, in the case of a Note falling within Condition 6(b) below, its final Instalment Amount.

If so specified in the relevant Final Terms, upon the occurrence of a maturity extension trigger event(s) (each such event, a "**Maturity Extension Trigger Event**") and to the extent such event(s) comply with

the conditions set out in Articles L. 513-2 and R. 513-8-1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, an extended maturity date (the "**Extended Maturity Date**") which means a date falling one (1) year after the Maturity Date, shall occur.

The Maturity Extension Trigger Events are the following:

- (a) in the event of a default of payment of the principal on the Maturity Date initially set by the Issuer, the credit institution benefiting from loans granted by the Issuer and guaranteed by the remittance, assignment or pledge of receivables pursuant to Articles L. 211-38 to L. 211-40 or Articles L. 313-23 to L. 313-35 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, whether or not these receivables are of a professional nature, or the credit institution issuing promissory notes subscribed by the Issuer in accordance with the terms and conditions defined in Articles L. 313-43 to L. 313-48 of the French Monetary and Financial Code;
- (b) in the event the Issuer, a credit institution benefiting from loans granted by the Issuer and guaranteed by the remittance, assignment or pledge of receivables pursuant to Articles L. 211-38 to L. 211-40 or Articles L. 313-23 to L. 313-35 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, whether or not these receivables are of a professional nature, or a credit institution issuing promissory notes subscribed by the Issuer in accordance with the terms and conditions defined in Articles L. 313-43 to L. 313-48 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, is subject to safeguard proceedings (*procédure de sauvegarde*), judicial reorganisation or liquidation proceedings (*procédure de redressement ou de liquidation judiciaires*) or resolution proceedings opened pursuant to Article L. 613-49 of the French Monetary and Financial Code.

If a Maturity Extension Trigger Event occurs and the payment of the Final Redemption Amount of the relevant Series is not paid by the Issuer on the Maturity Date, the payment of such Final Redemption Amount shall be automatically deferred and shall become due and payable on the Extended Maturity Date. However, all or part of the Final Redemption Amount remaining unpaid on the initially scheduled Maturity Date may be paid by the Issuer on any Interest Payment Date from (and excluding) such Maturity Date to (and including) the Extended Maturity Date. During the extended period, interest will continue to be calculated and to accrue on any unpaid principal amount at the relevant Rate of Interest and be payable on each Interest Payment Dates and on the Extended Maturity Date (if not earlier redeemed on an Interest Payment Date).

#### (b) Redemption by Instalments and Final Redemption

Unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled as provided in this Condition 6 or the relevant Instalment Date (being one of the dates so specified in the relevant Final Terms) is extended pursuant to the Redemption at the Option of the Issuer in accordance with Condition 6(c), each Note that provides for Instalment Dates and Instalment Amounts shall be partially redeemed on each Instalment Date at the related Instalment Amount specified in the relevant Final Terms. The outstanding nominal amount of each such Note shall be reduced by the Instalment Amount (or, if such Instalment Amount is calculated by reference to a proportion of the nominal amount of such Note, such proportion) for all purposes with effect from the related Instalment Date, unless payment of the Instalment Amount is improperly withheld or refused (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, on the due date for such payment or (ii) in the case of Materialised Notes, on presentation of the related Receipt, in which case, such amount shall remain outstanding until the Relevant Date relating to such Instalment Amount.

## (c) Redemption at the Option of the Issuer

If a Redemption at the Option of the Issuer is specified as applicable in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer may, at its option and having given not less than six (6) Business Days' prior irrevocable notice in accordance with Condition 13 to the Noteholders redeem all or some of the Notes on any date fixed for redemption (the "**Optional Redemption Date**"). Any such redemption of Notes shall be at their Optional Redemption Amount (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) together with interest accrued to the Optional Redemption Date, if any. Any such redemption must relate to Notes of a nominal amount at least equal to the Minimum Redemption Amount to be redeemed as specified in the relevant Final Terms and no greater than the Maximum Redemption Amount to be redeemed as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

All Notes in respect of which any such notice is given shall be redeemed on the date specified in such notice in accordance with this Condition.

In the case of a partial redemption or a partial exercise of a Redemption at the Option of the Issuer in respect of Materialised Notes, the notice to holders of such Materialised Notes shall also contain the numbers of the Definitive Materialised Notes to be redeemed or in respect of which such option has been exercised, which shall have been drawn in such place and in such manner as may be fair and reasonable in the circumstances, taking account of prevailing market practices, subject to compliance with any applicable laws and Regulated Market or stock exchange requirements.

In the case of a partial redemption of or a partial exercise of a Redemption at the Option of the Issuer in respect of Dematerialised Notes, the redemption will be effected by reducing the nominal amount of all such Dematerialised Notes in a Series in proportion to the aggregate nominal amount redeemed.

So long as the Notes are admitted to trading on a Regulated Market and the rules of, or applicable to, such Regulated Market require, the Issuer shall, each time there has been a partial redemption of the Notes, cause to be published (i) as long as such Notes are admitted to trading on Euronext Paris and the rules applicable to such Regulated Market so permit, on the website of the AMF (www.amf-france.org) or (ii) in a leading financial newspaper with general circulation in the city where the Regulated Market on which such Notes are admitted to trading is located, a notice specifying the aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding and, in the case of Materialised Notes, a list of any Definitive Materialised Notes drawn for redemption but not surrendered.

## (d) Early Redemption Amounts

For the purposes of Condition 6(i), the Notes will be redeemed on the date specified in the relevant notice (it being understood that such date shall be an Interest Payment Date, in the case of Floating Rate Notes) at the amount (the "Early Redemption Amount") calculated in accordance with sub-paragraphs (i) or (ii) below, as the case may be.

(i) Notes other than Zero Coupon Notes

The Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Note (other than Notes described in (ii) below), upon redemption of such Note pursuant to Condition 6(i), shall be the Final Redemption Amount together with interest accrued to the date set for redemption as specified in the Final Terms.

## (ii) Zero Coupon Notes

- (A) The Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note, the amount of which is not linked to an index and/or a formula, upon redemption of such Note pursuant to Condition 6(i) shall be the Amortised Nominal Amount (calculated as provided below) of such Note.
- (B) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (C) below, the Amortised Nominal Amount of any such Note shall be the scheduled Final Redemption Amount of such Note on the Maturity Date (or Extended Maturity Date, as the case may be) discounted at a rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Amortisation Yield (which, if none is shown in the relevant Final Terms, shall be such rate as would produce an Amortised Nominal Amount equal to the issue price of the Notes if they were discounted back to their issue price on the Issue Date) compounded annually.
- (C) If the Amortised Nominal Amount payable in respect of any such Note upon its redemption pursuant to Condition 6(i) is not paid when due, the Early Redemption Amount due and payable in respect of such Note shall be the Amortised Nominal Amount of such Note as defined in sub-paragraph (B) above, except that such sub-paragraph shall have effect as though the date on which the Note becomes due and payable was the Relevant Date. The calculation of the Amortised Nominal Amount in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall continue to be made (both before and after judgement) until the Relevant Date, unless the Relevant Date falls on or after the Maturity Date (or the

Extended Maturity Date, as the case may be), in which case the amount due and payable shall be the scheduled Final Redemption Amount of such Note on the Maturity Date together with any interest that may accrue in accordance with Condition 5(f).

Where such calculation is to be made for a period of less than one (1) year, it shall be made on the basis of the Day Count Fraction as provided in the relevant Final Terms.

## (e) No Redemption for Taxation Reasons

If any law should require that payments of principal, interest or other revenues in respect of any Note be subject to withholding or deduction in respect of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature, such Notes may not be redeemed early.

#### (f) **Purchases**

The Issuer may, subject to Condition 6(g), at any time purchase Notes (provided that, in the case of Materialised Notes, all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons relating thereto are attached thereto or surrendered therewith) in the open market or otherwise (including by tender offer) at any price, subject to the applicable laws and/or regulations.

Notes so purchased by the Issuer may be either (i) held and resold or (ii) cancelled in accordance with Condition 6(g) below, all in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

## (g) Cancellation

All Notes which have been purchased by or on behalf of the Issuer for cancellation will be cancelled, in the case of Dematerialised Notes, by transfer to an account in accordance with the rules and procedures of Euroclear France and, in the case of Materialised Notes, by surrendering the relevant Temporary Global Certificate or the Definitive Materialised Notes in question, together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and all unexchanged Talons, if applicable, to the Fiscal Agent and, in each case, if so transferred or surrendered, shall, together with all Notes redeemed by the Issuer, be cancelled forthwith (together with, in the case of Dematerialised Notes, all rights relating to payment of interest and other amounts relating to such Dematerialised Notes and, in the case of Definitive Materialised Notes, all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith). Any Notes so cancelled or, where applicable, transferred or surrendered for cancellation may not be reissued or resold and the obligations of the Issuer in respect of any such Notes shall be discharged.

# (h) Subscription by the Issuer of Notes as collateral with the Banque de France

In accordance with, and pursuant to, the provisions of Article L.513-26 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, a SCF may, by derogation to the provisions of Articles 1349 of the French Civil Code and L.228-44 and L.228-74 of the French Commercial Code, subscribe to its own Notes for the sole purpose of pledging them as collateral security (*affecter en garantie*) in order to secure the credit transactions (*opérations de crédit*) of the *Banque de France* in accordance with the terms and conditions determined by the *Banque de France* for its monetary policy and intraday credit policy, if the SCF is not able to cover its cash needs with the other means available to it, provided that:

- (i) the total amount of the OF subscribed by the Issuer does not exceed ten per cent. (10%) of the total outstanding amount (*encours total*) of the resources benefiting from the *Privilège* on the date of their subscription;
- (ii) such OF are desentitled of their rights under Articles L.228-46 to L.228-89 of the French Commercial Code as so long as the SCF holds them;
- (iii) such OF are pledged for the benefit of the *Banque de France* within an 8-day period starting from the date on which they are paid and delivered (otherwise, such Notes shall be cancelled by the SCF at the end of such 8-day period); and
- (iv) they cannot be subscribed by third parties.

In any case, the OF subscribed by the SCF in accordance with, and pursuant to, the provisions of Article L.513-26 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, shall be cancelled within an 8-day period starting from the date on which they cease to be pledged for the benefit of the *Banque de France*.

# (i) **Illegality**

If, by reason of any change in French law, or any change in the official application or interpretation of such law, becoming effective after the Issue Date, it would become unlawful for the Issuer to perform or comply with one or more of its obligations under the Notes, the Issuer will, subject to having given not more than forty-five (45) nor less than thirty (30) calendar days' notice to the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), in accordance with Condition 13, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes at their Early Redemption Amount together with any interest accrued to the date set for redemption.

# 7. Payments and Talons

#### (a) **Dematerialised Notes**

Payments of principal and interest in respect of Dematerialised Notes shall (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes in bearer dematerialised form or administered registered form, be made by transfer to the account denominated in the relevant currency of the relevant Account Holders for the benefit of the Noteholders and, (ii) in the case of Dematerialised Notes in fully registered form, to an account denominated in the relevant currency with a Bank (as defined below) designated by the relevant Noteholder. All payments validly made to such Account Holders or Bank will be an effective discharge of the Issuer in respect of such payments.

## (b) **Definitive Materialised Notes**

#### (i) Method of payment

Subject as provided below, payments in a Specified Currency will be made by credit or transfer to an account denominated in the relevant Specified Currency, or to which the Specified Currency may be credited or transferred (which, in the case of a payment in Japanese yen to a non-resident of Japan, shall be a non-resident account) maintained by the payee with, or, at the option of the payee, by a cheque in such Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is euro, shall be any country in the Euro-zone, and, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney or Auckland, respectively).

## (ii) Presentation and surrender of Definitive Materialised Notes, Receipts and Coupons

Payments of principal in respect of Definitive Materialised Notes will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (i) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of partial payment of any sum due, annotation) of such Notes, and payments of interest in respect of Definitive Materialised Notes will (subject as provided below) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, annotation) of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction)).

Payments of instalments of principal (if any) in respect of Definitive Materialised Notes, other than the final instalment, will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (i) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, annotation) of the relevant Receipt in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Payment of the final instalment will be made in the manner provided in paragraph (i) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, annotation) of the relevant Note in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Each Receipt must be presented for payment of the relevant instalment together with the Definitive Materialised Note to which

it appertains. Receipts presented without the Definitive Materialised Note to which they appertain do not constitute valid obligations of the Issuer.

Upon the date upon which any Definitive Materialised Note becomes due and repayable, unmatured Receipts (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment will be made in respect thereof.

Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall for this purpose include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which the amount of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the sum due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of five (5) years from the date on which such Coupon would have become due, but in no event thereafter.

Upon any Fixed Rate Note in definitive form becoming due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the date on which any Floating Rate Note in definitive form becomes due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof.

If the due date for redemption of any Definitive Materialised Note is not an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued in respect of such Note from (and including) the preceding Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Interest Commencement Date shall be payable only against presentation and surrender (if appropriate) of the relevant Definitive Materialised Note.

## (c) Payments in the United States

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Materialised Notes are denominated in U.S. dollars, payments in respect thereof may be made at the specified office of any Paying Agent in New York City in the same manner as aforesaid if (i) the Issuer shall have appointed Paying Agent(s) with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agent(s) would be able to make payment of the amounts on the Notes in the manner provided above when due, (ii) payment in full of such amounts at all such offices is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on payment or receipt of such amounts and (iii) such payment is then permitted by United States law, without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer, any adverse tax consequence to the Issuer.

## (d) Payments subject to Fiscal Laws

All payments are subject in all cases to (i) any applicable fiscal or other laws, regulations and directives but without prejudice to Condition 8 and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto. No commission or expenses shall be charged to the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders in respect of such payments.

# (e) Appointment of Agents

The Fiscal Agent, the Paying Agent and the Calculation Agent initially appointed by the Issuer and their respective specified offices are listed at the end of this Base Prospectus relating to the Programme of the Notes of the Issuer. The Fiscal Agent, the Paying Agent and the Registration Agent act solely as agents of the Issuer and the Calculation Agent(s) act(s) as independent experts(s) and, in each case, does not assume any obligation or relationship of agency for any Noteholder or Couponholder. The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the Fiscal Agent, any other Paying

Agent, Registration Agent or Calculation Agent and to appoint other Fiscal Agent, Paying Agent(s), Registration Agent(s) or Calculation Agent(s) or additional Paying Agent(s), Registration Agent(s) or Calculation Agent(s), provided that the Issuer shall at any time maintain (i) a Fiscal Agent, (ii) one or more Calculation Agent(s) where the Conditions so require, (iii) a Paying Agent having specified offices in at least two major European cities and ensuring the financial services of the Notes free of charges to the Noteholders so long as the Notes are listed and admitted to trading on Euronext Paris and, so long as the Notes are admitted to trading on any other Regulated Market, in such other city where the Notes are admitted to trading, (iv) in the case of Dematerialised Notes in fully registered form, a Registration Agent and (v) such other agents as may be required by the rules of any other Regulated Market on which the Notes may be admitted to trading.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent in New York City in respect of any Materialised Notes denominated in U.S. dollars in the circumstances described in paragraph (c) above.

Notice of any such change or any change of any specified office shall promptly be given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13.

## (f) Talons

On or after the Interest Payment Date for the final Coupon forming part of a Coupon sheet issued in respect of any Materialised Note, the Talon forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet (and if necessary another Talon for a further Coupon sheet) (but excluding any Coupons that may have become void pursuant to Condition 9).

#### (g) Business Days for Payment

If any date for payment in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon is not a Business Day, the Noteholder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Business Day (the "Adjusted Payment Date"), nor to any interest or other sum in respect of such postponed payment. In this paragraph, "Business Day" means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) (A) (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, on which Euroclear France is open for business or (ii) in the case of Materialised Notes, on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in the relevant place of presentation, (B) in such jurisdictions as shall be specified as "Financial Centre(s)" in the relevant Final Terms and (C) (i) in the case of a payment in a currency other than Euro, where payment is to be made by transfer to an account maintained with a bank in the relevant currency, on which foreign exchange transactions may be carried on in the relevant currency in the principal financial centre of the country of such currency or (ii) in the case of a payment in Euro, which is a TARGET 2 Business Day.

### (h) Bank

For the purpose of this Condition 7, "**Bank**" means a bank in Paris and the principal financial centre of the relevant currency or, in the case of Euro, in a city in which banks have access to the TARGET 2 System.

## 8. Taxation

#### (a) Withholding Tax

All payments of principal, interest and other revenues by or on behalf of the Issuer in respect of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for, any taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or within any jurisdiction or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law.

## (b) No Additional Amounts

If any law should require that payments of principal, interest or other revenues in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon be subject to withholding or deduction in respect of any present or future taxes,

duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature, the Issuer will not be required to pay any additional amounts in respect of any such withholding or deduction.

## 9. Prescription

Claims against the Issuer for payment in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons (which for this purpose shall not include Talons) shall be prescribed and become void unless made within a period of ten (10) years (in the case of principal) or five (5) years (in the case of interest) from the appropriate Relevant Date in respect of them.

#### 10. Meeting and voting provisions

In respect of meetings of, and votings by, the Noteholders, the following definitions shall apply:

- (A) references to a "**General Meeting**" are to a general meeting of Noteholders of all Tranches of a single Series of Notes and include, unless the context otherwise requires, any adjourned meeting thereof;
- (B) references to "**Notes**" and "**Noteholders**" are only to the Notes of the Series in respect of which a General Meeting has been, or is to be, called, and to the Notes of the Series in respect of which a Written Resolution has been, or is to be sought, and to the holders of those Notes, respectively;
- (C) "outstanding" means, in relation to the Notes of any Series, all the Notes issued other than:
  - (i) those Notes which have been purchased or redeemed and cancelled;
  - (ii) those Notes in respect of which the date for redemption has occurred and the redemption moneys (including all interest (if any) accrued to the date for redemption and any interest (if any) payable after that date) have been duly paid to or to the order of the Fiscal Agent (and where appropriate notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders) and remain available for payment against presentation of the relevant Notes and/or Coupons, as the case may be;
  - (iii) those mutilated or defaced Materialised Notes which have been surrendered and cancelled and in respect of which replacements have been issued;
  - (iv) those Materialised Notes which are alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed and in respect of which replacements have been issued; and
  - (v) any Temporary Bearer Global Certificate to the extent that it has been exchanged for Definitive Materialised Notes;
  - (vi) provided that for the right to attend and vote at any General Meeting those Notes (if any) which are for the time being held by any person (including but not limited to the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries) for the benefit of the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries and not cancelled shall (unless and until ceasing to be so held) be deemed not to be outstanding;
- (D) "**Resolution**" means a resolution on any of the matters described in this Condition passed (x) at a General Meeting in accordance with the quorum and voting rules described herein or (y) by a Written Resolution; and
- (E) For the purposes of calculating a period of "clear days", no account shall be taken of the day on which a period commences or the day on which a period ends.

## (a) Contractual representation of Noteholders/No Masse

In respect of Notes with an initial denomination of, or which can only be traded in amounts of, at least €100,000 or its equivalent in other currencies at the time of issue, and if the relevant Final Terms specify "No *Masse*", the following meeting and voting provisions shall apply:

(i) General

Pursuant to Article L.213-6-3 I of the French Monetary and Financial Code, (a) the Noteholders shall not be grouped in a *masse* having separate legal personality and acting in part through a representative of the noteholders (*représentant de la masse*) and in part through general meetings; however, (b) the provisions of the French Commercial Code relating to general meetings of noteholders shall apply subject to the following:

- (A) Whenever the words "de la masse", "d'une même masse", "par les représentants de la masse", "d'une masse", "et au représentant de la masse", "de la masse intéressée", "composant la masse", "de la masse à laquelle il appartient", "dont la masse est convoquée en assemblée" or "par un représentant de la masse", appear in the provisions of the French Commercial Code relating to general meetings of noteholders, they shall be deemed to be deleted; and
- (B) General Meetings will be governed by the provisions of the French Commercial Code, except for Article L.228-65 and all other Articles which are ancillary or consequential to such Article, the second paragraph of Article L.228-68, the second sentence of the first paragraph and the second paragraph of Article L.228-71, Article R.228-69, Article R.228-79 and Article R.236-9 of the French Commercial Code and subject to the following provisions:

## (ii) Powers of General Meetings

#### A General Meeting shall have power:

- (A) to approve any compromise or arrangement proposed to be made between the Issuer and the Noteholders or any of them;
- (B) to approve any abrogation, modification, compromise or arrangement in respect of the rights of the Noteholders against the Issuer or against any of its or their property whether these rights arise under the Notes or otherwise;
- (C) to agree to any modification of the Conditions or the Notes which is proposed by the Issuer;
- (D) to authorize anyone to concur in and do anything necessary to carry out and give effect to a Resolution;
- (E) to give any authority or approval which is required to be given by Resolution;
- (F) to appoint any persons (whether Noteholders or not) as a committee or committees to represent the interests of the Noteholders and to confer upon any committee or committees any powers or discretions which the Noteholders could themselves exercise by Resolution provided that (a) persons who are connected with the Issuer within the meaning of Articles L.228-49 and L.228-62 of the French Commercial Code and (b) persons to whom the practice of banker is forbidden or who have been deprived of the right of directing, administering or managing an enterprise in whatever capacity may not be so appointed;
- (G) to deliberate on any proposal, whether for arbitration or settlement, relating to rights in controversy or which were the subject of judicial decisions;
- (H) to approve any scheme or proposal for the exchange or sale of the Notes for, or the conversion of the Notes into, or the cancellation of the Notes in consideration of, shares, stock, notes, bonds, debentures, debenture stock and/or other obligations and/or securities of the Issuer or any other company formed or to be formed, or for or into or in consideration of cash, or partly for or into or in consideration of shares, stock, notes, bonds, debentures, debenture stock and/or other obligations and/or securities as stated above and partly for or into or in consideration of cash;

- (I) to approve the substitution of any entity in place of the Issuer (or any previous substitute) as the principal debtor in respect of the Notes;
- (J) to appoint a nominee to represent the Noteholders' interests in the context of the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Issuer and more particularly file a proof of claim in the name of all Noteholders in the event of judicial reorganisation procedure or judicial liquidation of the Issuer. Pursuant to Article L.228-85 of the French Commercial Code, in the absence of such appointment of a nominee, the judicial representative (mandataire judiciaire), at its own initiative or at the request of any Noteholder will ask the court to appoint a representative of the Noteholders who will file the proof of Noteholders' claim; and
- (K) to deliberate on any other matter that relates to the common rights, actions and benefits which now or in the future may accrue with respect to the Notes.

it being specified, however, that a General Meeting may not establish any unequal treatment between the Noteholders, and that the above provisions (in particular under (H) above) are without prejudice to the powers of the ACPR,

provided that the special quorum provisions in paragraph (vi) shall apply to any Resolution (a "**Special Quorum Resolution**)" for the purpose of making a modification to the Notes which would have the effect of:

- a. modify the Maturity Date of the Notes or reduction or cancellation of the nominal amount payable at maturity; or
- b. reduce or cancel the amount payable or modify the payment date in respect of any interest in respect of the Notes or vary the method of calculating the rate of interest in respect of the Notes (other than as provided in Condition 5(c)(iii)(C)(z)(IV)); or
- c. reduce any Minimum Rate of Interest and/or Maximum Rate of Interest specified in the relevant Final Terms; or
- d. modify the currency in which payments under the Notes are to be made; or
- e. modify the majority required to pass a Resolution; or
- f. sanctioning any scheme or proposal described in paragraph (H) above; or
- g. alter this provision.

For the avoidance of doubt a General Meeting has no power to decide on:

- x. the potential merger (fusion) or demerger (scission) including partial transfers of assets (apports partiels d'actif) of or by the Issuer;
- y. the transfer of the registered office of a European Company (Societas Europaea SE) to a different Member State of the European Union; or
- z. the decrease of the share capital of the Issuer for reasons other than to compensate losses suffered by the Issuer.

However, each Noteholder is a creditor of the Issuer and as such enjoys, pursuant to Article L.213-6-3 IV of the French Monetary and Financial Code, all the rights and prerogatives of individual creditors in the circumstances described under (x) to (z) above, including the right to object (former opposition) to the transactions described under (x) to (z).

(iii) Convening of a General Meeting

A General Meeting may be held at any time on convocation by the Issuer. One or more Noteholders, holding together at least one tenth of the principal amount of the Notes outstanding, may address to the Issuer a demand for convocation of the General Meeting. If such General Meeting has not been convened within seven (7) calendar days after such demand, the Noteholders may commission one of their members to petition a competent court in Paris to appoint an agent (*mandataire*) who will call the General Meeting and determine its agenda.

Notice of the date, hour, place and agenda of any General Meeting will be given in accordance with Condition 13 not less than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the date of such General Meeting.

#### (iv) Arrangements for Voting

Each Noteholder has the right to participate in a General Meeting in person, by proxy or, in the case of Dematerialised Notes only, by correspondence or by videoconference or by any other means of telecommunication allowing the identification of participating Noteholders as provided mutatis mutandis by Article R.225-97 of the French Commercial Code (upon referral of Article R.228-68 of the French Commercial Code).

Each Note carries the right to one vote or, in the case of Notes issued with more than one Specified Denomination, one vote in respect of each multiple of the lowest Specified Denomination comprised in the principal amount of the Specified Denomination of such Note.

In accordance with Article R.228-71 of the French Commercial Code, the right of each holder of a Dematerialised Note to participate in General Meetings will be evidenced by the entries in the books of the relevant Account Holder of the name of such Noteholder as of 0:00, Paris time, on the second Business Day in Paris preceding the date set for the meeting of the relevant General Meeting.

#### (v) Chairman

The Noteholders present at a General Meeting shall choose one of their members to be chairman (the "Chairman") by a simple majority of votes present or represented at such General Meeting (notwithstanding the absence of any quorum at the time of such vote). If the Noteholders fail to designate a Chairman, the Noteholder holding or representing the highest number of Notes and present at such meeting shall be appointed Chairman, failing which the Issuer may appoint a Chairman. The Chairman of an adjourned meeting need not be the same person as the Chairman of the meeting from which the adjournment took place.

## (vi) Quorum, Adjournment and Voting

The quorum at any meeting for passing a Resolution shall be one or more Noteholders present and holding or representing in the aggregate not less than one twentieth in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding provided that at any meeting the business of which includes any Special Quorum Resolution, the quorum shall be one or more Noteholders present and holding or representing in the aggregate not less than two-thirds in nominal amount of the Notes for the time being outstanding.

If within 15 minutes (or such longer period not exceeding 30 minutes as the Chairman may decide) after the time appointed for any meeting a quorum is not present for the transaction of any particular business, then, subject and without prejudice to the transaction of the business (if any) for which a quorum is present, the meeting shall, if convened by Noteholders, be dissolved. In any other case, it shall be adjourned for a period being not less than fourteen (14) clear days nor more than forty-two (42) clear days and at a place appointed by the Chairman and approved by the Fiscal Agent. If within 15 minutes (or a longer period not exceeding 30 minutes as the Chairman may decide) after the time appointed for any adjourned meeting a quorum is not present for the transaction of any particular business, then, subject and without prejudice to the transaction of the business (if any) for which a quorum is present, the Chairman may either dissolve the meeting or adjourn it for a period, being not less than fourteen (14) clear days (but without any maximum number of clear days) and to a place as may be appointed by the Chairman

(either at or after the adjourned meeting) and approved by the Fiscal Agent, and the provisions of this sentence shall apply to all further adjourned meetings.

At any adjourned meeting one or more Noteholders present (whatever the nominal amount of the Notes so held or represented by them) shall (subject as provided below) form a quorum and shall (subject as provided below) have power to pass any Resolution, any Special Quorum Resolution or other resolution and to decide upon all matters which could properly have been dealt with at the meeting from which the adjournment took place had the required quorum been present.

Notice of any adjourned meeting shall be given in accordance with Condition 13 but not less than ten (10) clear days prior to the date of a General Meetings for the approval of a Resolution other than a Special Quorum Resolution and not less than twenty-one (21) clear days prior to the date of a meeting for the approval of a Special Quorum Resolution and the notice shall state the relevant quorum.

Decisions at meetings shall be taken by a majority of the votes cast by Noteholders attending or represented at such General Meetings for the approval of a Resolution other than a Special Quorum Resolution and by seventy-five per cent. (75%) of the votes cast by Noteholders attending or represented at such General Meetings for the approval of a Special Quorum Resolution.

#### (vii) Written Resolutions and Electronic Consent

Pursuant to Article L.228-46-1 of the French Commercial Code, but in respect of any Series of Dematerialised Notes only, the Issuer shall be entitled, instead of the holding of a General Meeting, to seek approval of a Resolution from the Noteholders by way of a Written Resolution. Subject to the following sentence, a Written Resolution may be contained in one document or in several documents in like form, each signed by or on behalf of one or more of the Noteholders. Pursuant to Articles L.228-46-1 and R.223-20-1 of the French Commercial Code, approval of a Written Resolution may also be given by way of electronic communication allowing the identification of Noteholders ("**Electronic Consent**").

Notice seeking the approval of a Written Resolution (including by way of Electronic Consent) will be given in accordance with Condition 13 not less than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date fixed for the passing of such Written Resolution (the "Written Resolution Date"). Notices seeking the approval of a Written Resolution will contain the conditions of form and time-limits to be complied with by the Noteholders who wish to express their approval or rejection of such proposed Written Resolution. Noteholders expressing their approval or rejection before the Written Resolution Date will undertake not to dispose of their Notes until after the Written Resolution Date.

For the purpose hereof, a "**Written Resolution**" means a resolution in writing signed or approved by or on behalf of the holders of not less than ninety per cent. (90%) in nominal amount of the Notes outstanding.

#### (viii) Effect of Resolutions

A Resolution passed at a General Meeting, and a Written Resolution or an Electronic Consent, shall be binding on all Noteholders, whether or not present at the General Meeting and whether or not, in the case of a Written Resolution or an Electronic Consent, they have participated in such Written Resolution or Electronic Consent and each of them shall be bound to give effect to the Resolution accordingly.

## (b) Full Masse

If the relevant Final Terms specify "Full *Masse*", the Noteholders will, in respect of all Tranches in any Series, be grouped automatically for the defence of their common interests in a masse (in each case, the "*Masse*").

#### (i) Legal Personality

The *Masse* will be a separate legal entity and will act in part through a representative of the *Masse* (the "**Representative**") and in part through a general meeting of the Noteholders (a "**General Meeting**"). The provisions of the French Commercial Code relating to the *Masse* shall apply, as completed by, and subject to, the provisions of this paragraph (b).

## (ii) Representative of the Masse

Pursuant to Article L.228-51 of the French Commercial Code, the names and addresses of the initial Representative and its alternate will be set out in the relevant Final Terms. The Representative appointed in respect of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes will be the Representative of the single *Masse* of all Tranches in such Series. The Representative will be entitled to such remuneration in connection with its functions or duties as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

In the event of death, liquidation, retirement, dissolution or revocation of appointment of the Representative, such Representative will be replaced by another Representative. In the event of the death, liquidation, retirement, dissolution or revocation of appointment of the alternate Representative, an alternate will be elected by the General Meeting.

All interested parties will at all times have the right to obtain the names and addresses of the initial Representative and the alternate Representative at the head office of the Issuer and the specified offices of any of the Paying Agents.

#### (iii) General Meetings

In accordance with Article R. 228-71 of the French Commercial Code, the right of each holder of a Dematerialised Note to participate in General Meetings will be evidenced by the entries in the books of the relevant Account Holder of the name of such Noteholder as of 0:00, Paris time, on the second Business Day in Paris preceding the date set for the meeting of the relevant General Meeting.

In accordance with Articles L.228-59 and R.228-67 of the French Commercial Code, notice of date, hour, place and agenda of any General Meeting will be given in accordance with Condition 13 not less than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the date of such General Meeting on first convocation, and five (5) calendar days on second convocation.

Each Noteholder has the right to participate in a General Meeting in person, by proxy, by correspondence and, in accordance with Article L.228-61 of the French Commercial Code, in the case of Dematerialised Notes only, by videoconference or by any other means of telecommunication allowing the identification of participating Noteholders, as provided mutatis mutandis by Article R.225-97 of the French Commercial Code (upon referral of Article R.228-68 of the French Commercial Code).

Each Note carries the right to one vote or, in the case of Notes issued with more than one Specified Denomination, one vote in respect of each multiple of the lowest Specified Denomination comprised in the principal amount of the Specified Denomination of such Note.

Decisions relating to General Meetings and Written Resolutions once approved will be published in accordance with Condition 13. In accordance with Articles R.228-61, R.228-79 and R.236-11 of the French Commercial Code, (i) the decision of a General Meeting to appoint a Representative, (ii) the decision of the Issuer to override the refusal of the General Meeting to approve the proposals to change the objects or corporate form of the Issuer or to issue new notes (*obligations*) benefiting from a pledge or other security made respectively pursuant to Article L.228-65, I, 1° and 4° or (iii) the decision of the Issuer to offer to redeem Notes on demand in the case of a merger or demerger of the Issuer pursuant to Articles L.236-13 and L.236-18 will, to the extent permitted by such Articles R.228-61, R.228-79 and R.236-11, be published in accordance with Condition 13.

#### (iv) Written Resolutions and Electronic Consent

Condition 10(a)(vii) is deemed reproduced here.

#### (c) Contractual Masse

If the relevant Final Terms specify "Contractual *Masse*", the Noteholders will, in respect of all Tranches in any Series, be grouped automatically for the defence of their common interests in a masse (in each case, the "*Masse*").

The *Masse* will be governed by the provisions of the French Commercial Code with the exception, pursuant to Article L.228-90 of the French Commercial Code, of Article L.228-48, the second sentence of the first paragraph of Article L.228-71 and Articles R.228-61, R.228-63, R.228-69, R.228-79 and R.236-11, and subject to the following provisions:

#### (i) Legal Personality

The *Masse* will be a separate legal entity and will act in part through a representative (the "**Representative**") and in part through a general meeting of the Noteholders (the "**General Meeting**").

# (ii) Representative of the Masse

Condition 10(b)(ii) is deemed to be reproduced here.

#### (iii) General Meetings

Condition 10(b)(iii) is deemed to be reproduced here, except for the last sentence of the last paragraph which is not applicable.

### (iv) Written Resolutions and Electronic Consent

Condition 10(a)(vii) is deemed to be reproduced here.

#### (d) Information to Noteholders

Each Noteholder or (if there is one) the Representative thereof will have the right, during the fifteen (15) calendar day period preceding the day of each General Meeting, and, in the case of an adjourned General Meeting or a Written Resolution, the five (5) calendar days period preceding the holding of such General Meeting or the Written Resolution Date, as the case may be, to consult or make a copy of the text of the Resolutions which will be proposed and of the reports prepared in connection with such Resolutions, all of which will be available for inspection by the relevant Noteholders at the registered office of the Issuer, at the specified offices of any of the Paying Agents and at any other place specified in the notice of the General Meeting or Written Resolution.

#### (e) Expenses

The Issuer will pay all expenses relating to the operation of the *Masse*, the calling and holding of General Meetings and seeking of a Written Resolution and, more generally, all administrative expenses resolved upon by the General Meeting or in writing by the Noteholders, it being expressly stipulated that, where the relevant Final Terms specify "No *Masse*" or "Contractual *Masse*", no expenses may be imputed against interest payable under the Notes.

## (f) Single Masse

Whether the relevant Final Terms specify "Full Masse" or "Contractual Masse", the holders of Notes of the same Series, and the holders of Notes of any other Series which have been consolidated (assimilées for the purposes of French law) with the Notes of such first mentioned Series in accordance with Condition 12, shall, for the defence of their respective common interests, be grouped in a single Masse.

The Representative appointed in respect of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes issued will be the Representative of the single *Masse* of all such Series.

#### (g) Sole Noteholder

Whether the relevant Final Terms specify "Full Masse" or "Contractual Masse", if and for so long as the Notes of any Series are held by a single Noteholder, the provisions of this Condition will not apply. Such sole Noteholder shall hold a register of the decisions it will have taken in this capacity, shall provide copies of such decisions to the Issuer and shall make them available, upon request, to any subsequent holder of all or part of the Notes of such Series.

#### (h) Miscellaneous

In accordance with Article L.213-6-3 V of the French Monetary and Financial Code, the Issuer has the right to amend the Terms and Conditions with an initial denomination of, or which can only be traded in amounts of, at least &100,000, without having to obtain the prior approval of the Noteholders, in order to correct a mistake which is of a formal, minor or technical nature. In addition, no consent of the Noteholders shall be required in order to make any modifications or amendments to the Terms and Conditions as the Rate Determination Agent may deem necessary pursuant to Condition 5(c)(iii)(C)(z)(IV).

## 11. Replacement of Definitive Materialised Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons

If, in the case of any Materialised Notes, a Definitive Materialised Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced, subject to applicable laws, regulations and Regulated Market regulations, at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent or any Paying Agent as may from time to time be designated by the Issuer for this purpose and notice of whose designation is given to Noteholders, in each case on payment by the claimant of the fees and costs incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence, security and indemnity (which may provide, *inter alia*, that if the allegedly lost, stolen or destroyed Definitive Materialised Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon is subsequently presented for payment or, as the case may be, for exchange for further Coupons, there shall be paid to the Issuer on demand the amount payable by the Issuer in respect of such Definitive Materialised Notes, Receipts, Coupons or further Coupons) and otherwise as the Issuer may require. Mutilated or defaced Materialised Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

## 12. Further Issues and Consolidation

#### (a) Further Issues

The Issuer may from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders create and issue further Notes to be assimilated (assimilées) with the Notes provided such Notes and the further Notes carry rights identical in all respects (or identical in all respects save for the principal amount thereof and the first payment of interest) and that the terms of such Notes provide for such assimilation, and references in these Conditions to "Notes" shall be construed accordingly.

## (b) Consolidation

The Issuer, with the prior approval of the Fiscal Agent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld), may from time to time on any Interest Payment Date occurring on or after the Redenomination Date on giving not less than thirty (30) calendar days' prior notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 13, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, consolidate the Notes of one Series denominated in Euro with the Notes of one or more other Series issued by it, whether or not originally issued in one of the European national currencies or in Euro, provided such other Notes have been redenominated in Euro (if not originally denominated in Euro) and which otherwise have, in respect of all periods subsequent to such consolidation, the same terms and conditions as the Notes.

#### 13. Notices

- (a) Notices to the holders of Dematerialised Notes in registered form (*au nominatif*) shall be valid if either (i) they are mailed to them at their respective addresses, in which case they will be deemed to have been given on the fourth (4th) weekday (being a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday) after the mailing, or, at the option of the Issuer, (ii) they are published in a leading daily financial newspaper of general circulation in Europe; provided that, so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market and the rules applicable to such Regulated Market so require, notices shall be valid if published in a daily financial newspaper with general circulation in the city/ies where the Regulated Market on which such Notes are admitted to trading is located, or as otherwise required by the rules applicable to that Regulated Market, as the case may be.
- (b) Notices to the holders of Materialised Notes and Dematerialised Notes in bearer form (*au porteur*) shall be valid if published in a daily leading financial newspaper of general circulation in Europe and so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market and the applicable rules of that Regulated Market so require, in a leading daily financial newspaper with general circulation in the city/ies where the Regulated Market on which such Notes are admitted to trading is located, or as otherwise required by the rules applicable to that Regulated Market, as the case may be.
- (c) Notices required to be given to the holders of Dematerialised Notes (whether in registered or in bearer form) (*au nominatif* or *au porteur*) pursuant to these Conditions may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear France, Euroclear, Clearstream and any other clearing system through which the Notes are for the time being cleared in substitution for the mailing and publication as required by Conditions 13(a), (b) and (d); provided that so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market and notice shall also be published as otherwise required by the rules applicable to that Regulated Market, as the case may be.
- (d) If any such publication is not practicable, notice shall be validly given if published in a leading daily financial newspaper with general circulation in Europe, provided that, so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market, notice shall be published as otherwise required by the rules applicable to that Regulated Market, as the case may be. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of such publication or, if published more than once or on different dates, on the date of the first publication as provided above. Couponholders shall be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to the holders of Materialised Notes in accordance with this Condition.

#### 14. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

### (a) Governing Law

The Notes (and, where applicable, the Receipts, Coupons and Talons) are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, French law.

## (b) **Jurisdiction**

Any claim against the Issuer in connection with any Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons may be brought before any competent court in Versailles.

# 15. TEMPORARY GLOBAL CERTIFICATES IN RESPECT OF MATERIALISED NOTES

The following description is only applicable to French Law Notes.

#### **Temporary Global Certificates**

A Temporary Global Certificate without interest coupons (a "**Temporary Global Certificate**") will initially be issued in connection with each Tranche of Materialised Notes and will be delivered on or prior to the issue date of the Tranche to a common depositary (the "**Common Depositary**") for Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("**Euroclear**") and to Clearstream Banking, S.A. ("**Clearstream**"). Upon the delivery of such Temporary Global Certificate to a Common Depositary, Euroclear and Clearstream will credit each subscriber with a nominal amount of Notes equal to the nominal amount thereof for which it has subscribed and paid.

The Common Depositary may also credit with a nominal amount of Notes the accounts of subscribers with (if indicated in the relevant Final Terms) other International Central Securities Depositories ("ICSDs") through direct or indirect accounts with Euroclear and Clearstream held by such other ICSDs. Conversely, a nominal amount of Notes that is initially deposited with any other ICSDs may similarly be credited to the accounts of subscribers with Euroclear, Clearstream, or other ICSDs.

# **Exchange**

Each Temporary Global Certificate issued in respect of Materialised Notes will be exchangeable, free of charge to the holder, on or after its Exchange Date (as defined below):

- (i) if the relevant Final Terms indicate that such Temporary Global Certificate is issued in compliance with the C Rules or in a transaction to which TEFRA is not applicable (as to which, see "General Description of the Programme-Selling Restrictions"), in whole, but not in part, for Definitive Materialised Notes and
- (ii) otherwise, in whole but not in part, upon certification if required under U.S. Treasury regulation section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(3) (or any successor regulation issued under Code section 4701(b) containing rules identical to those applying under Code section 163(f)(2)(B)) as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership for Definitive Materialised Notes.

While any Materialised Note is represented by a Temporary Global Certificate, any payment payable in respect of such Materialised Note prior to the Exchange Date (as defined below) will be made only to the extent that the certification described in (ii) above has been received by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, as applicable, has given a like certification (based on the certification received) to the relevant Paying Agent. The holder of a Temporary Global Certificate will not be entitled to collect any payment due thereon on or after the Exchange Date unless, upon due certification as described above, exchange of the Temporary Global Certificate for an interest in Definitive Materialised Notes is improperly refused or withheld.

#### **Delivery of Definitive Materialised Notes**

On or after its Exchange Date, the holder of a Temporary Global Certificate may surrender such Temporary Global Certificate to, or to the order of, the Fiscal Agent. In exchange for any Temporary Global Certificate, the Issuer will deliver, or procure the delivery of, an equal aggregate nominal amount of duly executed and authenticated Definitive Materialised Notes. In this Base Prospectus, "Definitive Materialised Notes" means, in relation to any Temporary Global Certificate, the Definitive Materialised Notes for which such Temporary Global Certificate may be exchanged (if appropriate, having attached to them all Coupons and Receipts in respect of interest or Instalment Amounts that have not already been paid in respect of the Temporary Global Certificate and a Talon). Definitive Materialised Notes will be securely printed in accordance with any applicable legal and stock exchange requirement.

#### **Exchange Date**

"Exchange Date" means, in relation to a Temporary Global Certificate in respect of any Materialised Notes, the day falling after the expiry of forty (40) calendar days after its issue date, provided that in the event any further Materialised Notes which are to be assimilated with such first mentioned Materialised Notes are issued prior to

such day pursuant to Condition 12(a), the Exchange Date may, at the option of the Issuer, be postponed to the day falling after the expiry of forty (40) calendar days after the issue date of such further Materialised Notes.

In the case of Materialised Notes with an initial maturity of more than 365 calendar days (and that are not relying on the TEFRA C Rules), the Temporary Global Certificate shall bear the following legend:

ANY UNITED STATES PERSON WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS INCLUDING THE LIMITATION PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(j) AND 1287(a) OF THE U.S. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED.

(This form of Final Terms will only apply to the French Law Notes)

#### 16. FORM OF FINAL TERMS

[PRIIPs/IMPORTANT -PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS – The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area ("EEA"). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU, as amended ("MiFID II"); (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97, as amended, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Regulation (EU) 2017/1129, as amended (the "Prospectus Regulation"). Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) no. 1286/2014 (as amended, the "PRIIPs Regulation") for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.]

[PRIIPs/IMPORTANT - PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS — The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the United Kingdom (the "UK"). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("EUWA"); (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended ("FSMA") and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the Prospectus Regulation as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA. Consequently, no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the "UK PRIIPs Regulation") for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under the UK PRIIPs Regulation.]

[MiFID II PRODUCT GOVERNANCE / PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS AND ECPs ONLY TARGET MARKET— Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Notes taking into account the five (5) categories referred to in item 18 of the Guidelines published by ESMA on 5 February 2018 has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Notes is eligible counterparties and professional clients only, each as defined in [Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "MiFID II"][MiFID II]; and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Notes to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "distributor") should take into consideration the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.]<sup>3</sup>

[UK MiFIR PRODUCT GOVERNANCE / PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS AND ECPs ONLY TARGET MARKET— Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Notes taking into account the five (5) categories referred to in item 18 of the Guidelines published by ESMA on 5 February 2018 (in accordance with the FCA's policy statement entitled "Brexit our approach to EU non-legislative materials"), has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Notes is only eligible counterparties, as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook ("COBS"), and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("UK MiFIR"); and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Notes to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "distributor") should take into consideration the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to the FCA Handbook Product Intervention and Product Governance

If the Notes may constitute "packaged" products and no key information document will be prepared in the EEA, the legend should be included. Legend to be included if the Notes are not intended to be sold to EEA retail clients.

If the Notes may constitute "packaged" products and no key information document will be prepared in the UK, the legend should be included. Legend to be included if the Notes are not intended to be sold to UK retail clients.

Legend to be included following completion of the target market assessment in respect of Notes with a denomination of at least £100,000, taking into account the five (5) categories referred to in item 18 of the Guidelines published by ESMA on 5 February 2018.

Sourcebook (the "**UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules**") is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.]<sup>4</sup>

#### OR

[Mifid II PRODUCT GOVERNANCE / RETAIL INVESTORS, PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS AND **ELIGIBLE COUNTERPARTIES TARGET MARKET** – Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Notes, taking into account the five (5) categories referred to in item 18 of the Guidelines published by ESMA on 5 February 2018, has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Notes is eligible counterparties, professional clients and retail clients, each as defined in [Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "MiFID II"][MiFID II]; EITHER [and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Notes are appropriate, including investment advice, portfolio management, non-advised sales and pure execution services]] OR [(ii) all channels for distribution to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate; and (iii) the following channels for distribution of the Notes to retail clients are appropriate - investment advice[,/ and] portfolio management[,/ and][ non-advised sales][and pure execution services][, subject to the distributor's suitability and appropriateness obligations under MiFID II, as applicable]]. [Consider any negative target market]. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "distributor") should take into consideration the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels[, subject to the distributor's suitability and appropriateness obligations under MiFID II, as applicable].]<sup>5</sup>

**IUK MIFIR PRODUCT GOVERNANCE / RETAIL INVESTORS, PROFESSIONAL INVESTORS AND ELIGIBLE COUNTERPARTIES TARGET MARKET** – Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the Notes, taking into account the five (5) categories referred to in item 18 of the Guidelines published by ESMA on 5 February 2018, (in accordance with the FCA's policy statement entitled "Brexit our approach to EU non-legislative materials"), has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Notes is retail clients, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("EUWA"), and eligible counterparties, as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook ("COBS") and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA ("UK MiFIR"); EITHER [and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Notes are appropriate[, including investment advice, portfolio management, non-advised sales and pure execution services]] OR [(ii) all channels for distribution to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate; and (iii) the following channels for distribution of the Notes to retail clients are appropriate - investment advice[,/ and] portfolio management[,/ and][ non-advised sales][and pure execution services][, subject to the distributor's suitability and appropriateness obligations under COBS, as applicable]]. [Consider any negative target market]. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Notes (a "distributor") should take into consideration the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment; however, a distributor subject to the FCA Handbook Product Intervention and Product Governance Sourcebook (the "UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules") is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Notes (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels[, subject to the distributor's suitability and appropriateness obligations under COBS, as applicable].]]<sup>6</sup>

Legend to be included following completion of the target market assessment in respect of Notes with a denomination of at least £100,000, taking into account the five (5) categories referred to in item 18 of the Guidelines published by ESMA on 5 February 2018 (in accordance with the FCA's policy statement entitled "Brexit our approach to EU non-legislative materials").

Legend to be included following completion of the target market assessment in respect of Notes with a denomination of less than £100,000, taking into account the five (5) categories referred to in item 18 of the Guidelines published by ESMA on 5 February 2018

Legend to be included following completion of the target market assessment in respect of Notes with a denomination of less than £100,000, taking into account the five (5) categories referred to in item 18 of the Guidelines published by ESMA on 5 February 2018 (in accordance with the FCA's policy statement entitled "Brexit our approach to EU non-legislative materials").

[SINGAPORE SFA PRODUCT CLASSIFICATION – In connection with Section 309B of the Securities and Futures Act 2001 (Revised Edition 2020) of Singapore, as modified or amended from time to time (the *SFA*) and the Securities and Futures Act (Capital Market Products) Regulations 2018 of Singapore (the *CMP Regulations* 2018), the Issuer has determined, and hereby notifies all relevant persons (as defined in Section 309A(1) of the SFA), that the Notes are [prescribed capital markets products]/[capital markets products other than prescribed capital markets products] (as defined in the CMP Regulations 2018) and are [Excluded]/[Specified] Investment Products (as defined in MAS Notice SFA 04-N12: Notice on the Sale of Investment Products and MAS Notice FAA-N16: Notice on Recommendation on Investment Products).]<sup>7</sup>

Final Terms dated [●]

## SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE SCF

(Issuer)

Legal Entity Identifier (LEI): 969500F9HMMIJD7DJC28

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] obligations foncières due [●]

Series [●]

Tranche [ ● ]

(the "Notes") under the  $\in$  20,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme

Issue Price: [●] per cent.

[Name(s) of Dealer(s)]

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> For any Notes to be offered to Singapore investors, the Issuer to consider whether it needs to re-classify the Notes pursuant to Section 309B of the SFA prior to the launch of the offer.

#### PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the terms and conditions (the "Conditions") set forth in the base prospectus dated 29 July 2022 which received approval no. 22-328 from the *Autorité des marchés financiers* (the "AMF") on 29 July 2022 [as supplemented by the supplement(s) to the base prospectus dated [●] which received approval no. [●] from the AMF on [●]] ([together] the "Base Prospectus") which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council dated 14 June 2017, as amended (the "Prospectus Regulation").

This document constitutes the final terms of the Notes (the "**Final Terms**") described herein for the purposes of Article 8 of the Prospectus Regulation and must be read in conjunction with such Base Prospectus [as so supplemented]. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus [as so supplemented]. [A summary of the issue of the Notes is attached to these Final Terms.]<sup>8</sup> The Base Prospectus, [the supplement to the Base Prospectus] and these Final Terms are available for viewing on the websites of (a) the AMF (www.amf-france.org) during a period of twelve (12) months from the date of approval of the Base Prospectus and (b) the Issuer (http://prospectus.socgen.com/) [and during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer where copies may be obtained]. [In addition<sup>9</sup>, the Base Prospectus, [the supplement to the Base Prospectus] and these Final Terms are available for viewing [on/at] [ • ].]

[The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under a Base Prospectus with an earlier date.

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the terms and conditions which are the [2021 EMTN Conditions] / [2020 EMTN Conditions] / [2019 EMTN Conditions] / [2018 EMTN Conditions] / [2017 EMTN Conditions] / [2015 EMTN Conditions] / [2014 EMTN Conditions] / [2012 EMTN Conditions] / [2010 EMTN Conditions] / [2009 EMTN Conditions] which are incorporated by reference in the base prospectus dated 29 July 2022 which received approval no. 22-328 from the Autorité des marchés financiers (the "AMF") on 29 July 2022 [as supplemented by the supplement(s) to the base prospectus dated [●] which received approval no. [●] from the AMF on [●]] ([together,] the "Base Prospectus") which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council dated 14 June 2017, as amended (the "**Prospectus Regulation**"). This document constitutes the final terms of the Notes (the "Final Terms") described herein for the purposes of the Prospectus Regulation and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus (including the [2021 EMTN conditions] / [2020 EMTN Conditions] / [2019 EMTN Conditions] / [2018 EMTN Conditions] / [2017 EMTN Conditions] / [2015 EMTN Conditions] / [2014 EMTN Conditions] / [2012 EMTN Conditions] / [2010 EMTN Conditions] / [2009 EMTN Conditions] incorporated by reference therein). [In addition, a summary of the issue of the Notes is attached to these Final Terms.]<sup>10</sup> Full information on the Issuer and the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms, this Base Prospectus and the [2021 EMTN Conditions] / [2020 EMTN Conditions] / [2019 EMTN Conditions] / [2018 EMTN Conditions] / [2017 EMTN Conditions] / [2015 EMTN Conditions] / [2014 EMTN Conditions] / [2012 EMTN Conditions] / [2010 EMTN Conditions] / [2009 EMTN Conditions]. The Base Prospectus, and these Final Terms are available for viewing on the websites of (a) the AMF (www.amf-france.org) during a period of twelve (12) months from the date of approval of the Base Prospectus and (b) the Issuer (http://prospectus.socgen.com/) [and during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer where copies may be obtained]. [In addition<sup>11</sup>, the Base Prospectus and these Final Terms are available for viewing [on/at] [ • ].]

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable" (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if "Not Applicable" is indicated for individual paragraphs (in which case the subparagraphs of the paragraphs which are not applicable can be deleted). Italics denote guidance for completing the Final Terms.]

[When completing final terms or adding any other final terms or information consideration should be given as to whether such terms or information constitute "significant new factors, material mistake or material inaccuracy" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation.]

<sup>8</sup> Only for issue of Notes having a denomination of less than €100,000.

<sup>9</sup> If the Notes are admitted to trading on a Regulated Market other than Euronext Paris.

Only for issue of Notes having a denomination of less than €100,000.

<sup>11</sup> If the Notes are admitted to trading on a Regulated Market other than Euronext Paris.

1.	(a)	Series Number:	[•]
	(b)	Tranche Number:	[•]
	[(c) assimili Series:	Date on which the Notes will be ated (assimilées) and form a single	[Not Applicable/The Notes will, upon listing and admission to trading, be assimilated (assimilées), form a single series and be interchangeable for trading purposes with the [[Currency] [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]] on [●]]
2.	<b>Specified Currency or Currencies:</b>		[•]
3.	Aggreg	gate Nominal Amount of Notes:	[•]
	(a)	Series:	[•]
	(b)	Tranche:	[•]
4.	Issue P	rice:	[●] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus an amount corresponding to accrued interest at a rate of [●] per cent. of such Aggregate Nominal Amount for the period from, and including, the Interest Commencement Date to, but excluding, the Issue Date (in the case of fungible issues only, if applicable)]
5.	<b>Specified Denomination(s):</b>		[●] (one (1) denomination only for Dematerialised Notes)
6.	(a)	Issue Date:	[•]
	(b)	Interest Commencement Date:	[Specify/Issue Date/Not Applicable]
7.	Maturity Date:		[Specify date or (for Floating Rate Notes) Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to the relevant month and year]
8.	Extended Maturity Date:		[Not Applicable/ [●] (specify date)]
8 bis.	<b>Maturity Extension Trigger Event(s)</b>		[Applicable as per Condition 6(a)] / [Not Applicable]
9.	Interest Basis:		[[●] per cent. Fixed Rate] [[EURIBOR, SOFR or other] +/- [●] per cent. Floating Rate] [Fixed/Floating Rate] [Zero Coupon] (further particulars specified below)
10.	Redem	ption/Payment Basis:	[Redemption at par] [Instalment] (further particulars specified below)

11. Change of Interest Basis:

[Applicable (for Fixed/Floating Rate Notes)/Not

Applicable]

[Specify details for convertibility of the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes in accordance with the

provisions of Condition 5(d)]

12. Redemption at the Option of the Issuer:

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

13. Date of corporate authorisations for issuance of Notes obtained:

[ • ]

14. Method of distribution:

[Syndicated/Non-syndicated]

#### PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

**15. Fixed Rate Notes Provisions**: [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-

paragraphs of this paragraph)

(i) Rate[(s)] of Interest: [●] per cent. per annum [payable [annually / semi-

annually / quarterly / monthly] in arrear on each

Interest Payment Date]

(ii) Interest Payment Date[(s)]:  $[\bullet]$  in each year up to and including the [Maturity

Date/Extended Maturity Date]

[NB: this will need to be amended in the case of

long or short coupons]

[where applicable [(adjusted pursuant to the [specify applicable Business Day Convention and any applicable Business Centre(s) for the definition of "Business Day"])]] / [(Unadjusted)]

(iii) Fixed Coupon Amount(s): [●] per [●] in Specified Denomination

(iv) Broken Amount(s): [●] payable on the Interest Payment Date falling

in/on [ullet] [insert particulars of any initial or final broken interest amounts which do not correspond with the Fixed Coupon Amount(s)] / Not

Applicable

(v) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual / Actual/Actual-ISDA /

Actual/365-FBF / Actual/Actual-ICMA / Actual/365 (Fixed) / Actual/360 / 30/360 / Bond Basis / 30/360-FBF / Actual 30A/360 / (American Bond Basis) / 30E/360 / Eurobond Basis /

30E/360-FBF / 30E/360-ISDA]

(vi) Determination Dates: [[●] in each year/Not Applicable]

(insert regular Interest Payment Dates, ignoring Issue Date or Maturity Date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon. N.B. only relevant

where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual

(ICMA))

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16.	Floating Rate Notes Provisions:		[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
	(i)	Interest Period(s):	[•]
	(ii)	Specified Interest Payment Dates:	[•]
	(iii)	First Interest Payment Date:	[•]
	(iv)	Interest Period Date:	[●] (Not applicable unless different from Interest Payment Date)
	(v)	Business Day Convention:	[Floating Rate Business Day Convention/ Following Business Day Convention/ Modified Following Business Day Convention/ Preceding Business Day Convention]
			[Insert "unadjusted" if the application of the relevant Business Day Convention is not intended to affect the Interest Amount payable on any date]
	(vi)	Business Centre(s) (Condition 5(a)):	[•]
	(vii)	Manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined:	[FBF Determination/ ISDA Determination/ Screen Rate Determination]
	(viii)	Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and/or Interest Amount(s) (if not the Calculation Agent):	[•]
	(ix)	FBF Determination:	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
		- Floating Rate ( <i>Taux Variable</i> ):	[•]
			[If the Rate of Interest is determined by linear interpolation in respect of an interest period (as per Condition 5(c)(iii)(A), insert the relevant interest period(s) and the relevant two rates used for such determination]
		- Floating Rate Determination Date (Date de Détermination du Taux Variable):	[•]
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(x) ISDA Determination:

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

- Floating Rate Option: [●]

[If the Rate of Interest is determined by linear interpolation in respect of an interest period (as per Condition 5(c)(iii)(B), insert the relevant interest period(s) and the relevant two rates used for such determination]

- Designated Maturity: [●]

-	Reset Date:	[•]
-	ISDA Definitions:	[2006 ISDA Definitions] / [2021 ISDA Definitions]
		(Sub-paragraphs below only relevant if "2021 ISDA Definitions" is selected – otherwise, delete)
-	[Calculation Period:	[•]
-	Fixing Day:	[•]
-	Effective Date:	Interest Commencement Date / [●]
-	Termination Date:	As per Condition 5(c)(iii)(B) / [●]
-	Delayed Payment:	[Applicable[: specify applicable number of days] (if no number is specified, the applicable number of days shall be five (5) days) / Not Applicable]
-	Compounding:	[Applicable / Not Applicable] (Only applicable where the Floating Rate Option is an overnight rate)
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-	OIS Compounding:	[Applicable / Not Applicable]
-	Compounding with Lookback:	[Applicable / Not Applicable]
		[Lookback: [●]]
		(If no number is specified, and there is no default applicable to the Floating Rate Option, the default value will be five (5))
-	Compounding with Observation Period Shift:	[Applicable / Not Applicable]
		[Observation Period Shift: [•]]
		(If no number is specified, and there is no default applicable to the Floating Rate Option, the default value will be five (5))
-	Set in Advance:	[Applicable / Not Applicable]
-	Observation Period Shift Additional Business Days:	[•]
-	Compound with Lockout:	[Applicable / Not Applicable]
		Lockout Period Business Day: [specify the relevant financial center(s)]

[Lockout: [•]]

(If no number is specified, and there is no default applicable to the Floating Rate Option, the default *value of the Lockout will be five (5))* 

2021 ISDA Definitions Linear Interpolation:

[Applicable (specify the Shorter Designated Maturity and the Longer Designated Maturity, each as defined in the 2021 ISDA Definitions) / Not Applicable]]

Determination (xi) Screen Rate (Condition 5(c)(iii)(C)):

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

Original Reference Rate: [ • ] [Either EURIBOR, SOFR or other]

> [If the Rate of Interest is determined by linear interpolation in respect of an interest period (as per Condition 5(c)(iii)(C), insert the relevant interest period(s) and the relevant two rates used for such determination]

Relevant Time: [•]

Interest Determination Date(s): [•]

[Specify relevant screen page or "Reference

Banks"

[*In the case of SOFR delete this paragraph*]

Reference Banks (if Primary Source is "Reference Banks"):

Primary Source:

[Specify four]/[Not Applicable]

[In the case of SOFR delete this paragraph]

[Manner in which the SOFR Rate of Interest is to be determined:

(only applicable in the case of SOFR)

[SOFR Lockout Compound / SOFR Lookback Compound/ SOFR Observation Shift Compound]]

[SOFR Rate Cut-Off Date: (only applicable in the case of SOFR Lockout

Compound)

The day that is the [second / [●]] U.S. Government Securities Business Day prior to the Interest Payment Date in relation to the relevant Interest Period.]

[Observation Look-Back Period: (only applicable in the case of SOFR)

[[•] U.S. Government Securities Business Days]]

[Observation Shift Days: (only applicable in the case of SOFR Observation Shift Compound)

[[•] U.S. Government Securities Business Days]

[Not Applicable]]

Relevant Financial Centre: [The financial centre most closely connected to the

Reference Rate - specify if not Paris]

Representative Amount: [Specify if screen or Reference Bank quotations are to be given in respect of a transaction of a *specified notional amount*] Effective Date: [Specify if quotations are not to be obtained with effect from commencement of Interest Accrual Period] Specified Duration: [Specify period for quotation if not duration of Interest Accrual Period Margin(s): [+/-] [ ● ] per cent. per annum/ [Not Applicable] Minimum Rate of Interest: [Zero per cent. (0.00%) per annum]/[ $\bullet$ ] per cent. per annum] Maximum Rate of Interest: [Not Applicable/[ ● ] per cent. per annum] Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual Actual/Actual-ISDA Actual/365-FBF / Actual/Actual-ICMA Actual/365 (Fixed) / Actual/360 / 30/360 / Bond Basis / 30/360-FBF / Actual 30A/360 / (American Bond Basis) / 30E/360 / Eurobond Basis / 30E/360-FBF / 30E/360-ISDA] [Applicable/Not Applicable] **Fixed/Floating Rate Notes Provisions:** (If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph) Issuer Change of Interest Basis: [Applicable/Not Applicable] Automatic Change of Interest Basis: [Applicable/Not Applicable] Rate of Interest applicable to the Interest Periods preceding the Switch Date or the Automatic Switch Date, as applicable (excluded): Determined in accordance with [Condition 5(b), as though the Note was a Fixed Rate Note]/ [Condition 5(c), as though the Note was a Floating Rate Note] with further variables set out in item [15/16] of these Final Terms Rate of Interest applicable to the Interest Periods following the Switch Date or the Automatic Switch Date, as Determined in accordance with [Condition 5(b), as applicable (included): though the Note was a Fixed Rate Note]/ [Condition 5(c), as though the Note was a Floating Rate Note] with further variables set out in item

[15/16] of these Final Terms

(v) Switch Date: [•]

(vi) Automatic Switch Date: [•]

Minimum notice period required for (vii) notice from the Issuer:

[[•] Business Days prior to the [Switch Date]/[Automatic Switch Date] / [Not Applicable]

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18.	Zero Coupon Notes Provisions:		[Applicable/Not Applicable]	
			(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub- paragraphs of this paragraph)	
	(i)	Amortisation Yield:	[ • ] per cent. per annum	
	(ii)	Day Count Fraction:	[Actual/Actual / Actual/Actual-ISDA / Actual/365-FBF / Actual/Actual-ICMA / Actual/365 (Fixed) / Actual/360 / 30/360 / Bond Basis / 30/360-FBF / Actual 30A/360 / (American Bond Basis) / 30E/360 / Eurobond Basis / 30E/360-FBF / 30E/360-ISDA]	
PROVI	SIONS	RELATING TO REDEMPTION		
19.	Redemption at the Option of the Issuer:		[Applicable / Not Applicable]	
			(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub- paragraphs of this paragraph)	
	(i)	Optional Redemption Date(s):	[•]	
	(ii) each No	Optional Redemption Amount(s) of ote:	[ ● ] per Note of [ ● ] Specified Denomination	
	(iii)	If redeemable in part:		
		(a) Minimum Redemption Amount:	[[ ● ] per Note of [ ● ] Specified Denomination/Not Applicable]	
		(b) Maximum Redemption Amount:	[[ ● ] per Note of [ ● ] Specified Denomination/Not Applicable]	
20.	Redem	ption by Instalments:	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)	
	(i)	Instalment Amount(s):	[•]	
	(ii)	Instalment Date(s):	[•]	
	(iii) Minimum Instalment Amount:		[•]	
	(iv) Ma	ximum Instalment Amount:	[•]	
21.	Final R	edemption Amount of each Note:	[ ● ] per Note of [ ● ] Specified Denomination	
22.	Early F	Redemption Amount:		
		Redemption Amount(s) of each Note on early redemption (Condition 6(i)):	[[●] per Note of [●] Specified Denomination] / [As per Condition 6(d)(ii)]	

# GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

**23.** Form of Notes: [Dematerialised Notes/ Materialised Notes]

(Materialised Notes are only in bearer form)

(Delete as appropriate)

(i) Form of Dematerialised Notes: [Not Applicable/if Applicable specify whether

bearer form (au porteur)/ administered registered form (au nominatif administré)/ fully registered

form (au nominatif pur)]

(ii) Registration Agent: [Not Applicable/if applicable give name and

address] (Note that a Registration Agent can be appointed in relation to Dematerialised Notes in

fully registered form only)

(iii) Temporary Global Certificate: [Not Applicable/Temporary Global Certificate

exchangeable for Definitive Materialised Notes on [•] (the "Exchange Date"), being forty (40) calendar days after the Issue Date subject to postponement as specified in the Temporary

Global Certificate]

24. Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to payment dates for the

purposes of Condition 7(g):

[Not Applicable/Give details. Note that this paragraph relates to the date and place of payment, and not interest period end dates, to which sub-paragraphs 15(ii) and 16(v) relate]<sup>12</sup>

Adjusted Payment Date (Condition 7(g)):

[Applicable/Not Applicable/The next following business day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which case such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding business day.] [The immediately preceding

business day]/[Other<sup>9</sup>]

25. Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Materialised Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature):

[Yes/No/Not Applicable. If yes, give details] (Only applicable to Materialised Notes)

26. Redenomination, renominalisation and reconventioning provisions:

[Not Applicable/The provisions [in Condition 1(d)] apply]

27. Consolidation provisions:

[Not Applicable/The provisions [in Condition 12(b)] apply]

28. Meeting and Voting Provisions (Condition 10):

[[No *Masse*]/[Full *Masse*]/[Contractual *Masse*] shall apply]

(Note that (i) Condition 10 (a) (Contractual representation of Noteholders/No Masse) is only

applicable in respect of Notes with a denomination

<sup>12</sup> In the market practice, if any date for payment in respect of Fixed Rate Notes, Receipt or Coupon is not a business day, the holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following business day (as defined in Condition 7(g)).

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of, or which can only be traded in amounts of, at least  $\in 100,000$  or its equivalent and (ii) Condition 10 (c) (Contractual Masse) is only applicable in respect of any Tranche of Notes issued (a) outside France or (b) with a Specified Denomination of at least  $\in 100,000$  or its equivalent)

(If Condition 10 (b) (Full Masse) or (c) (Contractual Masse) applies, insert below details of Representative and alternate Representative and remuneration, if any:)[Name and address of the Representative:[●]]

[Name and address of the alternate Representative:[●]]

[The Representative will receive no remuneration/ The Representative will receive a remuneration of:[•]]

#### **GENERAL**

The aggregate principal amount of Notes issued has been translated into Euro at the rate of [●] per cent. producing a sum of:

[Not Applicable / [●]]

#### PURPOSE OF FINAL TERMS

These Final Terms comprise the final terms required for issue and admission to trading on [Euronext Paris /other (*specify*)] of the Notes described herein pursuant to the Euro 20,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE SCF.

### THIRD PARTY INFORMATION

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms. [(Relevant third party information) has been extracted from (specify source). The Issuer confirms that to the best of its knowledge such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware, and is able to ascertain from information published by (specify source), no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.] <sup>13</sup>

Signed on behalf	of SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE SCF:
Ву:	
,	Signature of the legal representative of the Issuer or the person responsible for the prospectu. relevant national law]

<sup>13</sup> Include if third party information is provided.

#### PART B - OTHER INFORMATION

#### 1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

(a) Listing(s):

[[Euronext Paris] / other (specify)/ Not Applicable]

(b) (i) Admission to trading:

[Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [Euronext Paris] / (specify relevant regulated market) with effect from [•].] / [Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [Euronext Paris] / (specify relevant regulated market) with effect from [•].] / [Not Applicable]

(Where documenting an assimilated (fungible) issue need to indicate that original Notes are already listed and admitted to trading.)

(ii) Regulated Markets or equivalent markets on which, to the knowledge of the Issuer, securities of the same class of the Notes to be admitted to trading are already admitted to trading:

 $[\, \bullet \, ]$ 

(c) [Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading:

 $[\bullet]^{14}$ 

(d) Additional publication of Base Prospectus and Final Terms:

[•] (See paragraph 10 of the section "General Information" of this Base Prospectus which provides that the Base Prospectus and Final Terms will be published on the website of the Autorité des marchés financiers (www.amf-france.org) during a period of 12 months from the date of this base prospectus. Please provide for additional methods of publication in respect of an admission to trading on a Regulated Market other than Euronext Paris.)

#### 2. RATINGS

Ratings:

[The Notes are expected to be rated: [S&P Global Ratings Europe Limited: [●]] [Moody's France S.A.S.: [●]] [[Other]: [●]]

[Need to include a brief explanation of the meaning of the ratings if this has previously been published by the rating provider.]<sup>15</sup>

(The above disclosure should reflect the credit rating allocated to Notes of the type being issued under the Programme generally or, where the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Required only for Notes with a denomination per unit of at least €100,000.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Not required for Notes with a denomination of at least €100,000.

issue has been specifically rated, that credit rating.)

(Where documenting an assimilated (fungible) issue need to indicate that original Notes are already rated)

Each of [S&P Global Ratings Europe Limited] and [Moody's France S.A.S.] [and [•]] is established in the European Union and is registered under European Regulation (UE) no. 1060/2009 of 16 September 2009, as amended (the "CRA Regulation").

Each of [S&P Global Ratings Europe Limited] and [Moody's France S.A.S.] [and [•]] is included in the list of registered credit rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority on its (https://www.esma.europa.eu/supervision/creditrating-agencies/risk) in accordance with the CRA Regulation.]

[[Insert legal name of credit rating agency] has not been certified under Regulation (EU) no. 1060/2009, as it forms part of domestic law of the United Kingdom by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and the rating it has given to the Notes is not endorsed by a credit rating agency established in the UK and registered under the Regulation (EU) no. 1060/2009, as it forms part of domestic law of the United Kingdom by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.]

[[insert name of relevant EEA CRA(s)] [is][are] not established in the United Kingdom and [is][are] not registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the "UK CRA Regulation"). The rating[s] of the Notes issued by [insert name of relevant EEA CRA(s)] [has][have] been endorsed by [insert name of relevant UK CRA(s)], in accordance with the UK CRA Regulation and [has][have] not been withdrawn. As such, the rating[s] issued by [insert name of relevant EEA CRA(s)] may be used for regulatory purposes in the United Kingdom in accordance with the UK CRA Regulation. 16

#### 3. **INOTIFICATION**

The AMF, which is the French competent authority for the purpose of the Prospectus Regulation [has been requested to provide/has provided - include first alternative for an issue which is contemporaneous with the update of the Programme and the second alternative for subsequent issues] the [include names of competent authorities of host Member States] with [a] certificate[s] of approval attesting that the Base

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> To be included only in the case of an issue for which placement in the UK is contemplated and the ratings of the notes issued by the EEA CRA are to be endorsed by a UK CRA.

Prospectus and the supplement[s] [has/have] been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Regulation.]

#### 4. COVER POOL MONITOR

The Cover Pool Monitor (*contrôleur spécifique*) shall deliver to the Issuer (i) for each quarter a certificate relating to the borrowing programme for the relevant quarter and, (ii) in case of issue of Notes equals or exceeds Euro 500,000,000 or its equivalent in any other currency, a certificate relating to such an issue.

# 5. [THIRD PARTY INFORMATION AND STATEMENT BY EXPERTS AND DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTEREST<sup>17</sup>

Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in these Final Terms in respect of the Issuer or the Notes, provide such person's name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the Issuer. If the report has been produced at the Issuer's request a statement to that effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of that person who has authorised the contents of that part in respect of the Issuer or the Notes.

Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the Issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.

*In addition, the Issuer shall identify the source(s) of the information.*]

### 6. [INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE

Need to include a description of any interest, including conflicting ones, that is material to the issue, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest. May be satisfied by the inclusion of the following statement: "Save as discussed in "Subscription and Sale", so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has a material interest in the offer."

[(When adding any other description, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation.)]]

# 7. REASONS FOR THE OFFER[,]/[AND] ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS [AND TOTAL EXPENSES] $^{18}$

(i) Reasons for the offer:  $[\bullet]^*$  / [See "Use of Proceeds" wording in Base Prospectus]

\*(if reasons for offer different from those stated in "Use of Proceeds" 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.)

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Please note that some regulatory authorities may require the inclusion of that information even though the denomination of the Notes is €100,000 or more.

Not required for Notes with a denomination per unit of at least €100,000.

(iii) [Estimated total expenses: [●]. [Include breakdown of expenses.] [19]

# 8. [Floating Rate Notes only - HISTORIC INTEREST RATES AND INFORMATION ON FLOATING RATE NOTES

Historic interest rates:

Details of historic [EURIBOR/SOFR, other] rates can be obtained, [but not] free of charge, from [Reuters]/ [•](give details of electronic means of obtaining the details of performance).]

Benchmarks:

Amounts payable under the Notes will be calculated by reference to [●] which is provided by [●]. As at [●], [●] [appears/does not appear] on the register of administrators and benchmarks established and maintained by the European Securities and Markets Authority pursuant to Article 36 of the Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 (as amended, the "Benchmarks Regulation") [As far as the Issuer is aware, the transitional provisions in Article 51 of the Benchmarks Regulation apply, such that [●] is not currently required to obtain authorisation or registration (or, if located outside the European Union, recognition, endorsement or equivalence). /[Not Applicable]]

9. [Fixed Rate Notes only – YIELD

Indication of yield: [●].]

#### 10. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

ISIN Code: [●]

Common Code: [●]

Depositaries:

(i) Euroclear France to act as Central Depositary

[Yes/No]

(ii) Common Depositary for Euroclear Bank and Clearstream Banking, S.A.

[Yes/No]

Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank SA/NV and Clearstream Banking, S.A.and the relevant identification number(s):

[Not Applicable/give name(s) and number(s) and address(es) and provide any other appropriate information]

Delivery: Delivery [against/free of] payment

Not required for Notes with a denomination per unit of at least €100,000.

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Name and address of initial Paying Agents:

# [Fiscal Agent and Principal Paying Agent: Société Générale

BP 81236 32, rue du Champ de Tir 44312 Nantes Cedex 3 France

# **Luxembourg Paying Agent:** Société Générale Luxembourg

11, avenue Emile Reuter L-2420 Luxembourg]

Name and address of Calculation Agent:

[ • ]

Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any):

[•]

#### 11. DISTRIBUTION

Method of distribution: (a)

[Syndicated /Non-syndicated]

syndicated, (b) names [and addresses]20 of Managers [and underwriting commitments]<sup>21</sup>:

[Not Applicable/give names[, addresses and underwriting commitments]<sup>22</sup>

[(Include 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.)]<sup>23</sup>

(c) Stabilising Manager(s) (including addresses) (if any):

[Not Applicable/give name]

If non-syndicated, name [and (d) address]<sup>24</sup> of Dealer:

[Not Applicable/give name [and address<sup>25</sup>]]

Total commission (e) and concession<sup>26</sup>:

[•] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount

(f) U.S. Selling Restrictions: The Issuer is Category 2 for the purposes of Regulation S under the Securities Act.

[C Rules apply/ D Rules apply/ TEFRA not Applicable]

Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail (g) Investors<sup>27</sup>:

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

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<sup>20</sup> Not required for Notes with a denomination per unit of at least €100.000.

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<sup>25</sup> Not required for Notes with a denomination per unit of at least €100.000.

Not required for Notes with a denomination per unit of at least €100.000. The expression "Retail Investor" means a person who is one (or more) of the following: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU, as amended ("MiFID II"); (ii) a customer within the meaning of the Insurance Distribution

(h) Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors<sup>28</sup>:

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

Directive, as amended, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Regulation.

The expression "Retail Investor" means a person who is one (or more) of the following: (i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/565 of 25 April 2016 supplementing MiFID II as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("EUWA"); or (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the FSMA and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement the Insurance Distribution Directive, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on markets in financial instruments as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the Prospectus Regulation as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA

# [ANNEX - ISSUE SPECIFIC SUMMARY]

[Issue Specific Summary to be inserted for a denomination of less than €100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency)]

#### 17. SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

In the following section, the expression "Notes" will only include French Law Notes and the expression "Noteholders" includes any holder of French Law Note.

Subject to the terms and on the conditions contained in a dealer agreement dated 13 July 2021, as amended from time to time between the Issuer, the Arranger and the Dealer(s) (the "**Dealer Agreement**"), the Notes will be offered by the Issuer to the Dealer(s). The Notes may be resold at prevailing market prices, or at prices related thereto, at the time of such resale, as determined by the relevant Dealer. The Notes may also be sold by the Issuer through the Dealer(s), acting as agents of the Issuer. The Dealer Agreement also provides for Notes to be issued in syndicated Tranches that are jointly and severally underwritten by two or more Dealers.

The Issuer will pay each relevant Dealer a commission as agreed between them in respect of Notes subscribed by such Dealer. The Issuer has agreed to reimburse the Arranger for its expenses incurred in connection with the Programme and the Dealers for certain of their activities in connection with the Programme.

The Issuer has agreed to indemnify the Dealer(s) against certain liabilities in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes. The Dealer Agreement entitles the Dealer(s) to terminate any agreement that they make to subscribe for Notes in certain circumstances prior to payment for such Notes being made to the Issuer.

#### General

These selling restrictions may be modified by the Dealer Agreement and the Dealer(s) in particular following a change in a relevant law, regulation or directive. Any such modification will be set out in a supplement to this Base Prospectus.

Pursuant to the Dealer Agreement, each Dealer has represented and agreed that it will, to the best of its knowledge, comply with all relevant laws, regulations and directives in each jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or has in its possession or distributes the Base Prospectus, any other offering material or any Final Terms and neither the Issuer nor any other Dealer shall have responsibility therefore.

#### **United States of America**

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act, as amended, or the securities laws of any State or jurisdiction of the United States and may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of U.S. persons except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to the registration requirements of the Securities Act. The Notes are being offered and sold outside the United States to non-U.S. persons in reliance on Regulation S. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Materialised Notes having a maturity of more than one (1) year 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 a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and regulations thereunder.

The Dealer(s) has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that, except as permitted by the Dealer Agreement, it will not offer, sell or deliver the Notes, (i) as part of their distribution at any time and (ii) otherwise until forty (40) days after the later of the commencement of the offering or the closing date, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, and it will have sent to each dealer to which it sells the Notes a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of Notes during the distribution compliance period, as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons.

In addition, until forty (40) calendar days after the commencement of the offering of any identifiable Tranche, an offer or sale of Notes within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

This Base Prospectus has been prepared by the Issuer for use in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes outside the United States. The Issuer and the Dealer(s) reserve the right to reject any offer to purchase the Notes,

in whole or in part, for any reason. This Base Prospectus does not constitute an offer to any person in the United States. Distribution of this Base Prospectus by any non-U.S. person outside the United States to any U.S. person or to any other person within the United States is unauthorised and any disclosure without the prior written consent of the Issuer of any of its contents to any such U.S. person or other person within the United States is prohibited.

### **European Economic Area**

If the Final Terms in respect of any Notes specify "Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors" as "Not Applicable", each of the Dealer(s) has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by the Base Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms in relation thereto to the public in a Member State of the EEA except that it may make an offer of such Notes to the public in that Member State of the EEA:

- (a) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined under the Prospectus Regulation;
- (b) at any time to fewer than one hundred and fifty (150) natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Regulation), subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (c) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 1(4) of the Prospectus Regulation,

provided that no such offer of Notes referred to in (a) to (c) above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Regulation or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation.

For the purposes of this provision, expressions (i) "offer of Notes to the public" in relation to any Notes in any Member State of the EEA means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Notes and (ii) "Prospectus Regulation" means Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council dated 14 June 2017 on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading, as amended.

This EEA selling restriction is in addition to any other selling restrictions set out above or below.

### Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors

Unless the Final Terms in respect of any Notes specifies the "Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors" as "Not Applicable", each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms in relation thereto to any retail investor in the European Economic Area. For the purposes of this provision:

- (a) the expression "**retail investor**" means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
  - (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or
  - (ii) a customer within the meaning of the Insurance Distribution Directive where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or
  - (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Regulation; and
- (b) the expression an "offer" includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes.

# **Singapore**

Each Dealer has acknowledged, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to acknowledge, that this Base Prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent, warrant and agree that it has not offered or sold any Notes or caused the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase and will not offer or sell the Notes or cause the Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, and has not circulated or distributed, nor will it circulate or distribute, this Base Prospectus or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of the Notes, whether directly or indirectly, to any person in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA) pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA, (ii) to a relevant person (as defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA) pursuant to Section 275(1) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where Notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- (a) a corporation (which is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

securities or securities-based derivatives contracts (each term as defined in Section 2(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Notes pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- (i) to an institutional investor or to a relevant person, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(c)(ii) of the SFA;
- (ii) where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- (iii) where the transfer is by operation of law;
- (iv) as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA; or

as specified in Regulation 37A of the Securities and Futures (Offers of Investments) (Securities and Securities-based Derivatives Contracts) Regulations 2018 of Singapore.

### Germany

No Base Prospectus nor any prospectus within the meaning of the Prospectus Regulation has been, nor will be, published in Germany or filed with the German Federal Financial Services Supervisory Authority (*Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht*) with regard to any Notes.

Each of the Dealers has represented and agreed that Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered, and will not be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly to the public in Germany, except in compliance with all applicable laws in particular the Prospectus Regulation and the German Investment Product Act.

The Issuer assumes no responsibility and makes no representation regarding the suitability of Notes as an investment product for any investor. In particular, the Issuer assumes no responsibility for the eligibility of any Notes as investment for any Noteholder domiciled in Germany and subject to particular regulatory requirements with regard to its investments, including, without limitation, insurance companies, pension funds, credit

institutions and investment funds. Unless explicitly stated otherwise in the Terms and Conditions or the Final Terms, no reference therein to particular German law regulatory requirements implies or may be construed to imply any representation or warranty by the Issuer as to the suitability of the relevant Note for the Noteholder.

#### **France**

Each of the Dealer(s) has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that it undertakes to comply with applicable French laws and regulations in force regarding the offer, the placement or the sale of the Notes and the distribution in France of this Base Prospectus or any other offering material relating to the Notes.

### Italy

Each of the Dealers has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that this Base Prospectus has not been, nor will be, published in the Republic of Italy in connection with the offering of the Notes and such offering of Notes has not been registered with the *Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa* ("Consob") in the Republic of Italy pursuant to the Prospectus Regulation and, accordingly, no Note may be offered, sold, transferred or delivered, and will not be offered, sold, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the Republic of Italy in an offer to the public (*offerta al pubblico*), nor may, or will, copies of this Base Prospectus or of any other document relating to the Notes be distributed in the Republic of Italy, except:

- (a) to qualified investors (*investitori qualificati*), as defined in Article 2(e) of the Prospectus Regulation pursuant to Article 1, fourth paragraph, letter a) of the Prospectus Regulation as implemented by Article 35, paragraph 1, letter d) of CONSOB Regulation No. 20307 of 15 February 2018; or
- (b) in other circumstances which are exempted from the rules on public offerings pursuant to Article 1 of the Prospectus Regulation.

Moreover, and subject to the foregoing, each of the Dealers has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that any offer, sale, transfer or delivery of Notes or distribution of copies of this Base Prospectus or any other document relating to the Notes in the Republic of Italy under (a) or (b) above must, and will, be effected in accordance with all relevant Italian securities, tax and exchange control and other applicable laws and regulations and, in particular, will be made:

- (a) by an investment firm, bank or financial intermediary permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with Consob Regulation no. 11971 of 14 May 1999, the Legislative Decree no. 58 of 24 February 1998, Consob Regulation no. 20307 of 15 February 2018 and Legislative Decree no. 385 of 1 September 1993 (the "Banking Act"), in each case as amended from time to time, and any other applicable laws or regulations; and
- (b) in compliance with Article 129 of the Banking Act 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: and
- (c) in compliance with any other applicable laws and regulations or requirements that may be imposed from time to time by CONSOB or the Bank of Italy or other Italian authorities.

Any investor purchasing the Notes in the offering is solely responsible for ensuring that any offer and resale of the Notes it purchased in the offering occurs in compliance with applicable Italian laws and regulations.

This Base Prospectus, the relevant Final Terms or any other document relating to the Notes, and the information contained herein are intended only for the use of its recipients and are not to be distributed to any third-party resident or located in the Republic of Italy for any reason.

# **United Kingdom**

Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors

Unless the Final Terms in respect of any Notes specifies the "Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors" as "Not Applicable", each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the Final Terms in relation thereto to any retail investor in the United Kingdom. For the purposes of this provision,

- (a) the expression "**retail investor**" means a person who is one (or more) of the following:
  - (i) a retail client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("EUWA"); or
  - (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended ("FSMA") and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement the Insurance Distribution Directive, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or
  - (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the Prospectus Regulation as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the "**UK Prospectus Regulation**"); and
- (b) the expression an "**offer**" includes the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Notes.

Public offer selling restriction under the UK Prospectus Regulation

If the Final Terms in respect of any Notes specifies "Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors" as "Not Applicable", each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the final terms in relation thereto to the public in the United Kingdom except that it may make an offer of such Notes to the public in the United Kingdom:

- (a) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the UK Prospectus Regulation;
- (b) at any time to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in Article 2 of the UK Prospectus Regulation) in the United Kingdom subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (c) at any time in any other circumstances falling within section 86 of the FSMA,

provided that no such offer of Notes referred to in (a) to (c) above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to section 85 of the FSMA or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 23 of Article 2 of the UK Prospectus Regulation.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression "an offer of Notes to the public" in relation to any Notes means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the Notes

Other regulatory restrictions

Each of the Dealers has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that:

(a) in relation to any Notes which have a maturity of less than one year from the date of their issue, (i) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve in it acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and (ii) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes other than to the persons whose ordinary activities involve in it acquiring,

holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses or whose it is reasonable to expect they will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of Note would otherwise constitute a contravention of section 19 of the FSMA by the Issuer;

- (b) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer; and
- (c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

# Japan

Each Dealer has acknowledged that the Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Act of Japan (Act no. 25 of 1948, as amended, the "FIEA") and each Dealer has represented and agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that it will not offer or sell any Notes, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including and corporation or other entity organised under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the FIEA and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

# 18. GENERAL INFORMATION

For the following section, it is specified that the expression "Notes" will only include French Law Notes and the expression "Noteholders" includes any holder of such French Law Notes.

(1) The Base Prospectus has been approved by the AMF as competent authority in France under the Prospectus Regulation. The AMF only approves this Base Prospectus as meeting the standards of completeness, comprehensibility and consistency imposed by the Prospectus Regulation. Such approval should not be considered as an endorsement of either the Issuer or the quality of the French Law Notes that are the subject of this Base Prospectus. Investors should make their own assessment as to the suitability of investing in such French Law Notes. Application will be made in certain circumstances to list and admit the Notes on Euronext Paris and application may be made for the listing and admission to trading on any other Regulated Market in a Member State of the European Economic Area.

This Base Prospectus will be valid until 29 July 2023. The obligation to supplement this Base Prospectus in the event of significant new factors, material mistakes or material inaccuracies will not apply when the Base Prospectus is no longer valid.

(2) The Issuer has obtained all necessary corporate and other consents, approvals and authorisations in France in connection with the establishment of the Programme.

Any issue of Notes by the Issuer under the Programme will, to the extent that such Notes constitute obligations under French law, require the prior authorisation of the board of directors (conseil d'administration) of the Issuer. The board of directors (conseil d'administration) of the Issuer may delegate to any of its members and to any other person, the power to decide on the issue of such Notes within a period of one year. For this purpose, the board of directors (conseil d'administration) of the Issuer has delegated on 20 September 2021, to its chief executive officer (directeur général) and to its deputy chief executive officer (directeur général délégué) acting jointly or separately, from 29 September 2021 the power to issue OF under the Programme, up to a maximum amount of  $\mathfrak{E}$  20,000,000,000 in aggregate for one year, which authority will, unless previously cancelled, expire on 29 September 2022.

- (3) Except as disclosed in this Base Prospectus, there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer since 31 December 2021.
- (4) Except as disclosed in this Base Prospectus, there has been no significant change in the financial position or financial performance of the Issuer since 31 December 2021.
- (5) Except as disclosed in this Base Prospectus, there have been no recent events which the Issuer considers material to the investors since 31 December 2021.
- (6) Except as disclosed in this Base Prospectus, the Issuer is not or has not been involved in any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceeding which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware), during a period covering at least the previous twelve (12) months which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the financial position or profitability of the Issuer.
- (7) Application may be made for Notes to be accepted for clearance through Euroclear France (66, rue de la Victoire, 75009 Paris, France) and/or Euroclear (1 boulevard du Roi Albert II, 1210 Bruxelles, Belgique) and Clearstream (42, avenue JF Kennedy, 1855 Luxembourg, Luxembourg). The Common Code and the International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) or the identification number for any other relevant clearing system for each Series of Notes will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.
- (8) Pursuant to Articles L.513-12 and R.513-16 IV of the French Monetary and Financial Code, the Cover Pool Monitor certifies that the rule providing that the amount of eligible assets of the Issuer is greater than the amount of liabilities benefiting from the *Privilège* is satisfied on the basis of a quarterly borrowing programme and for any issue of Notes in a principal amount equal to or above Euro 500 million or its equivalent in the currency of issue. The Cover Pool Monitor also certifies that the conditions provided for under Article L.513-26 of the French Monetary and Financial Code are met, as the case may be.

- (9) Ernst & Young et Autres (represented by Vanessa Jolivalt, Tour First, TSA 14444, 92037 Paris-La Défense Cedex) and Deloitte & Associés (represented by Marjorie Blanc Lourme, 6 place de la Pyramide, 92908 Paris-La Défense Cedex), have audited and rendered unqualified audit reports on the non-consolidated financial statements of the Issuer for the year ended 31 December 2021. Ernst & Young et Autres (represented by Vanessa Jolivalt, Tour First, TSA 14444, 92037 Paris-La Défense Cedex) and Deloitte & Associés (represented by Marjorie Blanc Lourme, 6 place de la Pyramide, 92908 Paris-La Défense Cedex), have audited and rendered unqualified audit reports on the nonconsolidated financial statements of the Issuer for the year ended 31 December 2020. Société Générale SCF's statutory auditors are registered with the Compagnie Nationale des Commissaires aux Comptes (official statutory auditors' representative body) and subject to the authority of the Haut Conseil du Commissariat aux Comptes (French High Council of Statutory Auditors). The appointment of Ernst & Young et Autres as auditor of the Issuer has been renewed on 15 May 2019 and will terminate on the date of the General Shareholders Meeting approving the Annual Accounts as of 31 December 2024. The appointment of Deloitte & Associés as auditor of the Issuer has been renewed on 24 March 2022 and will terminate on the date of the General Shareholders Meeting approving the Annual Accounts as of 31 December 2027.
- (10) This Base Prospectus and any supplement to this Base Prospectus will be published on the websites of (a) the AMF (<a href="www.amf-france.org">www.amf-france.org</a>) and (b) the Issuer (<a href="http://prospectus.socgen.com/">http://prospectus.socgen.com/</a>). The Final Terms related to Notes traded on any Regulated Market in accordance with the Prospectus Regulation will be published, so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market, on the websites of (a) the AMF (<a href="www.amf-france.org">www.amf-france.org</a>) and (b) the Issuer (<a href="http://prospectus.socgen.com/">http://prospectus.socgen.com/</a>).

In addition, should the Notes be admitted to trading on a Regulated Market other than Euronext Paris, in accordance with the Prospectus Regulation, the Final Terms related to those Notes will provide whether this Base Prospectus and the relevant Final Terms will be published on the website of (x) the Regulated Market where the Notes have been admitted to trading or (y) the competent authority of the Member State of the EEA, as the case may be, where the Notes have been admitted to trading.

- (11) So long as Notes are capable of being issued under the Programme, copies of the following documents will, when published, be available during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted), at the registered office of the Issuer:
  - (i) the by-laws (*statuts*) of the Issuer;
  - (ii) the 2021 Annual Financial Report, the 2020 Annual Financial Report and the EMTN Previous Conditions;
  - (iii) Final Terms relating to Notes admitted to trading on Euronext Paris or any other Regulated Market;
  - (iv) a copy of this Base Prospectus together with any Supplement to this Base Prospectus or further Base Prospectus; and
  - (v) all reports, letters and other documents, valuations and statements prepared by any expert at the Issuer's request any part of which is included or referred to in this Base Prospectus, including the certificate of the Cover Pool Monitor in respect of (i) each quarter relating to the borrowing programme for the relevant quarter and (ii) each issue of Notes in a principal amount equal to or above Euro 500,000,000 or its equivalent in the currency of the relevant issue.

The Agency Agreement (which includes the form of the *Lettre Comptable*, of the Temporary Global Certificates, of the Definitive Materialised Notes, of the Coupons, of the Receipts and of the Talons) will be available during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted), for inspection, at the registered office of the Issuer and at the specified office of the Paying Agent(s)).

(12) The price and amount of Notes to be issued under the Programme will be determined by the Issuer and each relevant Dealer at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions.

- (13) In respect of Fixed Rate Notes, the relevant Final Terms will specify the yield. The yield will be calculated at the time of the issue on the basis of the Issue Price. The yield indicated will be calculated as the yield to maturity as of the Issue Date of the Notes and it will not be an indication of future yield.
- In connection with the issue of any Tranche, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the stabilising manager(s) (the "Stabilising Manager(s)") (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in the relevant Final Terms may over-allot the Notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes 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(s)) will undertake any stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the final terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of thirty (30) calendar days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche and sixty (60) calendar days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.
- (15) Amounts payable under the Floating Rate Notes may be calculated by reference to one or more "benchmarks" for the purposes of the Benchmarks Regulation. In this case, a statement will be included in the relevant Final Terms as to whether or not the relevant administrator of the "benchmark" is included in ESMA's register of administrators under Article 36 of the Benchmarks Regulation.
  - The registration status of any administrator under the Benchmarks Regulation is a matter of public record and, save where required by applicable law, the Issuer does not intend to update this Base Prospectus or the Final Terms to reflect any change in the registration status of the administrator.
- (16) Potential conflicts of interest may arise between the Calculation Agent, if any, for a Tranche and the Noteholders, including with respect to certain discretionary determinations and judgements that such Calculation Agent may make, pursuant to the Terms and Conditions that may influence the amount of interest payable under the Notes or receivable upon redemption of the Notes.
- In this Base Prospectus, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, references to "€", "Euro", "euro" or "EUR" are to the lawful currency of the member states of the European Union that have adopted the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended from time to time, references to "£", "pounds sterling" and "Sterling" are to the lawful currency of the United Kingdom, references to "\$", "USD" and "US Dollar" are to the lawful currency of the United States of America, references to "¥", "JPY" and "Yen" are to the lawful currency of Japan and references to "CHF" and "Swiss Francs" are to the lawful currency of Switzerland.
- (18) The Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) of the Issuer is 969500F9HMMIJD7DJC28.

# 19. FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Base Prospectus (including the documents incorporated by reference) may contain certain statements that are forward-looking including statements with respect to the Issuer's business strategies, expansion and growth of operations, trends in its business, competitive advantage, and technological and regulatory changes, information on exchange rate risk and generally includes all statements preceded by, followed by or that include the words "believe", "expect", "project", "anticipate", "seek", "estimate" or similar expressions. Such forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties, and actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors. Prospective investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. These forward-looking statements do not constitute profit forecasts or estimates under Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/980 supplementing the Prospectus Regulation, as amended.

# 20. SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS

If at any time during the duration of the Programme the Issuer shall be required to prepare a supplement to this Base Prospectus pursuant to the provisions of Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation, the Issuer will prepare and make available an appropriate supplement to this Base Prospectus or a further base prospectus which shall constitute a supplement to this Base Prospectus as required by Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation or a replacement base prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent offer of Notes. The Issuer shall submit such supplement to this Base Prospectus or replacement base prospectus to the AMF for approval and supply each Dealer with such number of copies of such supplement hereto as such Dealer may reasonably request.

In accordance with and pursuant to Articles 23.2 and 23.2a of the Prospectus Regulation, where the Notes are offered to the public, investors who have already agreed to purchase or subscribe for Notes before any supplement is published have the right, exercisable within three (3) working days (until 31 December 2022) or two (2) working days (as from 1 January 2023) after the publication of such supplement, to withdraw their acceptance provided that the significant new factor, material mistake or material inaccuracy referred to in Article 23.1 of the Prospectus Regulation arose or was noted before the closing of the offer period or the delivery of the Notes, whichever occurs first. The period may be extended by the Issuer. The final date of the right of withdrawal shall be stated in the supplement. On 29 July 2023, this Base Prospectus, as supplemented (as the case may be), will expire and the obligation to supplement this Base Prospectus in the event of significant new factors, material mistakes or material inaccuracies will no longer apply.

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