

  
**Santander UK plc**  
(incorporated under the laws of England and Wales)

## Structured Note and Certificate Programme

### What types of securities does this document relate to?

Santander UK plc ("Santander UK" and the "Issuer") may from time to time issue notes (the "Notes") and redeemable certificates (the "Certificates" and, together with the Notes, the "N&C Securities"), denominated in any currency as agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (as defined below) under this Structured Note and Certificate Programme (the "Programme"). The N&C Securities may be non-interest bearing or they may pay interest linked to an equity index or a basket of equity indices, an inflation index or a basket of inflation indices, or any combination of these reference items. On maturity, the N&C Securities will pay a redemption amount that is linked to the change in value of a specified preference share. The value of the specified preference share may fluctuate up or down depending on the performance of one or more specified reference item(s).

### Who has approved this document?

This base prospectus (the "Base Prospectus") has been approved by the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA") as competent authority under Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("EUWA") (the "UK Prospectus Regulation"). The FCA only approves this Base Prospectus as meeting the standards of completeness, comprehensibility and consistency imposed by the UK Prospectus Regulation. Such approval should not be considered as an endorsement of the Issuer or of the quality of the N&C Securities that are the subject of this Base Prospectus. Investors should make their own assessment as to the suitability of investing in the N&C Securities.

### In respect of which N&C Securities has this document been approved?

This Base Prospectus comprises a base prospectus in respect of all N&C Securities other than Exempt N&C Securities (as described below) issued under the Programme for the purposes of Article 8 of the UK Prospectus Regulation.

The requirement to publish a prospectus under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA") only applies to N&C Securities that are to be admitted to trading on a UK regulated market as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 on markets in financial instruments as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA ("UK MiFIR") and/or offered to the public in the UK other than in circumstances where an exemption is available under section 86 of the FSMA.

The Issuer may issue N&C Securities for which no prospectus is required to be published under FSMA or the UK Prospectus Regulation ("Exempt N&C Securities") under the Programme Memorandum contained herein on pages 237 to 268. **The FCA has neither approved nor reviewed information in the Programme Memorandum in connection with Exempt N&C Securities.**

### Where may the N&C Securities issued under the Base Prospectus be listed?

Application has been made to the FCA for N&C Securities which are not Exempt N&C Securities ("Non-Exempt N&C Securities") issued under the Programme during the period of 12 months from the date of this Base Prospectus to be admitted to the official list of the FCA (the "Official List") and to the London Stock Exchange plc (the "London Stock Exchange") for such N&C Securities to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Main Market.

References in this Base Prospectus to N&C Securities being "listed" (and all related references) shall mean that such N&C Securities have been admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Main Market and have been admitted to the Official List. The London Stock Exchange's Main Market is a UK regulated market for the purposes of UK MiFIR.

## **For how long is this Base Prospectus valid?**

This Base Prospectus (as supplemented as at the relevant time, if applicable) is valid for 12 months from its date in relation to N&C Securities which are to be admitted to trading on a regulated market in the UK and/or offered to the public in the UK other than in circumstances where an exemption is available under Section 86 of the FSMA. 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.

## **What information is contained in the Base Prospectus?**

The Base Prospectus contains the necessary information which is material to investors for making an informed assessment of (i) the assets and liabilities, profits and losses, financial position, and prospects of the Issuer, (ii) the rights attaching to the N&C Securities, and (iii) the reasons for the issuance and its impact on the Issuer. Some of this information is incorporated by reference from other publicly available documents and some of this information is completed in the applicable issue-specific Issue Terms (as described in the sub-section immediately below). The Base Prospectus is to be read in conjunction with all documents which are deemed to be incorporated herein by reference (see "*Documents Incorporated by Reference*"), and to form part hereof, as well as the Issue Terms in respect of the relevant N&C Securities.

Other than in relation to the documents which are deemed to be incorporated by reference (see "*Documents Incorporated by Reference*"), the information on the websites to which this Base Prospectus refers does not form part of this Base Prospectus and has not been scrutinised or approved by the FCA.

The language of this Base Prospectus is English. Any foreign language text that is included with or within this document has been included for convenience purposes only and does not form part of the Base Prospectus.

## **What are the terms of the N&C Securities?**

The contractual terms of any particular issuance of N&C Securities will be composed of (i) the "General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities" set out in this document, (ii) other than in the case of non-interest bearing N&C Securities, the applicable Annex(es) relating to certain interest payouts, Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Securities or Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities (all as set out in this document), and (iii) as completed by the terms set out in a final terms document, substantially in the form set out in this Base Prospectus and specific to that issuance of N&C Securities ("**Final Terms**"), or in respect of Exempt N&C Securities, as completed (and, if applicable, amended) by the terms set out in a pricing supplement document, substantially in the form set out in the Programme Memorandum and specific to that issuance of Exempt N&C Securities ("**Pricing Supplement**"), which are together referred to as the "**Conditions**".

Any reference in this Base Prospectus to "**Issue Terms**" means either (i) in respect of Non-Exempt N&C Securities, the applicable Final Terms or (ii) in respect of N&C Securities that are Exempt N&C Securities, the applicable Pricing Supplement, and should be construed accordingly.

## **What information is contained in the Issue Terms?**

In the case of Non-Exempt N&C Securities, notice of the aggregate nominal amount or issue size of N&C Securities, interest (if any) payable in respect of N&C Securities, where applicable, the issue price of N&C Securities, details of the relevant preference shares by which amounts payable on redemption of the N&C Securities will be determined and certain other information which is applicable to each Tranche (as defined in the Conditions) of N&C Securities will be set out in the applicable Final Terms which will be delivered to (when publicly offered or listed on a regulated market in the UK) the FCA and, where listed, the London Stock Exchange. Copies of Final Terms in relation to N&C Securities to be listed on the London Stock Exchange will be published on the website of the London Stock Exchange through a regulatory information service.

In the case of Exempt N&C Securities, notice of the aggregate nominal amount of the Exempt N&C Securities, interest (if any) payable in respect of the Exempt N&C Securities, the issue price of the Exempt N&C Securities and certain other information which is applicable to each Tranche will be set out in a Pricing Supplement.

**What should I know before making an investment decision?**

Prospective investors should consider carefully the risks set forth in this document under "*Risk Factors*" prior to making an investment decision with respect to the N&C Securities. If prospective investors are in any doubt about the risks or suitability of a particular N&C Security, they should seek professional advice.

*Dealer*

**Santander UK plc**

## IMPORTANT LEGAL INFORMATION

### *Further Information regarding the Base Prospectus*

Any N&C Securities issued under the Programme by the completion of the Final Terms or Pricing Supplement, as applicable, on or after the date of this Base Prospectus are issued subject to the provisions hereof. This Base Prospectus does not affect any securities already in issue under any other programme of the Issuer, prior to the date of this Base Prospectus.

### *Responsibility Statement*

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Base Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge of the Issuer, the information contained in this Base Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and this Base Prospectus makes no omission likely to affect its import.

### *Information sourced from third parties*

The applicable Issue Terms will (if applicable) specify the nature of the responsibility taken by the Issuer for the information relating to the underlying asset, index or other asset or basis of reference to which the relevant N&C Securities relate and which is contained in such Issue Terms.

### *The Dealers and the contents of this Base Prospectus*

The N&C Securities may be issued on a continuing basis to the Dealer specified below and any additional Dealer appointed under the Programme from time to time (the "Dealer" and together the "Dealers"), which appointment may be for a specific issue or on an ongoing basis. References in this Base Prospectus to the "relevant Dealer" shall, in the case of an issue of N&C Securities being (or intended to be) subscribed by more than one Dealer, be to all Dealers agreeing to subscribe such N&C Securities.

The Dealers have not independently verified the information contained herein. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking, express or implied, is made and no responsibility or liability is accepted by the Dealers as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained or incorporated in this Base Prospectus or any other information provided by the Issuer in connection with the Programme. No Dealer accepts any liability in relation to the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any other information provided by the Issuer in connection with the Programme.

No person is or has been authorised by the Issuer or any Dealer to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Base Prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the N&C Securities and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer or any of the Dealers.

### *Independent Investigation*

Neither this Base Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any N&C Securities (i) is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation or (ii) should be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer or any of the Dealers that any recipient of this Base Prospectus or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any N&C Securities should purchase any N&C Securities. Each investor contemplating purchasing any N&C Securities should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the Issuer. Neither this Base Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the issue of any N&C Securities constitutes an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer or any of the Dealers to any person to subscribe for or to purchase any N&C Securities. Furthermore, neither this Base Prospectus, nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any N&C Securities is, nor does it purport to be, investment advice. Unless expressly agreed otherwise with a particular investor, neither the Issuer nor any Dealer is acting as an investment adviser or providing advice of any other nature, or assumes any fiduciary obligation, to any investor in N&C Securities.

Neither the delivery of this Base Prospectus nor the offering, sale or delivery of any N&C Securities shall in any circumstances imply that the information contained herein concerning the Issuer is correct at any

time subsequent to the date hereof or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. The Dealers expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer during the life of the Programme or to advise any investor in the N&C Securities of any information coming to their attention. Investors should review, *inter alia*, the most recently published documents incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus (including any documents incorporated by reference pursuant to any supplements hereto) when deciding whether or not to purchase any N&C Securities.

### ***Credit Ratings***

N&C Securities issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. Where a Tranche of N&C Securities is rated such rating will be disclosed in the Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt N&C Securities).

As at the date of this Base Prospectus, the long-term obligations of Santander UK are rated A by S&P, A1 by Moody's and A+ by Fitch, and the short-term obligations of Santander UK are rated A-1 by S&P, P-1 by Moody's and F1 by Fitch.

Each of S&P Global Ratings UK Limited ("S&P"), Moody's Investors Service Ltd ("Moody's") and Fitch Ratings Ltd ("Fitch") are established in the United Kingdom and are registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (the "UK CRA Regulation").

S&P is not established in the European Union and has not applied for registration under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the "CRA Regulation"). The Issuer rating issued by S&P has been endorsed by S&P Global Ratings Europe Limited in accordance with the CRA Regulation. S&P Global Ratings Europe Limited is established in the European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation.

Moody's is not established in the European Union and has not applied for registration under the CRA Regulation. The Issuer rating issued by Moody's has been endorsed by Moody's Deutschland GmbH in accordance with the CRA Regulation. Moody's Deutschland GmbH is established in the European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation.

Fitch is not established in the European Union and has not applied for registration under the CRA Regulation. The Issuer rating issued by Fitch has been endorsed by Fitch Ratings Ireland Limited in accordance with the CRA Regulation. Fitch Ratings Ireland Limited is established in the European Union and registered under the CRA Regulation.

A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

### ***Subscription and sales and transfer restrictions in the United States***

Persons into whose possession offering material comes must inform themselves about and observe any such restrictions. This Base Prospectus does not constitute, and may not be used for or in connection with, an offer to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or a solicitation by anyone not authorised so to act. See "*Subscription and Sale*" below.

The N&C Securities in bearer form for U.S. federal income tax purposes 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 or for the account or benefit of U.S. Persons, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. Treasury regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") and the U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder.

The N&C Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") or under any state securities laws and N&C Securities are subject to certain United States tax law requirements.

The N&C Securities, or interests therein, may not at any time be offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States (including any state of the United States and the District of Columbia), its territories, possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction (the "United States" or "U.S.") or directly or indirectly offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged,

redeemed, transferred or delivered to, or for the account or benefit of, any person who is (i) a "U.S. person" as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act ("Regulation S"), (ii) a person who comes within any definition of U.S. person for the purposes of the United States Commodity Exchange Act of 1936, as amended (the "CEA") (including but not limited to a "U.S. person" as defined in the Interpretive Guidance and Policy Statement Regarding Compliance with Certain Swap Regulations promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC") pursuant to the CEA and a person other than a "Non-United States person" as defined in CFTC Rule 4.7(a)(1)(iv) excluding for the purposes of CFTC Rule 4.7(a)(1)(iv)(D) the exception for qualified eligible persons who are not "Non-United States persons"), or (iii) a "United States person" as defined in the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, in each case, as such definition may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time (each such person, a "U.S. Person").

The N&C Securities do not constitute and have not been marketed as, contracts of sale of a commodity for future delivery (or options thereon) subject to the CEA, and trading in the N&C Securities has not been approved by the CFTC pursuant to the CEA.

***Important information relating to the use of this Base Prospectus and offers of N&C Securities generally***

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

***Investment Considerations***

***The N&C Securities may not be suitable for all investors***

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

- has sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the N&C Securities, the merits and risks of investing in the N&C Securities and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any applicable supplement;
- has access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the N&C Securities and the impact the N&C Securities will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- has sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the N&C Securities, including N&C Securities with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;

- understands thoroughly the terms of the N&C Securities and is familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- is able to evaluate possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

An investment in N&C Securities (including non-interest bearing N&C Securities and N&C Securities which are Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Securities or Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities) may entail significant risks not associated with investments in conventional securities such as debt or equity securities, including, but not limited to, the risks set out in *"Risks associated with N&C Securities which are non-interest bearing or where interest amounts are linked to one or more Reference Item(s)"* and *"Risks associated with N&C Securities linked to Preference Shares"* below.

In making an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of the Issuer and the terms of the N&C Securities being offered, including the merits and risks involved.

Certain of the Dealers and their affiliates have engaged and may in the future engage in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform services for the Issuer and its respective affiliates.

Neither the Dealers nor the Issuer makes any representation to any investor in the N&C Securities regarding the legality of its investment under any applicable laws. Any investor in the N&C Securities should satisfy itself that it is able to bear the economic risk of an investment in the N&C Securities for an indefinite period of time.

Purchasers of such N&C Securities are deemed to have sufficient knowledge, experience and professional advice to make their own investment decisions and to have undertaken their own legal, financial, tax, accounting and other business evaluation of the risks and merits of investments in such N&C Securities and should ensure that they fully understand the risks associated with investments of this nature which are intended to be sold only to sophisticated investors. Purchasers of N&C Securities are solely responsible for making their own independent appraisal of an investigation into the business, financial condition, prospects, creditworthiness, status and affairs of the Issuer of the Preference Shares, the relevant Preference Shares (including the relevant underlying reference item(s) for the Preference Shares), the information relating to any Reference Item(s) relevant for the determination of interest and the level or fluctuation of the relevant Preference Shares for the purposes of determining amounts payable at redemption or of any Reference Item(s) relevant for the determination of interest.

**IMPORTANT – EEA RETAIL INVESTORS** – If the Final Terms in respect of any N&C Securities (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt N&C Securities) includes a legend entitled *"Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors"*, the N&C Securities 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 (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"**); or (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 **"EU Prospectus Regulation"**). Consequently, save in relation to any jurisdiction(s) or period(s) for which the *"Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors"* is specified to be not applicable in the relevant Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt N&C Securities), no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended, the **"EU PRIIPs Regulation"**) for offering or selling the N&C Securities or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the N&C Securities or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the EU PRIIPs Regulation.

**IMPORTANT – UK RETAIL INVESTORS** – If the Final Terms in respect of any N&C Securities (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt N&C Securities) includes a legend entitled *"Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors"*, the N&C Securities are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the UK. For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of:

- 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 EUWA; or
- a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the FSMA and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or
- not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the UK Prospectus Regulation.

Consequently, save in relation to any jurisdiction(s) or period(s) for which the "*Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors*" is specified to be not applicable in the relevant Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt N&C Securities), 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 N&C Securities or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the N&C Securities 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 N&C Securities (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt N&C Securities) may include a legend entitled "*MiFID II Product Governance*" which will outline the target market assessment in respect of the relevant N&C Securities and which channels for distribution of the relevant N&C Securities are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the N&C Securities (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 N&C Securities (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 Product Governance Rules**"), any Dealer subscribing for any N&C Securities is a manufacturer in respect of such N&C Securities, but otherwise neither the Dealers nor any of their respective affiliates will be a manufacturer for the purpose of the MiFID Product Governance Rules.

**UK MiFIR Product Governance / Target Market** – The Final Terms in respect of any N&C Securities (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt N&C Securities) may include a legend entitled "*UK MiFIR Product Governance*" which will outline the target market assessment in respect of the N&C Securities and which channels for distribution of the N&C Securities are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the N&C Securities (a "**distributor**") should take into consideration the 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 N&C Securities (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 N&C Securities is a manufacturer in respect of such N&C Securities, but otherwise neither the Dealers nor any of their respective affiliates will be a manufacturer for the purpose of the UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules.

#### **Securities with offer periods continuing beyond the validity of the March 2023 Base Prospectus**

The Offer Period (as defined in the relevant Final Terms) of the March 2023 Base Prospectus N&C Securities (as defined below) extends beyond the validity of the March 2023 Base Prospectus (as defined in the section of this Base Prospectus entitled "*Documents Incorporated by Reference*"). Following the expiry of the March 2023 Base Prospectus and the approval of this Base Prospectus the offering of the March 2023 Base Prospectus N&C Securities will continue under this Base Prospectus. The terms and conditions of the securities from the March 2023 Base Prospectus (which are incorporated by reference herein) will continue to apply to the March 2023 Base Prospectus N&C Securities. The Final Terms in respect of the March 2023 Base Prospectus N&C Securities are also incorporated by reference herein.

#### **Investors who have already agreed to purchase or subscribe for the March 2023 Base Prospectus N&C Securities during the validity period of the March 2023 Base Prospectus and before this Base**

**Prospectus was published, shall have a right, exercisable within two working days after the publication hereof ending on 19 March 2024, to withdraw their acceptances, unless the March 2023 Base Prospectus N&C Securities have already been delivered to them. In order to exercise such withdrawal right, investors may contact the relevant Authorised Offeror.**

For the purposes hereof, "**March 2023 Base Prospectus N&C Securities**" means the issue of up to £20,000,000 Preference Share-linked Autocallable Notes due 2029 (ISIN: XS2753546279) and the issue of up to £20,000,000 Preference Share-linked Autocallable Notes due 2029 (ISIN: XS2753546782).

### ***Benchmarks Regulation***

Amounts payable under the N&C Securities may be calculated by reference to one or more "benchmarks" for the purposes of Regulation (EU) No. 2016/1011 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (the "**UK Benchmarks Regulation**"). In this case, a statement will be included in the applicable Final Terms or Pricing Supplement, as the case may be, as to whether or not the relevant administrator of the "benchmark" is included in the FCA's register of administrators and benchmarks under Article 36 of the UK Benchmarks Regulation. Not every index will fall within the scope of the UK Benchmarks Regulation. The registration status of any administrator under the UK Benchmarks Regulation is a matter of public record and, save where required by applicable law, the Issuer does not intend to update the Final Terms to reflect any change in the registration status of the administrator.

**In connection with the issue of any Tranche of N&C Securities, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the Stabilisation Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager(s)) may over-allot N&C Securities (provided that, in the case of any Tranche of N&C Securities to be admitted to trading on a regulated market in the UK, the aggregate principal amount of N&C Securities allotted does not exceed 105.00 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of the relevant Tranche) or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the N&C Securities of the Series (as defined below) of which such Tranche forms part at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, stabilisation may not necessarily occur. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche of N&C Securities is made and, if begun, may cease at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of N&C Securities and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche of N&C Securities. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilisation Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.**

### ***References to Santander entities***

In this document, references to:

- "**Santander UK**" and the "**Issuer**" are references to Santander UK plc;
- "**Santander UK Group**" and the "**Group**" are references to Santander UK and its subsidiaries; and
- "**Santander Group**" are references to Banco Santander, S.A. ("**Banco Santander**") and its subsidiaries.

### ***Presentation of financial and other information***

The consolidated annual financial statements of Santander UK for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 were prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRS**").

In this Base Prospectus, all references to billions are references to one thousand millions. Due to rounding, the numbers presented throughout this Base Prospectus may not add up precisely, and percentages may not precisely reflect absolute figures.

All references in this document to "**EUR**", "**Euro**", "**euro**" and "**€**" are to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union pursuant to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended; references to "**USD**", "**U.S. dollars**", "**U.S.\$**" and "**\$**" are to the currency of the United States of America; and references to "**GBP**", "**Sterling**" and "**£**" are to the currency of the United Kingdom.

In this Base Prospectus, unless the contrary intention appears, a reference to a law or a provision of a law is a reference to that law or provisions as extended, amended or re-enacted.

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## RISK FACTORS

Prospective investors should note that the risks relating to the Issuer, its industry and an individual issue of N&C Securities summarised in the summary annexed to the Final Terms for that particular issue of N&C Securities are the risks that the Issuer believes to be the most essential to an assessment by a prospective investor of whether to consider an investment in such N&C Securities. However, as the risks which the Issuer faces relate to events and depend on circumstances that may or may not occur in the future, prospective investors should consider not only the information on the key risks summarised in the summary annexed to the Final Terms but also, among other things, the risks and uncertainties described below.

An investment in the N&C Securities may involve a high degree of risk. In purchasing N&C Securities, investors assume the risk that the Issuer may become insolvent or otherwise be unable to make all payments due in respect of the N&C Securities. There are a wide range of factors which individually or together could result in the Issuer becoming unable to make all payments due in respect of the N&C Securities. The Issuer may not be aware of all relevant factors and certain factors which it currently deems not to be material may become material as a result of the occurrence of events outside the Issuer's control. The Issuer has identified in this Base Prospectus a number of factors which could materially adversely affect its business and ability to make payments due under the N&C Securities.

In addition, factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risk associated with N&C Securities issued under the Programme are detailed below. The factors discussed below regarding the risks of acquiring or holding any N&C Securities are not exhaustive, and additional risks and uncertainties that are not presently known to the Issuer or that the Issuer currently believes to be immaterial could also have a material impact on the N&C Securities.

Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Base Prospectus and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.

Words and expressions defined in the "General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities" below or elsewhere in this Base Prospectus have the same meanings in this section.

References in this section to "we" and "us" are to the Group and to "our" are of or pertaining to the Group.

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## RISK FACTORS RELATING TO THE ISSUER AND THE GROUP

*The risks set out below relating to the Issuer and the Group could have a material adverse effect on the Group's operations, financial condition and prospects. These effects in turn could have an effect on the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Conditions of the N&C Securities including its ability to pay any interest or redemption amounts to investors.*

### 1. Geopolitical and Macro-Economic Risks

*Regional conflicts and wars have had and could continue to have a material adverse effect on our operations and financial position*

In February 2022, Russia launched a large-scale military action against Ukraine and in October 2023, conflict escalated in the Middle East between Israel and Hamas, which threatens to spread to other Middle Eastern countries. The war in Ukraine and the escalation of the armed conflict between Israel and Hamas have caused ongoing humanitarian crises in Europe and the Middle East. The war in Ukraine has also significantly impacted global commodity and financial markets, leading to supply chain disruptions and increases in the prices of energy, oil, gas and raw materials. This has led to heightened inflation, which has created further challenges for monetary authorities and our customers. The armed conflict between Israel and Hamas, especially if it spreads to other Middle Eastern countries, and/or other future regional conflicts and wars that have a global impact, may also further adversely impact global commodity and financial markets.

We do not have a presence in Russia, Ukraine or the Middle East and our direct exposure to markets and assets in Russia, Ukraine and the Middle East is negligible. However, the effect of these regional wars on global commodity and financial markets and general macroeconomic conditions remains uncertain, and there is a risk that the economic effects of these regional wars will continue to affect the global economic outlook, which would adversely affect our businesses, results of operations and financial position.

The continuation or escalation of the conflicts between Russia and Ukraine or between Israel and Hamas, including the extension of the conflicts to other countries in the regions, and/or the emergence of other future regional conflicts and wars that have a global impact, could lead to further increases in energy prices (particularly gas prices, if supplies to Europe remain interrupted) and heightened inflationary pressures. This could lead to further increases in interest rates, impact financial market stability in the Eurozone and worsen the current cost of living crisis our customers are facing. Such developments would negatively affect the payment capacity of some of our customers, whose likely need for increased support will place additional pressures on the staff in our financial support and call centres.

In response to the Russian military action against Ukraine, the United States of America (the "**United States**"), the European Union ("EU"), the United Kingdom ("UK") and other UN member states and jurisdictions, have imposed, and may impose additional, severe financial and economic sanctions and export controls against Russia, Belarus and certain regions in Ukraine. Such sanctions have included freezing/blocking assets, targeting major Russian banks, the Russian Central Bank, and certain Russian companies and individuals, imposing import and export controls against Russia and Russian interests, as well as disconnecting certain Russian banks from the SWIFT system (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication). In addition, the sanctions imposed also include a ban on trading in Russian sovereign debt and other securities. Russia has implemented certain countermeasures in response. The scale of sanctions is unprecedented, complex and rapidly evolving, and poses continuously increasing operational and compliance risks to Santander UK. Our corporate framework and policies are designed to ensure compliance with applicable laws, regulations and economic sanctions, including the United States, UK, EU and UN economic sanctions, in the countries in which we operate. Such sanctions and other measures, as well as the existing and potential further responses from Russia or other countries to such sanctions, tensions and military actions, have resulted in an increasingly fragmented macroeconomic, trade and regulatory environment. Currently, we do not have any loans, credits or contingencies affected by the recent sanctions imposed on Russia. However, we cannot predict whether any of the countries in which we operate will enact additional economic sanctions or trade restrictions in response to the Russian military action against Ukraine or the impact such additional sanctions or restrictions may have on us which may include increased costs and regulatory burdens associated with compliance with the evolving and complex sanctions landscape. There is also an increasing risk that the United States, the UK, the EU, the UN and other jurisdictions will begin imposing restrictions on

countries, such as China or Turkey, who are viewed as supportive of Russian military action or who are aiding circumvention of existing sanctions on Russia. Compliance with any such restrictions imposed on China, Turkey or other jurisdictions, would pose a regulatory and cost burden and would greatly increase our exposure to sanctions risks. The heightened regulatory, political and media focus on our response to this crisis, the Israel-Hamas armed conflict or other future regional conflicts and wars that have a global impact may also increase our exposure to conduct and reputational risks.

Furthermore, the disruption and volatility in the global financial markets caused by the war in Ukraine and further intensified by the Israel-Hamas armed conflict and the potential of further tightening of financial market conditions due to the regional wars or other future regional conflicts and wars have had and could continue to have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's ability to access funding, capital and liquidity on financial terms acceptable to it and result in an increase in Santander UK's cost of funding due to widening of credit spreads. This could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

In addition, the risk of cyberattacks on companies and institutions could increase as a result of geopolitical turmoil. For example, Santander UK has faced a heightened risk of cyberattacks as a result of Russia's military action against Ukraine, and the Israel-Hamas armed conflict and/or other future regional conflicts and wars that have a global impact serve to further heighten such risk. Such attacks could adversely affect our ability to maintain or enhance our cybersecurity and data protection measures. While we continue to see increasing ransomware attacks across sectors driven by supply chain tool compromises, and expect this trend to continue, we have not experienced any notable information or cybersecurity incidents as a result of these regional wars. We continue to actively monitor the situations in Ukraine, the Middle East and globally and assess their potential impacts on our business.

***Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects are materially impacted by economic conditions in the UK and disruptions in the global economy and global financial markets***

Santander UK's business activities are concentrated in the UK, where it offers a range of banking and financial products and services to UK retail and corporate customers. As a consequence, Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects are significantly affected by general economic conditions in the UK.

Although the UK economy has recovered to pre-pandemic growth levels, the UK's economic growth in 2023 stagnated. As such, there remains a risk that the UK economy will fall into a period of economic contraction as the effects of higher interest rates, Brexit, and higher and more persistent inflation continue to affect supply chains and business and household confidence and finances. Interest rates have risen sharply since 2022 and although it is predicted that the peak has been reached there remains a risk that further increases will be needed particularly if rising energy inflation returns. This would put further pressure on household finances for some of our customers due to a sharp rise of the costs for refinancing their mortgage and significantly higher costs of borrowing overall. Higher mortgage rates could dampen demand in the housing market, leading to further drops in new business or steeper falls in house prices, reducing the value of the collateral we hold against mortgages. These risks could create further downward pressure on the economy; for example: a large surge in business failures with knock-on effects for the labour market resulting in high rates of unemployment that affect the ability of customers to pay their debts, which could also contribute to negative multiplier effects through delayed investment and spending; and a stronger push towards protectionism as governments look to protect home industries. This could also lead to a longer-term turn in the credit cycle with a broader contraction of credit as lenders attempt to protect themselves from increased losses.

In particular, Santander UK faces, among others, the following risks in this period of economic uncertainty (including the effect of those risks on gross domestic product, inflation, unemployment and house prices):

- Reduced demand for Santander UK's products and services - particularly the potential for reduced mortgage market volumes.
- Inability of Santander UK's borrowers to make payments on their loans in full or on time.

- The degree of uncertainty concerning economic conditions may adversely affect the accuracy of Santander UK's estimates, which may, in turn, impact the reliability of the IFRS 9 model and process to determine the sufficiency of Santander UK's loan loss allowances.
- Lower house or other asset prices, reducing the value of collateral Santander UK holds on mortgage and other lending.
- Higher and more persistent inflation, reducing Santander UK's profitability and increasing the cost of living for Santander UK's borrowers.
- The value and liquidity of the portfolio of investment securities that Santander UK holds may be adversely affected.

Santander UK is also exposed to:

- Broader geopolitical issues, which remain heightened with the potential for a further pushback against globalism. Further moves towards unilateralism may also cause increased tension and/or hostilities between nations, which could negatively impact the global economy and financial markets. In addition, Russia's invasion of Ukraine has impacted the UK economy, in particular by pushing up energy and oil prices and increasing inflation further and the armed conflict between Israel and Hamas, including the risk of the conflict spreading more broadly in the region, could escalate geopolitical tensions, which may continue to adversely affect the global economy and financial markets;
- Further waves or new strains of Covid-19 or unforeseen new diseases or infections, which could cause social disruption and a material economic downturn in the UK and globally;
- Climate change risks which could result in material damage to our customers' property or businesses or have a material impact on our customers' business models under a transition to a low carbon economy; and
- Social unrest as a result of severe economic disruption.

Adverse changes in the credit quality of Santander UK's borrowers or counterparties or a general deterioration in UK economic conditions could reduce the recoverability and value of Santander UK's assets and require an increase in its level of provisions for expected credit losses. There can be no assurance that Santander UK will not have to increase its provisions for loan losses in the future as a result of increases in non-performing loans or for other reasons beyond its control. Material increases in Santander UK's provision for loan losses and write-off or charge-offs have had and could again have a material adverse effect on its operations, financial condition and prospects. Any significant reduction in the demand for Santander UK products and services, a sustained downturn in the UK economy or changes in central bank interest rates could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

Inflation peaked in October 2022 and since then the growth rate has continually fallen and should be near the target level in 2024. Monetary policy in the UK remains tight and whilst peak interest rates may have been reached, interest rates are likely to remain high throughout 2024. Economic instability and downturns beyond the UK may also impact the UK economy as a whole. Europe's manufacturing base is heavily dependent upon natural gas, and restriction in supply and significantly increased costs are expected to have a material adverse impact on the Eurozone economy, which could lead to disruption and volatility in the global financial markets, as a result of debt sustainability concerns. This could have a material adverse impact on Santander UK, including Santander UK's ability to access capital and liquidity on financial terms acceptable to Santander UK, which could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

A recessionary economic environment could also lead to rating downgrades affecting the UK, Santander UK or its customers, investments and/or instruments, causing capital impacts due to increased RWAs, an increase in the volatility of wholesale markets and the cost of funding.

***The UK's withdrawal from the European Union (Brexit) has had and could continue to have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects***

On 31 January 2020 the UK ceased to be a member of the EU and a limited trade deal was agreed between the UK and the EU with the relevant new regulations coming into force on 1 January 2021.

The trade deal, however, does not include agreements on certain areas such as financial services and data adequacy. The European Commission (the "**Commission**") will decide in 2024 whether to extend the data adequacy decision(s) for the UK for a further period up to a maximum of another four years. If the Commission does not extend the decisions, then the decisions will expire on 27 June 2025. As a result, Santander UK has, and will continue to have, a limited ability to provide cross-border services to EU customers and to trade with EU counterparties.

Following a consultation on the optimal structure for UK financial services post-Brexit, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2023 ("**FSMA 2023**") received royal assent on 29 June 2023. FSMA 2023 establishes a framework for HM Treasury ("**HMT**") to revoke EU-derived financial services legislation and for it to be replaced by Financial Conduct Authority ("**FCA**") and Prudential Regulation Authority ("**PRA**") rules, with the intention of delivering a "comprehensive FSMA model of regulation" under which the regulators have extensive rule-making powers. This process of revoking and replacing retained EU law may result in material changes to the UK regulatory regime and the impact of these reforms on Santander UK is difficult to predict.

The wider and continuing impact of Brexit on financial markets through market fragmentation, reduced access to finance and funding, and a lack of access to certain financial market infrastructure, may affect Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects and those of its customers.

Residual risks remain around the impact on the UK's economy. Brexit has contributed to global Covid-19 pandemic-related supply and labour market constraints and reduced economic output and exports as businesses attempt to adapt the new cross-border procedures and rules applicable in the UK and in the EU to their activities, products, customers and suppliers.

While the long-term effects of the UK's withdrawal from the EU are difficult to assess, this has also been hampered by overlay of and development of economic risks from the Covid-19 pandemic, the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the armed conflict between Israel and Hamas. Further, there is ongoing political and economic uncertainty, such as increased friction with the EU and EU countries, which could negatively affect Santander UK's customers and counterparties and have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

***Santander UK faces risks from the impact of climate change, which could materially affect Santander UK's business operations, reputation, clients and customers, as well as the creditworthiness of its counterparties***

Climate risk is a risk that manifests through other principal risks, primarily enterprise risk, credit risk and operational risk. Climate change could expose Santander UK to financial risk either through its physical (e.g., climate or weather-related events) or transitional (e.g., changes in climate policy or in the regulation of financial institutions and corporates with respect to climate change risks) effects. Transition risks could be further accelerated by the occurrence of changes in the physical climate.

Physical risks from climate change arise from climate and weather-related events, such as heatwaves, droughts, floods, landslides, storms, sea level rise, coastal erosion and subsidence. These risks could impact our customers in the form of lower revenues due to transport problems, supply chain disruption and other impacts that strain production and lower revenues and higher costs for our customers owing to workers' health, safety, absenteeism and other workforce-related problems. These risks could also lead to damage to our customers' property or operations, which could impair asset values and the creditworthiness of customers leading to increased default rates, delinquencies, write-offs and impairment charges in Santander UK's portfolios. In addition, Santander UK's premises and resilience may also suffer physical damage due to weather-related events leading to increased costs for Santander UK.

Transition risks arise from the process of adjustment towards a low-carbon economy. Santander UK may face significant and rapid developments in stakeholder expectations, policy, law and regulation which

could impact the lending activities Santander UK undertakes, as well as the risks associated with its lending portfolios, and the value of Santander UK's financial assets. Reputation risk could arise from a failure to meet changing societal, investor or regulatory demands. In particular, the last year has seen an increase in upcoming climate-related disclosure requirements that Santander UK and Banco Santander S.A. (as the ultimate parent of Santander UK) will need to comply with (for example, the IFRS Sustainability Disclosure Standards as developed by the International Sustainability Standards Board ("ISSB"), the European Banking Authority's ("EBA") Environmental, Social, and Governance ("ESG") Pillar 3 disclosures rules and the EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive ("CSRD")).

Banco Santander S.A. is a founding member of the UN-convened Net Zero Banking Alliance committing Santander UK Group Holdings plc to set and disclose decarbonisation targets for most greenhouse gas intensive sectors and to becoming a net zero bank by 2050. As such, Santander UK Group Holdings plc is implementing and reporting at a group level (including Santander UK plc) against the TCFD recommendations and has disclosed targets to manage climate-related risks and opportunities. We continue to enhance our disclosures to ensure they become fully aligned with the TCFD recommendations. In order to fulfil these ambitions and reach the relevant targets or any other climate-related ambitions or targets Santander UK may commit to in the future, Santander UK continues to embed climate considerations into its strategy, business model, the products and services it provides to customers and its financial and non-financial risk management processes (including processes to measure and manage the various financial and non-financial risks Santander UK faces as a result of climate change). Failure to adequately embed risks associated with climate change into its risk framework to appropriately measure, manage and disclose the various financial and operational risks it faces as a result of climate change, or failure to adapt Santander UK's strategy and business model to the changing regulatory requirements and market expectations on a timely basis, may have a material and adverse impact on Santander UK's level of business growth, competitiveness, profitability, capital requirements, cost of funding, and financial condition. Achieving Santander UK's climate-related ambitions and targets will also depend on a number of factors outside its control, including (among other things) availability of data to measure and assess the climate impact on Santander UK's customers, advancements of low-carbon transition technologies and public policies to support the energy transition in the markets where Santander UK operates. We continue to assess this as part of our transition planning process. If these external factors and other changes do not occur, or do not occur on a timely basis, Santander UK may fail to achieve its climate-related ambitions and targets and this could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's business growth, competitiveness, profitability, financial condition and reputation.

## 2. Business Model Risks

### *Santander UK is exposed to competition from other financial institutions, including new entrants into the financial services sector*

The markets for UK financial services are very competitive and Santander UK has seen strong competition from banks, building societies and other established financial service providers. In addition, Santander UK faces competition from a number of new entrants, non-banks and other providers, including technology companies and large retail companies with strong brand recognition, particularly in payments.

The UK government and regulators are actively supporting the emergence of new entrants into the UK financial services market. The internet and mobile technologies are also changing customer behaviour and the competitive environment. There has been a steep rise in customer use of mobile banking in recent years and the Covid-19 pandemic accelerated the strong trends towards customer digital adoption, commercial and customer uptake of Open Banking which is a data sharing initiative making certain customer account balance and transaction data available to third parties through use of application programming interfaces, and regulatory and industry initiatives to develop commercial variable recurring payments, Open Finance which extends the Open Banking ecosystem to enable data sharing related to additional financial services products and services and Smart Data which will establish data sharing initiatives in various sectors outside of financial services, are likely to significantly change the technological and competitive landscape.

Santander UK is investing in a multi-year transformation programme, including digitalisation of channels and services and automation of physical channels, to both meet customer preferences and protect its competitive position. There can be no assurance that the transformation programme will deliver the benefits sought from it.

Management expects such competition to continue or intensify as a result of customer behaviour and trends, technological changes, competitor behaviour, the growth in digital banking, new lending models and changes in regulation including the expansion of Open Banking. As a result of any restructuring or evolution in the market, there may emerge one or more new viable competitors in the UK banking market or a material strengthening of one or more of Santander UK's existing competitors in that market, limiting Santander UK's ability to increase its customer base and expand its operations, increasing competition for investment opportunities and potentially reducing Santander UK's market share.

Any of these competition-related factors or a combination thereof could result in a significant reduction in the profit of Santander UK. Santander UK gives consideration to the competitive position in its management actions, such as pricing, product decisions and our business model. Increasing competition could mean that Santander UK increases rates offered on deposits or lowers the rates it charges on loans, or changes its cost base, any of which could have a material adverse effect on its operations, financial condition and prospects.

The rising rate environment and cost of living crisis may result in competitors reacting quite differently in relation to, amongst other factors, loan pricing, availability, deposit pricing and investment decisions. This has already had, and will continue to have, an impact on the competitive environment and future decisions of Santander UK.

***Santander UK's ability to maintain its competitive position depends, in part, on the success of new products and services it offers its customers and its ability to continue offering products and services from third parties***

The success of Santander UK's operations and its profitability depends, in part, on the success of new products and services it offers to customers and the way in which it offers and provides its products and services. The increasing availability of a wide range of digital or online products and services for customers requires banks like Santander UK to enhance their offerings in order to retain and attract customers. However, Santander UK cannot guarantee that its products and services or the way in which it offers or provides its products and services will continue to meet the needs or preferences of Santander UK's customers which may change over time, and Santander UK may not take appropriate action to change or withdraw products when they become obsolete, outdated or unattractive. Santander UK may not be able to develop new products that meet its customers' changing needs in a timely manner. As Santander UK expands the range of its products and services, some of which may be at an early stage of development in the UK market, it will be exposed to known, new and potentially increasingly complex risks, including conduct risk, and development expenses. Santander UK's employees and risk management systems, as well as its experience and that of its partners, may not be sufficient or adequate to enable it to properly handle or manage such risks. In addition, the cost of developing products that are not launched is likely to affect its operating results.

Any or all of the above factors, individually or collectively, could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

***Santander UK's loan portfolio is subject to risk of prepayment***

Santander UK's loan portfolio is subject to prepayment risk resulting from the ability of a borrower or issuer to prepay a debt obligation prior to maturity. As a result, Santander UK could be required to amortise net premiums into income over a shorter period of time, thereby reducing the corresponding asset yield and net interest income and there is a risk that Santander UK is not able to accurately forecast amortisation schedules for these purposes which may affect its profitability. Prepayment risk also has a significant adverse impact on credit card and mortgage loans, since prepayments could shorten the weighted average life of these assets, which may result in a mismatch with Santander UK's funding obligations and reinvestment at lower yields. The risk of prepayment and its impact on Santander UK's ability to accurately forecast amortisation schedules is inherent in Santander UK's commercial activity and an increase in prepayments or a failure to accurately forecast amortisation schedules could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

***Damage to Santander UK's reputation could cause harm to its business prospects***

Maintaining a positive reputation is critical to attracting and retaining customers, investors and employees and conducting business transactions with counterparties. Damage to Santander UK's

reputation could materially and adversely affect Santander UK's perception among current and potential clients, investors, vendors, partners, regulators and other third parties, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operating results, financial condition, and prospects as well as damage Santander UK's customers' and investors' confidence and the market price of Santander UK's securities. Damage to the reputation of Santander UK or Banco Santander S.A. (as the ultimate parent of Santander UK), the reputation of affiliates operating under the 'Santander' brand or any of its other brands could therefore cause significant harm to Santander UK's business and prospects. Harm to Santander UK's reputation can arise directly or indirectly from numerous sources, including, among others, employee misconduct (including the possibility of employee fraud), litigation, regulatory interventions and enforcement action, failure to deliver minimum standards of service and quality, loss or compromise of customer data, disruption to service due to a cyberattack, wider IT failures, compliance failures, third-party fraud, financial crime, breach of legal or regulatory requirements, unethical behaviour (including adopting inappropriate sales and trading practices), and the activities of customers, suppliers and counterparties and the perception of the financial services industry as a whole. Further, negative publicity regarding Santander UK, whether true or not, may result in harm to Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects. Santander UK's reputation could also suffer if we are the subject of negative coverage in the media, whether it has merit or not.

***If Santander UK is unable to manage the growth of its operations, this could have a material adverse impact on its profitability***

Santander UK allocates management and planning resources to develop strategic plans for organic growth, and to identify possible acquisitions and disposals and areas for restructuring its businesses when necessary. From time to time, Santander UK evaluates acquisition, disposal, and partnership opportunities that it believes could offer additional value to its shareholders and customers and are consistent with its business strategy. However, Santander UK may not be able to identify suitable acquisition or partnership candidates and may not be able to acquire promising targets or form partnerships on favourable terms, or at all. Furthermore, preparations for acquisitions that Santander UK does not complete can be disruptive. Santander UK bases its assessment of potential acquisitions and partnerships on limited and potentially inexact information and on assumptions with respect to value, operations, profitability and other matters that may prove to be incorrect. Santander UK's ability to benefit from any such acquisitions and partnerships will depend in part on its successful integration of those businesses. Such integration entails significant risks such as challenges in retaining the customers and employees of the acquired businesses, unforeseen difficulties in integrating operations and systems and unexpected liabilities or contingencies relating to the acquired businesses, including legal claims and regulatory investigations. Moreover, the success of the acquisition or venture will at least in part be subject to a number of political, economic and other factors that are beyond Santander UK's control. Santander UK can give no assurances that its expectations with regard to integration and synergies will materialise.

Santander UK cannot provide assurance that it will, in all cases, be able to manage its growth effectively or to implement its strategic growth decisions, including its ability to:

- Manage efficiently the operations and employees of expanding businesses
- Maintain or grow its existing customer base
- Successfully execute its strategy
- Fully due diligence and assess the value, strengths and weaknesses of investment or acquisition candidates
- Finance strategic opportunities, investments or acquisitions
- Fully integrate strategic investments, or newly-established entities or acquisitions, in line with its strategy
- Align its current information technology systems adequately with those of an enlarged group
- Apply its risk management policy effectively to an enlarged group

Any or all of these factors, individually or collectively, could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

### 3. Capital and Liquidity Risks

*Santander UK is subject to regulatory capital, liquidity and leverage requirements that could limit its operations, and changes to these requirements may further limit and could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects*

#### *Capital Requirements Regulation and Capital Requirements Directive IV*

Santander UK is subject to capital adequacy requirements applicable to banks and banking groups under retained EU law and as adopted by the PRA in the UK. Santander UK is required to maintain a minimum ratio of Common Equity Tier 1 ("CET1") capital to risk-weighted assets, Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets, total capital to risk-weighted assets and Tier 1 capital (leverage) to total adjusted assets for leverage purposes. Any failure by Santander UK to maintain such ratios above prescribed regulatory minimum levels may result in administrative actions or sanctions. These could potentially include requirements on Santander UK to cease all or certain lines of new business, to raise new capital resources or, in certain circumstances, a requirement for Santander UK's existing capital instruments (potentially including Santander UK's debt securities) to be subjected to bail-in or write down (for more information, see the risk factor entitled 'Santander UK may become subject to the provisions of the Banking Act 2009 (the Banking Act), including bail-in and write down powers').

The EU Capital Requirements Directive IV ("CRD IV Directive") and the Capital Requirements Regulation (the "CRR" and together with the CRD IV Directive, "CRD IV") implemented changes proposed by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (the "Basel Committee") to the capital adequacy framework, known as 'Basel III' in the EU. The CRR has been amended through a series of EU regulations, including the Capital Requirements Regulation 2 ("CRR 2") and the CRD IV Directive amended by the Capital Requirements Directive V ("CRD V Directive"). The European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 converted the directly applicable elements of CRD IV into UK law on 31 December 2020 and preserved existing UK law implementing the CRD IV directive. Certain elements of the CRR which were 'onshored' in this way have now been transposed into the PRA rules.

In implementing CRD IV and the revised versions of CRD IV, the PRA has required the capital resources of UK banks to be maintained at levels which exceed the base capital requirements prescribed by CRD IV and to cover relevant risks in their business. In addition, a series of capital buffers have been established under CRD IV and PRA rules to ensure a bank can withstand a period of stress. Though the results of the Bank of England ("BoE") 2022/23 stress test (the most recent exercise undertaken to set UK bank capital buffers) did not impact on the level of capital that Santander UK is required to hold, the PRA could, in the future, as a result of stress testing exercises and as part of the exercise of UK macro-prudential capital regulation tools, or through supervisory actions, require Santander UK to increase its capital resources further, which could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

#### *Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) and Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR)*

The LCR is intended to ensure that a bank maintains an adequate level of unencumbered, high quality liquid assets which can be used to offset the net cash outflows the bank could encounter under a short-term significant liquidity stress scenario. The current minimum requirement for LCR is set at 100%. Santander UK is also required to maintain available stable funding equal to at least 100% of its required stable funding under the NSFR. Santander UK's current liquidity position is in excess of the minimum requirements set by the PRA, however there can be no assurance that future changes to the applicable liquidity requirements would not have an adverse effect on Santander UK's financial performance.

#### *Leverage ratios*

The Financial Services Act 2012 (the "FS Act") also provides the Financial Policy Committee ("FPC") of the BoE with certain macro-prudential tools for the management of systemic risk including quarterly setting of the countercyclical capital buffer rate and powers of direction relating to leverage ratios. All major UK banks and banking groups (including Santander UK) are required to hold enough Tier 1 capital (75% of which must be CET1 capital) to satisfy a minimum leverage ratio requirement of 3.25% and

enough CET1 capital to satisfy a countercyclical leverage ratio buffer of 35% of each bank's institution-specific countercyclical capital buffer rate. The PRA requires UK globally systemically important banks ("G-SIBs") and Ring Fenced Bodies to hold enough CET1 capital to meet an Additional Leverage Ratio Buffer ("ALRB") of 35% of the institution-specific G-SIB buffer rate or Other Systemically Important Institutions ("O-SII") buffer rate following the implementation of the CRD V Directive on 28 December 2020 (previously the Systemic Risk Buffer rate) and for consolidated groups which include a Ring Fenced Body (as defined in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA")) to hold enough CET1 capital to meet the ALRB. The FPC can also direct the PRA to adjust capital requirements in relation to particular sectors through the imposition of sectoral capital requirements. Action taken in the future by the FPC in exercise of any of its powers could result in the regulatory capital requirements applied to Santander UK being further increased, which could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

#### *Further regulatory changes*

Regulators in the UK and worldwide have proposed that additional loss absorbency requirements should be applied to systemically important institutions to ensure that there is sufficient loss absorbing and recapitalisation capacity available in resolution. The BoE is required to set the Minimum Requirement for Eligible Liabilities ("MREL") for all institutions. The BoE required most banks, since 1 January 2022, to be in compliance with the end-state MREL requirements, which Santander UK plc and Santander UK Group Holdings plc are.

Regulators and legislators in the UK have produced a range of proposals for future legislative and regulatory reform which could force Santander UK to comply with certain operational restrictions or take steps to raise further capital or increase Santander UK's expenses and could therefore have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects. These changes, which could affect Santander UK as a whole, include the UK's implementation of the remaining Basel III standards. The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision has approved a series of significant changes to the Basel regulatory capital framework subsequent to Basel III from 7 December 2017, colloquially known as Basel IV or Basel 3.1 which revise the process for determining capital requirements. On 30 November 2022, the PRA published a consultation paper ("CP 16/22") on the implementation of the Basel IV standards (which the PRA refers to as Basel 3.1) in the UK, which on 12 December 2023 was followed by a Policy Statement ("PS17/23") and the first of two sets of new near-final rules. The remaining rules are expected to be published in the second quarter of 2024 and together these new rules will revise the CRD IV framework already implemented in the UK. The PRA has proposed a four-and-a-half-year transitional period for implementation that will commence on 1 July 2025. CRD IV requirements adopted in the UK may change further and there may be further changes to the way in which the PRA continues to interpret and apply these requirements to UK banks (including with regard to individual model approvals or otherwise).

There is a risk that changes to the UK's capital adequacy regime (including any increase to minimum leverage ratios) may result in increased minimum capital requirements, which could reduce available capital for new business purposes and adversely affect Santander UK's cost of funding, profitability and ability to pay dividends, or other discretionary payments on its capital instruments, continued organic growth (including increased lending), or pursue acquisitions or other strategic opportunities. Alternatively, Santander UK could be required to restructure its balance sheet to reduce capital charges incurred pursuant to the PRA's rules or raise additional capital, but at increased cost and subject to prevailing market conditions. In addition, any changes to the eligibility criteria for Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital may affect Santander UK's ability to raise Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital and impact the recognition of existing Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital resources in the calculation of Santander UK's capital position. Furthermore, increased capital requirements may negatively affect Santander UK's return on equity and other financial performance indicators.

Santander UK's business could be affected if its capital is not managed effectively or if these measures limit Santander UK's ability to manage its balance sheet and capital resources effectively or to access funding on commercially acceptable terms. Effective management of Santander UK's capital position is important to Santander UK's ability to operate its business, to continue to grow organically and to pursue its business strategy. There is a risk that implementing and maintaining existing and new liquidity requirements, such as through enhanced liquidity risk management systems, may incur significant costs, and more stringent requirements to hold liquid assets may materially affect Santander UK's lending business as more funds may be required to acquire or maintain a liquidity buffer, thereby reducing future

profitability. This could in turn adversely impact Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

***Liquidity and funding risks are inherent in Santander UK's business and could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects***

Liquidity risk is the risk that Santander UK either does not have available sufficient financial resources to meet its obligations as they fall due or can secure them only at excessive cost. This risk is inherent in any retail and commercial banking business and can be heightened by a number of factors such as over-reliance on a particular source of funding, changes in credit ratings or market-wide phenomena such as market dislocation. Santander UK performs comprehensive internal stress testing in order to ensure that it maintains funding profiles and holds a liquid asset buffer in order to manage this risk. However, unforeseen systemic market factors like those experienced during the last financial crisis make it difficult to eliminate these risks completely. There can be no assurance that such circumstances will not reoccur or that they will occur in the same way, but past experience and comprehensive stress testing regimes help Santander UK to consider and manage the potential impacts on its liquidity position. Liquidity constraints may affect Santander UK's operations and its ability to meet regulatory liquidity requirements or may limit growth possibilities. Disruption and volatility in the global financial markets could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's ability to access capital and liquidity on financial terms acceptable to it and in addition to increased funding costs, may result in a shortening in the term of funding it raises.

Santander UK's cost of funding is related to prevailing interest rates and to its credit spreads. Increases in interest rates and Santander UK's credit spreads can significantly increase the cost of its funding. Changes in Santander UK's credit spreads can be market-driven or idiosyncratic in nature and may be influenced by perceptions of its creditworthiness rather than any underlying change in Santander UK's financial position. Changes to interest rates and Santander UK's credit spreads occur continuously and may be unpredictable and highly volatile. Market predictions of future central bank policy rate paths may impact Santander UK's cost of funding, even if central bank actions do not ultimately follow market predictions.

If wholesale markets financing ceases to be available, or becomes excessively expensive, Santander UK may be forced to raise the rates it pays on deposits, with a view to attracting more customers and/or to sell assets, potentially at depressed prices or to reduce growth plans. Santander UK's cost of funding might also be impacted by increased competition for retail and corporate deposits.

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the BoE introduced the Term Funding Scheme with additional incentives for Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises ("TFSME"). Santander UK has begun repaying drawings ahead of the 2025 contractual maturities and as at 31 December 2023, Santander UK had £17bn of drawings outstanding having repaid £8bn in 2023. Santander UK will have to replace these remaining drawings via wholesale market issuance or through management of the customer funding gap.

Each of the factors described above could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK, including its ability to access capital and liquidity on financial terms acceptable to it and, more generally, on its operations, financial condition and prospects.

Further, Santander UK aims for a funding structure that is consistent with its assets, avoids excessive reliance on short-term wholesale funding, attracts enduring retail and commercial deposits and provides diversification in products and tenor. Santander UK therefore relies, and will continue to rely, on retail and commercial deposits to fund a significant proportion of lending activities. The on-going availability of this type of funding is sensitive to a variety of factors outside Santander UK's control, such as general economic conditions and the confidence of depositors in the economy and in the financial services industry in general, confidence in Santander UK specifically, Santander UK's credit rating and the availability and extent of deposit guarantees, as well as competition between banks for deposits or competition with other products, such as mutual funds or, if launched, central bank digital currency. A change in any of these factors could significantly increase the amount of commercial deposit withdrawals in a short period of time, thereby reducing its ability to access deposit funding on appropriate terms, or at all, in the future, and therefore have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

Santander UK's liquidity planning assumes that customers will continue to make a volume of deposits with Santander UK (particularly demand deposits and short-term time deposits), and Santander UK intends to maintain its emphasis on the use of deposits as a source of funds. The short-term nature of some deposits could cause liquidity problems for Santander UK in the future if deposits are not made in the volumes anticipated or are withdrawn at short notice or are not renewed. If a substantial number of depositors withdraw their demand deposits or do not roll over their time deposits upon maturity, there may be a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects. This might increase Santander UK's requirements for wholesale funding or require the execution of contingent options to raise additional liquidity, including the potential curtailing of growth plans.

***An adverse movement in Santander UK's external credit rating would likely increase its cost of funding, require Santander UK to post additional collateral or take other actions under some of its derivative contracts and adversely affect Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects***

Credit ratings affect the cost and other terms upon which Santander UK is able to obtain funding. Credit rating agencies regularly evaluate Santander UK, and their credit ratings of Santander UK and Santander UK's issued debt are based on a number of factors, including Santander UK's financial strength, the strength of the UK economy and conditions affecting the financial services industry generally.

Any downgrade in the external credit ratings assigned to Santander UK or any of Santander UK's debt securities could have an adverse impact on Santander UK. In particular, a downgrade in Santander UK's credit ratings could increase its borrowing costs and could require it to post additional collateral or take other actions under some of its derivatives, loan facilities or other financial contracts, and could limit its access to capital markets and have a material adverse effect on its operations, financial condition and prospects. For example, a credit rating downgrade could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's ability to sell or market certain products, engage in certain longer-term or derivatives transactions and retain its customers or investors, particularly those who need a minimum rating threshold in order to transact or invest.

Any of these effects of a credit rating downgrade could, in turn, result in outflows and reduce Santander UK's liquidity and have an adverse effect on Santander UK, including its operations, financial condition and prospects. For example, Santander UK estimates that at 31 December 2023, if Fitch, Moody's and Standard & Poor's were concurrently to downgrade the long-term credit ratings of Santander UK plc by one notch, and thereby trigger a short-term credit rating downgrade, this could result in an outflow of £1.2bn of cash and collateral. A hypothetical two notch downgrade would result in a further outflow of £0.8bn of cash and collateral at 31 December 2023. Under the LCR we hold sufficient liquidity to cover these potential outflows. However, while certain potential impacts are contractual and quantifiable, the full consequences of a credit rating downgrade are inherently uncertain, as they depend upon numerous dynamic, complex and inter-related factors and assumptions, including market conditions at the time of any downgrade, whether any downgrade of a firm's long-term credit rating precipitates downgrades to its short-term credit rating, whether any downgrade precipitates changes to the way that the financial institutions sector is rated, and assumptions about the ratings of other financial institutions and the potential behaviours of various customers, investors and counterparties. Actual outflows will also depend upon certain other factors including any management or restructuring actions that could be taken to reduce cash outflows and the potential liquidity impact from a loss of unsecured funding (such as from money market funds) or loss of secured funding capacity.

There can be no assurance that the credit rating agencies will maintain Santander UK's current credit ratings or outlooks. A failure to maintain favourable credit ratings or outlooks could increase Santander UK's cost of funding, adversely affect Santander UK's interest margins, and reduce its ability to secure both long-term and short-term funding. If a downgrade of a Santander UK member's long-term credit ratings were to occur, it could also impact the short-term credit ratings of other members of Santander UK. The occurrence of any of these events could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

Negative changes to the UK sovereign credit rating, or the perception that further negative changes may occur, could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition, prospects and the marketability and trading value of its securities. This might also have an impact on Santander UK's own credit rating, borrowing costs and ability to secure funding. Negative changes to the UK sovereign credit rating, or the perception that further negative changes may occur, could also have a material effect in depressing consumer confidence, restricting the availability, and increasing the cost, of

funding for individuals and companies, further depressing economic activity, increasing unemployment and reducing asset prices, which could in turn have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

***Changes in Santander UK's pension liabilities and obligations could have a materially adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects***

The majority of current employees are provided with pension benefits through defined contribution arrangements. Under these arrangements Santander UK's obligation is limited to the cash contributions paid. Santander UK provides retirement benefits for many of its former and current employees in the UK through a defined benefit pension scheme established under trust. Santander UK plc is the principal employer under this scheme, but it has only limited control over the rate at which it pays into the scheme. Under the UK statutory pension funding requirements employers are usually required to contribute to the schemes at the rate they agree with the scheme trustees although, if they cannot agree, the rate can be set by the Pensions Regulator. The scheme trustees may, in the course of discussions about future valuations, seek higher employer contributions. The scheme trustees' power in relation to the payment of pension contributions depends on the terms of the trust deed and rules governing the scheme, but, in some cases, the trustees may have the unilateral right to set the employer's relevant contribution.

The Pensions Regulator has the power to issue a financial support direction to companies within a group in respect of the liability of employers participating in UK defined benefit pension schemes where, amongst other things, that employer is 'insufficiently resourced' (as defined for the purposes of the relevant legislation). Such a financial support direction could require the companies to guarantee or provide security for the pension liabilities of those employers or could require additional amounts to be paid into the relevant pension schemes in respect of them.

The Pensions Regulator can also issue contribution notices if it is of the opinion that an employer has taken actions, or failed to take actions, deliberately designed to avoid meeting its pension promises or which are materially detrimental to the scheme's ability to meet its pension promises. A contribution notice can be issued to any company or individual that is connected with or an associate of such employer in circumstances where the Pensions Regulator considers it reasonable to issue it and multiple notices could be issued to connected companies or individuals for the full amount of the debt. The risk of a contribution notice being imposed may inhibit Santander UK's freedom to restructure or to undertake certain corporate activities. There is a risk that Santander UK could incur an obligation to make a contribution to the scheme by virtue of section 75 or 75A of the Pensions Act 1995 as a result of a reorganisation or disposal of Santander UK's businesses.

Should the value of assets to liabilities in respect of the defined benefit schemes operated by Santander UK record a deficit or an increased deficit (as appropriate), due to either a reduction in the value of the pension scheme assets (depending on the performance of financial markets) not matched by a fall in the pension scheme liabilities and/or an increase in the pension scheme liabilities (for example due to changes in legislation, mortality assumptions, discount rate assumptions, inflation, or other factors) not matched by an increase in the pension scheme assets, this could result in Santander UK having to make increased contributions to reduce or satisfy the deficits which would divert resources from other areas of Santander UK's business and reduce its capital resources. Changes in inflation and interest rates in particular pose significant risks to the pension scheme as liabilities would be adversely impacted by an increase in long-term inflation or reduction in interest rates, and it is inherently problematic to find assets that exactly match inflation and interest rate movements in the liabilities. The pension scheme assets are also invested in illiquid assets consisting primarily of unlisted credit, private equity and property. The value of these investments can only be known when they are realised. The value in the accounts is an estimate of the fair value of these investments but the final realised value could be materially different. Although the trustee of the scheme is obliged to consult with Santander UK before changing the pension scheme's investment strategy, the trustee has the final say and the ultimate responsibility for investment strategy rests with the trustee. A change in the actual or perceived strength of the employer's covenant could also result in Santander UK having to make increased contributions to the scheme. While Santander UK can control a number of the above factors, there are some over which Santander UK has no or limited control.

Changes in UK legislation and regulation through the Pension Schemes Act 2021 to address perceived failings in pension protection following recent high profile company insolvencies with large pension deficits may also affect Santander UK's position. Specific areas where concerns have been raised are

levels of dividends where there is a pension scheme with a deficit and the length of time taken to address deficits. These changes in legislation or regulation could result in Santander UK having to make increased contributions to reduce or satisfy the deficits which would divert resources from use in other areas of its business and reduce its capital resources.

Any increase in Santander UK's pension liabilities and obligations as a result of the foregoing factors could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial conditions and prospects. There is also a risk of reputational damage if the scheme fails to comply with legislation or if there are any issues with members or the trustee being dissatisfied.

#### 4. Market Risks

***Santander UK is subject to fluctuations in interest rates and other market risks, which could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects***

Market risk refers to the probability of variations in Santander UK's net interest income or in the market value of its assets and liabilities due to volatility of interest rates, credit spreads, exchange rates or equity prices.

- Changes in interest rates would affect the following areas, among others, of Santander UK's business:
- Net interest income
- The value of Santander UK's derivatives transactions
- The value of Santander UK's securities holdings
- The value of Santander UK's loans and deposits
- The volume of loans originated

Interest rates are highly sensitive to many factors beyond Santander UK's control, including increased regulation of the financial sector, inflation, monetary policies, domestic and international economic and political conditions. Variations in interest rates could affect the interest earned on Santander UK's assets and the interest paid on its borrowings, thereby affecting its net interest income, which comprises the majority of its revenue, reducing its growth rate and profitability and potentially resulting in losses. In addition, costs Santander UK incurs putting into place strategies to reduce interest rate exposure could increase in the future, which could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

Increases in interest rates may reduce the volume of loans originated by Santander UK. Sustained high interest rates have historically discouraged customers from borrowing and have resulted in increased delinquencies in outstanding loans and deterioration in the quality of assets.

Reductions in interest rates could lead to margin compression if such changes are passed on to customer liabilities to a lesser extent than they are passed on to customer assets.

Changes in interest rates may also affect the ability of Santander UK's customers to prepay or refinance fixed-rate loans, affect the value of its financial assets and reduce gains or require Santander UK to record losses on sales of Santander UK's loans or securities, which could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

***Negative changes in positions recorded at fair value could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects***

Santander UK has material exposures to securities, derivatives and other investments that are recorded at fair value and are therefore exposed to potential negative market changes. A widening of market credit spreads, reflecting the prevailing market conditions would negatively impact asset valuations in future periods and may result in negative changes in the fair values of Santander UK's financial assets. A tightening of Santander UK's own credit spreads would increase the magnitude of liabilities, thereby reducing net assets.

In addition, the value ultimately realised by Santander UK on disposal of assets and liabilities recorded at fair value may be lower than their current fair value; for example, during the last global financial crisis, financial markets were subject to periods of significant stress resulting in steep falls in perceived or actual financial asset values, particularly due to volatility in global financial markets and the resulting widening of credit spreads.

Santander UK is also exposed to changes in the market value of credit and funding spreads for the valuation of certain derivative contracts, the estimated value of which is negatively exposed to increases in the Credit Valuation Adjustment ("CVA") spread and the Funding Fair Valuation Adjustment ("FVA") spread over the lifetime of the transaction.

Any of these factors could require Santander UK to record negative changes in fair value which could have a material adverse effect on its operations, financial condition and prospects.

Santander UK is also exposed to changes in UK residential house price index levels, future index growth assumptions and house price index volatility. These impact the valuations of the portfolios of home reversion plans, lifetime mortgages and associated hedges held by Santander UK. In addition, the home reversion assets and mortgages are exposed to any changes in underlying mortality assumptions as maturity dates on these are not fixed and are driven by the vacation of the underlying property on a permanent basis by the plan holder. Specific property risk exists for each individual asset versus the indexed growth assumption at the point of maturity. Lifetime mortgages additionally have prepayment risk which is managed via a FVA based on historic data.

In addition, to the extent that fair values are determined using financial valuation models, such values may be inaccurate or subject to change, as the data used by such models may not be available or may become unavailable due to changes in market conditions, particularly for illiquid assets and in times of economic instability. In such circumstances, Santander UK's valuation methodologies require it to make assumptions, judgements and estimates in order to establish fair value.

Reliable assumptions are difficult to make and are inherently uncertain. Moreover, valuation models are complex, making them inherently imperfect predictors of actual results. Any consequential impairments or write-downs could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

Santander UK invests in debt securities of the UK government largely for liquidity management purposes. At 31 December 2023, approximately 5% of Santander UK's total assets and 7% of Santander UK's securities portfolio were comprised of debt securities issued by the UK government. Any failure by the UK government to make timely payments under the terms of these securities, or a significant decrease in their market value, could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

## 5. Credit Risks

*If the level of non-performing loans increases or the credit quality of Santander UK's loans deteriorates in the future, or if Santander UK's loan loss reserves are insufficient to cover loan losses, this could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects*

Risks arising from changes in credit quality and the recoverability of loans and amounts due from counterparties are inherent in a wide range of Santander UK's businesses. Non-performing or low credit quality loans have in the past, and could continue to, have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

In particular, the amount of Santander UK's reported non-performing loans may increase in the future as a result of growth in Santander UK's total loan portfolio, including as a result of loan portfolios that Santander UK may acquire in the future (the credit quality of which may turn out to be worse than Santander UK had anticipated), or factors beyond Santander UK's control, such as adverse changes in the credit quality of Santander UK's borrowers and counterparties, a general deterioration in the UK or global economic conditions (including without limitation, rising interest rates), the impact of political events, events affecting certain industries or events affecting financial markets and global economies.

Broader inflationary pressures that impact a customer's ability to service debt payments could also lead to increased arrears in both unsecured and secured products.

There can be no assurance that Santander UK will be able to effectively control the level of impaired loans in, or the credit quality of, its total loan portfolio, which could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

Interest rates payable on a significant portion of Santander UK's outstanding mortgage loan products fluctuate over time due to, among other factors, changes in the BoE base rate. As a result, borrowers with variable interest rate mortgage loans are exposed to increased monthly payments when the related mortgage interest rate adjusts upward. Similarly, borrowers of mortgage loans with fixed or introductory rates adjusting to variable rates after an initial period are exposed to the risk of increased monthly payments at the end of this period. Over the last two years, interest rates attached to both variable and fixed rate mortgages have increased from historic lows. Customers with variable rates or those whose fixed rate terms have ended during this time period have faced increased monthly payments. These events, alone or in combination, may contribute to higher delinquency rates and losses for Santander UK, which could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

Santander UK's current loan loss reserves may not be adequate to cover an increase in the amount of non-performing loans or any future deterioration in the overall credit quality of Santander UK's total loan portfolio. Santander UK's loan loss reserves are based on Santander UK's current assessment of various factors affecting the quality of its loan portfolio, including its borrowers' financial condition, repayment abilities, the realisable value of any collateral, the prospects for support from any guarantor, government macroeconomic policies, interest rates and the legal and regulatory environment. Many of these factors are beyond Santander UK's control. As a result, there is no precise method for predicting loan and credit losses, and no assurance can be provided that Santander UK's current or future loan loss reserves will be sufficient to cover actual losses.

If Santander UK's assessment of and expectations concerning the above-mentioned factors differ from actual developments Santander UK may need to increase its loan loss reserves, which may adversely affect Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects. Additionally, in calculating its loan loss reserves, Santander UK employs qualitative tools and statistical models which may not be reliable in all circumstances and which are dependent upon data that may not be complete. If Santander UK is unable to control or reduce the level of its non-performing or poor credit quality loans, this could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

***The value of the collateral, including real estate, securing Santander UK's loans may not be sufficient, and Santander UK may be unable to realise the full value of the collateral securing Santander UK's loan portfolio***

The value of the collateral securing Santander UK's loan portfolio may significantly fluctuate or decline due to factors beyond Santander UK's control, including macroeconomic factors affecting the UK's economy. Santander UK's residential mortgage loan portfolio is one of its principal assets, comprising 85% of Santander UK's loan portfolio at 31 December 2023. As a result, Santander UK is highly exposed to developments in the residential property market in the UK. Following the peak in aggregate UK house prices in 2022, these fell slightly in 2023 with ongoing uncertainty in the outlook for house prices for 2024 and beyond. UK experience of other episodes of house price declines as well as the continuing uncertainty as to the extent and sustainability of any UK economic downturn and recovery, will mean that losses could be incurred on high LTV (loan to value) loans should they go into possession.

The value of the collateral securing Santander UK's loan portfolio may also be adversely affected by force majeure events such as natural disasters like floods or landslides exacerbated by climate change trends. Any force majeure event may cause widespread damage and could have an adverse impact on the economy of the affected region and may therefore impair the asset quality of Santander UK's loan portfolio in that area.

Santander UK may also not have sufficiently up-to-date information on the value of collateral, which may result in an inaccurate assessment for impairment losses on loans secured by such collateral.

If any of the above events were to occur, Santander UK may need to make additional provisions to cover actual impairment losses of its loans, which could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

## 6. Legal & Regulatory Risks

### ***Santander UK is subject to substantial and evolving regulation and governmental oversight***

As a financial services group, Santander UK is subject to extensive financial services laws, regulations, administrative actions and policies in the UK, and in each other location in which Santander UK operates. For a discussion of the principal laws and regulations to which Santander UK is subject, see 'Regulation of the Santander UK group'. The sector continues to face unprecedented levels of government and regulatory intervention and scrutiny, and changes to the regulations governing financial institutions and the conduct of business. In addition, regulatory and governmental authorities have continued to consider further enhanced or new legal or regulatory requirements intended to reduce the probability and impact of future crises (or otherwise assure the stability and operational resilience of institutions under their supervision), enhance consumer protection, address climate change risks, the risk of greenwashing and environmental, social and governance risks generally, and improve controls in relation to financial crime-related risks. For example, Santander UK is now a participant lender in the UK government's Mortgage Charter initiative, which was launched in June 2023, by HMT in light of the pressures on households following interest rate rises and the cost of living crisis pursuant to which Santander UK has agreed to take additional steps to support residential mortgage borrowers experiencing financial difficulties. Santander UK expects regulatory and government intervention in the banking sector to remain high for the foreseeable future. An intensive approach to supervision is maintained in the UK by the BoE as resolution authority, the PRA, the FCA, the Competition and Markets Authority ("CMA"), the Payment Systems Regulator ("PSR"), the Information Commissioner's Office ("ICO"), the Serious Fraud Office ("SFO") and the Lending Standards Board ("LSB").

As well as being subject to UK regulation, as part of the Banco Santander group, Santander UK is also affected by other regulators such as the Banco de España (the "**Bank of Spain**") and the European Central Bank ("**ECB**"), as well as various legal and regulatory regimes (including the U.S.) that have extraterritorial effect. Extensive legislation and implementing regulations affecting the financial services industry have recently been adopted in regions that directly or indirectly affect Santander UK's business, including Spain, the U.S., the EU and other jurisdictions. Because Santander UK is subject to oversight by multiple regulators or government bodies related to the same conduct or activity, this can increase business uncertainty and the amount of resources needed to ensure Santander UK's compliance with the different legal and regulatory regimes.

The manner in which financial services laws, regulations and policies are applied to the operations of financial institutions has gone through great change which is still being implemented and reviewed. Recent proposals and measures taken by governmental, tax and regulatory authorities and further future changes in supervision and regulation (in particular in the UK), are beyond Santander UK's control and could materially affect Santander UK's business.

Changes in UK legislation and regulation applicable to the financial sector may also affect Santander UK's competitive position, particularly if such changes are implemented before international consensus is reached on key issues affecting the industry. For example, in December 2022, the chancellor of the exchequer announced a package of financial services regulatory reforms - known as the Edinburgh Reforms - designed to strengthen the international competitiveness of the UK's financial services sector and drive economic growth. Furthermore, as set out above (see, *'The UK's withdrawal from the European Union (Brexit) has had and could continue to have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects'*), FSMA 2023 enables HMT to revoke retained EU legislation and empowers the PRA and the FCA to replace it with their own rules. Further, in July 2023 HMT began to set out its programme of secondary legislation to replace repealed retained EU law as part of its intention to deliver a "Smarter Regulatory Framework" for financial services tailored to the UK. There is a risk that this initiative results in UK financial services regulation materially diverging from EU regulation, and accordingly that the strategy of Santander UK and the group in relation to products/initiatives that have a cross-border element could be materially impacted.

To the extent these laws, regulations and policies apply to it, Santander UK may face higher compliance costs and the need to carefully manage capacity to readily respond to multiple regulatory or government

policy changes simultaneously. Any legislative or regulatory actions and any required changes to Santander UK's business operations resulting from such laws, regulations and policies as well as any deficiencies in Santander UK's compliance with such laws, regulations and policies could result in significant loss of revenue, could have an impact on Santander UK's strategy, limit its ability to pursue business opportunities in which Santander UK might otherwise consider engaging, limit Santander UK's ability to provide certain products and services and/or result in enforcement action (including the imposition of financial and other penalties). They may also affect the value of assets that Santander UK holds, requiring Santander UK to increase its prices thereby reducing demand for Santander UK's products or otherwise have a material adverse effect on its operations, financial condition and prospects. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that future changes in laws, regulations and policies or in their interpretation or application by Santander UK or by regulatory authorities will not adversely affect Santander UK.

Specific examples of areas where regulatory changes and increased regulatory scrutiny could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Banking Reform:** In accordance with the provisions of the Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013 UK banking groups that hold significant retail deposits (more than £25 billion of "core deposits"), including Santander UK, were required to separate or 'ring-fence' their retail banking activities from their wholesale banking activities by 1 January 2019. Santander UK completed its ring-fencing plans in advance of the legislative deadline of 1 January 2019. However, given the complexity of the ring-fencing regulatory regime and the material impact on the way Santander UK conducts its business operations in the UK, there is a risk that Santander UK and/or Santander UK plc may be found to be in breach of one or more ring-fencing requirements. This might occur, for example, if prohibited business activities are found to be taking place within the ring-fence, mandated retail banking activities are found being carried on in a UK entity outside the ring-fenced part of the group or Santander UK breached a PRA ring-fencing rule. If Santander UK were found to be in breach of any of the ring-fencing requirements placed upon it under the ring-fencing regime, it could be subject to supervisory or enforcement action by the PRA, the consequences of which might include substantial financial penalties, imposition of a suspension or restriction on Santander UK's UK activities or, in the most serious of cases, the forced restructuring of the UK group, entitling the PRA (subject to the consent of the UK government) to require the sale of a Santander ring-fenced bank or other parts of the UK group. Following the publication of the final report of the Independent Panel on Ring-Fencing and Proprietary Trading on 15 March 2022, HMT announced its intention to implement certain limited reforms to the ring-fencing regime, including increasing the ring-fencing core deposit threshold from £25 billion to £35 billion, introducing a de minimis threshold to allow ring-fenced banks to incur an exposure to relevant financial institutions ("RFIs") of up to £100,000 per RFI at any one time, and allowing ring-fenced banks to establish operations outside of the UK or the European Economic Area, have exposure to RFIs that qualify as small and medium sized enterprises ("SMEs") and undertake a wider range of activities such as market standard trade finance activities or inflation swaps. In September 2023, HMT published a consultation on the reforms, as well as draft secondary legislation which the government intends to lay before Parliament in early 2024. These proposed reforms of the ring-fencing regime may lead to further review or amendment of Santander UK's operational and compliance arrangements in relation to the regime.
- **Competition:** Competition authorities (which in the UK include the CMA, the FCA and the PSR) can run reviews and investigations into any aspect of Santander UK's operations or the functioning of any markets in which Santander UK operates, which could lead to Santander UK being required to change the markets in which it operates. In addition, the CMA's widening focus on market outcomes may also result in increased reviews by the CMA of the markets in which Santander UK operates. On 25 April 2023, the UK government introduced the draft Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill ("DMCC") to the UK Parliament, which proposes significant reforms to the powers of competition authorities in relation to the aforementioned investigations, including substantial new fining powers. The DMCC also introduces other wide-ranging reforms to the UK's competition, consumer protection and digital markets regulatory landscape some of which could impact Santander UK's business. For

instance, the DMCC grants the CMA the power to directly determine whether certain consumer protection laws have been infringed without needing to go through the courts.

- **Payments:** Santander UK has been required to make systems changes and update processes to comply with a number of new payment regulations at a European as well as domestic UK level. Within the UK, the PSR has mandated Santander UK to build systems and processes for both Confirmation of Payee as well as the Contingent Reimbursement Model Code ("CRM") which both aim to reduce the level of customer fraud (particularly through our customers' manipulation into making payments known as 'Authorised Push Payment' ("APP") fraud). Under these standards, Santander UK assumes responsibility for certain categories of customer losses and any inherent failing in system design may lead to fines from regulators and/or compensation being paid to customers. Further, from October 2024 Santander UK will be subject to the PSR's reimbursement requirement, requiring it to reimburse APP scam victims subject to certain exceptions, excesses and maximums, adding to Santander UK's obligations in this space. Santander UK also expects to see significant developments in the key UK payment systems architecture – with systems update of the high value Clearing House Automated Payment System ("CHAPS") system through the Real Time Gross Settlement ("RTGS") renewal as well as the 'New Payments Architecture' for faster payments, BACS and the other lower value retail payment schemes. Transitioning to the 'New Payments Architecture' will generate short-term challenges, including in successfully adopting the ISO20022 messaging standard while ensuring payment message completeness in alignment with regulatory requirements. PSD2 has been implemented and transposed into UK legislation in the Payment Services Regulations 2017 and the UK continues to build upon the requirements within the EBA Regulatory Technical Standards via the Open Banking API industry standard and build. Open Banking and PSD2 both have shown that they have the potential to exacerbate a number of existing risks including data loss/data protection, cyber security, fraud and wider financial crime risk, which in turn could give rise to increased costs, litigation risk and risk of regulatory investigation and enforcement activity.
- **Data Privacy:** In connection with its processing of personal data, Santander UK is subject to data protection laws and regulations – in particular, the UK GDPR (as defined and interpreted in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018) and the Data Protection Act 2018 ("DPA"). In the event Santander UK breaches any such data protection laws, it could face significant enforcement action and/or financial penalties as well as reputational damage, which could ultimately have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects. The Data Protection and Digital Information (No 2) Bill ("DPDI Bill 2") was introduced on 8 March 2023 and proposes a number of changes to the UK GDPR and the DPA. As at January 2024, the DPDI Bill 2 is being considered by the House of Lords. Whilst the final form of the DPDI Bill 2 remains subject to change as it progresses through the legislative process, if it becomes law, it may result in Santander UK having to make changes to its current data protection compliance programme which could result in compliance and operational costs. The proposed reforms set out in the DPDI Bill 2 may also pose a risk to the EU Commission's adequacy decision for the UK. This is because the European Commission may consider that the UK's data protection laws are no longer essentially equivalent to those of the EU. If the EU Commission's adequacy decision for the UK is withdrawn, this could impact personal data flows from entities in the EU to Santander UK in the UK. In the event this occurs, it may result in additional costs to Santander UK in order to facilitate those data flows, to the extent those data flows are impacted, with the UK being subject to EU transfer rules as a non-adequate jurisdiction.
- **Cybersecurity:** Santander UK is subject to cybersecurity regulations and cybersecurity incident reporting requirements. Cybersecurity incident reporting often require short timeframes and there is a risk that Santander UK will fail to meet the reporting deadlines for any given cybersecurity incident. There will be legal, reputational and regulatory risks in the event we, or the third-party providers we work with, are found to be out of compliance with these regulations and reporting requirements.
- **Consumer Duty:** The FCA's rules and guidance on a broad consumer duty that firms undertaking regulated activities with retail clients must observe (the "Consumer Duty") have been in force for open products and services since 31 July 2023. The Consumer Duty has three

elements: (i) a "Consumer Principle", which reflects the overall standards of behaviour the FCA expects from firms (a firm must act to deliver good outcomes for retail customers), (ii) three cross-cutting rules that articulate the standards of conduct expected under the Consumer Principle (firms must act in good faith towards retail customers, avoid causing foreseeable harm to retail customers and enable and support retail customers to pursue their financial objectives), and (iii) four outcomes that build on the Consumer Principle and cross-cutting rules, comprising a suite of rules and guidance setting more detailed expectations for a firm's conduct in four areas that represent the key elements of the firm-consumer relationship (product design and governance, price and value, consumer understanding and consumer support). The expectations of the Consumer Duty require firms to end unfair charges and fees, make it as easy to switch or cancel products as it was to take them out in the first place, provide helpful and accessible customer support, act quickly to respond to customer queries, provide timely, clear and easily understandable information to customers regarding products and services, provide products and services that are appropriate for their customers, and focus on the real and diverse needs of their customers, including those in vulnerable circumstances, at every stage and in each interaction. The Consumer Duty also requires firms to monitor, evidence and report against many of the requirements. Santander UK has completed the first phase of the implementation of the Consumer Duty, which required a review of, and changes to, Santander UK's products, services, policies, systems and procedures against the FCA requirements. The second phase of the implementation of the Consumer Duty is due by 31 July 2024, being the date on which the Consumer Duty applies to closed products and services, and accordingly focuses on such products and services. The Consumer Duty affects elements of Santander UK's business model and strategy, the products and services it offers and the pricing or costs of those products and services, which may in turn affect the revenue and profits that Santander UK is able to generate. It may result in an increase in civil litigation or claims to the Financial Ombudsman Service ("FOS") by customers alleging a breach of the standards of the Consumer Duty or in regulatory action by the FCA. The FCA has indicated that an early area of focus for them will be to look at firms' complaints data in order to identify where the FOS uphold high numbers of complaints, and that it will hold firms accountable to ensure complaints are dealt with fairly and that robust mechanisms are in place to learn from the root causes of complaints. The FCA will continue to work across sectors to test how the Consumer Duty has been implemented and embedded within firms and will be looking for changes in culture across firms and evidence on how firms ensure customers receive good outcomes at any point when they interact with a firm. Where the FCA identifies serious breaches of the Consumer Duty, it has stated that it will take robust action, including interventions, investigations and possibly disciplinary sanctions. If Santander UK is not able to demonstrate continuous learning and improvement when it comes to customer experience and outcomes, and compliance with the Consumer Duty more broadly, it could lead to regulatory actions by the FCA and reputational damage arising from adverse publicity.

- **Insolvency:** Changes to the UK corporate insolvency regime were introduced through the Corporate Insolvency and Governance Act 2020, including a pre-insolvency moratorium process for corporates in financial difficulty to give a period of time to seek a rescue or restructure and a new restructuring plan insolvency procedure to enable debt restructures. The Finance Act 2020 re-established certain tax debts owed by corporates as secondary preferential debts, ranking ahead of debts owed to floating charge holders. The Debt Respite Scheme (Breathing Space Moratorium and Mental Health Crisis Moratorium) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 ("Breathing Space Regulations") (which came into force on 4 May 2021) give eligible individuals in England and Wales the ability to apply for a breathing space or mental health crisis moratorium during which creditors may not demand payment of interest or fees that accrue or enforce a debt owed by the applicant. The impact these changes will have in relation to the collection and recovery of loans to retail and corporate customers who are in financial difficulty or default continues to evolve.
- **Outsourcing and Third-Party Risk Management:** In March 2021, the PRA published Supervisory Statement 2/21 on outsourcing and third-party risk management ("SS2/21"). SS2/21 is the primary source of reference for Santander UK when interpreting and complying with its requirements on outsourcing and third-party risk management, although it should be read alongside the EBA guidelines on outsourcing arrangements, and PRA and FCA rules and guidance on outsourcing. The scope of contracts required to meet the PRA requirements on outsourcing and third-party risk management extends beyond that set out in the EBA guidelines

on outsourcing and also captures material non-outsourcing. SS2/21 also requires that intragroup outsourcing be subject to the same requirements and expectations as external outsourcing and should not be treated as being inherently less risky. If Santander UK is unable to meet the PRA or FCA requirements on outsourcing and third-party risk management, it may face supervisory measures, which could in turn have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

- **Operational Resilience:** In March 2021, the PRA and the FCA published Supervisory Statement 1/21 ("SS1/21") and Policy Statement 21/3 ("PS21/3"), which set out their final rules and guidance intended to strengthen operational resilience in the financial services sector. The operational resilience rules require Santander UK to identify its 'important business services', being those services which, if disrupted, could cause intolerable harm to clients or pose a risk to that firm's safety and soundness or to the stability of the UK financial system. Once Santander UK has identified these, it must set impact tolerances for all important business services and ensure it is able to remain within these tolerances in severe but plausible disruption scenarios. Santander UK must comply with these requirements by no later than the end of a three-year transitional period on 31 March 2025. If Santander UK is unable to meet the PRA and FCA requirements relating to operational resilience, it may face supervisory measures, which could in turn have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.
- **Climate Change:** The UK government has announced its intention to roll out new sustainability disclosure requirements, which will expand on those required under the TCFD framework, including transition plans to align to net-zero, as well as a new UK green taxonomy. Santander UK Group Holdings plc is implementing the recommendations of TCFD on a group level: further reporting will require additional gathering of data and digitalisation of reporting and there will be legal, reputational and regulatory risks should Santander UK Group Holdings plc fail to adequately report, or to demonstrate appropriate capabilities to transition and support its customers to transition to a low carbon economy.
- **National Security and Investment Act:** The National Security and Investment Act 2021 ("NSIA") came into force on 4 January 2022 in the UK, introducing a new national security screening regime with mandatory suspensory notifications required for corporate and financial transactions in certain sectors which meet the prescribed thresholds. The NSIA also grants the UK government wide-ranging powers to intervene in transactions on national security grounds, even where the transaction is outside of the scope of the mandatory notification regime. The UK government can impose heavy criminal and civil penalties under the NSIA for non-compliance. In the event that the UK government intervenes in any of Santander UK's transactions and/or imposes any related penalties on Santander UK, this could result in reputational damage and could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.
- **Access to Cash:** FSMA 2023 grants the BoE supervisory powers to regulate the UK wholesale cash distribution market, including powers to impose fines and empowers HMT to designate firms to be subject to FCA oversight for the purpose of ensuring the reasonable provision of cash access (including free cash access). We expect Santander UK to be a designated firm for these purposes. The FCA intends to make rules to ensure the reasonable provision of cash withdrawal and deposit facilities and in its consultation paper ("CP23/29") outlined how it intends to use its powers, for example, by limiting the availability of designated firms to close cash facilities, including bank branches, until any additional cash services identified as needed are available. The new access to cash regime is likely to have implications for Santander UK's business decisions and strategy, in particular in relation to our branch network and our participation in the wholesale cash distribution market generally. The new access to cash regime is expected to be finalised in 2024. In the event that the BoE imposes any fines with respect to Santander UK's participation in the wholesale cash distribution market or the FCA imposes requirements on Santander UK in relation to retail cash access, this could result in reputational damage and have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.
- **Financial Crime:** The UK financial crime legislative framework has been updated significantly in recent years and is subject to regular change. The Economic Crime (Transparency and

Enforcement) Act 2022 ("ECTEA") significantly streamlined the process of making sanctions and empowered the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation ("OFSI") to enforce sanctions on a strict liability basis. ECTEA also introduced a Register of Overseas Entities at Companies House with the aim of providing greater transparency in the UK property market by requiring overseas entities to register with Companies House. ECTEA was followed by the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 ("ECCTA"). ECCTA includes reforms to Companies House over a multi-year period, a reform of the identification doctrine (broadening the scope of corporate criminal liability by making corporates criminally liable for the conduct of senior managers acting within the scope of their authority), the introduction of a new offence of failure to prevent fraud and the expansion creation of inter-bank information sharing for the purposes of detecting and preventing economic crime. Many of these provisions are due to come into force in 2024. 2024 may also see a number of other financial services legal and regulatory changes. These include changes to the treatment of domestic politically exposed persons, as set out in FSMA 2023, new proposals for a 'Suspended Accounts Scheme' as set out in the Criminal Justice Bill 2023-24, possible changes to account closure rules, mandatory APP scam reimbursement rules (as mentioned above under "Payments") and potential changes to the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017 ("MLRs"). The UK government is also expected to continue to take forward a series of non-legislative reforms that will impact the financial crime landscape, as committed to in keynote strategic publications, such as the Economic Crime Plan 2 and Fraud Strategy. The expansion of criminal liability under these reforms brings with it financial risk in the form of penalties and reputational risk, while continued compliance with the changing UK financial crime framework may expose Santander UK to increased operational and compliance costs, each of which would in turn have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

***Santander UK may become subject to the provisions of the Banking Act, including bail-in and write down powers***

The special resolution regime set out in the Banking Act provides HMT, the BoE, the PRA and the FCA with a variety of powers for dealing with UK deposit taking institutions (and, in certain circumstances, their holding companies) that are failing or likely to fail, including: (i) to take a bank or bank holding company into temporary public ownership; (ii) to transfer all or part of the business of a bank to a private sector purchaser; or (iii) to transfer all or part of the business of a bank to a 'bridge bank'. The special resolution regime also comprises a separate insolvency procedure and administration procedure each of which is of specific application to banks. These insolvency and administration measures may be invoked prior to the point at which an application for insolvency proceedings with respect to a relevant institution could be made.

If an instrument or order were made under the Banking Act in respect of an entity in Santander UK, such instrument or order (as the case may be) may, among other things: (i) result in a compulsory transfer of shares or other securities or property of such entity; (ii) have an impact on the rights of the holders of shares or other securities issued by Santander UK or such entity or result in the nullification or modification of the terms and conditions of such shares or securities; or (iii) result in the de-listing of the shares and/or other securities of such entity. In addition, such an order may affect matters in respect of Santander UK or such entity and/or other aspects of the shares or other securities of Santander UK or such entity, which may negatively affect the ability of Santander UK or such entity to meet its obligations in respect of such shares or securities.

Further, amendments to the Insolvency Act 1986 and secondary legislation have introduced changes to the treatment and ranking of certain debts with the result that certain eligible deposits will rank in priority to the claims of ordinary (i.e. non-preferred) unsecured creditors in the event of an insolvency. This may negatively affect the ability of unsecured creditors to recover sums due to them in an insolvency scenario.

If a 'bail-in' order were made under the Banking Act as amended by The Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013 (see further *'Regulation of the Santander UK Group - The Banking Act 2009'*), such an order would be based on the principle that any creditors affected by the 'bail-in' order should receive no less favourable treatment than they would have received had the bank entered into insolvency immediately before the coming into effect of the bail-in power. The bail-in power includes the power to cancel or write down (in whole or in part) certain liabilities or to modify the terms of certain contracts for the purposes of reducing or deferring the liabilities of a bank under resolution and the power to convert

certain liabilities into shares (or other instruments of ownership) of the bank. The bail-in power under the Banking Act may potentially be exercised in respect of any unsecured debt securities issued by a bank under resolution or an entity in Santander UK, regardless of when they were issued. Accordingly, the bail-in power under the Banking Act could be exercised in respect of Santander UK's debt securities. Public financial support would only be used as a last resort, if at all, after having assessed and utilised, to the maximum extent practicable, the resolution tools including the bail-in tool and the occurrence of circumstances in which bail-in powers would need to be exercised in respect of Santander UK or any entity in Santander UK would have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

The PRA also has the power to make rules requiring a parent undertaking of a bank to make arrangements to facilitate the exercise of resolution powers, including a power to require a member of a banking group to issue debt instruments. The exercise of such powers could have an impact on the liquidity of Santander UK's debt instruments and could materially increase Santander UK's cost of funding.

In addition, the resolution authorities have the power to require institutions and groups to make structural changes to ensure legal and operational separation of 'critical functions' from other functions where necessary, or to require institutions to limit or cease existing or proposed activities in certain circumstances. As a result, Santander UK is required to identify such 'critical functions' as part of its resolution and recovery planning. If used in respect of Santander UK, these ex ante powers could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

***Santander UK must comply with laws and regulations relating to anti-money laundering, anti-terrorism, anti-bribery and corruption, sanctions and preventing the facilitation of tax evasion. Failure to prevent, detect or deter any illegal or improper activities could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition or prospects***

Santander UK is required to comply with applicable laws and regulations relating to anti-money laundering ("AML"), counter-terrorism financing ("CTF"), anti-bribery and corruption, sanctions, preventing the facilitation of tax evasion and other laws and regulations in the jurisdictions in which Santander UK operates. These laws and regulations require Santander UK, among other things, to conduct customer due diligence (including in respect of sanctions and politically-exposed person screening), ensure customer and transaction information is appropriately recorded, monitored and kept up to date and implement effective financial crime policies and procedures detailing what is required from those responsible in order to counter financial crime risks with the aim to prevent the facilitation of bribery, tax evasion and fraud by its employees or associated persons. Santander UK's staff are obligated to report suspicious transactions and activity to appropriate law enforcement. The policies and procedures require the implementation and embedding of effective controls and monitoring within the businesses of Santander UK, which in turn requires ongoing changes to systems, technology and operational activities.

Santander UK is also required to conduct financial crime training for its staff. Comprehensive and risk based financial crime training at a group-wide and business unit level is a key element of effective controls, with the FCA providing guidance on expectations within its Financial Crime Guide and the Joint Money Laundering Steering Group ("JMLSG") providing guidance on the practical interpretation of UK AML and CTF legislation. Financial crime is continually evolving and this requires proactive and adaptable responses from Santander UK so that it is able to deter, detect and disrupt threats and criminality effectively. Even known threats can never be fully eliminated, and there may be instances where Santander UK could be used by other parties to engage in money laundering and other illegal or improper activities. Santander UK's staff, whom Santander UK rely heavily upon to identify such activities and report them, have varying degrees of experience in recognising criminal tactics, making effective, bank-wide mandatory and specialist training provided by the Santander UK Economic Crime Academy more pertinent.

Where Santander UK outsources any of its customer due diligence, customer screening or anti-financial crime operations, it remains responsible and accountable for full compliance and any breaches. If Santander UK is unable to apply the necessary scrutiny and oversight, or if such oversight proves insufficient to detect illegal or improper activities, there remains a risk of regulatory breach and this could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

Over the last decade, laws and regulations relating to financial crime have become, and may continue to become, increasingly complex and detailed. Consequently, financial crime risk has become the subject

of enhanced regulatory scrutiny and supervision by regulators globally which continues to intensify. To manage regulatory scrutiny, Santander UK continues to improve its systems, adopt more sophisticated monitoring and enhance the skill set of its compliance personnel. Navigating the increasing complexity of financial crime regulation is a significant challenge, involving overlapping requirements between different legislation, and, in some instances, conflicts of laws. The divergence of policy approaches between the EU, UK and U.S. in the area of economic sanctions and the evolving financial and trade sanctions imposed on Russia and Belarus due to the war in Ukraine, require additional immediate and longer-term sanctions risk management and compliance efforts for Santander UK.

UK AML and CTF legislation continues to change (for instance through the enactment of the ECCTA, the introduction of requirements regarding proliferation financing as introduced by the UK's money laundering regulations and regular updates to the UK's list of third countries identified as high-risk countries), recent updates to beneficial ownership discrepancy reporting requirements detailed in the UK's money laundering regulations, or the recent launch of the Register of Overseas Entities and the associated compliance regime, which is reflected where appropriate within Santander UK's AML and CTF policies and procedures, with additional training and guidance required for employees. While legislative changes can offer opportunities to increase effectiveness and efficiency in the overall anti-financial crime system, there are also risks of divergence from Banco Santander group, legislative and regulatory requirements via Banco Santander and the EU. Significant change could adversely impact Santander UK's business by increasing its operational and compliance costs and reducing the value of its assets and operations, which would in turn have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

If Santander UK is unable to fully comply with applicable laws, regulations and expectations, its regulators and relevant law enforcement agencies have the ability and authority to pursue civil and criminal proceedings against it, to impose significant fines and other penalties on it, including requiring a complete review of Santander UK's business systems, day-to-day supervision by external consultants, imposing restrictions on the conduct of Santander UK's business and operations and ultimately the revocation of Santander UK's banking licence. The reputational damage to its business and brand could be severe if Santander UK was found to have materially breached AML, CTF, anti-bribery and corruption, anti-tax evasion or sanctions requirements. Santander UK's reputation could also suffer if it were unable to protect its customers or its business from being used by criminals for illegal or improper purposes. Criminal penalties could be imposed upon individuals employed by Santander UK. Any of these outcomes could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

Santander UK has been, and may in the future be, subject to negative coverage in the media about Santander UK or Santander UK's clients, including with respect to alleged conduct such as failure to detect and/or prevent any financial crime activities or comply with financial crime compliance regulations. Negative media coverage of this type about Santander UK, whether it has merit or not, could materially and adversely affect Santander UK's reputation and perception among current and potential clients, investors, vendors, partners, regulators and other third parties, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operating results, financial condition and prospects as well as damage Santander UK's customers' and investors' confidence and the market price of Santander UK's securities.

At an operational level, geopolitical, economic, social and technological changes can provide opportunities to financial criminals and alter the risks posed to banks. Effective intelligence and monitoring systems within strengthened public/private partnerships supported by improved national capabilities to share knowledge on emerging risks and information pre-suspicion are required to help manage these risks. However, there can be no guarantee that any intelligence shared by public authorities or other financial institutions will be accurate or effective in helping Santander UK to combat financial crime, and if, despite such efforts, Santander UK fails to combat financial crime effectively then this could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

In addition, while Santander UK reviews its relevant counterparties' internal policies and procedures (for example, under its correspondent banking relationships) with respect to such matters, Santander UK, to a large degree, requires relevant counterparties to maintain and properly apply their own appropriate anti-financial crime procedures to reduce the risk of being used as a conduit for money laundering without its knowledge. There are also risks that other third parties, such as suppliers and those considered 'associated parties' under the UK Bribery Act, could be involved in financial crime. If Santander UK is associated with, or even accused of being associated with, financial crime (or a business involved in financial crime),

then its reputation could suffer and it could become subject to civil or criminal proceedings that could result in penalties, sanctions and legal enforcement (including being added to 'black lists' that would prohibit certain parties from engaging in transactions with it), any one of which could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

***Santander UK is subject to tax-related risks***

Santander UK is subject to the substance and interpretation of UK tax laws and is subject to routine review and audit by tax authorities in relation thereto. Santander UK's interpretation or application of these tax laws may differ from those of the relevant tax authorities. While Santander UK provides for potential tax liabilities that may arise on the basis of the amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities, the amounts ultimately paid may differ materially from the amounts provided depending on the ultimate resolution of such matters. In general, changes to tax laws and tax rates, including as a result of policy changes by governments and/or regulators, and penalties for failing to comply with such changes, could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects. Some of these changes may be specific to the banking/financial services sectors and therefore result in Santander UK incurring an additional tax burden when compared to other industry sectors.

***Santander UK is exposed to risk of loss and damage from civil litigation and/or criminal legal and regulatory proceedings***

Santander UK faces various legal and regulatory issues that have given rise and may give rise to civil or criminal litigation, arbitration, and/or criminal, tax, administrative and/or regulatory investigations, inquiries or proceedings. Failure to adequately manage the risks arising in connection with legal and regulatory issues, including Santander UK's obligations under existing applicable laws and regulations or its contractual obligations, including arrangements with its customers and suppliers, or failure to properly implement applicable laws and regulations could result in significant loss or damage including reputational damage, all of which could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

Additionally, the current regulatory environment, with the continuing heightened supervisory focus, combined with the forthcoming regulatory change initiatives, will lead to material operational and compliance costs. Relevant risks include:

- Regulators, agencies and authorities with jurisdiction over Santander UK, including the BoE, the PRA and the FCA, HMT, HM Revenue & Customs ("HMRC"), the CMA, the Information Commissioner's Office, the FOS, the PSR, the SFO, the National Crime Agency ("NCA"), OFSI or the courts, may determine that certain aspects of Santander UK's business have not been or are not being conducted in compliance with applicable laws or regulations (or that policies and procedures are inadequate to ensure compliance), or, in the case of the FOS, with what is fair and reasonable in the FOS's opinion. Changes in policy, laws and regulations including in relation to SME dispute resolution and liability for APP fraud and unauthorised payment fraud, may have significant consequences and lead to material implementation, operational and compliance costs.
- An adverse finding by a regulator, agency or authority could result in the need for extensive changes in systems and controls, business policies, and practices coupled with suspension of sales, restrictions on conduct of business and operations, withdrawal of services, customer redress, fines and reputational damage.
- The increased focus on competition law in financial services and concurrent competition enforcement powers for the FCA and PSR may increase the likelihood of competition law related inquiries or investigations initiated by either the CMA or these authorities. Santander UK may be liable for damages to third parties harmed by Santander UK's conduct of business. For competition law, there are efforts by governments across Europe to promote private enforcement as a means of obtaining redress for harm suffered as a result of competition law breaches. Under the Consumer Rights Act 2015, there is scope for class actions to be used to allow the claims of a whole class of claimants to be heard in a single action in both follow-on and standalone competition cases. The UK has seen a sharp increase in recent years in the number of class action claims being issued in the Competition Appeals Tribunal on this basis.

- The alleged historical or current misselling of, or misconduct in relation to, financial products, including the alleged misselling of Payment Protection Insurance ("PPI"), the alleged overcharging of interest, the alleged inappropriate sale of interest-only mortgages, the alleged unfair use of the standard variable rate in connection with mortgages, the alleged non-disclosure of commission, including auto finance related commission giving rise to an alleged unfair relationship, or alleged misconduct as a result of having sales practices and/or rewards structures that are deemed to have been inappropriate, has given rise to and may in the future give rise to a risk of complaints to FOS and/or civil litigation (including claims management company driven legal or complaints campaigns) (see Note 31 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for legal actions and regulatory matters). Such matters may in the future give rise to the risk of regulatory enforcement action requiring Santander UK to amend sales processes, withdraw products or provide restitution to affected customers, any of which may require additional provisions to be recorded in Santander UK's financial statements and could adversely impact future revenues from affected products.
- Santander UK may have held and may continue to hold bank accounts for entities or have relationships with entities such as third parties that might be or are subject to scrutiny from various regulators and authorities, including the SFO, the NCA and regulators in the U.S. and elsewhere, which has led and could in the future lead to Santander UK's conduct being reviewed as part of any such scrutiny.
- Santander UK is (and will continue from time to time to be) subject to certain legal or regulatory investigations, inquiries and proceedings, both civil and criminal including in connection with Santander UK's lending and payment activities, treatment of customers, relationships with Santander UK's employees, financial crime, and other commercial or tax matters (see Note 31 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for legal actions and regulatory matters). These may be brought against Santander UK under UK legal or regulatory processes, or under legal or regulatory processes in other jurisdictions, such as the EU and the US, in circumstances where overseas regulators and authorities may have jurisdiction by virtue of its activities or operations.
- In view of the inherent difficulty of predicting the outcome of legal or regulatory proceedings, particularly where opportunistic claimants seek very large or indeterminate damages, cases present novel legal theories, involve a large number of parties or are in the early stages of discovery, or where the approaches of regulators or authorities to legal or regulatory issues and sanctions applied are subject to change, Santander UK cannot state with confidence what the eventual outcome of any pending matters will be and any such pending matters are not disclosed by name because they are under assessment. Santander UK's provisions in respect of any pending legal or regulatory proceedings are made in accordance with relevant accounting requirements. These provisions are reviewed periodically. However, in light of the uncertainties involved in such legal or regulatory proceedings, there can be no assurance that the ultimate resolution of these matters will not exceed the provisions currently accrued by Santander UK. As a result, the outcome of a particular matter (whether currently provided or otherwise) could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.
- The developing legal and regulatory regime in which Santander UK operates requires it to be compliant across all aspects of its business, including the training, authorisation and supervision of personnel and the development of systems, processes and documentation. If Santander UK fails to be compliant with relevant law or regulation, there is a risk of an adverse impact on its business from more proactive regulatory intervention (including by any overseas regulator which establishes jurisdiction), investigation and enforcement activity leading to sanctions, fines, civil or criminal penalties, or other action imposed by or agreed with the regulatory authorities, as well as increased costs associated with responding to regulatory inquiries and defending regulatory actions. Customers of financial services institutions, including Santander UK's customers, may seek redress if they consider that they have suffered loss for example as a result of the misselling of a particular product, or through incorrect application or enforcement of the terms and conditions of a particular product or in connection with a competition law infringement and Santander UK's rights under a contract with its customers may in certain circumstances be unenforceable or otherwise impaired.

- The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Designated Consumer Bodies) Order 2013 (the "**Designated Consumer Bodies Order**") was made on 16 December 2013 and came into force on 1 January 2014. The Designated Consumer Bodies Order designates the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, the Consumers' Association, the General Consumer Council for Northern Ireland and the National Federation of Self Employed and Small Businesses as consumer bodies that may submit a 'super-complaint' to the FCA. A 'super-complaint' is a complaint made by any of these designated consumer bodies to the FCA on behalf of consumers of financial services where it considers that a feature, or a combination of features, of the market for financial services in the UK is seriously damaging the interests of these customers. Complaints about damage to the interests of individual consumers will continue to be dealt with by the FOS. If a 'super-complaint' were to be made against a Santander UK entity by a designated consumer body under the Designated Consumer Bodies Order, any response published or action taken by the FCA could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

Given the: (i) requirement for compliance with an increasing volume of relevant laws and regulations; (ii) more proactive regulatory intervention and enforcement and more punitive sanctions and penalties for infringement; (iii) inherent unpredictability of litigation; (iv) evolution of the jurisdiction of FOS and CMA and related impacts; (v) development of a voluntary dispute resolution service to oversee the resolution of historic complaints from SMEs that meet the relevant eligibility criteria and new complaints from SMEs that would be outside the FOS' proposed revised jurisdiction; (vi) introduction of a voluntary code to enhance protection for customers who are victims of APP fraud; and (vii) high volume of new regulations or policy changes from multiple regulators and authorities which Santander UK is mandated to implement within compressed timescales; it is possible that related costs or liabilities could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

## 7. Operational Risks

### ***Failure to successfully apply or to improve Santander UK's credit risk management systems could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects***

As a commercial banking group, one of the main types of risks inherent in Santander UK's business is credit risk. For example, an important feature of Santander UK's credit risk management system is to employ Santander UK's own credit rating system to assess the particular risk profile of a customer. This system is primarily generated internally, but, in the case of counterparties with a global presence, also builds off the credit assessment assigned by other Banco Santander group members. As this process involves detailed analysis of the customer or credit risk, taking into account both quantitative and qualitative factors, it is subject to human and IT systems errors. Where exercising their judgement on current or future credit risk behaviour of Santander UK's customers, Santander UK's employees may not always be able to assign a correct credit rating, which may result in a larger exposure to higher credit risks than indicated by Santander UK's risk rating system. Santander UK may not be able to detect all possible risks before they occur, or its employees may not be able to effectively apply its credit policies and guidelines due to limited tools available to Santander UK, which may increase its credit risk.

Any failure to effectively apply, consistently monitor and refine Santander UK's credit risk management systems may result in an increase in the level of non-performing loans and higher losses than expected, which could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

### ***Santander UK's business is subject to risks related to data and adverse impacts on operations if data management policies and procedures are not sufficiently robust***

Santander UK's operations rely on the effective use of data to manage and grow its business and deliver the overall strategy. Santander UK uses data to serve its customers, satisfy its regulatory requirements and run its operations. If Santander UK's data is not accurate and timely, this could impact its ability to serve customers, operate with resiliency or meet regulatory requirements. From a business perspective, accurate and detailed customer data is critical for delivering customer expectations in terms of new and improved products and services. Lack of good quality data could also result in competitive disadvantages by increasing costs in terms of manual interventions, adjustments, and reconciliations. Investment is continuously being made in data tools and in maturing a strong data culture across the organisation to address some of the data challenges and prepare a strong foundation for the future. Any such failure to

effectively use data or maintain effective data management policy and procedures could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

***Santander UK's business is subject to risks related to cybersecurity***

Santander UK's systems, software and networks may be vulnerable to unauthorised access, misuse, computer viruses or other malicious code and other events that could have a security impact. The interception, misuse or mishandling of personal, confidential or proprietary information sent to or received from a client, vendor, service provider, counterparty or third party could result in legal liability, regulatory action and reputational harm, and therefore have a material adverse impact on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

In particular, in recent years the computer systems of companies and organisations have been targeted by cyber criminals, activists and nation-state-sponsored groups. Like other financial institutions, Santander UK manages and holds confidential personal information of customers in the conduct of its banking operations, as well as a large number of assets. Consequently, Santander UK has been, and continues to be, subject to a range of cybersecurity threats, such as ransomware, malware via the supply chain, phishing and denial of service.

Cybersecurity incidents could result in the loss of significant amounts of customer data and other sensitive information, as well as significant levels of liquid assets (including cash). In addition, cybersecurity incidents could give rise to the disablement of Santander UK's digital systems used to service its customers. Any material disruption or degradation of Santander UK's systems could cause information, including data related to customer requests, to be lost or to be delivered to Santander UK's clients with delays or errors, which could reduce demand for Santander UK's services and products. As attempted attacks continue to evolve in both scope and sophistication, Santander UK may incur significant costs to modify or enhance its protective measures against such attacks, or to investigate or remediate any vulnerability or resulting breach, or in communicating any cybersecurity incidents to its customers. If Santander UK fails to effectively manage its cybersecurity risk, by, for example, failing to adhere to its cybersecurity policies, procedures or controls, the impact could be significant and may include harm to Santander UK reputation and make Santander UK liable for the payment of customer compensation, regulatory penalties and fines. Factors such as failing to apply critical security patches from its technology providers, to manage out obsolete technology or to update Santander UK's processes in response to new threats could also give rise to these consequences, which, if they occur, could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects. This might also include significant increases in the premiums paid on cyber insurance policies or changes to policy limits and cover.

In addition, Santander UK may also be affected by cybersecurity incidents against national critical infrastructures in the UK or elsewhere, for example, the telecommunications network or cloud computing service providers used by Santander UK. In common with other financial institutions Santander UK is dependent on such networks to provide digital banking services to its customers, connect its systems to suppliers and counterparties, and allow its staff to work remotely. Any cybersecurity incidents against these networks could negatively affect its ability to service its customers. As Santander UK does not operate these networks it has limited ability to protect Santander UK's business from the adverse effects of cybersecurity incidents against it or against its counterparties and key national and financial market infrastructure. Further, the domestic and global financial services industry, including key financial market infrastructure, may be the target of cybersecurity disruption and attack by cyber criminals, activists or geopolitical activists looking to cause economic instability.

***Santander UK is exposed to risk from potential non-compliance with regulations, policies, employee misconduct, human error, negligence and deliberate acts of harm or dishonesty, including fraud***

Santander UK is exposed to risk from potential non-compliance with policies, employee misconduct, human error, negligence and deliberate acts of harm or dishonesty, including fraud. It is not always possible to deter or prevent employee misconduct or non-compliance with policies and such errors, acts, omissions and failures and the precautions Santander UK takes to detect and prevent this activity may not always be effective. Any instances could result in regulatory sanctions and cause reputational or financial harm, and therefore have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

***Any failure to effectively manage changes in Santander UK's information technology infrastructure and management information systems in a timely manner could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects***

Santander UK's businesses and its ability to remain competitive depends to a significant extent upon the functionality of its information technology systems and on its ability to upgrade, evolve and expand the capacity of its information technology infrastructure on a timely and cost-effective basis. The proper functioning of Santander UK's financial control, risk management, credit analysis and reporting, accounting, customer service, financial crime, conduct and compliance and other information technology systems, as well as the communication networks between branches and main data processing centres, are critical to its customers, businesses and its ability to compete. Investments and improvements in Santander UK's information technology infrastructure are regularly reviewed with a view to retain competitive advantage and to ensure that resilience remains within acceptable levels. Conversely any failure to effectively improve, evolve, expand or upgrade its information technology infrastructure and management information systems in a timely manner could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects, and could cause reputational damage to Santander UK.

From time-to-time Santander UK is required to migrate information relating to its customers to new information technology systems. Any failure to manage such migration effectively and efficiently could have a negative impact on Santander UK's ability to provide services to its customers and could cause financial and reputational damage to Santander UK, along with regulatory scrutiny and potential enforcement action.

Santander UK expects changes to its programmes of systems to have an impact on its risk profile, from a technology, environmental, social and corporate governance and regulatory perspective. Whether it is the opportunities from adoption of cloud technology, systems to support important regulatory initiatives, or the desire to identify, prioritise and remove obsolete systems from operations, the operational risk associated with changes to programmes of systems is likely to increase and this will therefore remain an area of key focus in Santander UK's risk management. While internal controls aim to reduce the risk to acceptable levels, there can be no assurance that Santander UK will not suffer material losses from such operational risks in the future, which could have a material adverse impact on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

***Santander UK may be exposed to unidentified or unanticipated risks despite its risk management policies, procedures and methods and may be exposed to risk related to errors in Santander UK's risk modelling***

The management of risk is an integral part of Santander UK's activities. Santander UK seeks to monitor and manage its risk exposure through a variety of risk reporting systems. While Santander UK employs a broad and diversified set of risk monitoring and risk mitigation techniques and strategies, they may not be fully effective in mitigating Santander UK's risk exposure in all economic market environments or against all types of risk, including risks that Santander UK fails to identify or anticipate.

Some of Santander UK's tools and metrics for managing risk are based upon its use of observed historical market behaviour. Santander UK applies statistical and other tools to these observations to arrive at quantifications of its risk exposures. These tools and metrics may fail to predict future risk exposures. These risk exposures could, for example, arise from factors Santander UK did not anticipate or correctly evaluate in its statistical models. This would limit its ability to manage its risks. Santander UK's losses thus could be significantly greater than the historical measures indicate. In addition, Santander UK's quantified modelling does not take all risks into account. Santander UK's more qualitative approach to managing those risks could prove insufficient, exposing it to material, unanticipated losses. Santander UK could face adverse consequences as a result of decisions, which may lead to actions by management, based on models that include errors or are otherwise inadequately developed, implemented or used, or as a result of the modelled outcome being misunderstood. If existing or potential customers or counterparties believe its risk management is inadequate, they could take their business elsewhere or seek to limit their transactions with Santander UK. These occurrences could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

***Santander UK relies on third parties for important infrastructure support, products and services***

Third-party providers provide key components of Santander UK's business infrastructure such as loan and deposit servicing systems, back office and business process support, information technology production and support, internet connections and network access. Relying on these third-party providers is a source of operational risk, including with respect to security breaches affecting our third parties and other parties that interact with these providers. As the use and depth of Santander UK's relationship with third parties increases, including the use of artificial intelligence and cloud-based services, Santander UK increasingly faces the risk of operational failure with respect to its systems. Santander UK may be required to take steps to protect the integrity of its operational systems, thereby increasing its operational costs. In addition, any problems caused by these third parties, including as a result of them not providing Santander UK their services for any reason, or performing their services poorly, could adversely affect Santander UK's ability to deliver products and services to customers and otherwise conduct its business, which could lead to reputational damage, litigation and regulatory investigations and intervention. Replacing these third-party vendors or affiliates could also entail significant delays and expense. Further, the operational and regulatory risk Santander UK faces as a result of these arrangements may be increased to the extent that it restructures such arrangements. Any restructuring could involve significant expense to Santander UK and entail significant delivery and execution risk which could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

***Santander UK relies on recruiting, retaining and developing appropriate senior management and skilled personnel***

Santander UK's continued success depends in part on the continued service of key members of its senior executive team and other key employees. The ability to continue to attract, develop, train, motivate and retain highly qualified and talented professionals is a key element of Santander UK's strategy. The successful implementation of Santander UK's strategy depends on the availability of skilled and appropriate management, both at Santander UK's head office and in each of its business units. There is also an increasing demand for Santander UK to hire individuals with STEM skills. Such individuals are very sought after by all organisations, not just the banking industry, and thus Santander UK's ability to attract and hire this talent will determine how quickly the bank is able to respond to technological change. In light of a shortage of skills currently being seen across the UK, it is increasingly challenging to recruit and retain talent for all roles, with subject matter expert and technology roles offering the biggest challenges.

If Santander UK fails to staff its operations appropriately or loses one or more of its key senior executives or other key employees and fails to replace them in a satisfactory and timely manner, it could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

In addition, the financial services industry has and may continue to experience more stringent regulation of employee compensation, which could have an adverse effect on Santander UK's ability to hire or retain the most qualified employees. If Santander UK fails or is unable to attract and appropriately develop, motivate and retain qualified professionals, it could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects.

**8. Financial Reporting Risks**

***Santander UK's financial statements are based in part on judgements and accounting estimates which, if inaccurate, could cause material misstatement of Santander UK's future financial results and financial condition***

The preparation of Santander UK's consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions in applying the accounting policies that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Due to the inherent uncertainty in making estimates, actual results reported in future periods may be based on amounts which differ from those estimates. Estimates, judgements and assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. There has been no change in the inherent sensitivity of the areas of judgement in the period. Management has considered the impact of developments in principal risks and uncertainties on critical judgements and accounting estimates.

The significant judgements, apart from those involving estimation, made by management in applying Santander UK's accounting policies in these financial statements (key judgements) and the key sources of estimation uncertainty that may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year (key estimates), which together are considered critical to Santander UK's results and financial position, are set out in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in 'Critical judgements and accounting estimates'. Any material differences between estimates and actual results reported in any given financial period, or any material adjustments to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, could result in reputational damage to Santander UK and could have a material adverse effect on its future financial results and financial condition.

***Changes in accounting standards could affect reported earnings***

The accounting standard setters and other regulatory bodies periodically change the financial accounting and reporting standards that govern the preparation of Santander UK's Consolidated Financial Statements. These changes can materially affect how Santander UK records and reports its financial condition and financial results. In some cases, Santander UK could be required to apply a new or revised standard retroactively, resulting in the restatement of prior period financial statements. Any change in reported earnings as a result of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's future financial results and financial condition.

**RISK FACTORS RELATING TO THE N&C SECURITIES**

**9. Risks associated with certain features and other terms and conditions of the N&C Securities**

***The N&C Securities are unsecured obligations of the Issuer and do not have the benefit of any deposit protection and investors will lose some or all of their investment if the Issuer fails***

All N&C Securities will represent direct, unconditional and unsecured obligations of the Issuer. All N&C Securities will rank *pari passu* and without any preference among themselves and subject to any applicable statutory provisions or judicial order, at least equally with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer.

As the N&C Securities are unsecured, investors are dependent on the Issuer's ability to pay all amounts due on the N&C Securities. Investors are therefore subject to the Issuer's credit risk and in the event that the Issuer is subject to resolution, insolvency and administration procedures. Investors should note in particular that even in respect of N&C Securities which are expressed to be "principal protected" or "capital protected" on termination and/or include a minimum redemption amount, the return of an investor's initial capital investment remains dependent on the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations in full.

The N&C Securities issued by Santander UK plc are not savings accounts or deposits of the Issuer or any member of the Santander Group. The N&C Securities are not protected by the UK Financial Services Compensation Scheme or any other government or private protection scheme.

Where the Issuer is unable to meet its payment obligations under the N&C Securities in full, an investor will lose some and possibly all of the amount invested.

***The N&C Securities may be redeemed prior to their scheduled maturity and the amount the holder receives may be less than the original purchase and could be as low as zero***

In certain circumstances, the Early Redemption Amount payable on the early redemption of a N&C Security prior to its scheduled maturity may be less than its original purchase price and/or may be less than the amount that would have been payable on the applicable Maturity Date **and could be as low as zero**. In addition, no amount of interest is payable on early redemption unless the relevant Interest Payment Date has occurred prior to the relevant Early Redemption Date and the relevant amount of interest has not already been paid.

Following early redemption of N&C Securities, the holders of such N&C Securities may not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds (if any) at an effective interest rate as high as any interest rate or yield (if any) on the N&C Securities and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Investors in

N&C Securities should consider such reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time. Moreover, each interest-bearing N&C Security may cease to bear interest from the interest payment date immediately preceding the date of occurrence of the event giving rise to early redemption of the N&C Securities.

N&C Securities may be redeemed early for a number of reasons, including any of the following reasons:

- (i) the exercise by the Issuer of a call option, if specified to be applicable in the relevant Issue Terms;
- (ii) following the occurrence of an autocall event, if specified to be applicable in the relevant Issue Terms;
- (iii) the receipt by the Issuer of a notice of early redemption of the Preference Shares from the issuer of the Preference Shares for any reason other than a financial product relating to the Preference Shares (such as the N&C Securities) being subject to early redemption, which reason may include any of the following (see "*The Preference Shares may be early redeemed and affect the value and return of the N&C Securities*" below):
  - (A) any event occurs in respect of which the adjustment provisions under the terms and conditions of the Preference Shares provide the Preference Shares may be redeemed; or
  - (B) the performance of the obligations of the Preference Share Issuer under the Preference Shares, or any relevant hedging arrangement made to hedge the Preference Share Issuer's obligations under the Preference Shares, has or will become unlawful, illegal or otherwise prohibited in whole or in part as a result of compliance with any applicable present or future law, rule, regulation, judgement, order or directive of any governmental, administrative, legislative or judicial authority or power, or the interpretation thereof; or
  - (C) a change in applicable law or regulation occurs that in the determination of the Preference Share Calculation Agent results, or will result, by reason of the Preference Shares being outstanding, in the Preference Share Issuer being required to be regulated by any additional jurisdiction or regulatory authority, or being subject to any additional legal requirement or regulation or tax considered by the Preference Share Issuer to be onerous to it;
- (iv) the occurrence of certain events or other circumstances in relation to a Reference Item (if any, in respect of the relevant N&C Securities) at the discretion of the Calculation Agent;
- (v) the Issuer determines that its performance under any N&C Security has or will in the immediate future become unlawful in whole or in part for any reason;
- (vi) the Calculation Agent determines that a change in applicable law or regulation has occurred and solely by reason of the N&C Securities being outstanding, will result in the Issuer being required to be regulated by any additional jurisdiction or regulatory authority or being subject to any additional legal requirement or regulation considered by the Issuer to be materially onerous;
- (vii) If Issuer Tax Call is specified as being applicable in the applicable Issue Terms (and subject to N&C Security Condition 6.5), where the Issuer determines that it will be obliged to account for any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges, and such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it;
- (viii) the Calculation Agent determines that an Administrator/Benchmark Event (including, without limitation, any amendment or cessation of a relevant benchmark, any relevant authorisation or registration being refused or suspended, use of the relevant benchmark not being commercially reasonable for reasons related to cost or licensing issues) has occurred and the Issuer elects to redeem the N&C Securities rather than make adjustments to them; or

- (ix) following an Event of Default, provided that the non-payment of principal or interest may not trigger an Event of Default if such payment is not made to comply with mandatory law, regulation or court order or if such payment is not outstanding for a period of 14 days or more.

The Early Redemption Amount in respect of each N&C Security shall be an amount determined by the Calculation Agent on the same basis as the final redemption amount but determined following the occurrence of the relevant event on the date specified in the relevant notice or, following an Event of Default, the fifth business day following date of the N&C Securityholder's notice. The Early Redemption Amount may be less than the investor's initial investment and therefore an investor may lose some or all of the initial investment.

***The Issuer of the N&C Securities may be substituted with another company***

The Issuer (or any previously substituted company as issuer from time to time) shall, without the consent of the holders of N&C Securities, be entitled at any time to substitute for the Issuer, or any affiliate of the Issuer (the "**Substitute Issuer**"), as principal obligor in respect of all obligations arising from or in connection with the N&C Securities. Any such substitution is subject to certain conditions, including the creditworthiness of the Substitute Issuer. Nevertheless, substitution of the Issuer for a Substitute Issuer could have a material adverse effect on the return on and value of the N&C Securities. N&C Securityholders may also be subject to adverse tax consequences in the event that the Substitute Issuer is located in a different tax jurisdiction.

***The terms and conditions of the N&C Securities contain provisions which may permit their modification without the consent of all investors***

The N&C Security Conditions contain provisions for calling meetings of N&C Securityholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally, including, without limitation, modifications of certain provisions of the relevant N&C Securities or Coupons or the Agency Agreement (as the case may be). The provisions permit defined majorities to bind all N&C Securityholders including N&C Securityholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting or, N&C Securityholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

The Issuer may also choose from time to time without the consent of the N&C Securityholders, to create and issue further N&C Securities having terms and conditions the same as the N&C Securities. Any such creation and issuance of further N&C Securities may result in a dilution of the N&C Securityholders' voting rights.

The N&C Security Conditions also provide that the Issuer may, without the consent of N&C Securityholders, agree to certain modifications of the N&C Securities, including:

- (i) any modification of the provisions of the N&C Securities, the Coupons or the Agency Agreement which are not materially prejudicial to the interests of the N&C Securityholders; or
- (ii) any modification of any of the provisions of the Conditions, the N&C Securities, the Coupons or the Agency Agreement (as the case may be) which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest or proven error or is to comply with mandatory provisions of applicable law.

Following the occurrence of certain events or other circumstances in relation to a Reference Item (if any, in respect of the relevant N&C Securities), the Issuer may instruct the Calculation Agent to make such modifications to the Conditions of N&C Security as it may determine appropriate to account for the relevant event or circumstance.

Further, following the occurrence of an Administrator/Benchmark Event, the Issuer may instruct the Calculation Agent to make such modifications to the Conditions of N&C Security as it may determine appropriate to account for the relevant event or circumstance.

Any such modification may cause the N&C Securities to perform differently, and could result in the return on and value of the N&C Securities to be less than if such modification had not been made.

***The Issuer may rely on third parties and the N&C Securityholders may be adversely affected if such third parties fail to perform their obligations***

The Issuer may be a party to contracts with a number of other third parties that have agreed to perform services in relation to the N&C Securities. For example, the Paying Agents have agreed to perform services in connection with the N&C Securities; and Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have, in respect of N&C Securities in global form deposited with them ("Global N&C Securities"), agreed, *inter alia*, to accept such Global N&C Securities as eligible for settlement and to properly service the same, and to maintain up-to-date records in respect of the total amount or number outstanding of such Global N&C Securities. In the event that any relevant third party was to fail to perform its obligations under the respective agreements to which it is a party, the N&C Securityholders may be adversely affected. For example, the failure on the part of a Paying Agent or clearing system could mean delays or missed payments under the N&C Securities.

**10. Risks associated with the liquidity and value of the N&C Securities**

***An active secondary market in respect of the N&C Securities may never be established or may be illiquid and this would adversely affect the ability of an investor to sell the N&C Securities and/or the value at which an investor could sell the N&C Securities***

N&C Securities may have no established trading market when issued, and one may never develop. If a market does develop, it may not be very liquid. Therefore, investors may not be able to sell their N&C Securities easily or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market. This is particularly the case for N&C Securities that are especially sensitive to interest rate, currency or market risks, are designed for specific investment objectives or strategies or have been structured to meet the investment requirements of limited categories of investors. As such, the N&C Securities generally would have a more limited secondary market and more price volatility than conventional securities.

The Issuer cannot predict when market conditions may change and whether, if and when they do change, there will be a more or less liquid market for the N&C Securities as a result. If a trading market were to develop, the N&C Securities could trade at prices that may be higher or lower than the relevant initial issue price and this may result in a return that is greater or less than any interest or other additional amounts payable in respect of the N&C Securities.

In addition, certain N&C Securities have a more limited trading market and experience more price volatility because they were designed for specific investment objectives or strategies. There may be a limited number of buyers when an investor decides to sell such N&C Securities. This may affect the price an investor receives for such N&C Securities, or the ability of an investor to sell such N&C Securities at all.

Application may be made to list an issue of N&C Securities on a stock exchange, as indicated in the applicable Issue Terms. The fact that the N&C Securities may be listed does not necessarily lead to greater liquidity. Additionally, the Issuer is not required to maintain the listing on such stock exchange or any other exchange. The price at which the N&C Securities trade on the relevant stock exchange (or any other exchange on which they are traded or quoted) may not reflect the applicable redemption amount.

If N&C Securities are not traded on any stock exchange, pricing information for such N&C Securities may be more difficult to obtain, and the liquidity and market prices of such N&C Securities may be adversely affected. The liquidity of the N&C Securities may also be affected by restrictions on offers and sales of N&C Securities in some jurisdictions as set forth under "*Subscription and Sale*". N&C Securities may be more difficult to obtain and the liquidity of the N&C Securities may be adversely affected. Also, to the extent N&C Securities of a particular issue are cancelled or redeemed, as the case may be, the number of N&C Securities of such issue outstanding will decrease, resulting in a diminished liquidity for the remaining N&C Securities of such issue. A decrease in the liquidity of an issue of N&C Securities may cause, in turn, an increase in the volatility associated with the price of such issue of N&C Securities.

As part of its issuing, market-making and/or trading arrangements, the Issuer may issue more N&C Securities than those which are to be subscribed or purchased by third party investors. The Issuer (or any

of its affiliates) may hold such N&C Securities for the purpose of meeting any investor interest in the future. Prospective investors in the N&C Securities should therefore not regard the issue size of any Series as indicative of the depth or liquidity of the market for such Series, or of the demand for such Series.

Each of the Issuer, any Dealer and any financial intermediary may, but is not obliged to, at any time purchase N&C Securities at any price in the open market or by tender or private treaty. Any N&C Securities so purchased may be held or resold or surrendered for cancellation. A Dealer or any financial intermediary may, but is not obliged to, be a market-maker for an issue of N&C Securities. Even if a Dealer or any financial intermediary is a market-maker for an issue of N&C Securities, the secondary market for such N&C Securities may be limited. To the extent that an issue of N&C Securities becomes illiquid, an investor may have to await redemption of such N&C Securities to realise their value.

***The Issue Price of the N&C Securities may be more than the market value of such N&C Securities as at the Issue Date, and the price of the N&C Securities in secondary market transactions***

The Issue Price in respect of any N&C Securities specified in the relevant Issue Terms may be more than the market value of such N&C Securities as at the relevant Issue Date, and the price, if any, at which the relevant Dealer(s) or any other person willing to purchase such N&C Securities in secondary market transactions. In particular, the Issue Price in respect of any N&C Securities may not reflect their inherent value and may take into account several types of proceeds, benefits or costs to the Issuer. These may include amounts with respect to inducements, commissions and/or other fees (including fees to be paid to distributors and/or introducing brokers) relating to the issue and sale or distribution of such N&C Securities as well as up-front payments or other amounts relating to the hedging of the Issuer's obligations under such N&C Securities. Secondary market prices are likely to exclude such amounts. In addition, pricing models of relevant market participants may differ or produce a different result. Additionally, the N&C Securities are linked to the value of Preference Shares and the performance of the relevant reference item(s) to which the relevant Preference Shares relate (such underlying reference item(s), the "**Preference Share Underlying(s)**") may be such that, as at the Issue Date, the market value of the N&C Security is less than the Issue Price. This can cause a difference between the theoretical value of the N&C Securities and any bid and offer prices quoted by the Issuer, any Affiliate or any third party in the secondary market. Such differences may be greater when the N&C Securities are initially traded on any secondary markets and the N&C Securities may gradually decline in value during the term of the N&C Securities. The sale of the N&C Securities in the secondary market could therefore result in a loss of all or part of the original Issue Price (or other purchase price).

***The market value of the N&C Securities at any time is dependent on other matters in addition to the credit risk of the Issuer and the performance of the Preference Shares***

The market value of the N&C Securities at any time will be affected by a number of factors including:

- (i) market interest and yield rates;
- (ii) fluctuations in currency exchange rates;
- (iii) the creditworthiness of the Issuer;
- (iv) liquidity of the N&C Securities and/or of Preference Share Underlying(s) in the secondary market;
- (v) the time remaining to any redemption date or maturity date, as the case may be;
- (vi) the performance of the relevant Reference Item(s), where the interest amount is determined by reference to the performance of such Reference Item(s), and the performance of the Preference Shares; and
- (vii) numerous other events (e.g. economic, financial, regulatory, political, terrorist or military events) in one or more jurisdictions, including factors affecting capital markets generally or the stock exchanges on which any of the N&C Securities, the Preference Shares Underlying(s) or other Reference Item(s) may be traded.

The amount(s) which are or may be payable in respect of N&C Securities are typically expected to be but may not be greater than the trading price of such N&C Securities at any time prior to redemption. The sale of N&C Securities in the secondary market could result in a loss from the original purchase price.

***Effect of credit ratings assigned to the Issuer***

The value of the N&C Securities is expected to be affected, in part, by investors' general appraisal of the Issuer's creditworthiness. Such perceptions are generally influenced by the ratings accorded to the Issuer's outstanding securities by standard statistical rating services. A reduction in the rating, if any, accorded to outstanding debt securities of the Issuer by one of these rating agencies could result in a reduction in the trading value of the N&C Securities.

A credit rating assigned to the Issuer may not reflect the potential impact of all of the risks related to the structure, market, type of return or suitability of the N&C Securities as an investment but may affect the value of the N&C Securities. Any rating agency may lower its ratings or withdraw its rating if, in the sole judgement of the rating agency, the credit quality of the Issuer has declined or is in question. In addition, at any time any rating agency may revise its relevant rating methodology with the result that, amongst other things, any rating assigned to the Issuer may be lowered.

If any rating assigned to the Issuer is lowered or withdrawn, the secondary market value of any N&C Securities may be reduced and may have a negative impact on the value of and return on the N&C Securities.

***The N&C Securities may have a Minimum Tradable Size***

Prospective investors should be aware that for any N&C Security which has a Minimum Tradable Size specified in the applicable Issue Terms and a smaller minimum Specified Denomination, it is possible that such N&C Securities may only be traded in a nominal amount, for a consideration or in the number, as the case may be, that is at least equal to the Minimum Tradable Size.

In such a case, a holder who holds a nominal amount or number of N&C Securities or wishes to transfer a nominal amount or number of N&C Securities which is less than the Minimum Tradable Size will be unable to sell or transfer such holding. If a holder holds a nominal amount or number of N&C Securities that is less than the Minimum Tradable Size, in order for such holder to sell or transfer its holding of N&C Securities such holder would first need to purchase such additional identical N&C Securities such that it is in a position to sell or transfer a total nominal amount or number, as the case may be, of N&C Securities at least equal to the Minimum Tradable Size. Investors should be aware that it may not always be possible to purchase such additional N&C Securities and as such they may be unable to sell or transfer any such holding.

If N&C Securities which have a Minimum Tradable Size are in definitive form, holders should be aware that definitive N&C Securities with a denomination that is less than the Minimum Tradable Size may be illiquid or difficult to trade.

***Investors who hold less than the minimum Specified Denomination may be unable to sell their N&C Securities and may be adversely affected if definitive N&C Securities are subsequently required to be issued***

In relation to any issue of N&C Securities which have denominations consisting of a minimum Specified Denomination plus one or more higher integral multiples of another smaller amount, it is possible that such N&C Securities may be traded in amounts in excess of the minimum Specified Denomination that are not integral multiples of such minimum Specified Denomination.

In such a case, a holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds an amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in his account with the relevant clearing system would not be able to sell the remainder of such holding without first purchasing a principal amount of N&C Securities at or in excess of the minimum Specified Denomination such that its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination. Further, a holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds an amount which is less than the minimum Specified Denomination in his account with the relevant clearing system at the relevant time, may not receive definitive N&C Securities in respect of such holding (should definitive N&C Securities be printed) and would need to purchase a principal amount of N&C Securities at or in

excess of the minimum Specified Denomination such that its holding amounts to a Specified Denomination.

If such N&C Securities in definitive form are issued, holders should be aware that definitive N&C Securities which have a denomination that is not an integral multiple of the minimum Specified Denomination may be illiquid and difficult to trade.

***Discontinuation or withdrawal of offer period***

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Issue Terms, the offer period in relation to any N&C Securities may be discontinued or extended at any time.

In addition, the Issuer and/or the other entities indicated in the Issue Terms will have the right to withdraw or revoke the offer, and the offer will be deemed to be null and void according to the terms indicated in the applicable Issue Terms. In such case, any amounts segregated by a distributor or financial intermediary as intended payment of the offer price by an investor will be released to the relevant investor by the distributor or financial intermediary but may or may not accrue interest depending on the agreements between the investor and the relevant distributor or financial intermediary or depending on the policies applied by the distributor or financial intermediary in this regard. In these circumstances, there may also be a time lag in the release of any such amounts and, unless otherwise agreed with the relevant distributor or financial intermediary, no amount will be payable as compensation and the investor may be subject to reinvestment risk.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Issue Terms, the Issuer and/or the other entities specified in the applicable Issue Terms may terminate the offer early by immediate suspension of the acceptance of further subscription requests. Any such termination may occur even where the maximum amount for subscription in relation to that offer (as specified in the applicable Issue Terms), has not been reached. In such circumstances, the early closing of the offer may have an impact on the aggregate number of N&C Securities issued and therefore may have an adverse effect on the liquidity of the N&C Securities.

Furthermore, under certain circumstances, the Issuer and/or the other entities indicated in the applicable Issue Terms will have the right to postpone the originally designated Issue Date. For the avoidance of doubt, this right applies also in the event that the Issuer publishes a supplement to this Base Prospectus in accordance with the provisions of the UK Prospectus Regulation. In the event that the issue date is so delayed, no compensation or amount in respect of interest shall be payable or otherwise accrue in relation to such N&C Securities unless otherwise agreed between the investor and the relevant distributor or the policies of the distributor or financial intermediary so provide.

**11. Risks associated with the structure of a particular issue of N&C Securities**

***The inclusion of an Issuer call option in respect of N&C Securities will generally mean that (a) the holder will not be able to participate in any future upside performance of the Preference Shares (had they remained outstanding) and in turn the Preference Share Underlying following the effective date of the Issuer call option, (b) the market value of the N&C Securities may be limited and (c) if the call option is exercised, the holder may not be able to reinvest the proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as any interest rate or rate of return on the N&C Securities***

If the applicable Issue Terms specify that the N&C Securities are redeemable at the option of the Issuer, the Issuer may redeem such N&C Securities at times when the prevailing interest rates may be relatively low. As a consequence, the yields (if any) received upon redemption may be lower than expected, and the redeemed face amount of the N&C Securities may be lower than the purchase price for the N&C Securities paid by the N&C Securityholder and may be lower than the amount the N&C Securityholder would have received had the N&C Securities been redeemed on the Maturity Date. As a consequence, part of the capital invested by the N&C Securityholder may be lost, so that the N&C Securityholder in such case would not receive the total amount of the capital invested. Accordingly, an investor generally will not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a comparable security at an effective interest rate, if applicable, as high as that of the N&C Securities. Furthermore, during any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem the N&C Securities, the market value of those N&C Securities generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This may also be true prior to any redemption period.

***The value of Fixed Rate N&C Securities may be adversely affected by movements in market interest rates***

Fixed Rate N&C Securities are subject to the risk that if the market interest rates subsequently increase above the rate paid on the Fixed Rate N&C Securities, this will adversely affect the value of the Fixed Rate N&C Securities and may result in a loss to the investor.

***N&C Securities which are issued with variable interest rates or which are structured to include a multiplier or other leverage factor are likely to have more volatile market values than more standard securities***

N&C Securities with floating interest rates can be volatile investments. If they are structured to include multipliers or other leverage factors, or caps or floors, or any combination of those features or other similar related features, their market value may be more volatile than those for securities that do not include these features. Depending on the terms of the N&C Securities, an investor may receive substantially less or no interest at all on such Floating Rate N&C Securities.

***Leverage factors (including multiplier):*** N&C Securities which include a leverage factor (such as potentially a "participation" term in the payout formula) magnify gains and losses. Therefore, holders of N&C Securities with such leverage features risk realising a worse return on the N&C Securities than in the absence of such leverage feature and, depending on the terms of the N&C Securities, investors could lose some or all of their investment. See also "*The market value of N&C Securities and the interest amount(s) payable on the N&C Securities may be affected due to the application of leverage or reduced exposure in the structure*" below.

***Cap:*** where the terms and conditions of the N&C Securities provide that the amount payable or underlying(s) deliverable is subject to a pre-defined cap or maximum payout, the investor's ability to participate in any positive performance in the underlying asset will be limited to the capped or maximum payout, regardless of any outperformance of the underlying asset and there is a risk that the Investor would receive a higher return on a similar product without such pre-defined cap or maximum payout feature.

***Floor:*** where the terms and conditions of the N&C Securities provide that the amount payable or underlying(s) deliverable is subject to a pre-defined floor or minimum payout, the investor's ability to participate in any negative performance in the underlying asset will be limited (for a "bearish" product) to the capped or maximum payout, regardless of any outperformance of the underlying asset. It is possible that the cost of the pre-defined floor or minimum payout feature may offset some of the upside return could otherwise be payable on the N&C Securities. There is a risk that the investor would receive a higher return on a similar product without such pre-defined floor or minimum payout feature.

***If the Issuer has the right to convert the interest rate on any N&C Securities from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or vice versa, this may affect the secondary market value of the N&C Securities concerned***

Fixed/Floating Rate N&C Securities are N&C Securities which may bear interest at a rate that the Issuer may elect to convert from a fixed rate to a floating rate or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. The Issuer's ability to convert the interest rate will affect the secondary market and the market value of the N&C Securities since the Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate N&C Securities may be less favourable than the then prevailing spreads on comparable floating rate notes relating to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate at any time may be lower than the interest rates payable on other N&C Securities. If the Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate, the fixed rate may be lower than the then prevailing market rate and may result in a loss to the investor.

***Discontinuation or unavailability of a floating rate***

If the N&C Securities are Floating Rate N&C Securities and the relevant interest rate referenced by such N&C Securities is discontinued or otherwise unavailable, amounts payable on the N&C Securities which reference such interest rate will be determined for the relevant period by the fall-back provisions applicable to such N&C Securities which may (depending on market circumstances at the relevant time)

not operate as intended. Depending on the manner in which the relevant interest rate is to be determined under the Conditions and subject as provided in '*The regulation and reform of certain published rates, indices and other values or benchmarks may adversely affect the value of and return on N&C Securities linked to such values or benchmarks*' and '*Benchmark Transition Event*' below, this may in certain circumstances (i) be reliant upon the provision by reference banks of offered quotations for the interest rate or bid and offered quotations for the fixed leg of interest rate swap transactions (as applicable) which, depending on market circumstances, may not be available at the relevant time or (ii) in the case of an interest rate where the applicable fall-back is to use the rate which applied in the previous period when the relevant interest rate was available, result in the effective application of a fixed rate based on the rate which applied in the previous period. Any of the foregoing could have an adverse effect on the value or liquidity of, and return on, any of the N&C Securities, and, depending on the terms of the N&C Securities, investors could lose some or all of their investment.

***The market continues to develop in relation to SONIA and €STR as reference rates***

Where the applicable Issue Terms for a Series of N&C Securities identifies that the Rate of Interest for such N&C Securities will be determined by reference to SONIA or €STR (each a "New Reference Rate"), the Rate of Interest will be determined (potentially amongst other things, depending on the type of N&C Securities) by reference to a compounded daily rate, a weighted average daily rate, a single daily rate or an index level based on a compounded daily rate. In each case such rate will differ from the relevant LIBOR or EURIBOR rate in a number of material respects, including (without limitation) that a compounded daily rate or weighted average rate is a backwards-looking, risk-free overnight rate, and a single daily rate is a risk-free overnight non-term rate, whereas LIBOR and EURIBOR are expressed on the basis of a forward-looking term and include a risk-element based on inter-bank lending. As such, investors should be aware that the New Reference Rates may behave materially differently from LIBOR or EURIBOR (as applicable) as interest reference rates for N&C Securities issued under the Programme. The use of any New Reference Rate as a reference rate for Eurobonds is nascent, and is subject to change and development, both in terms of the substance of the calculation and in the development and adoption of market infrastructure for the issuance and trading of bonds referencing such reference rates.

Accordingly, prospective investors in any N&C Securities referencing a New Reference Rate should be aware that the market continues to develop in relation to the New Reference Rates as reference rates in the capital markets and their adoption as an alternative to (as applicable) GBP-LIBOR, EURIBOR or EUR-LIBOR. For example, in the context of backwards-looking rates, market participants and relevant working groups have been assessing the differences between compounded rates and weighted average rates and the basis on which to determine them, and the development and use of certain term rates based on New Reference Rates is already under way in some markets. The adoption of any New Reference Rate may also see component inputs into swap rates or other composite rates transferring from (as applicable) LIBOR, EURIBOR or another reference rate to such New Reference Rate.

The market or a significant part thereof may adopt an application of a New Reference Rate that differs significantly from that set out in the Conditions and used in relation to N&C Securities referencing such New Reference Rate that are issued under the Programme. Furthermore, the Issuer may in future issue N&C Securities referencing a New Reference Rate that differs materially in terms of interest determination when compared with any previous N&C Securities issued under the Programme referencing such New Reference Rate. The development of compounded daily New Reference Rates as interest reference rates for the Eurobond markets, as well as continued development of New Reference Rate based rates for such market and the market infrastructure for adopting such rates, could result in reduced liquidity or increased volatility or could otherwise affect the market price of any New Reference Rate referenced N&C Securities issued under the Programme from time to time.

Furthermore, the Rate of Interest on N&C Securities which reference a New Reference Rate will only be determined at the end of the relevant Interest Period prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date. It may be difficult for investors in such N&C Securities to estimate reliably the amount of interest which will be payable on such N&C Securities, and some investors may be unable or unwilling to trade such N&C Securities without changes to their IT systems, both of which factors could adversely impact the liquidity of such N&C Securities. Further, in contrast to LIBOR- or EURIBOR-based N&C Securities, if N&C Securities referencing a compounded daily or single daily New Reference Rate are redeemed early and accrued interest is payable on such redemption in respect of a period which is not an Interest Period, the final Rate of Interest payable in respect of such N&C Securities shall only be determined at the due date for redemption.

In addition, the manner of adoption or application of the New Reference Rates as reference rates in the Eurobond markets may differ materially compared with the application and adoption of the New Reference Rates in other markets, such as the derivatives and loan markets. Investors should carefully consider how any mismatch between the adoption of the New Reference Rates as reference rates across these markets may impact any hedging or other financial arrangements which they may put in place in connection with any acquisition, holding or disposal of N&C Securities referencing any such rate.

To the extent a rate for a New Reference Rate is not published, the applicable rate to be used to calculate the Interest Rate on N&C Securities referencing such New Reference Rate will be determined using the fall-back provisions set out in the Conditions. Any of these fall-back provisions may result in interest payments that are lower than, or do not otherwise correlate over time with, the payments that would have been made on the N&C Securities if such New Reference Rate had been so published in its current form.

Investors should carefully consider all of these matters when making their investment decision with respect to any such N&C Securities.

#### ***Benchmark Transition Event***

In the case of certain Floating Rate N&C Securities linked to EURIBOR or a New Reference Rate on issue, the Conditions provide for certain fall-back arrangements in the event that a Benchmark Transition Event occurs. A Benchmark Transition Event may occur if EURIBOR or the relevant New Reference Rate (or in each case any subsequent replacement rate) in relation such Floating Rate N&C Securities ceases to exist or be published or a relevant supervisor publicly announces it is or will become non-representative. In the case of such Floating Rate N&C Securities, these fall-back arrangements include the possibility that the Rate of Interest could be determined by reference to a replacement benchmark rate, and that a spread adjustment may be applied to such replacement benchmark rate, together with the making of certain conforming changes to the Conditions, in each case as determined by the Calculation Agent. Such replacement rate and spread adjustment determination may be based on available alternative rates, relevant governmental body recommendation or selection, practice in the derivatives market or industry-accepted practice and such conforming changes will be as determined appropriate by the Calculation Agent to reflect the adoption of the replacement rate. Any of these fall-back provisions may result in payments that are lower than, or do not otherwise correlate over time with, the payments that would have been made on the N&C Securities if the previous rate had continued being published in its current form.

To the extent that any N&C Securities reference a rate with respect to which a Benchmark Transition Event is likely to occur during the term of such N&C Securities, prospective investors should be aware that it is therefore likely that the consequences described above will then apply in respect of those N&C Securities.

#### ***Certain Considerations relating to Book-Entry Interests***

Until and unless definitive N&C Securities in registered form are issued in exchange for the N&C Securities, holders of the Book-Entry Interests will not be considered the owners or holders of N&C Securities with regard to payment. To the extent the N&C Securities are issued in the form of Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities, the Book-Entry Depositary or its nominee will be the sole holder of such N&C Securities. The Issuer, the Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar will treat the bearer of the Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities as the owner thereof for the purposes of receiving payments and for all other purposes. Upon receipt of amounts owing in respect of the Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities, the Book-Entry Depositary will pay the amounts so received to the relevant clearing system(s) for onward payment to applicable owners of Book-Entry Interests in accordance with their procedures. Accordingly, holders of a Book-Entry Interest must rely on the procedures of the relevant clearing system(s) to exercise any rights and remedies of a N&C Securityholder under the N&C Securities (see "*General Description of the Programme – Form of Notes*" for a description).

#### ***Limitations on ownership of Book-Entry Interests***

Ownership of Book-Entry Interests will be limited to persons with an account with Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or persons who may hold interests through such participants. Book-Entry

Interests will be shown on, and transfers thereof will be affected only through, records maintained in book-entry form by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and their participants.

Accordingly, Book-Entry Interests will not be held in definitive form. Instead, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as applicable) will credit on their respective book-entry registration and transfer systems a participant's account with the interest beneficially owned by such participant. The laws of some jurisdictions, including certain states of the United States, may require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. Limitations on ownership of Book-Entry Interests may impair the ability to own, transfer or pledge Book-Entry Interests. While the Immobilised Bearer N&C Securities are in global form, holders of Book-Entry Interests will not be considered the N&C Securityholders of such N&C Securities for any purpose.

***Certain Considerations relating to CREST Depository Interests***

Investors who hold interests in the N&C Securities through Euroclear UK & International Limited (formerly known as CRESTCo Limited) ("CREST") through CREST Depository Interests will not be the legal owners of the N&C Securities (the "**Underlying N&C Securities**") to which such CREST Depository Interests relate. CREST Depository Interests are separate legal instruments from the Underlying N&C Securities and represent indirect interests in the interests of the CREST Nominee (as defined below) in such Underlying N&C Securities. CREST Depository Interests will be issued by the CREST Depository to investors and will be governed by English law.

The Underlying N&C Securities (as distinct from the CREST Depository Interests representing indirect interests in such Underlying N&C Securities) will be held in an account with a custodian. The custodian will hold the Underlying N&C Securities through the relevant Clearance System. Rights in the Underlying N&C Securities will be held through custodial and depositary links through the relevant Clearance System. The legal title to the Underlying N&C Securities or to interests in the Underlying N&C Securities will depend on the rules of the relevant Clearance System in or through which the Underlying N&C Securities are held.

CREST International Nominees Limited or another entity appointed to act as nominee (the "**CREST Nominee**") in accordance with the CREST Global Deed Poll (in the form from time to time contained in Chapter 8 of the CREST International Manual (which forms part of the CREST Manual (as defined below)) (the "**CREST Deed Poll**") will hold the legal title to the Underlying N&C Securities and the direct enforcement right in respect of the Underlying N&C Securities. This could result in a holder of CREST Depository Interests receiving less than, or none of, the full amount payable in respect of the Underlying N&C Securities in the event of any insolvency or liquidation of any relevant intermediary, in particular where the Underlying N&C Securities held in clearing systems are not held in special purpose accounts and are fungible with other securities held in the same accounts on behalf of other customers of the relevant intermediaries.

Rights in respect of the Underlying N&C Securities cannot be enforced by holders of CREST Depository Interests except indirectly through CREST Depository Limited or any successor thereto (the "**CREST Depository**") and the CREST Nominee who in turn can enforce rights indirectly through the intermediary depositaries and custodians described above. The enforcement of rights in respect of the Underlying N&C Securities will therefore be subject to the local law of the relevant intermediary.

These arrangements could result in an elimination or reduction in the payments that otherwise would have been made in respect of the Underlying N&C Securities in the event of any insolvency or liquidation of the relevant intermediary, in particular where the Underlying N&C Securities held in clearing systems are not held in special purpose accounts and are fungible with other securities held in the same accounts on behalf of other customers of the relevant intermediaries.

If a matter arises that requires a vote of N&C Securityholders, the Issuer may make arrangements to permit the holders of Crest Depository Interests to instruct the CREST Depository to exercise the voting rights of the CREST Nominee in respect of the Underlying N&C Securities. However, there is no guarantee that it will be possible to put such voting arrangements in place for holders of CREST Depository Interests.

Holders of CREST Depository Interests will be bound by all provisions of the CREST Deed Poll and by all provisions of or prescribed pursuant to the CREST International Manual and the CREST Rules

applicable to the CREST International Settlement Links Service (in each case as amended, modified, varied or supplemented from time to time (the "**CREST Manual**")). Holders of CREST Depository Interests must comply in full with all obligations imposed on them by such provisions.

Investors in CREST Depository Interests should note that the provisions of the CREST Deed Poll and the CREST Manual (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of the CREST International Manual and the CREST Rules) contain indemnities, warranties, representations and undertakings to be given by holders of CREST Depository Interests and limitations on the liability of the CREST Depository as issuer of the CREST Depository Interests. Holders of CREST Depository Interests may incur liabilities pursuant to or resulting from a breach of any such indemnities, warranties, representations and undertakings in excess of the money invested by them and the rights of and returns received by holders of CREST Depository Interests may differ from those of holders of N&C Securities which are not represented by CREST Depository Interests.

Investors in CREST Depository Interests should note that holders of CREST Depository Interests may be required to pay fees, charges, costs and expenses to the CREST Depository in connection with the use of the CREST International Settlement Links Service. These will include the fees and expenses charged by the CREST Depository in respect of the provision of services by it under the CREST Deed Poll and any taxes, duties, charges, costs or expenses which may be or become payable in connection with the holding of the Underlying N&C Securities through the CREST International Settlement Links Service.

Investors in CREST Depository Interests should note that none of the Issuer, any Dealer or any Agent will have any responsibility for the performance by any intermediaries or their respective direct or indirect participants or accountholders acting in connection with CREST Depository Interests or for the respective obligations of such intermediaries, participants or accountholders under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

**12. Risks associated with N&C Securities which are non-interest bearing or where interest amounts are linked to one or more Reference Item(s)**

***The N&C Securities may not bear any interest***

If the N&C Securities are non-interest bearing, then no interest shall be payable on such Securities and the entire return on such Securities will depend on the amount paid on redemption of the N&C Securities. In such case, depending on the performance of the Preference Shares, the redemption amount payable could be less than the investor's initial investment and therefore an investor may lose some or all of the initial investment. See 13 "Risks associated with N&C Securities linked to Preference Shares" below.

***The interest amounts payable on N&C Securities which are not non-interest bearing N&C Securities may be dependent on the performance of the underlying Reference Item(s) and therefore subject to risks in relation to the Reference Item(s)***

N&C Securities for which the determination of the relevant interest amounts are linked to the performance of Reference Item(s) represent an investment linked to the economic performance of the Reference Item(s) and investors should note that any interest on their investment in such N&C Securities will depend upon the performance of such Reference Item(s).

If interest amounts payable in respect of N&C Securities are linked to the performance of the Reference Item(s), an investor in such a N&C Security must consider the direction, timing and magnitude of an anticipated change in the value of the Reference Item(s). However, it is impossible to make such predictions with any degree of certainty, as the price, performance or investment return of the Reference Item(s) may be subject to sudden and large unpredictable changes over time known as "**volatility**". The volatility of the Reference Item(s) may be affected by national and international financial, political, military or economic events, including governmental actions, or by the activities of participants in the relevant markets. Any of these events or activities could adversely affect the return on the N&C Securities. Potential purchasers should also note that whilst the market value of such N&C Securities linked to such Reference Item(s) will be influenced (positively or negatively) by the performance of such Reference Item(s), any change may not be comparable or directly proportionate to the change in value of such Reference Item(s).

The historical performance of the Reference Item(s) should not be taken as an indication of future performance of such Reference Item(s) during the term of such N&C Security. It is not possible to predict the future value of the N&C Securities based on such past performance. Actual results will be different, and such differences may be material, and could have a negative impact on the value of and return on the N&C Securities and, depending on the terms of the N&C Securities, investors could lose some or all of their investment.

***Investors have no claim against any Reference Item***

An N&C Security is not equivalent to a direct investment in the Reference Item(s) or any component thereof and will not represent a claim against any Reference Item or any such component and, in the event of any loss, an N&C Securityholder will not have recourse under an N&C Security to any Reference Item. The N&C Securities are not in any way sponsored, endorsed or promoted by any issuer, sponsor, manager or other connected person in respect of an underlying Reference Item and such entities have no obligation to take into account the consequences of their actions on any N&C Securityholders. Accordingly, investors may receive a lower return on the N&C Securities than they would have received had they invested directly in the Reference Item(s).

***The market value of N&C Securities and the interest amount(s) payable on the N&C Securities may be affected due to the application of leverage or reduced exposure in the structure***

Where a formula used to determine the interest amount(s) payable with respect to the N&C Securities contains a multiplier participation rate or leverage factor (whether implicit or explicit) greater than one or 100 per cent., then the percentage change in the interest amount that may be payable in respect of the N&C Security may be greater than any positive and/or negative performance of the Reference Item(s). N&C Securities which include such multiplier or leverage factor represent a very speculative form of investment, since any loss in the value of the Reference Item(s) may carry the risk of a correspondingly higher loss on the N&C Securities.

Where a formula used to determine the interest amount(s) payable with respect to the N&C Securities contains an explicit or implicit multiplier participation rate or leverage factor of less than one or 100 per cent., then the percentage change in the interest amount that may be payable in respect of the N&C Security may be less than any positive and/or negative performance of the Reference Item(s). N&C Securities which include such multiplier or leverage factor may not benefit from the full extent of any gain in the value of the Reference Item(s), since any gain in the value of the Reference Item(s) may carry the risk of a correspondingly lower gain on the N&C Securities, and an investor could lose some or all of their initial investment than if they had invested in a security that is not leveraged.

Please also see the payout formulas in the Interest Payout Annex together with the Issue Terms in relation to the relevant N&C Securities and the worked examples set out in the section entitled "*How the Return on the N&C Securities is Calculated*".

***The worst performing feature means that an investor will be exposed to the performance of each Reference item and in particular the Reference Item which has the worst performance***

If the terms and conditions of the N&C Securities provide that the return on the N&C Securities depends on the worst performing Reference Item in the basket of Reference Item(s), the N&C Securityholders will be exposed to the performance of each Reference Item and, in particular, to the Reference Item which has the worst performance. This means that, irrespective of how the other Reference Item(s) perform, if any one or more Reference Item(s) fails to meet a relevant threshold or barrier for the payment of interest or the calculation of any redemption amount, an investor may receive no interest payments and/or could lose some or all of the investor's initial investment.

***There are certain risks in N&C Securities that include an averaging feature***

The calculation of the performance of one or more Reference Item in respect of certain N&C Securities may be based on the average of the price or level or other measure of such Reference Item over two or more Averaging Dates (as applicable). The effect of such averaging may be that the performance of the Reference Item(s) will not increase proportionately if the price or level or other measure of the Reference Item(s) temporarily increases but the price or level or other measure of the Reference Item(s) has been correspondingly lower on the remaining averaging dates. Accordingly, the effect of the averaging feature

may be to lead to a reduced performance (and therefore a reduced return on the relevant N&C Securities) as compared to the position where the performance of the Reference Item is measured on a single valuation date. On the other hand, a temporary decrease of price or level or other measure of the Reference Item will also not lead to a proportionate decrease of the performance of the Reference Item(s) if the price or level or other measure of the Reference Item(s) has been correspondingly higher on the remaining averaging dates.

***The regulation and reform of certain published rates, indices and other values or benchmarks may adversely affect the value of and return on N&C Securities linked to such values or benchmarks***

Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds (the "**EU Benchmarks Regulation**") and Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA and regulations made thereunder (the "**UK Benchmarks Regulation**", and together with the EU Benchmarks Regulation, the "**Benchmarks Regulations**") are a key element of regulatory reform in the European Union and the United Kingdom, respectively (for more information, see "*Description of the Issuer*" and the section entitled "*Regulation of the Group – Benchmarks Reform*").

Interest rates, foreign exchange rates, and indices, including equity, commodity and "proprietary" indices or strategies, will in most cases be within scope of one or both of the Benchmarks Regulations as "benchmarks", where they are used to determine the amount payable under, or the value of, certain financial instruments (including (i) in the case of the EU Benchmarks Regulation, securities listed on an EU regulated market or an EU multilateral trading facility ("**MTF**") and (ii) in the case of the UK Benchmarks Regulation, securities listed on a UK recognised investment exchange or a UK MTF), and in a number of other circumstances.

The UK Benchmarks Regulation prohibits, subject to applicable transitional provisions, the use in the UK by UK supervised entities of (a) benchmarks provided by UK administrators which are not authorised or registered in accordance with the UK Benchmarks Regulation and (b) benchmarks provided by non-UK administrators where (i) the administrator's regulatory regime has not been determined to be "equivalent" to that of the UK, (ii) the administrator has not been recognised in accordance with the UK Benchmarks Regulation, and (iii) the benchmark has not been endorsed in accordance with the UK Benchmarks Regulation.

The UK Benchmarks Regulation could have a material impact on any N&C Securities linked to a benchmark. For example:

- (i) any of the reforms described above or any other changes to a relevant interest rate benchmark (including EURIBOR, SONIA and €STR) could affect the level of the published rate, including to cause it to be lower and/or more volatile than it would otherwise be;
- (ii) the methodology or other terms of the benchmark may be changed in order to comply with the requirements of the UK Benchmarks Regulation. Such changes could, among other things, have the effect of reducing, increasing or otherwise affecting the volatility of the published rate or level of the benchmark;
- (iii) if a benchmark is discontinued or is otherwise unavailable, then the rate of interest on the N&C Securities may be determined for a period by any applicable fall-back provisions under the relevant N&C Securities documentation, although such provisions may not operate as intended (depending on market circumstances and the availability of rates information or quotes from reference banks at the time); or
- (iv) the occurrence of an Administrator/Benchmark Event may cause early redemption or adjustment of the N&C Securities which may include selecting one or more successor benchmarks and making related adjustments to the N&C Securities, including if applicable to reflect increased costs.

Investors should consult with their own independent advisers and make their own assessment about the potential risks imposed by the UK Benchmarks Regulations. See also the risk factor entitled "*Replacement of interbank offered rates with risk-free rates*".

### ***Replacement of interbank offered rates with risk-free rates***

Risk-free rates ("RFRs") that are commonly used in place of discontinued interbank offered rates ("IBORs") are inherently different from the now discontinued IBORs. RFR-referencing N&C Securities may not perform in the same way or yield the same or similar economic outcomes as historical IBOR-referencing securities.

Many IBORs have been modified or discontinued and relatively new risk-free rates may now be used in their place. The transition away from IBORs has also impacted related IBOR-based swap rates, many of which have been discontinued and replaced with RFR-based swap rates. Such developments could have a material adverse effect on the value of and return on N&C Securities linked to any such rates. In summary, as at the date hereof:

- (i) GBP SONIA (and GBP SONIA swap rate): the Sterling Overnight Index Average ("SONIA") may be used in place of sterling LIBOR and is now established as the primary sterling interest rate benchmark. ICE Benchmark Administration ("IBA") administers the GBP SONIA ICE Swap Rate, which can be used in place of the discontinued GBP LIBOR ICE Swap Rate.
- (ii) USD SOFR (and USD SOFR swap rate): the Secured Overnight Financing Rate ("SOFR") may be used in place of USD LIBOR and has been identified as the rate that represents best practice for use in U.S. dollar derivatives and other financial contracts. IBA administers the USD SOFR ICE Swap Rate, which can be used in place of the discontinued USD LIBOR ICE Swap Rate.
- (iii) Euro: the Euro Short-Term Rate ("ESTR") may be used in place of EURIBOR and EONIA and has been recommended as the new euro risk-free rate. In May 2021, an official EU working group published a set of guiding principles for fallback provisions in new EURIBOR-referencing contracts and financial instruments (including bonds) to address, among other things, the potential future discontinuation of EURIBOR.
- (iv) Other IBORs: similar initiatives have been undertaken in respect of IBORs in other currencies, including Hong Kong dollar ("HIBOR"), Australian dollar ("BBSW"), Canadian dollar ("CDOR"), and Swiss franc ("CHF LIBOR"), to transition away from these rates to identified RFRs.

Risk-free rates have a different methodology and other important differences from IBORs. For example, many replacement risk-free rates are backward-looking, rather than forward-looking. Interest on N&C Securities which reference a backward-looking risk-free rate is not determined until the end of the relevant interest calculation period, so investors may be unable to estimate the amount of interest that will accrue over a specific interest calculation period at the outset.

Risk-free rates have little, if any, historical track record and it may be difficult to compare them to other rates and even harder to understand how they may perform in the future. The level of a risk-free rate during the term of the N&C Securities may bear little or no relation to the historical actual or indicative data. Prior observed patterns, if any, in the behaviour of market variables and their relation to a risk-free rate, such as correlations, may change in the future.

Furthermore, market terms for securities linked to risk-free rates, such as the spread over the rate reflected in interest rate provisions, may evolve over time. Trading prices of such securities may be lower than those of later-issued securities as a result.

Risk-free rates are overnight rates based on large volumes of interbank transactions or transactions secured by central banks' treasury securities, and do not measure bank-specific credit risk. In contrast, IBORs are expressed on the basis of a forward-looking term and include a credit risk premium based on interbank lending. As a result, risk-free rates are less likely than historical IBORs to correlate with the unsecured short-term funding costs of banks. This may mean that market participants would not consider any such risk-free rate a suitable substitute or successor for all of the purposes for which LIBOR was historically used (including, without limitation, as a representation of the unsecured short-term funding costs of banks). This may, in turn, lessen market acceptance of any risk-free rate. Investors should be aware that IBORs and RFRs may behave materially differently as reference interest rates for N&C Securities.

An established trading market for debt securities linked to the relevant risk-free rate may never develop or may not be very liquid. If the relevant risk-free rate does not prove to be widely used in the capital markets, the trading price of securities linked to risk-free rates may be lower than those of securities linked to rates that are more widely used. Investors may not be able to sell N&C Securities at all or may not be able to sell N&C Securities at prices that will provide investors with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market, and may consequently suffer from increased pricing volatility and market risk and, depending on the terms of the N&C Securities, investors could lose some or all of their investment.

For N&C Securities which reference an affected benchmark, uncertainty as to the future performance of any replacement rate and as to potential changes or other reforms to the benchmark may adversely affect such benchmark rates during the term of the N&C Securities and the return on, value of, and/or trading market for the N&C Securities.

Any of these factors, and/or related future developments, could have a material adverse effect on the value of and return on N&C Securities linked to affected rates.

***There are risks in utilising the N&C Securities for hedging purposes***

It may not be possible to use the N&C Securities as a perfect hedge against the market risk associated with investing in a Reference Item. Prospective purchasers intending to purchase N&C Securities to hedge against the market risk associated with investing in a Reference Item should recognise the complexities of utilising N&C Securities in this manner. For example, the value of the N&C Securities may not exactly correlate with the value of the Reference Item. Due to fluctuating supply and demand for the N&C Securities, there is no assurance that their value will correlate with movements of the Reference Item. For these reasons, among others, it may not be possible to purchase or liquidate N&C Securities in a portfolio at the prices used to calculate the value of any Reference Item.

***There are risks relating to Inventory N&C Securities which have been issued prior to the date of their purchase***

In the case of N&C Securities which have been issued prior to the date of their purchase and which the Dealer has been holding from time to time on its own account ("Inventory N&C Securities"), the disclosure in relation to the Reference Item(s) (if any) or Preference Shares to which the relevant Inventory N&C Securities may be linked as set forth in the Issue Terms will have been extracted by the Issuer from publicly available sources but will not have been prepared by, or on behalf of, and will not have been verified by, or on behalf of, the Issuer, the Dealer or any other member of the Santander Group, each of which will have disclaimed any responsibility for such information. Such information may be out of date and none of the Issuer, the Dealer or any other member of the Santander Group shall provide any updated information in relation to the Reference Item(s) (if any) or Preference Share(s). If there has been any change in the Reference Item(s) (if any) or Preference Shares since the date of the Issue Terms, this may have an adverse effect on the pay-out and/or value of the relevant Inventory N&C Securities. Furthermore, any change in the situation or condition of the Issuer since the date of the Issue Terms will not be disclosed and may have an adverse effect on the value of the relevant Inventory N&C Securities and, depending on the terms of the N&C Securities, investors could lose some or all of their investment.

***N&C Securities which are exposed to one or more emerging markets elements are subject to particular risks***

Where the determination of interest amounts in respect of the N&C Securities relate to Reference Items associated with the currencies of, emerging market countries, or the Preference Share Underlying(s) are associated with, or denominated in the currencies of, emerging market countries, investors should note that the risk of the occurrence of and the severity of the consequences of the matters described herein may be greater than they would otherwise be in relation to more developed countries. Emerging markets jurisdictions may be characterised as politically unstable and/or lacking a stable and fully developed economy and financial system and/or lacking in established rule of law. Emerging markets investments generally have greater risks than those from developed jurisdictions including political risk, economic risk, currency risk, market risk, regulatory/legal risk and shareholder risk as further described below:

***Political risk:*** The relative instability of political systems of emerging markets jurisdictions may leave them more vulnerable to public unrest and instability. Such circumstances, in turn, could lead to a reversal

of some or all economic or political reform including such policies as confiscatory taxation, exchange controls or expropriation of foreign-owned assets without adequate compensation. Any such policies could have an adverse effect on the value of the Reference Item(s) or the Preference Share Underlying(s) and, in turn, the relevant N&C Securities.

*Economic risk:* Businesses and governments of emerging markets jurisdictions may be relatively inexperienced in dealing with difficult market conditions (such as the on-going global recession) and may have a limited capital base from which to borrow funds. In addition, an emerging markets jurisdiction may lack a developed banking sector and its financial institutions may not be adequately regulated. These factors, among other economic issues, could affect the functioning of the economy and have a corresponding adverse effect on the performance of the Reference Item(s) or the Preference Share Underlying(s) and, in turn, the relevant N&C Securities.

*Currency risk:* Reference Item(s), the Preference Share Underlying(s) or N&C Securities denominated in the currencies of emerging markets jurisdictions may be subject to greater volatility and possibly the suspension of the ability to exchange or transfer currency, or the devaluation of the currency.

*Market risk:* The financial systems and markets of emerging markets jurisdictions may lack the level of transparency and liquidity found in more developed markets. As a result, such markets may suffer from extreme price volatility, price discrepancies and lack of liquidity. Any such circumstances or events may have an adverse effect on the performance of the Reference Item(s) or the Preference Share Underlying(s) and, in turn, the relevant N&C Securities.

*Regulatory/Legal risk:* In emerging markets jurisdictions there may be less government regulation of business and industry practices, stock exchanges, over-the-counter markets and market participants than in more developed countries. Legislation to safeguard the rights of private ownership and to prevent stock market manipulation may not be fully developed and regulations governing investments in securities may not exist or may be subject to inconsistent or arbitrary application or interpretation and may be subject to change with retroactive effect. The holder of Preference Share Underlying(s) of an emerging markets jurisdiction may not be able to pursue legal remedies in the courts of such jurisdictions. Any such circumstances or events may have an adverse effect on the performance of the Reference Item(s) or the Preference Share Underlying(s) and, in turn, the relevant N&C Securities.

N&C Securityholders of N&C Securities with such a nexus to emerging countries are exposed to the risk that such N&C Securities may be less liquid and the prices of such N&C Securities more volatile, thus increasing the risk that such N&C Securityholders may experience a loss on their investment.

N&C Securities incorporating any of the above emerging market features and related risks may be inherently more speculative and riskier than other investments and, depending on the terms of the N&C Securities, investors could lose some or all of their investment.

#### ***Risks relating to Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Securities***

The Issuer may issue Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Securities where the amount of interest payable is dependent upon the level of an equity index or indices and/or by whether that level is equal to, above or below one or more specified levels. Such interest amounts would therefore be dependent upon the economic performance of the specified equity index and be subject to the risks relating to indices as set out in "*Risks relating to Index Linked Preference Shares*" below.

Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Securities may be subject to certain disruption provisions. In particular, the Calculation Agent may determine that an event giving rise to a Disrupted Day (as defined in the Equity Index Linked Conditions) has occurred at any relevant time. Any such determination may have an effect on the timing of valuation, and consequently the value of the N&C Securities. In addition, certain additional disruption events may lead to early redemption of the N&C Securities and such an event may have an adverse effect on the value of the N&C Securities. Whether and how such provisions apply to the N&C Securities can be ascertained by reading the Equity Index Linked Conditions in conjunction with the applicable Issue Terms. In addition, on the occurrence of an Additional Disruption Event, which may, where specified in the Issue Terms, include a disruption to the hedging or a material increase in the cost of any hedging applicable to the N&C Securities, the Issuer may require the Calculation Agent to replace the affected Index by a new Index or to determine adjustments to the terms

of the N&C Securities to account for the Additional Disruption Event. The substitution of the Index or the adjustments could have a negative effect on the value and return on the N&C Securities.

#### ***Risks relating to Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities***

The Issuer may issue Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities where the amount of interest payable is dependent upon the level of an inflation/consumer price index or indices and/or whether the level of inflation/consumer price index or indices is equal to, above or below one or more specified levels. Such interest amounts would therefore be dependent upon the economic performance of the specified inflation/consumer price index and be subject to the risks relating to indices as set out in "*Risks relating to Index Linked Preference Shares*" below.

Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities may be subject to certain disruption provisions or extraordinary event provisions. Relevant events may relate to market disruptions, or other extraordinary events in relation to the relevant level of inflation/consumer price index or indices. If the Calculation Agent determines that any such event has occurred this may delay valuations under the N&C Securities and consequently adversely affect the value of the N&C Securities. The Calculation Agent may also, in the event of certain disruptions to the relevant inflation/consumer price index determine a successor index, which may adversely affect the value of the N&C Securities. In addition, certain extraordinary or disruption events may lead to early redemption of the N&C Securities which may have an adverse effect on the value of the N&C Securities. Whether and how such provisions apply to the relevant N&C Securities can be ascertained by reading the Inflation Index Linked Conditions in conjunction with the applicable Issue Terms.

#### **13. Risks associated with N&C Securities linked to Preference Shares**

##### ***The value of and return on N&C securities is dependent on the performance of the underlying Preference Shares and therefore subject to risks in relation to the Preference Shares***

Amounts payable upon redemption of the N&C Securities are determined by reference to the economic performance of specified Preference Shares which will be linked to the economic performance of one or more Preference Share Underlying(s). These Preference Share Underlying(s) may include equities (or baskets of equities) and indices (or baskets of indices) (including equity or inflation indices).

As the amounts payable on redemption of N&C Securities are linked to the level of Preference Shares relative to their initial price, which is in turn linked to the performance of the relevant Preference Share Underlying(s), a purchaser of an N&C Security must consider the direction, timing and magnitude of an anticipated change in the value of the relevant Preference Share Underlying(s). However, it is impossible to make such predictions with any degree of certainty, as the price, performance or investment return of the Preference Share Underlying(s) may be subject to volatility. The volatility of the Preference Share Underlying(s) may be affected by national and international financial, political, military or economic events, including governmental actions, or by the activities of participants in the relevant markets. Any of these events or activities could adversely affect the return on the N&C Securities. Assuming all other factors are held constant, the lower the value of the Preference Shares and the shorter the remaining term to redemption, the greater the risk that purchasers of such N&C Securities will lose all or part of their investment. In contrast to a direct investment in the relevant Preference Share Underlying(s), the N&C Securities only represent the right to receive payment of the Final Redemption Amount(s) and, whilst the redemption amount of the N&C Securities is linked to the market value of Preference Shares which will be influenced (positively or negatively) by the part of the Preference Share Underlying(s) in respect of the relevant Preference Shares, any change may not be comparable to a direct investment in such Preference Share Underlying(s) and may be disproportionate.

The historical performance of the Preference Shares or any relevant Preference Share Underlying(s) should not be taken as an indication of future performance of such Preference Shares or such Preference Share Underlying(s) during the term of such N&C Security. It is not possible to predict the future value of the N&C Securities based on such past performance. Actual results will be different, and such differences may be material, and could have a negative impact on the value of and return on the N&C Securities.

Fluctuations in the value and/or volatility of the relevant Preference Share Underlying(s) will affect the value of the relevant Preference Shares and as a result, the value of the N&C Securities and the return on

investment for N&C Securityholders. Other factors which may influence the market value of the Preference Shares and as a result, the value of the N&C Securities, include interest rates, potential dividend or interest payments (as applicable) in respect of the relevant Preference Share Underlying(s), changes in the method of calculating the relevant Preference Share Underlying(s) from time to time and market expectations regarding the future performance of the relevant Preference Share Underlying(s) and its composition.

The value of the Preference Shares and the relevant Preference Share Underlying(s) may be observed for valuation purposes at a particular time(s) on a particular day(s). The value of the Preference Shares and the relevant Preference Share Underlying(s) may move significantly in very short periods of time. As such, prospective purchasers should be aware that the value observed for the Preference Shares and/or the relevant Preference Share Underlying(s) may not reflect the value of the Preference Shares and/or the relevant Preference Share Underlying(s) which have prevailed at other times on the relevant valuation day or in the period immediately preceding such day. Whilst the terms of the Preference Shares may include provisions to allow postponement of valuation of the relevant Preference Share Underlying(s) in the event of certain disruptions in the market, not all significant market movements will be covered by these provisions. Depending on the relevant Preference Share Underlying(s) for the Preference Shares, the volatility of prices at the opening or closing of relevant markets (which is traditionally caused as many trades are executed at such time) may itself have an effect on the prices of the Preference Shares and consequently the N&C Securities. Such volatility may have a negative impact on the return on N&C Securities.

The price at which a N&C Securityholder will be able to sell N&C Securities prior to maturity may be at a discount, which could be substantial, to the market value of such N&C Securities on the Issue Date, if, at such time, the value of the Preference Shares is below, equal to or not sufficiently above the value of the Preference Shares on the Issue Date. If an investor decides to sell their N&C Securities prior to maturity, when the current price of the Preference Share(s) at the time of sale is favourable relative to its initial price, it may nonetheless receive substantially less than the amount that would be payable at maturity based on that level, value or price because of expectations that the level, value or price will continue to fluctuate until the final price is determined.

#### ***Credit risk of the Preference Share Issuer***

If the Preference Share Company were to experience financial difficulties the Preference Share Company may be unable to fulfil its obligations under the applicable terms and conditions of the class of Preference Shares. In this scenario the value of the Preference Shares would be adversely affected and could be zero. As the N&C Securities linked to Preference Shares track the change in value of the Preference Shares any such reduction in the value of the Preference Shares is expected to have a corresponding effect on the value of the N&C Securities linked to Preference Shares and the redemption amount payable at their maturity.

#### ***The Preference Shares may be early redeemed and affect the value and return of the N&C securities***

The issuer of the relevant Preference Shares (the "**Preference Share Issuer**") may early redeem or cancel the Preference Shares if the Preference Share Issuer or the calculation agent in respect of the Preference Shares (the "**Preference Share Calculation Agent**") (on behalf of the Preference Share Issuer) determines that:

- (i) any event occurs in respect of which the adjustment provisions under the terms and conditions of the Preference Shares provide the Preference Shares may be redeemed; or
- (ii) the performance of the obligations of the Preference Share Issuer under the Preference Shares, or any relevant hedging arrangement made to hedge the Preference Share Issuer's obligations under the Preference Shares, has or will become unlawful, illegal or otherwise prohibited in whole or in part as a result of compliance with any applicable present or future law, rule, regulation, judgement, order or directive of any governmental, administrative, legislative or judicial authority or power, or the interpretation thereof; or
- (iii) a change in applicable law or regulation occurs that in the determination of the Preference Share Calculation Agent results, or will result, by reason of the Preference Shares being outstanding, in the Preference Share Issuer being required to be regulated by any additional jurisdiction or

regulatory authority, or being subject to any additional legal requirement or regulation or tax considered by the Preference Share Issuer to be onerous to it; or

(iv) the Preference Share Issuer is notified that any related financial product (such as the N&C Securities) has become subject to early redemption.

If the Issuer receives a notice from the Preference Share Issuer of early redemption of the Preference Shares, each N&C Security shall be redeemed at its Early Redemption Amount.

The Early Redemption Amount in this case is determined taking into account the value of the Preference Shares immediately prior to the time of the early redemption of the N&C Securities and such Preference Share value in turn may take into account deduction of certain costs of the Preference Share Issuer and also certain costs of issuers and their hedging counterparties in relation to financial products (such as the N&C Securities) related to the Preference Shares. This may mean the value of the Preference Shares and consequently the Early Redemption Amount in respect of the N&C Securities may be less than the investor's initial investment and therefore an investor may lose some or all of the initial investment.

***Investors have no claim against any Preference Share or any Preference Share Underlying***

An N&C Security will not represent a claim against any Preference Share or any Preference Share Underlying and, in the event of any loss, an N&C Securityholder will not have recourse under an N&C Security to any Preference Share or any Preference Share Underlying. The N&C Securities are not in any way sponsored, endorsed or promoted by any issuer, sponsor, manager or other connected person in respect of an underlying Preference Share or any Preference Share Underlying and such entities have no obligation to take into account the consequences of their actions on any N&C Securityholders. Accordingly, investors may receive a lower return on the N&C Securities than they would have received had they invested directly in the Preference Share Underlying(s).

**14. Risks relating to Preference Share Underlyings**

The value of the Preference Shares will be linked to the economic performance of the relevant Preference Share Underlying(s). Potential investors in N&C Securities linked to Preference Shares should be aware that, depending on the terms of the Preference Shares, payments may occur at a different time than expected and they may lose all or a substantial portion of their investment if the value of the Preference Shares, determined by reference to the value of the Preference Share Underlying(s), does not move in the anticipated direction.

In addition, the movements in the level or price of the Preference Share Underlying(s) may be subject to significant fluctuations that may not correlate with changes in interest rates, currencies or other indices or shares and the timing of changes in the relevant level or price of the Preference Share Underlying(s) may affect the actual yield to investors, even if the average level is consistent with their expectations. In general, the earlier the change in the level or price of Preference Share Underlying(s) or result of a formula, the greater the effect on yield to investors.

If amounts payable under the Preference Shares are determined in conjunction with a multiplier greater than one or by reference to some other leverage factor, the effect of changes in the level of the Preference Share Underlying(s) on the Preference Shares will be magnified. This may, in turn, be reflected in the market value of the Preference Shares (which will be relevant to calculating the Final Redemption Amount, any Optional Redemption Amount or any Early Redemption Amount of the N&C Securities).

Prospective purchasers should review the Base Prospectus, the relevant Issue Terms and the terms and conditions of the relevant Preference Shares to ascertain whether and how adjustment provisions apply to the Preference Shares, the potential for the Preference Shares to be cancelled or redeemed and the effect of such adjustments on the N&C Securities.

***Risks relating to Index Linked Preference Shares***

The performance of the Preference Shares may be dependent on the level of or changes in the level of an index or a basket of indices ("**Index Linked Preference Shares**"). The relevant index or indices may be equity indices ("**Equity Index Linked Preference Shares**") or inflation indices ("**Inflation Index Linked Preference Shares**"), and may be a well-known and widely published or available index or indices or an index or indices established by the Issuer or another entity which may not be widely

published or available. The market price of N&C Securities linked to Index Linked Preference Shares may be volatile and may depend on the time remaining to the redemption date and the volatility of the level of the index or indices. The level of the index or indices may be affected by the economic, financial and political events in one or more jurisdictions, including the stock exchange(s) or quotation system(s) on which any securities notionally comprising the index or indices may be traded.

*Various unpredictable factors may affect the performance of equity indices*

Equity indices are comprised of a synthetic portfolio of shares, and as such, the performance of an equity index is dependent upon the macroeconomic factors relating to the shares that underlie such equity index, such as interest and price levels on the capital markets, currency developments, political factors as well as company-specific factors such as earnings position, market position, risk situation, shareholder structure and distribution policy, as well as the index composition, which may change over time. Any one or a combination of such factors could adversely affect the performance of the equity index which, in turn, would have an adverse effect on the value of the Preference Share(s) and therefore on the value of and return on the N&C Securities. Depending on the terms of the N&C Securities, investors could lose some or all of their investment.

*Actions by the equity index sponsor may negatively affect the Preference Shares*

The sponsor of the equity index(s) will have no involvement in the offer and sale of the securities linked to or referencing such equity index(s) and will have no obligation to the holders of such securities. For example, the sponsor can add, delete or substitute the components of an equity index at its discretion, and may also alter the methodology used to calculate the level of the equity index. The sponsor may also alter, discontinue or suspend calculation or dissemination of the equity index. Any of these actions may have a detrimental impact on the level of the equity index, which in turn could have a negative impact on the value of the Preference Shares and consequently on the amount payable on the N&C Securities. Depending on the terms of the N&C Securities, investors could lose some or all of their investment.

*The return on Index Linked Preference Shares may be lower than a direct investment in the components of an underlying index*

The return on Index Linked Preference Shares may be less than the return on a direct holding of the shares of the companies comprising the components of the equity index. This is because the closing index level on any specified valuation date may reflect the prices of such index components without taking into account any dividend payments on those component shares. Accordingly, the return on Index Linked Preference Shares may be lower than a direct investment in those shares.

The rules governing the composition and calculation of the relevant equity index may stipulate that dividends distributed on its components are included in the calculation of the index level (a "**total return**" version of the index) or are not included in the calculation of the equity index level (a "**price return**" version of the equity index). In the case of a "price return" index, the relevant N&C Securities will not have the benefit of participating in dividends or other distributions paid on the components comprising the equity index and (assuming the N&C Securities are not "bearish" in nature) the N&C Securities would not perform as well as an investment directly in such components or an investment in a "total return" version of the equity index. Even if the rules of the relevant equity index provide that distributed dividends or other distributions of the components are reinvested in the equity index, in some circumstances the dividends or other distributions may not be fully reinvested in such equity index. Accordingly, investors may receive a lower return on N&C Securities linked to equity indices than investors would have received if they had invested in the components of such equity indices directly or in another product.

If the relevant equity index has a decrement feature, the return on such equity index will be calculated by reinvesting all gross dividends paid by such equity index and by subtracting a pre-defined dividend (also known as a synthetic dividend). If the actual ordinary dividends paid by such equity index is lower than the pre-defined dividends, the performance of the equity index will be less than a traditional "price return" index. As a result, the return of the N&C Securities may be lower than the return of an investment linked to the price of a traditional "price return" index. A decrement feature may also act as a drain on the performance of the equity index, and the index level will not reflect the aggregate performance of the underlying total return index but a lesser amount. As a result, the return of the N&C Securities may be lower than the return of an investment linked to the price of a "total return" index. Each of these factors

may in turn have a negative impact on the value of and return on the N&C Securities and, depending on the terms of the N&C Securities, investors could lose some or all of their investment.

*The level of an Inflation Index may not correlate with other indices or otherwise not track the actual level of inflation in the relevant jurisdiction*

A relevant consumer price index or other formula linked to a measure of inflation to which the Preference Shares are linked may be subject to significant fluctuations that may not correlate with other indices. Any movement in the level of the index may result in a reduction of the amount payable on the N&C Securities (if applicable).

The timing of changes in the relevant consumer price index or other formula linked to the measure of inflation comprising the relevant index or indices may affect the actual yield on the Preference Shares, even if the average level is consistent with expectations.

An index to which payments of Index Linked Preference Shares are linked is only one measure of inflation for the relevant jurisdiction, and such Index may not correlate perfectly with the rate of inflation experienced by N&C Securityholders in such jurisdiction.

*The occurrence of an index adjustment event or the replacement of the index sponsor by a successor index sponsor may have a negative effect on the N&C Securities*

If the sponsor of an equity index makes a material alteration to the equity index or cancels the equity index and no successor exists, or if the sponsor fails to calculate and announce the Index, with the effect that the Index may not be used in certain ways by the Issuer or the Calculation Agent, the Calculation Agent shall:

- (A) if it determines the event to have a material effect on the N&C Securities, calculate the level of the equity index according to the previous formula and method; or
- (B) if the Calculation Agent determines that it can no longer calculate the level of the equity index according to the previous formula and method, the Issuer may require the Calculation Agent to replace the equity index with a new equity index representative of the same economic and geographic sector and, to the extent possible, representative of securities/components listed on one or more exchanges of one or more OECD countries and make relevant adjustments to the Conditions to account for such replacement.

Any such action may have a negative effect on the value and return on the N&C Securities. Furthermore, if the Calculation Agent believes that the proposed action above would not achieve a commercially reasonable result, the Issuer may redeem the N&C Securities early.

If an equity index is calculated by a successor index sponsor, or, is replaced by a successor equity index, the successor equity index or equity index as calculated by the successor index sponsor, will be deemed to be the equity index if approved by the Calculation Agent. Any such successor equity index may perform poorly and may result in the N&C Securities having a value and return that is less than otherwise expected.

Any of these events may have a negative effect on the value of and return on the N&C Securities and, depending on the terms of the N&C Securities, investors could lose some or all of their investment.

*United States CFTC "commodity pool" regulations*

Unlike an investment in the N&C Securities, an investment in a collective investment vehicle that invests in futures or swap contracts linked to interest rates, exchange rates, broad based credit indices (such as the CDX Index or the iTraxx Index) and broad based equity indices (such as the S&P 500 Index) on behalf of its participants may be regulated as a commodity pool and its operator may be required to be registered with and regulated by the CFTC as a commodity pool operator. The Issuer's board of directors and the issuer of the Preference Shares will not be registered with the CFTC as commodity pool operators, and the N&C Securityholders will not benefit from the CFTC's or any non-U.S. regulatory

authority's regulatory protections afforded to persons who trade in futures or swap contracts or who invest in regulated commodity pools.

Indices to which Index Linked Preference Shares may be indexed may include over the counter contracts (such as swaps and forward contracts) traded on trading facilities that are subject to lesser degrees of regulation or, in some cases, no substantive regulation. As a result, trading in such contracts, and the manner in which prices and volumes are reported by the relevant trading facilities, may not be subject to the same provisions of, and the protections afforded by, the CEA, or other applicable United States or foreign statutes and related regulations, that govern trading on regulated futures exchanges.

In addition, many electronic trading facilities have only recently initiated trading and do not have significant trading histories. As a result, the trading of contracts on such facilities and the inclusion of such contracts in the relevant Index may be subject to certain risks not presented by most exchange related futures contracts, including risks related to the liquidity and price histories of the relevant contracts. At the same time, legislation recently enacted in the United States and pending in the European Union will increase the regulation of many of these over the counter contracts, including in some cases requiring them to be cleared and traded through regulated facilities, although the extent and nature of such regulation will differ from the regulation of futures.

#### 15. Risks associated with foreign exchange

Where the terms and conditions of the N&C Securities provide that payment under such N&C Securities will be made in a currency which is different to the currency of the Preference Share Underlying(s), changes in a relevant exchange rate may indirectly influence the value of any Preference Share Underlying(s) which, in turn, could have a negative effect on the return on the N&C Securities. In addition:

*If an investor holds N&C Securities which are not denominated in the investor's home currency, the investor will be exposed to movements in exchange rates adversely affecting the value of the investor's holding. In addition, the imposition of exchange controls in relation to any N&C Securities could result in an investor not receiving payments on those N&C Securities*

The Issuer will pay principal, interest and other amounts on the N&C Securities in the Specified Currency. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the "**Investor's Currency**") other than the Specified Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Specified Currency would decrease (1) the Investor's Currency equivalent yield on the N&C Securities, (2) the Investor's Currency equivalent value of the principal payable on the N&C Securities, and (3) the Investor's Currency equivalent market value of the N&C Securities.

Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate or the ability of the Issuer to make payments in respect of the N&C Securities. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

*There is generally foreign exchange currency exposure in respect of N&C Securities which provide for payment to be made in a currency which is different to the currency of the Preference Share Underlying(s)*

Where the terms and conditions of the N&C Securities provide that payment under such N&C Securities will be made in a currency which is different from the currency of the Preference Share Underlying(s), and such Preference Share Underlying(s) do not have a "quanto" feature (i.e. the Preference Share Underlying(s) themselves take no account of currency rate movements or otherwise hedge the currency risk), there are additional risks. Holders of such N&C Securities may be exposed not only to the performance of the Preference Share Underlying(s) but also to the performance of such foreign currency, which cannot be predicted. Investors should be aware that foreign exchange rates are, and have been, highly volatile and determined by supply and demand for currencies in the international foreign exchange markets, which are subject to economic factors, including inflation rates in the countries concerned,

interest rate differences between the respective countries, economic forecasts, international political factors, currency convertibility and safety of making financial investments in the currency concerned, speculation and measures taken by governments and central banks (e.g. imposition of regulatory controls or taxes, issuance of a new currency to replace an existing currency, alteration of the exchange rate or exchange characteristics by devaluation or revaluation of a currency or imposition of exchange controls with respect to the exchange or transfer of a specified currency that would affect exchange rates and the availability of a specified currency). Any such factors and/or measures could have a negative impact on the market value of and return on the N&C Securities and, depending on the terms of such N&C Securities, investors could lose some or all of their investment.

***There are risks relating to currency-protected or "quanto" N&C Securities which provide for payment to be made in a currency which is different to the currency of the Preference Share Underlying(s)***

If the Preference Share Underlying(s) are not denominated in the currency of the N&C Securities and at the same time only the performance of the Preference Share Underlying(s) in their denominated currency is relevant to the payout on the N&C Securities, such N&C Securities are referred to as currency-protected N&C Securities or N&C Securities with a "quanto" feature. Under such feature, the investment return of the N&C Securities depends only on the performance of the Preference Share Underlying(s) (in the relevant currency) and any change in the rate of exchange between the currency of the Preference Share Underlying(s) and the N&C Securities is disregarded. Accordingly, the application of a "quanto" feature means that N&C Securityholders will not benefit from any change in the rate of exchange between the currency of the Preference Shares and the N&C Securities that would otherwise increase the performance of the Preference Share Underlying(s) in the absence of such "quanto" feature but will also not be exposed to any such change that would otherwise decrease such performance. Depending on the terms of the N&C Securities, investors could lose some or all of their investment.

**16. Risks associated with taxation**

The United Kingdom tax treatment of the N&C Securities for N&C Securityholders depends on their individual circumstances, the particular terms of the relevant series of N&C Securities and the views of HM Revenue & Customs in respect of the proper application of tax law, regulations and practice to the N&C Securities. Prospective holders should seek their own professional advice.

In particular, potential holders are referred to the section "*Taxation – United Kingdom Taxation*". Any potential holder who purchases any N&C Securities on the basis that they will be treated as "excluded indexed securities" should be aware that HM Revenue & Customs have not approved that treatment or otherwise represented in any way that the N&C Securities will be treated as "excluded indexed securities" or that any profits or gains (other than interest) will be subject to capital gains tax rather than income tax. It is therefore possible that HM Revenue & Customs may not agree with this treatment.

The United Kingdom tax treatment of the N&C Securities may also change during the period between their issue and the date on which they are sold, redeem or otherwise realise value. Such change may be in the form of new legislation or amendments to existing legislation, decisions of the tribunals or courts or changes in HM Revenue & Customs practice, and in each case may affect N&C Securities already in issue and can otherwise be with retrospective effect.

Accordingly, the United Kingdom tax treatment of the N&C Securities for N&C Securityholders may be more onerous than was envisaged at the time when a decision to subscribe for the N&C Securities was taken and, as a consequence, the proceeds received and retained by investors after the application of applicable taxes may be less than N&C Securityholders envisage at the time of purchasing the N&C Securities.

***U.S. withholding on dividend equivalent payments***

Section 871(m) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "**Code**") causes a 30 per cent. withholding tax on amounts attributable to U.S. source dividends that are paid or "deemed paid" under certain financial instruments if certain conditions are met (such instruments, "**Specified N&C Securities**"). If the Issuer or any withholding agent determines that withholding is required, neither the Issuer nor any withholding agent will be required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts so withheld. Accordingly, in the case of the imposition of any such withholding tax, N&C Securityholders will suffer

a loss on the return. Prospective investors should refer to the section "*Taxation – U.S. Dividend Equivalent Withholding*".

N&C Securities may be subject to withholding under the U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, commonly known as FATCA. Prospective investors should refer to the section "*Taxation – Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act*".

**17. Risks associated with conflicts of interest of the Issuer, the Group, the Calculation Agent and the Dealer and the discretionary powers of the Issuer and the Calculation Agent**

***Role of Santander UK***

Santander UK is acting in a number of capacities (e.g. Calculation Agent, Issuer and Dealer) in connection with the transactions described in this Base Prospectus. Santander UK, acting in such capacities in connection with such transactions, shall have only the duties and responsibilities expressly agreed to by it in its relevant capacity and shall not, by virtue of its acting in any other capacity, be deemed to have other duties or responsibilities or be deemed to hold a standard of care other than as expressly provided with respect to each such capacity. Santander UK, in its various capacities in connection with the contemplated transactions, may enter into business dealings, including the acquisition of investment securities as contemplated by its constitutional and other corporate documents, from which it may derive revenues and profits in addition to the fees, if any, stated in its constitutional and other corporate documents, without any duty to account therefor.

In the ordinary course of its business, including without limitation in connection with its market making activities, Santander UK and/or any of its affiliates may effect transactions for its own account or for the account of its customers and hold long or short positions in any Preference Shares, the relevant Preference Share Underlying(s), other Reference Item(s) or related derivatives. In addition, in connection with the offering of any N&C Securities, Santander UK and/or any of its affiliates may enter into one or more hedging transactions with respect to any Preference Shares, the relevant Preference Share Underlying(s), other Reference Item(s) or related derivatives. Such hedging or market-making activities or with respect to proprietary or other trading activities by Santander UK and/or any of its affiliates, Santander UK and/or any of its affiliates may enter into transactions in any Preference Shares, the relevant Preference Share Underlying(s), other Reference Item(s) or related derivatives which may affect the market price, liquidity or value of the relevant N&C Securities and which could be deemed to be adverse to the interests of the relevant N&C Securityholders.

There is no limitation or restriction on Santander UK, or any of its respective Affiliates, with regard to acting as adviser (or in a similar role) to other parties or persons. This and other future activities of Santander UK and/or its Affiliates may give rise to additional potential conflicts of interest.

Santander UK in its capacity as Issuer and Dealer may at the date hereof or at any time hereafter, be in possession of information in relation to Preference Shares, the relevant Preference Share Underlying(s) and/or other Reference Item(s) that is or may be material in the context of the N&C Securities and may or may not be publicly available to N&C Securityholders. There is no obligation on Santander UK or any Dealer to disclose to N&C Securityholders any such information.

***There may be potential conflicts of interests if intermediaries are appointed in connection with the offer or placement of the N&C Securities***

Given that the intermediaries appointed from time to time as distributors and the other entities acting in connection with the offer or placement of the N&C Securities act in their institutional capacity pursuant to a mandate granted by the Issuer and receive fees on the basis of the placement activity carried out and its outcome, such intermediaries may be subject to a potential conflict of interest, which may have a negative effect on the investor.

Investors in N&C Securities through an intermediary (including by way of introducing broker) should be aware that the existence of commissions that may be payable to such intermediary in respect of the N&C Securities to the extent permitted by applicable law may give rise to conflicts of interest, as an intermediary may be interested in selling to its customers primarily N&C Securities where it receives the highest commissions. Investors should request details of any such commission or fee payment from such intermediary and any potential conflicts of interest before making any purchase of N&C Securities.

An entity (which will likely be Santander UK or an affiliate of Santander UK) will act as calculation agent under the terms and conditions of the Preference Shares and may exercise comparable discretions in respect of the Preference Shares, which may in turn affect the value of the N&C Securities.

The conflicts of interest described above could lead to outcomes for investors with regard to their potential investment in the Securities that is less positive or materially adverse to investors than when compared with other possible investment options or alternatives.

***Calculation Agent's discretion***

The Calculation Agent (which may be Santander UK or an affiliate of Santander UK) under the N&C Securities and under the Preference Shares and has a very broad discretionary authority to make various determinations and adjustments, respectively, under the N&C Securities and the Preference Shares, any of which may have an adverse effect on the value and/or the amounts payable under the N&C Securities. For example, the Calculation Agent under the N&C Securities and under the Preference Shares has a broad discretion to, without limitation, (i) determine whether a Market Disruption Event, Additional Disruption Event, Index Adjustment Event, Delayed Index Level Event, Administrator/Benchmark Event and/or any other event and/or matters so specified in the Conditions or under the terms and conditions of the Preference Shares (as applicable) has occurred, (ii) determine any resulting adjustments and calculations as described in the Conditions or the terms and conditions of the Preference Shares (as applicable) and (iii) make determinations in respect of any other matters as may be specified in the applicable Issue Terms. Prospective purchasers should be aware that any determinations made by the Calculation Agent may have an impact on the value and financial return of the N&C Securities. Any such discretion exercised by, or any calculation made by, the Calculation Agent (in the absence of manifest error) shall be binding on the Issuer and all holders of the N&C Securities.

As noted above, an entity (which will likely be Santander UK or an affiliate of Santander UK) will act as calculation agent under the terms and conditions of the Preference Shares and may exercise broad discretions in respect of the Preference Shares, which may in turn affect the value of the N&C Securities.

An issue of N&C Securities or the related Preference Shares may provide that if any scheduled valuation date (including an averaging date) (i) falls on a day which is not a Scheduled Trading Day or any other day which is subject to adjustment in accordance with the terms and conditions of the relevant N&C Securities or Preference Shares and/or (ii) falls on a day in respect of which a disruption or similar event has occurred and is continuing in respect of the Reference Item or Preference Share Underlying(s) which affects the valuation of such Reference Item or Preference Share Underlying(s), the relevant calculation agent has broad discretion to make any consequential postponement of, or any alternative provisions for, valuation of such Reference Item or Preference Share Underlying(s) provided in the terms and conditions of the N&C Securities or Preference Shares, including a determination of the value of such Reference Item Preference Share Underlying(s) by the Calculation Agent in its discretion, each of which could have a material adverse effect on the return on and value of the N&C Securities or Preference Shares, and investors could lose some or all of their investment.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUER

### Background

Santander UK plc (the "Issuer") was formed as a building society in 1944 under the name Abbey National Building Society and is now a public limited liability company incorporated and registered in England and Wales under the Companies Act 1985. It was incorporated on 12 September 1988 with registered number 2294747.

The principal executive office and registered office of Santander UK plc is at 2 Triton Square, Regent's Place, London, NW1 3AN. The telephone number of Santander UK is +44 (0) 800 389 7000.

As at the date of this Base Prospectus, Santander UK plc is a wholly owned subsidiary of Santander UK Group Holdings plc, which is a subsidiary of Banco Santander, S.A. and its subsidiary Santusa Holding, S.L. together hold the entire issued share capital of Santander UK Group Holdings plc. Banco Santander, S.A. is a publicly listed company and is listed, among other markets, on the *Bolsa de Madrid* (Madrid Stock Exchange) which is the regulated market in Spain.

### Corporate Purpose

The Group's corporate purpose is to help people and businesses prosper.

### Business and Support Divisions

Santander UK's principal activity is financial services, mainly in the UK. The business is managed and reported on the basis of the following segments, which are strategic business units that offer different products and services, have different customers and require different technology and marketing strategies:

#### *Retail & Business Banking (formerly Retail Banking)*

Retail & Business Banking consists of two business units, Homes and Everyday Banking. Homes provides prime UK mortgage lending to owner occupiers and buy-to-let landlords with small portfolios. Everyday Banking provides banking services and unsecured lending to individuals and small businesses, alongside wealth management for high-net-worth clients.

#### *Consumer Finance*

Consumer Finance provides prime auto consumer financing for individuals, businesses, and automotive distribution networks.

#### *Corporate & Commercial Banking*

Corporate & Commercial Banking provides banking products and services to SMEs, mid-sized and larger corporates, typically with annual turnovers of between £2 million and £500 million as well as to Local Authorities and Housing Associations.

#### *Corporate Centre*

Corporate Centre provides treasury services for asset and liability management of our balance sheet.

### Directors of Santander UK plc

The following table sets forth the directors of Santander UK plc.

| Position | Name            | Other principal appointments  |
|----------|-----------------|---|
| Chair    | William Vereker | Chair, Santander UK Group Holdings plc<br>Non-Executive Director to the London Stock Exchange Group Plc |

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|   |                        | Member of the UK Prime Minister's Investment Council.  |
|   |                        | Member of the Advisory Board, Celonis GmbH Chairman of Gonville & Caius Advisory Board       |
|   |                        | Member and Special Advisor of the Investment Committee at Delancey Credit and Income Fund GP |
| Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer                  | Mike Regnier           | Chief Executive Officer, Santander UK Group Holdings plc                                     |
| Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director                  | Angel Santodomingo     | Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director, Santander UK Group Holdings plc              |
| Banco Santander Nominated Non-Executive Director                | Pedro Castro e Almeida | Independent Non-Executive Director, Santander UK Group Holdings plc                          |
|   |                        | Director of PagoNxt S.L.   |
| Non-Executive Director  | Pamela Walkden         | Non-Executive Director, Santander UK Group Holdings plc                                      |
|   |                        | Independent Non-Executive Director and Chair of the Audit Committee of Banco Santander, S.A. |
|   |                        | Member of the Advisory Board, JD Haspel Limited  |
| Independent Non-Executive Director, Senior Independent Director | Ed Giera               | Independent Non-Executive Director, Santander UK Group Holdings plc                          |
|   |                        | Non-Executive Director of Rothesay Life PLC  |
|   |                        | Director of Rothesay Limited   |
|   |                        | Partner of Boscobel Place Capital LLC  |
|   |                        | Founder and Principal of E.J. Giera LLC  |
| Banco Santander Nominated Non-Executive Director                | Dirk Marzluf           | Independent Non-Executive Director, Santander UK Group Holdings plc                          |
|   |                        | Chairman, Santander Global Technology and Operations SL                                      |
|   |                        | Director of PagoNxt Merchant Solutions SL  |
|   |                        | Director of Ebury Partners Limited   |
|   |                        | Director of PagoNxt Trade Solutions, S.L.  |
|   |                        | Director of Santander Digital Assets, S.L.   |
|   |                        | Director of Santander Consumer Holding, GmbH   |
|   |                        | Director of Gravity Cloud Technology, S.L.   |
| Independent Non-Executive Director                              | Mark Lewis             | Independent Non-Executive Director, Santander UK Group Holdings plc                          |
|   |                        | Non-Executive Director of Santander Consumer (UK) plc  |

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|  |  | Trustee of The Photographers Gallery                                  |
|  |  | Group Chairman of Iamproperty   |
|  |  | Independent Non-Executive Director of Direct Line Insurance Group plc |
| Independent Non-Executive Director, Employee Designated Director | Lisa Fretwell                            | Independent Non-Executive, Santander UK Group Holdings plc            |
|  |  | Non-Executive Director, Restore plc                                   |
| Independent Non-Executive Director, Consumer Duty Champion       | The Rt Hon. The Baroness Morgan of Cotes | Independent Non-Executive Director, Santander UK Group Holdings plc   |
|  |  | Non-Executive Director of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme  |
|  |  | Chair of the Careers & Enterprise Company                             |
|  |  | Chair of the Association of British Insurers                          |
| Independent Non-Executive Director                               | José María Roldán                        | Independent Non-Executive Director, Santander UK Group Holdings plc   |
|  |  | Non-Executive Director and Chair of Cater Allen Limited               |
|  |  | Independent Non-Executive Director of EBN Banco de Negocios, S.A.     |
| Independent Non-Executive Director; Whistleblowers' Champion     | Michelle Hinchliffe                      | Independent Non-Executive Director, Santander UK Group Holdings plc   |
|  |  | Independent Non-Executive Director of BHP Group Limited               |
|  |  | Independent Non-Executive Director of Macquarie Group Limited         |
|  |  | Independent Non-Executive Director of Macquarie Bank Limited          |
| Banco Santander Nominated Non-Executive Director                 | Antonio Simões                           | Non-Executive Director, Santander UK Group Holdings plc               |
|  |  | Trustee for the Prince's Trust International                          |
|  |  | Director of PagoNxT, S.L. (Spain)                                     |

The business address of each of the directors is 2 Triton Square, Regent's Place, London NW1 3AN with telephone number +44 (0) 800 389 7000.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

There are no potential conflicts of interest between the duties to the Issuer of the persons listed under "Directors of Santander UK plc" above and their private interests and/or other duties.

### **Credit Ratings**

As at the date of this Base Prospectus, the long-term obligations of Santander UK are rated A by S&P, A1 by Moody's and A+ by Fitch, and the short-term obligations of Santander UK are rated A-1 by S&P, P-1 by Moody's and F1 by Fitch.

## **Regulation of the Santander UK Group**

As a financial services group, the Santander UK Group is subject to extensive financial services laws, regulations, administrative actions and policies in the UK and in each other location in which the Santander UK Group operates. This intensive approach to supervision is maintained in the UK by the PRA and the FCA. As well as being subject to UK regulation, as a result of forming part of the Banco Santander group, the Santander UK Group is also affected by other regulators, such as the Banco de España and the ECB, as well as various legal and regulatory regimes (including in the U.S.) that have extra-territorial effect. Extensive legislation and implementing regulations affecting the financial services industry have recently been adopted in regions that directly or indirectly affect Santander UK's business, including Spain, the U.S., the EU and other jurisdictions. In the UK and elsewhere, there is continuing political, competitive and regulatory scrutiny of the banking industry. Political involvement in the regulatory process, in the behaviour and governance of the UK banking sector and in the major financial institutions in which the UK government has a direct financial interest is likely to continue.

### *Approach of the FCA*

As per FSMA, the FCA's strategic objective is to ensure that the relevant markets function well. In support of this, the FCA has three operational objectives: to secure an appropriate degree of protection for consumers; to protect and enhance the integrity of the UK financial system and to promote effective competition in the interests of consumers. Following the entry into force of FSMA 2023, the FCA also has a secondary competitiveness and growth objective, to facilitate the international competitiveness and medium- to long-term growth of the UK economy.

The FCA Handbook sets out rules and guidance across a range of issues with which financial institutions are required to comply including high level principles of business and detailed conduct of business standards and reporting standards.

### *Approach of the PRA*

As per FSMA the PRA's general objective is to promote the safety and soundness of the firms which it regulates (with respect to insurance, the PRA also has a second objective of contributing to the securing of an appropriate degree of protection for policyholders). The PRA also has a secondary objective to facilitate effective competition in the markets for services provided by PRA authorised firms and, following the entry into force of FSMA 2023, is subject to the same secondary competitiveness and growth objective as the FCA.

The PRA Rulebook includes rules relating to capital adequacy and liquidity, among several other things.

### *U.S. Regulation*

Within the Dodd-Frank Act, the so-called Volcker Rule, prohibits "banking entities", including the Santander UK Group, from engaging in certain forms of proprietary trading or from sponsoring or investing in certain covered funds, in each case subject to certain exemptions, including exemptions permitting foreign banking entities to engage in trading and fund activities that take place solely outside of the U.S.. The Volcker Rule also contains exclusions and certain exemptions for market-making, hedging, underwriting, trading in U.S. government and agency obligations as well as certain foreign government obligations, and also permits ownership interests in certain types of funds to be retained such as new exclusions for credit funds, venture capital funds, family wealth management vehicles and client facilitation vehicles. The Santander UK Group has policies, procedures and controls in place designed to achieve compliance with the Volcker Rule.

### *The Banking Act 2009*

The special resolution regime set out in the Banking Act 2009 provides HMT, the BoE, the PRA and the FCA with a variety of powers for dealing with UK deposit taking institutions (and, in certain circumstances, their holding companies) that are failing or likely to fail, including: (i) to take a bank or bank holding company into temporary public ownership; (ii) to transfer all or part of the business of a bank to a private sector purchaser; or (iii) to transfer all or part of the business of a bank to a "bridge bank". The special resolution regime also comprises a separate insolvency procedure and administration procedure each of which is of specific application to banks. These insolvency and administration

measures may be invoked prior to the point at which an application for insolvency proceedings with respect to a relevant institution could be made.

The Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013 further amended the Banking Act 2009 to introduce a UK "bail-in power" to implement the EU Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive, which contains a bail-in power similar to that contained in the Banking Act and requires EU Member States to provide resolution authorities with the power to write down the claims of unsecured creditors of a failing institution and to convert unsecured claims to equity (subject to certain parameters). The UK bail-in power is an additional power available to the UK resolution authorities under the special resolution regime provided for in the Banking Act 2009. This enables them to recapitalise a failed institution by allocating losses to such institution's shareholders and unsecured creditors, subject to the rights of such shareholders and unsecured creditors to be compensated under a bail-in compensation order.

#### *Competition*

The CMA is the UK's main competition authority responsible for ensuring that competition and markets work well for consumers. In addition, under the Banking Reform Act, as of 1 April 2015, the FCA has the power to enforce against breaches of the Competition Act 1998 and to refer markets to the CMA for in-depth investigation in the areas of financial services in the UK. As of 1 April 2015, the PSR also has an objective and powers equivalent to those of the FCA to promote competition in the payments industry.

#### *Payments*

Within the UK, the PSR has mandated that the Santander UK Group builds systems and processes for both Confirmation of Payee as well as the Contingent Reimbursement Model Code ("CRM") both of which aim to reduce the level of customer fraud (particularly through the Santander UK Group customer's manipulation into making payments known as "*Authorised Push Payment*" ("APP") fraud). These standards have been implemented by the Santander UK Group. From October 2024, Santander UK will also be subject to the PSR's mandatory reimbursement requirement, requiring it to reimburse APP scam victims subject to certain exceptions, excesses and maximums. Under these standards and rules, the Santander UK Group assumes responsibility for certain categories of customer losses, and inherent failings in system design may lead to fines from regulators and/or compensation being paid to customers.

The Santander UK Group also expects to see significant developments in the key UK payment systems architecture, with systems update of the high value CHAPS system through Real Time Gross Settlement ("RTGS") renewal as well as the "*New Payments Architecture*" for FPS, BACS and the other lower value retail payment schemes. The Payment Services Regulation 2017 ("PSR 2017") has been implemented within the UK and the Santander UK Group has built open access to third-party providers via the Open Banking API industry standard.

Finally, the Santander UK Group remains within the SEPA Payment Scheme and continues to send SEPA Euro Payments via Madrid to EEA beneficiaries. However, as it is not domiciled in the EU, it has needed to exit the other (high value) Euro payment schemes, such as EURO1 and TARGET2. It has negotiated arrangements to access those systems via Madrid and an agreement has been agreed and is operational.

#### **Financial crime**

On 9 July 2018, Directive (EU) 2018/843 (MLD5), amending the Fourth Money Laundering Directive (EU) 2015/849 (MLD4), entered into force.

MLD5 brought in increased corporate transparency rules, introduced the application of AML rules to firms providing services associated with virtual currencies and further extended enhanced due diligence ("EDD") requirements to all transactions with natural persons or legal entities established in third countries identified as high-risk countries ("HRTCs").

The UK transposed MLD5 into UK law on 20 December 2019, amending the Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing and Transfer of Funds (Information on the Payer) Regulations 2017 ("MLRs") through the Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Amendment) Regulations 2019. The latter came into effect on 10 January 2020 and, among other changes, introduced a requirement to report beneficial ownership discrepancies to Companies House. Further amendments to the MLRs were made by, among

other instruments the Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

On 26 March 2021, a new statutory instrument published by HMT, the Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Amendment) (High Risk Countries) Regulations 2021 entered into force, amending the MLRs by replacing references to the European Commission's list of HRTCs (in respect of which EDD and additional specific EDD measures must be taken under the MLRs) with a UK list identified in a new Schedule 3ZA to the MLRs. This was the first exercise of the powers in section 49 of the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 ("SAMPLA"). Following the entry into force of the Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (High-Risk Countries) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 on 23 January 2024, the UK no longer maintains this separate list of HRTCs. Instead, the MLRs definition of an HRTC implements, and is updated automatically with reference to, two lists published by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) being the "High-Risk Jurisdictions subject to a Call for Action" and the "Jurisdictions under Increased Monitoring".

In July 2021, the UK government launched two consultations on the MLRs. The first targeted specific changes to align the UK's AML/CTF regime with amendments to FATF standards and to introduce certain technical changes. The second was a "Call for Evidence" examining the effectiveness and future state of the UK's AML/CTF regime. Both consultations closed in October 2021. On 24 June 2022, the UK government published a forward-looking review of the UK's AML/CTF regime in response to the 'Call for Evidence' focusing on systemic effectiveness, regulatory effectiveness and supervisory effectiveness. Following the publication of the Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Amendment) Regulations 2022 which came into force on 9 March 2022 and served to make certain time-sensitive updates to ensure the UK continued to meet international standards, the UK government published the Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2022 in response to their 2021 consultation, which came into force on 1 September 2022 (with specific measures coming into force on 1 April 2023). These amendments include, amongst others, specific obligations in respect of addressing proliferation financing risk and amendments to the beneficial ownership discrepancy reporting regime, including discrepancy reporting obligations in respect of the Register of Overseas Entities introduced by ECTEA which came into force on 15 March 2022. Additional key changes introduced by ECTEA included strengthening aspects of the unexplained wealth orders ("UWO") regime, streamlining the process of making sanctions and introducing 'strict liability' for breaches of sanctions. On 26 October 2023, ECCTA gained royal assent. ECCTA aims to deliver long-awaited reforms to tackle economic crime and improve transparency over corporate entities such as reforms to Companies House over a multi-year period, reform of the identification doctrine (broadening the scope of corporate criminal liability), the introduction of an offence of failure to prevent and the expansion of intra-private sector information sharing rules for the purposes of preventing and detecting of economic crime. Many of ECCTA's provisions are due to come into force in 2024..

Further legal and regulatory changes are expected during 2024, including the management of domestic politically exposed persons and their associates, as set out in FSMA 2023, new proposals for a 'Suspended Accounts Scheme' as set out in the Criminal Justice Bill 2023-24, possible changes to account closure rules, mandatory APP scam reimbursement rules, and potential changes to the MLRs. The government is expected to also continue to take forward a series of non-legislative reforms that will impact the financial crime landscape, as committed to in keynote strategic publications such as the Economic Crime Plan 2 and Fraud Strategy.

To ensure regulatory continuity post-Brexit, the government introduced SAMLA to provide a legal framework through which it can impose and update sanctions following the UK's departure from the EU. SAMLA grants the UK government the authority to introduce statutory instruments to enable compliance with United Nations (UN) sanctions and other international obligations, and to meet defined discretionary purposes such as promoting national and international peace and security. SAMLA broadly mirrors the EU sanctions regime but enables the UK to act independently by imposing sanctions regulations swiftly without the need to reach a consensus with other EU member states.

The U.S. government has continued to actively apply and enforce sanctions against individuals, entities and countries. U.S. sanctions are subject to change without warning and may affect the Santander UK Group's ability to transact with certain individuals and entities and to operate in certain jurisdictions.

The UK, EU and U.S. are expected to continue to use sanctions to pursue their foreign policy interests and objectives, and the imposition of new, additional, and/or enhanced sanctions is and will remain

unpredictable. Any changes in UK, EU and/or U.S. sanctions could affect the Santander UK Group's business.

The banking sector in the UK continues to be subject to the Suspicious Activity Reporting ("SAR") regime laid out in the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002. The regime is one of the key tools to inform law enforcement agencies and the National Crime Agency of suspicious (potentially money laundering or terrorist financing) activity. In 2018, the UK government asked the Law Commission to conduct a review of the legislation underpinning the regime. The review was completed in July 2019 and concluded that the breadth of the legal framework, including the pressure to submit SARs that is driven by individual criminal liability for failing to submit one when 'suspicious', means that the SARs regime suffers from very large reporting volumes.

The UK's SARs Reform Programme, which operates within the confines of the government's Economic Crime Plans (1 and 2), has increased staff in the UK Financial Intelligence Unit ("UKFIU") and Regional Organised Crime Units and delivered the release of the SAR Portal which opened to all firms during September 2023, replacing the SARs Online System. The SARs Reform Programme also aims to enhance UKFIU's analytical capabilities, and to increase engagement with and feedback to the private sector.

Anti-corruption continues to be a key focus of the UK government's approach to economic crime. ECTEA contains provisions which seek to tackle corruption through increased transparency of overseas ownership of UK land and real estate and the strengthening of UWOs. The UK government's previous anti-corruption strategy lasted from 2017 to 2022 and it may release a new strategy in 2024.

Anti-corruption remains a topic of global focus, as illustrated by President Biden's 'Protecting Democracy' summit in December 2021 during which the U.S. released its first strategy on Countering Corruption and more recently U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan's speech at the December 2022 International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC). Sullivan reiterated President Biden and the U.S. administration's commitment to working with other countries to champion democracy and fight corruption. To implement the U.S. anti-corruption strategy, the U.S. Department of State issued the U.S. Strategy on Countering Corruption Implementation Plan, further strengthening President Biden's commitment to the anti-corruption agenda.

### **Consumer Duty**

The FCA has introduced a new Consumer Duty that aims to enhance and improve consumer protections. The Consumer Duty has three elements: (i) a "Consumer Principle" which reflects the overall standards of behaviour the FCA expects from firms (a firm must act to deliver good outcomes for retail customers), (ii) three cross-cutting rules that articulate the standards of conduct expected under the Consumer Principle (firms must act in good faith towards retail customers, avoid causing foreseeable harm to retail customers and enable and support retail customers to pursue their financial objectives) and (iii) four outcomes that build on the Consumer Principle and cross-cutting rules, comprising a suite of rules and guidance setting more detailed expectations for a firm's conduct in four areas that represent the key elements of the firm-consumer relationship (product design and governance, price and value, consumer understanding and consumer support). Since 31 July 2023, the Consumer Duty has applied to all open products and services offered by firms, banks and financial institutions. For closed products and services, the Consumer Duty rules come into force on 31 July 2024.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following documents, which have previously been published or are published simultaneously with this Base Prospectus, shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and to form part of, this Base Prospectus (save as provided below):

### *Financial statements*

1. the audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer for the financial year ended 31 December 2023, which appear on pages 107 to 194 (inclusive) and auditors' report thereon of the Issuer's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 (the "**2023 Audited Financial Statements**") (available at: [https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/santander\\_uk\\_plc\\_annual\\_report\\_2023.pdf](https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/santander_uk_plc_annual_report_2023.pdf));
2. the glossary relating to the 2023 financial statements (available at: [https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/santander\\_uk\\_2023\\_glossary.pdf](https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/santander_uk_2023_glossary.pdf));
3. the unaudited interim financial report of the Issuer for the six months ended 30 June 2023 (the "**2023 Half Yearly Report**") (available at: [https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/santander\\_uk\\_plc\\_2023\\_half\\_yearly\\_financial\\_report.pdf](https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/santander_uk_plc_2023_half_yearly_financial_report.pdf));
4. the audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer for the financial year ended 31 December 2022, which appear on pages 119 to 208 (inclusive) and auditors' report thereon of the Issuer's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 (the "**2022 Audited Financial Statements**") (available at: [https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/santander\\_uk\\_plc\\_annual\\_report\\_2022.pdf](https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/santander_uk_plc_annual_report_2022.pdf));
5. the glossary relating to the 2022 financial statements (available at: [https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/santander\\_uk\\_2022\\_glossary\\_0.pdf](https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/santander_uk_2022_glossary_0.pdf));
6. the unaudited interim financial report of the Issuer for the six months ended 30 June 2022 (the "**2022 Half Yearly Report**") (available at: [https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/santander\\_uk\\_plc\\_2022\\_half\\_yearly\\_financial\\_report.pdf](https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/santander_uk_plc_2022_half_yearly_financial_report.pdf));
7. the audited consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer for the financial year ended 31 December 2021, which appear on pages 140 to 234 (inclusive) and auditors' report thereon of the Issuer's Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021 (the "**2021 Audited Financial Statements**") (available at: [https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/santander\\_uk\\_plc\\_2021\\_annual\\_report.pdf](https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/santander_uk_plc_2021_annual_report.pdf));
8. the glossary relating to the 2021 financial statements (available at: [https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/santander\\_uk\\_2021\\_glossary\\_0.pdf](https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/santander_uk_2021_glossary_0.pdf));

### *Terms and Conditions*

9. the Terms and Conditions and the Form of Final Terms for Non Exempt N&C Securities set out on pages 86 to 159 and pages 160 to 191, respectively, of the Base Prospectus dated 17 March 2023 relating to Santander UK plc's Structured Notes and Certificates Programme (available at: [https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/santander\\_uk\\_eis\\_bp\\_2023\\_approved.pdf](https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/santander_uk_eis_bp_2023_approved.pdf)) (the "**March 2023 Base Prospectus**"); and
10. the Final Terms in respect of an issue of up to £20,000,000 Preference Share-linked Autocallable Notes due 2029 (ISIN: XS2753546279) and the issue of up to £20,000,000 Preference Share-linked Autocallable Notes due 2029 (ISIN: XS2753546782) (available at: [https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/issue\\_1251-signed.pdf](https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/issue_1251-signed.pdf) and [https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/issue\\_1252-signed.pdf](https://www.santander.co.uk/assets/s3fs-public/documents/issue_1252-signed.pdf)),

provided also that any statement contained in a document, all or the relevant portion of which is incorporated by reference herein, shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purpose of this

Base Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this Base Prospectus modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise). Any statement so modified or superseded shall not, except as so modified or superseded, constitute part of this Base Prospectus. Any non-incorporated parts of a document referred to herein are either deemed not relevant for an investor or are otherwise covered elsewhere in the Base Prospectus.

Any statement contained herein or in a document which is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Base Prospectus to the extent that a subsequent statement which is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein or contained herein modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise), provided, however, that such statement shall only form part of the Base Prospectus to the extent that it is contained in a document, all or the relevant portion of which is incorporated by reference by way of a supplement produced in accordance with Article 23 of the UK Prospectus Regulation. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not, except as so modified or superseded, constitute part of this Base Prospectus.

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

*The following general description does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by the remainder of this Base Prospectus and, in relation to the terms and conditions of any particular Tranche of N&C Securities, the applicable Final Terms (or, in the case of Exempt N&C Securities, the applicable Pricing Supplement). The Issuer and any relevant Dealer may agree that Non-Exempt N&C Securities may be issued in a form other than that contemplated in the Terms and Conditions, in which event a new Prospectus or a supplement to this Base Prospectus will be published which will describe the effect of the agreement reached in relation to such N&C Securities. In the case of Exempt N&C Securities, the Issuer and any relevant Dealer may agree that such Exempt N&C Securities may be issued in a form other than that contemplated in the Terms and Conditions, without the requirement to publish a new Prospectus or a supplement to this Base Prospectus.*

### General Description and Defined Terms

This section "General Description of the Programme" provides a general description of the Programme for the purposes of Article 25(1) of the UK Prospectus Regulation.

Words and expressions defined in "Form of the N&C Securities" and the "General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities" shall have the same meanings in this section.

### Issuer and N&C Securities

Santander UK plc ("Santander UK" and the "Issuer") may from time to time under the Structured Note and Certificate Programme (the "Programme") issue notes ("Notes"), redeemable certificates ("Certificates" and together with the Notes, the "N&C Securities") linked to Preference Shares.

### Terms and Conditions of N&C Securities

The contractual terms of any particular issuance of N&C Securities will be composed of (i) the "General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities" set out in this document, (ii) other than in the case of non-interest bearing N&C Securities, the applicable Annex(es) relating to certain interest payouts, Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Securities or Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities (all as set out in this document), and (iii) as completed by the terms set out in a Final Terms, substantially in the form set out in this Base Prospectus and specific to that issuance of N&C Securities, or in respect of Exempt N&C Securities, as completed (and, if applicable, amended) by the terms set out in a Pricing Supplement, substantially in the form set out in the Programme Memorandum and specific to that issuance of Exempt N&C Securities, which are together referred to as the "Conditions".

### Return on N&C Securities

The N&C Securities:

- may be non-interest bearing or they may pay interest linked to an equity index or a basket of equity indices, an inflation index or a basket of inflation indices, or any combination of these reference items;
- may be subject to early redemption due to the occurrence of an autocall event in respect of the Preference Shares or due to an issuer call or other early redemption event; and
- on final redemption (including upon the occurrence of an autocall event), the N&C Securities will pay a redemption amount that is linked to the change in value of a specified preference share. The value of the specified preference share may fluctuate up or down depending on the performance of one or more specified reference item(s).

see the diagrams below.

| Interest Payout return (if any) | Type of N&C Security  | Relevant terms and conditions  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Not Applicable                  | Non-interest bearing N&C Security   | -  |
| Interest                        | Fixed Rate N&C Securities   | See N&C Security Condition 4.2, Payout Condition 2.1(a) and the relevant Issue Terms |
| Interest                        | Floating Rate N&C Securities  | See N&C Security Condition 4.3, Payout Condition 2.1(b) and the relevant Issue Terms |
| Interest                        | Variable Interest Rate Securities N&C Securities  | See N&C Security Condition 4.3, Payout Condition 2.1(c) and the relevant Issue Terms |
| Interest                        | Combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis shown in the applicable Issue Terms. | -  |

| Redemption return  | Relevant terms and conditions                                  |
|--|--|
| Redemption at scheduled maturity   | See N&C Security Condition 6.2 and the relevant Issue Terms    |
| Redemption at the Option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)   | See N&C Security Condition 6.2 and the relevant Issue Terms    |
| Early Redemption of the Preference Shares (including, without limitation, for an autocall event) | See N&C Security Condition 6.4(a) and the relevant Issue Terms |
| Early Redemption for Illegality  | See N&C Security Condition 6.4(b) and the relevant Issue Terms |
| Regulatory Redemption Event  | See N&C Security Condition 6.4(c) and the relevant Issue Terms |
| Redemption or adjustment for an Administrator/Benchmark Event                                    | See N&C Security Condition 6.4(d) and the relevant Issue Terms |

***Prospective investors must review this documents together with the applicable Issue Terms (including the description of the Preference Shares), before making any decision to purchase N&C Securities.***

#### Types of Preference Share Underlying(s)

N&C Securities issued pursuant to this Base Prospectus will, at final redemption, pay a redemption amount that is linked to the change in value of the specified preference shares which may fluctuate up or down depending on the performance of one or more reference items referenced by the preference shares (referred to in this document as the "Preference Share Underlying(s)"), including:

- an equity index or a basket of equity indices ("Equity Index Linked Preference Shares"); or
- an inflation index or a basket of inflation indices ("Inflation Index Linked Preference Shares").

## **Governing Law**

The N&C Securities and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the N&C Securities will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law.

## **Settlement**

Settlement of the N&C Securities will be by way of cash settlement only.

## **Programme Authorisation**

The Programme and the issue of N&C Securities had been duly confirmed and authorised by a resolution of the Board of Directors of Santander UK plc dated 13 October 2022 and a funding and programme approval and authorisation given by a Committee of the Board of Santander UK plc dated 30 January 2023.

## **Programme Size**

There is no limit on the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of N&C Securities that can be issued under the Programme.

## **Listing and Admission to Trading**

N&C Securities may be:

- (unless they are Exempt N&C Securities) listed on the Official List of the FCA and admitted to trading on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange;
- listed or admitted, as the case may be, on other or further stock exchange(s) or markets as indicated in the applicable Issue Terms in relation to each Series; or
- neither listed nor admitted to trading on any market.

The applicable Issue Terms will state whether or not the relevant N&C Securities are to be listed and/or admitted to trading and, if so, on which stock exchanges and/or markets.

The listing of N&C Securities on the Official List will be expressed as a percentage of their nominal amount (excluding accrued interest). It is expected that each Tranche of N&C Securities which is to be admitted to listing on the Official List of the FCA and to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Main Market will be admitted separately as and when issued, subject only to the issue of a Global N&C Security or N&C Securities initially representing the N&C Securities of such Tranche. Application has been made for N&C Securities issued under the Programme to be listed on the London Stock Exchange. The listing on the London Stock Exchange of the Programme in respect of N&C Securities is expected to be granted on or around 20 March 2024.

## **Distribution**

N&C Securities may be distributed by way of private or public placement and in each case on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis.

No offers, sales, resales or deliveries of any N&C Securities or distribution of any offering material relating to any N&C Securities, may be made in or from any jurisdiction except in circumstances which will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations and which will not impose any obligation on the Issuer.

As a result of the restrictions set out in the section of this Base Prospectus entitled "*Subscription and Sale*", purchasers of N&C Securities are advised to consult legal or other expert advisors prior to making any purchase, offer, sale, resale or other transfer of such N&C Securities.

## Form of N&C Securities

N&C Securities may be issued in bearer form ("Bearer N&C Securities") or immobilised bearer form deposited with a custodian on behalf of the relevant clearing system enabling subsequent transfers to be made by way of book entries ("Immobilised Bearer N&C Securities").

The N&C Securities of each Series will be represented by a global security in bearer form.

Bearer N&C Securities will be issued outside the United States in reliance on Regulation S.

Immobilised Bearer N&C Securities will be issued through Citibank, N.A., London Branch in its capacity as Book-Entry Depository pursuant to an N&C Securities Depository Agreement dated on or about the date of this Base Prospectus and may not at any time be offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. Person, as described in "*Form of the N&C Securities*".

## CREST Depository Interests

If CREST Depository Instruments are specified in the Issue Terms, investors may hold indirect interests in the N&C Securities (such N&C Securities being "Underlying N&C Securities") through CREST (being the system for the paperless settlement of trades and the holding of uncertificated securities operated by Euroclear UK & International Limited or any successor thereto in accordance with the United Kingdom Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001, as amended) by holding dematerialised depository interests ("CREST Depository Interests").

CREST Depository Interests are independent securities constituted under English law issued, held, settled and transferred through Euroclear UK & International Limited (formerly known as CRESTCo Limited) ("CREST"). CREST Depository Interests are issued by CREST Depository Limited or any successor thereto (the "CREST Depository") pursuant to the Global Deed Poll dated 25 June 2001, in the form from time to time contained in Chapter 8 of the CREST International Manual (which forms part of the CREST Manual issued by CREST) (as defined below in "*Book-Entry Clearance Systems and Settlement*") (as subsequently modified, supplemented and/or restated) (the "CREST Deed Poll").

CREST Depository Interests represent indirect interests in the Underlying N&C Securities to which they relate and holders of CREST Depository Interests will not be the legal owners of the Underlying N&C Securities. Holders of CREST Depository Instruments will not be entitled to deal directly in the N&C Securities and, accordingly, all dealings in the N&C Securities will be effected through CREST in relation to the holding of CREST Depository Interests.

The Underlying N&C Securities (as distinct from the CREST Depository Interests representing indirect interests in such Underlying N&C Securities) will be held in an account with a custodian. The custodian will hold the Underlying N&C Securities through the relevant Clearance System. Rights in the Underlying N&C Securities will be held through custodial and depositary links through the relevant Clearance System. The legal title to the Underlying N&C Securities or to interests in the Underlying N&C Securities will depend on the rules of the relevant Clearance System in or through which the Underlying N&C Securities are held.

CREST International Nominees Limited or another entity appointed to act as nominee in accordance with the CREST Deed Poll (the "CREST Nominee") will hold the legal title to the Underlying N&C Securities and the direct enforcement right in respect of the Underlying N&C Securities. This could result in a holder of CREST Depository Interests receiving less than, or none of, the full amount payable in respect of the Underlying N&C Securities in the event of any insolvency or liquidation of any relevant intermediary, in particular where the Underlying N&C Securities held in clearing systems are not held in special purpose accounts and are fungible with other securities held in the same accounts on behalf of other customers of the relevant intermediaries.

The rights of the holders of CREST Depository Interests in respect of their indirect interests in the relevant N&C Securities will be governed by the arrangements between CREST and Euroclear Bank S.A., Euroclear Bank N.V. and/or Clearstream Banking S.A., Luxembourg or any other clearing system specified in the Issue Terms in respect of the relevant N&C Securities in which the Underlying N&C Securities are held, including the CREST Deed Poll executed by the CREST Depository. These rights

are different from those of holders of N&C Securities which are not represented by CREST Depository Interests.

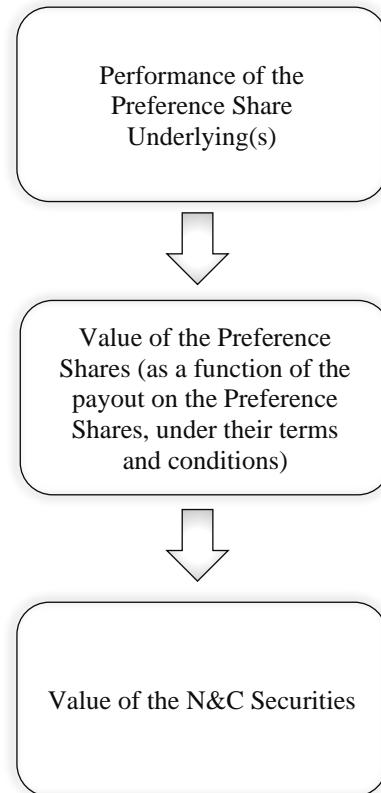
CREST Depository Interests are further described in the section entitled "*Book-Entry Clearance Systems and Settlement*".

## HOW THE RETURN ON THE N&C SECURITIES IS CALCULATED

N&C Securities issued pursuant to this Base Prospectus will, upon final redemption, pay a redemption amount that is linked to the change in value of the specified preference shares which may fluctuate up or down depending on the performance of one or more reference items referenced by the preference shares.

The sections below are intended to demonstrate how the return on the N&C Securities will be calculated depending upon changes in the value of the reference item or items referenced by the preference shares.

A simple illustrative chart of the payout return structure of N&C Securities which are non-interest bearing is as follows:



## PART 1 – THE N&C SECURITIES

THE WORKED EXAMPLES PRESENTED BELOW ARE FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY AND ARE IN NO WAY REPRESENTATIVE OF ACTUAL PRICING. THE WORKED EXAMPLES ARE INTENDED TO DEMONSTRATE HOW AMOUNTS PAYABLE UNDER THE N&C SECURITIES ARE CALCULATED UNDER A VARIETY OF SCENARIOS. THE ACTUAL AMOUNTS PAYABLE (IF ANY) WILL BE CALCULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE N&C SECURITIES AS SET OUT IN THE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE N&C SECURITIES SECTION OF THIS DOCUMENT AND THE RELEVANT ISSUE TERMS. THE EXAMPLES PROVIDED BELOW ARE NOT EXHAUSTIVE OF THE POTENTIAL TYPES OF PAYOUT FORMULAE THAT MAY APPLY TO SECURITIES BUT ARE EXAMPLES ONLY: EACH POTENTIAL PURCHASER OF N&C SECURITIES (OTHER THAN PREFERENCE SHARE LINKED SECURITIES) MUST CAREFULLY REVIEW THE RELEVANT ISSUE TERMS TO ENSURE TO UNDERSTAND THE PARTICULAR PAYOUT FORMULA OF THE N&C SECURITIES.

*For the purpose of each of the worked examples below, the nominal amount of each N&C Security (the "Calculation Amount") is assumed to be GBP 1,000 and the issue price is 100% of the Calculation Amount.*

Unless the N&C Securities are redeemed early or are purchased and cancelled, in respect of each N&C Security, the amount investors will receive on the maturity date for each N&C Security held by them will be the nominal amount multiplied by the value of the preference shares on the final reference date divided by the value of the preference shares on the initial reference date.

The following examples demonstrate the way in which the performance of the underlying preference shares could result in a positive, neutral and negative return on the N&C Securities. Upon maturity, the N&C Securities will pay a final redemption amount, determined in accordance with N&C Security Condition 6 (*Redemption and Purchase*). The final redemption amount may be less than the calculation amount, and may be equal to zero.

### WORKED EXAMPLE 1:

**Assumptions for the purpose of this worked example only:**

- the value of the preference shares on the initial reference date is GBP 1.00;
- the value of the preference shares on the final reference date is GBP 1.20; and
- the N&C Securities are non-interest bearing.

The amount the holder of the N&C Security will receive for each N&C Security will be GBP 1,200 which is calculated by dividing the value of the preference shares on the final reference date being (GBP 1.20) by the value of the preference shares on the initial reference date (being GBP 1.00) and multiplying this by the nominal amount of the N&C Security (being GBP 1,000). Expressed mathematically:

$$\text{GBP } 1,000 \times \frac{\text{GBP } 1.20}{\text{GBP } 1.00} = \text{GBP } 1,200$$

### WORKED EXAMPLE 2:

**Assumptions for the purpose of this worked example only:**

- the value of the preference shares on the initial reference date is GBP 1.00;
- the value of the preference shares on the final reference date is GBP 1.00; and
- the N&C Securities are non-interest bearing.

The amount the holder of the N&C Security will receive for each N&C Security will be GBP 1,000 which is calculated by dividing the value of the preference shares on the final reference date (being GBP 1.00) by the value of the preference shares on the initial reference date (being GBP 1.00) and multiplying by the nominal amount of the N&C Security (being GBP 1,000). Expressed mathematically:

$$\text{GBP } 1,000 \times \frac{\text{GBP } 1.00}{\text{GBP } 1.00} = \text{GBP } 1,000$$

**WORKED EXAMPLE 3:**

**Assumptions for the purpose of this worked example only:**

- the value of the preference share on the initial reference date is GBP 1.00
- the value of the preference share on the final reference date is GBP 0.80; and
- the N&C Securities are non-interest bearing.

The amount the holder of the N&C Security will receive for each N&C Security will be GBP 800 which is calculated by dividing the value of the preference shares on the final reference date (being GBP 0.80) by the value of the preference shares on the initial reference date (being GBP 1.00) and multiplying this by the nominal amount of the N&C Security (being GBP 1,000). Expressed mathematically:

$$\text{GBP } 1,000 \times \frac{\text{GBP } 0.80}{\text{GBP } 1.00} = \text{GBP } 800$$

## PART 2 – THE PREFERENCE SHARES

THE WORKED EXAMPLES PRESENTED BELOW ARE FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY AND ARE IN NO WAY REPRESENTATIVE OF ACTUAL PRICING. THE WORKED EXAMPLES ARE INTENDED TO DEMONSTRATE HOW AMOUNTS PAYABLE UNDER (AND THEREFORE THE VALUE OF) THE PREFERENCE SHARES ARE CALCULATED UNDER A VARIETY OF SCENARIOS. THE ACTUAL AMOUNTS PAYABLE (IF ANY) UNDER (AND THEREFORE THE VALUE OF) THE PREFERENCE SHARES WILL BE CALCULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PREFERENCE SHARES.

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### I. EQUITY INDEX LINKED PREFERENCE SHARES

*Key assumptions made for each of the worked examples below:*

- *the nominal amount per preference share (the "Calculation Amount") is assumed to be GBP 1.00 and the issue price is 100% of the Calculation Amount;*
- *the example underlying assets referred to are equity indices: the FTSE 100 index and the Euro Stoxx 50 index. The initial price of the FTSE 100 index is assumed to be 6,000 and the initial price of the Euro Stoxx 50 index is assumed to be 3,000;*
- *the issue price of the Preference Shares referred to above will be the initial value of the Preference Shares by reference to which the final redemption amount on the N&C Securities is calculated as described above.*

*Preference shares to which N&C Securities described in this Base Prospectus are linked will, upon maturity, pay a redemption amount that is linked to the change in the value of one or more reference items which may fluctuate up or down depending on the performance of such reference item(s) referenced by the preference shares. This redemption amount will be the final value of the Preference Shares by reference to which the final redemption amount on the N&C Securities is calculated as described above.*

The sections below are intended to demonstrate how the return on the preference shares will be calculated depending upon changes in the value of the reference item or items referenced by the preference shares.

The sections below do not consider any potential interest return (where the N&C Securities are other than non-interest bearing N&C Securities) – see Section IV. "VARIABLE INTEREST RATE N&C SECURITIES".

#### Final redemption

*The preference shares pay a redemption amount that is linked to the change in value of one or more reference items which may fluctuate up or down depending on the performance of these reference item(s) to which the preference shares are linked.*

Unless the preference shares are redeemed early or purchased and cancelled, in respect of the preference shares, the redemption amount for the preference shares will be determined in accordance with the applicable methodology as set out in the terms and conditions of such preference shares.

For worked examples showing the illustrative methodology specified to apply to the Preference Shares is calculated, please see the following:

- (A) Automatic early redemption
- (B) Final preference share redemption amount (with barrier condition)

**A) Automatic early redemption**

***Overview of early redemption following an autocall event***

*The preference shares may be automatically redeemed early (prior to their scheduled redemption date) if the Calculation Agent determines that the value of the underlying asset or worst performing underlying asset is equal to or greater than the autocall level on a scheduled observation or valuation date (an "autocall event"). Such autocall level will apply on each scheduled observation date up to (and including) the earlier of: (1) the scheduled observation date on which an auto call event is deemed to have occurred, and (2) the final scheduled observation date prior to the scheduled redemption date of the preference shares.*

*The autocall level is calculated by taking a particular fixed percentage of the initial price of the underlying asset or every underlying asset. For example, the autocall level might be 100% of the initial price.*

*Subsequent to the payment of the early redemption amount on the redemption date corresponding to the scheduled observation date on which the autocall event occurs, no further payment shall be payable under the preference shares. Investors in the N&C Securities have no claim to the early redemption amount under the Preference Shares but this will be the final value of the preference shares by reference to which the final redemption amount on the N&C Securities is calculated as described above.*

***Calculation of the early redemption amount for early redemption following an autocall event***

**WORKED EXAMPLE A1:**

The early redemption works as follows:

- (i) if, in respect of a scheduled observation date, the level of the asset on such scheduled observation date divided by the level of the asset on the initial valuation date (the "Performance") is equal to or greater than the specified autocall level:

*Early redemption amount = autocallable amount for the relevant scheduled observation date*

- (ii) otherwise, no early redemption occurs in respect of such scheduled observation date.

***Assumptions for the purpose of this worked example only:***

- the terms of the preference shares provide for automatic early redemption;
- the underlying asset is the FTSE 100 index;
- the preference shares are issued on 3 May 2022 and are scheduled to redeem on 3 May 2027;
- the specified autocall level is 100 per cent. of the initial price of the underlying asset (i.e. 6,000);
- the first scheduled observation date is 3 May 2023 and the Performance of the asset on the first scheduled observation date is 95 per cent. (i.e. FTSE 100 index is 5,700 and  $5,700/6,000 = 95\%$ );
- the autocallable amount for the first scheduled observation date is the Calculation Amount multiplied by 110 per cent. (i.e. GBP 1.10), but this does not become payable;
- the second scheduled observation date is 3 May 2024 and the Performance of the asset on the second scheduled observation date is 105 per cent. (i.e. FTSE 100 index is 6,300 and  $6,300/6,000 = 105\%$ );

- the autocallable amount for the second scheduled observation date is the Calculation Amount multiplied by 120 per cent. (i.e. GBP 1.20), and this becomes payable.

In this scenario the Performance of the FTSE 100 index on the second scheduled observation date is greater than the specified autocall level (whereas the Performance of the asset on the first scheduled observation date is less than the specified autocall level which means that automatic early redemption does not occur in that scenario). The Preference Shares will automatically early redeem on the redemption date corresponding to the second scheduled observation date and the autocallable amount will be the Calculation Amount of GBP 1.00 multiplied by 120 per cent., being GBP 1.20.

Further to early redemption of the Preference Shares as set out above, the N&C Securities to which the Preference Shares are linked will be redeemed at their final redemption amount, calculated as set out in Part 1 of this section.

#### **WORKED EXAMPLE A2:**

The early redemption works as follows:

- (i) in respect of a preference share valuation date, the average level (being the average of the levels for an asset taken on the specified averaging dates) of each asset is divided by the level of the asset on the initial valuation date (the "**Performance**"). The asset with the lowest calculated Performance is then compared to the specified autocall level for that preference share valuation date. If the Performance of the asset with the lowest Performance is equal to or greater than the specified autocall level, then:

*Early redemption amount = autocallable amount for the relevant scheduled observation date*

- (ii) otherwise, no early redemption occurs in respect of such preference share valuation date.

#### **Assumptions for the purpose of this worked example only:**

- the terms of the preference shares provide for automatic early redemption;
- averaging applies to the preference shares;
- the underlying assets are two equity indices being the FTSE 100 index (**Equity Index 1**) and the Euro Stoxx 50 index (**Equity Index 2**);
- the preference shares are issued on 1 June 2022 and are scheduled to redeem on 1 June 2027;
- the first preference share valuation date is 1 June 2023 and the specified autocall level in respect of such date is 100 per cent.;
- the Performance of Equity Index 1 on the first preference share valuation date is 95 per cent. (i.e. the FTSE 100 index is 5,700 and  $5,700/6,000 = 95\%$ ) and the Performance of Equity Index 2 on the first preference share valuation date is 102 per cent. (i.e. the Euro Stoxx 50 index is 3,060 and  $3,060/3,000 = 102\%$ );
- the autocallable amount for the first preference share valuation date is the Calculation Amount multiplied by 105 per cent.;
- the second preference share valuation date is 1 June 2024 and the specified autocall level in respect of such date is 95 per cent.;
- the Performance of Equity Index 1 on the second preference share valuation date is 98 per cent. (i.e. the FTSE 100 index is 5,880 and  $5,880/6,000 = 98\%$ ) and the Performance of Equity Index 2 on the second preference share valuation date is 110 per cent. (i.e. the Euro Stoxx 50 index is 3,300 and  $3,300/3,000 = 110\%$ );
- the autocallable amount for the second preference share valuation date is the Calculation Amount multiplied by 115 per cent.

In this scenario the Performance of Equity Index 1 (the asset with the lowest calculated Performance) on the first preference share valuation date is less than the specified autocall level in respect of such date which means that automatic early redemption does not occur in that scenario. However, the Performance of Equity Index 1 (the asset with the lowest calculated Performance) on the second preference share valuation date is greater than the specified autocall level in respect of such date. Therefore the preference shares will automatically early redeem on the redemption date corresponding to the second preference share valuation date and the callable amount will be the Calculation Amount of GBP 1.00 multiplied by 115 per cent., being GBP 1.15.

Further to early redemption of the Preference Shares as set out above, the N&C Securities to which the preference shares are linked will be redeemed at their final redemption amount, calculated as set out in Part 1 of this section.

**B) Final preference share redemption amount (with barrier condition)**

*Overview of final redemption where a barrier condition is specified*

*Upon redemption, the preference shares will pay a redemption amount. The redemption amount may be less than the calculation amount, and may be equal to zero.*

*The redemption amount in respect of a preference share will depend on whether the final valuation price of the underlying asset or worst performing underlying asset is at, above or below the specified final barrier (or if two final barriers are applicable, each or one of the final barriers).*

*The final barrier (or if more than one, each of the final barriers) is calculated by taking a particular fixed percentage of the initial price of the underlying asset or the worst performing underlying asset. For example, the final barrier might be 70 per cent. of the initial price.*

**WORKED EXAMPLE B1:**

Subject to any prior early redemption, the preference share redemption amount shall be as follows:

(i) if the barrier condition has not been satisfied:

***Calculation Amount × 100 per cent.***

(ii) if the barrier condition has been satisfied:

***Calculation Amount × Final Performance***

where "**Final Performance**" means the level of the asset on the final valuation date divided by the level of the asset on the initial valuation date.

**Assumptions for the purpose of this worked example only:**

- the terms of the preference shares specify one barrier condition;
- the underlying asset is a single equity index being the FTSE 100 index;
- the preference shares are issued on 3 May 2022 and are scheduled to redeem on 3 May 2027;
- the barrier condition shall be deemed satisfied if the Calculation Agent determines that the Final Performance of the asset on the final valuation date is less than the barrier;
- the barrier is 65 per cent.;
- on the final valuation date the level of the asset is 4,800, so the Final Performance of the asset is 80 per cent. (i.e. 4,800/6,000 = 80%),

In this scenario the Final Performance of the asset on the final valuation date is greater than the barrier. Therefore, the barrier condition has not been satisfied, and the final preference share redemption amount shall be the Calculation Amount of GBP 1.00 multiplied by 100 per cent., being GBP 1.00.

### **WORKED EXAMPLE B2:**

Subject to any prior early redemption, the preference share redemption amount shall be as follows:

- (i) if the barrier condition has not been satisfied:

***Calculation Amount × 100 per cent.***

- (ii) if the barrier condition has been satisfied:

***Calculation Amount × Performance***

In this scenario, in respect of the final valuation date, the average level (being the average of levels for an asset taken on the specified averaging dates) of such asset is divided by the level of the asset on the initial valuation date (the "Performance").

**Assumptions for the purpose of this worked example only:**

- the terms of the preference shares specify one barrier condition;
- averaging applies to the preference shares;
- the underlying assets are two equity indices being the FTSE 100 index (**Equity Index 1**) and the Euro Stoxx 50 index (**Equity Index 2**);
- the preference shares are issued on 1 June 2022 and are scheduled to redeem on 1 June 2027;
- the barrier condition occurs if the Calculation Agent determines that on the final valuation date the Performance of the asset with the lowest calculated Performance is less than the barrier;
- the barrier is 65 per cent.;
- on the final valuation date, the average level of Equity Index 1 is 3,420, so the Performance of Equity Index 1 is 57 per cent. (i.e.  $3,420/6,000 = 57\%$ ) and the average level of Equity Index 2 is 3,300, so the Performance of Equity Index 2 is 110 per cent. (i.e.  $3,300/3,000 = 110\%$ ).

In this scenario the Performance of Equity Index 1 (the asset with the lowest calculated Performance) is less than the barrier of 65%. Therefore, the barrier condition has been satisfied, and the preference share redemption amount shall be the Calculation Amount of GBP 1.00 multiplied by 57 per cent. (i.e. the Performance of Equity Index 1), being GBP 0.57.

## **II. INFLATION INDEX LINKED PREFERENCE SHARES**

*Key assumptions made for each of the worked examples below:*

- *the nominal amount per preference share (the "Calculation Amount") is assumed to be GBP 1.00 and the issue price is 100% of the Calculation Amount;*
- *the example underlying asset referred to are inflation indices: the CPIH index and the CPI index. The initial price of the CPIH index is assumed to be 8,000 and the initial price of the CPI index is assumed to be 6,000; and*
- *the issue price of the Preference Shares referred to above will be the initial value of the Preference Shares by reference to which the final redemption amount on the N&C Securities is calculated as described above.*

*Preference shares to which N&C Securities described in this Base Prospectus are linked will, upon maturity, pay a redemption amount that is linked to the change in the value of one or more reference items which may fluctuate up or down depending on the performance of such reference item(s) referenced by the preference shares. This redemption amount will be the final value of the Preference Shares by reference to which the final redemption amount on the N&C Securities is calculated as described above.*

The sections below are intended to demonstrate how the return on the preference shares will be calculated depending upon changes in the value of the reference item or items referenced by the preference shares.

The sections below do not consider any potential interest return (where the N&C Securities are other than non-interest bearing N&C Securities) – see Section IV. "VARIABLE INTEREST RATE N&C SECURITIES".

### **Final redemption**

*The preference shares pay a redemption amount that is linked to the change in value of one or more reference items which may fluctuate up or down depending on the performance of these reference item(s) to which the preference shares are linked.*

Unless the preference shares are redeemed early or purchased and cancelled, in respect of the preference shares, the redemption amount for the preference shares will be determined in accordance with the applicable methodology as set out in the terms and conditions of such preference shares.

For worked examples showing the illustrative methodology specified to apply to the Preference Shares is calculated, please see the following:

- (A) Automatic early redemption
- (B) Final preference share redemption amount (with barrier condition)

#### **A) Automatic early redemption**

##### ***Overview of early redemption following an autocall event***

*The preference shares may be automatically redeemed early (prior to their scheduled redemption date) if the Calculation Agent determines that the value of the underlying asset or worst performing underlying asset is equal to or greater than the autocall level on a scheduled observation or valuation date (an "autocall event"). Such autocall level will apply on each scheduled observation date up to (and including) the earlier of: (1) the scheduled observation date on which an auto call event is deemed to have occurred, and (2) the final scheduled observation date prior to the scheduled redemption date of the preference shares.*

*The autocall level is calculated by taking a particular fixed percentage of the initial price of the underlying asset or every underlying asset. For example, the autocall level might be 100% of the initial price.*

*Subsequent to the payment of the early redemption amount on the redemption date corresponding to the scheduled observation date on which the autocall event occurs, no further payment shall be payable under the preference shares. Investors in the N&C Securities have no claim to the early redemption amount under the Preference Shares but this will be the final value of the preference shares by reference to which the final redemption amount on the N&C Securities is calculated as described above.*

##### ***Calculation of the early redemption amount for early redemption following an autocall event***

#### **WORKED EXAMPLE A1:**

The early redemption works as follows:

- (i) if, in respect of a scheduled observation date, the level of the asset on such scheduled observation date divided by the level of the asset on the initial valuation date (the "Performance") is equal to or greater than the specified autocall level:

*Early redemption amount = autocallable amount for the relevant scheduled observation date*

- (ii) otherwise, no early redemption occurs in respect of such scheduled observation date.

#### ***Assumptions for the purpose of this worked example only:***

- the terms of the preference shares provide for automatic early redemption;

- the underlying asset is an inflation index (in this worked example, the CPIH index);
- the preference shares are issued on 3 May 2022 and are scheduled to redeem on 3 May 2027;
- the specified autocall level is 100 per cent. of the initial price of the underlying asset (i.e. 8,000);
- the first scheduled observation date is 3 May 2023 and the Performance of the asset on the first scheduled observation date is 95 per cent. (i.e. CPIH index is 7,600 and  $7,600/8,000 = 95\%$ );
- the autocallable amount for the first scheduled observation date is the Calculation Amount multiplied by 110 per cent. (i.e. GBP 1.10), but this does not become payable;
- the second scheduled observation date is 3 May 2024 and the Performance of the asset on the second scheduled observation date is 105 per cent. (i.e. CPIH index is 8,400 and  $8,400/8,000 = 105\%$ );
- the autocallable amount for the second scheduled observation date is the Calculation Amount multiplied by 120 per cent. (i.e. GBP 1.20), and this becomes payable.

In this scenario the Performance of the CPIH index on the second scheduled observation date is greater than the specified autocall level (whereas the Performance of the asset on the first scheduled observation date is less than the specified autocall level which means that automatic early redemption does not occur in that scenario). The Preference Shares will automatically early redeem on the redemption date corresponding to the second scheduled observation date and the autocallable amount will be the Calculation Amount of GBP 1.00 multiplied by 120 per cent., being GBP 1.20.

Further to early redemption of the Preference Shares as set out above, the N&C Securities to which the Preference Shares are linked will be redeemed at their final redemption amount, calculated as set out in Part 1 of this section.

#### **WORKED EXAMPLE A2:**

The early redemption works as follows:

- (i) in respect of a preference share valuation date, the average level (being the average of the levels for an asset taken on the specified averaging dates) of each asset is divided by the level of the asset on the initial valuation date (the "**Performance**"). The asset with the lowest calculated Performance is then compared to the specified autocall level for that preference share valuation date. If the Performance of the asset with the lowest Performance is equal to or greater than the specified autocall level, then:

*Early redemption amount = autocallable amount for the relevant scheduled observation date*

- (ii) otherwise, no early redemption occurs in respect of such preference share valuation date.

#### **Assumptions for the purpose of this worked example only:**

- the terms of the preference shares provide for automatic early redemption;
- averaging applies to the preference shares;
- the underlying assets are two inflation indices being the CPIH index (**Inflation Index 1**) and the CPI index (**Inflation Index 2**);
- the preference shares are issued on 1 June 2022 and are scheduled to redeem on 1 June 2027;
- the first preference share valuation date is 1 June 2023 and the specified autocall level in respect of such date is 100 per cent.;
- the Performance of Inflation Index 1 on the first preference share valuation date is 95 per cent. (i.e. the CPIH index is 7,600 and  $7,600/8,000 = 95\%$ ) and the Performance of Inflation Index 2

on the first preference share valuation date is 102 per cent. (i.e. the CPI index is 6,120 and  $6,120/6,000 = 102\%$ );

- the autocallable amount for the first preference share valuation date is the Calculation Amount multiplied by 105 per cent.;
- the second preference share valuation date is 1 June 2024 and the specified autocall level in respect of such date is 95 per cent.;
- the Performance of Inflation Index 1 on the second preference share valuation date is 98 per cent. (i.e. the CPIH index is 7,840 and  $7,840/8,000 = 98\%$ ) and the Performance of Inflation Index 2 on the second preference share valuation date is 110 per cent. (i.e. the CPI index is 6,600 and  $6,600/6,000 = 110\%$ );
- the autocallable amount for the second preference share valuation date is the Calculation Amount multiplied by 115 per cent.

In this scenario the Performance of Inflation Index 1 (the asset with the lowest calculated Performance) on the first preference share valuation date is less than the specified autocall level in respect of such date which means that automatic early redemption does not occur in that scenario. However, the Performance of Inflation Index 1 (the asset with the lowest calculated Performance) on the second preference share valuation date is greater than the specified autocall level in respect of such date. Therefore the preference shares will automatically early redeem on the redemption date corresponding to the second preference share valuation date and the autocallable amount will be the Calculation Amount of GBP 1.00 multiplied by 115 per cent., being GBP 1.15.

Further to early redemption of the Preference Shares as set out above, the N&C Securities to which the preference shares are linked will be redeemed at their final redemption amount, calculated as set out in Part 1 of this section.

#### **B) Final preference share redemption amount (with barrier condition)**

##### ***Overview of final redemption where a barrier condition is specified***

*Upon redemption, the preference shares will pay a redemption amount. The redemption amount may be less than the calculation amount, and may be equal to zero.*

*The redemption amount in respect of a preference share will depend on whether the final valuation price of the underlying asset or worst performing underlying asset is at, above or below the specified final barrier (or if two final barriers are applicable, each or one of the final barriers).*

*The final barrier (or if more than one, each of the final barriers) is calculated by taking a particular fixed percentage of the initial price of the underlying asset or the worst performing underlying asset. For example, the final barrier might be 70 per cent. of the initial price.*

#### **WORKED EXAMPLE B1:**

Subject to any prior early redemption, the preference share redemption amount shall be as follows:

(i) if the barrier condition has not been satisfied:

***Calculation Amount × 100 per cent.***

(ii) if the barrier condition has been satisfied:

***Calculation Amount × Final Performance***

In this scenario, in respect of the final valuation date, the average level (being the average of levels for an asset taken on the specified averaging dates) of such asset is divided by the level of the asset on the initial valuation date (the "Final Performance").

**Assumptions for the purpose of this worked example only:**

- the terms of the preference shares specify one barrier condition;
- averaging applies to the preference shares;
- the underlying assets are two inflation indices being the CPIH index (**Inflation Index 1**) and the CPI index (**Inflation Index 2**);
- the preference shares are issued on 1 June 2022 and are scheduled to redeem on 1 June 2027;
- the barrier condition occurs if the Calculation Agent determines that on the final valuation date the Final Performance of the asset with the lowest calculated Performance is less than the barrier;
- the barrier is 65 per cent.;
- on the final valuation date, the average level of Inflation Index 1 is 5,600, so the Final Performance of Inflation Index 1 is 70 per cent. (i.e.  $5,600/8,000 = 70\%$ ) and the average level of Inflation Index 2 is 6,600, so the Final Performance of Inflation Index 2 is 110 per cent. (i.e.  $6,600/6,000 = 110\%$ ).

In this scenario the Final Performance of Inflation Index 1 (the asset with the lowest calculated Final Performance) is more than the barrier of 65%. Therefore, the barrier condition has not been satisfied, and the preference share redemption amount shall be the Calculation Amount of GBP 1.00 multiplied by 100 per cent. (i.e. the Final Performance of Inflation Index 1), being GBP 1.00.

**WORKED EXAMPLE B2:**

Subject to any prior early redemption, the preference share redemption amount shall be as follows:

(i) if the barrier condition has not been satisfied:

***Calculation Amount × 100 per cent.***

(ii) if the barrier condition has been satisfied:

***Calculation Amount × Performance***

In this scenario, in respect of the final valuation date, the average level (being the average of levels for an asset taken on the specified averaging dates) of such asset is divided by the level of the asset on the initial valuation date (the "**Performance**").

**Assumptions for the purpose of this worked example only:**

- the terms of the preference shares specify one barrier condition;
- averaging applies to the preference shares;
- the underlying assets are two inflation indices being the CPIH index (**Inflation Index 1**) and the CPI index (**Inflation Index 2**);
- the preference shares are issued on 1 June 2022 and are scheduled to redeem on 1 June 2027;
- the barrier condition occurs if the Calculation Agent determines that on the final valuation date the Performance of the asset with the lowest calculated Performance is less than the barrier;
- the barrier is 65 per cent.;
- on the final valuation date, the average level of Inflation Index 1 is 4,560, so the Performance of Inflation Index 1 is 57 per cent. (i.e.  $4,560/8,000 = 57\%$ ) and the average level of Inflation

Index 2 is 6,600, so the Performance of Inflation Index 2 is 110 per cent. (i.e. 6,600/6,000 = 110%).

In this scenario the Performance of Inflation Index 1 (the asset with the lowest calculated Performance) is less than the barrier of 65%. Therefore, the barrier condition has been satisfied, and the preference share redemption amount shall be the Calculation Amount of GBP 1.00 multiplied by 57 per cent. (i.e. the Performance of Inflation Index 1), being GBP 0.57.

### III. CROSS-ASSET LINKED PREFERENCE SHARES

*Key assumptions made for each of the worked examples below:*

- *the nominal amount per preference share (the "Calculation Amount") is assumed to be GBP 1.00 and the issue price is 100% of the Calculation Amount;*
- *the example relates to a basket of underlying assets, i.e. the inflation index (the CPIH index) and the equity index (FTSE 100 index). The initial price of the CPIH index is assumed to be 8,000 and the initial price of the FTSE 100 index is assumed to be 6,000; and*
- *the issue price of the Preference Shares referred to above will be the initial value of the Preference Shares by reference to which the final redemption amount on the N&C Securities is calculated as described above.*

*Preference shares to which N&C Securities described in this Base Prospectus are linked will, upon maturity, pay a redemption amount that is linked to the change in the value of one or more reference items which may fluctuate up or down depending on the performance of such reference item(s) referenced by the preference shares. This redemption amount will be the final value of the Preference Shares by reference to which the final redemption amount on the N&C Securities is calculated as described above.*

The sections below are intended to demonstrate how the return on the preference shares will be calculated depending upon changes in the value of the reference item or items referenced by the preference shares.

The sections below do not consider any potential interest return (where the N&C Securities are other than non-interest bearing N&C Securities) – see Section IV. "VARIABLE INTEREST RATE N&C SECURITIES".

#### ***Calculation of final redemption where a barrier condition is specified***

##### **WORKED EXAMPLE A:**

The early redemption works as follows:

(i) in respect of a preference share valuation date, the average level (being the average of the levels for an asset taken on the specified averaging dates) of each asset is divided by the level of the asset on the initial valuation date (the "Performance"). The asset with the lowest calculated Performance is then compared to the specified autocall level for that preference share valuation date. If the Performance of the asset with the lowest Performance is equal to or greater than the specified autocall level, then:

*Early redemption amount = autocallable amount for the relevant scheduled observation date*

(ii) otherwise, no early redemption occurs in respect of such preference share valuation date.

#### **Assumptions for the purpose of this worked example only:**

- the terms of the preference shares provide for automatic early redemption;
- averaging applies to the preference shares;
- the underlying assets are an equity index and an inflation index, being the FTSE 100 index (**Equity Index 1**) and the CPIH index (**Inflation Index 2**);
- the preference shares are issued on 1 June 2022 and are scheduled to redeem on 1 June 2027;

- the first preference share valuation date is 1 June 2023 and the specified autocall level in respect of such date is 100 per cent.;
- the Performance of Equity Index 1 on the first preference share valuation date is 95 per cent. (i.e. the FTSE 100 index is 5,700 and  $5,700/6,000 = 95\%$ ) and the Performance of Inflation Index 2 on the first preference share valuation date is 102 per cent. (i.e. the CPIH index is 8,160 and  $8,160/8,000 = 102\%$ );
- the autocallable amount for the first preference share valuation date is the Calculation Amount multiplied by 105 per cent.;
- the second preference share valuation date is 1 June 2024 and the specified autocall level in respect of such date is 95 per cent.;
- the Performance of Equity Index 1 on the second preference share valuation date is 98 per cent. (i.e. the FTSE 100 index is 5,880 and  $5,880/6,000 = 98\%$ ) and the Performance of Inflation Index 2 on the second preference share valuation date is 110 per cent. (i.e. the CPIH index is 8,800 and  $8,800/8,000 = 110\%$ );
- the autocallable amount for the second preference share valuation date is the Calculation Amount multiplied by 115 per cent.

In this scenario the Performance of Equity Index 1 (the asset with the lowest calculated Performance) on the first preference share valuation date is less than the specified autocall level in respect of such date which means that automatic early redemption does not occur in that scenario. However, the Performance of Equity Index 1 (the asset with the lowest calculated Performance) on the second preference share valuation date is greater than the specified autocall level in respect of such date. Therefore, the preference shares will automatically early redeem on the redemption date corresponding to the second preference share valuation date and the autocallable amount will be the Calculation Amount of GBP 1.00 multiplied by 115 per cent., being GBP 1.15.

Further to early redemption of the Preference Shares as set out above, the N&C Securities to which the preference shares are linked will be redeemed at their final redemption amount, calculated as set out in Part 1 of this section.

## B) Final preference share redemption amount (with barrier condition)

### *Overview of final redemption where a barrier condition is specified*

*Upon redemption, the preference shares will pay a redemption amount. The redemption amount may be less than the calculation amount, and may be equal to zero.*

*The redemption amount in respect of a preference share will depend on whether the final valuation price of the underlying asset or worst performing underlying asset is at, above or below the specified final barrier (or if two final barriers are applicable, each or one of the final barriers).*

*The final barrier (or if more than one, each of the final barriers) is calculated by taking a particular fixed percentage of the initial price of the underlying asset or the worst performing underlying asset. For example, the final barrier might be 70 per cent. of the initial price.*

### **WORKED EXAMPLE B:**

Subject to any prior early redemption, the preference share redemption amount shall be as follows:

- (i) if the barrier condition has not been satisfied:

***Calculation Amount × 100 per cent.***

- (ii) if the barrier condition has been satisfied:

***Calculation Amount × Performance***

In this scenario, in respect of the final valuation date, the average level (being the average of levels for an asset taken on the specified averaging dates) of such asset is divided by the level of the asset on the initial valuation date (the "**Performance**").

**Assumptions for the purpose of this worked example only:**

- the terms of the preference shares specify one barrier condition;
- averaging applies to the preference shares;
- the underlying assets are an equity index and an inflation index, being the FTSE 100 index (**Equity Index 1**) and the CPIH index (**Inflation Index 2**);
- the preference shares are issued on 1 June 2022 and are scheduled to redeem on 1 June 2027;
- the barrier condition occurs if the Calculation Agent determines that on the final valuation date the Performance of the asset with the lowest calculated Performance is less than the barrier;
- the barrier is 65 per cent.;
- on the final valuation date, the average level of Equity Index 1 is 3,420, so the Performance of Equity Index 1 is 57 per cent. (i.e.  $3,420/6,000 = 57\%$ ) and the average level of Inflation Index 2 is 8,800, so the Performance of Inflation Index 2 is 110 per cent. (i.e.  $8,800/8,000 = 110\%$ ).

In this scenario the Performance of Equity Index 1 (the asset with the lowest calculated Performance) is less than the barrier of 65%. Therefore, the barrier condition has been satisfied, and the preference share redemption amount shall be the Calculation Amount of GBP 1.00 multiplied by 57 per cent. (i.e. the Performance of Equity Index 1), being GBP 0.57.

#### **IV. VARIABLE INTEREST RATE N&C SECURITIES**

*Key assumptions made for each of the worked examples below:*

- *the nominal amount per preference share (the "**Calculation Amount**") is assumed to be GBP 100 and the issue price is 100% of the Calculation Amount;*
- *the example underlying asset referred to is an equity index: the FTSE 100 index. The initial price of the FTSE 100 index is assumed to be 8,000; and*
- *the issue price of the Preference Shares referred to above will be the initial value of the Preference Shares by reference to which the final redemption amount on the N&C Securities is calculated as described above.*

*N&C Securities described in this Base Prospectus may be non-interest bearing or may pay an interest amount (if any) that is linked to a variable interest rate as determined by the Calculation Agent in percentage(s) specified in the relevant Issue Terms. The sections below are intended to demonstrate how any such interest may be calculated, depending on the particular interest basis.*

***Overview of interest rate and final redemption where the interest rate is variable***

*Interest is payable at a variable rate throughout the life of the product (e.g. for a product with four years to maturity). The rate of interest will be dependent on the change in value of the reference item.*

**WORKED EXAMPLE B1:**

Subject to any unscheduled prior early redemption, the interest amount is as follows:

(i) If the interest barrier condition is satisfied:

***Calculation Amount × Rate of Interest<sub>n=1</sub>***; or

(ii) If the interest barrier condition is not satisfied:

**$\text{Calculation Amount} \times \text{Rate of Interest}_{n=2}$**

**Assumptions for the purpose of this worked example only:**

- the Rate of Interest<sub>n=1</sub> is 2.5 per cent. per annum;
- the Rate of Interest<sub>n=2</sub> is 1.5 per cent. per annum;
- the terms specify one interest barrier condition;
- the interest barrier condition is satisfied if the closing level of the underlying asset on the interest valuation date is equal to or greater than the interest barrier level;
- the interest barrier level is the closing level of the underlying asset on the initial valuation date multiplied by 90 per cent. (i.e. 8,000 x 90% = 7,200);
- on the interest valuation date, the closing level of the underlying asset is 7,900; and
- the redemption amount is the same as the original principal amount (GBP 100).

In this scenario, since the closing level of the underlying asset on the interest valuation date is greater than the interest barrier level, the interest barrier condition has been satisfied, and the interest amount is the Calculation Amount of GBP 100 multiplied by 2.5 per cent., being GBP 2.50.

**WORKED EXAMPLE B2:**

Subject to any unscheduled prior early redemption, the interest amount is as follows:

(i) If the interest barrier condition is satisfied:

**$\text{Calculation Amount} \times \text{Rate of Interest}_{n=1}$ ; or**

(ii) If the interest barrier condition is not satisfied:

**$\text{Calculation Amount} \times \text{Rate of Interest}_{n=2}$**

**Assumptions for the purpose of this worked example only:**

- the Rate of Interest<sub>n=1</sub> is 2.5 per cent. per annum;
- the Rate of Interest<sub>n=2</sub> is 1.5 per cent. per annum;
- the terms specify one interest barrier condition;
- the interest barrier condition is satisfied if the closing level of the underlying asset on the interest valuation date is equal to or greater than the interest barrier level;
- the interest barrier level is the closing level of the underlying asset on the initial valuation date multiplied by 90 per cent. (i.e. 8,000 x 90% = 7,200);
- on the interest valuation date, the closing level of the underlying asset is 4,000; and
- the redemption amount is the same as the original principal amount (GBP 100).

In this scenario, since the closing level of the underlying asset on the interest valuation date is lower than the interest barrier level, the interest barrier condition has not been satisfied, and the interest amount is the Calculation Amount of GBP 100 multiplied by 1.5 per cent., being GBP 1.50.

## **V. PREFERENCE SHARES WITH MULTIPLIERS AND LEVERAGE FACTOR**

*Key assumptions made for each of the worked examples below:*

- *the nominal amount per preference share (the "Calculation Amount") is assumed to be GBP 100 and the issue price is 100% of the Calculation Amount;*
- *the example underlying asset referred to is an equity index: the FTSE 100 index. The initial price of the FTSE 100 index is assumed to be 6,000; and*
- *the issue price of the Preference Shares referred to above will be the initial value of the Preference Shares by reference to which the final redemption amount on the N&C Securities is calculated as described above.*

*Preference shares to which N&C Securities described in this Base Prospectus are linked will, upon maturity, pay a redemption amount that is linked to the change in the value of one or more reference items which may fluctuate up or down depending on the performance of such reference item(s) referenced by the preference shares. This redemption amount will be the final value of the Preference Shares by reference to which the final redemption amount on the N&C Securities is calculated as described above.*

The sections below are intended to demonstrate how the return on the preference shares will be calculated depending upon changes in the value of the reference item or items referenced by the preference shares.

The sections below do not consider any potential interest return (where the N&C Securities are other than non-interest bearing N&C Securities) – see Section IV. "VARIABLE INTEREST RATE N&C SECURITIES".

### ***Calculation of final redemption where there is a multiplier factor***

#### **WORKED EXAMPLE B1:**

Subject to any prior early redemption, the preference share redemption amount shall be as follows:

(i) if the barrier condition has not been satisfied:

***Calculation Amount × 100 per cent.***

(ii) if the barrier condition has been satisfied:

***Calculation Amount × Final Performance***

where "**Final Performance**" means the level of the asset on the final valuation date divided by the level of the asset on the initial valuation date.

#### **Assumptions for the purpose of this worked example only:**

- the terms of the preference shares specify one barrier condition;
- the underlying asset is a single equity index being the FTSE 100 index;
- the preference shares are issued on 3 May 2022 and are scheduled to redeem on 3 May 2027;
- the barrier condition shall be deemed satisfied if the Calculation Agent determines that the level of the asset on the final valuation date is less than the barrier;
- the barrier is the level of the asset on the initial valuation date multiplied by 60 per cent. (i.e. 6,000 x 60% = 3,600);
- on the final valuation date, the level of the asset is 4,000.

In this scenario the level of the asset on the final valuation date is greater than the barrier. Therefore, the barrier condition has not been satisfied, and the final preference share redemption amount shall be the Calculation Amount of GBP 100 multiplied by 100 per cent., being GBP 100.

**WORKED EXAMPLE B2:**

Subject to any prior early redemption, the preference share redemption amount shall be as follows:

(i) if the barrier condition has not been satisfied:

***Calculation Amount × 100 per cent.***

(ii) if the barrier condition has been satisfied:

***Calculation Amount × Final Performance***

where "**Final Performance**" means the level of the asset on the final valuation date divided by the level of the asset on the initial valuation date.

**Assumptions for the purpose of this worked example only:**

- the terms of the preference shares specify one barrier condition;
- the underlying asset is a single equity index being the FTSE 100 index;
- the preference shares are issued on 3 May 2022 and are scheduled to redeem on 3 May 2027;
- the barrier condition shall be deemed satisfied if the Calculation Agent determines that the level of the asset on the final valuation date is less than the barrier;
- the barrier is the level of the asset on the initial valuation date multiplied by 120 per cent. (i.e.  $6,000 \times 120\% = 7,200$ );
- on the final valuation date, the level of the asset is 4,000.

In this scenario the level of the asset on the final valuation date is lower than the barrier. Therefore, the barrier condition has been satisfied, and the preference share redemption amount shall be the Calculation Amount of GBP 1.00 multiplied by 66 per cent. (i.e. the Final Performance of Equity Index 1), being GBP 0.66.

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***Questions about this Programme***

**1. Who is the Issuer under this Base Prospectus?**

The Issuer under this Base Prospectus is Santander UK plc, a public limited liability company registered in England and Wales under the Companies Act 1985. Santander UK plc was incorporated on 12 September 1988 with registered number 2294747. The Legal Entity Identifier ("LEI") of Santander UK plc is PTCQB104N23FMNK2RZ28.

As at the date of this Base Prospectus, Santander UK plc is a wholly owned subsidiary of Santander UK Group Holdings plc, which is a subsidiary of Banco Santander, S.A. and its subsidiary Santusa Holding, S.L. together hold the entire issued share capital of Santander UK Group Holdings plc. Banco Santander, S.A. is a publicly listed company and is listed, among other markets, on the *Bolsa de Madrid* (Madrid Stock Exchange) which is the regulated market in Spain.

**2. What type of Securities can be issued under this Base Prospectus?**

Under this Base Prospectus, the Issuer may issue notes (the "Notes") and redeemable certificates (the "Certificates" and, together with the Notes, the "N&C Securities"), linked to a specified preference share. The N&C Securities may be denominated in any currency as agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer.

The N&C Securities will pay a redemption amount upon maturity that is linked to the change in value of the specified preference shares which may fluctuate up or down depending on the performance of one or more reference items to which it is, in turn, linked. See also the Commonly Asked Questions under the sub-section headed "*Questions on the underlying Preference Share linked to the N&C Securities*" below.

The N&C Securities that may be issued under the Programme may be non-interest bearing N&C Securities or may be Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities where the amount of interest payable (if any) is linked to:

- (a) an equity index or a basket of equity indices ("Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Securities");
- (b) an inflation index or a basket of inflation indices ("Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities");

- (c) any combination of any of the above ("Cross-Asset Linked Interest N&C Securities");  
(each a "Reference Item" and together the "Reference Items"); or
- (d) none of the above.

The amount of interest payable in respect of Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities on an interest payment date (if any) may be subject to a threshold or barrier that is dependent on the performance of a specified Reference Item(s) during the observation period relating to that interest payment date. The type of interest (if any) payable on the N&C Securities may be the same for all interest payment dates.

N&C Securities may be subject to early redemption following an early redemption or adjustment event.

Securities may or may not have an option to allow early redemption by the Issuer prior to the scheduled maturity date. If not redeemed early, the N&C Securities will pay a redemption amount upon maturity that is linked to the change in value of the relevant Underlying Preference Share. The value of such Underlying Preference Share may fluctuate up or down depending on the performance of one or more Reference Items.

The amount payable on the N&C Securities may be subject to a foreign exchange conversion to reflect movements in foreign exchange rates. See Risk Factor 15 (*Risks associated with foreign exchange*) above.

#### ***Questions about the documents in respect of an issuance of N&C Securities***

##### **3. What other documents do I need to read?**

In respect of any issuance of N&C Securities, (i) each applicable section of this Base Prospectus (including the documents incorporated by reference into this Base Prospectus) and (ii) the applicable Issue Terms (including the issue-specific summary annexed thereto, if any). Documents will be made available at <https://www.santander.co.uk/about-santander/investor-relations> or, in the case of the documents in physical form, during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays and public holidays excepted) at the registered office of the Issuer and at the specified offices of the Paying Agents.

##### **4. What information is included in this Base Prospectus?**

This Base Prospectus contains the general terms and conditions of all N&C Securities in the section called "*General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities*" (the "**N&C Security Conditions**"), and together with the Annex(es) (if applicable) the "**Conditions**".

This Base Prospectus also discloses risks relating to the N&C Securities and the Issuer. **You should consider carefully the discussion of risks in the sections entitled "Risk Factors" above to help you decide whether or not an investment in the N&C Securities is suitable for you.**

This Base Prospectus also discloses restrictions about the offer, sale and purchase of N&C Securities, together with certain other information in respect of N&C Securities.

The information set out in this "*Commonly Asked Questions*" section should only be read as an introduction to the rest of the information in this Base Prospectus.

##### **5. What information is included in the Issue Terms?**

While this Base Prospectus includes general information about all N&C Securities, the Issue Terms is the document that sets out the specific details of each particular issuance of N&C Securities. For example, the Issue Terms will contain (amongst other information):

- the issue date;

- the dates on which the N&C Securities may be redeemed early at the option of the Issuer (if applicable);
- whether the N&C Securities bear interest and, if so, the type of interest, the interest payment dates and relevant Annex(es);
- security identifiers of the underlying Preference Share to which the N&C Securities are linked;
- any other information needed to complete the terms included in this Base Prospectus for the relevant N&C Securities (identified by the words 'as specified in the Issue Terms' or other equivalent wording).

Wherever the Conditions provide optional provisions, the Issue Terms will specify which of those provisions apply to a specific issuance of N&C Securities.

**6. What are the terms and conditions of the N&C Securities?**

The contractual terms and conditions of any particular issuance of N&C Securities will be composed of the N&C Security Conditions set out on pages 102 to 148.

If the N&C Securities are other than non-interest bearing N&C Securities, the Issue Terms will specify the applicable Annex(es) (as specified below) set out on pages 149 to 175 of this Base Prospectus. The Annexes include the following individual annexes:

- Interest Payout Annex;
- Equity Index Annex; and
- Inflation Index Annex.

Each Annex contains certain optional provisions that will only apply to certain issuances of N&C Securities. The Issue Terms will specify which Annex(es) will apply to the particular issuance of N&C Securities. It may be that some N&C Securities will only have applicable N&C Security Conditions and no references to an Annex.

The Issue Terms prepared in respect of the particular issuance of N&C Securities will set out the specific details of the particular issuance of N&C Securities. See Commonly Asked Question No. 5 (*What information is included in the Issue Terms?*) above.

***Questions about risks of investing in the N&C Securities***

**7. Are purchasers subject to the credit risk of the Issuer with respect to the amount payable (if any) to a purchaser of the N&C Securities?**

Yes. The N&C Securities issued by Santander UK plc do not constitute savings accounts or deposits of the Issuer or any member of the Santander Group, and N&C Securities are not insured, guaranteed or protected under the UK Financial Services Compensation Scheme or any other government or private protection scheme. All payments or deliveries to be made by Santander UK plc as Issuer under the N&C Securities are subject to its financial position and its ability to meet its obligations. Even in respect of N&C Securities which are expressed to be "principal protected" or "capital protected" on termination and/or include a minimum redemption amount, the return of an investor's initial capital investment remains dependent on the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations in full.

See the section entitled "*Risk Factors*" on pages 1 to 56 of this Base Prospectus and in particular: "*Santander UK is subject to regulatory capital, liquidity and leverage requirements that could limit its operations, and changes to these requirements may further limit and could have a material adverse effect on Santander UK's operations, financial condition and prospects*" and "*Santander UK may become subject to the provisions of the Banking Act, including bail-in and write down powers*".

8. **Will you have recourse to the underlying Preference Share (or the Preference Share Underlying(s) linked to such underlying Preference Share) if the Issuer defaults?**

No. An N&C Security will not represent a claim against any Preference Share or any Preference Share Underlying(s) and, in the event of any loss, an N&C Securityholder will not have recourse under an N&C Security to any Preference Share or any Preference Share Underlying(s). The N&C Securities are not in any way sponsored, endorsed or promoted by any issuer, sponsor, manager or other connected person in respect of an underlying Preference Share or any Preference Share Underlying(s) and such entities have no obligation to take into account the consequences of their actions on any N&C Securityholders. Accordingly, investors may receive a lower return on the N&C Securities than they would have received had they invested directly in the Preference Share Underlying(s).

9. **How much of an investment is at risk?**

A purchaser's investment may be at risk as they may receive an amount less than their original investment on the scheduled maturity date and may even lose their entire investment. In such circumstances, the value of the N&C Securities can fluctuate and there is no guarantee that the value of the N&C Securities will increase or that they will retain their value.

See the section entitled "*Risk Factors*" above for more detailed information about the risks relating to the loss of any invested amounts.

***Questions about purchase, ownership or sale of N&C Securities***

10. **Who are the "holders" of the N&C Securities?**

Where the N&C Securities are represented by a Global N&C Security (as defined in the N&C Security Conditions), the expression "holders" or "N&C Securityholders" refers to those who are shown in the records of the clearing systems as the holder of an amount of N&C Securities for all purposes, save for payment of any amount due under the N&C Securities (for which purposes the common depositary or its nominee shall be treated as the "holder"). Accordingly, only those who have an account at a clearing system will be N&C Securityholders and only N&C Securityholders have direct rights against the Issuer. N&C Securityholders do not include investors who own N&C Securities indirectly (for example through a custodian and/or distributors). Investors who hold only the beneficial interests in the N&C Securities (for instance, through CDIs (see below Commonly Asked Question No. 11 (*How is ownership of the N&C Securities recorded?*))) must exercise their rights through the intermediary holding an account at the relevant clearing system.

11. **How is ownership of the N&C Securities recorded?**

A purchaser will not receive a certificate representing his or her interest. Subject as provided below, each series of N&C Securities will be issued in the form of a Global N&C Security (as defined in the N&C Security Conditions) with one global security representing all of the holders' interests in respect of an entire series of N&C Securities. Each Global N&C Security will be deposited at, and transfers of interest therein will be facilitated between, the relevant clearing systems (being any of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as applicable)). N&C Securities held through CREST will be dematerialised, meaning that the N&C Securities are held in electronic form in their respective book-entry systems, and there will be no Global N&C Security in respect of such N&C Securities. Transfers of such N&C Securities will be through book entries at such clearing system. Custodians and/or distributors will hold an interest in the N&C Securities through a clearing system on behalf of the purchasers, with whom they will have an arrangement in respect of such N&C Securities.

Depending on the terms of the N&C Securities, investors may hold indirect interests in the Securities in CREST through the issuance of dematerialised CREST Depository Interests ("CDIs") issued, held, settled and transferred through CREST (being, the system for the paperless settlement of trades and the holding of uncertificated securities operated by Euroclear UK & International Limited or any successor thereto). Holders of CDIs will not be the legal owners of the Securities to which such CDIs relate. CDIs are separate legal instruments from

the Securities and represent indirect interests in the interests of the nominee for the CREST Depository in the relevant Securities. Rights in respect of the N&C Securities cannot be enforced by N&C Securityholders of CDIs except indirectly through the CREST Depository and CREST nominee who in turn can enforce rights indirectly through the relevant intermediary depositaries and custodians.

12. **What if the N&C Securities are not held through a clearing system?**

For N&C Securities not held through a clearing system, the "holder" will be the investor who bears the N&C Securities (where the N&C Securities are in bearer form) or the investor shown on the register (where the N&C Securities are in registered form) (as applicable). To receive payment under the terms of the N&C Securities you will need to contact the relevant paying agent or the registrar (as applicable) and you may be required to present evidence of your holding of the N&C Securities. The Issuer will not make payments to you directly but will do so through the relevant paying agent.

13. **What rights do N&C Securityholders have against the Issuer?**

The N&C Securities constitute direct, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank equally among themselves. The payment obligations of the Issuer under the N&C Securities will rank equally with all other present and future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer (except for such obligations as may be preferred by provisions of law that are both mandatory and of general application). The N&C Securities do not evidence deposits of the Issuer. The N&C Securities are not insured or guaranteed by any government or government agency.

An N&C Securityholder's rights may include the right to have the principal amount of N&C Securities repaid by the Issuer at maturity, the right to receive interest based on the principal amount of such N&C Securities or otherwise, the right to receive a cash amount from the Issuer calculated in accordance with the Conditions and the Issue Terms, as applicable.

In the event of an insolvency of the Issuer, N&C Securityholders of the N&C Securities will be paid at the same time as holders of other unsecured obligations of the Issuer and will be paid after secured obligations and preferred obligations. If the Issuer is unable to repay amounts due to N&C Securityholders, each N&C Securityholder will be treated equally with all other N&C Securityholders who own unsecured N&C Securities issued by the Issuer.

For a discussion of certain factors affecting the Issuer's business, see the section entitled "*Risk Factors*" on pages 1 to 56 of this Base Prospectus (and any other risk factors (which may arise or of which the Issuer may become aware after the date of this Base Prospectus) that may be included in a supplement to the Base Prospectus (or further documents to be incorporated by reference therein)).

14. **What do investors have to do to exercise their rights in respect of the N&C Securities?**

Purchasers' rights relating to the N&C Securities are governed by the procedures of the relevant clearing systems. As only the N&C Securityholders can exercise any right to early redemption of the N&C Securities, a purchaser intending to have any such right to early redemption exercised on his or her behalf must contact his or her custodian and/or distributors through which he or she holds his or her interest for details of how to give notice.

The purchaser should ensure proper and timely instructions (if any) are given to the custodian and/or distributors requesting that it notify the holder to exercise the redemption right on his or her behalf.

15. **How can you enforce your rights against the Issuer if the Issuer has failed to make a payment of principal on the N&C Securities?**

The Issuer has executed a deed of covenant in respect of the N&C Securities which are governed by English law, pursuant to which it covenants in favour of the N&C Securityholders to comply with its obligations set out in the N&C Security Conditions and the applicable Annex(es). The N&C Securityholders are granted direct rights against the Issuer, including without limitation,

the right to receive all payments, and are able to enforce such direct rights. This means that even if the legal "holder" of the N&C Securities is a depository on behalf of a clearing system, the accountholders in the clearing system will still be able to make a direct claim against the Issuer without having to rely on the depository doing so on their behalf.

16. **How are payments made to investors?**

Where the N&C Securities are represented by a global security, the Issuer will make payments of interest and principal or other amounts by paying the total amount payable to the clearing system(s), who will credit the appropriate amount to the account of each holder (which may include custodian and/or distributors), in each case, in accordance with the rules and policies of the clearing system(s). Each purchaser of the N&C Securities must look to its custodian and/or distributors for payments on such purchaser's N&C Securities. The Issuer has no obligation to make payments directly to purchasers of N&C Securities.

If a date specified for payment is not a business day, then the Issuer will make the relevant payment on the first following day that is a business day. On these occasions, the payment will be treated as if it were made on the original specified date for payment and will not be considered a late payment. Accordingly, the Issuer will not pay an additional interest amount for the postponement.

17. **When are payments made to purchasers?**

Each series of N&C Securities purchased will have a specified redemption date. N&C Securities that bear interest (either interest accrued at a fixed or floating rate or interest calculated by reference to one or more Reference Items) will also have interest payment dates.

If the date of payment is not a business day, the payment will be made on the immediately following business day (subject to any adjustment to the redemption date under the terms and conditions of the N&C Securities).

18. **Do N&C Securities have a minimum denomination or trading size?**

N&C Securities may have a Minimum Tradable Size (if specified in the applicable Issue Terms) and a smaller minimum Specified Denomination. Such N&C Securities may only be traded in a nominal amount, for a consideration or in the number, as the case may be, that is at least equal to the Minimum Tradable Size.

An N&C Securityholder who holds a nominal amount or number of N&C Securities, or wishes to transfer a nominal amount or number of N&C Securities, which is less than the Minimum Tradable Size, will be unable to sell or transfer such holding. If an N&C Securityholder holds a nominal amount or number of N&C Securities that is less than the Minimum Tradable Size, in order for such N&C Securityholder to sell or transfer its holding of N&C Securities, such N&C Securityholder would first need to purchase such additional identical N&C Securities such that it is in a position to sell or transfer a total nominal amount or number, as the case may be, of N&C Securities at least equal to the Minimum Tradable Size. It may not always be possible to purchase such additional N&C Securities and as such you may be unable to sell or transfer any such holding.

If N&C Securities which have a Minimum Tradable Size are in definitive form, N&C Securityholders should be aware that definitive N&C Securities with a denomination that is less than the Minimum Tradable Size may be illiquid or difficult to trade.

19. **Will purchasers be able to sell their N&C Securities?**

The relevant Issue Terms will specify whether your N&C Securities will be listed on the London Stock Exchange or not listed or traded. There may be little or no secondary market for the N&C Securities. Even if there is a secondary market for the N&C Securities, it may not provide enough liquidity to allow you to trade or sell the N&C Securities easily.

Santander UK plc may act as a market maker for the N&C Securities, but is not required to do so (subject to the rules of the London Stock Exchange). As other market makers may not

participate significantly in the secondary market for the N&C Securities, the price at which you may be able to trade your N&C Securities is likely to depend on the price, if any, at which the Issuer is willing to buy the N&C Securities. If at any time the Issuer or another agent does not act as a market maker, it is likely that there would be little or no secondary market for the N&C Securities.

If the Issuer does make a market for the N&C Securities, it may cease to do so at any time without notice (subject to the rules of the London Stock Exchange).

N&C Securities are also subject to selling restrictions, purchaser representations and requirements and transfer restrictions that may limit your ability to resell or transfer them. Details of selling restrictions for various jurisdictions are set out in the section entitled "*Subscription and Sale*".

The Issuer may make a secondary market in the relevant series of N&C Securities, where an investor can sell their N&C Securities directly or via a custodian and/or distributors. However, there is no guarantee that a secondary market will develop and a purchaser should therefore be prepared to hold the N&C Securities until their redemption date or settlement date (as applicable). If the Issuer does make a secondary market, it may cease to do so at any time without notice.

If it is possible to sell your N&C Securities, they would be sold for the prevailing bid price in the market. The prevailing bid price may be affected by several factors including the performance of the Preference Share Underlying Reference Item(s) (which, in turn, affects the value of the Underlying Preference Share), prevailing interest rates at the time of sale, the time remaining until the stated redemption date or settlement date (as applicable), transaction costs and the perceived creditworthiness of the Issuer. It is therefore possible that if you sell your N&C Securities in the secondary market you may receive a price which is lower than your initial investment.

See Risk Factor 10 (*Risks associated with the liquidity and value of the N&C Securities*), specifically, "*An active secondary market in respect of the N&C Securities may never be established or may be illiquid and this would adversely affect the ability of an investor to sell the N&C Securities and/or the value at which an investor could sell the N&C Securities*" above.

**20. Are there any fees, expenses or taxes to pay when purchasing, holding or selling N&C Securities?**

Fees and expenses may be incurred by purchasers in relation to the purchase, holding, transfer and sale of N&C Securities. Potential purchasers or sellers of N&C Securities should also be aware that stamp duties or taxes may have to be paid in accordance with the laws and practices of the country where the N&C Securities are transferred. Every potential purchaser of N&C Securities should consult their custodian and/or distributors for details of fees, expenses, commissions or other costs and their own tax advisers in order to understand fully the tax implications specific to his or her investment in any N&C Security.

**21. Under what circumstances may the N&C Securities be redeemed or terminated before their stated maturity?**

The Issuer has the right in certain circumstances to redeem or terminate the Securities earlier than the specified maturity or settlement date and repay the N&C Securityholder an early redemption or termination amount. Such circumstances may include:

- the occurrence of a Preference Share early redemption event (where the underlying Preference Share is redeemed for any reason other than due to its redemption at scheduled maturity) if specified in the terms and conditions of the N&C Securities;
- the exercise by the Issuer of a call option, if specified to be applicable in the relevant Issue Terms;
- the occurrence of certain events or other circumstances in relation to a Reference Item at the discretion of the Calculation Agent;

- following the occurrence of an autocall event, if specified to be applicable in the relevant Issue Terms;
- the Issuer determines that its performance under any N&C Security has or will in the immediate future become unlawful in whole or in part for any reason;
- the Calculation Agent determines that a change in applicable law or regulation has occurred and solely by reason of the N&C Securities being outstanding, will result in the Issuer being required to be regulated by any additional jurisdiction or regulatory authority or being subject to any additional legal requirement or regulation considered by the Issuer to be materially onerous;
- in certain circumstances where the Issuer determines that it will be obliged to account for any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges;
- the Calculation Agent determines that an Administrator/Benchmark Event (including without limitation, any amendment or cessation of a relevant benchmark, any relevant authorisation or registration being refused or suspended, use of the relevant benchmark not being commercially reasonable for reasons related to cost or licensing issues) has occurred and the Issuer elects to redeem the N&C Securities rather than make adjustments to them; or
- following an Event of Default, provided that the non-payment of principal or interest may not trigger an Event of Default if such payment is not made to comply with mandatory laws, regulations or court order or if such payment is not outstanding for a period of 14 days of more.

The Early Redemption Amount in respect of each N&C Security shall (unless otherwise specified in the relevant Issue Terms) be an amount determined by the Calculation Agent as representing the fair market value of such N&C Securities immediately prior to such early termination, adjusted to account fully for any reasonable expenses and costs of unwinding any underlying and/or related hedging and funding arrangements (including, without limitation any equity options, equity swaps or other N&C Securities of any type whatsoever hedging the Issuer's obligations under the N&C Securities). **The Early Redemption Amount may be less than the investor's initial investment.** See Risk Factor 9 (*Risks associated with certain features and other terms and conditions of the N&C Securities*) above and Commonly Asked Question 25 (*Who is the issuer of the underlying Preference Share?*). Can the Issuer amend the terms and conditions of the N&C Securities once they have been issued?

The terms and conditions of the N&C Securities may be amended by the Issuer without the consent of the N&C Securityholders if the amendment: (a) is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the N&C Securityholders, (b) is of a formal, minor or technical nature, (c) is made to correct a manifest or proven error, or (d) is to comply with mandatory provisions of applicable law. Any such modification shall be binding on the Holders and any such modification shall take effect by notice to the N&C Securityholders.

Additionally, following the occurrence of certain events, the Calculation Agent, on behalf of the Issuer, may be entitled to amend the terms and conditions of the N&C Securities without requiring the consent of the N&C Securityholders of such N&C Securities. Typically, such events will have triggered an Additional Disruption Event under the N&C Securities (for example, any legal or regulatory changes that the Calculation Agent determines have interfered with the ability of the Issuer and/or any entities acting on behalf of the Issuer engaged in any underlying or hedging transactions in respect of the Issuer's obligations in relation to the N&C Securities to hedge the Issuer's obligations under the N&C Securities, or any adjustment to the underlying Preference Share in accordance with its terms or if for any other reason the Issuer and/or any entities acting on behalf of the Issuer engaged in any underlying or hedging transactions in respect of the Issuer's obligations in relation to the N&C Securities is/are unable to enter into or maintain hedge positions to hedge the Issuer's obligations under the N&C Securities.

#### ***Questions about the Calculation Agent***

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22. **Who determines the amounts payable to purchasers?**

Unless otherwise specified in the Issue Terms, the Calculation Agent (which may be Santander UK or an affiliate of Santander UK) has a very broad discretionary authority to make various determinations and adjustments in respect of the N&C Securities, and in such capacity, will determine the performance values of the underlying Preference Share on specified valuation dates and will determine the performance levels, values or prices of the Reference Item(s) on specified valuation dates and will determine any interest amounts and/or the redemption amounts payable or deliverable by the Issuer to the N&C Securityholders of such N&C Securities. Such determinations and calculations shall be made by the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner. In the event that a disruption event has occurred in respect of a Reference Item on a specified valuation date, the valuation may be postponed to an alternative date, or the Calculation Agent may instead, in certain circumstances, estimate the value of such Reference Item on such valuation date.

In the event that the performance of the Issuer's obligations under the N&C Securities shall have become unlawful in whole or in part as a result of compliance, in good faith by the Issuer with any applicable present or future applicable law or regulation, which results in the early redemption or termination of the N&C Securities, the Early Payment Amount payable in respect of the N&C Securities will be determined by the Calculation Agent.

If the Calculation Agent determines that an Additional Disruption Event has occurred, the Issuer may either (a) redeem or cancel the N&C Securities prior to maturity by payment of an Early Redemption Amount which may be less than the purchase price of the N&C Securities or (b) amend the terms of the N&C Securities instead as it determines appropriate to account for such event. If the payment on the N&C Securities is accelerated, a holder's investment may result in a loss and a holder may not be able to reinvest the proceeds in a comparable investment. **The Early Redemption Amount may be less than the investor's initial investment.**

23. **What further determinations may the Calculation Agent have to make?**

The terms and conditions of the N&C Securities, as completed by (i) the applicable Annex(es) and (ii) the Issue Terms, also provide that the Calculation Agent is the entity responsible for determining whether certain events have occurred (some of which are mentioned above), and in circumstances where such events have occurred, whether the terms and conditions of the Securities need to be amended to reflect such events. Such determinations shall be made by the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner. A non-exhaustive summary of some events is set out below:

- Market Disruption Event – any event that means the value of the Reference Item(s) cannot be determined in the regular manner, for example, the exchange on which the relevant shares trade has closed early or been disrupted, or the index sponsor has failed to publish the reference level;
- Additional Disruption Event – may include (if specified to be applicable in the relevant Issue Terms) (A) Change in Law, which (as defined in the applicable Annex(es)) (i) will, or there is a substantial likelihood that it will, become, or it has become, illegal for the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates to hold, acquire, deal in or dispose of any relevant hedging arrangements relating to the N&C Securities and/or (ii) materially increases the Issuer's costs of performing its obligations under the N&C Securities (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on the tax position of the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates); (B) Hedging Disruption, (as defined in the applicable Annex(es)), meaning any event that has the potential of (i) materially interfering with the ability of the Issuer and/or any of its affiliate(s) to acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge any relevant price risk, including but not limited to the currency risk, of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the N&C Securities, or (ii) freely realise, recover, remit, receive, repatriate or transfer the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s), as determined by Calculation Agent acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner; (C) Increased Cost of Hedging, means that any Hedging Party would incur a

materially increased (as compared with circumstances existing on the Trade Date) amount of tax, duty, expense or fee (other than brokerage commissions) to (a) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the market risk, (D) Increased Cost of Stock Borrow, means that the Hedging Party would incur a rate to borrow any Component N&C Security comprised in an Index that is greater than the Initial Stock Loan Rate; and/or (E) Loss of Stock Borrow, means that the Hedging Party is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to borrow (or maintain a borrowing of) any Component N&C Securities comprised in an Index in an amount equal to the Hedging Shares at a rate equal to or less than the Maximum Stock Loan Rate;

- Index Adjustment Event (in respect of Equity Index Linked Securities) – (i) a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating the Index, (ii) the cancellation of an index, which is then not replaced or (iii) the failure to calculate or publish the index level (though this may be a Market Disruption Event);
- Delayed Index Level Event (in respect of Inflation Index Linked Securities) – means, in respect of any Determination Date and an Inflation Index, that the relevant Inflation Index Sponsor fails to publish or announce the level of such Inflation Index (the "Relevant Level") in respect of any Reference Month which is to be utilised in any calculation or determination to be made by the Issuer in respect of such Determination Date, at any time on or prior to the Inflation Cut-Off Date;
- Administrator/Benchmark Event – (i) if a Relevant Benchmark or its administrator or sponsor does not obtain authorisation or registration with the effect that the relevant benchmark may not be used in certain ways by the Issuer and/or the Calculation Agent and/or any other relevant entity (as determined by the Calculation Agent) or (ii) it is materially modified.

If the Calculation Agent determines that a Market Disruption Event, Additional Disruption Event, Index Adjustment Event, Delayed Index Level Event, Administrator/Benchmark Event and/or any other event so specified in the Conditions has occurred, any consequential postponement of, or any alternative provisions for, valuation provided in the terms and conditions of any N&C Securities may have an adverse effect on the value of such N&C Securities.

The applicable Annex sets out in more detail the circumstances which can lead to a disruption event and the postponement of, or a change in the process relating to, the valuation of the most common types of underlying assets.

24. **Are the Calculation Agent's determinations binding on purchasers of the N&C Securities?**

All calculations, determinations or adjustments made by the Calculation Agent shall, in the absence of manifest error, be final, conclusive and binding on the holders of the N&C Securities. The Calculation Agent has the discretion to make various determinations and adjustments under the N&C Securities, any of which may have an adverse effect on the value and/or the amounts payable under the N&C Securities. See Risk Factor 17 ("Calculation Agent's discretion") above.

***Questions on the underlying Preference Share linked to the N&C Securities***

25. **Who is the issuer of the underlying Preference Share?**

The issuer of the underlying Preference Share is Santander UK (Structured Solutions) Limited (the "Preference Share Company" or the "Preference Share Issuer"), a private company limited by shares under the Companies Act 2006 (with registered number 9878451). The Preference Share Company has its registered office at 2 Triton Square, Regent's Place, London NW1 3AN. The underlying Preference Share is expected to be held by Santander UK plc or an affiliate (the "Shareholder").

See also the section entitled "*Description of the Preference Share Issuer*" of this Base Prospectus.

26. **What are the terms and conditions of the underlying Preference Share?**

Each Series of N&C Securities will give exposure to the performance of a separate class of Preference Shares that, in turn, give exposure to one or more Preference Share Underlying(s). It is expected that the Preference Share Issuer will issue a single Preference Share of the relevant class that will remain outstanding as a reference asset for the corresponding Series of N&C Securities until its scheduled redemption date. The Preference Shares will not be available for subscription or offered to any investors.

A copy of the Preference Share Company's constitutional documents and the applicable terms and conditions of the class of Preference Shares (the "**Preference Share Terms and Conditions**") shall be available to investors in the N&C Securities on written request (free of charge) from the registered office of the Preference Share Company at 2 Triton Square, Regent's Place, London NW1 3AN (and, if so provided in the applicable Issue Terms, from the Distributor of the N&C Securities) on proof of identity as an N&C Securityholder.

Each class of underlying Preference Share is governed by English law.

27. **How is the Early Redemption Amount determined?**

Where the N&C Securities are early redeemed pursuant to the Conditions, you will receive an early redemption amount (the "**Early Redemption Amount**") on a date prior to the scheduled maturity date. The Early Redemption Amount shall be determined by the Calculation Agent on the same basis as the Final Redemption Amount of each N&C Security, save that the amount payable shall be determined based on the value of the underlying Preference Share on the relevant early preference share redemption valuation date instead of the value of such underlying Preference Share on the scheduled final valuation date, in accordance with Condition 6.5 (*Early Redemption and Early Redemption Amounts*). The Early Redemption Amount may be less than the investor's initial investment.

Circumstances in which the Issuer has the right to redeem the N&C Securities earlier than the specified maturity date and repay the N&C Securityholder the Early Redemption Amount may include:

- receipt by the Issuer of notice of early redemption of the Preference Shares from the Preference Share Company, for any reason other than a related financial product being subject to early redemption (see Condition 6.4(a) (*Early Redemption of the Preference Shares*));
- the occurrence of certain Adjustment Events with respect to the N&C Securities (if specified to be applicable in the relevant Issue Terms) (see Condition 6.4 (*Other Early Redemption or Adjustment Events*));
- following an Event of Default (see Condition 9 (*Events of Default*)); and
- the Issuer determines that its performance under any N&C Security has or will in the immediate future become unlawful, illegal or otherwise prohibited in whole or in part as a result of compliance with any applicable present or future law, rule, regulation, judgement, order or directive of any governmental, administrative, legislative or judicial authority or power (if specified to be applicable in the relevant Issue Terms) (see Condition 6.4(b) (*Early Redemption for Illegality*)).

***Questions on the type of Reference Item(s) linked to the underlying Preference Shares issued under this Base Prospectus***

28. **What type of reference item(s) may be linked to the underlying Preference Share of the N&C Securities issued under this Base Prospectus?**

N&C Securities issued pursuant to this Base Prospectus will, at final redemption, pay a redemption amount that is linked to the change in value of the specified preference shares which may fluctuate up or down depending on the performance of one or more reference items

referenced by the preference shares (referred to in this document as the "Preference Share Underlying(s)"), including:

- an equity index or a basket of equity indices; or
- an inflation index or a basket of inflation.

29. **How does the value of the underlying Preference Share affect the N&C Securities to which it is linked?**

Purchasers may expect that the return on their investment in the N&C Securities is proportionate to the change in value of the underlying Preference Share linked to such N&C Securities, subject always to the creditworthiness of the Issuer to make payment.

The value of the underlying Preference Share is determined in accordance with the applicable payout terms as indicated in the relevant Issue Terms and the performance of the underlying Preference Share Underlying(s) to which it is linked. As described above, the value of the underlying Preference Share is used to determine the return on the related N&C Securities.

If, according to the contractual terms and conditions of the underlying Preference Share, an event occurs which requires that the value, price or level of the underlying Preference Share Underlying(s) is adjusted or that such underlying Preference Share is redeemed early, this may cause the terms and conditions of the N&C Securities that you hold to be adjusted or such N&C Securities may be redeemed early.

Additionally, any amendment to the terms and conditions of the underlying Preference Share may have a consequential effect on the terms and conditions of the related N&C Securities and may affect the value of the underlying Preference Share used to determine the amount payable under the N&C Securities.

30. **Can the terms and conditions of the underlying Preference Share be amended?**

The terms and conditions of the underlying Preference Share may be amended by the Preference Share Issuer without the consent of the Shareholder, save that the Shareholder should not seek to amend or agree to amend the terms and conditions of the underlying Preference Share without the consent of the holders of the N&C Securities which reference such underlying Preference Share (unless such amendment may be effected by the Preference Share Issuer without the consent of the Shareholder).

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE N&C SECURITIES

*The following general terms and conditions (the "N&C Security Conditions"), together with the Annex(es) (if applicable), are the terms and conditions (collectively, the "Conditions") of the N&C Securities which will be incorporated by reference into each Global N&C Security (as defined below) and each definitive N&C Security, in the latter case only if permitted by the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority (if any) and agreed by the Issuer and the Dealer at the time of issue but, if not so permitted and agreed, such definitive N&C Security will have endorsed thereon or attached thereto such Conditions. The applicable Final Terms, in the case of any Tranche of Non-Exempt N&C Securities (as defined below), will complete the Conditions in relation to each such Tranche of N&C Securities and the applicable Pricing Supplement in relation to any Tranche of Exempt N&C Securities (as defined below) will complete (and, if applicable, amend) the Conditions in relation to each such Tranche of N&C Securities and may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with the Conditions, together with the Annex(es) (if applicable), replace or modify the following Conditions for the purpose of such N&C Securities. The applicable Final Terms (or the relevant provisions thereof) or the applicable Pricing Supplement (or the relevant provisions thereof) will be endorsed upon, or attached to, each Global N&C Security and definitive N&C Security. In the case of Non-Exempt N&C Securities (as defined below), reference should be made to the "applicable Final Terms" for a description of the content of the applicable Final Terms which will specify which of such terms are to apply in relation to the relevant N&C Securities. References in these Conditions to "Final Terms" or "Pricing Supplement" shall mean a tranche of N&C Securities issued pursuant to this Base Prospectus and references to "Issue Terms" shall mean either (i) in respect of Non-Exempt N&C Securities, the applicable Final Terms or (ii) in respect of Exempt N&C Securities, the applicable Pricing Supplement, and should be construed accordingly.*

This N&C Security is one of a Series of N&C Securities (such N&C Securities being referred to hereinafter as "N&C Securities") issued by Santander UK plc (the "Issuer", which expression shall include any substitute pursuant to N&C Security Condition 14 (*Substitution*) below) pursuant to the Agency Agreement (as defined below). N&C Securities will be either in the form of notes ("Notes") or redeemable certificates ("Certificates"), as specified in the applicable Issue Terms, and references in these Terms and Conditions to "N&C Security", "N&C Securities", "Note", "Notes", "Certificate" or "Certificates" will be construed accordingly.

References herein to the "N&C Securities" shall be references to the N&C Security of this Series and shall mean:

1. in relation to any N&C Security(ies) represented by a global N&C Security in bearer form (a "Global N&C Security" (which includes any Bearer Global N&C Security and any Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Security (as defined below):
  - (a) in the case of N&C Securities issued by nominal amount, units of each Specified Denomination in the Specified Currency of the applicable N&C Securities, each as specified in the applicable Issue Terms; and
  - (b) in the case of N&C Securities issued by unit, each unit of applicable N&C Securities;
2. any Global N&C Security;
3. any certificated depositary interests (in the case of Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities (as defined below) to be settled through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg) ("CDIs" (as further defined in N&C Security Condition 1.6 below));
4. any Book Entry Interest (as defined in N&C Security Condition 1.6);
5. any definitive N&C Securities in bearer form ("Definitive Bearer N&C Securities") issued in exchange for a Bearer Global N&C Security; and
6. any definitive N&C Securities in registered (or inscribed) form ("Definitive Registered N&C Securities").

The N&C Securities and the Coupons (as defined below) have the benefit of an amended and restated agency agreement dated on or about 17 March 2023 (such agency agreement as amended and/or

supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "**Agency Agreement**") made between the Issuer, Citibank, N.A., London Branch as principal paying agent (the "**Principal Paying Agent**", which expression shall include any additional or successor agent acting in such capacities), Citibank Europe plc as registrar (the "**Registrar**", which expression shall include any additional or successor registrar) and Citibank Europe plc as paying agent (together with the Principal Paying Agent, the "**Paying Agents**", which expression shall include any additional or successor paying agents) and as transfer agent (together with the Principal Paying Agent in its capacity as transfer agent, the "**Transfer Agents**", and each, a "**Transfer Agent**", which expression shall include any additional or successor transfer agents). The Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar, the Paying Agents, the Transfer Agent and the Calculation Agent are together referred to as the "**Agents**".

References to "**Calculation Agent**" are to the entity specified as such in the applicable Issue Terms or any successor in such capacity.

The issue terms for this N&C Security (or the relevant provisions thereof) are set out in Part A of the Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement, in the case of Exempt N&C Securities) attached to or endorsed on this N&C Security which supplement these General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities (the "**Conditions**", which term shall include one or more Annex(es) in the form annexed hereto (each an "**Annex**") if specified as applicable herein and/or in such Issue Terms) and, if the N&C Security is neither admitted to trading on (i) a regulated market in the European Economic Area or (ii) a United Kingdom regulated market as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA, nor offered in (i) the European Economic Area or (ii) the United Kingdom in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the UK Prospectus Regulation or the FSMA, as the case may be (an "**Exempt N&C Security**"), may specify other terms and conditions which shall, to the extent so specified or to the extent inconsistent with these Conditions, replace or modify the Conditions for the purposes of this N&C Security. The expression "**UK Prospectus Regulation**" means Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (as amended) and regulations made thereunder. The expression "**FSMA**" means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended. Any references to a "**Non-Exempt N&C Security**" are to a N&C Security that is not an Exempt N&C Security. References to the "**applicable Issue Terms**", "**applicable Final Terms**" or "**applicable Pricing Supplement**", as the case may be, are, unless otherwise stated, to Part A of the Final Terms or the Pricing Supplement, as appropriate, (or the relevant provisions thereof) attached to or endorsed on this N&C Security. Interest bearing Definitive Bearer N&C Securities have interest coupons ("**Coupons**") and in the case of N&C Securities which, when issued in definitive form, have more than 27 interest payments remaining, talons for further Coupons ("**Talons**") attached on issue. Any reference in these Conditions to Coupons or coupons shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be deemed to include a reference to Talons or talons. Definitive Registered N&C Securities and Global N&C Securities do not have Coupons or Talons attached on issue.

Any reference to "**N&C Securityholders**" or "**holders**" in relation to any N&C Securities shall mean the holders of the relevant N&C Security, as applicable, and shall, in relation to any N&C Securities represented by a Global N&C Security, be construed as provided below. Any reference herein to "**Couponholders**" shall mean the holders of the Coupons and shall, unless the context otherwise requires, include the holders of the Talons.

As used herein, "**Tranche**" means N&C Securities which are identical in all respects (including as to listing and admission to trading) and "**Series**" means a Tranche of N&C Securities together with any further Tranche or Tranches of N&C Securities which are (i) expressed to be consolidated and form a single series and (ii) have the same terms and conditions or terms and conditions which are the same in all respects save for the issue price and date of issue thereof, the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon, if any, and the date from which interest starts to accrue.

The N&C Securityholders and the Couponholders are entitled to the benefit of the deed of covenant (such deed of covenant as modified, supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "**Deed of Covenant**") dated 8 August 2017 and made by the Issuer. The original of the Deed of Covenant is held by the common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (each as defined herein).

Copies of the Agency Agreement (which contains the form of the Deed of Covenant) are available for inspection during normal business hours at the specified office of each of the Paying Agents. If the N&C Securities are to be admitted to trading on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange, the applicable Final Terms will be published on the website of the London Stock Exchange through a regulatory

information service. If an N&C Security is not so listed but is not an Exempt N&C Security, the applicable Final Terms will be published on the website of the London Stock Exchange ([www.londonstockexchange.com](http://www.londonstockexchange.com)). If an N&C Security is an Exempt N&C Security, the applicable Pricing Supplement will only be obtainable by a holder holding one or more N&C Securities and such N&C Securityholder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer and the relevant Paying Agent as to its holding of such N&C Securities and identity. The N&C Securityholders and the Couponholders are deemed to have notice of, and are entitled to the benefit of, all the provisions of the Agency Agreement, the Deed of Covenant and the applicable Issue Terms which are applicable to them. The statements in the Conditions include summaries of, and are subject to, the detailed provisions of the Agency Agreement.

Words and expressions defined in the Agency Agreement or used in the applicable Issue Terms shall have the same meanings where used in the Conditions unless the context otherwise requires or unless otherwise stated and provided that, in the event of inconsistency between the Agency Agreement and the applicable Issue Terms, the applicable Issue Terms shall prevail. In the case of any inconsistency between any Annex(es) specified as applicable herein and/or in the applicable Issue Terms and other parts of these Conditions, the provisions of the applicable Annex(es) shall prevail unless otherwise specified herein. In the case of any inconsistency between the applicable Issue Terms and the Conditions, the applicable Issue Terms shall prevail.

## 1. Form, Denomination and Title

### 1.1 Form

Other than in the case of Book-Entry Interests, CDIs and Definitive Registered N&C Securities, the N&C Securities will be issued in bearer form in the currency (the "**Specified Currency**") and denominations (the "**Specified Denomination(s)**") specified in the applicable Issue Terms or (if so indicated in the applicable Issue Terms) in security units, and, in the case of Definitive Bearer N&C Securities and Definitive Registered N&C Securities, serially numbered. N&C Securities of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for N&C Securities of another Specified Denomination. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Issue Terms, the N&C Securities will be issued in classic global note ("CGN") form.

Each Tranche of N&C Securities in bearer form will be initially issued in the form of a temporary global security (a "**Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security**") or, if so specified in the applicable Issue Terms, a permanent global security (a "**Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security**" and, together with a Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security, a "**Bearer Global N&C Security**") which, in either case, will:

- (a) if the Global N&C Securities are intended to be issued in new global note ("NGN") form, as stated in the applicable Issue Terms, be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common safekeeper (the "**Common Safekeeper**") for Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("Euroclear") and Clearstream Banking S.A. ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**"); or
- (b) if the Global N&C Securities are intended to be issued in CGN form, be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common depositary (the "**Common Depositary**") for, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Interests in N&C Securities issued as bearer securities in immobilised form ("**Immobilised Bearer N&C Securities**") may not at any time be offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. Person and will initially be represented by a global security in bearer form (a "**Permanently Restricted Global N&C Security**" or a "**Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Security**").

The Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities will initially be issued in bearer form, without interest coupons, and title thereto will pass by delivery. If any N&C Securities are issued as Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities, then the entire Series of which they form part will be issued as Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities. Pursuant to an amended and restated securities depositary agreement (such agreement as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "**N&C Securities Depositary Agreement**") dated on or around 17 March 2023 between the Issuer, Citibank N.A., London Branch (the "**Book-Entry Depositary**"), Citibank N.A., London Branch (the

"**Custodian**") and Citibank Europe plc (the "**Registrar**"), the Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities of each Series will on issue be deposited with the Book-Entry Depositary. Pursuant to the terms of the N&C Securities Depositary Agreement, the Book-Entry Depositary will hold any Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Security for the holders of the CDIs and owners of the Book-Entry Interests as bare trustee and the owners of the Book-Entry Interests will accordingly be tenants in common in respect of the CDIs to the extent of the Book-Entry Interests in respect of which they are owners. The Book-Entry Depositary shall have only those rights, discretions, duties, obligations and responsibilities expressly specified in the N&C Securities Depositary Agreement and the Conditions and, other than holding any Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Security as bare trustee, as aforesaid, does not assume any relationship of trust for or with the owners of the Book-Entry Interests or any other person. In particular, the Book-Entry Depositary may not extinguish, cancel or otherwise terminate this arrangement other than pursuant to the terms of the N&C Securities Depositary Agreement and the Conditions. Holders of Book-Entry Interests are deemed to have notice of and shall be bound by the terms of the N&C Securities Depositary Agreement.

## 1.2 **Interest and Redemption**

If the applicable N&C Security is a Non-Exempt N&C Security, the N&C Security may be (i) a Fixed Rate N&C Security, (ii) a Floating Rate N&C Security, (iii) a Variable Interest Rate N&C Security, (iv) an Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Security, (v) an Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Security or (vi) a Cross-Asset Linked Interest Security, as specified in the Interest Payout Annex depending upon the N&C Coupon Payout (as defined in the Payout Conditions) extracted, included and completed in the applicable Final Terms, or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis and Type of N&C Security specified in the applicable Final Terms. The N&C Security may be a non-interest bearing N&C Security, if specified as such in the applicable Final Terms.

If the applicable N&C Security is an Exempt N&C Security, such N&C Security may be (i) a Fixed Rate N&C Security, (ii) a Floating Rate N&C Security, (iii) a non-interest bearing N&C Security, (iv) a Variable Interest Rate N&C Security, or (v) any one of an Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Security or an Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Security or a Cross-Asset Linked Interest Security, or any other type of interest bearing N&C Securities or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending upon the Interest Basis and Type of N&C Security specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

The amount payable on redemption, optional redemption or early redemption of this N&C Security will be determined by reference to the performance of preference shares, as described more fully in N&C Security Condition 6 (*Redemption and Purchase*).

## 1.3 **Coupons attached**

Definitive Bearer N&C Securities are issued with Coupons, unless they are non-interest bearing N&C Securities in which case references to Coupons and Couponholders in these Conditions are not applicable. For all N&C Securities, settlement shall be by way of cash payment.

## 1.4 **Title to Definitive Bearer and Definitive Registered N&C Securities**

Subject as set out below, title to the Definitive Bearer N&C Securities and any Coupons will pass by delivery. Title to the Definitive Registered N&C Securities will pass upon registration of transfers in the books of the Register, which is kept by the Registrar, in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement. The Issuer and the Paying Agents will (except as otherwise required by law) deem and treat the bearer of any Definitive Bearer N&C Security or any Coupon and the registered holder of any Definitive Registered N&C Security as the absolute owner thereof (whether or not overdue and notwithstanding any notice of ownership or writing thereon or notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) for all purposes but, in the case of any Global N&C Security, without prejudice to the provisions set out in the next succeeding paragraph.

## 1.5 **Title to N&C Securities represented by a Bearer Global N&C Security**

For so long as any of the N&C Securities is represented by a Bearer Global N&C Security held on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, each person (other than Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg) who is for the time being shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as the holder of a particular nominal amount or number of units of such N&C Securities (in which regard

any certificate or other document issued by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as to the nominal amount or number of units of such N&C Securities standing to the account of any person shall be conclusive and binding for all purposes save in the case of manifest error) shall be treated by the Issuer and the Paying Agents as the holder of such nominal amount or number of units of such N&C Securities for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal or interest on such nominal amount or number of units of such N&C Securities, for which purpose the bearer of the relevant Bearer Global N&C Security shall be treated by the Issuer and the Paying Agents as the holder of such nominal amount or number of units of such N&C Securities in accordance with and subject to the terms of the relevant Global N&C Security and the expressions "**N&C Securityholder**" and "**holder of N&C Securities**" and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

N&C Securities which are represented by a Bearer Global N&C Security will be transferable only in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

References to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any successor operator and/or successor clearing system and/or any additional or alternative clearing system specified in Part B of the applicable Issue Terms or, in the case of Exempt N&C Securities only, as may be otherwise approved by the Issuer, the Registrar and the Paying Agents (each a "**Clearance System**").

#### 1.6 **Title to N&C Securities represented by an Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Security**

In respect of Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities to be settled through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg ("**Permanently Restricted Immobilised Bearer N&C Securities**") which are deposited with the Book-Entry Depository, the Book-Entry Depository will issue registered certificated depositary interests ("**CDIs**") to a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, or its nominee, and will record the CDIs in the books and records of the Registrar in the name of the nominee of the common depositary. Ownership of interests in the Permanently Restricted Immobilised Bearer N&C Securities deposited with the Book-Entry Depository (the "**Book-Entry Interests**") will be limited to persons with an account with Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or persons who may hold interests through such participants. Book-Entry Interests will be shown on, and transfers thereof will be affected only through records maintained in book-entry form by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and their participants.

### 2. **Transfer**

#### 2.1 **Transfers of interests in Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities**

Transfers of Book-Entry Interests will be effected by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, and in turn by other participants and, if appropriate, indirect participants in such clearing systems acting on behalf of beneficial transferors and transferees of such interests. A Book-Entry Interest will, subject to compliance with all applicable legal and regulatory restrictions, be transferable for registered N&C Securities in definitive form or for a Book-Entry Interest in another N&C Security only in the authorised denominations (in the case of N&C Securities) or number of security units (in the case of Certificates) set out in the applicable Issue Terms and only in accordance with the rules and operating procedures for the time being of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, and in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in the Agency Agreement.

Pursuant to the N&C Securities Depositary Agreement, the Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities may be transferred only to a successor to the relevant Book-Entry Depository.

Unless and until Book-Entry Interests are exchanged for Definitive Registered N&C Securities, the CDIs held by the common depositary or its nominee for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg may not be transferred except as a whole to a nominee or a successor approved by the Issuer.

Book-Entry Interests will be subject to certain restrictions on transfer and certification requirements and may bear a legend regarding such restrictions.

All transfers of Book-Entry Interests between participants in Euroclear or participants in Clearstream, Luxembourg will be effected by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, pursuant to

customary procedures and subject to the applicable rules and procedures established by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg and their respective participants.

Book-Entry Interests in an Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Security may in certain circumstances be exchanged for Definitive Registered N&C Securities upon receipt by the Registrar of instructions from a Paying Agent. It is expected that such instructions of the Paying Agent will be based upon directions received by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, from the participant which owns the relevant Book-Entry Interests. Definitive Registered N&C Securities issued in exchange for a Book-Entry Interest will, except as otherwise determined by the Issuer in compliance with applicable law, be subject to certain restrictions on transfer and certification requirements and may bear a legend regarding such restrictions.

## 2.2 Transfers of Definitive Registered N&C Securities

Subject as provided in N&C Security Conditions 2.3 (*Costs of registration*) and 2.4 (*Transfers of interests in Book-Entry Interests*) below, upon the terms and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Agency Agreement, a Definitive Registered N&C Security may be transferred in whole or in part in the authorised denominations set out in the applicable Issue Terms. In order to effect any such transfer:

- (a) the holder or holders must:
  - (i) surrender the Definitive Registered N&C Security for registration of the transfer of the Definitive Registered N&C Security (or the relevant part of the Definitive Registered N&C Security) at the specified office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, with the form of transfer thereon duly executed by the holder or holders thereof or his or their attorney or attorneys duly authorised in writing; and
  - (ii) complete and deposit such other certifications as may be required by the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent; and
- (b) the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent must, after due and careful enquiry, be satisfied with the documents of title and the identity of the person making the request.

Any such transfer will be subject to such reasonable regulations as the Issuer and the Registrar may from time to time prescribe. Subject as provided above, the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent will, within three (3) business days (being for the purposes of these Conditions a day on which banks are open for business in the city where the specified office of the Registrar or, as the case may be, the relevant Transfer Agent is located) of the request (or such longer period as may be required to comply with any applicable fiscal or other laws or regulations) authenticate and deliver, or procure the authentication and delivery of, at its specified office to the transferee or (at the risk of the transferee) send by uninsured mail to such address as the transferee may request, a new Definitive Registered N&C Security for the same aggregate nominal amount or number of units as the Definitive Registered N&C Security (or the relevant part of the Definitive Registered N&C Security) transferred. In the case of a transfer of part only of a Definitive Registered N&C Security, a new Definitive Registered N&C Security in respect of the balance of the Definitive Registered N&C Security not transferred will be so authenticated and delivered or (at the risk of the transferor) sent by uninsured mail to such address as the transferor may request.

## 2.3 Costs of registration

N&C Securityholders will not be required to bear the costs and expenses of effecting any registration of transfer as provided above, except for any costs or expenses of delivery other than by normal uninsured mail and except that the Issuer may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any stamp duty, tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation to the registration.

## 2.4 Transfers of interests in Book-Entry Interests

Transfers of Book-Entry Interests or of a beneficial interest in a Book-Entry Interest may not at any time be made to a transferee in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. Person and any offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, redemption, transfer or delivery made, directly or indirectly, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. Person will not be recognised.

## 2.5 Definitions

In this N&C Security Condition, "**United States**" 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.

### 3. Status of the N&C Securities

The N&C Securities and the related Coupons (if any) are direct, unconditional, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* and without any preference among themselves and (subject to any applicable statutory provisions or judicial order) at least equally with all other present and future direct, unconditional, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer.

### 4. Interest

#### 4.1 Interest Definitions

*The applicable Issue Terms will indicate whether the N&C Securities are Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities of a type specified in the Interest Payout Annex, Fixed Rate N&C Securities, Floating Rate N&C Securities or any combination of the foregoing. In the case of Exempt N&C Securities, the applicable Pricing Supplement will indicate the applicable interest basis.*

*Where the N&C Securities are specified to be Fixed Rate N&C Securities, the interest payable in respect of the N&C Securities will be calculated in accordance with N&C Security Condition 4.2 (Interest on Fixed Rate N&C Securities) below and/or the relevant provisions of the Interest Payout Annex.*

*Where the N&C Securities are specified to be Floating Rate N&C Securities, the interest payable in respect of the N&C Securities will be calculated in accordance with N&C Security Condition 4.3 (Interest on Floating Rate N&C Securities and Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities) below and/or the relevant provisions of the Interest Payout Annex and/or, in the case of Exempt N&C Securities only, the Pricing Supplement.*

*Where the N&C Securities are Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities, the interest payable in respect of the N&C Securities will be calculated in accordance with N&C Security Condition 4.3 (Interest on Floating Rate N&C Securities and Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities) below and/or the relevant provisions of the Interest Payout Annex and/or, in the case of Exempt N&C Securities only, the Pricing Supplement.*

*Where the N&C Securities are Exempt N&C Securities which are not Fixed Rate N&C Securities or Floating Rate N&C Securities, the interest payable in respect of the N&C Securities, if any, will be calculated in accordance with N&C Security Condition 4.4 (Interest on Exempt N&C Securities) below.*

*If the applicable Issue Terms state that the N&C Securities are non-interest bearing N&C Securities, this N&C Security Condition 4 will not apply to the N&C Securities.*

In these Conditions:

**"Day Count Fraction"** means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest in accordance with this N&C Security Condition 4:

(a) if "**Actual/Actual (ICMA)**" or "**Act/Act (ICMA)**" is specified in the applicable Issue Terms:

- (i) in the case of N&C Securities where the number of days in the relevant period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (the "**Accrual Period**") is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period (as defined below) during which the Accrual Period ends, the number of days in such Accrual Period divided by the product of (a) the number of days in such Determination Period and (b) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Issue Terms) that would occur in one calendar year, assuming interest was to be payable in respect of the whole of that year; or
- (ii) in the case of N&C Securities where the Accrual Period is longer than the Determination Period during which the Accrual Period ends, the sum of:

- (A) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the Determination Period in which the Accrual Period begins divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates (as specified in the applicable Issue Terms) that would occur in one calendar year, assuming interest was to be payable in respect of the whole of that year; and
- (B) the number of days in such Accrual Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Dates that would occur in one calendar year, assuming interest was to be payable in respect of the whole of that year;
- (b) if "**Actual/Actual (ISDA)**", "**Actual/Actual**", "**Act/Act**" or "**Act/Act (ISDA)**" is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Interest Period (as defined above) falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Interest Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (c) if "**Actual/365 (Fixed)**", "**Act/365 (Fixed)**", "**A/365 (Fixed)**" or "**A/365F**" is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, the actual number of days in the relevant Interest Period, divided by 365;
- (d) if "**Actual/365 (Sterling)**" is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in the case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
- (e) if "**Actual/360**", "**Act/360**" or "**A/360**" is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, the actual number of days in the relevant Interest Period, divided by 360;
- (f) if "**30/360 (ICMA)**" is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, the number of days in the period from (and including) the most recent Interest Payment Date (or, if none, the Interest Commencement Date) up to (but excluding) the relevant payment date (such number of days being calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12-30 day months) divided by 360;
- (g) if "**30/360**", "**360/360**" or "**Bond Basis**" is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, the number of days in the relevant Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

Where:

"**Y<sub>1</sub>**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

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

"**M<sub>1</sub>**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

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

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

"**D<sub>2</sub>**" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless such number would be 31 and D<sub>1</sub> is greater than 29, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30;

(h) if "**30E/360**" or "**Eurobond Basis**" is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

Where:

"**Y<sub>1</sub>**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

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

"**M<sub>1</sub>**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

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

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

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

(i) if "**30E/360 (ISDA)**" is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, the number of days in the Interest Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

Where:

"**Y<sub>1</sub>**" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day included in the Interest Period falls;

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

"**M<sub>1</sub>**" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Interest Period falls;

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

"**D<sub>1</sub>**" is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>1</sub> will be 30; and

"**D<sub>2</sub>**" is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Interest Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case D<sub>2</sub> will be 30; and

**"Determination Period"** means each period from (and including) a Determination Date to (but excluding) the next Determination Date (including, where either the Interest Commencement Date or the final Interest Payment Date is not a Determination Date, the period commencing on the first Determination Date prior to, and ending on the first Determination Date falling after, such date).

#### 4.2 Interest on Fixed Rate N&C Securities

*This N&C Security Condition 4.2 applies to Fixed Rate N&C Securities only. The applicable Issue Terms contains provisions applicable to the determination of fixed rate interest and must be read in conjunction with this N&C Security Condition 4.2 and/or the relevant provisions of the Interest Payout Annex for full information on the manner in which interest is calculated on Fixed Rate N&C Securities. In particular,*

*the applicable Issue Terms will specify the Interest Commencement Date, the Rate(s) of Interest, the Interest Payment Date(s), the Maturity Date, the Fixed Coupon Amount, any applicable Broken Amount, the Calculation Amount, the Day Count Fraction, the Business Day Convention and any applicable Determination Date.*

(a) If no Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, the following provisions shall apply with respect to a Fixed Rate N&C Security:

Each Fixed Rate N&C Security will bear interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date (which unless otherwise specified in the applicable Issue Terms shall be the Issue Date) at the rate(s) (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Rate(s) of Interest. Interest will be payable in arrear on the Interest Payment Date(s) in each year up to (and including) the Maturity Date (where "**Maturity Date**" has the meaning given to it in the applicable Issue Terms).

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Fixed Rate N&C Security Interest Period. In these Conditions and for the purposes of Fixed Rate N&C Securities only, "**Fixed Rate N&C Security Interest Period**" means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date.

If a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Issue Terms and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day (as defined in N&C Security Condition 5.6 below), then, if the Business Day Convention specified is:

- (i) the Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
- (ii) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
- (iii) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

Unless Day Count Fraction is specified as "Not Applicable" in the applicable Issue Terms, interest shall be calculated in respect of any period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (i) in the case of Fixed Rate N&C Securities which are represented by a Global N&C Security, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the Fixed Rate N&C Securities represented by such Global N&C Security; or
- (ii) in the case of Fixed Rate N&C Securities in definitive form held by each N&C Securityholder, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of such Fixed Rate N&C Securities held by such N&C Securityholder,

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure in accordance with the Rounding Convention (as specified in N&C Security Condition 5 (*Payments*) below). Where the Specified Denomination of a Fixed Rate N&C Security in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Fixed Rate N&C Security shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination, without any further rounding.

(b) If a Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date in respect of the Fixed Rate N&C Security Interest Period ending on (but excluding) such date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount. Payments of interest on any Interest Payment Date will, if so specified in the applicable Issue Terms, amount to the Broken Amount so specified.

#### 4.3 Interest on Floating Rate N&C Securities and Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities

*This N&C Security Condition 4.3 applies to Floating Rate N&C Securities and Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities only. The applicable Issue Terms contains provisions applicable to the determination of interest in respect of such N&C Securities and must be read in conjunction with this N&C Security Condition 4.3 and/or the relevant provisions of the Interest Payout Annex for full information on the manner in which interest is calculated on Floating Rate N&C Securities and Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities. In particular, the applicable Issue Terms will identify any Specified Interest Payment Dates, any Specified Period, the Interest Commencement Date, the Business Day Convention and any Additional Business Centres. In respect of Floating Rate N&C Securities, the applicable Issue Terms will specify whether ISDA Determination, Screen Rate Determination, Bank of England Base Rate Determination, Overnight Rate Determination (SONIA) or Overnight Rate Determination (ESTR) applies to the calculation of interest, the party who will calculate the amount of interest due if it is not the Principal Paying Agent, the Margin, any maximum or minimum interest rates and the Day Count Fraction. Where ISDA Determination applies to the calculation of interest, the applicable Issue Terms will also specify the applicable Floating Rate Option, Designated Maturity (if applicable), Reset Date, the compounding method and relevant business day period (if applicable). Where Screen Rate Determination applies to the calculation of interest, the applicable Issue Terms will also specify the applicable Reference Rate, any Rate Multiplier, Interest Determination Date(s) and Relevant Screen Page. Where Bank of England Base Rate Determination applies to the calculation of interest, the applicable Issue Terms will also specify the Designated Maturity, Interest Determination Date(s) and Relevant Screen Page. Where Overnight Rate Determination (SONIA) applies to the calculation of interest, the applicable Issue Terms will also specify the applicable Calculation Method, Observation Method, Interest Determination Date(s), Rate Determination Date, Relevant Screen Page and Observation Look-Back Period. Where Overnight Rate Determination (ESTR) applies to the calculation of interest, the applicable Issue Terms will also specify the applicable Calculation Method, Observation Method, Interest Determination Date(s), Rate Determination Date, Relevant Screen Page and Observation Look-Back Period. In respect of Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities, the applicable Issue Terms will identify those items specified in the applicable paragraph of the Interest Payout Annex.*

##### (a) Interest Payment Dates

Each Floating Rate N&C Security and Variable Interest Rate N&C Security will bear interest from (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and such interest will be payable in arrear on either:

- (i) the Specified Interest Payment Date(s) in each year, as specified in the applicable Issue Terms; or
- (ii) if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are specified in the applicable Issue Terms, each date (each such date, together with each Specified Interest Payment Date, an "**Interest Payment Date**") which falls the number of months or other period specified as the Specified Period in the applicable Issue Terms after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

Such interest will be payable in respect of each Interest Period. In these Conditions, "**Interest Period**" means the period from (and including) an Interest Payment Date (or the Interest Commencement Date) to (but excluding) the next (or first) Interest Payment Date or the relevant payment date if the N&C Securities become payable on a date other than an Interest Payment Date.

If a Business Day Convention is specified in the applicable Issue Terms and (x) if there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which an Interest Payment Date should occur or (y) if any Interest Payment Date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day (as defined in N&C Security Condition 4.6 below), then, if the Business Day Convention specified is:

- (i) in any case where Specified Periods are specified in accordance with N&C Security Condition 4.3(a)(ii) above, the Floating Rate Convention, such Interest Payment Date (i) in the case of (x) above, shall be the last day that is a Business Day in the relevant month

and the provisions of (B) below shall apply *mutatis mutandis* or (ii) in the case of (y) above, shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (A) such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (B) each subsequent Interest Payment Date shall be the last Business Day in the month which falls the Specified Period after the preceding applicable Interest Payment Date occurred; or

- (ii) the Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day; or
- (iii) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be postponed to the next day which is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day; or
- (iv) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such Interest Payment Date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

(b) *Rate of Interest*

The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Floating Rate N&C Securities will be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Issue Terms. The Rate of Interest payable from time to time in respect of Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities will be determined in accordance with the relevant paragraph of the Interest Payout Annex as completed by the applicable Issue Terms.

(i) *ISDA Determination for Floating Rate N&C Securities*

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Issue Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be (x) the relevant ISDA Rate (y) plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Issue Terms) the Margin (if any) the result of which will be (z) multiplied by the Rate Multiplier, if any, provided the Rate of Interest may not be less than zero. For the purposes of this sub paragraph (i), "ISDA Rate" for an Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Calculation Agent or other person specified in the applicable Issue Terms, as applicable, under an interest rate swap transaction if the Calculation Agent or that other person, as applicable, were acting as Calculation Agent (as defined in the ISDA Definitions (as defined below)) for that swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the ISDA Definitions (as defined below) and under which:

- (A) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the applicable Issue Terms;
- (B) the Designated Maturity (if applicable) is that period specified in the applicable Issue Terms;
- (C) the relevant Reset Date is the day specified in the applicable Issue Terms;
- (D) (where applicable) the applicable compounding method, being any of Compounding with Lookback, Compounding with Observation Period Shift or Compounding with Lockout is as specified in the applicable Issue Terms; and
- (E) (in each case, where applicable) the Applicable Business Days, Observation Period Shift Business Days and/or Lockout Period Business Days in each case is as specified in the applicable Issue Terms.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (i), (x) "**Euro-zone**" means the region comprised of member states of the European Union ("**Member States**") that adopt the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended by the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty of Amsterdam and (y) "**Calculation Agent**", "**Floating Rate**", "**Floating Rate Option**", "**Designated Maturity**", "**Reset Date**" "**Compounding with Lookback**", "**Compounding with**

**Observation Period Shift**", "**Compounding with Lockout**", "**Applicable Business Days**", "**Observation Period Shift Business Days**" and "**Lockout Period Business Days**" have the respective meanings given to those terms in the ISDA Definitions.

Where ISDA Determination is specified in the applicable Issue Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, unless otherwise stated in the applicable Issue Terms, the Minimum Rate of Interest shall be deemed to be zero.

(ii) *Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate N&C Securities (excluding where the Reference Rate is SONIA)*

(A) Subject to N&C Security Condition 4.3(c) below, where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Issue Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined (save where the Reference Rate is SONIA), the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be (x) either:

- (1) the offered quotation; or
- (2) the arithmetic mean (rounded if necessary to the fifth decimal place, with 0.000005 being rounded upwards) of the offered quotations,

(expressed as a percentage rate per annum) for the Reference Rate (being the European interbank offered rate ("**EURIBOR**") as specified in the applicable Issue Terms) which appears or appear, as the case may be, on the Relevant Screen Page (or such replacement page on that service which displays the information) as at 11:00 a.m. (Brussels time) on the Interest Determination Date (as specified in the applicable Issue Terms) in question, in each case (y) plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Issue Terms) the Margin (if any), the result of which will be (z) multiplied by the Rate Multiplier (if any), all as determined by the Calculation Agent or other person as specified in the applicable Issue Terms, as applicable, and provided the Rate of Interest may not be less than zero. If five or more of such offered quotations are available on the Relevant Screen Page, the highest (or, if there is more than one such highest quotation, one only of such quotations) and the lowest (or, if there is more than one such lowest quotation, one only of such quotations) shall be disregarded by the Calculation Agent or other person as specified in the applicable Issue Terms, as applicable, for the purpose of determining the arithmetic mean (rounded as provided above) of such offered quotations.

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for determining the Rate of Interest in the event that the Relevant Screen Page is not available or if, in the case of (i) above, no such offered quotation appears or, in the case of (ii) above, fewer than three such offered quotations appear, in each case as at the time specified in the preceding paragraph.

In these Conditions "**Relevant Screen Page**" means the page specified as such in the applicable Issue Terms (or such replacement page on that service which displays the information).

(iii) *Bank of England Base Rate Determination for Floating Rate N&C Securities*

Where Bank of England Base Rate Determination is specified in the applicable Issue Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will be (x) the Bank of England Base Rate (y) plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Issue Terms) the Margin (if any), the result of which will be (z) multiplied by the Rate Multiplier, if any, all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Bank of England Base Rate"** means the most recent published rate for deposits for a period equal to the Designated Maturity (as specified in the applicable Issue Terms) which appears on the Relevant Screen Page (as specified in the applicable Issue Terms) as of 5:00 p.m., London time, on the Interest Determination Date (as specified in the

applicable Issue Terms) or, if such Relevant Screen Page is not available, such replacement page as the Calculation Agent shall select, or if the Calculation Agent determines no suitable replacement page exists, the rate determined by the Calculation Agent in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner.

(iv) *Overnight Rate Determination (SONIA) for Floating Rate N&C Securities*

Where Overnight Rate Determination (SONIA) is specified in the applicable Issue Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the applicable Issue Terms shall specify the Calculation Method as "Compounded Daily Rate" (in which case the provisions of paragraph (A) below shall apply), "Weighted Average Rate" (in which case the provisions of paragraph (B) below shall apply), "Single Daily Rate" (in which case the provisions of paragraph (C) below shall apply) or "Compounded Index Rate" (in which case the provisions of paragraph (D) below shall apply).

(A) *Calculation Method – Compounded Daily Rate*

Subject to N&C Security Condition 4.3(c) below, where "Compounded Daily Rate" is specified as the Calculation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be (x) Compounded Daily SONIA for such Interest Period (y) plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Issue Terms) the Margin, if any, the result of which will be (z) multiplied by the Rate Multiplier, if any, all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

Where:

**"Compounded Daily SONIA"** means, with respect to an Interest Period, the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment (with the daily Sterling overnight reference rate as the reference rate for the calculation of interest) and will be calculated by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Interest Determination Date, as follows, and the resulting percentage will be rounded if necessary to the nearest fourth decimal place, with 0.00005 being rounded upwards:

$$\left[ \prod_{i=1}^{d_0} \left( 1 + \frac{\text{Relevant SONIA}_i \times n_i}{365} \right) - 1 \right] \times \frac{365}{d}$$

(B) *Calculation Method – Weighted Average Rate*

Subject to N&C Security Condition 4.3(c) below, where "Weighted Average Rate" is specified as the Calculation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be (x) the Weighted Average SONIA Rate for such Interest Period (y) plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Issue Terms) the Margin, if any, the result of which will be (z) multiplied by the Rate Multiplier, if any, all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

Where:

**"Weighted Average SONIA Rate"** means, in respect of an Interest Period:

(a) where "Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the rate calculated by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Interest Determination Date as the sum of the SONIA reference rates in respect of each calendar day during the relevant Observation Period divided by the number of calendar days in the relevant Observation Period, with the resulting percentage being rounded if necessary to the nearest fourth decimal place, with 0.00005 being rounded upwards. For these purposes, the SONIA reference rate in respect of any calendar day which is not a London Banking Day shall be deemed to be the SONIA reference

rate in respect of the London Banking Day immediately preceding such calendar day; or

- (b) where "Lock-Out" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the rate calculated by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Interest Determination Date as the sum of the SONIA reference rates in respect of each calendar day during such Interest Period divided by the number of calendar days in such Interest Period, with the resulting percentage being rounded if necessary to the nearest fourth decimal place, with 0.00005 being rounded upwards, provided that for any calendar day that falls in the relevant Lock-Out Period, the SONIA reference rate in respect of such day will be deemed to be the SONIA reference rate in respect of the London Banking Day immediately preceding the relevant Interest Determination Date. For these purposes and subject to the proviso above, the SONIA reference rate in respect of any calendar day which is not a London Banking Day will be deemed to be the SONIA reference rate in respect of the London Banking Day immediately preceding such calendar day.

(C) *Calculation Method – Single Daily Rate*

Subject to N&C Security Condition 4.3(c) below, where "Single Daily Rate" is specified as the Calculation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be (x) the Daily SONIA Rate for such Interest Period (y) plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Issue Terms) the Margin, if any, the result of which will be (z) multiplied by the Rate Multiplier, if any, all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

Where:

**"Daily SONIA Rate"** means, in respect of an Interest Period, the SONIA reference rate in respect of the Rate Determination Date for such Interest Period.

(D) *Calculation Method – Compounded Index Rate*

Subject to N&C Security Condition 4.3(c) below, where "Compounded Index Rate" is specified as the Calculation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be (x) the Compounded SONIA Index Rate for such Interest Period (y) plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Issue Terms) the Margin, if any, the result of which will be (z) multiplied by the Rate Multiplier, if any, all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

The "**Compounded SONIA Index Rate**" for an Interest Period will be calculated by reference to the screen rate or index administered by the administrator of the Sterling Overnight Index Average reference rate that is published or displayed by such administrator or other information service from time to time at the relevant time on the relevant determination dates specified below, as further specified in the applicable Issue Terms (the "**SONIA Compounded Index**") and the following formula:

$$\left( \frac{\text{SONIA Compounded Index}_y}{\text{SONIA Compounded Index}_x} - 1 \right) \times \frac{365}{d}$$

(E) *Definitions*

**"Compound Index End Date"** means the day falling "p" London Banking Days prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date for the relevant Interest Period;

"**d**" is the number of calendar days in:

- (a) where "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the relevant Interest Period; or
- (b) where "Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

"**d<sub>0</sub>**" is the number of London Banking Days in:

- (a) where "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the relevant Interest Period; or
- (b) where "Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

"**i**" is a series of whole numbers from one to  $d_0$ , each representing the relevant London Banking Day in chronological order from, and including, the first London Banking Day in:

- (a) where "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the relevant Interest Period; or
- (b) where "Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

**"Lock-Out Period"** means the period from (and including) the relevant Interest Determination Date to (and including) the last day included in the relevant Interest Period;

**"LBD"** means a London Banking Day;

**"n<sub>i</sub>"**, for any London Banking Day "i", means the number of calendar days from and including such London Banking Day "i" up to but excluding the following London Banking Day;

**"Observation Look-Back Period"** is as specified in the applicable Issue Terms;

**"Observation Period"** means the period from (and including) the day falling "p" London Banking Days prior to the first day of the relevant Interest Period to (but excluding) the day falling "p" London Banking Days prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period;

"**p**" is the number of London Banking Days included in the Observation Look-Back Period, as specified in the applicable Issue Terms;

**"Rate Determination Date"** means, in respect of an Interest Period, the London Banking Day specified in the applicable Issue Terms;

**"Relevant SONIA<sub>i</sub>"** means, in respect of any London Banking Day "i":

- (a) where "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, SONIA<sub>i</sub>-pLBD;
- (b) where "Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, SONIA<sub>i</sub>LBD; or
- (c) where "Lock-Out" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms:
  - (i) where such London Banking Day "i" does not fall in the relevant Lock-Out Period, the SONIA reference rate for the London

Banking Day immediately preceding the relevant London Banking Day "i"; or

(ii) where such London Banking Day "i" falls in the relevant Lock-Out Period, the SONIA reference rate for the London Banking Day immediately preceding the relevant Interest Determination Date;

**"SONIA reference rate"**, in respect of any London Banking Day, is a reference rate equal to the daily Sterling Overnight Index Average ("SONIA") rate for such London Banking Day as provided by the administrator of SONIA to authorised distributors and as then published on the Relevant Screen Page or, if the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable, as otherwise published by such authorised distributors, in each case on the London Banking Day immediately following such London Banking Day;

**"SONIA<sub>iLBD</sub>"** means, in respect of any London Banking Day "i", the SONIA reference rate for such London Banking Day "i";

**"SONIA<sub>i-pLBD</sub>"** means, in respect of any London Banking Day "i", the SONIA reference rate for the London Banking Day falling "p" London Banking Days prior to the relevant London Banking Day "i";

"x" denotes that the relevant SONIA Compounded Index is the SONIA Compounded Index determined in relation to the day falling "p" London Banking Days prior to the first day of the relevant Interest Period; and

"y" denotes that the relevant SONIA Compounded Index is the SONIA Compounded Index determined in relation to the Compounded Index End Date.

(F) *Fallbacks*

Unless "Compounded Index Rate" is specified as the Calculation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, if in respect of any relevant London Banking Day the Calculation Agent determines that the SONIA rate is not made available on the Relevant Screen Page and has not otherwise been published by the relevant authorised distributors as provided above and a Benchmark Transition Event has not occurred, the SONIA reference rate in respect of such London Banking Day shall be the rate determined by the Calculation Agent to be a commercially reasonable alternative for the SONIA rate by applying one of the following rates:

- (1) a rate formally recommended for use by the administrator of the SONIA rate; or
- (2) a rate formally recommended for use by the Bank of England (including any board thereof) or any committee officially endorsed and/or convened thereby or any other supervisor which is responsible for supervising the SONIA rate or the administrator of the SONIA rate,

in each case, during the period of non-publication of the SONIA rate and for so long as a Benchmark Transition Event has not occurred. If a rate described in sub-paragraph (i) is available, the Calculation Agent shall apply that rate. If no such rate is available but a rate described in sub-paragraph (ii) is available, the Calculation Agent shall apply that rate. If neither a rate described in sub-paragraph (i) nor a rate described in sub-paragraph (ii) is available, then the Calculation Agent shall determine a commercially reasonable alternative for the SONIA rate taking into account where available any rate implemented by central counterparties and/or futures exchanges, in each case with trading volumes in derivatives or futures referencing the SONIA rate that the Calculation Agent considers sufficient to be a representative alternative rate.

Where "Compounded Index Rate" is specified as the Calculation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, if in respect of any relevant London Banking Day the

Calculation Agent determines that the SONIA Compounded Index is not provided or published as provided above and a Benchmark Transition Event has not occurred, the relevant rate in respect of such London Banking Day shall be the rate determined by the Calculation Agent to be a commercially reasonable alternative for the SONIA Compounded Index by applying one of the following rates:

- (1) a rate formally recommended for use by the administrator of the SONIA Compounded Index; or
- (2) a rate formally recommended for use by the Bank of England (including any board thereof), or any committee officially endorsed and/or convened thereby, or any other supervisor which is responsible for supervising the SONIA Compounded Index or the administrator of the SONIA Compounded Index,

in each case, during the period of non-publication of the SONIA Compounded Index and for so long as a Benchmark Transition Event has not occurred. If a rate described in sub-paragraph (i) is available, the Calculation Agent shall apply that rate. If no such rate is available but a rate described in sub-paragraph (ii) is available, the Calculation Agent shall apply that rate. If neither a rate described in sub-paragraph (i) nor a rate described in sub-paragraph (ii) is available, then the Calculation Agent shall determine a commercially reasonable alternative for the SONIA Compounded Index taking into account where available any rate implemented by central counterparties and/or futures exchanges, in each case with trading volumes in derivatives or futures referencing the SONIA Compounded Index that the Calculation Agent considers sufficient for that rate to be a representative alternative rate.

Any Benchmark Replacement, Benchmark Replacement Adjustment and the specific terms of any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes, determined under this N&C Security Condition 4.3(b)(iv) will be notified as soon as reasonably practicable (and in any event prior to the next relevant Interest Determination Date), by the Issuer to the Principal Paying Agent and the Paying Agents and, in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*), to the N&C Securityholders. Such notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the effective date on which such changes take effect.

(G) *Accrued Interest*

If the N&C Securities are subject to redemption other than pursuant to N&C Security Condition 6.1, the final Interest Determination Date shall, notwithstanding any Interest Determination Date specified in the applicable Issue Terms, be deemed to be the due date for redemption of the N&C Securities and the Rate of Interest on such N&C Securities shall, for so long as any such N&C Security remains outstanding, be that determined on such date.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if accrued interest is payable on any early redemption of the N&C Securities in respect of any period which is not an Interest Period:

- (1) if the Calculation Method is "Compounded Daily Rate" and "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method or the Calculation Method is "Weighted Average Rate" and "Lock-Out" is specified as the Observation Method, the Compounded Daily SONIA or Weighted Average SONIA Rate, as applicable, used to calculate the Rate of Interest for those purposes will be determined on the basis of an Interest Period which ends on (but excludes) the due date for redemption;
- (2) if the Calculation Method is "Weighted Average Rate" or "Compounded Daily Rate" and "Shift" is specified as the Observation Method, the

Weighted Average SONIA Rate or Compounded Daily SONIA, as applicable, used to calculate the Rate of Interest for those purposes will be determined on the basis of an Observation Period which ends on (but excludes) the day falling "p" London Banking Days prior to the due date for redemption;

- (3) if the Calculation Method is "Single Daily Rate", the Daily SONIA Rate used to calculate the Rate of Interest for those purposes will be determined on the basis of a Rate Determination Date falling on the London Banking Day immediately preceding the due date for redemption; or
- (4) if the Calculation Method is "Compounded Index Rate", the Compounded SONIA Index Rate used to calculate the Rate of Interest for those purposes will be determined on the basis of an Observation Period which ends on (but excludes), and a Compounded Index End Date of, the day falling "p" London Banking Days prior to the due date for redemption.

(v) *Overnight Rate Determination (€STR) for Floating Rate N&C Securities*

Where Overnight Rate Determination (€STR) is specified in the applicable Issue Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the applicable Issue Terms shall specify the Calculation Method as "Compounded Daily Rate" (in which case the provisions of paragraph (A) below shall apply), "Weighted Average Rate" (in which case the provisions of paragraph (B) below shall apply) or "Single Daily Rate" (in which case the provisions of paragraph (C) below shall apply).

(A) *Calculation Method – Compounded Daily Rate*

Subject to N&C Security Condition 4.3(c) below, where "Compounded Daily Rate" is specified as the Calculation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be (x) Compounded Daily €STR for such Interest Period (y) plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Issue Terms) the Margin, if any, the result of which will be (z) multiplied by the Rate Multiplier, if any, all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

Where:

**"Compounded Daily €STR"** means, with respect to an Interest Period, the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment (with the daily euro short term rate as the reference rate for the calculation of interest) and will be calculated by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Interest Determination Date, as follows, and the resulting percentage will be rounded if necessary to the nearest fourth decimal place, with 0.00005 being rounded upwards:

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

(B) *Calculation Method – Weighted Average Rate*

Subject to N&C Security Condition 4.3(c) below, where "Weighted Average Rate" is specified as the Calculation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be (x) the Weighted Average €STR Rate for such Interest Period (y) plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Issue Terms) the Margin, if any, the result of which will be (z) multiplied by the Rate Multiplier, if any, all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

Where:

**"Weighted Average €STR Rate"** means, in respect of an Interest Period:

- (a) where "Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the rate calculated by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Interest Determination Date as the sum of the €STR reference rates in respect of each calendar day during the relevant Observation Period divided by the number of calendar days in the relevant Observation Period, with the resulting percentage being rounded if necessary to the nearest fourth decimal place, with 0.00005 being rounded upwards. For these purposes, the €STR reference rate in respect of any calendar day which is not a TARGET2 Business Day shall be deemed to be the €STR reference rate in respect of the TARGET2 Business Day immediately preceding such calendar day; or
- (b) where "Lock-Out" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the rate calculated by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Interest Determination Date as the sum of the €STR reference rates in respect of each calendar day during such Interest Period divided by the number of calendar days in such Interest Period, with the resulting percentage being rounded if necessary to the nearest fourth decimal place, with 0.00005 being rounded upwards, provided that for any calendar day that falls in the relevant Lock-Out Period, the €STR reference rate in respect of such day will be deemed to be the €STR reference rate in respect of the relevant Interest Determination Date. For these purposes and subject to the proviso above, the €STR reference rate in respect of any calendar day which is not a TARGET2 Business Day will be deemed to be the €STR reference rate in respect of the TARGET2 Business Day immediately preceding such calendar day.

(C) *Calculation Method – Single Daily Rate*

Subject to N&C Security Condition 4.3(c) below, where "Single Daily Rate" is specified as the Calculation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be (x) the Daily €STR Rate for such Interest Period (y) plus or minus (as indicated in the applicable Issue Terms) the Margin, if any, the result of which will be (z) multiplied by the Rate Multiplier, if any, all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

Where:

**"Daily €STR Rate"** means, in respect of an Interest Period, the €STR reference rate in respect of the Rate Determination Date for such Interest Period.

(D) *Definitions*

"**d**" is the number of calendar days in:

- (a) where "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the relevant Interest Period;
- (b) where "Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the relevant Observation Period; the relevant Interest Period;

"**d<sub>o</sub>**" is the number of TARGET2 Business Days in:

- (a) where "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the relevant Interest Period;
- (b) where "Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

**"€STR reference rate"**, in respect of any TARGET2 Business Day, is a reference rate equal to the daily euro short term ("€STR") rate for such TARGET2 Business Day as provided by the European Central Bank, as the administrator of such rate (or any successor administrator of such rate) on the website of the European Central Bank at <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/home/html/index.en.html>, or any successor website for the publication of such rate (the "ECB's Website") or, if the ECB's Website is unavailable, as otherwise published by or on behalf of the relevant administrator in each case on the TARGET2 Business Day immediately following such TARGET2 Business Day;

**"€STR<sub>iTBD</sub>"** means, in respect of any TARGET2 Business Day "i", the €STR reference rate for the TARGET2 Business Day "i";

**"€STR<sub>i-pTBD</sub>"** means, in respect of any TARGET2 Business Day "i", the €STR reference rate for the TARGET2 Business Day falling "p" TARGET2 Business Days prior to the relevant TARGET2 Business Day "i";

**"i"** is a series of whole numbers from one to  $d_0$ , each representing the relevant TARGET2 Business Day in chronological order from, and including, the first TARGET2 Business Day in:

- (a) where "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the relevant Interest Period;
- (b) where "Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the relevant Observation Period;

**"Lock-Out Period"** means the period from (and including) the relevant Interest Determination Date to (and including) the last day included in the relevant Interest Period;

**"n<sub>i</sub>"**, for any TARGET2 Business Day "i", means the number of calendar days from and including such TARGET2 Business Day "i" up to but excluding the following TARGET2 Business Day;

**"Observation Look-Back Period"** is as specified in the applicable Issue Terms;

**"Observation Period"** means the period from (and including) the day falling "p" TARGET2 Business Days prior to the first day of the relevant Interest Period to (but excluding) the day falling "p" TARGET2 Business Days prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period;

**"p"** is the number of TARGET2 Business Days included in the Observation Look-Back Period, as specified in the applicable Issue Terms;

**"Rate Determination Date"** means, in respect of an Interest Period, the TARGET2 Business Day specified in the applicable Issue Terms;

**"Relevant €STR<sub>i</sub>"** means, in respect of any TARGET2 Business Day "i":

- (a) where "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, €STR<sub>i-pTBD</sub>;
- (b) where "Shift" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, €STR<sub>iTBD</sub>; or
- (c) where "Lock-Out" is specified as the Observation Method in the applicable Issue Terms:
  - (i) where such TARGET2 Business Day "i" does not fall in the relevant Lock-Out Period, the €STR reference rate for such TARGET2 Business Day; or

(ii) where such TARGET2 Business Day "i" falls in the relevant Lock-Out Period, the €STR reference rate for the relevant Interest Determination Date; and

"**TBD**" means a TARGET2 Business Day.

(E) *Fallbacks*

If in respect of any relevant TARGET2 Business Day, the Calculation Agent determines that the €STR rate does not appear on the ECB's Website and has not otherwise been published by or on behalf of the relevant administrator as provided above and a Benchmark Transition Event has not occurred, the €STR rate in respect of such TARGET2 Business Day shall be the rate determined by the Calculation Agent to be a commercially reasonable alternative for the €STR rate by applying one of the following rates:

- (1) a rate formally recommended for use by the administrator of the €STR rate; or
- (2) a rate formally recommended for use by the European Central Bank (including any board thereof) or any committee officially endorsed and/or convened thereby or any other supervisor which is responsible for supervising the €STR rate or the administrator of the €STR rate,

in each case, during the period of non-publication of the €STR rate and for so long as a Benchmark Transition Event has not occurred. If a rate described in sub-paragraph (1) is available, the Calculation Agent shall apply that rate. If no such rate is available but a rate described in sub-paragraph (2) is available, the Calculation Agent shall apply that rate. If neither a rate described in sub-paragraph (1) nor a rate described in sub-paragraph (2) is available, then the Calculation Agent shall determine a commercially reasonable alternative for the €STR rate taking into account where available any rate implemented by central counterparties and/or futures exchanges, in each case with trading volumes in derivatives or futures referencing the €STR rate that the Calculation Agent considers sufficient to be a representative alternative rate.

(F) *Accrued Interest*

If the N&C Securities are subject to redemption other than pursuant to N&C Security Condition 6.1, the final Interest Determination Date shall, notwithstanding any Interest Determination Date specified in the applicable Issue Terms, be deemed to be the due date for redemption of the N&C Securities and the Rate of Interest on such N&C Securities shall, for so long as any such N&C Security remains outstanding, be that determined on such date.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, if accrued interest is payable on any early redemption of the N&C Securities in respect of any period which is not an Interest Period:

- (1) if the Calculation Method is "Compounded Daily Rate" and "Lag" is specified as the Observation Method or the Calculation Method is "Weighted Average Rate" and "Lock-Out" is specified as the Observation Method, the Compounded Daily €STR or Weighted Average €STR Rate, as applicable, used to calculate the Rate of Interest for those purposes will be determined on the basis of an Interest Period which ends on (but excludes) the due date for redemption;
- (2) if the Calculation Method is "Weighted Average Rate" or "Compounded Daily Rate" and "Shift" is specified as the Observation Method, the Weighted Average €STR Rate or Compounded Daily €STR, as applicable, used to calculate the Rate of Interest for those purposes will be determined on the basis of an Observation Period which ends on (but excludes) the

day falling "p" TARGET2 Business Days prior to the due date for redemption; or

(3) if the Calculation Method is "Single Daily Rate", the Daily €STR Rate used to calculate the Rate of Interest for those purposes will be determined on the basis of a Rate Determination Date falling on the TARGET2 Business Day immediately preceding the due date for redemption.

(vi) If, in respect of Exempt N&C Securities, the Reference Rate from time to time in respect of Floating Rate N&C Securities is specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement as being other than EURIBOR, the Bank of England Base Rate, SONIA or €STR, the Rate of Interest in respect of such Exempt N&C Securities will be determined as provided in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

(c) *Benchmark Transition Event*

Where (i) the Reference Rate is specified in the applicable Issue Terms as being EURIBOR or (ii) the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined is specified in the applicable Issue Terms as being Overnight Rate Determination (SONIA) or Overnight Rate Determination (€STR), the provisions of this N&C Security Condition 4.3(c) will apply.

(i) *Benchmark Transition Event*

(x) *Benchmark Replacement*

Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary in the Conditions but without prejudice to N&C Security Condition 6.4(d) (if applicable), if in respect of any determination of the Relevant Benchmark on any date the Calculation Agent determines that a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred on or prior to such date, the Benchmark Replacement will replace the then-current Relevant Benchmark for all purposes relating to the N&C Securities in respect of such determination on such date and all determinations on all subsequent dates (including, without limitation, for the purposes of any Rate of Interest determined by reference to the then-current Relevant Benchmark).

(y) *Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes*

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.

(z) *Decisions and Determinations*

Any determination, decision or election that may be made by the Calculation Agent pursuant to this N&C Security Condition 4.3(c), including without limitation any determination with respect to tenor, rate or adjustment or of the occurrence or non-occurrence of an event, circumstance or date and any decision to take or refrain from taking any action or any selection, will be conclusive and binding absent manifest error, will be made in the Calculation Agent's sole and absolute discretion, and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Conditions, shall become effective without consent from the N&C Securityholders or any other party.

Any Benchmark Replacement, Benchmark Replacement Adjustment and the specific terms of any Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes, determined under this N&C Condition 4.3(b)(iv) will be notified as soon as reasonably practicable (and in any event prior to the next relevant Interest Determination Date), by the Issuer to the Principal Paying Agent and the Paying Agents and, in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*), the N&C Securityholders. Such notice shall be irrevocable and shall specify the effective date on which such changes take effect.

(ii) *Definitions*

**"Benchmark Replacement"** means:

- (a) where the then-current Relevant Benchmark is an IBOR Benchmark and the Calculation Agent can determine the Interpolated Benchmark as of the Benchmark Replacement Date, the Interpolated Benchmark; or
- (b) otherwise, the first alternative set forth in the order below that can be determined by the Calculation Agent as of the Benchmark Replacement Date:
  - (i) (in respect of an IBOR Benchmark only) the sum of: (x) the Term Relevant Replacement Rate and (y) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;
  - (ii) (in respect of an IBOR Benchmark only) the sum of: (x) the Compounded Relevant Replacement Rate and (y) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment;
  - (iii) the sum of: (x) the alternate rate of interest that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body as the replacement for the then-current Relevant Benchmark where applicable for the applicable Corresponding Tenor and (y) where applicable the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment (if any);
  - (iv) the sum of: (x) the ISDA Fallback Rate and (y) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment (if any), unless the Calculation Agent determines in its sole and absolute discretion that the ISDA Fallback Rate is not an industry-accepted rate of interest as a replacement for the then-current Relevant Benchmark for floating rate notes denominated in the currency of such Relevant Benchmark (the "**Relevant Benchmark Currency**") at such time;
  - (v) the sum of: (x) the alternate rate of interest selected by the Calculation Agent as the replacement for the then-current Relevant Benchmark where applicable for the applicable Corresponding Tenor giving due consideration to any industry-accepted rate of interest as a replacement for the then-current Relevant Benchmark for floating rate notes denominated in the Relevant Benchmark Currency at such time and (y) the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment (if any).

**"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:

- (a) the spread adjustment, or method for calculating or determining such spread adjustment, (which may be a positive or negative value or zero) that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement;
- (b) if the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement is equivalent to the ISDA Fallback Rate, then the ISDA Fallback Adjustment;
- (c) 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 Relevant Benchmark with the applicable Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement for floating rate notes denominated in the Relevant Benchmark Currency at such time.

**"Benchmark Replacement Conforming Changes"** means, with respect to any Benchmark Replacement, any technical, administrative or operational changes (including without limitation changes to the definition of "Interest Period", determination

dates, timing and frequency of determining rates and making payments, rounding of amounts, or tenors, 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 Relevant Benchmark:

- (a) in the case of paragraph (a) or (b) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event", the later of (x) the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced therein and (y) the date on which the administrator of the Relevant Benchmark permanently or indefinitely ceases to provide the Relevant Benchmark; or
- (b) in the case of paragraph (c) of the definition of "Benchmark Transition Event", the effective date as of which the Relevant Benchmark will no longer be representative, which may be the date of the public statement or publication of information referenced in the definition of Benchmark Transition Event or another date.

For the purposes of the above, references to "Relevant Benchmark" shall include any daily published component used in the calculation of the then-current Relevant Benchmark.

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

- (a) a public statement or publication of information by or on behalf of the administrator of the Relevant Benchmark announcing that such administrator has ceased or will cease to provide the Relevant 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 Relevant Benchmark;
- (b) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Relevant Benchmark, the central bank for the Relevant Benchmark Currency, an insolvency official with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Relevant Benchmark, a resolution authority with jurisdiction over the administrator for the Relevant Benchmark or a court or an entity with similar insolvency or resolution authority over the administrator for the Relevant Benchmark, which states that the administrator of the Relevant Benchmark has ceased or will cease to provide the Relevant 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 Relevant Benchmark; or
- (c) a public statement or publication of information by the regulatory supervisor for the administrator of the Relevant Benchmark announcing that the Relevant Benchmark is no longer, or as of a specified future date will no longer be, representative.

For the purposes of the above, references to "Relevant Benchmark" shall include any daily published component used in the calculation of the then-current Relevant Benchmark.

**"Compounded Relevant Replacement Rate"** means the compounded average of the Relevant Replacement Rates of the Relevant Benchmark for the applicable Corresponding Tenor, with the rate, or methodology for this rate, and conventions for

this rate (which, for example, may be compounded in arrear with a lookback and/or suspension and/or backward shifted observation period as a mechanism to determine the amount of interest payable prior to the end of each Interest Period) being established by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the rate, or methodology for this rate, and conventions for this rate selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body for determining the compounded Relevant Replacement Rate; provided that, if, and to the extent that, the Calculation Agent determines that the Compounded Relevant Replacement Rate cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing then the rate, or methodology for this rate, and conventions for this rate that have been selected by the Calculation Agent giving due consideration to any industry-accepted market practice for floating rate notes denominated in the Relevant Benchmark Currency at such time.

For the avoidance of doubt, the calculation of the Compounded Relevant Replacement Rate shall exclude the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

**"Corresponding Tenor"** with respect to a Benchmark Replacement means a tenor (including overnight) having approximately the same length (disregarding business day adjustment) as the applicable tenor for the then-current Relevant Benchmark.

**"Euro Benchmark"** means, initially, EURIBOR of the appropriate tenor; provided that if a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to EURIBOR, or the then-current Euro Benchmark, then **"Euro Benchmark"** means the applicable Benchmark Replacement.

**"€STR"** with respect to any day means the euro short term rate published for such day by or on behalf of the European Central Bank, as the administrator of such rate (or any successor administrator of such rate).

**"€STR Benchmark"** means, initially, €STR of the appropriate tenor (if applicable); provided that if a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to €STR or the then-current €STR Benchmark, then **"€STR Benchmark"** means the applicable Benchmark Replacement.

**"IBOR Benchmark"** means EURIBOR.

**"Interpolated Benchmark"** with respect to the Relevant Benchmark means the rate determined for the Corresponding Tenor by interpolating on a linear basis between: (1) the Relevant Benchmark for the longest period for which the Relevant Benchmark is available that is shorter than the Corresponding Tenor and (2) the Relevant Benchmark for the shortest period for which the Relevant Benchmark is available that is longer than the Corresponding Tenor.

**"ISDA Definitions"** means, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Issue Terms, the 2006 ISDA Definitions published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. ("ISDA") or any successor thereto as amended or supplemented from time to time up to the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the N&C Securities (the **"2006 ISDA Definitions"**); provided that if "2021 ISDA Interest Rate Derivatives Definitions" is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, ISDA Definitions means the 2021 ISDA Interest Rate Derivatives Definitions published by ISDA or any successor thereto as amended or supplemented from time to time up to the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the N&C Securities (the **"2021 ISDA Interest Rate Derivatives Definitions"**).

**"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, as determined upon the occurrence of an Index Cessation Event (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) with respect to the Relevant Benchmark where applicable for the applicable tenor.

**"ISDA Fallback Rate"** means the rate that would apply for derivatives transactions referencing the ISDA Definitions, on or after the occurrence of an Index Cessation Effective Date (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) with respect to the Relevant

Benchmark where applicable for the applicable tenor excluding the applicable ISDA Fallback Adjustment.

**"Relevant Benchmark"** means:

- (a) where the Reference Rate is specified in the applicable Issue Terms as being EURIBOR, the Euro Benchmark;
- (b) where the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be calculated is specified in the applicable Issue Terms as being Overnight Rate Determination (SONIA), the SONIA Benchmark;
- (c) where the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be calculated is specified in the applicable Issue Terms as being Overnight Rate Determination (€STR), the €STR Benchmark.

**"Relevant Governmental Body"** means:

- (a) where the Relevant Benchmark is the Sterling Benchmark or the SONIA Benchmark, the Bank of England (including any board thereof), or any committee officially endorsed and/or convened thereby;
- (b) where the Relevant Benchmark is the Euro Benchmark or the €STR Benchmark, the European Central Bank (including any board thereof), or any committee officially endorsed and/or convened thereby;
- (c) or in each case, any successor thereto.

**"Relevant Replacement Rate"** means, in respect of the Euro Benchmark, €STR.

**"SONIA"** with respect to any day means the Sterling Overnight Index Average rate as provided for such day by the Bank of England, as the administrator of such rate (or any successor administrator of such rate), to authorised distributors and published.

**"SONIA Benchmark"** means, initially, SONIA of the appropriate tenor (if applicable) or, where "Compounded Index Rate" is specified as the Calculation Method in the applicable Issue Terms, the SONIA Compounded Index, provided that if a Benchmark Transition Event and its related Benchmark Replacement Date have occurred with respect to SONIA or the SONIA Compounded Index, as applicable, or the then-current SONIA Benchmark, then "SONIA Benchmark" means the applicable Benchmark Replacement.

**"Term Relevant Replacement Rate"** means the forward-looking term rate for the applicable Corresponding Tenor based on the Relevant Replacement Rate that has been selected or recommended by the Relevant Governmental Body.

**"Unadjusted Benchmark Replacement"** means the Benchmark Replacement excluding the Benchmark Replacement Adjustment.

- (d) *Minimum Rate of Interest and/or Maximum Rate of Interest*

If the applicable Issue Terms specifies a Minimum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) above is less than such Minimum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Minimum Rate of Interest. If no other Minimum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, then the Minimum Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period shall be deemed to be zero and in no event shall the Rate of Interest for such calculation period in accordance with N&C Security Condition 4.3(b) above be less than zero.

If the applicable Issue Terms specifies a Maximum Rate of Interest for any Interest Period, then, in the event that the Rate of Interest in respect of such Interest Period determined in accordance

with the provisions of paragraph (b) above is greater than such Maximum Rate of Interest, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be such Maximum Rate of Interest.

(e) *Determination of Rate of Interest and calculation of Interest Amounts*

The Calculation Agent or other person as specified in the applicable Issue Terms, as applicable, in the case of Floating Rate N&C Securities and Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities will at or as soon as practicable after each time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, determine the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period. In the case of Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities, if applicable, the Calculation Agent will determine the Rate of Interest as provided in the Interest Payout Annex as completed by the applicable Issue Terms. The Calculation Agent will notify the Principal Paying Agent of the Rate of Interest for the relevant Interest Period as soon as practicable after calculating the same.

In the case of Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities, if applicable, the Calculation Agent will determine the Interest Amount as provided in the Interest Payout Annex as completed by the applicable Issue Terms.

Unless Day Count Fraction is specified as "Not Applicable" in the applicable Issue Terms, the Calculation Agent or other person as specified in the applicable Issue Terms, as applicable, in the case of Floating Rate N&C Securities, and the Calculation Agent, in the case of all other Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities, will calculate the amount of interest (the "Interest Amount") payable on the N&C Securities for the relevant Interest Period by applying the Rate of Interest to:

- (i) in the case of Floating Rate N&C Securities and Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities which are represented by a Global N&C Security, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of the applicable N&C Securities represented by such Global N&C Security;
- (ii) in the case of Floating Rate N&C Securities and Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities which are in definitive form held by each N&C Securityholder, the aggregate outstanding nominal amount of such Floating Rate N&C Securities or Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities (as applicable) held by such N&C Securityholder,

and, in each case, multiplying such sum by the applicable Day Count Fraction, and rounding the resultant figure in accordance with the Rounding Convention (as specified in N&C Security Condition 5 (*Payments*) below). Where the Specified Denomination of a Floating Rate N&C Security or a Variable Interest Rate N&C Security in definitive form is a multiple of the Calculation Amount, the Interest Amount payable in respect of such N&C Security shall be the product of the amount (determined in the manner provided above) for the Calculation Amount and the amount by which the Calculation Amount is multiplied to reach the Specified Denomination, without any further rounding. In such case, the Calculation Agent will notify the Principal Paying Agent of the Interest Amount for the relevant Interest Period as soon as practicable after calculating the same.

(f) *Linear Interpolation*

Where Linear Interpolation is specified as applicable in respect of an Interest Period in the applicable Issue Terms, 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 (where Screen Rate Determination is specified as applicable in the applicable Issue Terms) or the relevant Floating Rate Option (where ISDA Determination is specified as applicable in the applicable Issue Terms), one of which shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than 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 next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Period provided however that if there is no rate available for a period of time next shorter or, as the case may be, next longer, then the Calculation Agent shall determine such rate at such time and by reference to such sources as it determines appropriate.

**"Designated Maturity"** means, in relation to Screen Rate Determination, the period of time designated in the Reference Rate.

(g) *Notification of Rate of Interest and Interest Amounts*

The Calculation Agent or other person as specified in the applicable Issue Terms, as applicable, will cause the Rate of Interest and each Interest Amount for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date to be notified to the Issuer and any stock exchange and/or market on which the relevant Floating Rate N&C Securities or a Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities are for the time being listed and/or admitted to trading and notice thereof to be published in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*) as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than the fourth (4th) London Business Day thereafter. Each Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date so notified may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without prior notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. Any such amendment will promptly be notified to each stock exchange and/or market on which the relevant Floating Rate N&C Securities or Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities are for the time being listed and/or admitted to trading and to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*). For the purposes of this paragraph, the expression "**London Business Day**" means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London.

(h) *Certificates to be final*

All certificates, communications, opinions, determinations, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of the provisions of this N&C Security Condition 4.3 (*Interest on Floating Rate N&C Securities and Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities*), by the Calculation Agent, shall (in the absence of wilful default, bad faith or manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Principal Paying Agent, the Calculation Agent (if applicable), the other Paying Agents and all N&C Securityholders and Couponholders and (in the absence of wilful default or bad faith) no liability to the Issuer, the N&C Securityholders or the Couponholders shall attach to the Principal Paying Agent or the Calculation Agent (if applicable) in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions pursuant to such provisions.

#### 4.4 Interest on Exempt N&C Securities

The rate or amount of interest, if any, payable in respect of Exempt N&C Securities which are not Fixed Rate N&C Securities or Floating Rate N&C Securities shall be determined in the manner specified in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

#### 4.5 Accrual of interest

In respect of each interest bearing N&C Security no interest will be payable on any early redemption of the N&C Securities unless the relevant Interest Payment Date has occurred on or prior to the relevant Early Redemption Date and the interest payable in respect of such Interest Payment Date has not already been paid.

Unless early redeemed or purchased and cancelled, each N&C Security will cease to bear interest (if any) from the date for its final redemption or if earlier, the Maturity Date unless, upon due presentation thereof, payment of principal is improperly withheld or refused. In such event, interest will continue to accrue on the relevant payment of principal on a daily basis from and including such date of presentation at the relevant Rate of Interest and on the basis of the applicable Day Count Fraction or, if Day Count Fraction is specified as "Not Applicable" in the applicable Issue Terms, at such day count fraction as would customarily apply to the calculation of interest on securities denominated in the Specified Currency as selected by the Calculation Agent or other person as specified in the applicable Issue Terms, as applicable, in the case of Fixed Rate N&C Securities and Floating Rate N&C Securities, or the Calculation Agent, in the case of all other Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, until whichever is the earlier of:

- (a) the date on which all amounts due in respect of such N&C Security have been paid; and
- (b) five (5) days after the date on which the full amount of the moneys payable in respect of such N&C Security has been received by the Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be, and notice to that effect has been given to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*).

#### 4.6 **Business Day**

In these Conditions:

**"Business Day"** means a day which is both:

- (a) a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London and each Additional Business Centre specified in the applicable Issue Terms and if "TARGET2" is specified, a day on which the real time gross settlement system operated by the Eurosystem (or any successor thereto) (the "T2") is open; and
- (b) either (x) in relation to any sum payable in a currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of the relevant currency (which if the currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively) or (y) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the T2 system is open. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Issue Terms, or as above, the principal financial centre of any currency for the purpose of these Conditions shall be as provided in the ISDA Definitions.

**"London Banking Day"** means any day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London.

**"TARGET2 Business Day"** means any day on which T2 system is open for the settlement of payments in euro.

#### 4.7 **Interest calculations without a day count fraction**

If any amount of interest is to be determined and Day Count Fraction is specified as "Not Applicable" in the applicable Issue Terms such amount of interest will be calculated as specified in the applicable Issue Terms and any reference to a Day Count Fraction in this N&C Security Condition 4 will be deemed not to apply.

#### 4.8 **Fixed Income Benchmark**

If the applicable Issue Terms specify that "Additional provisions relating to Fixed Income Benchmark N&C Securities" is applicable, then, in respect of any relevant Interest Determination Date or Reset Date specified in the applicable Issue Terms for which that Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest will be determined for these purposes only in accordance with this N&C Security Condition 4 (*Interest*) on the following basis:

- (a) the N&C Securities are deemed to be Floating Rate N&C Securities to which Screen Rate Determination, ISDA Determination, Bank of England Base Rate Determination, Overnight Rate Determination (SONIA) or Overnight Rate Determination (€STR) applies as specified under the heading "Additional provisions relating to Fixed Income Benchmark N&C Securities" in the applicable Issue Terms and the Relevant Screen Page will be as specified under the heading "Additional provisions relating to Fixed Income Benchmark N&C Securities" in the applicable Issue Terms;
- (b) if Screen Rate Determination applies the Reference Rate will mean the relevant EURIBOR rate as specified under the heading "Additional provisions relating to Fixed Income Benchmark N&C Securities" in the applicable Issue Terms and the Relevant Screen Page will be as specified under the heading "Additional provisions relating to Fixed Income Benchmark N&C Securities" in the applicable Issue Terms;

- (c) if ISDA Determination applies the Floating Rate Option and the Designated Maturity or compounding period (as applicable) will be deemed to be the relevant option and period respectively specified under the heading "Fixed Income Benchmark" in the applicable Issue Terms;
- (d) if Bank of England Base Rate Determination applies the Designated Maturity and Relevant Screen Page will be deemed to be the relevant period and page respectively specified under the heading "Fixed Income Benchmark" in the applicable Issue Terms;
- (e) if Overnight Rate Determination (SONIA) applies the Calculation Method, Observation Method, Relevant Screen Page, Rate Determination Date and Observation Look-Back Period will be deemed to be the relevant calculation method, observation method, page, date and period respectively specified under the heading "Additional provisions relating to Fixed Income Benchmark N&C Securities" in the applicable Issue Terms;
- (f) if Overnight Rate Determination (€STR) applies the Calculation Method, Observation Method, Rate Determination Date and Observation Look-Back Period will be deemed to be the relevant calculation method, observation method, date and period respectively specified under the heading "Additional provisions relating to Fixed Income Benchmark N&C Securities" in the applicable Issue Terms;
- (g) each day on which the Rate of Interest is to be determined will be deemed to be a Reset Date;
- (h) each of the Margin, the Minimum Rate of Interest, the Maximum Rate of Interest and the Additional Business Centre, if any, will be the values or centres specified as such under the heading "Additional provisions relating to Fixed Income Benchmark N&C Securities" in the applicable Issue Terms;
- (i) the Calculation Agent will be the party making all Rate of Interest determinations and, where Screen Rate Determination applies, notwithstanding the final paragraph of N&C Security Condition 4.3(b)(ii), if the Calculation Agent is unable to determine the Rate of Interest in accordance with N&C Security Condition 4.3(b)(ii), the Rate of Interest will be determined by the Calculation Agent in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner as the rate it determines would have prevailed but for the relevant disruption or other event.

#### 4.9 **Delay of interest payment**

In the event that pursuant to any adjustment or disruption provision in the Conditions any payment of interest would be delayed beyond the Maturity Date payment will be made in such manner as shall be notified to N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*).

### 5. **Payments**

#### 5.1 **Payments in respect of Definitive Bearer N&C Securities**

##### (a) *Payments in respect of Definitive Bearer N&C Securities*

Subject as provided below:

- (i) payments in a Specified Currency other than euro or U.S. Dollars will be made by credit or transfer to an account in the relevant Specified Currency 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;
- (ii) payments will be made in euro by credit or transfer to a euro account (or any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) specified by the payee or, at the option of the payee, by a euro cheque; and
- (iii) payments will be made in U.S. Dollars by transfer to a U.S. Dollar account maintained by the payee with a bank outside of the United States (which expression, as used in this N&C Security Condition 5, means the United States of America, including the States and the District of Columbia and its possessions), or by cheque drawn on a United States

bank. In no event will payment in respect of any Definitive Bearer N&C Security be made by a cheque mailed to an address in the United States. All payments of interest in respect of Definitive Bearer N&C Securities will be made to accounts located outside the United States except as may be permitted by United States tax law in effect at the time of such payment without detriment to the Issuer.

(b) *Payment of Principal and Interest in respect of Definitive Bearer N&C Securities and Coupons*

Payments of principal in respect of Definitive Bearer N&C Securities will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in N&C Security Condition 5.1(a) (*Payments in respect of Definitive Bearer N&C Securities*) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Definitive Bearer N&C Securities, and payments of interest in respect of Definitive Bearer N&C Securities will (subject as provided below) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the states and the District of Columbia and its possessions)).

(c) *Missing Unmatured Coupons*

Fixed Rate N&C Securities in definitive bearer form (other than Long Maturity N&C Securities (as defined below)) 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 ten (10) years after the Relevant Date (as defined in N&C Security Condition 8 (*Prescription*)) in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under N&C Security Condition 8 (*Prescription*)) or, if later, five (5) years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due, but in no event thereafter.

(d) *Unmatured Coupons and Talons void*

Upon any Fixed Rate N&C Security in definitive bearer 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 N&C Security, Variable Interest Rate N&C Security or Long Maturity N&C Security in definitive bearer form becomes due and repayable, unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof. A **"Long Maturity N&C Security"** is a Fixed Rate N&C Security (other than a Fixed Rate N&C Security which on issue had a Talon attached) whose nominal amount on issue is less than the aggregate interest payable thereon provided that such N&C Security shall cease to be a Long Maturity N&C Security on the Interest Payment Date on which the aggregate amount of interest remaining to be paid after that date is less than the nominal amount of such N&C Security.

If the due date for redemption of any Definitive Bearer N&C Security is not an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued in respect of such N&C Security 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 of the relevant Definitive Bearer N&C Security.

(e) *Payments of Principal and Interest in respect of Global N&C Securities*

Payments of principal and interest (if any) in respect of N&C Securities represented by any Global N&C Security in bearer form will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner specified above in relation to Definitive Bearer N&C Securities and otherwise in the manner

specified in the Definitive Bearer Global N&C Securities against presentation or surrender, as the case may be, of such Global N&C Securities at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States. A record of each payment made against presentation or surrender of any Global N&C Securities, distinguishing between any payment of principal and any payment of interest, will be made on such Global N&C Securities by the Paying Agent to which it was presented and such record shall be *prima facie* evidence that the payment in question has been made.

No payments of principal, interest or other amounts due in respect of a Global N&C Security will be made by mail to an address in the United States or by transfer to an account maintained in the United States.

### 5.2 Payments in respect of Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities

Payments of any amounts owing in respect of the Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities (including principal, interest and instalments, if any) will be made by the Issuer in the Settlement Currency to the relevant Paying Agent. The relevant Paying Agent will, in turn, make such payments to the Custodian in its capacity as the bearer of the relevant Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities and the amount so received by the Custodian is forwarded by it to the Book-Entry Depositary in accordance with the terms of the N&C Securities Depositary Agreement. Upon receipt of any such amounts, the Book-Entry Depositary will pay the amounts so received to the common depositary for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, which will distribute such payments to participants in accordance with their procedures.

The Issuer, the Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar will treat the bearer of the Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities as the owners thereof for the purpose of receiving payments and for all other purposes. Consequently, none of the Issuer, the Book-Entry Depositary, any Agent, the Registrar or any agent of the Issuer, any Agent or the Registrar has or will have any responsibility or liability for:

- (a) any aspect of the records of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any participants or indirect participant relating to, or payments made on account of, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any participant or indirect participant relating to or payments made on account of a Book-Entry Interest; or
- (b) Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any participant or indirect participant.

Payments by participants to owners of Book-Entry Interests held through participants are the responsibility of such participants.

In the event any Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Security (or any portion thereof) is redeemed, the Book-Entry Depositary will, through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, redeem an equal amount of the Book-Entry Interests in such Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Security from the amount received by it in respect of the redemption of such Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Security. The redemption price payable in connection with the redemption of such Book-Entry Interests will be equal to the amount received by the Book-Entry Depositary in connection with the redemption of such Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities (or any portion thereof).

### 5.3 Payments in respect of Definitive Registered N&C Securities

#### (a) *Payments of principal in respect of Definitive Registered N&C Securities*

Payments of principal (other than instalments of principal prior to the final instalment) in respect of each Definitive Registered N&C Security will be made against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, endorsement) of the Definitive Registered N&C Security at the specified office of the Registrar or any of the Paying Agents. Such payments will be made by transfer to the Designated Account of the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of the Definitive Registered N&C Security appearing in the register of holders of the Definitive Registered N&C Security maintained by the Registrar (the "**Register**") at the close of business on the fifteenth (15th) calendar day (whether or not such fifteenth day is a business day) before the relevant due date (the "**Record Date**"). Notwithstanding the previous sentence, if a holder does not have a Designated Account, payment will instead be made by a cheque in the Specified Currency drawn on a Designated Bank. For these purposes, "**Designated Account**" means the

account maintained by a holder with a designated bank and identified as such in the Register and "**Designated Bank**" means (in the case of payment in a Specified Currency other than euro) a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency and (in the case of a payment in euro) any bank which processes payments in euro.

(b) *Payments of interest in respect of Definitive Registered N&C Securities*

Payments of interest in respect of each Definitive Registered N&C Security, if any, will be made by a cheque in the Specified Currency drawn on a Designated Bank and mailed by uninsured mail on the business day in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located immediately preceding the relevant due date to the holder (or the first named of joint holders) of the Definitive Registered N&C Security appearing in the Register at the close of business on the Record Date at his address shown in the Register on the Record Date and at his risk. Upon application of the holder to the specified office of the Registrar not less than three (3) business days in the city where the specified office of the Registrar is located before the due date for any payment of interest in respect of a Definitive Registered N&C Security, the payment may be made by transfer on the due date in the manner provided in the preceding paragraph. Any such application for transfer shall be deemed to relate to all future payments of interest (other than interest due on redemption) and instalments of principal (other than the final instalment) in respect of the Definitive Registered N&C Securities which become payable to the holder who has made the initial application until such time as the Registrar is notified in writing to the contrary by such holder. Payment of the interest due in respect of each Definitive Registered N&C Security on redemption will be made in the same manner as payment of the principal amount of such Definitive Registered N&C Security.

Holders of Definitive Registered N&C Securities will not be entitled to any interest or other payment for any delay in receiving any amount due in respect of any Definitive Registered N&C Security as a result of a cheque posted in accordance with this N&C Security Condition arriving after the due date for payment or being lost in the post. No commissions or expenses shall be charged to such holders by the Registrar in respect of any payments of principal or interest in respect of the Definitive Registered N&C Securities.

5.4 **General provisions applicable to payments**

(a) The holder of a Global N&C Security shall be the only person entitled to receive payments or to make a claim in respect of N&C Securities represented by such Global N&C Security and the Issuer will be discharged by payment to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global N&C Security in respect of each amount so paid. Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or the relevant clearance system specified in the applicable Issue Terms, as the beneficial holder of a particular nominal amount or number of units of N&C Securities represented by such Global N&C Security must look solely to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or the relevant clearance system specified in the applicable Issue Terms, as the case may be, for his share of each payment so made by the Issuer to, or to the order of, the holder of such Global N&C Security.

(b) Payments will be subject in all cases to (i) any fiscal or other laws and regulations applicable thereto, but without prejudice to the provisions of N&C Security Condition 7 (*Taxation*) and (ii) any withholding or deduction required: (a) pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "**Code**") or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or any law or guidance implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto (collectively, "**FATCA**"); and (b) pursuant to Section 871(m) of the Code ("**871(m) Withholding**"). Any such amounts withheld or deducted will be treated as paid for all purposes under the N&C Securities, and no additional amounts will be paid on the N&C Securities with respect to any such withholding or deduction.

In addition, in determining the amount of 871(m) Withholding imposed with respect to any amounts to be paid on the N&C Securities, the Issuer shall be entitled to withhold on any "dividend equivalent" (as defined for purposes of Section 871(m) of the Code) at the highest rate applicable to such payments regardless of any exemption from, or reduction in, such withholding otherwise available under applicable law.

Payments on the N&C Securities that, via their linkage to Preference Shares indirectly, reference U.S. securities or an index that includes U.S. securities may be calculated by reference to dividends on such U.S. securities that are reinvested at a rate of 70%. In such case, in calculating the relevant payment amount, the holder will, for certain U.S. tax purposes, be deemed to receive, and the Issuer will be deemed to withhold, 30% of any dividend equivalent payments (as defined in Section 871(m) of the Code) in respect of the relevant U.S. securities. The Issuer will not pay any additional amounts to the holder on account of the Section 871(m) amount deemed withheld.

- (c) Upon the date on which any Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities in definitive form becomes due and repayable, 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.

#### 5.5 Place of Payment

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this N&C Security Condition 5, if any amount of principal and/or interest in respect of N&C Securities (other than those in definitive registered form) is payable in U.S. dollars, such U.S. dollar payments of principal and/or interest in respect of such N&C Securities will be made at the specified office of a Paying Agent in the United States if:

- (a) the Issuer has appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment in U.S. dollars at such specified offices outside the United States of the full amount of principal and interest on the Bearer N&C Securities in the manner provided above when due;
- (b) payment of the full amount of such principal and interest at all such specified offices outside the United States is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on the full payment or receipt of principal and interest in U.S. dollars; and
- (c) such payment is then permitted under United States law without involving, in the opinion of the Issuer, adverse tax consequences to the Issuer.

Any amount payable in respect of an N&C Security which exceeds the sum subscribed represents an amount payable by the Issuer (i) as consideration for the use of the sum subscribed by the Issuer and (ii) as compensation for and in recognition that in certain circumstances the amount repayable on maturity may be less than the sum subscribed or that the amount paid in excess of the sum subscribed may have been less than the prevailing rate of interest (generally payable by the Issuer) at the time when the N&C Securities were issued.

#### 5.6 Payment Days

Subject to N&C Security Condition 4.3(a) (*Interest Payment Dates*), if the date for payment (the "**Relevant Payment Date**") of any amount in respect of any N&C Security or Coupon is not a Payment Day, the holder thereof will instead be entitled to payment on the relevant day determined in accordance with the relevant Payment Day Convention as set out below and will not be entitled to any further interest or other payment in respect of any delay.

Where:

- (a) the Payment Day Convention is specified as "Following" in the applicable Issue Terms, or where no Payment Day Convention is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next following Payment Day in the relevant place;
- (b) the Payment Day Convention is specified as "Modified Following" in the applicable Issue Terms, the holder thereof shall not be entitled to payment until the next day which is a Payment Day unless such day falls in the next calendar month, in which event such holder shall be entitled to payment on the Payment Day immediately preceding the Relevant Payment Date (the "**Adjusted Date for Payment**"); and

(c) the Payment Day Convention is specified as "Preceding" in the applicable Issue Terms, the holder thereof shall be entitled to payment on the Payment Day immediately preceding the Relevant Payment Date (the "**Adjusted Date for Payment**"),

provided that, in the event that any day upon which a valuation or determination is required to be made for the purposes of determining the amount of the payment to be made in respect of the Relevant Payment Date (each such date a "**Relevant Valuation Date**") would, as a result of the adjustment anticipated in paragraph (b) or (c) above, fall after the second Business Day preceding the Adjusted Date for Payment, N&C Securityholders will not be entitled to the relevant payment due in respect of the Relevant Payment Date until the day falling two (2) Business Days following the last occurring Relevant Valuation Date.

**"Payment Day"** means any day which (subject to N&C Security Condition 8 (*Prescription*)):

(a) is a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in:

- (i) in the case of N&C Securities in definitive form only, the relevant place of presentation; and
- (ii) each Additional Financial Centre specified in the applicable Issue Terms; and

(b) either (A) in relation to any sum payable in a relevant currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealing in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in the principal financial centre of the country of each such relevant currency (which if the relevant currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars shall be Sydney and Auckland, respectively) or (B) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a day on which the T2 system is open.

### 5.7 Interpretation of principal and interest

Any reference in the Conditions to principal in respect of the N&C Securities shall be deemed to include, as applicable:

- (a) the Final Redemption Amount of the N&C Securities;
- (b) the Early Redemption Amount of the N&C Securities; and
- (c) the Optional Redemption Amount(s) (if any) of the N&C Securities.

### 5.8 Rounding Convention

For the purposes of calculations made pursuant to N&C Security Condition 4.2 (*Interest on Fixed Rate N&C Securities*), N&C Security Condition 4.3 (*Interest on Floating Rate N&C Securities and Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities*), and N&C Security Condition 6 (*Redemption and Purchase*) any figure to be rounded will, if other than a sub-unit in the relevant Specified Currency:

- (a) if "Rounded Up" is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, be rounded upwards to the next sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency;
- (b) if "Rounded Down" is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, be rounded downwards to the next sub-unit of the relevant Specified Currency; or
- (c) in the event that no Rounding Convention is specified in the applicable Issue Terms be rounded down as if "Rounded Down" had been specified,

provided that, in each case, the Calculation Amount in respect of N&C Securities which are (i) held by the same N&C Securityholder, (ii) of the same Series and (iii) in definitive form, shall be aggregated for the purpose of determining the aggregate amount (a) of interest due in respect of any Interest Payment Date or (b) payable in respect of principal due (including for the avoidance of doubt the Final Redemption Amount).

### 5.9 Sub-units

In these Conditions, "sub-unit" means, with respect to any currency other than the euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, with respect to the euro, one cent.

## 6. Redemption and Purchase

### 6.1 Redemption at Maturity

- (a) Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as specified below, each N&C Security will be redeemed by the Issuer at its Final Redemption Amount in the relevant Specified Currency, on the Maturity Date (each as specified in the applicable Issue Terms).
- (b) The "Final Redemption Amount" in respect of each nominal amount of the N&C Securities equal to the Calculation Amount shall be an amount rounded in accordance with N&C Security Condition 5.8 above in the Specified Currency calculated by the Calculation Agent equal to:

$$\text{Calculation Amount} \times \frac{\text{PreferenceShare Value}_{final}}{\text{PreferenceShare Value}_{initial}}$$

Where:

"Company" means Santander UK (Structured Solutions) Limited;

"Final Reference Date" means the number of Business Days specified in the applicable Issue Terms following the Preference Share Valuation Date;

"Initial Reference Date" has the meaning specified in the applicable Issue Terms;

"Preference Shares" means the series of redeemable preference shares of the Company specified in the applicable Issue Terms;

"Preference Share Valuation Date" means:

- (a) the date so specified in the relevant Issue Terms, or,
- (b) if the Preference Shares become subject to redemption due to a related financial product being subject to early redemption, the date scheduled for valuation of the underlying asset(s) or reference basis(es) for the Preference Shares; or
- (c) if any date(s) for valuation of the underlying asset(s) or reference basis(es) (or any part thereof) for the Preference Shares falling on or about such day described in (a) or (b) above, as the case may be, is or is to be delayed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Preference Shares by reason of a disruption or adjustment event, the Preference Share Valuation Date will be such delayed valuation or determination date(s) (or, if the relevant Preference Shares have more than one underlying asset or reference basis, the last occurring of such delayed valuation or determination date(s) if there is more than one delayed valuation date or delayed determination date),

in each case, as determined by the Calculation Agent;

"Preference Share Value" means, in respect of any day, the fair market value per Preference Share at the Valuation Time on that day as determined by the Calculation Agent using its internal models and methodologies by reference to such factors as the Calculation Agent considers to be appropriate including, but not limited to, (a) interest rates, index levels, implied volatilities in the option markets and exchange rates; (b) the remaining life of the Preference Share had they not been redeemed until the Final Preference Share Valuation Date; (c) the value at the relevant time of any redemption amount which would have been applicable had the Preference Share remained outstanding to the Final Preference Share Redemption Date and/or any Early Preference Share Redemption Date; and (d) prices at which other market participants might bid for shares similar to the Preference Shares;

"Preference Share Value<sub>final</sub>" means the Preference Share Value on the Final Reference Date;

**"Preference Share Value<sub>initial</sub>"** means the Preference Share Value on the Initial Reference Date, and

**"Valuation Time"** means the time specified as such in the Issue Terms, all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

## 6.2      **Redemption at the Option of the Issuer (Issuer Call)**

*This N&C Security Condition 6.2 applies to N&C Securities which are subject to redemption prior to the Maturity Date at the option of the Issuer (other than for taxation reasons), such option being referred to as an "Issuer Call". The applicable Issue Terms contains provisions applicable to any Issuer Call and must be read in conjunction with this N&C Security Condition 6.2 for full information on any Issuer Call. In particular, the applicable Issue Terms will identify the Optional Preference Share Redemption Valuation Date.*

If Issuer Call is specified as being applicable in the applicable Issue Terms, the Issuer may, having given not less than 30 calendar days' notice to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (Notices) redeem all or some only of the N&C Securities then outstanding on any Optional Redemption Date and at the Optional Redemption Amount.

For the purposes of these Conditions:

**"Optional Redemption Amount"** means an amount rounded in accordance with N&C Security Condition 5.8 above in the Specified Currency calculated by the Calculation Agent on the same basis as the Final Redemption Amount (as defined in N&C Security Condition 6.1 above) except that, for these purposes, the definition of Preference Share Value<sub>final</sub> will be the Preference Share Value on the Optional Redemption Valuation Date;

**"Optional Redemption Date(s)"** means the third Business Day following the Optional Redemption Valuation Date;

**"Optional Redemption Valuation Date"** means the third Business Day following the Optional Preference Share Redemption Valuation Date; and

**"Optional Preference Share Redemption Valuation Date"** means the date specified as such in the applicable Issue Terms or, if such date for valuation of or any determination in respect of the underlying asset or reference basis (or any part thereof) for the Preference Shares falling on or about such day is to be delayed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Preference Shares by reason of a disruption or adjustment event, the Optional Preference Share Redemption Valuation Date shall be such delayed valuation or determination date (or the last occurring such delayed valuation date or determination date, if there is more than one delayed valuation date or delayed determination date), all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

## 6.3      **Redemption for Tax Reasons**

If Issuer Tax Call is specified as being applicable in the applicable Issue Terms, the N&C Securities may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer (such option being referred to as an "Issuer Tax Call") in whole, but not in part, at any time (if this N&C Security is not a Floating Rate N&C Security or a Variable Interest Rate N&C Security) or on any Interest Payment Date (if this N&C Security is a Floating Rate N&C Security or a Variable Interest Rate N&C Security), on giving not less than 30 calendar days' notice to the Principal Paying Agent and, in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (Notices), the N&C Securityholders (which notice will be irrevocable), if:

- (a) on the occasion of the next payment due under the N&C Securities, the Issuer has or will become obliged to deduct, withhold or otherwise pay or account for any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges levied; and
- (b) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it. Reasonable measures shall not include anything which would cause the Issuer to incur any material costs, and

such circumstances being referred to as "**Issuer Tax Call Circumstances**".

Before the publication of any notice in respect of an Issuer Tax Call, the Issuer shall deliver to the Principal Paying Agent a certificate duly signed by the Issuer stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption on the basis of an opinion of a firm of independent legal advisers or accountants dated no earlier than three months prior to the date of such notice to the effect either that:

- (a) Issuer Tax Call Circumstances exist; or that
- (b) upon a change in or amendment to the laws or regulations of the United Kingdom or other relevant jurisdiction (including any authority or political subdivision therein or thereof having power to tax), including any treaty to which the relevant jurisdiction is a party, or a change in the official application of those laws or regulations, which at the date of such certificate is proposed to be made and in the opinion of such firm is reasonably expected to become effective on or prior to the date when the relevant payment in respect of the N&C Securities would otherwise be made, becoming so effective, Issuer Tax Call Circumstances would exist.

N&C Securities redeemed pursuant to this N&C Security Condition will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in N&C Security Condition 6.5 below.

#### **6.4 Other Early Redemption or Adjustment Events**

- (a) *Early Redemption of the Preference Shares*

If the Issuer receives a notice from the Company of early redemption of the Preference Shares for any reason other than a related financial product being subject to early redemption, the Issuer may, having notified the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*) as soon as reasonably practicable after the Issuer has been informed of the early redemption of the Preference Shares, redeem each N&C Security at its Early Redemption Amount on the Early Redemption Date, each as defined in N&C Security Condition 6.5 below.

- (b) *Early Redemption for Illegality*

If Issuer Illegality Call is specified as being applicable in the applicable Issue Terms, in the event that the Calculation Agent determines in good faith and in a reasonable manner that the performance of the obligations of the Issuer under the N&C Securities, has or will in the immediate future become unlawful, illegal or otherwise prohibited in whole or in part as a result of compliance with any applicable present or future law, rule, regulation, judgement, order or directive of any governmental, administrative, legislative or judicial authority or power (but, if not having the force of law, only if compliance with it is in accordance with the general practice of persons to whom it is intended to apply), or the interpretation thereof, the Issuer may, if and to the extent permitted by law, having made reasonable efforts to give not less than 30 calendar days' notice to N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*), redeem all, but not some only, of the N&C Securities, each N&C Security being redeemed at its Early Redemption Amount on the Early Redemption Date (each as defined in N&C Security Condition 6.5 below).

- (c) *Regulatory Redemption Event*

If Issuer Regulatory Call is specified as applicable in the applicable Issue Terms, in the event that the Calculation Agent determines that a change in applicable law or regulation has occurred which results or will result, solely by reason of the N&C Securities being outstanding, in the Issuer being required to be regulated by any additional jurisdiction or regulatory authority, or being subject to any additional legal requirement or regulation considered by the Issuer, acting in good faith towards the N&C Securityholders to be materially onerous to it, the Issuer having given not less than the minimum period and not more than 30 calendar days' notice to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*) (which notice shall be irrevocable) may, on the expiry of such notice redeem all, but not some only, of the N&C Securities, each N&C Security being redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount. Payment shall be made in such manner as shall be notified to N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*).

(d) *Redemption or adjustment for an Administrator/Benchmark Event*

In the event that an Administrator/Benchmark Event occurs, the Issuer may (at its option):

- (i) instruct the Calculation Agent to make such adjustments to the Conditions of the N&C Securities as it may determine appropriate to account for the relevant event or circumstance and, without limitation, such adjustments may include selecting a successor benchmark(s) and making related adjustments to the Conditions including, where applicable, to reflect any increased costs of the Issuer in licensing the successor benchmark(s) and, in the case of more than one successor benchmark, making provision for allocation of exposure as between the successor benchmarks; or
- (ii) having given not less than 30 calendar days' notice to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*) (which notice shall be irrevocable), on expiry of such notice redeem all, but not some only, of the N&C Securities, each N&C Security being redeemed at the Early Redemption Amount.

For the avoidance of doubt, the above is additional, and without prejudice, to any other terms of the N&C Securities. In the event that under any such terms any other consequences could apply in relation to an event or occurrence the subject of an Administrator/Benchmark Event, the Issuer shall determine which terms shall apply in its sole and absolute discretion.

For these purposes,

**"Administrator/Benchmark Event"** means the Calculation Agent determines that (1) a Benchmark Modification or Cessation Event has occurred or will occur or (2) any authorisation, registration, recognition, endorsement, equivalence decision, approval or inclusion in any official register in respect of a relevant Benchmark or the administrator or sponsor of a relevant Benchmark 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 the Issuer or the Calculation Agent or any other entity is not, or will not be, permitted under any applicable law or regulation to use the relevant Benchmark to perform its or their respective obligations under the N&C Securities or (3) it is not commercially reasonable to continue the use of the Benchmark in connection with the N&C Securities as a result of any applicable licensing restrictions or changes in the cost of obtaining or maintaining any relevant licence (including, without limitation, where the Issuer, the Calculation Agent or any other entity is required to hold a valid licence in order to issue or perform its obligations in respect of the N&C Securities and for any reason such licence is either not obtained, not renewed or is revoked or there is a material change in the cost of obtaining or renewing such licence);

**"Benchmark"** means any figure which is a benchmark as defined in BMR and where any amount payable under the N&C Securities, or the value of the N&C Securities, is determined by reference in whole or in part to such figure, all as determined by the Calculation Agent;

**"Benchmark Modification or Cessation Event"** means, in respect of the Benchmark, any of the following:

- (i) any material change in such Benchmark; or
- (ii) the permanent or indefinite cancellation or cessation in the provision of such Benchmark; and

**"BMR"** means the UK Benchmarks Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of EUWA), as amended from time to time.

## 6.5 Early Redemption and Early Redemption Amounts

In the event of an early redemption of N&C Securities, each N&C Security shall be redeemed at its Early Redemption Amount on the applicable Early Redemption Date.

For these purposes:

**"Early Preference Share Redemption Valuation Date"** means:

- (a) if the N&C Securities become subject to early redemption (i) pursuant to N&C Security Condition 6.3 above, (ii) pursuant to the terms of any applicable Annex to these Conditions, (iii) on receipt by the Issuer of a notice of early redemption of the Preference Shares from the Company (as described in N&C Security Condition 6.4(a) above), (iv) following the occurrence of an illegality (pursuant to N&C Security Condition 6.4(b) above), (v) following the occurrence of a relevant change in law or regulation (pursuant to N&C Security Condition 6.4(c) above or (vi) following the occurrence of a relevant Administrator/Benchmark Event (pursuant to N&C Security Condition 6.4(d) above, the Early Preference Share Redemption Valuation Date specified in the notice of early redemption given by the Issuer (or the Calculation Agent on its behalf) in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*); or
- (b) where the N&C Securities are subject to early redemption under N&C Security Condition 9 below, the 5th Business Day following the date on which the relevant N&C Securityholder's written notice referred to therein is given,

or, in each case, if any date(s) for valuation of or any determination of the underlying asset(s) or reference basis(es) (or any part thereof) for the Preference Shares falling on or about such day is to be delayed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Preference Shares by reason of a disruption or adjustment event, the relevant Early Preference Share Redemption Valuation Date shall be such delayed valuation or determination date (or, if the relevant Preference Shares have more than one underlying asset or reference basis, the last occurring of such delayed valuation date(s) or determination date(s), if there is more than one delayed valuation date or delayed determination date), all as determined by the Calculation Agent;

**"Early Redemption Amount"** shall be an amount rounded in accordance with N&C Security Condition 5.8 above in the Specified Currency calculated by the Calculation Agent on the same basis as the Final Redemption Amount (as defined in N&C Security Condition 6.1 above) except that, for these purposes only, the definition of Preference Share Value<sub>final</sub> shall be the Preference Share Value on the Early Redemption Valuation Date;

**"Early Redemption Date"** shall be the third Business Day following the Early Redemption Valuation Date; and

**"Early Redemption Valuation Date"** shall be the third Business Day following the Early Preference Share Redemption Valuation Date.

#### 6.6 Purchases

The Issuer or any of its respective Affiliates (as defined below) may at any time purchase N&C Securities (provided that, in the case of Definitive Bearer N&C Securities, all unmatured Coupons and Talons appertaining thereto are purchased therewith) at any price in the open market or otherwise, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Such N&C Securities may be held, reissued, resold or, at the option of the Issuer, surrendered to any Paying Agent and/or the Registrar for cancellation.

#### 6.7 Cancellation

All N&C Securities which are redeemed will forthwith be cancelled (together, in the case of Definitive Bearer N&C Securities, with all unmatured Coupons and Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith at the time of redemption). All N&C Securities so cancelled and any N&C Securities purchased and cancelled pursuant to N&C Security Condition 6.6 (*Purchases*) above (together, in the case of Definitive Bearer N&C Securities, with all unmatured Coupons and Talons cancelled therewith) shall be forwarded to the Principal Paying Agent and cannot be reissued or resold.

#### 6.8 Other Relevant Definitions

For the purposes of the Conditions:

**"Affiliate"** means, in relation to any entity (the **"First Entity"**), any entity controlled, directly or indirectly, by the First Entity, any entity that controls, directly or indirectly, the First Entity or any entity directly or indirectly under common control with the First Entity. For these purposes **"control"** means

ownership of a majority of the voting power of an entity or person or, if the Calculation Agent determines appropriate, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of the First Entity, whether by contract, or otherwise.

## 7. **Taxation**

All payments of principal and interest, if any, in respect of the N&C Securities and Coupons by or on behalf of the Issuer will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed or levied unless such withholding or deduction is required by law. In such event, the Issuer (or as the case may be, the relevant Paying Agent) will make such payment after the withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges has been made, shall account (if relevant) to the relevant authorities for the amount required to be withheld or deducted and shall not pay any additional amounts to the holders of the N&C Securities or Coupons.

## 8. **Prescription**

The N&C Securities (whether in bearer or registered form) and Coupons will become void unless presented for payment within a period of ten (10) years (in the case of principal) and five (5) years (in the case of interest) after the Relevant Date therefor.

There shall not be included in any Coupon sheet issued on exchange of a Talon any Coupon the claim for payment in respect of which would be void pursuant to this N&C Security Condition 8 or N&C Security Condition 5.1(d) (*Payments in respect of Definitive Bearer N&C Securities – Unmatured Coupons and Talons void*) or any Talon which would be void pursuant to N&C Security Condition 5.1(d) (*Payments in respect of Definitive Bearer N&C Securities – Unmatured Coupons and Talons void*).

For the purposes of these Conditions, the "**Relevant Date**" means the date on which such payment first becomes due, except that, if the full amount of the moneys payable has not been duly received by the Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar, as the case may be on or prior to such due date, it means the date on which, the full amount of such moneys having been so received, notice to that effect is duly given to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*).

## 9. **Events of Default**

(a) If (a) any one or more of the following events shall occur and be continuing and (b) the holders of at least twenty-five per cent. (25%) in nominal amount or, in the case of N&C Securities issued in units, of the number of the N&C Securities then outstanding so request, the Issuer by notice (with a copy to the Principal Paying Agent) in relation to the same event given in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*), then, upon the date of such notice requirement in (b) above being satisfied or, in the case of an event as described in (ii) below, on expiry of the relevant time period specified therein, the relevant event shall be treated as an "Event of Default" and unless (in the case of (i) or (ii) below) the relevant default(s) or failure(s) shall have been cured by the Issuer prior to receipt of such written notice, all but not some only of the N&C Securities shall become due and repayable at the Early Redemption Amount on the Early Redemption Date, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind. For the purposes of (a) above the relevant events are:

- (i) default is made for a period of 14 days or more in the payment of any principal or interest due in respect of the N&C Securities or any of them. The Issuer shall not, however, be in default if such sums were not paid in order to comply with a mandatory law, regulation or order of any court of competent jurisdiction if in withholding payment the Issuer acts on the advice given to it during such 14 day period by an independent legal adviser; or
- (ii) the Issuer fails to perform or observe any of its other obligations under the N&C Securities or the Agency Agreement (as the case may be) and such failure continues for the period of 60 days next following the notice requirement as described in (b) above being satisfied; or
- (iii) an effective resolution is passed or an order is made for the winding-up or dissolution of the Issuer (except for the purposes of a reconstruction or amalgamation where the entity

resulting from such reconstruction or amalgamation assumes all the rights and obligations of the Issuer (including its obligations under the N&C Securities)).

At any time after such a declaration of acceleration with respect to the N&C Securities has been made and before a judgement or decree for payment of the money due with respect to any N&C Security has been obtained by any N&C Securityholder, such declaration and its consequences may be rescinded and annulled upon the written consent of holders of a majority in aggregate nominal amount or, in the case of N&C Securities issued in units, of the number of the N&C Securities then outstanding, or by resolution adopted by a majority in aggregate nominal amount or, in the case of N&C Securities issued in units, of the number of the N&C Securities outstanding present or represented at a meeting of holders of the N&C Securities at which a quorum is present, as provided in the Agency Agreement, if:

- (A) the Issuer has paid or deposited with the Principal Paying Agent a sum sufficient to pay:
  - (1) all overdue amounts of interest on the N&C Securities;
  - (2) all other amounts which have become due in respect of the N&C Securities otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration; and
- (B) all Events of Default with respect to the N&C Securities, other than the non-payment of the Early Redemption Amounts which have become due solely by such declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived by the relevant written resolution or resolution as provided above.

No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or impair any right consequent thereon.

- (b) Any default by the Issuer, other than the events described in N&C Security Condition 9(a)(i) above, may be waived by the written consent of holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the N&C Securities then outstanding affected thereby, or by resolution adopted by a majority in aggregate principal amount of such N&C Securities then outstanding present or represented at a meeting of holders of the N&C Securities affected thereby at which a quorum is present, as provided in the Agency Agreement.

#### **10. Replacement of N&C Securities, Coupons and Talons**

Should any N&C Security or, if applicable, Coupon or Talon be lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed it may be replaced, in the case of Definitive Bearer N&C Securities or Coupons, at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent or, in the case of Definitive Registered N&C Securities, at the specified office of the Registrar (or in any case such other place of which notice shall have been given to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*)) upon payment in any such case by the claimant of the expenses incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence and indemnity as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced N&C Securities or, if applicable, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

#### **11. Agents**

The names of the initial Paying Agents and their initial specified offices are set out in the Agency Agreement. If any additional Paying Agents are appointed in connection with any Series, the names of such Paying Agents will be specified in Part B of the applicable Issue Terms.

The Issuer is entitled to vary or terminate the appointment of any Agent and/or approve any change in the specified office through which any Agent acts and/or appoint additional or other Agents, provided that:

- (a) there will be at all times a Principal Paying Agent;
- (b) a Registrar; and
- (c) so long as the N&C Securities are listed on any stock exchange or admitted to trading by any other relevant authority, there will be at all times a Paying Agent (in the case of Definitive Bearer N&C Securities) and a Transfer Agent (in the case of Definitive Registered N&C

Securities) with a specified office in such place as may be required by the rules and regulations of the relevant stock exchange or other relevant authority.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent having a specified office in New York City in the circumstances described in N&C Security Condition 5.5 (*Place of Payment*). Notice of any variation, termination, appointment or change in Paying Agents will be given to the N&C Securityholders of the relevant Series of N&C Securities promptly by the Issuer in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*).

In acting under the Agency Agreement, the Agents act solely as agents or, as the case may be, a registrar of the Issuer and do not assume any obligation to, or relationship of agency or trust with, any N&C Securityholders or Couponholders. The Agency Agreement contains provisions permitting any entity into which any Agent is merged or converted or with which it is consolidated or to which it transfers all or substantially all of its assets to become the successor Agent.

The Principal Paying Agent shall have no responsibility for errors or omissions in any calculations and determinations made hereunder, and all such calculations and determinations shall (save in the case of manifest error) be final and binding on the Issuer, the Paying Agents, the N&C Securityholders and the Couponholders.

## 12. Exchange of Talons

On and after the Interest Payment Date on which the final Coupon comprised in any Coupon sheet matures, the Talon (if any) forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Principal Paying Agent or any other Paying Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet including (if such further Coupon sheet does not include Coupons to (and including) the final date for the payment of interest due in respect of the N&C Security to which it appertains) a further Talon, subject to the provisions of N&C Security Condition 8 (*Prescription*).

## 13. Notices

All notices regarding the N&C Securities will be deemed to be validly given if published in one leading English language daily newspaper of general circulation in London. It is expected that such publication will be made in the Financial Times in London. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in a manner which complies with the rules and regulations of any stock exchange or any other relevant authority on which the N&C Securities are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to listing. Any such notice will be deemed to have been given on the date of the first publication or, where required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the date of the first publication in all required newspapers. If publication as provided above is not practicable, notice will be given in such other manner as the Issuer deems appropriate. Any such notice will be deemed to have been given on the date of such notice.

Until such time as any definitive N&C Securities are issued, notice may be given (so long as any Global N&C Securities representing the N&C Securities are held in their entirety on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (and so long as the rules of any stock exchange on which the N&C Securities are listed, or the rules of any other relevant authority by which the N&C Securities have been admitted to listing, permit)) by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (instead of by way of publication or mailing) for communication by them to the holders of the N&C Securities provided that, in addition, for so long as any N&C Securities are listed on a stock exchange or admitted to listing by any other relevant authority and the rules of that stock exchange or other relevant authority so require, such notice will be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in a place or places required by the rules of that stock exchange or other relevant authority. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given to the holders of the N&C Securities on the day falling such number of days specified in the Issue Terms after the day on which the said notice was given to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

All notices regarding the Definitive Registered N&C Securities will be deemed to be validly given if sent by first class mail or (if posted to an address overseas) by airmail to the holders (or the first named of joint holders) at their respective addresses recorded in the Register and will be deemed to have been given on the fourth day after mailing and, in addition, for so long as any Definitive Registered N&C Securities are listed on a stock exchange or are admitted to trading by another relevant authority and the

rules of that stock exchange or relevant authority so require, such notice will be published in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the place or places required by those rules.

In the case of Definitive N&C Securities, notices to be given by any N&C Securityholder shall be in writing and given by lodging the same, together with the relative N&C Security or N&C Securities, with the Principal Paying Agent (in the case of Definitive Bearer N&C Securities) or the Registrar (in the case of Definitive Registered N&C Securities). Whilst any of the N&C Securities are represented by a Global N&C Security, such notice may be given by any holder of a N&C Security to the Principal Paying Agent or the Registrar through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, in writing or by facsimile or electronically or in such other manner as the Principal Paying Agent, the Registrar and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, may approve for this purpose.

#### **14. Substitution**

##### **14.1 Substitution of Issuer**

The Issuer (or any previously substituted company from time to time) shall, without the consent of the N&C Securityholders, be entitled at any time to substitute for the Issuer any Affiliate of the Issuer (the "**Substitute Issuer**") as principal debtor in respect of all obligations arising from or in connection with the N&C Securities provided that (i) all actions, conditions and things required to be taken, fulfilled and done (including the obtaining of any necessary consents) to ensure that the N&C Securities represent valid, legally binding and enforceable obligations of the Substitute Issuer have been taken, fulfilled and done and are in full force and effect; (ii) the Substitute Issuer shall have assumed all obligations arising from or in connection with the N&C Securities and shall have become a party to the Agency Agreement, with any consequential amendments; (iii) each stock exchange or listing authority on which the N&C Securities are listed shall have confirmed that following the proposed substitution of the Substitute Issuer the N&C Securities would continue to be listed on such stock exchange; (iv) the Issuer shall have given at least 30 calendar days' prior notice of the date of such substitution to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*); and (v) the creditworthiness of the Substitute Issuer at such time is at least equal to the creditworthiness of the Issuer (or of any previous substitute under this Condition), as determined by the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner by reference to, *inter alia*, the long term senior debt ratings (if any) assigned by Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. and/or Moody's Investors Service Ltd. and/or Fitch Ratings Limited, or any successor rating agency or agencies thereto, or such other rating agency as the Calculation Agent determines to the Substitute Issuer or, as the case may be, to the Issuer (or any previous substitute under this Condition).

##### **14.2 Substitution of Branch**

The Issuer shall have the right upon 30 calendar days' prior notice to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*) to change the branch or office through which it is acting for the purpose of the N&C Securities, the date of such change to be specified in such notice provided that no change can take place prior to the giving of such notice.

#### **15. Meetings of N&C Securityholders and Modifications**

The Agency Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of the N&C Securityholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including the sanctioning by Extraordinary Resolution (as defined in the Agency Agreement) of a modification of the N&C Securities, the Coupons or any of the provisions of the Agency Agreement. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer at any time and shall be convened by the Issuer at the request of N&C Securityholders holding not less than five per cent. (5%) in nominal amount or number of units of the N&C Securities for the time being outstanding. The quorum at any such meeting for passing an Extraordinary Resolution is one or more persons holding or representing in the aggregate not less than fifty per cent. (50%) in nominal amount or number of units of the N&C Securities for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned such meeting one or more persons being or representing N&C Securityholders whatever the nominal amount or number of units of the N&C Securities so held or represented, except that at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain provisions of the N&C Securities or the Coupons (including modifying the date of maturity of the N&C Securities or any date for payment of interest thereon, reducing or cancelling the amount of principal or the rate of interest payable in respect of the N&C Securities or altering the currency in which payments under the N&C Securities and Coupons are to be made), the quorum shall

be one or more persons holding or representing in the aggregate not less than two-thirds, or, at any adjourned such meeting, one or more persons holding or representing in the aggregate not less than one-third, in nominal amount or number of units of the N&C Securities for the time being outstanding. The Agency Agreement provides that (i) a resolution passed at a meeting duly convened and held in accordance with the Agency Agreement by a majority consisting of not less than seventy-five per cent. persons voting on the resolution upon a show of hands or if a poll was duly demanded then by a majority consisting of not less than seventy-five per cent. of the votes given on the poll, (ii) a resolution in writing signed by or on behalf of the holders of not less than seventy-five per cent. in nominal amount of the N&C Securities for the time being outstanding or (iii) consent given by way of electronic consents through the relevant clearing system(s) (in a form satisfactory to the Principal Paying Agent) by or on behalf of the holders of not less than seventy-five per cent. in nominal amount of the N&C Securities for the time being outstanding, shall, in each case, be effective as an Extraordinary Resolution of the N&C Securityholders. An Extraordinary Resolution passed by the N&C Securityholders will be binding on all the N&C Securityholders, whether or not they are present at any meeting and whether or not they voted on the resolution, and on all Couponholders.

The Principal Paying Agent and the Issuer may agree, without the consent or sanction of the N&C Securityholders or Couponholders to:

- (a) any modification of (except such modifications in respect of which an increased quorum is required as mentioned above) the provisions of the N&C Securities, the Coupons or the Agency Agreement which is not materially prejudicial to the interests of the N&C Securityholders; or
- (b) any modification of any of the provisions of these Conditions, the N&C Securities, the Coupons or the Agency Agreement which is of a formal, minor or technical nature or is made to correct a manifest or proven error or is to comply with mandatory provisions of applicable law.

Any such modification shall be binding on the N&C Securityholders and the Couponholders and any such modification shall be notified to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*) as soon as practicable thereafter.

#### **16. Further Issues**

The Issuer shall be at liberty from time to time without the consent of the N&C Securityholders or the Couponholders to create and issue further N&C Securities having terms and conditions the same as the N&C Securities or the same in all respects save for the issue price and date of issue thereof, the amount and date of the first payment of interest thereon and the date from which interest starts to accrue and so that the same shall be consolidated and form a single Series with the outstanding N&C Securities.

#### **17. Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999**

No person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of the N&C Securities by virtue of the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 but this does and affect any right or remedy of any person which exists or is available apart from that Act.

#### **18. Severability**

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

#### **19. Governing Law and Jurisdiction**

##### **19.1 Governing law**

The Agency Agreement, the N&C Securities Depositary Agreement, the Deed of Covenant, the N&C Securities and the Coupons and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Agency Agreement, the Deed of Covenant, the N&C Securities, the N&C Securities Depositary Agreement and the Coupons are governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law.

**19.2 Jurisdiction**

- (a) The English courts have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute arising out of or in connection with the Deed of Covenant, the N&C Securities Depositary Agreement, the N&C Securities and/or the Coupons, including any dispute as to their existence, validity, interpretation, performance, breach or termination or the consequences of their nullity and any dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Deed of Covenant, the N&C Securities and/or the Coupons (a "**Dispute**") and the Issuer submits and (by their acquisition of N&C Securities) each N&C Securityholder and Couponholder is deemed to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts.
- (b) For the purposes of this N&C Security Condition 19.2, the Issuer waives and (by their acquisition of N&C Securities) each N&C Securityholder and Couponholder is deemed to waive any objection to the English courts on the grounds that they are an inconvenient or inappropriate forum to settle any Dispute.

## INTEREST PAYOUT ANNEX

### ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR INTEREST PAYOUTS

*The terms and conditions applicable to payouts shall comprise the General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities (the "N&C Security Conditions") and the additional Terms and Conditions for interest payouts set out below (the "Payout Conditions"), together with any Terms and Conditions as set out in each other Annex which is specified as applicable in the applicable Issue Terms (together with the N&C Security Conditions and the Payout Conditions, the "Conditions") and, in each case subject to completion in the applicable Issue Terms. In particular, certain sections of the Payout Conditions will be set out and completed in the applicable Issue Terms. In the event of any inconsistency between the N&C Security Conditions and the Payout Conditions, the Payout Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (i) the N&C Security Conditions and/or the Payout Conditions and (ii) the Issue Terms, the Issue Terms shall prevail.*

*References below to a numbered N&C Security Condition are to such numbered section of the N&C Security Conditions and references to a numbered section of the Payout Conditions are to such numbered section as set out in this Interest Payout Annex. Defined terms used in this Interest Payout Annex where the same term may be used in another Annex shall have the meanings given in this Interest Payout Annex notwithstanding the same terms being used in another Annex.*

#### 1. Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities

##### 1.1 Use of Payout Conditions

These Payout Conditions set out the methodology for determining various interest payouts in respect of N&C Securities. The applicable text (including, where appropriate, section headings and on the basis that inapplicable text need not be included) from Payout Condition 2, (derived from the relevant N&C Coupon Payout) and the Product Definitions, as shown below, will be extracted, included and completed in the applicable Issue Terms for each relevant Series of N&C Securities will be set out as indicated in the applicable Issue Terms.

##### 1.2 N&C Security Conditions

N&C Securities using an N&C Coupon Payout will be "Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities".

##### 1.3 N&C Security types

The applicable Issue Terms will specify whether a N&C Security is an Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Security, an Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Security or a Cross-Asset Linked Interest N&C Security.

##### 1.4 Use of *n*, *t* and *i*

Terms used in these Payout Conditions may be attributed a numerical suffix value when included in the applicable Issue Terms. The suffix can be denoted as "*n*", "*t*" or "*i*" and the term will be completed on the basis of the number or numbers represented by *n*, *t* or *i*, as chosen at the time of an issue of N&C Securities. For example, if *n* is 1, Barrier<sub>n=1</sub> will appear as "Barrier 1" when set out in the applicable Issue Terms. A term from the Product Definitions may be included in the applicable Issue Terms section more than once if there is more than one number represented by the term *n*, *t* or *i*.

##### 1.5 Definitions and Interpretation

"**N&C Coupon Payout**" means any payout specified in Payout Condition 2, in each case as extracted, included and completed in the applicable Issue Terms.

"**Product Definitions**" means each of the defined terms in Payout Condition 3 below.

References in the Payout Conditions to an N&C Security will be deemed to refer to each unit of N&C Securities or nominal amount of N&C Securities equal to the Calculation Amount unless otherwise stated.

2. **Interest Bearing N&C Securities**

2.1 **Operative paragraph of the Issue Terms**

(a) **Paragraph 15.1 (Fixed Rate N&C Security Provisions)**

Subject to any prior purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the [Rate of Interest applicable to] [amount of interest payable on] each Fixed Rate N&C Security on an Interest Payment Date shall be as set out below:

(b) **Paragraph 16.4 (Floating Rate N&C Security Provisions)**

Subject to any prior purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Interest Amount payable in respect of each N&C Security on the relevant Specified Interest Payment Date shall be determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the methodology set out below:

(c) **Paragraph 17.1 (Other Variable Interest Rate N&C Security Provisions)**

Subject to any prior purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Interest Amount payable in respect of each N&C Security on the relevant Specified Interest Payment Date shall be determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the methodology set out below:

2.2 **Interest Payment Options**

(a) *Interest Payment Option 1*

Calculation Amount \* Rate of Interest

(b) *Interest Payment Option 2*

(i) If the Barrier Condition is satisfied:

Calculation Amount \* Rate of Interest<sub>n=1</sub>; or

(ii) If the Barrier Condition is not satisfied:

Calculation Amount \* Rate of Interest<sub>n=2</sub>

(c) *Interest Payment Option 3*

(i) If the Barrier Condition is satisfied:

Calculation Amount \* Rate of Interest; or

(ii) If the Barrier Condition is not satisfied:

zero

3. **Product Definitions**

The Product Definitions below, where incomplete, will be set out and completed in the applicable Issue Terms as described in Payout Condition 1 above. Where a table is referred to, the relevant table will be set out in the section of the applicable Issue Terms referred to in the relevant Product Definition as completed in the applicable Issue Terms. Complete Product Definitions may also be set out in the applicable Issue Terms.

For these purposes:

**"Asset"** means in relation to the relevant Asset Class, a Single Asset or a constituent of a Basket Asset, in each case as specified or determined as provided in the applicable Issue Terms.

**"Asset Class"** means one or more of Equity Index(ices), Inflation Index(ices), or Fixed Income Benchmark(s), as specified in the applicable Issue Terms.

**"Asset Early"** [means the] [Max] [Min] [Asset Level] [on the relevant [Scheduled Observation Date] [Valuation Date] [Calculation Date]] [Average Level] [Observation Level] [is as specified in the table in [this] paragraph [●] of these Issue Terms] [,] [Barrier].

**"Asset Early Performance"** means the [Early Performance] [Early Performance (Call Spread)] [Early Performance (Rolling Lookback)] [Early Weighted Performance] of [the] [each] [Asset] [Early Laggard] [Early Outperformer].

**"Asset Final"** means [the] [Max] [Min] [Asset Level on the Final Valuation Date] [Average Level] [,] [Observation Level].

**"Asset Final Performance"** means the [Final Performance] [Final Performance (Call Spread)] [Final Performance (Lookback)] [Final Performance (Temporis)] [Final Weighted Performance] [Enhanced Weighted Performance] [Upside Performance] [Downside Performance] [Weighted Performance] of [all] the [Asset[s]] [Final Laggard] [Final Outperformer].

**"Asset Initial"** means [the] [Max] [Min] [Asset Level on the Initial Valuation Date] [Average Level] [Observation Level] [,] [Barrier].

**"Asset Level"** means the [Opening Level] [Closing Level] [Intraday Level] [Observation Level] of the relevant Asset.

**"Asset Lookback"** [means the] [Asset Level on the relevant [Scheduled Observation Date] [Valuation Date] [Calculation Date]] [Average Level] [is as specified in the table in [this] paragraph [●] of these Issue Terms].

**"Average Level"** means the arithmetic average of each [Opening Level] [Closing Level] [Intraday Level] [Observation Level] observed by the Calculation Agent on each Averaging Date.

**"Averaging Date"** means each date specified as such in the applicable Issue Terms.

**"Barrier"** means [[●] per cent.] [n \* [●] per cent.] [Asset Initial \* [●] per cent.] [Asset Initial \* n \* [●] per cent.] [Asset Early \* [●] per cent.] [Asset Early \* n \* [●] per cent.] [Asset Lookback \* [●] per cent.] [Asset Lookback \* n \* [●] per cent.].

**"Barrier (Early)"** means:

(a) where Barrier Condition Early (European) is applicable:

[[●] per cent.] [n \* [●] per cent.][means the percentage ascribed to the relevant [Scheduled Observation Date][Valuation Date][Calculation Date], as specified in the table in [this] paragraph [●] of these Issue Terms]; or

(b) where Barrier Condition Early (Bermudan) is applicable:

[[●] per cent.] [n \* [●] per cent.]; or

(c) where Barrier Condition Early (American) is applicable:

[Asset Initial \* [●] per cent.] / [Asset Initial \* [●] per cent. \* n].

**"Barrier (Final)"** means:

(a) where Barrier Condition Final (European) is applicable, [●] per cent.; or

(b) where Barrier Condition Final (American) is applicable, Asset Initial \* [●] per cent.

**"Barrier Condition"** shall mean [Barrier Condition Early] [Barrier Condition Final].

**"Barrier Condition Early"** shall mean [Barrier Condition Early (European)] [Barrier Condition Early (Bermudan)] [Barrier Condition Early (American)].

**"Barrier Condition Early (American)"** shall be deemed satisfied if the Calculation Agent determines that on [each] [any] [Scheduled Observation Date] [Valuation Date] [Calculation Date] [related to the relevant Barrier Early Calculation Date] the Asset Level of [each] [any] [the] [Basket] Asset is at [all] [the] [any] time[s] greater than [or equal to] Barrier (Early).

**"Barrier Condition Early (Bermudan)"** shall be deemed satisfied if the Calculation Agent determines that on any [Scheduled Observation Date] [Valuation Date] [Calculation Date] [during the Observation Period], Asset Early Performance is greater than [or equal to] Barrier (Early).

**"Barrier Condition Early (European)"** shall be deemed satisfied if the Calculation Agent determines that on [the relevant] [each] [Scheduled Observation Date] [Valuation Date] [Calculation Date], Asset Early Performance is greater than [or equal to] Barrier (Early).

**"Barrier Condition Final"** shall mean [Barrier Condition Final (European)] [Barrier Condition Final (American)].

**"Barrier Condition Final (American)"** shall be deemed satisfied if the Calculation Agent determines that on [each] [any] [Scheduled Observation Date] [Valuation Date] [Calculation Date] the Asset Level of [each] [any] [the] [Basket] Asset is [at] [all] [any] [time[s]] greater than [or equal to] Barrier (Final).

**"Barrier Condition Final (European)"** shall be deemed satisfied if the Calculation Agent determines that on the Final Valuation Date Asset Final Performance is greater than [or equal to] Barrier (Final).

**"Barrier Early Calculation Date"** means [*date to be specified*] [each Scheduled Observation Date] [Valuation Date] [Calculation Date].

**"Barrier Return"** shall mean an amount determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following methodology:

(a) if Asset Final Performance is greater than [or equal to] the Barrier,

[●] per cent.

(b) if Asset Final Performance is less than [or equal to] the Barrier:

Max [(Cap [+/-] (Participation \* Asset Final Performance)), Floor]

**"Basket Asset"** means an Asset that is a constituent of a basket of Assets, as specified or determined as provided in the applicable Issue Terms.

**"Bonus"** means an amount calculated and determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following:

(a) If the Asset Final Performance is greater than [or equal to] Barrier,

[[●] per cent.] [Min[Max(Floor, (Participation \* Asset Final Performance)), Cap]]

(b) If the Asset Final Performance is less than [or equal to] Barrier,

[●] per cent.

**"Bonus Amount"** shall be determined by the Calculation Agent in respect of each [Scheduled Observation Date] [Valuation Date] [Calculation Date] in accordance with the following formula:

Bonus Number \* [●] per cent.

**"Bonus Condition"** shall be deemed satisfied if the Calculation Agent determines that on each [Scheduled Observation Date] [Valuation Date] [Calculation Date] the Asset Early Performance is greater than [or equal to] the Barrier.

**"Bonus Number"** shall be [the number of times that the Bonus Condition is satisfied during the Observation Period] [the number corresponding to the last [Scheduled Observation Date] [Valuation

Date] [Calculation Date] during the Observation Period upon which the Barrier Condition is satisfied] [or, if the Barrier Condition is not satisfied, zero] [number to be specified].

**"Calculation Date"** means [the date(s) specified as such in these Issue Terms] [each Scheduled Trading Day in the Observation Period] [and as further described in the applicable Annex for the relevant Asset].

**"Cap"** means [●] per cent.

**"Closing Level"** means the Closing Level (as defined in the Equity Index Linked Conditions) of the relevant Asset where the relevant Asset Class is an Equity Index.

**"Downside Performance"** means[, in respect of the relevant Asset,] an amount expressed as a percentage, calculated and determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Asset Initial}-\text{Asset Final}}{\text{Asset Initial}}$$

**"Early Laggard"** shall mean in relation to the [Scheduled Observation Date] [Valuation Date] [Calculation Date], the Asset with the lowest calculated Early Performance, as determined by the Calculation Agent in respect of the relevant date. For the avoidance of doubt, if two or more [Basket] Assets have the same Early Performance as of the [Scheduled Observation Date] [Valuation Date] [Calculation Date], the Calculation Agent shall select any such [Basket] Asset as the Early Laggard acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner.

**"Early Outperformer"** shall mean in relation to the [Scheduled Observation Date] [Valuation Date] [Calculation Date], the Asset with the highest calculated Early Performance, as determined by the Calculation Agent in respect of the relevant date. For the avoidance of doubt, if two or more [Basket] Assets have the same Early Performance as of the [Scheduled Observation Date] [Valuation Date] [Calculation Date], the Calculation Agent shall select any such [Basket] Asset as the Early Outperformer acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner.

**"Early Performance"** means[, in respect of the relevant Asset,] an amount expressed as a percentage, calculated and determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Asset Early}}{\text{Asset Initial}}$$

**"Early Performance (Call Spread)"** means[, in respect of the relevant Asset,] an amount expressed as a percentage, calculated and determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Asset Early}}{\text{Asset Initial}} - 1$$

**"Early Performance (Rolling Lookback)"** means[, in respect of the relevant Asset,] an amount expressed as a percentage, calculated and determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Asset Early}}{\text{Asset Lookback}} - 1$$

**"Early Weighted Performance"** means an amount (expressed as a percentage) determined by the Calculation Agent being the sum of the values obtained by applying the following formula to each Basket Asset:

$$W \times \frac{\text{Asset Early}-\text{Asset Initial}}{\text{Asset Initial}}$$

**"Enhanced Weighted Performance"** means an amount (expressed as a percentage) determined by the Calculation Agent being the sum of the values obtained by applying the following formula to each Basket Asset:

## W × Upside Performance

**"Final Laggard"** shall mean the Asset with the lowest [calculated Downside Performance] [calculated Final Performance] [calculated Upside Performance] [Observation Level] as determined by the Calculation Agent in respect of the relevant date. For the avoidance of doubt, if two or more Assets in the Basket have the same [Downside Performance as of the Final Valuation Date] [Final Performance as of the Final Valuation Date] [Upside Performance as of the Final Valuation Date] [Observation Level], the Calculation Agent shall select any such Asset as the Final Laggard acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner.

**"Final Outperformer"** shall mean the Asset with the highest [calculated Downside Performance] [calculated Final Performance] [calculated Upside Performance] [Observation Level], as determined by the Calculation Agent in respect of the relevant date. For the avoidance of doubt, if two or more Assets in the Basket have the same [Downside Performance as of the Final Valuation Date] [Final Performance as of the Final Valuation Date] [Upside Performance as of the Final Valuation Date] [Observation Level], the Calculation Agent shall select any such Asset as the Final Outperformer acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner.

**"Final Performance"** means[, in respect of the relevant Asset,] an amount expressed as a percentage, calculated and determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Asset Final}}{\text{Asset Initial}}$$

**"Final Performance (Call Spread)"** means[, in respect of the relevant Asset,] an amount expressed as a percentage, calculated and determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Asset Final}}{\text{Asset Initial}} - 1$$

**"Final Performance (Lookback)"** means[, in respect of the relevant Asset,] an amount expressed as a percentage, calculated and determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Asset Final}}{\text{Max} [(\text{Participation} \times \text{Asset Initial}), \text{Observation Level}]}$$

**"Final Performance (Temporis)"** means[, in respect of the relevant Asset,] an amount expressed as a percentage, calculated and determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Asset Final} - \text{Asset Lookback}}{\text{Asset Initial}}$$

**"Final Weighted Performance"** means an amount (expressed as a percentage) determined by the Calculation Agent being the sum of the values obtained by applying the following formula to each Basket Asset:

$$W \times \frac{\text{Asset Final} - \text{Asset Initial}}{\text{Asset Initial}}$$

**"Fixed Income Benchmark"** shall mean the relevant Rate of Interest specified as such in the applicable Issue Terms where "Additional provisions relating to Fixed Income Benchmark N&C Securities" is applicable.

**"Floor"** means [●] per cent.

**"i"** shall mean the corresponding number related to a defined term within the Conditions as specified in the applicable Issue Terms.

**"Intraday Level"** means the Intraday Level (as defined in the Equity Index Linked Interest Conditions) of the relevant Asset where the relevant Asset Class is an Equity Index.

**"Knock-out Level"** [means [●] per cent.] [n \* [●] per cent.] [Asset Initial \* [●] per cent.] [Asset Initial \* [●] per cent. \* n] [shall mean the level ascribed to the relevant [Scheduled Observation Date] [Valuation Date] [Calculation Date], as specified in the table in [this] paragraph [●] of these Issue Terms].

**"Max"** followed by a series of amounts inside brackets, means whichever is the greater of the amounts separated by a comma inside those brackets.

**"Min"** followed by a series of amounts inside brackets, means whichever is the lesser of the amounts separated by a comma inside those brackets.

**"n"** shall mean the corresponding number related to a defined term within the Conditions as specified in the applicable Issue Terms.

**"Observation Days"** means the total number of [calendar days] [Business Days] [Scheduled Observation Dates] [Valuation Dates] [Calculation Dates] in the [Interest Period] [Observation Period].

**"Observation Level"** [shall have the meaning expressed in the applicable Annex for the relevant Asset][means the Rate of Interest determined as provided in N&C Security Condition 4.8 (as defined in the Base Prospectus)].

**"Opening Level"** means the Opening Level (as defined in the Equity Index Linked Interest Conditions) of the relevant Asset where the relevant Asset Class is an Equity Index.

**"Paid Interest"** means, in respect of a N&C Security, the sum of all interest paid in respect of that N&C Security from (and including) the Issue Date to (and including) the immediately preceding Specified Interest Payment Date, if any.

**"Participation"** means [●] per cent.

**"Range Condition"** shall be deemed satisfied in respect of any day if the Asset Level for such day observed by the Calculation Agent is greater than [or equal to] [●] [per cent.] per annum and less than [or equal to] [●] [per cent.] [per annum].

**"Range Days"** means the actual number of [calendar days] [Business Days] [Scheduled Observation Dates] [Valuation Dates] [Calculation Dates] in the [Interest Period] [Observation Period] on which the Range Condition is satisfied.

**"Rate of Interest"** shall mean in connection with the relevant N&C Coupon Payout specified in these Issue Terms: *[Insert one of:]*

- (a) [[●] per cent.] [per annum];
- (b) Screen Rate Determination;
- (c) ISDA Determination;
- (d) Bank of England Base Rate Determination;
- (e) Overnight Rate Determination (SONIA);
- (f) Overnight Rate Determination (€STR);
- (g) (n \* [●] per cent.);
- (h) [(n \* [●] per cent.)] – Paid Interest;
- (i) Max(Floor, Min(Cap, Participation \* Asset Early [Performance] + [●] per cent.)) [+/- Barrier Return];

- (j)  $\left( [\bullet] \text{ per cent} \times \frac{\text{Range Days}}{\text{Observation Days}} \right) ; \text{ or}$
- (k) [the applicable percentage rate specified in the table in [this] paragraph  $\bullet$  of these Issue Terms].

**"Scheduled Observation Date"** means [the date(s) specified as such in these Issue Terms] [each Scheduled Trading Day in the Observation Period].

**"Single Asset"** means a single Asset, as specified or determined as provided in the applicable Issue Terms.

**"Trigger Condition"** shall mean [Trigger Condition (European)] [Trigger Condition (American)].

**"Trigger Condition (American)"** shall be deemed satisfied if the Calculation Agent determines that on [each] [any] [Scheduled Observation Date] [Valuation Date] [Calculation Date] the Asset Level of [each] [any] [the] [Basket] Asset is [at] [all] [any] [time[s]] greater than [or equal to] the Trigger.

**"Trigger Condition (European)"** shall be deemed satisfied if the Calculation Agent determines that on the Final Valuation Date Asset Final Performance is greater than [or equal to] the Trigger.

**"Trigger"** means:

- (a) where Trigger Condition (European) is applicable:  
[ $\bullet$ ] per cent.; or
- (b) where Trigger Condition (American) is applicable:  
Asset Initial \* [ $\bullet$ ] per cent.

**"Upside Performance"** means[, in respect of the relevant Asset,] an amount expressed as a percentage, calculated and determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Asset Final} - (\text{Barrier} * \text{Asset Initial})}{\text{Asset Initial}}$$

**"Valuation Date"** means [the date(s) specified as such in these Issue Terms] [each Scheduled Trading Day in the Observation Period] [and as further described in the applicable Annex for the relevant Asset].

**"W"** means the weighting in respect of the relevant Basket Asset, as specified in the table in [this] paragraph  $\bullet$  of these Issue Terms:

**"Weighted Performance"** means an amount (expressed as a percentage) determined by the Calculation Agent being the sum of the values obtained by applying the following formula to each Basket Asset:

$$W * \text{Final Performance}$$

## EQUITY INDEX ANNEX

### ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR EQUITY INDEX LINKED INTEREST N&C SECURITIES

*The terms and conditions applicable to Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Securities shall comprise the General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities (the "N&C Security Conditions") and the additional Terms and Conditions set out below (the "Equity Index Linked Conditions"), together with the Terms and Conditions as set out in each other Annex which is specified as applicable in the applicable Issue Terms (together with the N&C Security Conditions and the Equity Index Linked Conditions, the "Conditions") and, in each case subject to completion in the applicable Issue Terms. In the event of any inconsistency between the N&C Security Conditions and the Equity Index Linked Conditions, the Equity Index Linked Conditions shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (i) the N&C Security Conditions and/or the Equity Index Linked Conditions and (ii) the Issue Terms, the Issue Terms shall prevail.*

*References below to a numbered N&C Security Condition are to such numbered section of the N&C Security Conditions and references to a numbered Equity Index Linked Condition are to such numbered section as set out in this Equity Index Annex. Defined terms used in this Equity Index Annex or the related section of the Issue Terms where the same term may be used in another Annex (e.g. Valuation Date) shall have the meanings given in this Equity Index Annex or in the section of the Issue Terms relating to Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Securities notwithstanding the same terms being used in another Annex or section of the Issue Terms.*

#### 1. **Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Securities**

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled in accordance with the N&C Security Conditions and subject to these Equity Index Linked Conditions, each Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Security will bear interest, if applicable, in the manner specified in the applicable Issue Terms and the Conditions.

#### 2. **Market Disruption**

**"Market Disruption Event"** means, in relation to N&C Securities relating to a single Index or basket containing any Index:

- (a) in respect of a Composite Index:
  - (i) (A) the occurrence or existence, in respect of any Component Security, of:
    - (1) a Trading Disruption in respect of such Component Security, which the Calculation Agent determines is material, at any time during the one hour period that, for purposes of determining an Opening Level, begins at or, for purposes of determining a Closing Level, Intraday Level or Observation Level, ends at the relevant Valuation Time in respect of the Exchange on which such Component Security is principally traded;
    - (2) an Exchange Disruption in respect of such Component Security, which the Calculation Agent determines is material, at any time during the one hour period that, for purposes of determining an Opening Level, begins at or, for purposes of determining a Closing Level, Intraday Level or Observation Level, ends at the relevant Valuation Time in respect of the Exchange on which such Component Security is principally traded; or
    - (3) an Early Closure in respect of such Component Security; and
  - (B) the aggregate of all Component Securities in respect of which a Trading Disruption, an Exchange Disruption or an Early Closure occurs or exists comprises 20.00 per cent. or more of the level of such Index; or
- (ii) the occurrence or existence, in each case, in respect of futures or options contracts relating to such Index, of: (a) a Trading Disruption; (b) an Exchange Disruption, which

in either case the Calculation Agent determines is material, at any time during the one hour period that, for purposes of determining an Opening Level, begins at or, for purposes of determining a Closing Level, Intraday Level or Observation Level, ends at the Valuation Time in respect of the Related Exchange; or (c) an Early Closure.

For the purposes of determining whether a Market Disruption Event exists in respect of a Component Security at any time, if a Market Disruption Event occurs in respect of such Component Security at that time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that Component Security to the level of such Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of the Index attributable to that Component Security to (y) the overall level of such Index, in each case using the official opening weightings as published by the Index Sponsor as part of the market "opening data"; and

- (b) in the case of Non-Composite Indices, the occurrence or existence of (1) at any time during the one hour period that, for purposes of determining an Opening Level, begins at or, for purposes of determining a Closing Level, Intraday Level or Observation Level ends at the relevant Valuation Time (i) a Trading Disruption or (ii) an Exchange Disruption, which in either case the Calculation Agent determines is material, or (2) an Early Closure.

For the purposes of determining whether a Market Disruption Event exists at any time, if a Market Disruption Event occurs in respect of a Component Security included in such Index at any time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that Component Security to the level of such Index shall be based on a comparison of (x) the portion of the level of such Index attributable to that Component Security and (y) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before the occurrence of such Market Disruption Event. For the purposes of determining whether a Market Disruption Event in respect of such Index exists at any time, if a Market Disruption Event occurs in respect of a Component Security included in such Index at any time, then the relevant percentage contribution of that Component Security to the level of such Index shall be based on a comparison of (i) the portion of the level of such Index attributable to that Component Security and (ii) the overall level of the Index, in each case immediately before the occurrence of such Market Disruption Event. The Calculation Agent shall give notice as soon as practicable to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*) of the occurrence of a Disrupted Day on any day that, but for the occurrence of a Disrupted Day would have been an Averaging Date or a Valuation Date.

### 3. **Adjustments to an Index**

#### 3.1 **Successor Index Sponsor Calculates and Reports an Index**

If a relevant Index is:

- (a) not calculated and announced by the Index Sponsor but is calculated and announced by a successor sponsor acceptable to the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner; or
- (b) replaced by a successor index using, in the determination of the Calculation Agent acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, the same or a substantially similar formula for and method of calculation as used in the calculation of that Index,
- (c) then in each case that Index (the "**Successor Index**") will be deemed to be the Index.

#### 3.2 **Modification and Cessation of Calculation of an Index**

If, in the determination of the Calculation Agent,

- (a) on or prior to the last Valuation Date or the last Averaging Date or Scheduled Observation Date, the relevant Index Sponsor makes or announces that it will make a material change in the formula for or the method of calculating a relevant Index or in any other way materially modifies that Index (other than a modification prescribed in that formula or method to maintain that Index in the event of changes in constituent stock and capitalisation, contracts or commodities and other routine events) (an "**Index Modification**"); or

- (b) the relevant Index Sponsor permanently cancels a relevant Index and no Successor Index exists (an "**Index Cancellation**"); or
- (c) on any Valuation Date or any Averaging Date or Scheduled Observation Date, the Index Sponsor or (if applicable) the successor sponsor fails to calculate and announce a relevant Index (an "**Index Disruption**" and, together with an Index Modification and an Index Cancellation, each an "**Index Adjustment Event**");

then the Issuer shall:

- (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine, acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, if such Index Adjustment Event has a material effect on the N&C Securities and, if so, shall calculate the relevant Index Level using, in lieu of a published level for that Index, the level for that Index as at the Valuation Time on that Valuation Date or Averaging Date or Scheduled Observation Date, as the case may be, as determined by the Calculation Agent, acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner, which in the case of an Index will be determined in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating that Index last in effect prior to the change, failure or cancellation, but using only those Component Securities that comprised that Index immediately prior to that Index Adjustment Event; or
- (ii) if the Calculation Agent determines that it cannot or can no longer calculate the relevant Index Level as described in paragraph (A), require the Calculation Agent to replace the affected Index by a new Index provided that such new index is (a) representative of the same economic or geographic sector (as the case may be), and (b) to the extent possible, representative of securities/components listed on one or more exchanges of one or more OECD countries and make relevant adjustments to the Conditions to account for such replacement; or
- (iii) if this Equity Index Linked Condition 3.2(c) is specified as applicable in the applicable Issue Terms and if the Calculation Agent determines that there is not such a new Index and/or that the application of paragraph (ii) would not achieve a commercially reasonable result, on giving not less than 5 Business Days' notice to N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*), redeem all but not some only of the N&C Securities, each N&C Security being redeemed by payment of the Early Redemption Amount.

### 3.3 Notice

The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable, notify the relevant Agent of any determination made by it pursuant to paragraph 3.2 above and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto and such Agent shall make available for inspection by N&C Securityholders copies of any such determinations.

### 4. Correction of Index Price

With the exception of any corrections published after the day which is three (3) Exchange Business Days prior to the last occurring Interest Payment Date, if any, in respect of the N&C Securities if the level of an Index published on a given day and used or to be used by the Calculation Agent to make any determination under the N&C Securities, is subsequently corrected and the correction published by the relevant Index Sponsor, Exchange or Related Exchange within one Settlement Cycle after the original publication, the level to be used for calculation of any relevant value in relation to the N&C Securities shall be the level of the Index as so corrected and the Calculation Agent may make any relevant adjustment to the Conditions (only to the extent such terms are relevant to the determination of an interest amount (but not, for the avoidance of doubt, any terms relating to the redemption of the N&C Securities)) or any subsequent payments of interest (but not, for the avoidance of doubt, any amount payable upon redemption of the N&C Securities) under the N&C Securities to account therefor, as the Calculation Agent determines appropriate in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner. The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable, notify the relevant Agent of any adjustment made by it pursuant to this Equity Index Linked Condition 5 and such Agent shall make available for inspection by Securityholders copies of any such adjustment.

## 5. Additional Disruption Events

(a) **"Additional Disruption Event"** means:

- (i) if "Elected Events Only" is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, any of Change in Law, Hedging Disruption, Increased Cost of Hedging, Increased Cost of Stock Borrow and/or Loss of Stock Borrow, but in each case, only to the extent that such events are specified as applying to Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Securities in the applicable Issue Terms; or
- (ii) if "Elected Events Only" is specified not to apply in the applicable Issue Terms, any of Change in Law, Hedging Disruption, Increased Cost of Hedging, Increased Cost of Stock Borrow and/or Loss of Stock Borrow.

(b) **Consequences of an Additional Disruption Event**

If an Additional Disruption Event occurs, the Issuer shall:

- (i) require the Calculation Agent to replace the affected Index by a new Index provided that such new Index is (a) representative of the same economic or geographic sector (as the case may be), and (b) to the extent possible, representative of securities/components listed on one or more exchanges of one or more OECD countries and make relevant adjustments to the Conditions (only to the extent such terms are relevant to the determination of an interest amount (but not, for the avoidance of doubt, any terms relating to the redemption of the N&C Securities)) to account for such replacement; or
- (ii) if the Calculation Agent determines that it cannot replace the affected Index as described in paragraph (i):
  - (A) require the Calculation Agent to determine acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the terms of the N&C Securities (but only to the extent such terms are relevant to the determination of an interest amount (and not, for the avoidance of doubt, any terms relating to the redemption of the N&C Securities)) to account for the Additional Disruption Event and determine the effective date of that adjustment; or
  - (B) provided that this Equity Index Linked Condition 5(b)(ii)(B) is specified as applicable in the applicable Issue Terms, redeem all, but not some only, of the N&C Securities by giving not less than 30 calendar days' notice to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*). If the N&C Securities are so redeemed, the Issuer will pay each N&C Securityholder an amount equal to the Early Redemption Amount in respect of each N&C Security held by such N&C Securityholder. Payments will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*).

(c) Upon the occurrence of an Additional Disruption Event, the Issuer shall give notice as soon as practicable to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*), stating the occurrence of the Additional Disruption Event giving details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of the Additional Disruption Event or the proposed action.

## 6. Index Disclaimer

The N&C Securities are not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by any Index or any Index Sponsor and no Index Sponsor makes any representation whatsoever, whether express or implied, either as to the results to be obtained from the use of the Index and/or the levels at which the Index stands at any particular time on any particular date or otherwise. No Index or Index Sponsor shall be liable (whether in negligence or otherwise) to any person for any error in the Index and the Index Sponsor is under no obligation to advise any person of any error therein. No Index Sponsor is making any representation

whatsoever, whether express or implied, as to the advisability of purchasing or assuming any risk in connection with the N&C Securities. The Issuer shall have no liability to the N&C Securityholders for any act or failure to act by the Index Sponsor in connection with the calculation, adjustment or maintenance of the Index. Neither the Issuer nor its Affiliates has any affiliation with or control over the Index or Index Sponsor or any control over the computation, composition or dissemination of the Index. Although the Calculation Agent will obtain information concerning the Indices from publicly available sources it believes reliable, it will not independently verify this information. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking (express or implied) is made and no responsibility is accepted by the Issuer, its Affiliates or the Calculation Agent as to the accuracy, completeness and timeliness of information concerning the Index.

## 7. Definitions

**"Averaging Date"** means each date specified as an Averaging Date in the applicable Issue Terms or, if any such date is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately following Scheduled Trading Day unless any such day is a Disrupted Day. If any such day is a Disrupted Day, then:

- (a) if "**Omission**" is specified as applying in the applicable Issue Terms, then such date will be deemed not to be an Averaging Date for the purposes of determining the relevant Index Level provided that, if through the operation of this provision no Averaging Date would occur, then the provisions of the definition of "Valuation Date" will apply for purposes of determining the relevant level, price or amount on the final Averaging Date as if such Averaging Date were a Valuation Date that was a Disrupted Day; or
- (b) if "**Postponement**" is specified as applying in the applicable Issue Terms, then the provisions of the definition of "Valuation Date" will apply for the purposes of determining the relevant level, price or amount on that Averaging Date as if such Averaging Date were a Valuation Date that was a Disrupted Day irrespective of whether, pursuant to such determination, that deferred Averaging Date would fall on a day that already is or is deemed to be an Averaging Date; or
- (c) if "**Modified Postponement**" is specified as applying in the applicable Issue Terms then:
  - (i) where the N&C Securities relate to a single Index, the Averaging Date shall be the first succeeding Valid Date (as defined below). If the first succeeding Valid Date has not occurred for a number of consecutive Scheduled Trading Days equal to the Specified Maximum Days of Disruption immediately following the original date that, but for the occurrence of another Averaging Date or Disrupted Day, would have been the final Averaging Date, then (A) that last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether such Scheduled Trading Day is already an Averaging Date), and (B) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant level or price for that Averaging Date in accordance with sub-paragraph (a)(ii) of the definition of "Valuation Date" below;
  - (ii) where the N&C Securities relate to a basket of assets, the Averaging Date for each Index not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the originally designated Averaging Date (the "**Scheduled Averaging Date**") and the Averaging Date for each Index affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the first succeeding Valid Date (as defined below) in relation to such Index. If the first succeeding Valid Date in relation to such Index has not occurred for a number of consecutive Scheduled Trading Days equal to the Specified Maximum Days of Disruption immediately following the original date that, but for the occurrence of another Averaging Date or Disrupted Day, would have been the final Averaging Date, then (A) that last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed the Averaging Date (irrespective of whether such Scheduled Trading Day is already an Averaging Date) in respect of such Index, and (B) the Calculation Agent shall determine the relevant level, price or amount for that Averaging Date in accordance with sub-paragraph (b)(ii) of the definition of "Valuation Date" below; and
  - (iii) for the purposes of these Terms and Conditions "**Valid Date**" means a Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day and on which another Averaging Date does not or is not deemed to occur.

**"Bloomberg Screen"** shall mean, when used in connection with any designated page, specified in the applicable Issue Terms, the display page so designated on the Bloomberg service (or such other page as may replace that page on that service, or such other service as may be nominated as the information vendor, in all cases for the purpose of displaying comparable rates in succession thereto).

**"Calculation Date"** means each date specified as a Calculation Date in the applicable Issue Terms which shall be deemed to be a Valuation Date for the purposes of determining the consequences of any such day not being a Scheduled Trading Day or a Disrupted Day occurring on any such day in accordance with these Equity Index Linked Conditions.

**"Change in Law"** means where:

- (a) "Change in Law 1" is specified to be applicable in the applicable Issue Terms, Change in Law 1; or
- (b) "Change in Law 2" is specified to be applicable in the applicable Issue Terms, Change in Law 2.

**"Change in Law 1"** means that, on or after the Trade Date (as specified in the applicable Issue Terms):

- (a) due to the adoption of or any change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law), or
- (b) due to the promulgation of or any change in the interpretation by any court, tribunal or regulatory authority with competent jurisdiction of any applicable law or regulation (including any action taken by a taxing authority),

the Calculation Agent determines acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner that (i) it has become illegal for any Hedging Party to hold, acquire or dispose of any relevant hedging arrangements relating to a Component Security or the relevant hedge positions relating to an Index and/or (ii) any Hedging Party will incur a materially increased cost in performing its obligations in relation to the N&C Securities (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on the tax position of the Issuer, any of its Affiliates or any Hedging Party).

**"Change in Law 2"** means that, on or after the Trade Date (as specified in the applicable Issue Terms):

- (a) due to the adoption of or any change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law), or
- (b) due to the promulgation of or any change in the interpretation by any court, tribunal or regulatory authority with competent jurisdiction of any applicable law or regulation (including any action taken by a taxing authority),

the Calculation Agent determines that it has become illegal for any Hedging Party to hold, acquire or dispose of any relevant hedging arrangements relating to a Component Security or the relevant hedge positions relating to an Index.

**"Clearance System"** means in respect of any security or asset comprised in an Index the principal domestic clearance system customarily used for setting trades in that security or asset.

**"Clearance System Business Day"** means, in respect of a Clearance System, any day on which such Clearance System is (or, but for the occurrence of a settlement disruption event, would have been) open for acceptance and execution of settlement instructions.

**"Closing Level"** means, in relation to:

- (a) a Non-Composite Index, an amount equal to the official closing level of the Index as published by the relevant Index Sponsor; or
- (b) a Composite Index, the official closing level of such Index as published by the relevant Index Sponsor,

in each case as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Component Security"** means each and any component security or asset of any Index.

**"Composite Index"** means any Index in respect of which the securities comprising such Index are listed, traded or quoted on more than one exchange or quotation system as determined by the Calculation Agent and provided that, notwithstanding this definition, the Calculation Agent may elect to treat an Index as a Non-Composite Index if it determines this is appropriate acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner.

**"Disrupted Day"** means any day which is:

- (a) in the case of a Composite Index, any Scheduled Trading Day on which: (A) the Index Sponsor fails to publish the level of the Index; (B) the Related Exchange fails to open for trading during its regular trading session; or (C) a Market Disruption Event has occurred; or
- (b) in the case of any Non-Composite Index, any Scheduled Trading Day on which: (A) the Exchange or the Related Exchange fails to open for trading during their regular trading session or (B) a Market Disruption Event has occurred; or
- (c) where both Exchange Business Day (Cross-Asset Basis) and Scheduled Trading Day (Cross-Asset Basis) are specified as applicable in the Issue Terms for Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Securities, a Disrupted Day occurs under and as defined in the Equity Index Linked Conditions.

**"Early Closure"** means:

- (a) in the case of a Composite Index, the closure on any Exchange Business Day of the Exchange in respect of any Component Security or the Related Exchange prior to its Scheduled Closing Time unless such earlier closing is announced by such Exchange or Related Exchange (as the case may be) at least one hour prior to the earlier of: (i) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such Exchange or Related Exchange (as the case may be) on such Exchange Business Day; and (ii) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into the Exchange or Related Exchange system for execution at the relevant Valuation Time that would apply to the determination of a Closing Level on such Exchange Business Day; and
- (b) in the case of any Non-Composite Index, the closure on any Exchange Business Day with respect to such Index of any relevant Exchange(s) relating to Component Securities that comprise 20.00 per cent. or more of the level of such Index or any Related Exchange(s) prior to its Scheduled Closing Time unless such earlier closing time is announced by such Exchange(s) or Related Exchange(s) at least one hour prior to the earlier of (i) the actual closing time for the regular trading session on such Exchange(s) or Related Exchange(s) on such Exchange Business Day and (ii) the submission deadline for orders to be entered into the Exchange or Related Exchange system for execution at the Valuation Time that would apply to the determination of a Closing Level on such Exchange Business Day.

**"Equity Index"** means each index that is specified as such in the applicable Issue Terms.

**"Exchange"** means:

- (a) in the case of a Composite Index, in respect of each Component Security, the principal stock exchange on which such Component Security is principally traded, as determined by the Calculation Agent, any successor thereto or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in the Component Securities underlying the Index has temporarily relocated (provided that the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity relative to the Component Securities on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Exchange); and
- (b) in the case of any Non-Composite Index, the relevant exchange or quotation system specified for such Index in the applicable Issue Terms or if no such exchange or quotation system is specified for such Index in the Issue Terms, the exchange or quotation system on which all or substantially all relevant Component Securities are listed (being for the avoidance of doubt, where any Component Security has more than one listing, the exchange or quotation system used by the relevant Index Sponsor for the purposes of valuing the relevant price of such

Component Security) or, in each case, any successor to such exchange or quotation system or any substitute exchange or quotation system to which trading in the Component Securities comprising such Index has temporarily relocated (provided that the Calculation Agent has determined that there is comparable liquidity in relation to the Component Securities comprising such Index on such temporary substitute exchange or quotation system as on the original Exchange).

**"Exchange Business Day"** means (a) in the case of a single Index, Exchange Business Day (Single Index Basis) or (b) in the case of a basket of Indices or assets, (i) Exchange Business Day (All Indices Basis) or (ii) Exchange Business Day (Per Index Basis) or (iii) Exchange Business Day (Cross-Asset Basis), in each case as specified in the applicable Issue Terms, provided that, in the case of (b), if no such specification is made in the applicable Issue Terms, Exchange Business Day (All Indices Basis) shall apply.

**"Exchange Business Day (All Indices Basis)"** means, in respect of a basket of Indices or assets any Scheduled Trading Day on which (a) in respect of any Non-Composite Index, each relevant Exchange and each Related Exchange (if any) is open for trading for its regular trading session in respect of all Indices comprised in the basket, notwithstanding any such relevant Exchange or Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time; and (b) in respect of any Composite Index, (i) the relevant Index Sponsor calculates and publishes the level of such Composite Index and (ii) each Related Exchange (if any) in respect of each Composite Index in the basket, is open for trading during its regular trading session notwithstanding any such Exchange or Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time.

**"Exchange Business Day (Cross-Asset Basis)"** means, in respect of a basket of assets, any Scheduled Trading Day on which (a) in respect of any Non-Composite Index, each relevant Exchange and each Related Exchange (if any) is open for trading for its regular trading session in respect of all Indices comprised in the basket, notwithstanding any such relevant Exchange or Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time; and (b) in respect of any Composite Index, (i) the relevant Index Sponsor calculates and publishes the level of such Composite Index and (ii) each Related Exchange (if any) in respect of each Composite Index in the basket, is open for trading during its regular trading session (notwithstanding any such Exchange or Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time) which, in each case, is also an Exchange Business Day under and as defined in the Equity Index Linked Conditions.

**"Exchange Business Day (Per Index Basis)"** means any Scheduled Trading Day on which: (a) in the case of any Composite Index (i) the Index Sponsor calculates and publishes the level of such Composite Index; and (ii) each Related Exchange (if any) in respect of such Composite Index is open for trading during its regular trading session, notwithstanding such Exchange or Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time; and (b) for any other Index, the relevant Exchange and each Related Exchange (if any) in respect of such Index is open for trading during its regular trading session, notwithstanding any such relevant Exchange or Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time.

**"Exchange Business Day (Single Index Basis)"** means any Scheduled Trading Day on which (a) in respect of a Non-Composite Index, the relevant Exchange and each relevant Related Exchange (if any) in respect of such Index is open for trading during its regular trading session, notwithstanding any such relevant Exchange or relevant Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time and (b) in respect of a Composite Index (i) the relevant Index Sponsor calculates and publishes the level of such Composite Index and (ii) each Related Exchange (if any) in respect of such Composite Index, is open for trading during its regular trading session notwithstanding such Exchange or Related Exchange closing prior to its Scheduled Closing Time.

**"Exchange Disruption"** means, with respect to:

- (a) in the case of any Composite Index, any event (other than an Early Closure) that disrupts or impairs (as determined by the Calculation Agent) the ability of market participants in general to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, (A) any Component Security on the Exchange in respect of such Component Security; or (B) in futures or options contracts relating to such Index on the Related Exchange; or

(b) in the case of any Non-Composite Index, any event (other than an Early Closure) that disrupts or impairs (as determined by the Calculation Agent) the ability of market participants in general (A) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for an Index, on any relevant Exchange(s) relating to Component Securities that comprise 20 per cent. or more of the level of the relevant Index, or (B) to effect transactions in, or obtain market values for, futures or options contracts relating to the relevant Index on any relevant Related Exchange.

**"Final Valuation Date"** means the date specified as the Final Valuation Date in the applicable Issue Terms, which shall be deemed to be a Valuation Date for the purposes of determining the consequences of any such day not being a Scheduled Trading Day or a Disrupted Day occurring on any such day in accordance with these Equity Index Linked Conditions.

**"Hedging Disruption"** means that any Hedging Party is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to (a) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge any relevant price risk, including but not limited to the currency risk, of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the N&C Securities, or (b) freely realise, recover, remit, receive, repatriate or transfer the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s), as determined by Calculation Agent acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner.

**"Hedging Party"** means, at any relevant time, the Issuer or any Affiliate(s) or any entity (or entities) providing the Issuer directly or indirectly with hedging arrangements in relation to the N&C Securities as the Issuer may select at such time.

**"Hedging Shares"** means the number of Component Securities comprised in an Index that the Issuer deems necessary to hedge the equity or other price risk of entering into and performing its obligations with respect to the N&C Securities.

**"Increased Cost of Hedging"** means that any Hedging Party would incur a materially increased (as compared with circumstances existing on the Trade Date) amount of tax, duty, expense or fee (other than brokerage commissions) to (a) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the market risk (including, without limitation, equity price risk, foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk) of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the N&C Securities, or (b) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s), provided that any such materially increased amount that is incurred solely due to the deterioration of the creditworthiness of the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates shall not be deemed an Increased Cost of Hedging.

**"Increased Cost of Stock Borrow"** means that the Hedging Party would incur a rate to borrow any Component Security comprised in an Index that is greater than the Initial Stock Loan Rate.

**"Index"** and **"Indices"** mean, subject to adjustment in accordance with these Equity Index Linked Conditions, the equity index or equity indices specified in the applicable Issue Terms and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

**"Index Level"** means, in respect of an Index, the Opening Level, Closing Level, Intraday Level or Observation Level of such Index, as set out in the applicable Issue Terms provided.

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

**"Initial Stock Loan Rate"** means, in respect of the relevant Component Security, the rate which the Hedging Party would have incurred to borrow such Component Security on any Relevant Market as of the Trade Date, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Initial Valuation Date"** means the date specified as the Initial Valuation Date in the applicable Issue Terms, which shall be deemed to be a Valuation Date for the purposes of determining the consequences of any such day not being a Scheduled Trading Day or a Disrupted Day occurring on any such day in accordance with these Equity Index Linked Conditions.

**"Intraday Level"** means the level of an Index observed by the Calculation Agent at any time during the regular trading session hours of the relevant Exchange, without regard to after hours or any other trading outside of the regular trading session hours.

**"Loss of Stock Borrow"** means that the Hedging Party is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to borrow (or maintain a borrowing of) any Component Securities comprised in an Index in an amount equal to the Hedging Shares at a rate equal to or less than the Maximum Stock Loan Rate.

**"Maximum Stock Loan Rate"** means, unless otherwise specified in the applicable Issue Terms, and in respect of the relevant Component Security, the lowest rate which the Hedging Party, after using commercially reasonable efforts, would have incurred to borrow such Component Security in the Relevant Market, in an amount equal to the Hedging Shares, as of the Trade Date, as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Non-Composite Index"** means an Index that is not a Composite Index (together **"Non-Composite Indices"**).

**"Observation Level"** means any of the following levels, each as specified in the applicable Issue Terms: (a) the lowest Closing Level observed by the Calculation Agent on the Scheduled Observation Dates, (b) the highest Closing Level observed by the Calculation Agent on the Scheduled Observation Dates, or (c) the level of the Index observed by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Initial Valuation Date or Scheduled Observation Date at the time specified in the applicable Issue Terms.

**"Observation Period"** means the period specified as the Observation Period in the applicable Issue Terms.

**"Opening Level"** means, in relation to:

- (a) a Non-Composite Index, an amount equal to the official opening level of the Index as published by the relevant Index Sponsor; or
- (b) a Composite Index, the official opening level of such Index as published by the relevant Index Sponsor,

in each case as determined by the Calculation Agent.

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

**"Relevant Market"** means, for the purpose of determining any value or other amount pursuant to these Equity Index Linked Conditions, any relevant quotation system, exchange, dealing system, screen page, over-the-counter derivatives or other market which the Calculation Agent determines appropriate for such purpose and which it may select taking into account hedging arrangements of the Issuer and/or its Affiliates for the N&C Securities.

**"Relevant Time"** shall have the meaning specified in the applicable Issue Terms.

**"Reuters Screen"** shall mean, when used in connection with any designated page, specified in the applicable Issue Terms, the display page so designated on the Reuters Money Market Rate Services or such other services or service as may be nominated as the information vendor for the purpose of displaying the specific page on that service or such other page as may be replace that page on that service or such other service, in all cases for the purpose of displaying comparable rates in succession thereto.

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

**"Scheduled Observation Date"** means each date specified as a Scheduled Observation Date in the applicable Issue Terms, which shall be deemed to be a Valuation Date for the purposes of determining the consequences of any such day not being a Scheduled Trading Day or a Disrupted Day occurring on any such day in accordance with these Equity Index Linked Conditions.

**"Scheduled Opening Time"** means, in respect of an Exchange or Related Exchange and a Scheduled Trading Day, the scheduled weekday opening time of such Exchange or Related Exchange on such Scheduled Trading Day, without regard to any pre-opening or any other trading outside of the regular trading session hours.

**"Scheduled Trading Day"** means (a) in the case of a single Index, Scheduled Trading Day (Single Index Basis) or (b) in the case of a basket of Indices or assets, (i) Scheduled Trading Day (All Indices Basis) or (ii) Scheduled Trading Day (Per Index Basis) or (iii) Scheduled Trading Day (Cross-Asset Basis), in each case as specified in the applicable Issue Terms, provided that if, in the case of (b), no such specification is made in the applicable Issue Terms, Scheduled Trading Day (All Indices Basis) shall apply.

**"Scheduled Trading Day (All Indices Basis)"** means, in respect of a basket of Indices or assets any day on which (a) in respect of any Non-Composite Indices, each relevant Exchange and each Related Exchange (if any) in respect of each Index in the basket is scheduled to be open for trading for its regular trading session, and (b) in respect of any Composite Indices, (i) the relevant Index Sponsor is scheduled to calculate and publish the levels of each Composite Index in the basket and (ii) each Related Exchange (if any) in respect of such Composite Indices is scheduled to be open for trading during its regular trading session.

**"Scheduled Trading Day (Cross-Asset Basis)"** means, in respect of a basket of assets, any day on which (a) in respect of any Non-Composite Indices, each relevant Exchange and each Related Exchange (if any) in respect of each Index in the basket is scheduled to be open for trading for its regular trading session, and (b) in respect of any Composite Indices, (i) the relevant Index Sponsor is scheduled to calculate and publish the levels of each Composite Index in the basket and (ii) each Related Exchange (if any) in respect of such Composite Indices is scheduled to be open for trading during its regular trading session which in each case is also a Scheduled Trading Day under and as defined in the Equity Index Linked Conditions.

**"Scheduled Trading Day (Per Index Basis)"** means (a) in respect of a Non-Composite Index, any day on which the relevant Exchange and each Related Exchange (if any) in respect of such Index is scheduled to be open for trading for its regular trading session, and (b) in respect of any Composite Index, any day on which (i) the Index Sponsor is scheduled to calculate and publish the level of such Composite Index; and (ii) each Related Exchange (if any) in respect of such Composite Index is scheduled to be open for trading for its regular trading session.

**"Scheduled Trading Day (Single Index Basis)"** means any day on which (a) in respect of an Index other than a Composite Index, the relevant Exchange and each Related Exchange (if any) is scheduled to be open for trading during its regular trading session, and (b) in respect of a Composite Index (i) the relevant Index Sponsor is scheduled to calculate and publish the level of such Composite Index and (ii) each Related Exchange (if any) in respect of such Composite Index is scheduled to be open for trading during its regular trading session.

**"Scheduled Valuation Date"** means any original date that, but for the occurrence of an event issuing a Disrupted Day would have been a Valuation Date.

**"Screen Page"** means the page specified in the applicable Issue Terms, or any successor page or service thereto.

**"Settlement Cycle"** means, in respect of any Index, the period of Clearance System Business Days following a trade in the securities underlying such Index on the Exchange in which settlement will

customarily occur according to the rules of such Exchange (or, if there are multiple Exchanges in respect of an Index, the longest such period).

**"Specified Maximum Days of Disruption"** means the lesser of (a) either (i) eight (8) Scheduled Trading Days or (ii) such other number of Scheduled Trading Days specified as such in the applicable Issue Terms and (b) such number of Scheduled Trading Days in the period from (but excluding) the Scheduled Valuation Date or Scheduled Averaging Date, as applicable to (but excluding) the third (3rd) Business Day prior to any due date or scheduled date for any payment under the N&C Securities for which valuation on the relevant Averaging Date or Valuation Date is relevant, all as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Trade Date"** means the date specified as such in relation to Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Securities in the applicable Issue Terms.

**"Trading Disruption"** means:

- (a) in the case of a Composite Index, any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise and whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise: (i) relating to any Component Security on the Exchange in respect of such Component Security; or (ii) in futures or options contracts relating to the Index on the Related Exchange; and
- (b) in the case of a Non-Composite Index, any suspension of or limitation imposed on trading by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise and whether by reason of movements in price exceeding limits permitted by the relevant Exchange or Related Exchange or otherwise (a) relating to the Component Securities that comprise 20.00 per cent. or more of the level of such Index on any relevant Exchange(s) or (b) in futures or options contracts relating to such Index on any relevant Related Exchange.

**"Valuation Date"** means the date specified as such in the applicable Issue Terms and otherwise in accordance with the above provisions or, if such day is not a Scheduled Trading Day, the immediately succeeding Scheduled Trading Day unless such day is a Disrupted Day. If such day is a Disrupted Day, then:

- (a) in the case of N&C Securities relating to a single Index, the Valuation Date shall be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day, unless each of the number of consecutive Scheduled Trading Days equal to the Specified Maximum Days of Disruption immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date is a Disrupted Day. In that case, (i) the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date, notwithstanding the fact that such day is a Disrupted Day, and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Index Level by determining the level or price of the Index as of the Valuation Time on the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day in accordance with the formula for and method of calculating the Index last in effect prior to the occurrence of the first Disrupted Day using the Exchange traded or quoted price as of the Valuation Time on the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day of each security or asset comprised in the Index, as applicable (or, if an event giving rise to a Disrupted Day has occurred in respect of the relevant security or asset, as applicable, on the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant security or asset, as applicable, as of the Valuation Time on that eighth Scheduled Trading Day); or
- (b) in the case of N&C Securities relating to a basket of assets, the Valuation Date for each Index, not affected by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the Scheduled Valuation Date, and the Valuation Date for each Index, affected (each an **"Affected Item"**) by the occurrence of a Disrupted Day shall be the first succeeding Scheduled Trading Day that is not a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Item unless each of the number of consecutive Scheduled Trading Days equal to the Specified Maximum Days of Disruption immediately following the Scheduled Valuation Date is a Disrupted Day relating to the Affected Item. In that case, (i) the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day shall be deemed to be the Valuation Date for the Affected Item, notwithstanding the fact that such day is a Disrupted Day, and (ii) the Calculation Agent shall determine the Index Level using, in relation to the Affected Item, the level or price of that Index as of the Valuation Time on the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day in

accordance with the formula for and method of calculating that Index last in effect prior to the occurrence of the first Disrupted Day using the Exchange traded or quoted price as of the Valuation Time on the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day of each security or asset comprised in that Index, as applicable (or, if an event giving rise to a Disrupted Day has occurred in respect of the relevant security or asset, as applicable, on the last such consecutive Scheduled Trading Day, its good faith estimate of the value for the relevant security or asset, as applicable, as of the Valuation Time on that eighth Scheduled Trading Day).

**"Valuation Time"** means the Relevant Time specified in the applicable Issue Terms or if not so specified:

- (a) in the case of a Composite Index, in respect of such Index: (i) for the purposes of determining whether a Market Disruption Event has occurred: (A) in respect of any Component Security, for the purposes of determining an Opening Level, the Scheduled Opening Time or, for the purposes of determining a Closing Level, the Scheduled Closing Time on the Exchange in respect of such Component Security, and (B) in respect of any options contracts or futures contracts on the Index, for purposes of determining an Opening Level, the open of trading or, for purposes of determining a Closing Level, the close of trading on the Related Exchange; and (ii) in all other circumstances, the time at which the relevant Index Level is calculated and published by the Index Sponsor or quoted on the relevant Exchange; and
- (b) in the case of any Non-Composite Index, (i) for the purposes of determining an Opening Level, the Scheduled Opening Time or, for the purposes of determining a Closing Level, the Scheduled Closing Time on the Exchange on the relevant date. If the Exchange closes prior to its Scheduled Closing Time and the specified Valuation Time is after the actual closing time for its regular trading session, then the Valuation Time shall be such actual closing time and (ii) in all other circumstances, the time at which the relevant Index Level is calculated and published by the Index Sponsor or quoted on the relevant Exchange.

## INFLATION INDEX ANNEX

### ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR INFLATION INDEX LINKED INTEREST N&C SECURITIES

*The terms and conditions applicable to Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities shall comprise the General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities (the "N&C Security Conditions") and the additional Terms and Conditions set out below (the "Inflation Index Linked Conditions") and the Inflation Index Linked Conditions, together with the Terms and Conditions as set out in each other Annex which is specified as applicable in the applicable Issue Terms (togeth with the N&C Security Conditions and the Inflation Index Linked Conditions, the "Conditions") and, in each case subject to completion in the applicable Issue Terms. In the event of any inconsistency between the N&C Security Conditions and the Inflation Index Linked Conditions, the Inflation Index Linked Conditions set out below shall prevail. In the event of any inconsistency between (i) the N&C Security Conditions and/or the Inflation Index Linked Conditions and (ii) the Issue Terms, the Issue Terms shall prevail.*

*References below to a numbered N&C Security Condition are to such numbered section of the N&C Security Conditions and references to a numbered Inflation Index Linked Condition are to such numbered section as set out in this Inflation Index Annex. Defined terms used in this Inflation Index Annex or the related section of the Issue Terms where the same term may be used in another Annex (e.g. Determination Date, Hedging Party, Final Valuation Date or Averaging Date) shall have the meanings given in this Inflation Index Annex or in the section of the Issue Terms relating to Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities notwithstanding the same terms being used in another Annex or section of the Issue Terms.*

#### 1. Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled in accordance with the N&C Security Conditions and subject to these Inflation Index Linked Conditions, each Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Security will bear interest in the manner specified in the applicable Issue Terms and the Conditions.

#### 2. Key Dates and Baskets

##### 2.1 Key Dates

The applicable Issue Terms may specify a number of key dates (each a "Key Date") in respect of which an Inflation Index valuation is to be made. For each Key Date the relevant Reference Month, Determination Date(s), Inflation Cut-Off Date and, where applicable, End Date will be specified. The Calculation Agent will apply the provision of these Inflation Index Linked Conditions separately in each case to make the relevant Inflation Index valuation in relation to each Key Date accordingly. Each such Inflation Index level determined will be deemed to be an Observation Level, as specified in the applicable Issue Terms.

##### 2.2 Baskets

The applicable Issue Terms may specify that the N&C Securities relate to a single asset or a basket of assets. These Inflation Index Linked Conditions will apply to valuation and determinations in relation to each Inflation Index which forms the single asset or a constituent of the basket of assets referred to above.

#### 3. Inflation Index Delay and Disruption Provisions

##### 3.1 Delay in Publication

If the Calculation Agent determines that a Delayed Index Level Event in respect of an Inflation Index has occurred with respect to any Determination Date, then the Relevant Level for such Inflation Index with respect to the relevant Reference Month subject to such Delayed Index Level Event (the "Substitute Index Level") shall be determined by the Calculation Agent as follows:

- (a) if "Related Bond" is specified as applicable for such Inflation Index in the relevant Issue Terms, the Calculation Agent shall determine the Substitute Index Level by reference to the corresponding index level determined under the terms and conditions of the relevant Related Bond; or

(b) if (I) "Related Bond" is not specified as applicable for such Inflation Index in the relevant Issue Terms, or (II) the Calculation Agent is not able to determine a Substitute Index Level under (a) above, the Calculation Agent shall determine the Substitute Index Level by reference to the following formula:

$$\text{Substitute Index Level} = \text{Base Level} \times \left( \frac{\text{Latest Level}}{\text{Reference Level}} \right),$$

in each case as of such Determination Date,

where:

**"Base Level"** means, in respect of an Inflation Index, the level of such Inflation Index (excluding any "flash" estimates) published or announced by the relevant Inflation Index Sponsor in respect of the month which is 12 calendar months prior to the month for which the Substitute Index Level is being determined.

**"Latest Level"** means, in respect of an Inflation Index, the latest level of such Inflation Index (excluding any "flash" estimates) published or announced by the relevant Inflation Index Sponsor prior to the month in respect of which the Substitute Index Level is being determined.

**"Reference Level"** means, in respect of an Inflation Index, the level of such Inflation Index (excluding any "flash" estimates) published or announced by the relevant Inflation Index Sponsor in respect of the month that is 12 calendar months prior to the month in respect of the Latest Level.

The Issuer shall give notice to N&C Securityholders, in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*) of any Substitute Index Level calculated pursuant to this Inflation Index Linked Condition 3.

If the Relevant Level (as defined below) is published or announced at any time on or after the relevant Inflation Cut-off Date, such Relevant Level will not be used in any calculations. The Substitute Index Level so determined pursuant to this Inflation Index Linked Condition 3 will be the definitive level for that Reference Month.

### 3.2 Cessation of Publication

If the Calculation Agent determines that the level for the Inflation Index has not been published or announced for two (2) consecutive months, the Inflation Index Sponsor announces that it will no longer continue to publish or announce the Inflation Index or the Inflation Index Sponsor otherwise cancels the Inflation Index, then the Calculation Agent shall determine a successor inflation index (the **"Successor Inflation Index"**) (in lieu of any previously applicable Inflation Index) for the purposes of the Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities by using the following methodology:

- (a) if at any time (other than after an early cancellation event has been designated by the Calculation Agent pursuant to Inflation Index Linked Condition 3.2(e) below), a successor inflation index has been designated by the calculation agent (or equivalent) pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Related Bond, such successor inflation index shall be designated a "Successor Inflation Index" notwithstanding that any other Successor Inflation Index may previously have been determined under Inflation Index Linked Conditions 3.2(b), 3.2(c) or 3.2(d) below;
- (b) if a Successor Inflation Index has not been determined pursuant to Inflation Index Linked Condition 3.2(a) above, and a notice has been given or an announcement has been made by the Inflation Index Sponsor, specifying that the Inflation Index will be superseded by a replacement Inflation Index specified by the Inflation Index Sponsor, and the Calculation Agent determines that such replacement index is calculated using the same or substantially similar formula or method of calculation as used in the calculation of the previously applicable Inflation Index, such replacement index shall be the Inflation Index for purposes of the Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities from the date that such replacement Inflation Index comes into effect;
- (c) if a Successor Inflation Index has not been determined pursuant to Inflation Index Linked Conditions 3.2(a) or 3.2(b) above, the Calculation Agent shall ask five leading independent

dealers to state what the replacement index for the Inflation Index should be. If four or five responses are received and, of those four or five responses, three or more leading independent dealers state the same index, this index will be deemed the "Successor Inflation Index". If three responses are received and two or more leading independent dealers state the same index, this index will be deemed the "Successor Inflation Index". If fewer than three responses are received or no Successor Inflation Index is determined pursuant to this Inflation Index Linked Condition 3.2(c), the Calculation Agent will proceed to Inflation Index Linked Condition 3.2(d) below;

- (d) if no replacement index or Successor Inflation Index has been determined under Inflation Index Linked Conditions 3.2(a), 3.2(b) or 3.2(c) above by the next occurring Inflation Cut-Off Date, the Calculation Agent, subject as provided below, will determine an appropriate alternative index from such Inflation Cut-Off Date, and such index will be deemed a "Successor Inflation Index"; or
- (e) if the Calculation Agent determines that there is no appropriate alternative index in relation to Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities, the Issuer acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner discretion may either (1) require the Calculation Agent to determine acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to the terms of the N&C Securities (only to the extent such terms are relevant to the determination of an interest amount (but not, for the avoidance of doubt, any terms relating to the redemption of the N&C Securities)) to account for this event or (2) on giving not less than 5 Business Days' notice to N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*) the Issuer shall redeem all, but not some only, of the Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities, each Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Security being redeemed by payment of the Early Redemption Amount. Payments will be made in such manner as shall be notified to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*).

### 3.3 Rebasing of the Inflation Index

If the Calculation Agent determines that the Inflation Index has been or will be rebased at any time, the Inflation Index as so rebased (the "**Rebased Index**") will be used for purposes of determining the level of the Inflation Index from the date of such rebasing; provided, however, that the Calculation Agent shall make adjustments as are made by the calculation agent (or equivalent) pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Related Bond, if "Related Bond" is specified as applicable in the applicable Issue Terms, to the levels of the Rebased Index so that the Rebased Index levels reflect the same rate of inflation as the Inflation Index before it was rebased, or, if "Related Bond" is not specified as applicable in the applicable Issue Terms, the Calculation Agent shall make adjustments to the levels of the Rebased Index so that the Rebased Index levels reflect the same rate of inflation as the Inflation Index before it was rebased provided that adjustment will only be made to the interest provisions and the Calculation Agent may not adjust the provisions relating to the redemption of the N&C Security.

### 3.4 Material Modification Prior to Last Occurring Inflation Cut-Off

If, on or prior to the last occurring Inflation Cut-Off Date, the Inflation Index Sponsor announces that it will make a material change to the Inflation Index then the Calculation Agent shall make any such adjustments, if "Related Bond" is specified as applicable in the applicable Issue Terms, consistent with adjustments made to the Related Bond, or, if "Related Bond" is not specified as applicable in the applicable Issue Terms, only those adjustments to the Inflation Index necessary for the modified Inflation Index to continue as the Inflation Index.

### 3.5 Manifest Error in Publication

To the extent that it has sufficient time and it is reasonable to do so prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date if, within thirty (30) calendar days of publication, the Calculation Agent determines that the Inflation Index Sponsor has corrected the level of the Inflation Index to remedy a manifest error in its original publication, the Calculation Agent may, in its discretion, make such adjustments to the terms of the Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities as it determines appropriate to account for the correction and will notify the N&C Securityholders of any such adjustments in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*) provided that adjustment will only be made to the interest provisions and the Calculation Agent may not adjust the provisions relating to the redemption of the N&C Security.

#### 4. Additional Disruption Events

**"Additional Disruption Event"** means any of Change in Law, Hedging Disruption and/or Increased Cost of Hedging in each case if specified as applying to Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities in the applicable Issue Terms.

- (a) If an Additional Disruption Event occurs, the Issuer acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner may either:
  - (i) require the Calculation Agent to determine acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner the appropriate adjustment, if any, to be made to any of the terms of the N&C Securities (only to the extent such terms are relevant to the determination of an interest amount (but not, for the avoidance of doubt, any terms relating to the redemption of the N&C Securities)) to account for the Additional Disruption Event and determine the effective date of that adjustment; or
  - (ii) redeem all, but not some only, of the N&C Securities by giving not less than 30 calendar days' notice to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*). If the N&C Securities are so redeemed the Issuer will pay each N&C Securityholder the Early Redemption Amount in respect of each N&C Security held by him. Payments will be made in such manner as will be notified to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*).
- (b) Upon the occurrence of an Additional Disruption Event, the Issuer will give notice as soon as practicable to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*) stating the occurrence of the Additional Disruption Event (including giving details thereof) and the action proposed to be taken in relation thereto provided that any failure to give, or non-receipt of, such notice will not affect the validity of the Additional Disruption Event or the proposed action.

#### 5. INFLATION INDEX DISCLAIMER

The N&C Securities are not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by the Inflation Index or the Inflation Index Sponsor and the Inflation Index Sponsor does not make any representation whatsoever, whether express or implied, either as to the results to be obtained from the use of the Inflation Index and/or the levels at which the Inflation Index stands at any particular time on any particular date or otherwise. Neither the Inflation Index nor the Inflation Index Sponsor shall be liable (whether in negligence or otherwise) to any person for any error in the Inflation Index and the Inflation Index Sponsor is under no obligation to advise any person of any error therein. The Inflation Index Sponsor is not making any representation whatsoever, whether express or implied, as to the advisability of purchasing or assuming any risk in connection with the N&C Securities. The Issuer shall not have any liability to the N&C Securityholders for any act or failure to act by the Inflation Index Sponsor in connection with the calculation, adjustment or maintenance of the Inflation Index. Neither the Issuer nor its Affiliates has any affiliation with or control over the Inflation Index or the Inflation Index Sponsor or any control over the computation, composition or dissemination of the Inflation Index. Although the Calculation Agent will obtain information concerning the Inflation Index from publicly available sources it believes reliable, it will not independently verify this information. Accordingly, no representation, warranty or undertaking (express or implied) is made and no responsibility is accepted by the Issuer, its Affiliates or the Calculation Agent as to the accuracy, completeness and timeliness of information concerning the Inflation Index.

#### 6. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of the Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities:

**"Change in Law"** means that, on or after the Trade Date (as specified in the applicable Issue Terms):

- (a) due to the adoption of or any change in any applicable law or regulation (including, without limitation, any tax law), or

(b) due to the promulgation of or any change in the interpretation by any court, tribunal or regulatory authority with competent jurisdiction of any applicable law or regulation (including any action taken by a taxing authority),

the Calculation Agent determines acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner that (i) it has become illegal for any Hedging Party to hold, acquire or dispose of any relevant hedging arrangements in respect of the Inflation Index, and/or (ii) any Hedging Party will incur a materially increased cost in performing its obligations in relation to the N&C Securities (including, without limitation, due to any increase in tax liability, decrease in tax benefit or other adverse effect on the tax position of the Issuer, any of its Affiliates or any other Hedging Party).

**"Delayed Index Level Event"** means, in respect of any Determination Date and an Inflation Index, that the relevant Inflation Index Sponsor fails to publish or announce the level of such Inflation Index (the "**Relevant Level**") in respect of any Reference Month which is to be utilised in any calculation or determination to be made by the Issuer in respect of such Determination Date, at any time on or prior to the Inflation Cut-Off Date.

**"Determination Date"** means each date specified as such in the applicable Issue Terms.

**"End Date"** means each date specified as such in the applicable Issue Terms.

**"Fallback Bond"** means, in respect of an Inflation Index, a bond selected by the Calculation Agent and issued by the government of the country to whose level of inflation the relevant Inflation Index relates and which pays a coupon or redemption amount which is calculated by reference to such Inflation Index, with a maturity date which falls on (a) the End Date specified in the applicable Issue Terms, (b) the next longest maturity after the End Date if there is no such bond maturing on the End Date, or (c) the next shortest maturity before the End Date if no bond defined in (a) or (b) is selected by the Calculation Agent. If the relevant Inflation Index relates to the level of inflation across the European Monetary Union, the Calculation Agent will select an inflation-linked bond that is a debt obligation of one of the governments (but not any government agency) of France, Italy, Germany or Spain and which pays a coupon or redemption amount which is calculated by reference to the level of inflation in the European Monetary Union. In each case, the Calculation Agent will select the Fallback Bond from those inflation-linked bonds issued on or before the Issue Date and, if there is more than one inflation-linked bond maturing on the same date, the Fallback Bond shall be selected by the Calculation Agent from those bonds. If the Fallback Bond redeems, the Calculation Agent will select a new Fallback Bond on the same basis, but notwithstanding the immediately prior sentence, selected from all eligible bonds in issue at the time the original Fallback Bond redeems (including any bond for which the redeemed bond is exchanged).

**"Hedging Disruption"** means that any Hedging Party is unable, after using commercially reasonable efforts, to (a) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge any relevant price risk, including but not limited to currency risk, of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the N&C Securities, or (b) freely realise, recover, remit, receive, repatriate or transfer the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s), as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**"Hedging Party"** means, at any relevant time, the Issuer, or any of its Affiliates or any entity (or entities) providing the Issuer directly or indirectly with hedging arrangements in relation to the N&C Securities as the Issuer may select at such time.

**"Increased Cost of Hedging"** means that any Hedging Party would incur a materially increased (as compared with circumstances existing on the Trade Date) amount of tax, duty, expense or fee (other than brokerage commissions) to (a) acquire, establish, re-establish, substitute, maintain, unwind or dispose of any transaction(s) or asset(s) it deems necessary to hedge the market risk (including, without limitation, inflation price risk, foreign exchange risk and interest rate risk) of the Issuer issuing and performing its obligations with respect to the N&C Securities, or (b) realise, recover or remit the proceeds of any such transaction(s) or asset(s), provided that any such materially increased amount that is incurred solely due to the deterioration of the creditworthiness of the Issuer and/or any of its Affiliates shall not be deemed an Increased Cost of Hedging.

**"Inflation Cut-Off Date"** means, in respect of a Determination Date, five (5) Business Days prior to any due date or scheduled date for payment under the N&C Securities for which valuation on the relevant Determination Date is relevant, unless otherwise stated in the applicable Issue Terms.

**"Inflation Index"** means each inflation index specified in the applicable Issue Terms and related expressions shall be construed accordingly.

**"Inflation Index Sponsor"** means, in relation to an Inflation Index, the entity that publishes or announces (directly or through an agent) the level of such Inflation Index which, as of the Issue Date, is the Inflation Index Sponsor specified in the applicable Issue Terms.

**"Observation Level"** means any of the following levels, each as specified in the applicable Issue Terms: (a) the lowest level of the Inflation Index observed by the Calculation Agent on the Scheduled Observation Dates, (b) the highest level of the Inflation Index observed by the Calculation Agent on the Scheduled Observation Dates, or (c) the level of the Inflation Index observed by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Scheduled Observation Date as specified in the applicable Issue Terms.

**"Reference Month"** means the calendar month for which the level of the Inflation Index is reported as specified in the applicable Issue Terms, regardless of when this information is published or announced; except that if the period for which the Relevant Level was reported is a period other than a month, the Reference Month shall be the period for which the Relevant Level is reported.

**"Related Bond"** means, in respect of an Inflation Index, the bond specified as such in the applicable Issue Terms. If the Related Bond specified in the applicable Issue Terms is "Fallback Bond", then, for any Related Bond determination, the Calculation Agent shall use the Fallback Bond. If no bond is specified in the applicable Issue Terms as the Related Bond and "Fallback Bond: Not Applicable" is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, there will be no Related Bond. If a bond is specified as the Related Bond in the applicable Issue Terms and that bond redeems or matures before the End Date (i) unless "Fallback Bond: Not Applicable" is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, the Calculation Agent shall use the Fallback Bond for any Related Bond determination and (ii) if "Fallback Bond: Not Applicable" is specified in the applicable Issue Terms, there will be no Related Bond.

**"Relevant Level"** has the meaning set out in the definition of "Delayed Index Level Event" above.

## FORM OF FINAL TERMS FOR NON EXEMPT N&C SECURITIES

*Set out below is the form of Final Terms which will be completed for each Tranche of Non-Exempt N&C Securities issued under the Programme pursuant to this Base Prospectus.*

**[PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS** – [Other than with respect to offers of the N&C Securities in [specify jurisdiction(s) for which an EU PRIIPs KID is being prepared] [during the period[s] [●]-[●] [repeat periods as necessary],] [T]/[t]he N&C Securities 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, the "**MiFID II**"); or (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 "**EU Prospectus Regulation**"). Consequently[, save as provided above,] no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended, the "**EU PRIIPs Regulation**") for offering or selling the N&C Securities or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the N&C Securities or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the EU PRIIPs Regulation.]

**[PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS** – [Other than with respect to offers of the N&C Securities in the United Kingdom [during the period[s] [●]-[●] [repeat periods as necessary],] [T]/[t]he N&C Securities 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 domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (as amended, the "**EUWA**"); or (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the FSMA and any rules or regulations made under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended, 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 Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA. Consequently[, save as provided above,] no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (as amended, the "**UK PRIIPs Regulation**") for offering or selling the N&C Securities or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the N&C Securities 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 N&C Securities has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the N&C Securities 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 N&C Securities to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. [Consider any negative target market.] Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the N&C Securities (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 N&C Securities (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.]/**[MiFID II Product Governance / Retail investors, Professional investors and ECPs** – Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the N&C Securities has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the N&C Securities is eligible counterparties, professional clients and retail clients, each as defined in [Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "**MiFID II**")][MiFID II]; (ii) all channels for distribution to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate; and (iii) the following channels for distribution of the N&C Securities 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 N&C Securities (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 N&C Securities (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].]

**[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 N&C Securities has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the N&C Securities is eligible counterparties as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook ("COBS"), and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("UK MiFIR") only; and (ii) all channels for distribution of the N&C Securities to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. *[Consider any negative target market.]* Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the N&C Securities (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 N&C Securities (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.]/**[UK MiFIR Product Governance / Retail investors, Professional investors and ECPs** – Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the N&C Securities has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the N&C Securities is retail clients, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("EUWA"), eligible counterparties, as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook ("COBS"), and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA ("UK MiFIR"); (ii) all channels for distribution to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate; and (iii) the following channels for distribution of the N&C Securities 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 N&C Securities (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 N&C Securities (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].]

#### APPLICABLE FINAL TERMS

#### PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE RISK FACTORS IN THE BASE PROSPECTUS

**EACH PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR SHOULD CONSULT ITS OWN FINANCIAL AND  
LEGAL ADVISORS ABOUT THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INVESTMENT IN THE  
N&C SECURITIES AND THE SUITABILITY OF AN INVESTMENT IN THE N&C  
SECURITIES IN LIGHT OF THEIR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES**

[Date]

Santander UK plc

**Legal Entity Identifier (LEI): PTCQB104N23FMNK2RZ28**

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount/Number of Units of Tranche] [Title of N&C Securities]  
(the "N&C Securities")

under the  
Structured Note and Certificate Programme  
(the "Programme")

Any person making or intending to make an offer of the N&C Securities may only do so[:

- (a) in the United Kingdom, provided such person is a Dealer or Authorised Offeror (as such term is defined in the Base Prospectus) and that the offer is made during the Offer Period specified in Paragraph 9.5 of Part B below and that any conditions relevant to the use of the Base Prospectus are complied with; or
- (b) otherwise,]<sup>1</sup> in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to either of Article 3 of the UK Prospectus Regulation or section 85 of the FSMA or to supplement a prospectus pursuant to either of Article 23 of the UK Prospectus Regulation, in each case, in relation to such offer.

Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of N&C Securities in any other circumstances.

The expression "**FSMA**" means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. The expression "**UK Prospectus Regulation**" means Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (as amended) and regulations made thereunder.

## **PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS**

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities (the "**N&C Security Conditions**" and, together with the applicable Annex(es), the "**Conditions**") set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 15 March 2024 [and the supplement[s] to the Base Prospectus dated 15 March 2024] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the UK Prospectus Regulation (the "**Base Prospectus**"). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the N&C Securities described herein for the purposes of Article 8(4) of the UK Prospectus Regulation and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the N&C Securities is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. The Base Prospectus has been published on the websites of the London Stock Exchange ([www.londonstockexchange.com](http://www.londonstockexchange.com)) and the Issuer's website (<http://www.santander.co.uk>). [The Base Prospectus is also available for viewing during normal business hours at the specified office of Citibank, N.A., London Branch acting as Principal Paying Agent and copies may be obtained from the registered office of the Issuer.] In the event of any inconsistency between the Conditions and the Final Terms, these Final Terms prevail. [A summary of the N&C Securities is annexed to these Final Terms.]<sup>2</sup>

[The Base Prospectus will expire on 15 March 2025. The new base prospectus ("New Base Prospectus") will be valid from and including [●] and will be published on the websites of the London Stock Exchange ([www.londonstockexchange.com](http://www.londonstockexchange.com)) and the Issuer's website (<http://www.santander.co.uk>). Following expiry of the Base Prospectus the offering of the N&C Securities will continue under the New Base Prospectus. The terms and conditions and the form of final terms of the N&C Securities from the Base Prospectus will be incorporated by reference into the New Base Prospectus and will continue to apply to the N&C Securities.

Holders of the N&C Securities who accepted the offer to purchase such N&C Securities will have the right to withdraw their acceptances up to two working days after the publication of the New Base Prospectus in accordance with Article 8(11) of the UK Prospectus Regulation.]<sup>3</sup>

The N&C Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**") or under any state securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States. The N&C Securities, or interests therein, may not at any time be offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, within the United States or directly or indirectly offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, redeemed, transferred or delivered to, or for the account or benefit of any U.S. Person (as defined below). Furthermore, the N&C Securities do not constitute, and have not been marketed as, contracts of sale of a commodity for future delivery (or options thereon) subject to the United States Commodity Exchange Act of 1936, as amended (the "**CEA**"), and trading in the N&C Securities has not been approved by the U.S. Commodity Futures

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<sup>1</sup> Delete where not applicable.

<sup>2</sup> Include this wording if the minimum denomination is less than £100,000 (or its equivalent in another currency).

<sup>3</sup> Include for N&C Securities which straddle this Base Prospectus and a future Base Prospectus.

Trading Commission (the "CFTC") pursuant to the CEA, and no U.S. Person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the N&C Securities. For a description of the restrictions on offers and sales of N&C Securities, see "*Important Notice to Purchasers and Transferees of N&C Securities*" and "*Subscription and Sale*" in the Base Prospectus.

For the purposes of these Final Terms, "U.S. Person" means (i) a "U.S. person" as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act (**Regulation S**), (ii) a "U.S. person" as defined in the Interpretive Guidance and Policy Statement Regarding Compliance with Certain Swap Regulations promulgated by the CFTC pursuant to the CEA, (iii) a person other than a "Non-United States person" as defined in CFTC Rule 4.7, or (iv) a "United States person" as defined in the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, in each case, as such definition may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time (each such person, a "**U.S. Person**").

*[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable". Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if "Not Applicable" is indicated for individual paragraphs or sub-paragraphs (in which case the sub-paragraphs of the paragraphs which are not applicable can be deleted). Italics denote guidance for completing the Final Terms.]*

*[By investing in the N&C Securities each investor is deemed to represent that:*

- (a) **Non-Reliance.** *It is acting for its own account, and it has made its own independent decisions to invest in the N&C Securities and as to whether the investment in the N&C Securities is appropriate or proper for it based upon its own judgement and upon advice from such advisers as it has deemed necessary. It is not relying on any communication (written or oral) of the Issuer or any Dealer as investment advice or as a recommendation to invest in the N&C Securities, it being understood that information and explanations related to the terms and conditions of the N&C Securities shall not be considered to be investment advice or a recommendation to invest in the N&C Securities. No communication (written or oral) received from the Issuer or any Dealer shall be deemed to be an assurance or guarantee as to the expected results of the investment in the N&C Securities.*
- (b) **Assessment and Understanding.** *It is capable of assessing the merits of and understanding (on its own behalf or through independent professional advice), and understands and accepts the terms and conditions and the risks of the investment in the N&C Securities. It is also capable of assuming, and assumes, the risks of the investment in the N&C Securities.*
- (c) **Status of Parties.** *Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer is acting as fiduciary for or adviser to it in respect of the investment in the N&C Securities.]*

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| 1. | Issuer:  | Santander UK plc   |
| 2. | 2.1 Type of N&C Security:  | [Note] / [Certificate]   |
|    | 2.2 Series Number:   | [●]  |
|    | 2.3 Tranche Number:  | [●]  |
|    | 2.4 [Date on which the N&C Securities will be consolidated and form a single Series: | The N&C Securities will be consolidated and form a single Series with [identify earlier Tranches] on [the Issue Date/exchange of the Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security for interests in the Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security, as referred to in paragraph 25 below, which is expected to occur on or about [insert date]]][Not Applicable]] |
|    | 2.5 Trading Method:  | [Nominal] / [Unit]   |
|    | 2.6 Applicable Annex(es):  | [Not Applicable] / [Payout] / [Equity Index] / [Inflation Index]   |

(N.B. more than one Annex may apply)

3. Specified Currency: [●] (N.B.: the Specified Currency must be the same as the currency of the Preference Shares)

4. [Aggregate Nominal Amount] / [Aggregate Issue Size]:

4.1 Series: [●]<sup>4</sup>

4.2 Tranche: [●]<sup>5</sup>

4.3 [Nominal Amount per Unit]: For calculation purposes only, each Unit shall be deemed to have a nominal amount of [●]. (If N&C Securities are not traded by unit, delete this item)<sup>6</sup>

5. 5.1 [Issue Price] / [Unit Issue Price] for Tranche:<sup>7</sup> [100 per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount] / [[●] [Insert currency] per Unit (the "Issue Price")] [plus accrued interest from and including [insert date] to but excluding the Issue Date (which is equal to [●] days' accrued interest) (in the case of fungible issues, if applicable).] [The aggregate Offer Prices (as specified in paragraph 10.1 of Part B to these Final Terms) received by the [Initial] Authorised Offeror in respect of the N&C Securities which shall be payable by the Dealer to the Issuer prior to the Issue Date.] The Issue Price specified [in/at [paragraph [●]]/above] may be more than the market value of the N&C Securities as at the Issue Date, and the price, if any, at which the Dealer or any other person is willing to purchase the N&C Securities in secondary market transactions is likely to be lower than the Issue Price. In particular, the Issue Price may describe the overall proceeds received by the Issuer in connection with the issue of the N&C Securities expressed as a percentage of the Aggregate Nominal Amount. In addition to the purchase price received from the Dealer, the Issuer may receive up-front payment(s) under the hedging arrangements for the N&C Securities and secondary market prices may

<sup>4</sup> For N&C Securities issued by Unit, "Aggregate Issue Size" should be specified and expressed as a number of Units.

<sup>5</sup> For N&C Securities issued by Unit, "Aggregate Issue Size" should be specified and expressed as a number of Units.

<sup>6</sup> For N&C Securities issued by Unit only.

<sup>7</sup> Note that for N&C Securities issued by nominal amount the "Issue Price" is the gross amount received by the Issuer in respect of the N&C Securities being issued and should be the same as the "Offer Price" (see Part B paragraph 10). Both the "Issue Price" and the "Offer Price" should be par (i.e. 100 per cent.).

exclude such amounts. [See further Part B, item 10.9 below.]

To the extent permitted by applicable law, if any fees relating to the issue and sale of the N&C Securities have been paid or are payable by the Dealer to an intermediary (which may or may not have acted as an Authorised Offeror) (an "**Intermediary**"), then such Intermediary may be obliged to fully disclose to its clients the existence, nature and amount of any such fees (including, if applicable, by way of discount) as required in accordance with laws and regulations applicable to such Intermediary<sup>8</sup>, including the FSMA and any other legislation, regulation and/or rule that may apply in the UK or other relevant jurisdiction].

Investors in the N&C Securities intending to invest in N&C Securities through an Intermediary (including by way of introducing broker) should request details of any such fee payment from such Intermediary before making any purchase thereof.

5.2 [Unit Value on Issue:

[[Insert currency] per Unit]

**Investors should note that the value of a Unit in the secondary market or on redemption may be less than the Unit Value on Issue**

*(If N&C Securities are not traded by unit, delete this item)*

5.3 [Aggregate Proceeds Amount:

[●]

*(If N&C Securities are not traded by unit, delete this item)<sup>8</sup>*

6. 6.1 [Specified Denominations:

[●]

*[[Where Bearer N&C Securities and multiple denominations above £100,000 or its equivalent in another currency are being used, the following sample wording should be followed:*

*[[£100,000] and integral multiples of [£1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [£199,000]. No N&C Securities in definitive form will be issued with a denomination exceeding [£199,000].]<sup>9</sup>*

*(If N&C Securities are not traded by nominal amount, delete this item)*

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<sup>8</sup> The Aggregate Proceeds Amount should be an amount equal to the Aggregate Issue Size multiplied by the Unit Issue Price.

<sup>9</sup> Not Applicable in the case of Definitive Registered N&C Securities.

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| 6.2 | [Minimum Tradable Size:  | [[£100,000] <sup>10</sup> [[●] Units and in multiples of [●] Unit[s] (the " <b>Multiple Tradeable Size</b> ") in excess thereof.] <sup>11</sup> ]  |
| 6.3 | Calculation Amount per N&C Security:                               | [●]<br><i>(If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination.</i><br><i>If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. N.B. There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.</i><br><i>Note that a Calculation Amount of less than 1,000 units of the relevant currency may result in practical difficulties for paying agents and/or ICSDs who should be consulted if such an amount is proposed.)</i> |
| 7.  | 7.1 Issue Date:  | [specify date]<br><i>(N.B.: the Preference Shares should be issued before such date)</i>   |
|     | 7.2 Interest Commencement Date (if different from the Issue Date): | [specify date] [Not Applicable]  |
| 8.  | Type of N&C Security:  | [Fixed Rate N&C Security]<br><br>[Floating Rate N&C Security]<br><br>[Cross-Asset Linked Interest N&C Security:<br><i>(specify each relevant Type as follows)</i> ]<br><br>[Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Security]<br><br>[Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Security]<br><br>[Non-interest bearing N&C Security]<br><br><i>(Specify all N&amp;C Security types which apply)</i>   |
| 9.  | Maturity Date:   | The third Business Day following the Final Reference Date (such third Business Day the " <b>Scheduled Maturity Date</b> ") and the Scheduled Maturity Date is scheduled to be [●], unless the Preference Shares are redeemed early in accordance with their terms  |
| 10. | Interest Basis:  | [[●] per cent. Fixed Rate N&C Security]<br><br>[[Bank of England Base Rate/EURIBOR/SONIA/€STR/[Specify relevant ISDA Rate]]+/-[●] per cent. Floating Rate N&C Security]  |

<sup>10</sup> Insert for N&C Securities issued by nominal amount only.

<sup>11</sup> Insert for N&C Securities issued by Unit only.

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|   | [Variable Interest Rate N&C Security]  |
|   | [Non-interest bearing N&C Security]  |
|   | [Not Applicable]   |
| 11. Redemption / Payment Basis:                         | Preference Share linked redemption in accordance with N&C Security Condition 6   |
| 12. Change of Interest Basis:                           | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]  |
|   | <i>[Specify the date when any fixed to floating rate change occurs or cross-refer to paragraphs 15 and 16 below and identify there]</i>  |
| 13. Issuer Call Option:                                 | [Not Applicable] / [Issuer Call applicable (further particulars specified in paragraph 22 below)]  |
| 14. Status of N&C Securities:                           | Senior   |
| <b>PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE</b> |  |
| 15. <b>Fixed Rate N&amp;C Security Provisions</b>       | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]  |
|   | <i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>  |
| 15.1 Rate(s) of Interest/determination of interest:     | [●] per cent. [per annum] payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date<br><br><i>(or, if applicable, insert relevant provisions from the Interest Payout Annex: i.e. Payout Condition 2.1(a), the relevant Interest Payment Option from Payout Condition 2.2 and/or related definitions from Payout Condition 3.)</i>   |
| 15.2 Interest Payment Date[s]:                          | [[●] in each year from (and including) [●] and up to (and including) [insert date] / [specify other]<br><br><i>(N.B.: do not specify the final Interest Payment Date to be "Maturity Date", instead specify the calendar date or "Scheduled Maturity Date")</i>  |
|   | <i>(N.B.: to provide for adjustment of the Interest Periods by reference to which interest is calculated, please specify the appropriate Business Day Convention in paragraph 15.7 below. For "unadjusted" interest calculation the Business Day Convention should be specified as "Not Applicable". Where Interest Payment Dates are required to adjust for payment purposes only (i.e. to roll to an appropriate Payment Day without affecting the length of the relevant Interest Period used for interest calculations) this can be achieved</i> |

*by specifying the appropriate Payment Day Convention in paragraph 27 below)*

*(N.B.: this will need to be amended in the case of irregular coupons)*

15.3 Fixed Coupon Amount(s): (Applicable to N&C Securities in definitive form) [[●] per Calculation Amount] [payable on the Interest Payment Dates falling [in/on] [●]] / [Not Applicable]

15.4 Broken Amount(s): (Applicable to N&C Securities in definitive form) [●] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [●] / [Not Applicable]

15.5 Day Count Fraction: [Actual/Actual (ICMA)]/[Act/Act (ICMA)]  
 [Actual/Actual (ISDA)]/[Actual/Actual]/[Act/Act]/  
 [Act/Act (ISDA)]  
 [Actual/365 (Fixed)]/[Act/365 (Fixed)]/[A/365 (Fixed)]/[A/365F]  
 [Actual/365(Sterling)]  
 [Actual/360]/[Act/360]/[A/360]  
 [30/360 (ICMA)]  
 [30/360]/[360/360]/[Bond Basis]  
 [30E/360]/[Eurobond Basis]  
 [30E/360 (ISDA)]  
 [unadjusted/adjusted]  
 [Not Applicable]  
*(N.B. If interest is not payable on a regular basis (for example, if there are Broken Amounts specified), Actual/Actual (ICMA) may not be a suitable Day Count Fraction)*  
*(N.B. Actual/Actual (ICMA) is normally only appropriate for Fixed Rate N&C Securities denominated in Sterling)*

15.6 Determination Date(s): [[●] in each year][Not Applicable]  
*(Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA). In which case, insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon)*

15.7 Business Day Convention: [Following Business Day Convention / Modified Following Business Day Convention / Preceding Business Day Convention] / [specify other] / [Not Applicable]

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| 15.8 | Additional Business Centre(s):   | [●] / [TARGET2] / [Not Applicable]   |
| 16.  | <b>Floating Rate N&amp;C Security Provisions</b>   | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]  |
|      |  | <i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>  |
| 16.1 | Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates:  | <p>[[●] in each year from (and including) [●] up to (and including) [specify date]/[specify other] [, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out below/not subject to any adjustment, as the Business Day Convention below is specified to be Not Applicable]</p> <p><i>(N.B.: do not specify the final Specified Interest Payment Date to be "Maturity Date", instead specify the calendar date or "Scheduled Maturity Date")</i></p> <p><i>(N.B.: to provide for adjustment of the Interest Periods by reference to which interest is calculated, please specify the appropriate Business Day Convention in paragraph 16.2 below. For "unadjusted" interest calculation the Business Day Convention should be specified as "Not Applicable". Where Interest Payment Dates are required to adjust for payment purposes only (i.e. to roll to an appropriate Payment Day without affecting the length of the relevant Interest Period used for interest calculations) this can be achieved by specifying the appropriate Payment Day Convention in paragraph 27 below)</i></p> |
| 16.2 | Business Day Convention:   | [Floating Rate Convention / Following Business Day Convention / Modified Following Business Day Convention / Preceding Business Day Convention] / [specify other] / [Not Applicable]   |
| 16.3 | Additional Business Centre(s):   | [●] / [TARGET2] / [Not Applicable]   |
| 16.4 | Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount is to be determined:                                  | <p>[Screen Rate Determination / ISDA Determination / Bank of England Base Rate Determination / Overnight Rate Determination (SONIA) / Overnight Rate Determination (€STR)](further particulars specified in paragraph [16.6]/[16.7]/[16.9]/[16.10]/[16.11] below)</p> <p><i>(or, if applicable, insert relevant provisions from the Interest Payout Annex: i.e. Payout Condition 2.1(b), the relevant Interest Payment Option from Payout Condition 2.2 and/or related definitions from Payout Condition 3.)</i></p>   |
| 16.5 | Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Principal Paying Agent) | [The Calculation Agent: See paragraph 30 below] / [specify other]  |

*(Note: Should always specify the [Address]  
Calculation Agent if Bank of England  
Base Rate Determination applies):*

16.6 Screen Rate Determination: [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*

(a) Reference Rate: [●] month EURIBOR

(b) Interest Determination Date: [●]  
*(Second day on which the T2 system is open prior to the start of each Interest Period)*

(c) Relevant Screen Page: [●]  
*(In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters EURIBOR01 ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate or amend fallback provisions appropriately)*

16.7 ISDA Determination: [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*

(a) ISDA Definitions: [2006 ISDA Definitions] / [2021 ISDA Interest Rate Derivatives Definitions]

(b) Floating Rate Option: [●]

(c) Designated Maturity: [●] / [Not Applicable]

(d) Reset Date: [●]  
*(In the case of a EURIBOR based option, the first day of the Interest Period)*

(e) Compounding method: [Not Applicable] /  
 [Compounding with Lookback  
 Applicable Business Days means (specify)] /  
 [Compounding with Observation Period Shift  
 Observation Period Shift Business Days means (specify)] /  
 [Compounding with Lockout  
 Lockout Period Business Days means (specify)]

16.8 Linear Interpolation: [Not Applicable] / [Applicable – the Rate of Interest for the [long/short] [first/last] Interest Period shall be calculated using Linear Interpolation (specify for each short or long interest period)]

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| 16.9  | Bank of England Base Rate Determination:  | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]   |
| <i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i> |   |   |
|   | (a) Designated Maturity:  | [Daily] [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ]  |
|   | (b) Interest Determination Date:  | [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ]  |
|   | (c) Relevant Screen Page:   | [Reuters UKBASE] / [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ]   |
| 16.10   | Overnight Rate Determination (SONIA):   | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]   |
|   | (a) Calculation Method:   | [Compounded Daily Rate] / [Weighted Average Rate] / [Single Daily Rate] / [Compounded Index Rate]                               |
|   | (b) Observation Method:   | [Lag] / [Lock-Out] / [Shift] / [Not Applicable]   |
|   | (c) Interest Determination Date(s):   | [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ] London Banking Days prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date                            |
|   | (d) Rate Determination Date:  | [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ] / [Not Applicable]   |
|   | <i>(if applicable, specify the relevant London Banking Day in each Interest Period)</i>   |   |
|   | (e) Relevant Screen Page:   | [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ]  |
|   | (f) Observation Look-Back Period:   | [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ] London Banking Days  |
| 16.11   | Overnight Rate Determination (€STR):  | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]   |
|   | (a) Calculation Method:   | [Compounded Daily Rate] / [Weighted Average Rate] / [Single Daily Rate]   |
|   | (b) Observation Method:   | [Lag] / [Lock-Out] / [Shift] / [Not Applicable]   |
|   | (c) Interest Determination Date(s):   | [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ] TARGET2 Business Days prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date for each Interest Period |
|   | (d) Rate Determination Date:  | [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ] / [Not Applicable]   |
|   | <i>(if applicable, specify the relevant TARGET2 Business Day in each Interest Period)</i> |   |
|   | (e) Observation Look-Back Period:   | [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ] TARGET2 Business Days  |
| 16.12   | Margin(s):  | [+/-] [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ] per cent. per annum  |
| 16.13   | Rate Multiplier:  | [Not Applicable] / [[ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ] per cent.]   |
| 16.14   | Minimum Rate of Interest:   | [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ] per cent. per annum  |
| 16.15   | Maximum Rate of Interest:   | [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ] per cent. per annum  |

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| 16.16 Day Count Fraction:   | [Actual/Actual<br>(ISDA)]/[Actual/Actual]/[Act/Act]/[Act/Act<br>(ISDA)]<br><br>[Actual/Actual (ICMA)]/[Act/Act (ICMA)]<br><br>[Actual/365<br>(Fixed)]/[Act/365(Fixed)]/[A/365<br>(Fixed)]/[A/365F]<br><br>[Actual/365 (Sterling)]<br><br>[Actual/360]/[Act/360]/[A/360]<br><br>[30/360][360/360]/[Bond Basis]<br><br>[30/360 (ICMA)]<br><br>[30E/360]/[Eurobond Basis]<br><br>[30E/360 (ISDA)]<br><br>[unadjusted/adjusted]<br><br>[Not Applicable]<br><br><i>(N.B.: Actual/Actual (ICMA) is normally only appropriate for Fixed Rate N&amp;C Securities denominated in Sterling)</i> |
| 16.17 Determination Date(s):  | [[●] in each year]/[Not Applicable]<br><br><i>(Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA). In which case, insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon)</i>  |
| 17. <b>Other Variable Interest Rate N&amp;C Security Provisions</b> | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]<br><br><i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>  |
| 17.1 Type of Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities:                 | <i>(Insert relevant provisions from the Interest Payout Annex: i.e. Payout Condition 2.1(c), the relevant Interest Payment Option from Payout Condition 2.2 and/or related definitions from Payout Condition 3.)</i>  |
| 17.2 Specified Period(s) / Specified Interest Payment Dates:        | [[●] in each year from (and including) [●] and up to (and including) [specify date] / [specify other]<br><br><i>(N.B.: do not specify the final Specified Interest Payment Date to be "Maturity Date", instead specify the calendar date or "Scheduled Maturity Date")</i>  |
| 17.3 Business Day Convention:                                       | [Floating Rate Convention / Following Business Day Convention / Modified Following Business Day Convention /  |

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|      |  | Preceding Business Day Convention] / [specify other] / [Not Applicable]   |
| 17.4 | Additional Business Centre(s):   | [●] / [TARGET2] / [Not Applicable]  |
| 17.5 | Minimum Rate of Interest:  | [[●] per cent. per annum][Not Applicable]   |
| 17.6 | Maximum Rate of Interest:  | [[●] per cent. per annum][Not Applicable]   |
| 17.7 | Day Count Fraction:  | <p>[Actual/Actual<br/>(ISDA)]/[Actual/Actual]/[Act/Act]/[Act/Act<br/>(ISDA)]</p> <p>[Actual/Actual (ICMA)]/[Act/Act (ICMA)]</p> <p>[Actual/365 (Fixed)]/[Act/365<br/>(Fixed)]/[A/365 (Fixed)]/[A/365F]</p> <p>[Actual/365 (Sterling)]</p> <p>[Actual/360]/[Act/360]/[A/360]</p> <p>[30/360 (ICMA)]</p> <p>[30/360][360/360]/[Bond Basis]</p> <p>[30E/360]/[Eurobond Basis]</p> <p>[30E/360 (ISDA)]</p> <p>[adjusted / unadjusted]</p> <p>[Not Applicable]</p> |
| 17.8 | Determination Date(s):   | <p>(N.B.: Actual/Actual (ICMA) is normally only appropriate for Fixed Rate N&amp;C Securities denominated in Sterling)</p> <p>[[●] in each year]/[Not Applicable]</p> <p>(Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA). In which case, insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon)</p>   |
| 18.  | <b>Key Dates relating to Variable Interest Rate N&amp;C Securities</b> |   |
| 18.1 | Trade Date:  | [●]   |
| 18.2 | Valuation Date(s):   | [●] / [Not Applicable]  |
| 18.3 | Initial Valuation Date:  | [●] / [Not Applicable]  |
| 18.4 | Scheduled Observation Date(s):   | [●] / [Not Applicable]  |
| 18.5 | Calculation Date(s):   | [●] / [Not Applicable]  |
| 18.6 | Observation Period:  | [●] / [Not Applicable]  |

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| 18.7 | Averaging Dates:  | [Averaging [applies / does not apply] to the N&C Securities.] [The Averaging Dates are [●].]   |
| 18.8 | Final Valuation Date:   | [●] / [Not Applicable]   |
| 18.9 | Specified Maximum Days of Disruption:   | [See [Equity Index Linked Condition 7] (for Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Securities)] / [[Specify number] Scheduled Trading Days] / [Not Applicable]   |
| 19.  | <b>Additional provisions relating to Equity Index Linked Interest N&amp;C Securities</b>  | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]<br><i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>   |
| 19.1 | Whether the interest provisions in respect of the N&C Securities relate to single index or a basket containing one or more indices and the identity of each relevant Index: | [Single index] / [Basket containing one or more indices]   |
| 19.2 | Equity Index:   | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]<br><i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i><br>(a) [Name of Index/Basket Index]<br>(b) The relevant Index Sponsor is [Name of Index Sponsor]<br>(c) Bloomberg Screen: [●]<br><i>(In case of more than one Index repeat the prompts set out in items 19.2 – 19.6 inclusive below and include the relevant information in a tabular format.)</i>  |
| 19.3 | Index Level:  | [Opening Level] / [Intraday Level] / [Observation Level] / [Closing Level]<br><i>(N.B.: if Observation Level is selected please specify one of (a) the [lowest] [highest] Closing Level observed by the Calculation Agent on the Scheduled Observation Dates or (b) the level of the Index observed by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the definition of Index Level at or about the Relevant Time on the [Initial Valuation Date] [Scheduled Observation Date].)</i> |
| 19.4 | Exchange(s):  | [The relevant Exchange[s] [is/are] [●]]  |
| 19.5 | Related Exchange:   | [specify] / [All Exchanges]  |
| 19.6 | Relevant Time:  | [Scheduled Closing Time] / [The relevant time is [●], being the time specified on the  |

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|       |   | [Valuation Date/Averaging Date/Scheduled Observation Date] for the calculation of the Index Level.]   |
| 19.7  | Exchange Business Day:  | [Exchange Business Day (Single Index Basis)] / [Exchange Business Day (All Indices Basis)] / [Exchange Business Day (Per Index Basis)] / [Exchange Business Day (Cross-Asset Basis)] <i>(Note: final option only to be specified for Cross-Asset Linked Preference Shares which relate only to Equities and Equity Indices)</i> |
| 19.8  | Scheduled Trading Day:  | [Scheduled Trading Day (Single Index Basis)] / [Scheduled Trading Day (All Indices Basis)] / [Scheduled Trading Day (Per Index Basis)] / [Scheduled Trading Day (Cross-Asset Basis)] <i>(Note: final option only to be specified for Cross-Asset Linked Preference Shares which relate only to Equities and Equity Indices)</i> |
| 19.9  | Additional Disruption Events:   | [Applicable]/[Not Applicable: the provisions of Equity Index Linked Condition 5 do not apply] <i>(if Not Applicable, delete the remaining parts of this item 19.9)</i>  |
|       | (a) Elected Events Only:  | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]   |
|       | (b)   | [The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the N&C Securities: [Change in Law 1] [Change in Law 2] [Hedging Disruption] [Increased Cost of Hedging] [Increased Cost of Stock Borrow] [Loss of Stock Borrow]]  |
|       |   | <i>(N.B.: delete this item (b)) if "Elected Events Only" is specified as Not Applicable)</i>  |
|       | (c)   | [The Maximum Stock Loan Rate in respect of [specify in relation to each relevant Component Security] is [●]]  |
|       |   | <i>(N.B.: only applicable if Loss of Stock Borrow is applicable)</i>  |
|       | (d)   | [The Initial Stock Loan Rate in respect of [specify in relation to each relevant Component Security] is [●].]   |
|       |   | <i>(N.B.: only applicable if Increased Cost of Stock Borrow is applicable)</i>  |
| 19.10 | Equity Index Linked Condition 3.2(c) <i>(Modification and Cessation of Calculation of an Index)</i> : | [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]   |
| 19.11 | Equity Index Linked Condition 5(b)(ii)(B) <i>(Additional Disruption Events)</i> :                     | [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]   |

20. **Additional provisions relating to Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities** [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*

20.1 Inflation Index/Inflation Indices: [●]  
*(Give or details of index/indices. In case of more than one Inflation Index, repeat the prompts set out in items 20.1 –20.7 inclusive below and include the relevant information. In this case immediately before such items set out the title: **Information in relation to [name of Inflation Index]**)*

20.2 Inflation Index Sponsor(s): [●]

20.3 Reference source(s): [●]

20.4 Related Bond: [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]  
The Related Bond is: [●] [Fallback Bond]  
The issuer of the Related Bond is: [●]

20.5 Fallback Bond: [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]

20.6 Observation Level: [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]  
*(N.B.: if applicable please specify one of (a) the [lowest] [highest] level of the Inflation Index observed by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the Inflation Index Linked Conditions in respect of the Scheduled Observation Dates or (b) the level of the Inflation Index observed by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the Inflation Index Linked Conditions in respect of the [Initial Valuation Date] [Scheduled Observation Date].)*

20.7 Inflation Index Dates in relation to [name of Key Date]: (In case of more than one Key Date, repeat the prompts set out in items 20.7(a) – 20.7(d) inclusive below (if different for each Key Date) and include the relevant information in a tabular format.)

(a) Reference Month: [●]

(b) Determination Date(s): [●]  
*(Note this may be the relevant Key Date)*

(c) Inflation Cut-Off Date: [●] [As defined in the Inflation Index Linked Conditions]

(d) End Date: [●] [Maturity Date]  
*(This is necessary whenever Fallback Bond is Applicable)*

20.8 Additional Disruption Events: [The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the N&C Securities: [Change in

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|      |  | Law][,/and] [Hedging Disruption][,/and] [Increased Cost of Hedging]]/[Not Applicable: the provisions of Inflation Index Linked Condition 4 do not apply]   |
| 21.  | <b>Additional provisions relating to Fixed Income Benchmark N&amp;C Securities</b> | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]  |
|      |  | <i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>  |
| 21.1 | Additional Business Centre(s):   | [●] / [TARGET2] / [Not Applicable]   |
| 21.2 | Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount is to be determined:      | [Screen Rate Determination / ISDA Determination / Bank of England Base Rate Determination / Overnight Rate Determination (SONIA) / Overnight Rate Determination (€STR)](further particulars specified in the below sub-paragraphs of this item 21) |
| 21.3 | Screen Rate Determination:   | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]  |
|      |  | <i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>  |
| (a)  | Interest Determination Date(s):  | [●]  |
| (b)  | Reference Rate:  | [●] month EURIBOR  |
| (c)  | Relevant Screen Page:  | [●]  |
|      |  | <i>(In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters EURIBOR01, ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate or amend fallback provisions appropriately)</i>   |
| 21.4 | ISDA Determination:  | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]  |
|      |  | <i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>  |
| (a)  | ISDA Definitions:  | [2006 ISDA Definitions] / [2021 ISDA Interest Rate Derivatives Definitions]  |
| (b)  | Reset Date(s):   | [●]  |
| (c)  | Floating Rate Option:  | [●]  |
| (d)  | Designated Maturity:   | [●]  |
| (e)  | Compounding method:  | [Not applicable] /   |
|      |  | [Compounding with Lookback   |
|      |  | [Applicable Business Days means (specify)] /   |
|      |  | [Compounding with Observation Period Shift   |
|      |  | Observation Period Shift Business Days means (specify)] /  |

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|  |  |   | [Compounding with Lockout<br>Lockout Period Business Days<br>means (specify)] |
| 21.5                                     | Bank of England Base Rate Determination:                   | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]<br><i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>                              |   |
|  | (a) Designated Maturity:                                   | [Daily] [●]   |   |
|  | (b) Relevant Screen Page:                                  | [Reuters UKBASE] / [●]  |   |
| 21.6                                     | Overnight Rate Determination (SONIA):                      | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]   |   |
|  | (a) Calculation Method:                                    | [Compounded Daily Rate] / [Weighted Average Rate] / [Single Daily Rate] / [Compounded Index Rate]   |   |
|  | (b) Observation Method:                                    | [Lag] / [Lock-Out] / [Shift] / [Not Applicable]   |   |
|  | (c) Relevant Screen Page:                                  | [●]   |   |
|  | (d) Rate Determination Date:                               | [●] / [Not Applicable]  |   |
|  | (e) Observation Look-Back Period:                          | [●] London Banking Days   |   |
| 21.7                                     | Overnight Rate Determination (€STR):                       | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]   |   |
|  | (a) Calculation Method:                                    | [Compounded Daily Rate] / [Weighted Average Rate] / [Single Daily Rate]   |   |
|  | (b) Observation Method:                                    | [Lag] / [Lock-Out] / [Shift] / [Not Applicable]   |   |
|  | (c) Rate Determination Date:                               | [●] / [Not Applicable]  |   |
|  | (d) Observation Look-Back Period:                          | [●] TARGET2 Business Days   |   |
| 21.8                                     | Margin(s):   | [+/-][●] per cent. per annum  |   |
| 21.9                                     | Minimum Rate of Interest:                                  | [●] per cent. per annum   |   |
| 21.10                                    | Maximum Rate of Interest:                                  | [●] per cent. per annum   |   |
| <b>PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION</b> |  |   |   |
| 22.                                      | Issuer Call:   | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]<br><i>[If applicable, insert:</i>   |   |
|  |  | Optional Preference Share Redemption Valuation Date(s): [insert date(s)] (subject to adjustment in accordance with N&C Security Condition [6.2])) |   |
| 23.                                      | Provisions relating to Preference Share Linked Redemption: |   |   |

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| 23.1 | Preference Shares                  | [insert title and series number] issued by the Company   |
| 23.2 | Initial Reference Date:            | [insert date]  |
| 23.3 | Preference Share Valuation Date:   | [insert date] [, unless the Preference Shares are to be redeemed following a Scheduled Observation Date (as defined in their terms), in which case the Preference Share Valuation Date will be such Scheduled Observation Date][, subject to adjustment in accordance with N&C Security Condition 6.1] |
| 23.4 | Valuation Time                     | [5.00 p.m. (London time)] [insert other]   |
| 23.5 | Final Reference Date:              | [insert number of Business Days, which should be between 2 and no more than 8] Business Days following the Preference Share Valuation Date   |
| 24.  | Early Redemption:                  |  |
| 24.1 | Specified Early Redemption Events: | [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]  |
| (a)  | Issuer Illegality Call:            | [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]  |
| (b)  | Issuer Tax Call:                   | [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]  |
| (c)  | Issuer Regulatory Call:            | [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]  |

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE N&C SECURITIES**

25. Form of N&C Securities:

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| 25.1 | Form: | [Bearer N&C Securities:<br><br>[Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security exchangeable for a Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security which is exchangeable for definitive Bearer N&C Securities [on 60 days' notice/only upon an Exchange Event]].<br><br>[Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security exchangeable for Definitive Bearer N&C Securities on and after the Exchange Date.]<br><br>[Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security exchangeable for Definitive Bearer N&C Securities [on 60 days' notice/only upon an Exchange Event]].<br><br>(Ensure that this is consistent with the wording in the "Form of the N&C Securities" section in the Base Prospectus and the N&C Securities themselves. (N.B.: the exchange upon notice option should not be expressed to be applicable if the Specified |
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*Denomination of the N&C Securities in paragraph 6 includes language substantially to the following effect:*

*"[£100,000] and integral multiples of [£1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [£199,000]. No N&C Securities in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [£199,000]." Furthermore, such Specified Denomination construction is not permitted in relation to any issue of N&C Securities which is to be represented on issue by a Temporary/Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security exchangeable for Definitive N&C Securities.))*

[Immobilised Bearer N&C Securities:

[Permanently Restricted Global N&C Security held by the Book-Entry Depositary and CDIs registered in the name of a nominee for a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg]]

*(Permanently Restricted Global N&C Security to be used for securities which are to be represented by CREST Depository Interests)*

[CREST Depository Instruments:

CREST Depository Interests ("CREST Depository Interests") representing the N&C Securities may also be issued in accordance with the usual procedures of Euroclear UK & International Limited ("CREST").]

25.2 New Global Note: [Yes] / [No]

26. Additional Financial Centre(s): London / [give details]  
*(Note that this paragraph relates to the date of payment and not the end dates of Interest Periods for the purposes of calculating the amount of interest, to which sub-paragraphs 17.4 and 21.1 16.3 relate)*

27. Payment Day Convention: [Following] / [Modified Following] / [Preceding]  
*(N.B.: if no Payment Day Convention is specified, "Following" will apply)*

28. Talons for future Coupons to be attached to Definitive Bearer N&C Securities: [Yes as the N&C Securities have more than 27 coupon payments, Talons may be required if, on exchange into definitive form, more than

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|                               | 27 coupon payments are still to be made] / [No]  |
| 29. Rounding Convention:      | [Rounded up] / [Rounded down] / [Not Applicable]   |
| 30. Calculation Agent:        | [Santander UK plc<br>2 Triton Square<br>Regent's Place<br>London NW1 3AN<br>United Kingdom]  |
|                               | [specify other, including address]   |
| 31. Specified N&C Securities: | [The N&C Securities are [not] Specified N&C Securities for purposes of Section 871(m) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986. [Additional information regarding the application of Section 871(m) to the N&C Securities will be available from [give name(s) and address(es) of Issuer contact].]] [As at the date of these Final Terms, the Issuer has not determined whether the N&C Securities are Specified N&C Securities for purposes of Section 871(m) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986; however, indicatively it considers that they will [not] be Specified N&C Securities for these purposes. This is indicative information only subject to change and if the Issuer's final determination is different then it will give notice of such determination. Please contact [name(s) and address(es) of Issuer contact] for further information regarding the application of Section 871(m) to the N&C Securities.] <sup>12</sup> ( <i>The N&amp;C Securities will not be Specified N&amp;C Securities if they (i) are issued prior to 1 January 2025 and are not "delta-one" for U.S. tax purposes or (ii) do not reference any U.S. equity or any index that contains any component U.S. equity or otherwise provide direct or indirect exposure to U.S. equities. If the N&amp;C Securities reference a U.S. equity or an index that contains a component U.S. equity or otherwise provide direct or indirect exposure to U.S. equities and (i) are issued prior to 1 January 2025 and provide a return that does not differ significantly from the return on an investment in the underlying, or (ii) are issued on or after 1 January 2025, further analysis would be required.</i> ) |

## RESPONSIBILITY

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 such information

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<sup>12</sup> This formulation to be used if the Issuer has not made a determination regarding whether the N&C Securities are Specified Securities as of the date of the Final Terms.

has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as they are aware and is/are able to ascertain from information published by [specify source], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

By: .....

Duly authorised

## PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

[When completing this Part B prompts marked:

\* *should be deleted if minimum denomination is £100,000 or more (or its equivalent in the relevant currency as at the date of issue).]*

### 1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

#### 1.1 Listing and admission to trading:

[Application [has been][is expected to be] made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the N&C Securities to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Main Market and to be listed the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority with effect on or about [●] [the Issue Date].]

[Specify any other listing, if applicable]

*(Where documenting a fungible issue, indication must be given that the original N&C Securities are already admitted to trading).*

[Not Applicable]

### 2. RATINGS

#### 2.1 Ratings:

[None. Please note that as at the Issue Date it is not intended that this specific Series of N&C Securities will be rated.]

[The N&C Securities to be issued [have been]/[are expected to be] rated [insert rating] by [insert the legal name of the relevant credit rating agency entity(ies)].]/[The following ratings reflect ratings assigned to N&C Securities of this type issued under the Programme generally.]

*(Include a brief explanation of the meaning of the ratings if this has previously been published by the rating provider.)*

*(The above disclosure should reflect the rating specifically allocated to N&C Securities of the type being issued under the Programme generally, or, where the issue has been specifically rated, that rating.)*

### 3. INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE

[Save for any fees payable to the Dealer [and any Authorised Offeror[s]], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the N&C Securities has an interest material to the offer. (Amend as appropriate if there are other interests.)]

*(When adding any other description, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 23 of the UK Prospectus Regulation.)*

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

4.1 Reasons for the offer: [General corporate purposes]  
[See "Use of Proceeds" in the Base Prospectus/*Give details*]  
(*See "Use of Proceeds" wording in Base Prospectus - if reasons for offer differ from what is disclosed in the Base Prospectus, give details.*)

4.2 Estimated net proceeds: [●]  
(*If proceeds are intended for more than one use you will need to split out and present in order of priority. If proceeds are insufficient to fund all proposed uses state amount and sources of other funding.*)

4.3 Estimated total expenses: [●]  
(*Expenses are required to be broken down into each principal intended "use" and presented in order of priority of such "uses".*)

**5. PERFORMANCE OF RATES - *Floating Rate N&C Securities Only***

Details of performance of [EURIBOR/Bank of England Base Rate/SONIA/€STR] rates can be obtained, [but not] free of charge, from [Reuters/Bloomberg/*give details of electronic means of obtaining the details of performance*].

**6. PERFORMANCE OF [[IDENTIFY REFERENCE ITEM] / [FORMULA]], EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT [AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING [[IDENTIFY REFERENCE ITEM]/ [THE FORMULA]]] – VARIABLE INTEREST RATE N&C SECURITIES**

[*If the interest is linked to one or more Reference Items such that Annex 17 of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/980 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA applies, an example of how the value of the investment is affected by the value of the underlying may be included.*]

- [Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the Reference Item can be obtained by electronic means and whether or not it can be obtained free of charge].
- [Where the underlying is an index, include the name of [the/each] index and details of where information about [the/each] index can be obtained.]
- [Where the underlying is a basket of underlyings, include details of the relevant weighting of each underlying in the basket.]

[*(When completing the above paragraphs, 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 UK Prospectus Regulation.)*]

The Issuer [intends to provide post-issuance information [*specify what information will be reported and where it can be obtained*]] [does not intend to provide post-issuance information].

## 7. PERFORMANCE OF THE PREFERENCE SHARES, EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PREFERENCE SHARES

The Company is a private company limited by shares and was incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 on 18 November 2015 (with registered number 9878451). The Company is governed by the laws of England and Wales and has its registered office at 2 Triton Square, Regent's Place, London NW1 3AN.

A copy of the Company's constitutional documents and the applicable terms and conditions of the class of Preference Shares (the "**Preference Share Terms and Conditions**") are available to investors in the N&C Securities on written request (free of charge) from the registered office of the Company at 2 Triton Square, Regent's Place, London NW1 3AN [and from the Distributor of the N&C Securities] on proof of identity as a N&C Securityholder. The performance of the Preference Shares is linked to the performance of *[insert details of relevant underlying reference item(s)]*.

The Preference Share Terms and Conditions will provide that, unless otherwise redeemed or cancelled, the Preference Shares will be redeemable on their final redemption date at a defined amount as determined in accordance with the Preference Share Terms and Conditions.

Information on the Preference Shares (including past and further performance and volatility) is expected to be published on [●] or on such successor page or source as may be notified to N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (Notices).

## 8. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

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| 8.1 | ISIN:  | [●]   |
| 8.2 | Common Code:   | [●]   |
| 8.3 | CFI :  | <i>[See/[[include code], as updated, as set out on] the website of the Association of National Numbering Agencies (ANNA) or alternatively sourced from the responsible National Numbering Agency that assigned the ISIN/Not Applicable/Not Available]</i> |
| 8.4 | FISN <sup>13</sup> :   | <i>[See/[[include code], as updated, as set out on] the website of the Association of National Numbering Agencies (ANNA) or alternatively sourced from the responsible National Numbering Agency that assigned the ISIN/Not Applicable/Not Available]</i> |
| 8.5 | Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and the relevant identification number(s): | [Not Applicable/give name(s) and number(s)]<br><i>[The N&amp;C Securities will also be eligible for CREST via the issue of CREST Depository Interests representing the N&amp;C Securities]</i>  |
| 8.6 | Delivery:  | Delivery [against/free of] payment  |

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Whilst technically not a requirement for admission to trading, market operators are required to provide CFI and FISN codes to the FCA or competent authorities/ESMA as part of their reference data/financial instrument reporting under various pieces of legislation (such as MiFIR and MAR, as onshored in the UK) and it is likely that stock exchanges will request these when the Final Terms are filed with them to admit a tranche of securities to market. "Not Applicable" should be specified where the Final Terms relates to an unlisted but Non-exempt Offer or the codes are not otherwise required and the "Not Available" option has been inserted as CFI and FISN codes may not always be available. The reference to the ANNA website (without the actual code) may be relevant if the parties are not sure that the code is correct or if a code has not been requested.

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| 8.7  | Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any):   | [●] / [Not Applicable]   |
| 8.8  | Deemed delivery of clearing system notice for the purposes of N&C Security Condition 13 ( <i>Notices</i> ): | Any notice delivered to N&C Securityholders through the clearing system will be deemed to have been given on the [second][business] day after the day on which it was given to [Euroclear] [and/] [Clearstream, Luxembourg] [and/] [specify other].  |
| 8.9  | Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility:                                   | [Yes. Note that the designation "yes" simply means that the N&C Securities are intended upon issue to be deposited with [one of the international central securities depositories ("ICSDs") as common safekeeper][specify other] and does not necessarily mean that the N&C Securities will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intraday credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]<br><br><i>(If "Yes" is selected and the N&amp;C Securities are deposited with an ICSD, the N&amp;C Securities must be issued in NGN form.)</i> |
|      |   | [No. [Whilst the designation is specified as "no" at the date of these Final Terms, should the Eurosystem eligibility criteria be amended in the future such that the N&C Securities are capable of meeting them the N&C Securities may then be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper. Note that this does not necessarily mean that the N&C Securities will then be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intraday credit operations by the Eurosystem at any time during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]]   |
| 8.10 | Governing law:  | English  |
| 9.   | <b>DISTRIBUTION</b>   |  |
| 9.1  | Method of distribution:   | [Syndicated/Non-syndicated]  |
| 9.2  | (a) If syndicated, names of Managers:   | [Not Applicable] / [give names and addresses of each entity acting as underwriter to the issue on a firm commitment basis and names and addresses of each entity 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]  |

(b) Date of Subscription [●]  
Agreement:

(c) Stabilisation Manager(s) (if [Not Applicable] / [give name] any):

9.3 If non-syndicated, name of relevant Dealer: [Not Applicable] / [give name]

[In connection with the issue of any Tranche of N&C Securities, the relevant Dealer (if any) named as the stabilisation manager (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager(s)) in the applicable Final Terms or Base Prospectus (as the case may be) (the "**Stabilisation Manager**") may over-allot N&C Securities (provided that, in the case of any Tranche of N&C Securities to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's Main Market and/or any other regulated market (within the meaning of FSMA) in the United Kingdom, the aggregate nominal amount of N&C Securities allotted does not exceed 105.00 per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the Tranche of N&C Securities) or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the N&C Securities at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, stabilisation may not necessarily occur. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the final terms of the offer of the Tranche of N&C Securities is made and, if begun, may cease at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the Tranche of N&C Securities and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the Tranche of N&C Securities.]

9.4 U.S. Selling Restrictions:

The N&C Securities have not and will not be registered under the Securities Act. The N&C Securities are only for offer and sale outside the United States in offshore transactions to non-U.S. Persons in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act and may not be offered, sold, transferred, pledged, delivered, redeemed, directly or indirectly, at any time within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, or by, any U.S. Person.

Each initial purchaser of the N&C Securities and each subsequent purchaser or transferee of the N&C Securities shall be deemed to have agreed with the Issuer or the seller of such N&C Securities that (i) it will not at any time offer, sell, resell or deliver, directly or indirectly, such N&C Securities so purchased in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. Person or to others for offer, sale, resale or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the

account or benefit of, any U.S. Person and (ii) it is not purchasing any N&C Securities for the account or benefit of any U.S. Person.

N&C Securities in bearer form 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 U.S. person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations.

[Reg. S Compliance Category 2; TEFRA D / TEFRA C / TEFRA not applicable]

(N.B.: *N&C Securities which will be represented by CREST Depository Interests to be TEFRA C and Immobilised Bearer Securities will be TEFRA not applicable*)

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| 9.5 | <p>(a) Public Offer:</p> <p>(b) Offer Period:</p> <p>(c) Financial intermediaries granted specific consent to use the Base Prospectus in accordance with the Conditions in it:</p> <p>(d) General Consent:</p> <p>(e) Other Authorised Offeror Terms:</p> | <p>[Applicable] / [Not Applicable]. (<i>delete remaining sub-paragraph if not Applicable</i>)</p> <p>[Specify date] until [specify date or a formulation such as "the Issue Date" or "the date which falls [ • ] Business Days thereafter"]</p> <p>(<i>Consider walk-away rights if extending Offer Period beyond the Issue Date</i>)</p> <p>[Insert names and addresses of financial intermediaries receiving consent (specific consent)]</p> <p>[Not Applicable]</p> <p>[Applicable] / [Not Applicable]</p> <p>[Not Applicable][<i>Add here any other Authorised Offeror Terms (Authorised Offeror Terms should only be included here where General Consent is applicable.)</i>]</p> |
| 9.6 | Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors:   | <p>[Applicable] / [Not Applicable]</p> <p>(<i>If the N&amp;C Securities clearly do not constitute "packaged" products, "Not Applicable" should be specified. If the N&amp;C Securities may constitute "packaged" products and no EU PRIIPS KID will be prepared, "Applicable" should be specified.</i>)</p>  |

9.7 Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors: [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]  
*(If the N&C Securities clearly do not constitute "packaged" products, "Not Applicable" should be specified. If the N&C Securities may constitute "packaged" products and no UK PRIIPS KID will be prepared, "Applicable" should be specified.)*

**10. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER\***

[Applicable] / [Not Applicable] (*If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph*) [The N&C Securities will be offered to the public in the United Kingdom in accordance with the arrangements listed below.]

10.1 Offer Price: [Not Applicable] / [See 10.9 below] / [give details]

10.2 [Conditions to which the offer is subject:] [Not Applicable] / [give details]  
*[Offers of the N&C Securities are conditional on their issue and are subject to such conditions as are set out in the [Distribution Agreement]. As between Dealers and their customers (including Authorised Offerors) or between Authorised Offerors and their customers, offers of the N&C Securities are further subject to such conditions as may be agreed between them and/or as is specified in any arrangements in place between them.]*

10.3 [Description of the application process:] [Not Applicable] / [give details]

10.4 [Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of the application:] [Not Applicable] / [give details]

10.5 [Description of possibility to reduce subscriptions and manner for refunding amounts paid in excess by applicants:] [Not Applicable] / [give details]

10.6 [Details of the method and time limits for paying up and delivering the N&C Securities:] [Not Applicable] / [give details]  
*[N.B.: under normal circumstances, on the Issue Date, allocated N&C Securities will be made available to the Dealer(s) / Authorised Offerors in such account as may be held by them directly or indirectly at Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg.]*

10.7 [Manner in and date on which results of the offer are to be made public:] [Not Applicable] / [give details]  
*[If applicable (i) specify date on which the final size of the issue will be made public and (ii) insert specific details in respect of the method of publication (including, where relevant, details of any advertisements to be published).]*

10.8 [Procedure for exercise of any right of pre-emption, negotiability of subscription rights and treatment of subscription rights not exercised:] [Not Applicable] / [give details]

10.9 Indication of the expected price at which the N&C Securities will be offered or the method of determining the price and the process for its disclosure: [Not Applicable] [The Issuer has offered and will sell the N&C Securities to the Dealer(s) (and no one else) at the Issue Price [less a total commission of [up to] [.] [per cent] [of the Issue Price]]. The Dealer(s) and Authorised Offerors will offer and sell the N&C Securities to their customers in accordance with the arrangements in place between each such Dealer and its customers (including the Authorised Offerors) or each such Authorised Offeror and its customers at the Issue Price and the market conditions prevailing at the time.]

[The Issue Price for the N&C Securities includes a number of costs including sale commissions and hedging related payments and may not be an accurate reflection of the market value of the N&C Securities as of the Issue Date. The price at which the N&C Securities may be sold in secondary market transactions may be significantly lower than the Issue Price as a result. Accordingly, investors should be prepared to hold the N&C Securities until maturity.]

The Issue Price for the N&C Securities includes an embedded commission which will be payable to one or more distributors for the N&C Securities. An investor should enquire of any distributor from which it purchases N&C Securities as to the level of commissions received by the distributor.]

[*Other*]

10.10 [Process for notifying applicants of an amount allotted and the indication whether dealing may begin before notification is made:] [Not Applicable] / [give details]

[Prospective N&C Securityholders will be notified by the relevant Dealer(s) and Authorised Offeror in accordance with the arrangements in place between such Dealer(s) or Authorised Offeror and its customers. Any dealings in the N&C Securities, which take place will be at the risk of the prospective N&C Securityholders.]

10.11 [Amount of any expenses and taxes specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser (and to the extent they are known, include those expenses contained in the price):] [Not Applicable] / [give details]

*(If the Issuer is subject to UK MiFIR and/or UK PRIIPS Regulation such that it is required to disclose information relating to costs and charges, also include that information)*

10.12 [Name(s) and address(es) to the extent known to the Issuer, of the placers in the United Kingdom:] [The Authorised Offerors are identified in 9.5 above.] / [None] / [give details]

[The Issuer is only offering to and selling to the Dealer(s) pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the [Distribution Agreement] [Programme Agreement]<sup>14</sup>. All sales to persons other than the Dealer(s) will be made by the Dealer(s) or persons to whom they sell, and/or otherwise make arrangements with, including the Authorised Offeror(s). The Issuer shall not be liable for any offers, sales or purchases of N&C Securities to persons (other than in respect of offers and sales to, and purchases of, N&C Securities by the Dealer(s) and only then pursuant to the [Distribution Agreement] [Programme Agreement]), which are made by the Dealer(s) or Authorised Offeror(s) in accordance with the arrangements in place between any such Dealer or [any such][the] Authorised Offeror and its customers.]

## 11. UK BENCHMARKS REGULATION

UK Benchmarks Regulation: Article 29(2) [Not Applicable]  
statement on benchmarks:

[Applicable: Amounts payable under the N&C Securities are calculated by reference to [insert name(s) of benchmark(s)], which [is/are] provided by [insert name(s) of the administrator(s) – if more than one, specify in relation to each relevant benchmark].

[As at the date of these Final Terms, [insert name(s) of the administrator(s)] [is/are] [not] included in the register of administrators and benchmarks established and maintained by the Financial Conduct Authority pursuant to article 36 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA.] [repeat as necessary]]

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Delete as applicable depending on whether syndicated trade or not.

## **SUMMARY OF THE N&C SECURITIES**

*[Insert completed summary for the N&C Securities, unless minimum denomination is equal to or greater than GBP 100,000 (or its equivalent in another currency)]*

## FORM OF THE N&C SECURITIES

*Words and expressions defined in the "Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities", as applicable, shall have the same meanings in this Form of the N&C Securities.*

### Form of the N&C Securities

Other than in the case of Book-Entry Interests, CDIs (each as defined below) and Definitive Registered N&C Securities, the N&C Securities of each Series will initially be represented by a global security in bearer form, with or without interest coupons attached. In addition, interests in N&C Securities may only be offered and sold in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act ("**Regulation S**") outside the United States to non-U.S. Persons and may not at any time be offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. Person and may not be legally or beneficially owned at any time by any U.S. Person. Any offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, redemption, transfer or delivery of an interest in an N&C Security made, directly or indirectly, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. Person will not be recognised. Interests in N&C Securities may not be legally or beneficially owned at any time by any U.S. Person and accordingly may only be offered and sold outside the United States to non-U.S. Persons in reliance on Regulation S.

### Bearer N&C Securities

Each Tranche of Bearer N&C Securities will be initially represented by either a temporary bearer global N&C Security (a "**Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security**") or a permanent bearer global N&C Security (a "**Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security**" and, together with the Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security, the "**Bearer Global N&C Securities**") as indicated in the applicable Issue Terms of the N&C Securities, which, in either case, will:

- (a) if the Bearer Global N&C Securities are intended to be issued in new global note ("NGN") form, as stated in the applicable Issue Terms, be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common safekeeper for Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("**Euroclear**") and Clearstream, Banking S.A. ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**"); or
- (b) if the Bearer Global N&C Securities are not intended to be issued in NGN form, be delivered on or prior to the original issue date of the Tranche to a common depositary (the "**Common Depositary**") for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

Where the Global N&C Securities issued in respect of any Tranche are in NGN form, the applicable Issue Terms will also indicate whether such Global N&C Securities are intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility. Any indication that the Global N&C Securities are to be so held does not necessarily mean that the N&C Securities of the relevant Tranche will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intraday credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any times during their life as such recognition depends upon satisfaction of the Eurosystem eligibility criteria. The Common Safekeeper for NGNs will either be Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or another entity approved by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as indicated in the applicable Issue Terms.

In the case of each Tranche of N&C Securities in bearer form the relevant Issue Terms will specify whether U.S. Treasury Regulation § 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (or any successor U.S. Treasury Regulation section including, without limitation, regulations issued in accordance with U.S. Internal Revenue Service Notice 2012-20 or otherwise in connection with the U.S. Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act of 2010) ("**TEFRA C**") or U.S. Treasury Regulation § 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D) (or any successor U.S. Treasury Regulation section including, without limitation, regulations issued in accordance with U.S. Internal Revenue Service Notice 2012-20 or otherwise in connection with the U.S. Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act of 2010) ("**TEFRA D**") apply in relation to the N&C Securities, or if the N&C Securities do not have a maturity of more than one year, that TEFRA does not apply.

Whilst any Bearer N&C Security is represented by a Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security, payments of principal, interest (if any) and any other amount payable in respect of the N&C Securities due prior to the Exchange Date (as defined below) will be made against presentation of the Temporary Bearer Global

N&C Security (if the Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security is not intended to be issued in NGN form) only to the extent that certification to the effect that the beneficial owners of interests in such Bearer N&C Security are not U.S. Persons or persons who have purchased for resale to any U.S. Person, as required by U.S. Treasury regulations, has been received by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, has given a like certification (based on the certifications it has received) to the Principal Paying Agent. If a Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security is issued directly (rather than exchanged from a Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security), then that issuance must, on the earlier of the date of the first payment of interest by the issuer or the date of delivery by the issuer of the obligation in definitive form, comply with the same certification requirements as a Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security, described above.

In respect of each Tranche of N&C Securities in respect of which a Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security is issued, on and after the date (the "**Exchange Date**") which is 40 days after the Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security is issued, interests in such Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security will be exchangeable (free of charge) upon a request as described therein for either:

- (a) interests in a Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security of the same Series; or
- (b) Definitive Bearer N&C Securities (as defined in the General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities) of the same Series (as defined in the General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities) with, where applicable, receipts, interest coupons and talons attached (as indicated in the applicable Issue Terms and subject, in the case of Definitive Bearer N&C Securities, to such notice period as is specified in the applicable Issue Terms).

In each case such exchange shall be made against certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership as described above, unless such certification has already been given. Purchasers in the United States and certain U.S. Persons will not be able to receive Definitive Bearer N&C Securities or interests in a Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security. The holder of a Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security will not be entitled to collect any payment of interest, principal or other amount due on or after the Exchange Date unless, upon due presentation and certification, exchange of the Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security for an interest in a Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security or for Definitive Bearer N&C Securities is improperly withheld or refused.

Payments of principal, interest (if any) or any other amounts on a Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security will be made through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, against presentation or surrender (as the case may be) of the Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security (if the Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security is not intended to be issued in NGN form) without any requirement for certification.

The applicable Issue Terms will specify that a Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for Definitive Bearer N&C Securities with, where applicable, receipts, interest coupons and talons attached upon either:

- (a) not less than 60 days' written notice from Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security) to the Principal Paying Agent, or
- (b) only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event (as defined below).

No Definitive Bearer N&C Securities will be sent by post or otherwise delivered to any location in the United States or its possessions in connection with such exchange.

For these purposes, "**Exchange Event**" means that:

- (a) an Event of Default (as defined in N&C Security Condition 9 (*Events of Default*)) has occurred and is continuing;
- (b) the Issuer has been notified that both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and, in any such case, no alternative clearing system satisfactory to the Issuer and the Principal Paying Agent is available; or

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(c) the Issuer has or will become subject to adverse tax consequences which would not be suffered were the N&C Securities represented by the Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security in definitive form.

The Issuer will promptly give notice to the N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*) if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security) may give notice to the Principal Paying Agent requesting exchange and, in the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described in (3) above, the Issuer may also give notice to the Principal Paying Agent requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 45 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Principal Paying Agent.

The following legend will appear on all Bearer Global N&C Securities (other than Immobilised Bearer N&C Securities or Temporary Global N&C Securities), talons and interest coupons relating to such N&C Securities where TEFRA D is specified in the applicable Final Terms or Pricing Supplement, as the case may be:

**"ANY UNITED STATES PERSON WHO HOLDS THIS OBLIGATION WILL BE SUBJECT TO LIMITATIONS UNDER THE UNITED STATES INCOME TAX LAWS, INCLUDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED IN SECTIONS 165(j) AND 1287(a) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE."**

N&C Securities which are represented by a Bearer Global N&C Security will only be transferable in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be.

If a Global Bearer N&C Security is exchangeable for a Definitive Bearer N&C Security at the option of the N&C Securityholders, the N&C Securities shall be tradeable only in principal amounts of at least the Specified Denomination (as defined in the General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities) (or if more than one Specified Denomination, the lowest Specified Denomination).

### **Immobilised Bearer N&C Securities**

Interests in N&C Securities to be issued as bearer securities in immobilised form ("**Immobilised Bearer N&C Securities**") of certain issues that may not at any time be offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. Person will initially be represented by a global security in bearer form (a "**Permanently Restricted Global N&C Security**" or an "**Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Security**"). Any offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, redemption, transfer or delivery of an interest in a Permanently Restricted Global N&C Security made, directly or indirectly, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. Person will not be recognised. Interests in Permanently Restricted Global N&C Securities may not be legally or beneficially owned at any time by any U.S. Person and accordingly may only be offered and sold outside the United States to non-U.S. Persons in reliance on Regulation S. Interests in a Permanently Restricted Global N&C Security may not be held otherwise than through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, and such Permanently Restricted Global N&C Securities will bear a legend regarding such restrictions on transfer.

The Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities will initially be issued in bearer form, without interest coupons, and title thereto will pass by delivery. Pursuant to an N&C securities depositary agreement (such agreement as amended and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "**N&C Securities Depositary Agreement**") dated on or about the date of this Base Prospectus between the Issuer, Citibank, N.A., London Branch (the "**Book-Entry Depositary**"), Citibank, N.A., London Branch (the "**Custodian**") and Citibank Europe plc (the "**Registrar**"), the Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities of each Series will on issue be deposited with the Book-Entry Depositary and held by the Custodian on behalf of the Book-Entry Depositary. If any N&C Securities are issued as Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities, then the entire Series of which they form part will be issued as Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities.

In respect of Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities to be settled through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg ("**Permanently Restricted Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities**")

which are deposited with the Book-Entry Depository, the Book-Entry Depository will issue registered certificated depositary interests ("CDIs") to a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, or its nominee, and will record the CDIs in the books and records of the Registrar in the name of the common depositary or its nominee, as applicable. Ownership of interests in the Permanently Restricted Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities deposited with the Book-Entry Depository (the "**Book-Entry Interests**") will be limited to persons with an account with Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or persons who may hold interests through such participants. Book-Entry Interests will be shown on, and transfers thereof will be affected only through records maintained in book-entry form by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and their participants.

Subject as set out below, the Book-Entry Interests will not be held in definitive form. Instead, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (as applicable) will credit on their respective book-entry registration and transfer systems a participant's account with the interest beneficially owned by such participant. The laws of some jurisdictions, including certain states of the United States, may require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. The foregoing limitations may impair the ability to own, transfer or pledge Book-Entry Interests. In addition, while the Immobilised Bearer N&C Securities are in global form, holders of Book-Entry Interests will not be considered the owners or holders of such N&C Securities for any purpose.

Interests in an Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Security will be exchangeable (free of charge), in whole but not in part, for N&C Securities in definitive registered form without interest coupons or talons attached only upon the occurrence of an Exchange Event. For these purposes, "**Exchange Event**" means:

- (a) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing;
- (b) in the case of Immobilised Bearer N&C Securities registered in the name of a nominee for a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Issuer has been notified that (x) either Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg is unwilling or unable to continue to act as depositary for the N&C Securities and no alternative clearing system is available or (y) both Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have been closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of holiday, statutory or otherwise) or have announced an intention permanently to cease business or have in fact done so and, in any such case, no successor clearing system is available;
- (c) the Book-Entry Depository is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as Book-Entry Depository in respect of any Immobilised Bearer N&C Securities or its appointment as such under the N&C Securities Depositary Agreement is (or is to be) terminated and no successor is appointed by the Issuer within 90 days; or
- (d) the Issuer has or will become subject to adverse tax consequences which would not be suffered were the N&C Securities represented by the Global N&C Security in definitive registered form.

The Issuer will promptly give notice to N&C Securityholders in accordance with N&C Security Condition 13 (*Notices*) if an Exchange Event occurs. In the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event, Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (acting on the instructions of any holder of an interest in such Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Security) may give notice to the Registrar (or request that the Principal Paying Agent does so) requesting exchange and, in the event of the occurrence of an Exchange Event as described in (v) above, the Issuer may also give notice to the Registrar requesting exchange. Any such exchange shall occur not later than 10 days after the date of receipt of the first relevant notice by the Registrar.

In such an event, the Issuer (or the Registrar on behalf of the Issuer) will exchange the Book-Entry Interests in the relevant Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Security for N&C Securities in definitive form, registered in the name or names and issued in any approved denominations, requested by or on behalf of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable (in accordance with their respective customary procedures and based upon directions received from participants reflecting the beneficial ownership of Book-Entry Interests), and which may bear a restrictive legend unless such legend is not required by applicable law.

To the extent permitted by law, the Issuer, the Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar shall be entitled to treat the holder of any N&C Security as the absolute owner thereof.

## Transfer of Interests

Pursuant to the N&C Securities Depositary Agreement, the Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities may be transferred only to a successor to the relevant Book-Entry Depositary.

Unless and until Book-Entry Interests are exchanged for N&C Securities in definitive registered form, the CDIs held for the common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg may not be transferred except as a whole to a nominee or a successor approved by the Issuer.

All transfers of Book-Entry Interests between participants in Euroclear or participants in Clearstream, Luxembourg will be effected by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, pursuant to customary procedures and subject to the applicable rules and procedures established by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg and their respective participants.

Book-Entry Interests in an Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Security may be exchanged for N&C Securities in definitive registered form upon receipt by the Registrar of instructions from the Principal Paying Agent. It is expected that such instructions of the Principal Paying Agent will be based upon directions received by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, from the participant which owns the relevant Book-Entry Interests. N&C Securities in a definitive registered form issued in exchange for a Book-Entry Interest will be subject to certain restrictions and will bear the legend provided for in the Agency Agreement and N&C Securities Depositary Agreement.

N&C Securities may not be offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. Person, and any offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, redemption, transfer or delivery made, directly or indirectly, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. Person will not be recognised.

Immobilised Bearer N&C Securities are also subject to the restrictions on transfer set forth therein and will bear a legend regarding such restrictions. See "*Subscription and Sale*".

## General

Pursuant to the Agency Agreement (as defined under the General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities), the Principal Paying Agent shall arrange that, where a further Tranche of N&C Securities is issued which is intended to form a single Series with an existing Tranche of N&C Securities at a point after the Issue Date of the further Tranche, the N&C Securities of such further Tranche shall be assigned a common code and ISIN and, where applicable, a CUSIP and CINS number which are different from the common code, ISIN, CUSIP and CINS assigned to N&C Securities of any other Tranche of the same Series until such time as the Tranches are consolidated and form a single Series, which shall not be prior to the expiry of any applicable period that by law or regulation would require such N&C Securities of such Tranche not to be fungible.

Any reference herein to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include a reference to any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Issue Terms or, in the case of Exempt N&C Securities as may otherwise be approved by the Issuer and the Principal Paying Agent, as the case may be.

An N&C Security may be accelerated by the holder thereof in certain circumstances described in N&C Security Condition 10. In such circumstances, where any N&C Security is still represented by a Global N&C Security and the Global N&C Security (or any part thereof) has become due and repayable in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities and payment in full of the amount due has not been made in accordance with the provisions of the Global N&C Security then from 8.00 p.m. (London time) on such day holders of interests in such Global N&C Security credited to their accounts with Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, will become entitled to proceed directly against the Issuer on the basis of statements of account provided by Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg on and subject to the terms of a deed of covenant (the "**Deed of Covenant**") dated 8 August 2017 and executed by the Issuer.

Any reference herein to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg shall, whenever the context so permits, except in relation to N&C Securities issued in NGN form, be deemed to include a reference to any successor operator and/or successor clearing system and/or any additional or alternative clearing system specified in the applicable Issue Terms.

Any reference herein to the common depositary, depositary or, as applicable, common safekeeper shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include references to any successor common depositary, depositary or, as applicable, common safekeeper or any additional or alternative common depositary, depositary or, as applicable, common safekeeper as is approved by the Issuer and the Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar.

Any reference herein to the nominee or, as applicable, common nominee shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include references to any successor nominee or, as applicable, common nominee or any additional or alternative nominee or, as applicable, common nominee as is approved by the Issuer, the Principal Paying Agent and the Registrar.

The Issuer may agree with any Dealer that N&C Securities may be issued in a form not contemplated by the Conditions, in which event, other than where such N&C Securities are Exempt N&C Securities, a supplement to this base prospectus or a new prospectus or prospectus will be made available which will describe the effect of the agreement reached in relation to such N&C Securities.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds from each issue of N&C Securities will be applied by the Issuer for its general corporate purposes. If, in respect of an issue, there is a particular identified use of proceeds, this will be stated in the applicable Issue Terms.

## BOOK-ENTRY CLEARANCE SYSTEMS AND SETTLEMENT

*The information set out below is subject to any change in or reinterpretation of the rules, regulations and procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (together, the "Clearance Systems") currently in effect. The information in this section concerning the Clearance Systems has been obtained from sources that the Issuer believes to be reliable. The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this section. The Issuer confirms that the information contained in this section has been accurately reproduced as far as the Issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by the above sources, and that no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading. Investors wishing to use the facilities of any of the Clearance Systems are advised to confirm the continued applicability of the rules, regulations and procedures of the relevant Clearance System. None of the Issuer, the Dealers and the Agents will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to, or payments made on account of, beneficial ownership interests in the N&C Securities held through the facilities of any Clearance System or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records or payments relating to such beneficial ownership interests.*

### Book-entry Systems

#### *Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg*

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg each hold securities for their customers and facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions by electronic book-entry transfer between their respective account holders. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg provide various services including safekeeping, administration, clearance and settlement of internationally traded securities and securities lending and borrowing. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg also deal with domestic securities markets in several countries through established depositary and custodial relationships. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have established an electronic bridge between their two systems across which their respective participants may settle trades with each other.

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg customers are world-wide financial institutions, including underwriters, securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies and clearing corporations. Indirect access to Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg is available to other institutions that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with an account holder of either system.

### Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities

Payments of any amounts owing in respect of Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities (including principal and interest, if any) will be made by the Issuer in the Specified Currency to the relevant Paying Agent. The relevant Paying Agent will, in turn, make such payments to or to the order of the Book-Entry Depositary in its capacity as bearer of the relevant Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities. Upon receipt of such amounts, the Book-Entry Depositary will pay the amounts so received to the common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as applicable, which will distribute payments to participants in accordance with their procedures, as detailed above.

The Issuer will treat the bearer of the Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities as the owner thereof for the purposes of receiving payments and for all other purposes. None of the Issuer, the Book-Entry Depositary or any agent of the Issuer has or will have any responsibility or liability for:

- (a) any aspect of the records of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any direct or indirect participant relating to, or payments made on account of, a Book-Entry Interest in any Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any of the records of Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any direct or indirect participant relating to, or payments made on account of, a Book-Entry Interest in any Immobilised Bearer Global N&C Securities; or
- (b) Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg or any direct or indirect participant.

### Transfers of N&C Securities Represented by Global N&C Securities

Transfers of any interests in N&C Securities represented by a Global N&C Security or a CDI within Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be effected in accordance with the customary rules and

operating procedures of the relevant Clearance System and, in the case of CDIs, in accordance with the provisions of the N&C Securities Depositary Agreement.

On or after the Issue Date for any Series, transfers of N&C Securities of such Series between accountholders in Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will generally have a settlement date three business days after the trade date. The customary arrangements for delivery versus payment will apply to such transfers.

Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have each published rules and operating procedures designed to facilitate transfers of beneficial interests in Global N&C Securities in bearer form among participants and accountholders of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. However, they are under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued or changed at any time. None of the Issuer, the Agents or any Dealer will be responsible for any performance by Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or accountholders of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations and none of them will have any liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial interests in the N&C Securities represented by Global N&C Securities in bearer form or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial interests.

The Issuer will not be responsible for the operation of the clearing arrangements which is a matter for the clearing institutions, their nominees, their participants and the investors.

### **Euroclear UK & International Limited**

Following their delivery into a clearing system, interests in N&C Securities may be delivered, held and settled in Euroclear UK & International Limited (formerly known as CRESTCo Limited) ("CREST") by means of the creation of dematerialised depositary Interests ("CREST Depositary Interests") representing the interests in the relevant N&C Securities ("Underlying Securities"). Such delivery, holding and settlement is governed, *inter alia*, by the terms of the CREST Manual issued by CREST dated 1 September 2015 (as the same may be amended, modified, varied or supplemented from time to time, the "CREST Manual"). The CREST Depositary Interests will be issued by CREST Depositary Limited or any successor thereto (the "CREST Depositary") to holders of the CREST Depositary Interests and will be constituted and governed by English law. CREST International Nominees Limited or another entity appointed to act as nominee in accordance with the CREST Deed Poll (as defined below) (the "CREST Nominee") will hold the legal title to the Underlying Securities and the direct enforcement right in respect of the Underlying Securities.

The CREST Depositary Interests will represent indirect interests in the interest of the CREST Nominee in the Underlying Securities. Pursuant to the CREST Manual, N&C Securities held in global form by the Common Depositary may be settled through CREST, and the CREST Depositary will issue CREST Depositary Interests. The CREST Depositary Interests will be independent securities which may be held and transferred through CREST.

Interests in the Underlying Securities will be credited to the CREST Nominee's account with Euroclear and the CREST Nominee will hold such interests as nominee for the CREST Depositary which will issue CREST Depositary Interests to the relevant CREST participants.

Each CREST Depositary Interest will be treated by the CREST Depositary as if it were one Underlying Security, for the purposes of determining all rights and obligations and all amounts payable in respect thereof. The CREST Depositary will pass on to holders of CREST Depositary Interests any interest or other amounts received by it as holder of the Underlying Securities on trust for such holder. Holders of CREST Depositary Interests will also be able to receive from CREST notices of meetings of holders of Underlying Securities and other relevant notices issued by the Issuer.

Transfers of interests in Underlying Securities by a CREST participant to a participant of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg will be effected by cancellation of the CREST Depositary Interests and transfer of an interest in such N&C Securities underlying the CREST Depositary Interests to the account of the relevant participant with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg. The CREST Depositary Interests will have the same ISIN as the ISIN of the Underlying Securities and will not require a separate listing on the Official List of the Financial Conduct Authority.

Holders of CREST Depository Interests are referred to Chapter 8 of the CREST International Manual (as contained in the CREST Manual) which contains the form of the CREST Deed Poll to be entered into by the CREST Depository (the "**CREST Deed Poll**"). The rights of the holder of CREST Depository Interests will be governed by the arrangements between CREST, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and the Issuer including the CREST Deed Poll executed by the CREST Depository. These rights may be different from those of holders of N&C Securities which are not represented by CREST Depository Interests.

If issued, CREST Depository Interests will be delivered, held and settled in CREST, by means of the CREST International Settlement Links Service (the "**CREST International Settlement Links Service**"). The settlement of the CREST Depository Interests by means of the CREST International Settlement Links Service has the following consequences for holders of CREST Depository Interests:

- (a) holders of CREST Depository Interests will not be the legal owners of the Underlying Securities. The CREST Depository Interests are separate legal instruments from the Underlying Securities to which they relate and represent an indirect interest in such Underlying Securities;
- (b) the Underlying Securities themselves (as distinct from the CREST Depository Interests representing indirect interests in such Underlying Securities) will be held in an account with a custodian. The custodian will hold the Underlying Securities through a clearing system. Rights in the Underlying Securities will be held through custodial and depositary links through the appropriate clearing systems. The legal title to the Underlying Securities or to interests in the Underlying Securities will depend on the rules of the clearing system in or through which the Underlying Securities are held;
- (c) rights under the Underlying Securities cannot be enforced by holders of CREST Depository Interests except indirectly through the intermediary depositaries and custodians described above. The enforcement of rights under the Underlying Securities will therefore be subject to the local law of the relevant intermediary. The rights of holders of CREST Depository Interests to the Underlying Securities are represented by the entitlements against the CREST Depository which (through the CREST Nominee) holds interests in the Underlying Securities. This could result in an elimination or reduction in the payments that otherwise would have been made in respect of the Underlying Securities in the event of any insolvency or liquidation of the relevant intermediary, in particular where the Underlying Securities held in clearing systems are not held in special purpose accounts and are fungible with other securities held in the same accounts on behalf of other customers of the relevant intermediaries;
- (d) the CREST Depository Interests issued to holders of CREST Depository Interests will be constituted and issued pursuant to the CREST Deed Poll. Holders of CREST Depository Interests will be bound by all provisions of the CREST Deed Poll and by all provisions of or prescribed pursuant to, the CREST International Manual and the CREST Rules applicable to the CREST International Settlement Links Service (in each case as contained in the CREST Manual) and such holders must comply in full with all obligations imposed on them by such provisions;
- (e) the provisions of the CREST Deed Poll and the CREST Manual (including for the avoidance of doubt the provisions of the CREST International Manual and the CREST Rules) contain indemnities, warranties, representations and undertakings to be given by holders of CREST Depository Interests and limitations on the liability of the issuer of the CREST Depository Interests, the CREST Depository;
- (f) holders of CREST Depository Interests may incur liabilities resulting from a breach of any such indemnities, warranties, representations and undertakings in excess of the money invested by them. The attention of holders is drawn to the terms of the CREST Deed Poll and the CREST Manual (including for the avoidance of doubt the provisions of the CREST International Manual and the CREST Rules), copies of which are available from CREST at 33 Cannon Street, London EC4M 5SB or by calling +44 (0) 207 849 0000 or from the CREST website at: <https://www.euroclear.com/en.html>;
- (g) holders of CREST Depository Interests may be required to pay fees, charges, costs and expenses to the CREST Depository in connection with the use of the CREST International Settlement

Links Service. These will include the fees and expenses charged by the CREST Depository in respect of the provision of services by it under the CREST Deed Poll and any taxes, duties, charges, costs or expenses which may be or become payable in connection with the holding of the N&C Securities through the CREST International Settlement Links Service;

- (h) neither the Issuer, the Dealer nor any Paying Agent will have any responsibility for the performance by any intermediaries or their respective direct or indirect participants or accountholders of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations; and
- (i) N&C Securities issued in temporary global form exchangeable for a Permanent Global Bearer N&C Security will not be eligible for CREST settlement as CREST Depository Interests. As such, investors investing in the Underlying Securities through CREST Depository Interests will only receive the CREST Depository Interests after such Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security is exchanged for a Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security, which could take up to 40 days after the issue of the N&C Securities.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERENCE SHARE ISSUER**

### **1. General**

Santander UK (Structured Solutions) Limited (the "Preference Share Company" or the "Preference Share Issuer") was established as a private company limited by shares under the Companies Act 2006 on 18 November 2015 (with registered number 9878451). The Preference Share Company has its registered office at 2 Triton Square, Regent's Place, London NW1 3AN.

Each Series of N&C Securities will give exposure to the performance of a separate class of Preference Shares that, in turn, give exposure to one or more Preference Share Underlying(s). It is expected that the Preference Share Issuer will issue a single Preference Share of the relevant class that will remain outstanding as a reference asset for the corresponding Series of N&C Securities until its scheduled redemption date. The Preference Shares will not be available for subscription or offered to any investors.

### **2. Principal Activities of the Preference Share Issuer**

The sole business activity of the Preference Share Issuer is to issue redeemable preference shares. Accordingly, the Preference Share Issuer does not have any trading assets and does not generate any significant net income.

### **3. Constitutional Documents**

A copy of the Preference Share Issuer's constitutional documents and the applicable terms and conditions of the respective class of Preference Shares are available to investors in the N&C Securities on written request (free of charge) from the registered office of the Preference Share Issuer at 2 Triton Square, Regent's Place, London NW1 3AN on proof of identity as a N&C Securityholder.

## TAXATION

Tax legislation, including in the country where the investor is domiciled or tax resident and in the Issuer's country of incorporation, may have an impact on the income that an investor receives from the N&C Securities. Prospective N&C Securityholders who may be unsure as to their tax position should seek their own professional advice.

### 1. United Kingdom Taxation

*The following applies only to persons who are the beneficial owners of N&C Securities and is a summary of the Issuer's understanding of current law and published HM Revenue and Customs ("HMRC") practice in the United Kingdom relating only to certain aspects of United Kingdom taxation. Some aspects do not apply to certain classes of person (such as dealers and persons connected with the Issuer) to whom special rules may apply. Prospective N&C Securityholders should note that the particular Conditions of any series of N&C Securities as specified in the applicable Final Terms or Pricing Supplement (as applicable) may affect the tax treatment of that and any other Series of N&C Securities and should be treated with appropriate caution. The comments below do not deal with the tax consequences of any substitution of the Issuer in accordance with Condition 14 (Substitution). The United Kingdom tax treatment of prospective N&C Securityholders depends on their individual circumstances and may be subject to change in the future.*

Investors who are resident in the United Kingdom or who will otherwise be within the scope to United Kingdom tax in respect of the N&C Securities should note that some N&C Securities linked to Preference Shares may qualify as "excluded indexed securities" within the meaning of section 433 of the Income Tax (Trading and Other Income) Act 2005.

An N&C Security may qualify as an "excluded indexed security" if the amount payable on redemption is determined by applying to the amount for which the security was issued the percentage change (if any) over the security's redemption period in the value of chargeable assets of a particular description.

The Issuer expects that the Preference Shares will be "chargeable assets" for these purposes. Whether or not any particular series of N&C Securities linked to Preference Shares will qualify as "excluded indexed securities" will therefore generally depend on whether for United Kingdom tax purposes they are treated as redeeming for an amount equal to their Issue Price increased or decreased (as relevant) by the percentage change in the value of the Preference Shares over their redemption period.

Investors should note that profits or gains made on a disposal or redemption of "excluded indexed securities" held for investment purposes are, subject to the points raised at risk factor 16 entitled "*Risks associated with taxation*", normally subject to capital gains tax though in certain circumstances can be brought within the charge to UK income tax. Any interest paid on any N&C Securities will be subject to income tax rather than capital gains tax. Profits and gains made on a disposal or redemption of N&C Securities that do not qualify as "excluded indexed securities" would normally be subject to income tax

The Issuer and its Affiliates cannot advise investors on the proper classification of the N&C Securities or any series of N&C Securities. Prior to purchasing the N&C Securities, investors should discuss with their professional advisers how such purchase would or could affect them. Investors with any questions regarding whether any N&C Securities qualify as "excluded indexed securities" or otherwise regarding the impact of an investment in the N&C Securities on their tax position should consult their tax advisers. Neither the Issuer nor any of its Affiliates provides tax or legal advice.

### Withholding on payments

Payments other than those constituting interest should not be subject to withholding for or on account of UK tax.

Where the Issuer makes a payment of interest on the N&C Securities, then it may do so without deduction of or withholding on account of United Kingdom income tax provided that: (a) the Issuer is and continues to be a bank within the meaning of section 991 of the Income Tax Act 2007; and (b) the interest on the relevant N&C Securities is and continues to be paid in the ordinary course of the Issuer's business within the meaning of section 878 Income Tax Act 2007. In other cases tax may, subject to any other available exemptions or reliefs, have to be withheld from payments of interest on the N&C Securities. Where United Kingdom tax is withheld, the rate is the "basic rate" of income tax (currently 20 per cent.).

However, where an applicable double tax treaty provides for a lower rate of withholding tax (or for no tax to be withheld) in relation to a Noteholder, HMRC can issue a notice to the relevant Issuer to pay interest to the Noteholder without deduction of tax (or for interest to be paid with tax deducted at the rate provided for in the relevant double tax treaty).

For the purposes of this section "interest" has the meaning it takes for UK tax law.

## 2. U.S. Dividend Equivalent Withholding

Section 871(m) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "**Code**") treats a "dividend equivalent" payment as a dividend from sources within the United States that is generally subject to a 30 per cent. U.S. withholding tax. A "dividend equivalent" payment is (i) a substitute dividend payment made pursuant to a securities lending or a sale-repurchase transaction that (directly or indirectly) is contingent upon, or determined by reference to, the payment of a dividend from sources within the United States, (ii) a payment made pursuant to a "specified notional principal contract" or a "specified equity-linked instrument" that (directly or indirectly) is contingent upon, or determined by reference to, the payment of a dividend from sources within the United States, and (iii) any other payment determined by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service ("**IRS**") to be substantially similar to a payment described in (i) and (ii). U.S. Treasury regulations issued under Section 871(m) and applicable guidance (the "**Section 871(m) Regulations**") require withholding on certain non-U.S. holders of the N&C Securities with respect to amounts treated as dividend equivalent payments. Under the Section 871(m) Regulations, only a N&C Security that has an expected economic return sufficiently similar to that of the underlying U.S. security, based on tests set forth in the Section 871(m) Regulations, will be subject to the Section 871(m) withholding regime (making such N&C Security a "**Specified N&C Security**"). Certain exceptions to this withholding requirement apply, in particular for instruments linked to certain broad-based indices.

Withholding in respect of dividend equivalents will generally be required when payments are made on, or upon the date of maturity, lapse or other disposition of the Specified Security. If the underlying U.S. security or securities are expected to pay dividends during the term of the Specified Security, withholding generally will still be required even if the Specified N&C Security does not provide for payments explicitly linked to dividends. Additionally, the Issuer or a withholding agent may withhold the full 30 per cent. tax on any payment on the N&C Securities in respect of any dividend equivalent arising with respect to such N&C Securities regardless of any exemption from, or reduction in, such withholding otherwise available under applicable law (including, for the avoidance of doubt, where a non-U.S. holder is eligible for a reduced tax rate under an applicable tax treaty with the United States). A non-U.S. holder may be able to claim a refund of any excess withholding provided the required information is timely furnished to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service. Refund claims are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and there can be no assurance that a particular refund claim will be timely paid or paid at all. Among other things, a non-U.S. holder may not receive the necessary information to properly claim a refund for excess withholding taxes remitted in respect of its N&C Security for purposes of claiming a refund. In addition, a non-U.S. holder's resident tax jurisdiction may not permit the holder to take a credit for U.S. withholding taxes related to the dividend equivalent amount. If the Issuer or any withholding agent determines that withholding is required, neither the Issuer nor any withholding agent will be required to pay any additional amounts with respect to amounts so withheld.

The Section 871(m) Regulations generally apply to Specified N&C Securities issued on or after 1 January 2017. If the terms of a N&C Security are subject to a "significant modification" (as defined for U.S. tax purposes) the N&C Security generally would be treated as retired and reissued on the date of such modification for the purposes of determining, based on economic conditions in effect at that time, whether such N&C Security is a Specified Security. Similarly, if additional N&C Securities of the same series are issued (or deemed issued for U.S. tax purposes, such as certain sales of N&C Securities out of inventory) after the original issue date, the IRS could treat the issue date for determining whether the existing N&C Securities are Specified N&C Securities as the date of such subsequent sale or issuance. Consequently, a previously out of scope N&C Security, might be treated as a Specified N&C Security following such modification or further issuance.

In addition, payments on the Specified N&C Securities may be calculated by reference to dividends on underlying U.S. securities that are reinvested at a rate of 70 per cent. In such case, in calculating the relevant payment amount, the holder will be deemed to receive, and the Issuer will be deemed to withhold, 30 per cent. of any dividend equivalent payments (as defined in Section 871(m) of the Code)

in respect of the relevant U.S. securities. The Issuer will not pay any additional amounts to the holder on account of the Section 871(m) amount deemed withheld.

The applicable Issue Terms will indicate whether the Issuer has determined that N&C Securities are Specified N&C Securities and may specify contact details for obtaining additional information regarding the application of Section 871(m) to such N&C Securities. A non-U.S. holder of Specified N&C Securities should expect to be subject to withholding in respect of any underlying dividend-paying U.S. securities. The Issuer's determination is binding on non-U.S. holders of N&C Securities, but it is not binding on the IRS. The Section 871(m) Regulations require complex calculations to be made with respect to N&C Securities linked to U.S. securities and their application to a specific issue of N&C Securities may be uncertain.

Potential investors should note that a N&C Security that in isolation is not a Specified N&C Security may nonetheless be subject to Section 871(m) tax if a non-U.S. holder has engaged, or engages, in other transactions in respect of a U.S. security or component of an index in connection with the N&C Security. A non-U.S. holder that enters, or has entered, into other transactions in respect of a U.S. security, component of an underlying index, or the N&C Securities should consult its own tax advisor regarding the application of Section 871(m) to the N&C Securities and such other transactions.

Prospective investors should consult their tax advisers regarding the potential application of Section 871(m) to the N&C Securities.

### 3. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act

Pursuant to certain provisions of the Code, commonly known as FATCA, a "foreign financial institution" may be required to withhold on certain payments it makes to persons that fail to meet certain certification, reporting or related requirements. The Issuer has registered with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service as a reporting foreign financial institution for these purposes.

A number of jurisdictions (including the United Kingdom) have entered into, or have agreed in substance to, intergovernmental agreements with the United States to implement FATCA ("IGAs"), which modify the way in which FATCA applies in their jurisdictions. Certain aspects of the application of the FATCA provisions and IGAs to instruments such as the N&C Securities are uncertain and may be subject to change.

Withholding may apply pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on N&C Securities treated as Specified N&C Securities for purposes of Section 871(m) as described under "*U.S. Dividend Equivalent Withholding*" above. For N&C Securities that are not treated as Specified N&C Securities, withholding would not apply prior to the date that is two years after the date on which final regulations defining "foreign passthru payments" are filed with the U.S. Federal Register and N&C Securities issued on or prior to the date that is six months after the date on which final regulations are filed with the U.S. Federal Register generally would be "grandfathered" for purposes of FATCA withholding unless materially modified after such date (including by reason of a substitution of the issuer or change in terms) and/or characterised as equity for U.S. tax purposes. However, if additional N&C Securities (as described under "*General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities – Further Issues*") that are not distinguishable from previously issued N&C Securities are issued after the expiration of the grandfathering period and are subject to withholding under FATCA, then withholding agents may treat all such N&C Securities, including those N&C Securities offered prior to the expiration of the grandfathering period, as subject to withholding under FATCA.

The effective date for withholding on "foreign passthru payments" above reflects proposed U.S. Treasury regulations ("**Proposed FATCA Regulations**"). The Proposed FATCA Regulations also eliminate FATCA withholding on gross proceeds from the disposition of, or final payments, redemptions, or other principal payments made in respect of, an instrument that may produce U.S. source interest or dividends. The discussion above assumes that the Proposed FATCA Regulations will be finalised in their current form.

Holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding how these rules may apply to their investment in the N&C Securities. In the event that any withholding would be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on the N&C Securities, no person will be required to pay additional amounts as a result of the withholding.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PURCHASERS AND TRANSFEREES OF N&C SECURITIES**

The N&C Securities have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or any applicable state securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States. Trading in the N&C Securities has not been approved by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC") under the United States Commodity Exchange Act of 1936, as amended (the "CEA"). No N&C Securities, or interests therein, may at any time be offered, sold, resold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. Person or to others for offer, sale, resale or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. Person.

Offers, sales, resales or deliveries of the N&C Securities, or interests therein, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. Persons would constitute a violation of United States securities laws unless made in compliance with the registration requirements of the Securities Act or any applicable state securities laws or pursuant to an exemption therefrom. In addition, in the absence of relief from the CFTC, offers, sales, resales, transfers, pledges or deliveries of the N&C Securities, or interests therein, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. Persons, may constitute a violation of United States law governing commodities trading.

As used herein, "**United States**" 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; and "**U.S. Person**" means (i) a "U.S. person" as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act ("Regulation S"), (ii) a person who comes within any definition of U.S. person for the purposes of the United States Commodity Exchange Act of 1936, as amended (the "CEA") (including but not limited to a "U.S. person" as defined in the Interpretive Guidance and Policy Statement Regarding Compliance with Certain Swap Regulations promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "CFTC") pursuant to the CEA and a person other than a "Non-United States person" as defined in CFTC Rule 4.7(a)(1)(iv) excluding for the purposes of CFTC rule 4.7(a)(1)(iv)(D) the exception for qualified eligible persons who are not "Non-United States persons"), or (iii) a "United States person" as defined in the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, in each case, as such definition may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time (each such person, a "**U.S. Person**").

### **Notice to Purchasers and Holders of Restricted N&C Securities and Transfer Restrictions**

Each purchaser of the N&C Securities will, by its purchase of the N&C Securities, be deemed to acknowledge, represent and agree as follows:

- (a) that trading in the N&C Securities has not been and will not be approved by the CFTC under the CEA;
- (b) that it will not at any time offer, sell, resell, trade, pledge, redeem, transfer or deliver, directly or indirectly, any N&C Securities so purchased in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. Person or to others for offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, redemption, transfer or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any person who is a U.S. Person;
- (c) that it is not purchasing any N&C Securities for the account or benefit of any U.S. Person;
- (d) that it will not make offers, sales, resales, trades, pledges, redemptions, transfers or deliveries of any N&C Securities (otherwise acquired), directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any person who is a U.S. Person;
- (e) that it will send each Person who purchases N&C Securities from it a written confirmation (which shall include the definitions of United States and U.S. Person set forth herein) stating that the N&C Securities have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act under the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States, that trading in the N&C Securities has not been approved by the CFTC under the CEA and stating that such purchaser agrees that it will not at any time offer, sell, resell, trade, pledge, redeem, transfer or deliver any of such N&C Securities, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any person who is a U.S. Person; and
- (f) that no U.S. Person or person in the United States may at any time trade or maintain a position in the N&C Securities.

## SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

The Dealers have in a Programme Agreement (such Programme Agreement as modified and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time, the "**Programme Agreement**") dated 17 March 2023 agreed with the Issuer a basis upon which the Issuer may from time to time agree to issue N&C Securities. Any such agreement will extend to those matters stated under "*Form of the N&C Securities*" and "*General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities*". In the Programme Agreement, the Issuer has agreed to reimburse the Dealers for certain of their expenses in connection with the issue of N&C Securities under the Programme and to indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities incurred by them in connection therewith. The price and amount of N&C Securities to be issued under the Programme will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions. The N&C Securities 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 Programme Agreement also provides for N&C Securities to be issued in syndicated Tranches that are jointly and severally underwritten by two or more Dealers. If a Tranche of N&C Securities is syndicated, the details of such syndication will be specified in the applicable Final Terms or, in the case of Exempt N&C Securities, Pricing Supplement.

In connection with the issue of any Tranche of N&C Securities, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the Stabilisation Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager(s)) in the applicable Final Terms or, in the case of Exempt N&C Securities, Pricing Supplement may over-allot (provided that, in the case of any Tranche of N&C Securities to be admitted to trading on a regulated market in the United Kingdom, the aggregate principal amount of N&C Securities allotted does not exceed 105.00 per cent. of the aggregate principal amount of the relevant Tranche) or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the N&C Securities of the Series (as defined below) of which such Tranche forms part at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, stabilisation may not necessarily occur. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche of N&C Securities is made and, if begun, may cease at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of N&C Securities and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche of N&C Securities.

## SELLING RESTRICTIONS

### 1. **United States of America**

The N&C Securities have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act, and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. Persons (as defined below). Except as otherwise provided, terms used in the preceding sentence have the meanings given to them by Regulation S ("**Regulation S**") under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**").

A U.S. Person means (i) a "U.S. person" as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act, (ii) a person who comes within any definition of U.S. person for the purposes of the United States Commodity Exchange Act of 1936, as amended (the "**CEA**") (including but not limited to a "U.S. person" as defined in the Interpretive Guidance and Policy Statement Regarding Compliance with Certain Swap Regulations promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "**CFTC**") pursuant to the CEA and a person other than a "Non-United States person" as defined in CFTC Rule 4.7(a)(1)(iv) excluding for the purposes of CFTC Rule 4.7(a)(1)(iv)(D) the exception for qualified persons who are not "Non-United States persons"), or (iii) a "United States person" as defined in the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, in each case, as such definition may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time (each such person, a "**U.S. Person**").

N&C Securities in bearer form 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 U.S. Persons, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. Treasury regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder.

Each Dealer has agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme Agreement will be required to agree, that except as permitted by the Programme Agreement: (a) it has not offered, sold or delivered N&C Securities and it will not offer, sell or deliver N&C Securities as part of their distribution

at any time within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of U.S. Persons and only in accordance with Rule 903 of Regulation S, and it will have sent to each distributor, dealer or person receiving a selling concession, fee or other remuneration that purchases N&C Securities from it or through it a confirmation or notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the N&C Securities within the United States or to or for the account or benefit of U.S. Persons.

The N&C Securities may not at any time be offered, sold, resold traded, pledged, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. Person and may not be legally or beneficially owned at any time by any U.S. Person. Accordingly, N&C Securities may only be offered and sold in offshore transactions outside the United States to persons that are not U.S. Persons pursuant to Regulation S. Any offer, sale, resale, trade, pledge, redemption, transfer or delivery of N&C Securities made, directly or indirectly, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, a U.S. Person will not be recognised.

Except as otherwise provided, terms used in this United States sub-section of "*Selling Restrictions*" have the meanings given to them by Regulation S.

In addition, until 40 days after the completion of the distribution of all N&C Securities comprising any Tranche, an offer or sale of N&C Securities within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with an available exemption from registration under the Securities Act.

Each issuance of Exempt N&C Securities shall be subject to such additional U.S. selling restrictions as the Issuer and the relevant Dealer may agree as a term of the issuance of such N&C Securities, which additional selling restrictions shall be set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement.

## 2. European Economic Area

### ***Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors***

Unless the Issue Terms in respect of the relevant N&C Securities specifies "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 N&C Securities which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the Issue 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 Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "**MiFID II**"); or
  - (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97, 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 EU 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 N&C Securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the N&C Securities.

If the Issue Terms in respect of the relevant N&C Securities specifies "Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors" as "Not Applicable", in relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area (each, a "**Member State**") 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 N&C Securities which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the Issue Terms in relation thereto to the public in that Member State, except that it may make an offer of N&C Securities to the public in that Member State:

- (a) if the Issue Terms in relation to the N&C Securities specify that an offer of those N&C Securities may be made other than pursuant to Article 1(4) of the EU Prospectus Regulation in that Member State (a "Non-exempt Offer"), following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such N&C Securities which has been approved by the competent authority in that Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Member State, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by the Issue Terms contemplating such Non-exempt Offer, in accordance with the EU Prospectus Regulation, in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such prospectus or Issue Terms, as applicable and the Issuer has consented in writing to its use for the purposes of that Non-exempt Offer; or
- (b) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in the EU Prospectus Regulation; or
- (c) at any time to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the EU Prospectus Regulation) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (d) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 1(4) of the EU Prospectus Regulation,

provided that no such offer of N&C Securities referred to in (b) to (d) above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the EU Prospectus Regulation, or a supplement to a prospectus pursuant to Article 23 of the EU Prospectus Regulation.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression "**EU Prospectus Regulation**" means Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (as amended).

### 3. United Kingdom

#### *Prohibition of sales to UK Retail Investors*

Unless the Issue Terms in respect of the relevant N&C Securities 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 offered, sold or otherwise made available and will not offer, sell or otherwise make available any N&C Securities which are subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the Issue 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 of the United Kingdom (as amended, the "EUWA"); or
  - (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 of the United Kingdom (as amended, the "FSMA") and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or
  - (iii) not qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of 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 N&C Securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for the N&C Securities.

If the Issue Terms in respect of any N&C Securities specified "Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors" as "Not Applicable", each Manager 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 N&C Securities which are subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus

as completed by the Issue Terms in relation thereto to the public in the United Kingdom except that it may make an offer of such N&C Securities to the public in the United Kingdom:

- (a) if the Issue Terms in relation to the N&C Securities specify that an offer of those N&C Securities may be made other than pursuant to section 86 of the FSMA (a "**Public Offer**"), following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such N&C Securities which has been approved by the Financial Conduct Authority, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by final terms contemplating such Public Offer, in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable, and the Issuer has consented in writing to its use for the purpose of that Public Offer;
- (b) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the UK Prospectus Regulation;
- (c) 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
- (d) at any time in any other circumstances falling within section 86 of the FSMA,

provided that no such offer of N&C Securities referred to in (b) to (d) 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 the UK Prospectus Regulation.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression "**UK Prospectus Regulation**" means Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA and regulations made thereunder.

#### ***Other regulatory restrictions***

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that:

- (a) *Financial Promotion*: 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 N&C Securities in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA would not, if it was not an authorised person, apply to the Issuer; and
- (b) *General Compliance*: it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA and Financial Conduct Authority Handbook with respect to anything done by it in relation to any N&C Securities in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

#### **4. General**

The Dealer has agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree, with the Issuer that it will observe all applicable laws and regulations in any jurisdiction in which it may offer, sell or deliver N&C Securities and that it will not, directly or indirectly, offer, sell or deliver N&C Securities or distribute or publish this document, any prospectus, circular, advertisement or other offering material (including, without limitation, any supplement to this document) in relation to the N&C Securities in or from any country of jurisdiction except under circumstances that will to best of its knowledge and belief result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations, and all offers, sales and deliveries of N&C Securities by it will be made on the foregoing terms.

Neither the Issuer nor the Dealers represents by virtue of this Base Prospectus that N&C Securities may at any time lawfully be sold in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any jurisdiction, or pursuant to any exemption available thereunder, or assumes any responsibility for facilitating such sale.

The restrictions on offerings may be modified by the agreement of the Issuer and the Dealers following a change in a relevant law, regulation or directive. Any such modification will, in the case of Exempt N&C Securities, be set out in the applicable Pricing Supplement, applicable to each Series of N&C Securities or in a supplement to this document.

**5. Disclaimer**

As a result of the foregoing restrictions, purchasers of N&C Securities are advised to consult legal counsel prior to making any purchase, offer, sale, resale or other transfer of such N&C Securities.

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Issue Terms, no offers, sales, re-sales or deliveries of any N&C Securities, or distribution of any offering material relating to any N&C Securities, may be made in or from any jurisdiction except in circumstances which will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations and which will not impose any obligation on the Issuer or the Dealers.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1. Documents Available

For the period of 12 months from the date of this Base Prospectus, copies of the following documents will, when published, be available for inspection at <https://www.santander.co.uk/about-santander/investor-relations> or, in the case of the documents listed at (a) below, on the website of Companies House at <https://beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/> and in the case of the documents listed at (c) below, in physical form, during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays and public holidays excepted) at the registered office of the Issuer and at the specified offices of the Paying Agents:

- (a) the articles of association of the Issuer and the special resolution dated 18 December 2009 of the Issuer (the "Special Resolution") and the memorandum of the Issuer (which must be read together with the relevant Special Resolution);
- (b) the most recently published annual report and accounts containing the consolidated and non-consolidated audited annual financial statements and, if published later, the most recently published interim financial results (which are produced on a semi-annual basis) containing interim consolidated and non-consolidated financial statements (if any) and the most recently published and publicly available unaudited quarterly management statement (if any) (which are produced on a quarterly basis) of the Issuer, as the same may be amended from time to time;
- (c) the Agency Agreement (which contains the forms of Global N&C Securities, N&C Securities in definitive form, Coupons and Talons), the N&C Securities Depository Agreement, the Deed of Covenant and Pricing Supplements (in the case of Exempt N&C Securities) (save that such documents will only be available for inspection by a relevant holder of N&C Securities and such holder must produce evidence satisfactory to the Issuer and the Paying Agent as to its holding of N&C Securities and its identity);
- (d) this Base Prospectus;
- (e) any supplements to this Base Prospectus and any other documents incorporated herein or therein by reference; and
- (f) Issue Terms for each Tranche or Series of N&C Securities that are listed on the official list of the London Stock Exchange or any other exchanges.

### 2. Clearance Systems

The N&C Securities in bearer and registered form have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg. The appropriate Common Code and ISIN for each Tranche of Bearer N&C Securities allocated by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be specified in the applicable Final Terms (or Pricing Supplement in the case of Exempt N&C Securities). If the N&C Securities are to clear through an additional or alternative clearance system the appropriate information will be specified in the applicable Final Terms or Pricing Supplement.

The address of Euroclear is 1 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, B.1210 Brussels, Belgium and the address of Clearstream, Luxembourg is 42 Avenue J. F. Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg. The address of CREST is Euroclear UK & International Limited, 33 Cannon Street, London, EC4M 5SB.

### 3. Significant or Material Change

There has been no significant change in the financial position or financial performance of the Santander UK Group (including Santander UK) since 31 December 2023, being the date of the Issuer's last published audited consolidated annual financial statements.

There has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer since 31 December 2023, being the date of its last published audited consolidated annual financial statements.

**4. Litigation**

There are no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware) which may have or had, in the 12 months prior to the date hereof, a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of the Santander UK Group or Santander UK plc and its subsidiaries.

**5. Independent Auditors**

In respect of the consolidated financial statements of the Issuer incorporated by reference herein for the years ended 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022, the auditors of such financial statements are PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP of 1 Embankment Place, London WC2N 6RH. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP are members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

**6. U.S. Tax Legend**

N&C Securities in bearer form (other than Immobilised Bearer N&C Securities and Temporary Global N&C Securities) and the relevant Coupons or Talons will bear the following legend where TEFRA D is specified as applicable in the applicable Issue Terms:

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

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

The Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 (the "Act") provides, *inter alia*, that persons who are not parties to a contract governed by the laws of England and Wales may be given enforceable rights under such contract. Unless specifically provided in the applicable Final Terms (or, in the case of Exempt N&C Securities, Pricing Supplement) to the contrary, this Programme expressly excludes the application of the Act to any issue of N&C Securities under the Programme.

**8. Post-Issuance Information**

Save as set out in the applicable Final Terms (or, in the case of Exempt N&C Securities, Pricing Supplement), the Issuer does not intend to provide any post-issuance information in relation to any issue of N&C Securities.

**9. Important information relating to Public Offers of N&C Securities**

Certain Tranches of N&C Securities with a denomination of less than £100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) may be offered in circumstances where there is no exemption from the obligation under FSMA to publish a prospectus. Any such offer is referred to as a "**Public Offer**". This Base Prospectus has been prepared on a basis that permits Public Offers of N&C Securities in the United Kingdom. Any person making or intending to make a Public Offer of N&C Securities on the basis of this Base Prospectus must do so only with the Issuer's consent to the use of this Base Prospectus as provided below and provided such person complies with the conditions attached to that consent.

Save as provided above, neither the Issuer nor any Dealer have authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any Public Offer of N&C Securities in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish or supplement a prospectus for such offer.

**10. Consent to use this Base Prospectus**

In the context of a Public Offer of N&C Securities, the Issuer accepts responsibility, in the United Kingdom, for the content of this Base Prospectus in relation to any person (an "**Investor**") who purchases any such N&C Securities in a Public Offer made by a Dealer or an Authorised Offeror (as defined below), where that offer is made during the Consent Period and provided that the conditions attached to the giving

of consent for the use of this Base Prospectus are complied with. The consent and conditions attached to it are set out under "*Consent*" and "*Common Conditions to Consent*" below.

Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer makes any representation as to the compliance by an Authorised Offeror with any applicable conduct of business rules or other applicable regulatory or securities law requirements in relation to any Public Offer and neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has any responsibility or liability for the actions of that Authorised Offeror.

**Except in the circumstances set out in the following paragraphs, the Issuer has not authorised the making of any Public Offer by any offeror and the Issuer has not consented to the use of this Base Prospectus by any other person in connection with any Public Offer of N&C Securities. Any Public Offer made without the consent of the Issuer is unauthorised and neither the Issuer nor, for the avoidance of doubt, any Dealer accepts any responsibility or liability in relation to such offer or for the actions of the persons making any such unauthorised offer.**

If, in the context of a Public Offer, an Investor is offered N&C Securities by a person which is not an Authorised Offeror, the Investor should check with that person whether anyone is responsible for this Base Prospectus for the purposes of the relevant Public Offer and, if so, who that person is. If the Investor is in any doubt about whether they can rely on this Base Prospectus and/or who is responsible for its contents they should take legal advice.

### **Consent**

In connection with each Tranche of N&C Securities and subject to the conditions set out below under "*Common Conditions to Consent*":

(a) Specific consent

The Issuer consents to the use of this Base Prospectus (as supplemented as at the relevant time, if applicable) in connection with a Public Offer of such N&C Securities by:

- (i) the relevant Dealer(s) or Manager(s) specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (ii) any financial intermediaries specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (iii) any other financial intermediary appointed after the date of the applicable Final Terms and whose name is published on the Issuer's website ([http://www.santander.co.uk/uk/about-santander-uk/investor-relations/abbey-structured-note-and-certificate-programme?p\\_p\\_id=W017](http://www.santander.co.uk/uk/about-santander-uk/investor-relations/abbey-structured-note-and-certificate-programme?p_p_id=W017) Informations Cluster Grouper WAR W017 Information  
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identified as an Authorised Offeror in respect of the relevant Public Offer.

(b) General consent

If (and only if) Part B of the applicable Final Terms specifies "General Consent" as "Applicable", the Issuer hereby offers to grant its consent to the use of this Base Prospectus (as supplemented as at the relevant time, if applicable) in connection with a Public Offer of N&C Securities in the United Kingdom by any other financial intermediary which satisfies the following conditions:

- (i) it is authorised to make such offers under the FSMA (in which regard, Investors should consult the register maintained by the Financial Conduct Authority at: <https://register.fca.org.uk>); and
- (ii) it accepts the Issuer's offer to grant consent to the use of this Base Prospectus by publishing on its website the following statement (with the information in square brackets completed with the relevant information) (the "Acceptance Statement"):

*"We, [insert legal name of financial intermediary], refer to the offer of [insert title of relevant N&C Securities] (the "N&C Securities") described in the Final Terms dated [insert date] (the "Final Terms") published by Santander UK plc (the "Issuer"). In consideration of the Issuer offering to grant its consent to our use of the Base Prospectus (as defined in the Final Terms) in connection with the offer of the N&C Securities in the United Kingdom [delete as applicable] during the Consent Period and subject to the other conditions to such consent, each as specified in the Base Prospectus (the "Offer"), we hereby accept the offer by the Issuer in accordance with the Authorised Offeror Terms (as specified in the Base Prospectus) and confirm that we are using the Base Prospectus in connection with the Offer accordingly".*

## 11. Authorised Offeror Terms

The relevant financial intermediary agrees in connection with using this Base Prospectus that the relevant financial intermediary:-

- (a) will, and it agrees, represents, warrants and undertakes for the benefit of the Issuer and the relevant Dealer that it will, at all times in connection with the relevant Public Offer:
  - (i) act in accordance with, and be solely responsible for complying with, all applicable laws, rules, regulations and guidance of any applicable regulatory bodies (the "Rules"), including, where the Public Offer of N&C Securities is being made in the United Kingdom, the Rules published by the Financial Conduct Authority (including its guidance for distributors in *"The Responsibilities of Providers and Distributors for the Fair Treatment of Customers"*) from time to time including, without limitation and in each case, Rules relating to both the appropriateness or suitability of any investment in the N&C Securities by any person and disclosure to any potential Investor;
  - (ii) comply with the restrictions set out under *"Subscription and Sale"* in this Base Prospectus which would apply as if it were a Dealer and consider the relevant manufacturer's target market assessment and distribution channels as identified under the *"UK MiFIR Product Governance"* legend set out in the applicable Final Terms or otherwise communicated to the Authorised Offeror (as defined below) by the Issuer;
  - (iii) ensure that any fee (and any other commissions or benefits of any kind) or rebate received or paid by that financial intermediary in relation to the offer or sale of the N&C Securities does not violate the Rules and, to the extent required by the Rules, is fully and clearly disclosed to Investors or potential Investors;
  - (iv) hold all licences, consents, approvals and permissions required in connection with solicitation of interest in, or offers or sales of, the N&C Securities under the Rules, including, where a Public Offer of N&C Securities is being made in the United Kingdom, authorisation under the FSMA;
  - (v) comply with applicable anti-money laundering, anti-bribery, anti-corruption and "know your client" Rules (including, without limitation, taking appropriate steps, in compliance with such Rules, to establish and document the identity of each potential Investor prior to initial investment in any N&C Securities by the Investor), and will not permit any application for N&C Securities in circumstances where the financial intermediary has any suspicions as to the source of the application monies;
  - (vi) retain Investor identification records for at least the minimum period required under applicable Rules, and shall, if so requested and to the extent permitted by the Rules, make such records available to the Issuer and the relevant Dealer or directly to the Financial Conduct Authority (or the appropriate authority with jurisdiction over any Dealer) in

order to enable the Issuer or the relevant Dealer to comply with anti-money laundering, anti-bribery, anti-corruption and "know your client" Rules applying to the Issuer or the relevant Dealer;

- (vii) ensure that it does not, directly or indirectly, cause the Issuer or the relevant Dealer to breach any Rule or subject the Issuer or the relevant Dealer to any requirement to obtain or make any filing, authorisation or consent in any jurisdiction;
- (viii) immediately inform the Issuer and the relevant Dealer if at any time it becomes aware or suspects that it is or may be in violation of any Rules and take all appropriate steps to remedy such violation and comply with such Rules in all respects;
- (ix) comply with the conditions to the consent referred to under "Common Conditions to Consent" below and any further requirements or other Authorised Offeror Terms relevant to the Public Offer as specified in the applicable Final Terms;
- (x) make available to each potential Investor in the N&C Securities this Base Prospectus (as supplemented as at the relevant time, if applicable) and not convey or publish any information that is not contained in or entirely consistent with this Base Prospectus and the applicable Final Terms;
- (xi) if it conveys or publishes any communication (other than this Base Prospectus or any other materials provided to such financial intermediary by or on behalf of the Issuer for the purposes of the relevant Public Offer) in connection with the relevant Public Offer, it will ensure that such communication (A) is fair, clear and not misleading and complies with the Rules, (B) states that such financial intermediary has provided such communication independently of the Issuer, that such financial intermediary is solely responsible for such communication and that neither the Issuer nor the relevant Dealer accept any responsibility for such communication and (C) does not, without the prior written consent of the Issuer or the relevant Dealer (as applicable), use the legal or publicity names of the Issuer or the relevant Dealer or any other name, brand or logo registered by an entity within their respective groups or any material over which any such entity retains a proprietary interest, except to describe the Issuer as issuer of the relevant N&C Securities on the basis set out in this Base Prospectus, as supplemented at the relevant time;
- (xii) ensure that no holder of N&C Securities or potential Investor in the N&C Securities shall become an indirect or direct client of the Issuer or the relevant Dealer for the purposes of any applicable Rules from time to time, and to the extent that any client obligations are created by the relevant financial intermediary under any applicable Rules, then such financial intermediary shall perform any such obligations so arising;
- (xiii) co-operate with the Issuer and the relevant Dealer in providing such information (including, without limitation, documents and records maintained pursuant to paragraph (vi) above) upon written request from the Issuer or the relevant Dealer as is available to such financial intermediary or which is within its power and control from time to time, together with such further assistance as is reasonably requested by the Issuer or the relevant Dealer:
  - (A) in connection with any request or investigation by the Financial Conduct Authority or any other regulator in relation to the N&C Securities, the Issuer or the relevant Dealer; and/or
  - (B) in connection with any complaints received by the Issuer and/or the relevant Dealer relating to the Issuer and/or the relevant Dealer or another Authorised Offeror including, without limitation, complaints as defined in rules published by the Financial Conduct Authority and/or any other regulator of a competent jurisdiction from time to time; and/or

(C) which the Issuer or the relevant Dealer may reasonably require from time to time in relation to the N&C Securities and/or as to allow the Issuer or the relevant Dealer fully to comply within its own legal, tax and regulatory requirements, in each case, as soon as is reasonably practicable and, in any event, within any time frame set by any such regulator or regulatory process;

(xiv) during the period of the initial offering of the N&C Securities: (i) only sell the N&C Securities at the Issue Price specified in the applicable Final Terms (unless otherwise agreed with the relevant Dealer); (ii) only sell the N&C Securities for settlement on the Issue Date specified in the applicable Final Terms (unless otherwise agreed with the relevant Dealer); (iii) not appoint any sub-distributors (unless otherwise agreed with the relevant Dealer); (iv) not pay any fee or remuneration or commissions or benefits to any third parties in relation to the offering or sale of the N&C Securities (unless otherwise agreed with the relevant Dealer); and (v) comply with such other rules of conduct as may be reasonably required and specified by the relevant Dealer; and

(xv) either (i) obtain from each potential Investor an executed application for the N&C Securities, or (ii) keep a record of all requests such financial intermediary (x) makes for its discretionary management clients, (y) receives from its advisory clients and (z) receives from its execution-only clients, in each case prior to making any order for the N&C Securities on their behalf, and in each case maintain the same on its files for so long as is required by any applicable Rules;

(b) agrees and undertakes to indemnify each of the Issuer and the relevant Dealer (in each case on behalf of such entity and its respective directors, officers, employees, agents, affiliates and controlling persons) against any losses, liabilities, costs, claims, charges, expenses, actions or demands (including reasonable costs of investigation and any defence raised thereto and counsel's fees and disbursements associated with any such investigation or defence) which any of them may incur or which may be made against any of them arising out of or in relation to, or in connection with, any breach of any of the foregoing agreements, representations, warranties or undertakings by such financial intermediary, including (without limitation) any unauthorised action by such financial intermediary or failure by such financial intermediary to observe any of the above restrictions or requirements or the making by such financial intermediary of any unauthorised representation or the giving or use by it of any information which has not been authorised for such purposes by the Issuer or the relevant Dealer; and

(c) agrees and accepts that:

- (i) the contract between the Issuer and the financial intermediary formed upon acceptance by the financial intermediary of the Issuer's offer to use the Base Prospectus with its consent in connection with the relevant Public Offer (the "**Authorised Offeror Contract**"), and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Authorised Offeror Contract, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, English law;
- (ii) subject to (iv) below, the courts of England are to have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute which may arise out of or in connection with the Authorised Offeror Contract (including a dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Authorised Offeror Contract) (a "**Dispute**") and the Issuer and financial intermediary submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English courts;
- (iii) for the purposes of (ii) above and (iv) below, the financial intermediary waives any objection to the courts of England on the grounds that they are an inconvenient or inappropriate forum to settle any dispute;
- (iv) to the extent permitted by law, the Issuer and the Dealer may, in respect of any Dispute or Disputes, take (i) proceedings in any other court with jurisdiction; and (ii) concurrent proceedings in any number of jurisdictions; and

- (v) each relevant Dealer will, pursuant to the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999, be entitled to enforce those provisions of the Authorised Offeror Contract which are, or are expressed to be, for their benefit, including the agreements, representations, warranties, undertakings and indemnity given by the financial intermediary pursuant to the Authorised Offeror Terms.

The financial intermediaries referred to in paragraphs (a)(ii), (a)(iii) and (b) above are together the "Authorised Offerors" and each an "Authorised Offeror".

**Any Authorised Offeror falling within (ii) above who meets the conditions set out in (b) above and the other conditions stated in "Common Conditions to Consent" below and who wishes to use this Base Prospectus in connection with a Public Offer is required, for the duration of the relevant Consent Period, to publish on its website the Acceptance Statement.**

## 12. Common Conditions to Consent

The conditions to the Issuer's consent to the use of the Base Prospectus in the context of the relevant Public Offer of N&C Securities are (in addition to the conditions described in paragraph 11(b) above if Part B of the applicable Final Terms specifies "General Consent" as "Applicable") that such consent:

- (a) is only valid during the Consent Period; and
- (b) only extends to the use of this Base Prospectus to make Public Offers of the relevant Tranche of N&C Securities in the United Kingdom.

Each Tranche of N&C Securities may only be offered to Investors as part of a Public Offer in the United Kingdom, or otherwise in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish or supplement a prospectus for such offer.

As used herein, "Consent Period" means the period beginning on the start date of the relevant Offer Period specified in the applicable Final Terms and ending on the earliest of (i) the end date of the relevant Offer Period specified in the applicable Final Terms, (ii) the date occurring 12 months after the date of this Base Prospectus or (iii) in the event that the Base Prospectus is superseded by a base prospectus of the Issuer which is approved and published by the Issuer during the relevant Offer Period (a "New Base Prospectus") and the Issuer has amended, restated and issued the applicable Final Terms pursuant to the New Base Prospectus, the date on which such amended and restated Final Terms are published.

**An Investor intending to purchase or purchasing any N&C Securities in a Public Offer from an Authorised Offeror will do so, and offers and sales of such N&C Securities to an Investor by such Authorised Offeror will be made, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the offer in place between such Authorised Offeror and such Investor including arrangements in relation to price, allocations, expenses and settlement. The Issuer will not be a party to any such arrangements with such Investors in connection with the Public Offer or sale of the N&C Securities concerned and, accordingly, this Base Prospectus and any Final Terms will not contain such information. The relevant information will be provided by the Authorised Offeror at the time of such offer. Neither the Issuer nor, for the avoidance of doubt, any Dealer has any responsibility or liability to an Investor in respect of the information described above.**

## PROGRAMME MEMORANDUM

*Pages 237 to 268 of this document comprise a programme memorandum (the "Programme Memorandum") in respect of the N&C Securities for which no prospectus is required to be published under the FSMA or the UK Prospectus Regulation ("Exempt N&C Securities").*

**The Programme Memorandum does not constitute a base prospectus for the purposes of Article 8 of the UK Prospectus Regulation and does not form part of the Base Prospectus. The FCA has neither approved nor reviewed information contained in the Programme Memorandum in connection with Exempt N&C Securities.**

The Programme Memorandum is to be read in conjunction with the following sections of the Base Prospectus:

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Each of the above sections of the Base Prospectus shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and, for the purposes of Exempt N&C Securities, shall be deemed amended as follows, in each case, to the extent applicable:

- (a) any reference therein to "Final Terms" will be deemed to be a reference to "Pricing Supplement", and
- (b) any reference therein to "Base Prospectus" will be deemed to be a reference to "Programme Memorandum".

Any supplement(s) to the Base Prospectus published after the date hereof shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Programme Memorandum.

The contractual terms of any particular issuance of Exempt N&C Securities will be composed of the "*General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities*" set out in this document, together with the applicable Annex(es) relating to certain interest payouts, Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Securities or Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Securities (all as set out in this document), as completed (and, if applicable, amended) by the Pricing Supplement.

Notice of the aggregate nominal amount of the Exempt N&C Securities, interest (if any) payable in respect of the Exempt N&C Securities, the issue price of the Exempt N&C Securities and certain other information which is applicable to each Tranche will be set out in the Pricing Supplement.

This Programme Memorandum is valid for 12 months from the date hereof and may be supplemented from time to time at the absolute discretion of the Issuer.

**Prospective investors should consider carefully the risks set forth in this document under "Risk Factors" prior to making an investment decision with respect to the Exempt N&C Securities. If prospective investors are in any doubt about the risks or suitability of a particular Exempt N&C Security, they should seek professional advice.**

#### ***Independent Investigation***

Neither this Programme Memorandum nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Exempt N&C Securities (i) is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation or (ii) should be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer or any of the Dealers that any recipient of this Programme Memorandum or any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Exempt N&C Securities should purchase any Exempt N&C Securities. Each investor contemplating purchasing any Exempt N&C Securities should make its own independent investigation of the financial condition and affairs, and its own appraisal of the creditworthiness, of the Issuer. Neither this Programme Memorandum nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or the issue of any Exempt N&C Securities constitutes an offer or invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer or any of the Dealers to any person to subscribe for or to purchase any Exempt N&C Securities. Furthermore, neither this Programme Memorandum, nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme or any Exempt N&C Securities is, nor does it purport to be, investment advice. Unless expressly agreed otherwise with a particular investor, neither the Issuer nor any Dealer is acting as an investment adviser or providing advice of any other nature, or assumes any fiduciary obligation, to any investor in Exempt N&C Securities.

Neither the delivery of this Programme Memorandum nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Exempt N&C Securities shall in any circumstances imply that the information contained herein concerning the Issuer is correct at any time subsequent to the date hereof or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date indicated in the document containing the same. The Dealers expressly do not undertake to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer during the life of the Programme or to advise any investor in the Exempt N&C Securities of any information coming to their attention. Investors should review, *inter alia*, the most recently published documents incorporated by reference in this Programme Memorandum (including any documents incorporated by reference pursuant to any supplements hereto) when deciding whether or not to purchase any Exempt N&C Securities.

#### ***Subscription and sales and transfer restrictions in the United States***

Persons into whose possession offering material comes must inform themselves about and observe any such restrictions. This Programme Memorandum does not constitute, and may not be used for or in connection with, an offer to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such an offer or a solicitation by anyone not authorised so to act. See "*Subscription and Sale*" above.

The Exempt N&C Securities that are debt for U.S. federal income tax purposes 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 or for the account or benefit of U.S. Persons, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. Treasury regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "**Code**") and the U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder.

The Exempt N&C Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**") or under any state securities laws and Exempt N&C Securities are subject to certain United States tax law requirements.

The Exempt N&C Securities, or interests therein, may not at any time be offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States (including any state of the United States and the District of Columbia), its territories, possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction (the "**United States**") or directly or indirectly offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, redeemed, transferred or delivered to, or for the account or benefit of, any person who is (i) a "U.S. person" as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act ("**Regulation S**"), (ii) a person who comes within any definition of U.S. person for the purposes of the United States Commodity Exchange Act of 1936, as amended (the "**CEA**") (including but not limited to a "U.S. person" as defined in the Interpretive Guidance and Policy Statement Regarding Compliance with Certain Swap Regulations promulgated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "**CFTC**") pursuant to the CEA and a person other than a "Non-United States person" as defined in CFTC Rule 4.7(a)(1)(iv) excluding for the purposes of CFTC Rule 4.7(a)(1)(iv)(D) the exception for qualified eligible persons who are not "Non-United States persons"), or (iii) a "United States person" as defined in the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, in each case, as such definition may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time (each such person, a "**U.S. Person**").

### ***Investment Considerations***

#### **The Exempt N&C Securities may not be suitable for all investors**

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

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

An investment in Exempt N&C Securities (including Exempt N&C Securities which are Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Securities or Inflation Index Linked N&C Securities) may entail significant risks not associated with investments in conventional securities such as debt or equity securities, including, but not limited to, the risks set out in "*Risks associated with N&C Securities that are linked to one or more Reference Item(s)*" above.

In making an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of the Issuer and the terms of the Exempt N&C Securities, including the merits and risks involved.

Certain of the Dealers and their affiliates have engaged and may in the future engage in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform services for the Issuer and its respective affiliates.

Neither the Dealers nor the Issuer makes any representation to any investor in the Exempt N&C Securities regarding the legality of its investment under any applicable laws. Any investor in the Exempt N&C Securities should satisfy itself that it is able to bear the economic risk of an investment in the Exempt N&C Securities for an indefinite period of time.

Purchasers of such Exempt N&C Securities are deemed to have sufficient knowledge, experience and professional advice to make their own investment decisions and to have undertaken their own legal, financial, tax, accounting and other business evaluation of the risks and merits of investments in such Exempt N&C Securities and should ensure that they fully understand the risks associated with investments of this nature which are intended to be sold only to sophisticated investors. Purchasers of Exempt N&C Securities are solely responsible for making their own independent appraisal of an investigation into the business, financial condition, prospects, creditworthiness, status and affairs of any Reference Item and the information relating to any Reference Item and the level or fluctuation of any Reference Item(s).

**Important – EEA Retail Investors** – If the Pricing Supplement in respect of any Exempt N&C Securities includes a legend entitled "*Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors*", the Exempt N&C Securities 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 (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**"); or (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 "**EU Prospectus Regulation**"). Consequently, save in relation to any jurisdiction(s) or period(s) for which the "*Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors*" is specified to be not applicable in the relevant Pricing Supplement no key information document is required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended, the "**EU PRIIPs Regulation**") for offering or selling the Exempt N&C Securities or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Exempt N&C Securities or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the EU PRIIPs Regulation.

**Important – UK Retail Investors** – If the Pricing Supplement in respect of any Exempt N&C Securities includes a legend entitled "*Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors*", the Exempt N&C Securities are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the UK. For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of:

- 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 EUWA; or
- a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the FSMA and any rules or regulations made under the FSMA to implement Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the EUWA; or
- not a qualified investor as defined in Article 2 of the UK Prospectus Regulation.

Consequently, save in relation to any jurisdiction(s) or period(s) for which the "*Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors*" is specified to be not applicable in the relevant Pricing Supplement, 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 Exempt N&C Securities or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Exempt N&C Securities 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 Pricing Supplement in respect of any Exempt N&C Securities may include a legend entitled "*MiFID II Product Governance*" which will outline the target market assessment in respect of the relevant Exempt N&C Securities and which channels for distribution of the relevant Exempt N&C Securities are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Exempt N&C Securities (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 Exempt N&C Securities (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 Product Governance rules under EU Delegated Directive 2017/593 (the "**MiFID Product Governance Rules**"), any Dealer subscribing for any Exempt N&C Securities is a manufacturer in respect of such Exempt N&C Securities, but otherwise neither the Dealers nor any of their respective affiliates will be a manufacturer for the purpose of the MiFID Product Governance Rules.

**UK MiFIR Product Governance / Target Market** – The Pricing Supplement in respect of any Exempt N&C Securities may include a legend entitled "*UK MiFIR Product Governance*" which will outline the target market assessment in respect of the Exempt N&C Securities and which channels for distribution of the Exempt N&C Securities are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Exempt N&C Securities (a "**distributor**") should take into consideration the 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 Exempt N&C Securities (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 Exempt N&C Securities is a manufacturer in respect of such Exempt N&C Securities, but otherwise neither the Dealers nor any of their respective affiliates will be a manufacturer for the purpose of the UK MiFIR Product Governance Rules.

#### ***References to Santander entities***

The Exempt N&C Securities do not constitute and have not been marketed as, contracts of sale of a commodity for future delivery (or options thereon) subject to the CEA, and trading in the Exempt N&C Securities has not been approved by the CFTC pursuant to the CEA.

## FORM OF PRICING SUPPLEMENT FOR EXEMPT N&C SECURITIES

### EXEMPT N&C SECURITIES OF ANY DENOMINATION

*Set out below is the form of Pricing Supplement which will be completed for each Tranche of Exempt N&C Securities, whatever the denomination of those N&C Securities, issued under the Programme pursuant to this Programme Memorandum.*

**[PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS** – [Other than with respect to offers of the N&C Securities in [specify jurisdiction(s) for which an EU PRIIPs KID is being prepared] [during the period[s] [●]-[●] [repeat periods as necessary],] [T]/[t]he N&C Securities 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, the "**MiFID II**"); or (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 "**EU Prospectus Regulation**"). Consequently[, save as provided above,] no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (as amended, the "**EU PRIIPs Regulation**") for offering or selling the N&C Securities or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the N&C Securities or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the EU PRIIPs Regulation.]

**[PROHIBITION OF SALES TO UK RETAIL INVESTORS** – [Other than with respect to offers of the N&C Securities in the United Kingdom [during the period[s] [●]-[●] [repeat periods as necessary],] [T]/[t]he N&C Securities 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 domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (as amended, the "**EUWA**"); or (ii) a customer within the meaning of the provisions of the FSMA and any rules or regulations made under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended, 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 Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA. Consequently[, save as provided above,] no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA (as amended, the "**UK PRIIPs Regulation**") for offering or selling the N&C Securities or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the N&C Securities 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 N&C Securities has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the N&C Securities 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 N&C Securities to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. [Consider any negative target market.] Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the N&C Securities (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 N&C Securities (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.]/[**MiFID II Product Governance / Retail investors, Professional investors and ECPs** – Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the N&C Securities has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the N&C Securities is eligible counterparties, professional clients and retail clients, each as defined in [Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, "**MiFID II**")][MiFID II]; (ii) all channels for distribution to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate; and (iii) the following channels for distribution of the N&C Securities 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 N&C Securities (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 N&C Securities (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.]

**[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 N&C Securities has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the N&C Securities is eligible counterparties as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook ("COBS"), and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("UK MiFIR") only; and (ii) all channels for distribution of the N&C Securities to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. [Consider any negative target market.] Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the N&C Securities (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 N&C Securities (by either adopting or refining the manufacturer['s/s'] target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.]/[UK MiFIR product governance / Retail investors, professional investors and ECPs – Solely for the purposes of [the/each] manufacturer's product approval process, the target market assessment in respect of the N&C Securities has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the N&C Securities is retail clients, as defined in point (8) of Article 2 of Regulation (EU) No 2017/565 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 ("EUWA"), eligible counterparties, as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook ("COBS"), and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA ("UK MiFIR"); (ii) all channels for distribution to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate; and (iii) the following channels for distribution of the N&C Securities 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 N&C Securities (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 N&C Securities (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].]

**[THE FINANCIAL CONDUCT AUTHORITY HAS NEITHER APPROVED NOR REVIEWED THIS PRICING SUPPLEMENT]**

**APPLICABLE PRICING SUPPLEMENT**

**PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE RISK FACTORS IN THE PROGRAMME  
MEMORANDUM**

**EACH PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR SHOULD CONSULT ITS OWN FINANCIAL AND  
LEGAL ADVISORS ABOUT THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INVESTMENT IN THE  
N&C SECURITIES AND THE SUITABILITY OF AN INVESTMENT IN THE N&C  
SECURITIES IN LIGHT OF THEIR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES**

[Date]

**Santander UK plc**

**Legal Entity Identifier (LEI): PTCQB104N23FMNK2RZ28**

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount/Number of Units of Tranche] [Title of N&C Securities]  
(the "N&C Securities")

under the  
Structured Note and Certificate Programme  
(the "**Programme**")

The Programme Memorandum referred to below (as completed by this Pricing Supplement) has been prepared on the basis that any offer of N&C Securities in the United Kingdom or any Member State of the European Economic Area will be made pursuant to an exemption under the FSMA or the UK Prospectus Regulation, as the case may be, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the N&C Securities. Accordingly, any person making or intending to make an offer in the United Kingdom or that Member State of the N&C Securities may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to either of section 85 of the FSMA or Article 3 of the UK Prospectus Regulation or to supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 23 of the UK Prospectus Regulation, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of N&C Securities in any other circumstances.

The expression "**FSMA**" means the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. The expression "**UK Prospectus Regulation**" means Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 as it forms part of UK domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018, (as amended) and regulations made thereunder.

#### **PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS**

[Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the General Terms and Conditions of the N&C Securities (the "**N&C Security Conditions**" and, together with the applicable Annex(es), the "**Conditions**") set forth in the Programme Memorandum dated 15 March 2024 [and the supplement[s] to the Programme Memorandum dated [ • ]], [together] (the "**Programme Memorandum**"). The Programme Memorandum does not constitute a programme memorandum for the purposes of the UK Prospectus Regulation and this document does not constitute the final terms of the N&C Securities for the purposes of Article 8 of the UK Prospectus Regulation. This document constitutes the Pricing Supplement of the N&C Securities described herein and must be read in conjunction with the Programme Memorandum. Full information on the Issuer and the issue of the N&C Securities is only available on the basis of the combination of these Pricing Supplement and the Programme Memorandum. **The Financial Conduct Authority of the United Kingdom has neither approved nor reviewed the information contained in this Pricing Supplement and the Programme Memorandum in connection with the N&C Securities.** The Programme Memorandum and this Pricing Supplement are available for viewing at [address] [and] [website].

The N&C Securities have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**") or under any state securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States. The N&C Securities, or interests therein, may not at any time be offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, redeemed, transferred or delivered, directly or indirectly, within the United States or directly or indirectly offered, sold, resold, traded, pledged, redeemed, transferred or delivered to, or for the account or benefit of any U.S. Person (as defined below). Furthermore, the N&C Securities do not constitute, and have not been marketed as, contracts of sale of a commodity for future delivery (or options thereon) subject to the United States Commodity Exchange Act of 1936, as amended (the "**CEA**"), and trading in the N&C Securities has not been approved by the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the "**CFTC**") pursuant to the CEA, and no U.S. Person may at any time trade or maintain a position in the N&C Securities. For a description of the restrictions on offers and sales of N&C Securities, see "*Important Notice to Purchasers and Transferees of N&C Securities*" and "*Subscription and Sale*" in the Programme Memorandum.

For the purposes of this Pricing Supplement, "U.S. Person" means (i) a "U.S. person" as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act ("**Regulation S**"), (ii) a "U.S. person" as defined in the Interpretive Guidance and Policy Statement Regarding Compliance with Certain Swap Regulations promulgated by the CFTC pursuant to the CEA, (iii) a person other than a "Non-United States person" as defined in CFTC Rule 4.7, or (iv) a "United States person" as defined in the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, in each case, as such definition may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time (each such person, a "**U.S. Person**").

*[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable". Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if "Not Applicable" is indicated for individual paragraphs or sub-*

*paragraphs (in which case the sub-paragraphs of the paragraphs which are not applicable can be deleted). Italics denote guidance for completing the Pricing Supplement.]*

*[By investing in the N&C Securities each investor is deemed to represent that:*

- (a) **Non-Reliance.** *It is acting for its own account, and it has made its own independent decisions to invest in the N&C Securities and as to whether the investment in the N&C Securities is appropriate or proper for it based upon its own judgement and upon advice from such advisers as it has deemed necessary. It is not relying on any communication (written or oral) of the Issuer or any Dealer as investment advice or as a recommendation to invest in the N&C Securities, it being understood that information and explanations related to the terms and conditions of the N&C Securities shall not be considered to be investment advice or a recommendation to invest in the N&C Securities. No communication (written or oral) received from the Issuer or any Dealer shall be deemed to be an assurance or guarantee as to the expected results of the investment in the N&C Securities.*
- (b) **Assessment and Understanding.** *It is capable of assessing the merits of and understanding (on its own behalf or through independent professional advice), and understands and accepts the terms and conditions and the risks of the investment in the N&C Securities. It is also capable of assuming, and assumes, the risks of the investment in the N&C Securities.*
- (c) **Status of Parties.** *Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer is acting as fiduciary for or adviser to it in respect of the investment in the N&C Securities.]*

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| 1. | Issuer:  | Santander UK plc   |
| 2. | 2.1 Type of N&C Security:  | [Note] / [Certificate]   |
|    | 2.2 Series Number:   | [●]  |
|    | 2.3 Tranche Number:  | [●]  |
|    | 2.4 [Date on which the N&C Securities will be consolidated and form a single Series: | The N&C Securities will be consolidated and form a single Series with [identify earlier Tranches] on [the Issue Date/exchange of the Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security for interests in the Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security, as referred to in paragraph 25 below, which is expected to occur on or about [insert date]]][Not Applicable]] |
|    | 2.5 Trading Method:  | [Nominal] / [Unit]   |
|    | 2.6 Applicable Annex(es):  | [Not Applicable] / [Payout] / [Equity Index] / [Inflation Index]   |
|    |  | <i>(N.B.: more than one Annex may apply)</i>   |
| 3. | Specified Currency:  | [●]  |
|    |  | <i>(N.B.: the Specified Currency must be the same as the currency of the Preference Shares)</i>  |
| 4. | [Aggregate Nominal Amount] / [Aggregate Issue Size]:                                 |  |
|    | 4.1 Series:  | [●] <sup>1</sup>   |

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For N&C Securities issued by Unit, "Aggregate Issue Size" should be specified and expressed as a number of Units.

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| 4.2 | Tranche:   | [●] <sup>2</sup>   |
| 4.3 | [Nominal Amount per Unit:  | For calculation purposes only, each Unit shall be deemed to have a nominal amount of [●].<br><br><i>(If N&amp;C Securities are not traded by unit, delete this item)</i> <sup>3</sup>  |
| 5.  | 5.1 [Issue Price] / [Unit Issue Price] for Tranche: <sup>4</sup> | [100 per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount] / [[●] [Insert currency] per Unit (the "Issue Price")] [plus accrued interest from and including [insert date] to but excluding the Issue Date (which is equal to [●] days' accrued interest) (in the case of fungible issues, if applicable)]<br><br>The Issue Price specified [in/at [paragraph [●]]/above] may be more than the market value of the N&C Securities as at the Issue Date, and the price, if any, at which the Dealer or any other person is willing to purchase the N&C Securities in secondary market transactions is likely to be lower than the Issue Price. In particular, the Issue Price may describe the overall proceeds received by the Issuer in connection with the issue of the N&C Securities expressed as a percentage of the Aggregate Nominal Amount. In addition to the purchase price received from the Dealer, the Issuer may receive up-front payment(s) under the hedging arrangements for the N&C Securities and secondary market prices may exclude such amounts. [See further Part B, item [6.8] below.] |

To the extent permitted by applicable law, if any fees relating to the issue and sale of the N&C Securities have been paid or are payable by the Dealer to an intermediary (an "Intermediary"), then such Intermediary may be obliged to fully disclose to its clients the existence, nature and amount of any such fees (including, if applicable, by way of discount) as required in accordance with laws and regulations applicable to such Intermediary[, including the FSMA and any other legislation, regulation and/or rule that may apply in the UK or any other relevant jurisdiction].

Investors in the N&C Securities intending to invest in N&C Securities through an Intermediary (including by way of introducing broker) should request details of any such fee

<sup>2</sup> For N&C Securities issued by Unit, "Aggregate Issue Size" should be specified and expressed as a number of Units.

<sup>3</sup> For N&C Securities issued by Unit only.

<sup>4</sup> Note that for N&C Securities issued by nominal amount the "Issue Price" is the gross amount received by the Issuer in respect of the N&C Securities being issued and should be the same as the "Offer Price" (if any). Both the "Issue Price" and the "Offer Price" should be par (i.e. 100 per cent.).

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|     |  | payment from such Intermediary before making any purchase thereof.   |
| 5.2 | [Unit Value on Issue:  | <p>[<i>Insert currency</i>] per Unit]</p> <p><b>Investors should note that the value of a Unit in the secondary market or on redemption may be less than the Unit Value on Issue</b></p> <p><i>(If N&amp;C Securities are not traded by unit, delete this item)</i></p>  |
| 5.3 | [Aggregate Proceeds Amount:                                    | <p>[●]</p> <p><i>(If N&amp;C Securities are not traded by unit, delete this item)</i></p>  |
| 6.  | 6.1 [Specified Denominations:                                  | <p>[●]</p> <p><i>[[Where Bearer N&amp;C Securities and multiple denominations above £100,000 or its equivalent in another currency are being used, the following sample wording should be followed:</i></p> <p>[£100,000] and integral multiples of [£1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [£199,000]. No N&amp;C Securities in definitive form will be issued with a denomination exceeding [£199,000].]</p> <p><i>(If N&amp;C Securities are not traded by nominal amount, delete this item)</i></p> |
| 6.2 | [Minimum Tradable Size:  | <p>[[£100,000] [&lt;●] Units and in multiples of [●] Unit[s] (the "Multiple Tradeable Size") in excess thereof.]]</p>  |
| 6.3 | Calculation Amount per N&C Security:                           | <p>[●]</p> <p><i>(If only one Specified Denomination, insert the Specified Denomination.</i></p> <p><i>If more than one Specified Denomination, insert the highest common factor. N.B. There must be a common factor in the case of two or more Specified Denominations.</i></p> <p><i>Note that a Calculation Amount of less than 1,000 units of the relevant currency may result in practical difficulties for paying agents and/or ICSDs who should be consulted if such an amount is proposed.)</i></p>    |
| 7.  | 7.1 Issue Date:  | <p>[<i>specify date</i>]</p> <p><i>(N.B.: the Preference Shares should be issued before such date)</i></p>   |
| 7.2 | Interest Commencement Date (if different from the Issue Date): | [ <i>specify date</i> ] [Not Applicable]   |

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| 8. Type of N&C Security:                                | [Fixed Rate N&C Security]<br><br>[Floating Rate N&C Security]<br><br>[Cross-Asset Linked Interest N&C Security:<br><i>(specify each relevant Type as follows)</i> ]<br><br>[Equity Index Linked Interest N&C Security]<br><br>[Inflation Index Linked Interest N&C Security]<br><br>[Non-interest bearing N&C Security]<br><br><i>(Specify all N&amp;C Security types which apply)</i> |
| 9. Maturity Date:                                       | The third Business Day following the Final Reference Date (the " <b>Scheduled Maturity Date</b> ") and the Scheduled Maturity Date is scheduled to be [●], unless the Preference Shares are redeemed early in accordance with their terms  |
| 10. Interest Basis:                                     | [[●] per cent. Fixed Rate N&C Security]<br><br>[[Bank of England Base Rate/EURIBOR/SONIA/€STR/[Specify relevant ISDA Rate]]+/-[●] per cent. Floating Rate N&C Security]<br><br>[Variable Interest Rate N&C Security]<br><br>[Non-interest bearing N&C Security]<br><br>[Not Applicable]  |
| 11. Redemption / Payment Basis:                         | Preference Share linked redemption in accordance with N&C Security Condition 6   |
| 12. Change of Interest Basis:                           | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]<br><br><i>Specify the date when any fixed to floating rate change occurs or cross-refer to paragraphs 15 and 16 below and identify there]</i>  |
| 13. Issuer Call Option:                                 | [Not Applicable] / [Issuer Call applicable (further particulars specified in 22 below)]  |
| 14. Status of N&C Securities:                           | Senior   |
| <b>PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE</b> |  |
| 15. <b>Fixed Rate N&amp;C Security Provisions</b>       | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]<br><br><i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>   |
| 15.1 Rate(s) of Interest/determination of interest:     | [●] per cent. [per annum] payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date  |

*(or, if applicable, insert relevant provisions from the Interest Payout Annex: i.e. Payout Condition 2.1(a), the relevant Interest Payment Option from Payout Condition 2.2 and/or related definitions from Payout Condition 3)*

15.2 Interest Payment Date[s]: *[[●] in each year from (and including) [●] and up to (and including) [insert date] / [specify other]*

*(N.B.: do not specify the final Interest Payment Date to be "Maturity Date", instead specify the calendar date or "Scheduled Maturity Date")*

*(N.B.: to provide for adjustment of the Interest Periods by reference to which interest is calculated, please specify the appropriate Business Day Convention in paragraph 15.7 below. For "unadjusted" interest calculation the Business Day Convention should be specified as "Not Applicable". Where Interest Payment Dates are required to adjust for payment purposes only (i.e. to roll to an appropriate Payment Day without affecting the length of the relevant Interest Period used for interest calculations) this can be achieved by specifying the appropriate Payment Day Convention in paragraph 27 below)*

*(N.B.: this will need to be amended in the case of irregular coupons)*

15.3 Fixed Coupon Amount(s): (Applicable to N&C Securities in definitive form) *[[●] per Calculation Amount] [payable on the Interest Payment Dates falling [in/on] [●]] / [Not Applicable]*

15.4 Broken Amount(s): (Applicable to N&C Securities in definitive form) *[●] per Calculation Amount, payable on the Interest Payment Date falling [in/on] [●] / [Not Applicable]*

15.5 Day Count Fraction: *[Actual/Actual (ICMA)]/[Act/Act (ICMA)]*  
*[Actual/Actual (ISDA)]/[Actual/Actual]/[Act/Act]/*  
*[Act/Act (ISDA)]*  
*[Actual/365 (Fixed)]/[Act/365 (Fixed)]/[A/365 (Fixed)]/[A/365F]*  
*[Actual/365(Sterling)]*  
*[Actual/360]/[Act/360]/[A/360]*  
*[30/360 (ICMA)]*  
*[30/360]/[360/360]/[Bond Basis]*  
*[30E/360]/[Eurobond Basis]*

[30E/360 (ISDA)]

[unadjusted/adjusted]

[Not Applicable]

*(N.B.: if interest is not payable on a regular basis (for example, if there are Broken Amounts specified), Actual/Actual (ICMA) may not be a suitable Day Count Fraction)*

*(N.B.: Actual/Actual (ICMA) is normally only appropriate for Fixed Rate N&C Securities denominated in Sterling)*

15.6 Determination Date(s):

[[●] in each year][Not Applicable]

*(Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA). In which case, insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon)*

15.7 Business Day Convention:

[Following Business Day Convention / Modified Following Business Day Convention / Preceding Business Day Convention] / [specify other] / [Not Applicable]

15.8 Additional Business Centre(s):

[●] / [TARGET2] / [Not Applicable]

16. **Floating Rate N&C Security Provisions**

[Applicable] / [Not Applicable]

*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*

16.1 Specified Period(s)/Specified Interest Payment Dates:

[[●] in each year from (and including) [●] up to (and including) [specify date]]/[specify other] [, subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out below/not subject to any adjustment, as the Business Day Convention below is specified to be Not Applicable]

*(N.B.: do not specify the final Specified Interest Payment Date to be "Maturity Date", instead specify the calendar date or "Scheduled Maturity Date")*

*(N.B.: to provide for adjustment of the Interest Periods by reference to which interest is calculated, please specify the appropriate Business Day Convention in paragraph 16.2 below. For "unadjusted" interest calculation the Business Day Convention should be specified as "Not Applicable". Where Interest Payment Dates are required to adjust for payment purposes only (i.e. to roll to an appropriate Payment Day without affecting the length of the relevant Interest Period used for interest calculations) this can be achieved*

*by specifying the appropriate Payment Day Convention in paragraph 27 below)*

16.2 Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Convention / Following Business Day Convention / Modified Following Business Day Convention / Preceding Business Day Convention] / [specify other] / [Not Applicable]

16.3 Additional Business Centre(s): [●] / [TARGET2] / [Not Applicable]

16.4 Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount is to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination / ISDA Determination / Bank of England Base Rate Determination / Overnight Rate Determination (SONIA) / Overnight Rate Determination (ESTR)] (further particulars specified in the below sub-paragraph of this item 16)  
*(or, if applicable, insert relevant provisions from the Interest Payout Annex: i.e. Payout Condition 2.1(b), the relevant Interest Payment Option from Payout Condition 2.2 and/or related definitions from Payout Condition 3.)*

16.5 Party responsible for calculating the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount (if not the Principal Paying Agent) *(Note: Should always specify the Calculation Agent if Bank of England Base Rate Determination applies):* [The Calculation Agent: See paragraph 31 below] / [specify other]  
[Address]

16.6 Screen Rate Determination: [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*

(a) Reference Rate: [●] month EURIBOR

(b) Interest Determination Date: [●]  
*(Second day on which the T2 system is open prior to the start of each Interest Period if EURIBOR)*

(c) Relevant Screen Page: [●]  
*(In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters EURIBOR01 ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate or amend fallback provisions appropriately)*

16.7 ISDA Determination: [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*

(a) ISDA Definitions: [2006 ISDA Definitions] / [2021 ISDA Interest Rate Derivatives Definitions]

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|       | (b) Floating Rate Option:                | [●]   |
|       | (c) Designated Maturity:                 | [●]   |
|       | (d) Reset Date:                          | [●]   |
|       |  | <i>(In the case of a EURIBOR based option, the first day of the Interest Period)</i>  |
|       | (e) Compounding method:                  | [Not applicable] /<br>[Compounding with Lookback<br>[Applicable Business Days means (specify)] /<br>[Compounding with Observation Period Shift<br>Observation Period Shift Business Days means (specify)] /<br>[Compounding with Lockout<br>Lockout Period Business Days means (specify)] |
| 16.8  | Linear Interpolation:                    | [Not Applicable] / [Applicable – the Rate of Interest for the [long/short] [first/last] Interest Period shall be calculated using Linear Interpolation (specify for each short or long interest period)]  |
| 16.9  | Bank of England Base Rate Determination: | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]<br><i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>  |
|       | (a) Designated Maturity:                 | [Daily] [●]   |
|       | (b) Interest Determination Date:         | [●]   |
|       | (c) Relevant Screen Page:                | [Reuters UKBASE] / [●]  |
| 16.10 | Overnight Rate Determination (SONIA):    | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]   |
|       | (a) Calculation Method:                  | [Compounded Daily Rate] / [Weighted Average Rate] / [Single Daily Rate] / [Compounded Index Rate]   |
|       | (b) Observation Method:                  | [Lag] / [Lock-Out] / [Shift] / [Not Applicable]   |
|       | (c) Interest Determination Date(s):      | [●] London Banking Days prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date for each Interest Period  |
|       | (d) Rate Determination Date:             | [●] / [Not Applicable]<br><i>(if applicable, specify the relevant London Banking Day in each Interest Period)</i>   |
|       | (e) Relevant Screen Page:                | [●]   |

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|       | (f)                       | Observation Period:      | Look-Back   | [●] London Banking Days  |
| 16.11 | Overnight (ESTR):         | Rate Determination       | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]   |  |
|       | (a)                       | Calculation Method:      | [Compounded Daily Rate] / [Weighted Average Rate] / [Single Daily Rate] |  |
|       | (b)                       | Observation Method:      | [Lag] / [Lock-Out] / [Shift] / [Not Applicable]                         |  |
|       | (c)                       | Interest Date(s):        | Determination   | [●] TARGET2 Business Days prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date for each Interest Period   |
|       | (d)                       | Rate Determination Date: | [●] / [Not Applicable]  | <i>(if applicable, specify the relevant TARGET2 Business Day in each Interest Period)</i>  |
|       | (e)                       | Observation Period:      | Look-Back   | [●] TARGET2 Business Days  |
| 16.12 | Margin(s):                |                          | [+/-]   | [●] per cent. per annum  |
| 16.13 | Rate Multiplier:          |                          |   | [Not Applicable] / [[●] per cent.]   |
| 16.14 | Minimum Rate of Interest: |                          |   | [●] per cent. per annum  |
| 16.15 | Maximum Rate of Interest: |                          |   | [●] per cent. per annum  |
| 16.16 | Day Count Fraction:       |                          |   | [Actual/Actual<br>(ISDA)]/[Actual/Actual]/[Act/Act]/[Act/Act<br>(ISDA)]<br><br>[Actual/Actual (ICMA)]/[Act/Act (ICMA)]<br><br>[Actual/365<br>(Fixed)]/[Act/365(Fixed)]/[A/365<br>(Fixed)]/[A/365F]<br><br>[Actual/365 (Sterling)]<br><br>[Actual/360]/[Act/360]/[A/360]<br><br>[30/360]/[360/360]/[Bond Basis]<br><br>[30/360 (ICMA)]<br><br>[30E/360]/[Eurobond Basis]<br><br>[30E/360 (ISDA)]<br><br>[unadjusted/adjusted]<br><br>[Not Applicable] |
|       |                           |                          |   | <i>(N.B.: Actual/Actual (ICMA) is normally only appropriate for Fixed Rate N&amp;C Securities denominated in Sterling)</i>   |
| 16.17 | Determination Date(s):    |                          |   | [[●] in each year]/[Not Applicable]  |

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|      |   | <i>(Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA). In which case, insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon)</i>  |
| 17.  | <b>Other Variable Interest Rate N&amp;C Security Provisions</b> | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]  |
|      |   | <i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>  |
| 17.1 | Type of Variable Interest Rate N&C Securities:                  | <i>(Insert relevant provisions from the Interest Payout Annex: i.e. Payout Condition 2.1(c), the relevant Interest Payment Option from Payout Condition 2.2 and/or related definitions from Payout Condition 3.)</i>   |
| 17.2 | Specified Period(s) / Specified Interest Payment Dates:         | [[●] in each year from (and including) [●] and up to (and including) [specify date] / [specify other]  |
|      |   | <i>(N.B.: do not specify the final Specified Interest Payment Date to be "Maturity Date", instead specify the calendar date or "Scheduled Maturity Date")</i>  |
| 17.3 | Business Day Convention:  | [Floating Rate Convention / Following Business Day Convention / Modified Following Business Day Convention / Preceding Business Day Convention] / [specify other] / [Not Applicable]   |
| 17.4 | Additional Business Centre(s):                                  | [●] / [TARGET2] / [Not Applicable]   |
| 17.5 | Minimum Rate of Interest:                                       | [[●] per cent. per annum][Not Applicable]  |
| 17.6 | Maximum Rate of Interest:                                       | [[●] per cent. per annum][Not Applicable]  |
| 17.7 | Day Count Fraction:   | [Actual/Actual<br>(ISDA)]/[Actual/Actual]/[Act/Act]/[Act/Act<br>(ISDA)]<br><br>[Actual/Actual (ICMA)]/[Act/Act (ICMA)]<br><br>[Actual/365 (Fixed)]/[Act/365<br>(Fixed)]/[A/365 (Fixed)]/[A/365F]<br><br>[Actual/365 (Sterling)]<br><br>[Actual/360]/[Act/360]/[A/360]<br><br>[30/360 (ICMA)]<br><br>[30/360]/[360/360]/[Bond Basis]<br><br>[30E/360]/[Eurobond Basis]<br><br>[30E/360 (ISDA)]<br><br>[adjusted / unadjusted]<br><br>[Not Applicable] |

*(N.B.: Actual/Actual (ICMA) is normally only appropriate for Fixed Rate N&C Securities denominated in Sterling)*

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| 17.8   | Determination Date(s):  | [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> in each year]/[Not Applicable]   |
|  |   | <i>(Only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA). In which case, insert regular interest payment dates, ignoring issue date or maturity date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon)</i> |
| <b>18. Key Dates relating to Variable Interest Rate N&amp;C Securities</b>                   |   |   |
| 18.1   | Trade Date:   | [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ]  |
| 18.2   | Valuation Date(s):  | [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ] / [Not Applicable]   |
| 18.3   | Initial Valuation Date:   | [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ] / [Not Applicable]   |
| 18.4   | Scheduled Observation Date(s):  | [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ] / [Not Applicable]   |
| 18.5   | Calculation Date(s):  | [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ] / [Not Applicable]   |
| 18.6   | Observation Period:   | [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ] / [Not Applicable]   |
| 18.7   | Averaging Dates:  | [Averaging [applies / does not apply] to the N&C Securities.] [The Averaging Dates are [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ].]   |
|  |   | <i>[In the event that an Averaging Date is a Disrupted Day [Omission/ Postponement/ Modified Postponement] will apply.]</i>   |
| 18.8   | Final Valuation Date:   | [ <input checked="" type="radio"/> ] / [Not Applicable]   |
| 18.9   | Specified Maximum Days of Disruption:   | [See [Equity Index Linked Condition 7] (for <i>Equity Index Linked Interest N&amp;C Securities</i> )] / [[Specify number] Scheduled Trading Days] / [Not Applicable]  |
| <b>19. Additional provisions relating to Equity Index Linked Interest N&amp;C Securities</b> |   |   |
|  |   | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]   |
|  |   | <i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>   |
| 19.1   | Whether the interest provisions in respect of the N&C Securities relate to single index or a basket containing one or more indices and the identity of each relevant Index: | [Single index] / [Basket containing one or more indices]  |
| 19.2   | Equity Index:   | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]   |
|  |   | <i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>   |
|  |   | (a) [ <i>Name of Index/Basket Index</i> ]   |
|  |   | (b) The relevant Index Sponsor is [ <i>Name of Index Sponsor</i> ]  |

(c) Bloomberg Screen: [●]

*(In case of more than one Index repeat the prompts set out in items 19.2 – 19.6 inclusive below and include the relevant information in a tabular format.)*

19.3 Index Level: [Opening Level] / [Intraday Level] / [Observation Level] / [Closing Level]

*(N.B.: if Observation Level is selected please specify one of (a) the [lowest] [highest] Closing Level observed by the Calculation Agent on the Scheduled Observation Dates or (b) the level of the Index observed by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the definition of Index Level at or about the Relevant Time on the [Initial Valuation Date] [Scheduled Observation Date].)*

19.4 Exchange(s) [The relevant Exchange[s] [is/are] [●]]

19.5 Related Exchange: [specify] / [All Exchanges]

19.6 Relevant Time: [Scheduled Closing Time] / [The relevant time is [●], being the time specified on the [Valuation Date/Averaging Date/Scheduled Observation Date] for the calculation of the Index Level.]

19.7 Exchange Business Day: [Exchange Business Day (Single Index Basis)] / [Exchange Business Day (All Indices Basis)] / [Exchange Business Day (Per Index Basis)]/

19.8 Scheduled Trading Day: [Scheduled Trading Day (Single Index Basis)] / [Scheduled Trading Day (All Indices Basis)] / [Scheduled Trading Day (Per Index Basis)]

19.9 Additional Disruption Events: [Applicable]/[Not Applicable: the provisions of Equity Index Linked Condition 5 do not apply] (*if Not Applicable, delete the remaining parts of this item 19.9*)

(a) Elected Events Only: [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]

(b) [The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the N&C Securities: [Change in Law] [Hedging Disruption] [Increased Cost of Hedging] [Increased Cost of Stock Borrow] [Loss of Stock Borrow]]

*(N.B.: delete this item (b)) if "Elected Events Only" is specified as Not Applicable)*

(c) [The Maximum Stock Loan Rate in respect of [specify in relation to each relevant Component Security] is [●]]

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|       |   | <i>(N.B.: only applicable if Loss of Stock Borrow is applicable)</i>   |
|       | (d) [The Initial Stock Loan Rate in respect of [specify in relation to each relevant Component Security] is [●].] |  |
|       |   | <i>(N.B.: only applicable if Increased Cost of Stock Borrow is applicable)</i>   |
| 19.10 | Equity Index Linked Condition 3.2(c) ( <i>Modification and Cessation of Calculation of an Index</i> ):            | [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]  |
| 19.11 | Equity Index Linked Condition 5(b)(ii)(B) ( <i>Additional Disruption Events</i> ):                                | [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]  |
| 20.   | <b>Additional provisions relating to Inflation Index Linked Interest N&amp;C Securities</b>                       | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]<br><i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>   |
| 20.1  | Inflation Index/Inflation Indices:  | [●]<br><br><i>(Give details of index/indices. In case of more than one Inflation Index, repeat the prompts set out in items 20.1 – 20.7 inclusive below and include the relevant information. In this case immediately before such items set out the title: Information in relation to [name of Inflation Index])</i>  |
| 20.2  | Inflation Index Sponsor(s):   | [●]  |
| 20.3  | Reference source(s):  | [●]  |
| 20.4  | Related Bond:   | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]<br><br>The Related Bond is: [●] [Fallback Bond]<br><br>The issuer of the Related Bond is: [●]  |
| 20.5  | Fallback Bond:  | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]  |
| 20.6  | Observation Level:  | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]<br><br><i>(N.B.: if applicable please specify one of (a) the [lowest] [highest] level of the Inflation Index observed by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the Inflation Index Linked Conditions in respect of the Scheduled Observation Dates or (b) the level of the Inflation Index observed by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the Inflation Index Linked Conditions in respect of the [Initial Valuation Date] [Scheduled Observation Date].)</i> |
| 20.7  | Inflation Index Dates in relation to [name of Key Date]:  | <i>(In case of more than one Key Date, repeat the prompts set out in items 20.7(a) – 20.7(d) inclusive below (if different for each Key</i>  |

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|      |  | <i>(Date) and include the relevant information in a tabular format.)</i>  |
| (a)  | Reference Month:   | [●]   |
| (b)  | Determination Date(s):   | [●]   |
|      |  | <i>(Note this may be the relevant Key Date)</i>   |
| (c)  | Inflation Cut-Off Date:  | [●] [As defined in the Inflation Index Linked Conditions]   |
| (d)  | End Date:  | [●] [Maturity Date]   |
|      |  | <i>(This is necessary whenever Fallback Bond is Applicable)</i>   |
| 20.8 | Additional Disruption Events:  | [The following Additional Disruption Events apply to the N&C Securities: [Change in Law][./and] [Hedging Disruption][./and] [Increased Cost of Hedging]]/[Not Applicable: the provisions of Inflation Index Linked Condition 4 do not apply]        |
| 21.  | <b>Additional provisions relating to Fixed Income Benchmark N&amp;C Securities</b> | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]   |
|      |  | <i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>   |
| 21.1 | Additional Business Centre(s):   | [●] / [TARGET2] / [Not Applicable]  |
| 21.2 | Manner in which the Rate of Interest and Interest Amount is to be determined:      | [Screen Rate Determination / ISDA Determination / Bank of England Base Rate Determination / Overnight Rate Determination (SONIA) / Overnight Rate Determination (€STR)] (further particulars specified in the below sub-paragraphs of this item 21) |
| 21.3 | Screen Rate Determination:   | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]   |
|      |  | <i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>   |
| (a)  | Interest Determination Date(s):  | [●]   |
| (b)  | Reference Rate:  | [●] month EURIBOR   |
| (c)  | Relevant Screen Page:  | [●]   |
|      |  | <i>(In the case of EURIBOR, if not Reuters EURIBOR01, ensure it is a page which shows a composite rate or amend fallback provisions appropriately)</i>  |
| 21.4 | ISDA Determination:  | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]   |
|      |  | <i>(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)</i>   |

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|      | (a) ISDA Definitions:                    | [2006 ISDA Definitions] / [2021 ISDA Interest Rate Derivatives Definitions]   |
|      | (b) Reset Date(s):                       | [●]   |
|      | (c) Floating Rate Option:                | [●]   |
|      | (d) Designated Maturity:                 | [●]   |
|      | (e) Compounding method:                  | [Not applicable] /<br>[Compounding with Lookback<br>Applicable Business Days means<br>(specify)] /<br>[Compounding with Observation Period Shift<br>Observation Period Shift Business<br>Days means (specify)] /<br>[Compounding with Lockout<br>Lockout Period Business Days<br>means (specify)] |
| 21.5 | Bank of England Base Rate Determination: | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]<br>( <i>If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph</i> )  |
|      | (a) Designated Maturity:                 | [Daily] [●]   |
|      | (b) Relevant Screen Page:                | [Reuters UKBASE] / [●]  |
| 21.6 | Overnight Rate Determination (SONIA):    | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]   |
|      | (a) Calculation Method:                  | [Compounded Daily Rate] / [Weighted Average Rate] / [Single Daily Rate] / [Compounded Index Rate]   |
|      | (b) Observation Method:                  | [Lag] / [Lock-Out] / [Shift] / [Not Applicable]   |
|      | (c) Relevant Screen Page:                | [●]   |
|      | (d) Rate Determination Date:             | [●] / [Not Applicable]  |
|      | (e) Observation Look-Back Period:        | [●] London Banking Days   |
| 21.7 | Overnight Rate Determination (€STR):     | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]   |
|      | (a) Calculation Method:                  | [Compounded Daily Rate] / [Weighted Average Rate] / [Single Daily Rate]   |
|      | (b) Observation Method:                  | [Lag] / [Lock-Out] / [Shift] / [Not Applicable]   |
|      | (c) Rate Determination Date:             | [●] / [Not Applicable]  |
|      | (d) Observation Look-Back Period:        | [●] TARGET2 Business Days   |

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| 21.8  | Margin(s):                | [+/-][●] per cent. per annum |
| 21.9  | Minimum Rate of Interest: | [●] per cent. per annum      |
| 21.10 | Maximum Rate of Interest: | [●] per cent. per annum      |

### **PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION**

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| 22.  | Issuer Call:   | [Applicable] / [Not Applicable]<br><br>[If applicable, insert:<br><br>Optional Preference Share Redemption Valuation Date(s): [insert date(s)] (subject to adjustment in accordance with N&C Security Condition [6.2])]  |
| 23.  | Provisions relating to Preference Share Linked Redemption: |  |
| 23.1 | Preference Shares  | [insert title and series number] issued by the Company   |
| 23.2 | Initial Reference Date:                                    | [insert date]  |
| 23.3 | Preference Share Valuation Date:                           | [insert date] [, unless the Preference Shares are to be redeemed following a Scheduled Observation Date (as defined in their terms), in which case the Preference Share Valuation Date will be such Scheduled Observation Date][, subject to adjustment in accordance with N&C Security Condition 6.1] |
| 23.4 | Valuation Time   | [5.00 p.m. (London time)] [insert other]   |
| 23.5 | Final Reference Date:                                      | [insert number of Business Days, which should be between 2 and no more than 8] Business Days following the Preference Share Valuation Date   |
| 24.  | Early Redemption:  |  |
| 24.1 | Specified Early Redemption Events:                         | [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]  |
| (a)  | Issuer Illegality Call:                                    | [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]  |
| (b)  | Issuer Tax Call:   | [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]  |
| (c)  | Issuer Regulatory Call:                                    | [Applicable]/[Not Applicable]  |

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE N&C SECURITIES**

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| 25.  | Form of N&C Securities: |   |
| 25.1 | Form:                   | [Bearer N&C Securities:<br><br>[Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security exchangeable for a Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security which is exchangeable for definitive Bearer N&C Securities [on |

60 days' notice/only upon an Exchange Event]].

[Temporary Bearer Global N&C Security exchangeable for Definitive Bearer N&C Securities on and after the Exchange Date.]

[Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security exchangeable for Definitive Bearer N&C Securities [on 60 days' notice/only upon an Exchange Event].]

*(Ensure that this is consistent with the wording in the "Form of the N&C Securities" section in the Programme Memorandum and the N&C Securities themselves. (N.B. The exchange upon notice option should not be expressed to be applicable if the Specified Denomination of the N&C Securities in paragraph 6 includes language substantially to the following effect:*

*"[£100,000] and integral multiples of [£1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [£199,000]. No N&C Securities in definitive form will be issued with a denomination above [£199,000]." Furthermore, such Specified Denomination construction is not permitted in relation to any issue of N&C Securities which is to be represented on issue by a Temporary/Permanent Bearer Global N&C Security exchangeable for Definitive N&C Securities.)*

[Immobilised Bearer N&C Securities:

[Permanently Restricted Global N&C Security held by the Book-Entry Depositary and CDIs registered in the name of a nominee for a common depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg]]

*(Permanently Restricted Global N&C Security to be used for securities which are to be represented by CREST Depositary Interests)*

[CREST Depositary Instruments:

CREST Depositary Interests ("CREST Depositary Interests") representing the N&C Securities may

also be issued in accordance with the usual procedures of Euroclear UK & International Limited ("CREST").]

25.2 New Global Note: [Yes] / [No]

26. Additional Financial Centre(s): London / *[give details]*  
*(Note that this paragraph relates to the date of payment and not the end dates of Interest Periods for the purposes of calculating the amount of interest, to which sub-paragraphs 17.4 and 19.821.1 relate)*

27. Payment Day Convention: [Following] / [Modified Following] / [Preceding]  
*(N.B.: if no Payment Day Convention is specified, "Following" will apply)*

28. Talons for future Coupons to be attached to Definitive Bearer N&C Securities: [Yes as the N&C Securities have more than 27 coupon payments, Talons may be required if, on exchange into definitive form, more than 27 coupon payments are still to be made] / [No]

29. Rounding Convention: [Rounded up] / [Rounded down] / [Not Applicable]

30. Calculation Agent: [Santander UK plc  
2 Triton Square  
Regent's Place  
London NW1 3AN  
United Kingdom]  
*[specify other, including address]*

31. Any Conditions additional to, or modified from, those set forth in the Programme Memorandum: [specify] / [Not Applicable]

32. Specified N&C Securities: [The N&C Securities are [not] Specified N&C Securities for purposes of Section 871(m) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986. [Additional information regarding the application of Section 871(m) to the N&C Securities will be available from [give name(s) and address(es) of Issuer contact].]] [As at the date of this Pricing Supplement, the Issuer has not determined whether the N&C Securities are Specified N&C Securities for purposes of Section 871(m) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986; however, indicatively it considers that they will [not] be Specified N&C Securities for these purposes. This is indicative information only subject to change and if the Issuer's final determination is different then it will give notice of such determination. Please contact [name(s) and address(es) of Issuer contact] for further information regarding the application of

Section 871(m) to the N&C Securities.]<sup>5</sup> (*The N&C Securities will not be Specified N&C Securities if they (i) are issued prior to 1 January 2025 and are not "delta-one" for U.S. tax purposes or (ii) do not reference any U.S. equity or any index that contains any component U.S. equity or otherwise provide direct or indirect exposure to U.S. equities. If the N&C Securities reference a U.S. equity or an index that contains a component U.S. equity or otherwise provide direct or indirect exposure to U.S. equities and (i) are issued prior to 1 January 2025 and provide a return that does not differ significantly from the return on an investment in the underlying, or (ii) are issued on or after 1 January 2025, further analysis would be required.*)

## **RESPONSIBILITY**

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Pricing Supplement. [[*Relevant third party information*] has been extracted from [specify source]. The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as they are aware and is/are able to ascertain from information published by [specify source], no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

By: .....

Duly authorised

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<sup>5</sup> This formulation to be used if the Issuer has not made a determination regarding whether the N&C Securities are Specified Securities as of the date of the Pricing Supplement.

## PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

### 1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

1.1 Listing and admission to trading: [Application [has been made/is expected to be made] by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the N&C Securities to be listed on [specify market - note this must not be an EEA regulated market or the London Stock Exchange's Main Market] with effect from [●].] / [Not Applicable]

### 2. RATINGS

2.1 Ratings: [None. Please note that as at the Issue Date it is not intended that the specific Series of N&C Securities will be rated.]

[The N&C Securities to be issued [have been]/[are expected to be] rated [insert rating] by [insert the legal name of the relevant credit rating agency entity(ies)].]

### 3. INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE

[Save for any fees payable to the Dealer [[and [specify names of other financial intermediaries/placers making offers or consider including a generic description of such other parties involved in offers]]], so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the issue of the N&C Securities has an interest material to the offer. (Amend as appropriate if there are other interests)]

*(When adding any other description, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Programme Memorandum under Article 23 of the UK Prospectus Regulation.)*

### 4. USE OF PROCEEDS

[●]

*(Only required if the use of proceeds is different to that stated in the Base Prospectus)*

### 5. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

5.1 ISIN: [●]

5.2 Common Code: [●]

5.3 CFI<sup>6</sup>: [See/[[include code], as updated, as set out on] the website of the Association of National Numbering Agencies (ANNA) or alternatively sourced from the responsible National Numbering Agency that assigned the ISIN] / [Not Applicable]

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<sup>6</sup> Whilst technically not a requirement for admission to trading, market operators are required to provide CFI and FISN codes to the FCA/competent authorities/ESMA as part of their reference data/financial instrument reporting under various pieces of legislation (such as MiFIR and MAR, including as onshored in the UK) and it is likely that stock exchanges will request these when the Final Terms are filed with them to admit a tranche of securities to market. "Not Applicable" should be specified where the Final Terms relates to an unlisted but Non-exempt Offer or the codes are not otherwise required and the "Not Available" option has been inserted as CFI and FISN codes may not always be available. The reference to the ANNA website (without the actual code) may be relevant if the parties are not sure that the code is correct or if a code has not been requested.

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| 5.4 | FISN <sup>6</sup> :  | [See/[[ <i>include code</i> ], as updated, as set out on] the website of the Association of National Numbering Agencies (ANNA) or alternatively sourced from the responsible National Numbering Agency that assigned the ISIN] / [Not Available]   |
| 5.5 | Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and the relevant identification number(s): | [Not Applicable/ <i>give name(s) and number(s)</i> ]<br>[The N&C Securities will also be eligible for CREST via the issue of CREST Depository Interests representing the N&C Securities]   |
| 5.6 | Delivery:  | Delivery [against/free of] payment   |
| 5.7 | Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any):  | [●] / [Not Applicable]   |
| 5.8 | Deemed delivery of clearing system notice for the purposes of N&C Security Condition 13 ( <i>Notices</i> ):        | Any notice delivered to N&C Securityholders through the clearing system will be deemed to have been given on the [second][business] day after the day on which it was given to [Euroclear] [and/] [Clearstream, Luxembourg] [and/] [specify other].  |
| 5.9 | Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility:  | [Yes. Note that the designation "yes" simply means that the N&C Securities are intended upon issue to be deposited with [one of the international central securities depositories ("ICSDs") as common safekeeper][specify other] and does not necessarily mean that the N&C Securities will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intraday credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]<br><br><i>(If "Yes" is selected and the N&amp;C Securities are deposited with an ICSD, the N&amp;C Securities must be issued in NGN form.)</i><br><br>[No. [Whilst the designation is specified as "no" at the date of this Pricing Supplement, should the Eurosystem eligibility criteria be amended in the future such that the N&C Securities are capable of meeting them the N&C Securities may then be deposited with one of the ICSDs as common safekeeper. Note that this does not necessarily mean that the N&C Securities will then be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intraday credit operations by the Eurosystem at any time during their life. Such recognition will depend upon the ECB being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.]] |

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| 5.10                   | Governing law:                              | English  |
| 5.11                   | Additional considerations:                  | investment [Applicable. See Annex [●] contained herein.] / [Not Applicable.] <i>(If applicable, set out in an annex all additional risk factors or other investment considerations applicable to the particular Tranche of N&amp;C Securities to be issued.)</i>   |
| <b>6. DISTRIBUTION</b> |   |  |
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| 6.1                    | Method of distribution:                     | [Syndicated/Non-syndicated]  |
| 6.2                    | (a) If syndicated, names of Managers:       | [Not Applicable] / <i>[give names of each entity acting as underwriter]</i>  |
|                        | (b) Date of Subscription Agreement:         | [●]  |
|                        | (c) Stabilisation Manager(s) (if any):      | [Not Applicable] / <i>[give name]</i>  |
| 6.3                    | If non-syndicated, name of relevant Dealer: | [Not Applicable] / <i>[give name]</i><br><br>[In connection with the issue of any Tranche of N&C Securities, the relevant Dealer (if any) named as the stabilisation manager (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilisation Manager(s)) in the applicable Pricing Supplement (the " <b>Stabilisation Manager</b> ") may over-allot N&C Securities or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the N&C Securities at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, stabilisation may not necessarily occur. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the Pricing Supplement for the offer of the Tranche of N&C Securities is made and, if begun, may cease at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the Tranche of N&C Securities and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the Tranche of N&C Securities.] |
| 6.4                    | U.S. Selling Restrictions:                  | The N&C Securities have not and will not be registered under the Securities Act. The N&C Securities are only for offer and sale outside the United States in offshore transactions to non-U.S. Persons in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act and may not be offered, sold, transferred, pledged, delivered, redeemed, directly or indirectly, at any time within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, or by, any U.S. Person.<br><br>Each initial purchaser of the N&C Securities and each subsequent purchaser or transferee of the N&C Securities shall be deemed to have agreed with the Issuer or the seller of   |

such N&C Securities that (i) it will not at any time offer, sell, resell or deliver, directly or indirectly, such N&C Securities so purchased in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. Person or to others for offer, sale, resale or delivery, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. Person and (ii) it is not purchasing any N&C Securities for the account or benefit of any U.S. Person.

N&C Securities in bearer form 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 U.S. person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations.

[Reg. S Compliance Category 2; TEFRA D / TEFRA C / TEFRA not applicable]

*(N.B.: N&C Securities which will be represented by CREST Depository Interests to be TEFRA C and Immobilised Bearer Securities will be TEFRA not applicable)*

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| <p>6.5      Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors:</p> | <p>[Applicable] / [Not Applicable]</p> <p><i>(If the N&amp;C Securities clearly do not constitute "packaged" products, "Not Applicable" should be specified. If the N&amp;C Securities may constitute "packaged" products and no EU PRIIPS KID will be prepared, "Applicable" should be specified.)</i></p>   |
| <p>6.6      Prohibition of Sales to UK Retail Investors:</p>  | <p>[Applicable] / [Not Applicable]</p> <p><i>(If the N&amp;C Securities clearly do not constitute "packaged" products, "Not Applicable" should be specified. If the N&amp;C Securities may constitute "packaged" products and no UK PRIIPS KID will be prepared, "Applicable" should be specified.)</i></p>   |
| <p>6.7      Additional selling restrictions:</p>              | <p>[Not Applicable]/[give details]</p>  |
| <p>6.8      [Information relating to the Issue Price:</p>     | <p>The Issue Price for the N&amp;C Securities includes a number of costs including sale commissions and hedging related payments and may not be an accurate reflection of the market value of the N&amp;C Securities as of the Issue Date. The price at which the N&amp;C Securities may be sold in secondary market transactions may be significantly lower than the Issue Price as a result. Accordingly, investors should be prepared to hold the N&amp;C Securities until maturity.</p> <p>The Issue Price for the N&amp;C Securities includes an embedded commission which will be payable to one or more distributors for</p> |

the N&C Securities. An investor should enquire of any distributor from which it purchases N&C Securities as to the level of commissions received by the distributor.

[The Issuer is only offering to and selling to the Dealer(s) pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the [Distribution Agreement] [Programme Agreement]<sup>7</sup>. All sales to persons other than the Dealer(s) will be made by the Dealer(s) or persons to whom they sell, and/or otherwise make arrangements with, including [specify names of other financial intermediaries/placers making offers or consider including a generic description of such other parties involved in offers] (the "**Financial Intermediaries**"). The Issuer shall not be liable for any offers, sales or purchases of N&C Securities to persons (other than in respect of offers and sales to, and purchases of, N&C Securities by the Dealer(s) and only then pursuant to the [Distribution Agreement] [Programme Agreement]), which are made by the Dealer(s) [or Financial Intermediaries] in accordance with the arrangements in place between any such Dealer or [any such][the] Financial Intermediary and its customers.]

## 7. UK BENCHMARKS REGULATION

UK Benchmarks Regulation: Article 29(2) statement on benchmarks: [Not Applicable]

[Applicable: Amounts payable under the N&C Securities are calculated by reference to [insert name(s) of benchmark(s)], which [is/are] provided by [insert name(s) of the administrator(s) – if more than one, specify in relation to each relevant benchmark].]

[As at the date of this Pricing Supplement, [insert name(s) of the administrator(s)] [is/are] [not] included in the register of administrators and benchmarks established and maintained by the Financial Conduct Authority pursuant to article 36 of Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.] [repeat as necessary]

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