

## PROSPECTUS



### US\$1,750,000,000 Undated Deeply Subordinated Additional Tier 1 Fixed Rate Resettable Notes

#### Issue Price for the Notes: 100%

Crédit Agricole S.A. is offering US\$1,750,000,000 principal amount of its Undated Deeply Subordinated Additional Tier 1 Fixed Rate Resettable Notes (the “Notes”).

The Notes will be issued by Crédit Agricole S.A. (the “Issuer”) and will constitute direct, unsecured and deeply subordinated debt obligations of the Issuer, as described in Condition 4 (*Status of the Notes*) in “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*.”

The Notes will bear interest on their Current Principal Amount (as defined in Condition 2 (*Interpretation*) in “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*”), payable (subject to cancellation as described below) quarterly in arrears on March 23, June 23, September 23 and December 23 of each year (each an “**Interest Payment Date**”), from (and including) January 23, 2014 (the “**Issue Date**”) to (but excluding) January 23, 2024 (the “**First Call Date**”) at the rate of 7.875% per annum. The first payment of interest will be made on March 23, 2014 in respect of the short Interest Period from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date (March 23, 2014). The rate of interest will reset on the First Call Date and on each five-year anniversary thereafter (each, a “**Reset Date**”). The Issuer may elect to cancel the payment of interest on the Notes (in whole or in part) on any Interest Payment Date, and it will be required to cancel the payment of interest on the Notes on any Interest Payment Date to the extent that the Distributable Items or Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount is insufficient, or if the Relevant Regulator requires such interest to be cancelled. Interest that is cancelled will not be due on any subsequent date, and the non-payment will not constitute a default by the Issuer.

The principal amount of the Notes will be written down on a pro rata basis with other similar instruments if the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group’s CET1 Capital Ratio falls or remains below 5.125% or the Crédit Agricole Group’s CET1 Capital Ratio falls or remains below 7%, in each case, as of any Quarterly Financial Period End Date or Extraordinary Calculation Date (all as defined in Condition 2 (*Interpretation*) in “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*”). Holders may lose some or substantially all of their investment in the Notes as a result of such a write-down. Following such reduction, the Current Principal Amount may, at the Issuer’s discretion, be reinstated up to the Original Principal Amount on a pro rata basis with other similar instruments, if the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group records positive Consolidated Net Income and the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount is sufficient, subject to certain conditions. See Condition 6 (*Loss Absorption and Return to Financial Health*) in “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*.”

The Notes have no fixed maturity and holders do not have the right to call for their redemption. As a result, the Issuer is not required to make any payment of the principal amount of the Notes at any time prior to the time a judgment is issued for the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) of the Issuer or if the Issuer is liquidated for any other reason. The Issuer may, at its option, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes on the First Call Date or any Reset Date thereafter at their Redemption Amount plus accrued and unpaid interest (if any) (all as defined in Condition 2 (*Interpretation*) in “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*”). The Issuer may also, at its option, and in some cases will be required to, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes at any time at their relevant Redemption Amount plus accrued and unpaid interest upon the occurrence of certain Tax Events or a Capital Event (each as defined in Condition 2 (*Interpretation*) in “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*”), subject to approval by the Relevant Regulator. No optional redemption may be made at a time when the Current Principal Amount of the Notes is less than their Original Principal Amount. If a Capital Event, Tax Event or Alignment Event has occurred and is continuing, the Issuer may substitute all of the Notes or modify the terms of all of the Notes, without the consent or approval of Holders, so that they become or remain Qualifying Notes (as defined in Condition 7.7 (*Substitution and Modification*)).

This Prospectus constitutes a prospectus for the purposes of Article 5.3 of Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council dated November 4, 2003, as amended, which includes the amendments made by Directive 2010/73/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council dated November 24, 2010 (the “**Prospectus Directive**”).

Application has been made to list and admit to trading the Notes, as of their issue date, on the regulated market of NYSE Euronext in Paris (“**Euronext Paris**”). Euronext Paris is a regulated market within the meaning of the Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council dated April 21, 2004.

The Notes are expected to be rated BB+ by Fitch France S.A.S. (“**Fitch**”) and BB+ by Standard & Poor’s Credit Market Services S.A.S (“**S&P**”). Each of Fitch and S&P is established in the European Union (“**EU**”) and is registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 (as amended) (the “**CRA Regulation**”) and is included in the list of credit rating agencies registered in accordance with the CRA Regulation as of the date of this Prospectus. This list is available on the ESMA website at [www.esma.europa.eu/page/List-registered-and-certified-CRAs](http://www.esma.europa.eu/page/List-registered-and-certified-CRAs) (list last updated on June 3, 2013). A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision, suspension or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

**Investing in the Notes involves certain risks. See “Risk Factors” beginning on page 32 below for risk factors relevant to an investment in the Notes.**

The Notes will be issued in registered form in denominations of US\$200,000 and integral multiples of US\$1,000 in excess thereof. Delivery of the Notes will be made on or about January 23, 2014, in book-entry form only, through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company (“**DTC**”), for the accounts of its participants, including Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* (“**Clearstream, Luxembourg**”), and Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (“**Euroclear**”).

**The Notes have not been registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”). Accordingly, the Issuer is offering the Notes only (1) to qualified institutional buyers (“QIBs”) within the meaning of Rule 144A under the Securities Act (“Rule 144A”) and (2) outside the United States to non-U.S. persons in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act (“Regulation S”). Prospective purchasers are hereby notified that sellers of the Notes may be relying on the exemption from the provisions of Section 5 of the Securities Act provided by Rule 144A.**

Copies of this Prospectus are available on the websites of the AMF ([www.amf-france.org](http://www.amf-france.org)) and of the Issuer ([www.credit-agricole.com](http://www.credit-agricole.com)) and may be obtained, without charge on request, at the principal office of the Issuer during normal business hours. Copies of all documents incorporated by reference in this Prospectus are available (i) on the website of the AMF ([www.amf-france.org](http://www.amf-france.org)) and (ii) on the website of the Issuer ([www.credit-agricole.com](http://www.credit-agricole.com)) and may be obtained, without charge on request, at the principal office of the Issuer during normal business hours.



In accordance with Articles L.412-1 and L.621-8 of the French *Code monétaire et financier* and its General Regulations (*Règlement général*), in particular Articles 211-1 to 216-1, the AMF has granted to this Prospectus the visa n°14-014 on January 16, 2014. This Prospectus has been prepared by the Issuer and its signatories assume responsibility for it. In accordance with Article L.621-8-1-I of the French *Code monétaire et financier*, the visa has been granted following an examination by the AMF of “whether the document is complete and comprehensible, and whether the information in it is coherent.” It does not imply that the AMF has verified the accounting and financial data set out in it and the appropriateness of the issue of the Notes.

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**Joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners**

Barclays  
Goldman, Sachs & Co.

Crédit Agricole CIB  
J.P. Morgan

Credit Suisse  
UniCredit Bank

The date of this Prospectus is January 16, 2014.

The Issuer is responsible for the information contained and incorporated by reference in this Prospectus. The Issuer has not authorized anyone to give prospective investors any other information, and the Issuer takes no responsibility for any other information that others may give to prospective investors. Prospective investors should carefully evaluate the information provided by the Issuer in light of the total mix of information available to them, recognizing that the Issuer can provide no assurance as to the reliability of any information not contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus. The information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus is accurate only as of the date hereof, regardless of the time of delivery or of any sale of the Notes. It is important for prospective investors to read and consider all information contained in this Prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference herein, in making an investment decision. Prospective investors should also read and consider the information in the documents to which the Issuer have referred them under the caption “*Documents Incorporated by Reference*” in this Prospectus.

This Prospectus has been prepared by the Issuer solely for use in connection with the placement of the Notes. The Issuer and the Managers reserve the right to reject any offer to purchase for any reason.

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), any state securities commission nor any other regulatory authority, has approved or disapproved of the Notes; nor have any of the foregoing authorities passed upon or endorsed the merits of this offering or the accuracy or adequacy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The Notes are not insured by the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other governmental deposit insurance agency.

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or the securities law of any U.S. state, and may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in the United States of America or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act or such state securities laws. The Notes are being offered and sold only (i) to qualified institutional buyers as defined in Rule 144A, in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, and (ii) outside of the United States of America to non-U.S. persons in reliance upon an exemption from registration under the Securities Act pursuant to Regulation S.

In addition, until 40 days after the commencement of the offering, an offer or sale of Notes within the United States by a dealer (whether or not it is participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act unless it is made pursuant to Rule 144A.

The distribution of this Prospectus and the offering and sale of the Notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. The Issuer and the Managers require persons in whose possession this Prospectus comes to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions. This Prospectus does not constitute an offer of, or an invitation to purchase, any of the Notes in any jurisdiction in which such offer or invitation would be unlawful.

The Issuer is offering to sell, and is seeking offers to buy, the Notes only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. This Prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any Notes by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such an offer or solicitation. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus nor any sale made under it implies that there has been no change in the Issuer’s affairs or that the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus is correct as of any date after the date of this Prospectus.

Prospective investors must:

- comply with all applicable laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in connection with the possession or distribution of this Prospectus and the purchase, offer or sale of the Notes; and
- obtain any consent, approval or permission required to be obtained by them for the purchase, offer or sale by them of the Notes under the laws and regulations applicable to them in force

in any jurisdiction to which they are subject or in which they make such purchases, offers or sales; and neither the Issuer nor the Managers shall have any responsibility therefor.

By purchasing the Notes, investors will be deemed to have made the acknowledgements, representations, warranties and agreements described under the heading “*Notice to U.S. Investors*” in this Prospectus. Investors should understand that they may be required to bear the financial risks of their investment for an indefinite period of time.

Prospective investors acknowledge that they have not relied on the Managers or any person affiliated with the Managers in connection with their investigation of the accuracy of such information or their investment decision. In making an investment decision, prospective investors must rely on their own examination of the Issuer and the terms of this offering, including the merits and risks involved.

The Managers are not making any representation or warranty, express or implied, as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus. Prospective investors should not rely upon the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus as a promise or representation by the Managers, whether as to the past or the future. The Managers assume no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of such information.

Neither the Managers, nor the Issuer, nor any of their respective representatives, are making any representation to prospective investors regarding the legality of an investment in the Notes. Prospective investors should consult with their own advisers as to legal, tax, business, financial and related aspects of an investment in the Notes. Investors must comply with all laws applicable in any place in which they buy, offer or sell the Notes or possess or distribute this Prospectus, and they must obtain all applicable consents and approvals. Neither the Managers nor the Issuer shall have any responsibility for any of the foregoing legal requirements.

The Issuer and the Managers reserve the right to withdraw this offering at any time before closing, to reject any offer to purchase, in whole or in part, for any reason, or to sell less than the amount of Notes offered by this Prospectus.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, investors may disclose to any and all persons, without limitation of any kind, the U.S. federal or state income tax treatment and tax structure of this offering and all materials of any kind (including opinions or other tax analyses) that are provided to the investors relating to such tax treatment and tax structure. However, any information relating to the U.S. federal income tax treatment or tax structure shall remain confidential (and the foregoing sentence shall not apply) to the extent reasonably necessary to enable any person to comply with applicable securities laws. For this purpose, “tax structure” means any facts relevant to the U.S. federal or state income tax treatment of this offering but does not include information relating to the identity of the issuer of the Notes, the issuer of any assets underlying the Notes, or any of their respective affiliates that are offering the Notes.

#### **AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

To permit compliance with Rule 144A in connection with sales of the Notes, for as long as any of the Notes remain outstanding and are “restricted securities” within the meaning of Rule 144(a)(3) under the Securities Act, the Issuer will furnish upon the request of a holder of the Notes or of a beneficial owner of an interest therein, or to a prospective purchaser of such Notes or beneficial interests designated by a holder of the Notes or a beneficial owner of an interest therein to such holder, beneficial owner or prospective purchaser, the information required to be delivered under Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act and will otherwise comply with the requirements of Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act, if at the time of such request, the Issuer is not a reporting company under Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the “**Exchange Act**”), or exempt from reporting pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Exchange Act.

#### **NOTICE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS**

**NEITHER THE FACT THAT A REGISTRATION STATEMENT OR AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE HAS BEEN FILED UNDER CHAPTER 421-B OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIFORM**

**SECURITIES ACT (“RSA 421-B”) WITH THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE NOR THE FACT THAT A SECURITY IS EFFECTIVELY REGISTERED OR A PERSON IS LICENSED IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE CONSTITUTES A FINDING BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE THAT ANY DOCUMENT FILED UNDER RSA 421-B IS TRUE, COMPLETE AND NOT MISLEADING. NEITHER ANY SUCH FACT NOR THE FACT THAT AN EXEMPTION OR EXCEPTION IS AVAILABLE FOR A SECURITY OR A TRANSACTION MEANS THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAS PASSED IN ANY WAY UPON THE MERITS OR QUALIFICATIONS OF, OR RECOMMENDED OR GIVEN APPROVAL TO, ANY PERSON, SECURITY OR TRANSACTION. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE, OR CAUSE TO BE MADE, TO ANY PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER, CUSTOMER OR CLIENT ANY REPRESENTATION INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH.**

### **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS**

This Prospectus does not constitute an offer of, or an invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer or the Managers to subscribe for, or purchase, any Notes.

The Managers have not separately verified the information contained in this Prospectus. None of the Managers makes any representation, express or implied, or accepts any responsibility, with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any of the information in this Prospectus. Neither this Prospectus nor any other financial statements are intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation and should not be considered as a recommendation by any of the Issuer or the Managers that any recipient of this Prospectus or any other financial statements should purchase the Notes. Each potential purchaser of Notes should determine for itself the relevance of the information contained in this Prospectus and its purchase of Notes should be based upon such investigation as it deems necessary. None of the Managers undertakes to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer during the life of the arrangements contemplated by this Prospectus nor to advise any investor or potential investor in the Notes of any information coming to the attention of any of the Managers.

Any investor purchasing the Notes is solely responsible for ensuring that any offer or resale of the Notes it purchased occurs in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

In connection with the issue of the Notes, the Manager(s) named as the stabilizing manager(s) (if any) (the “**Stabilizing Manager(s)**”) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilizing Manager(s)) may over-allot Notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilizing Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of a Stabilizing Manager(s)) will undertake stabilization action. In connection with any series of Notes listed on a regulated market in the European Union, any stabilization action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the terms of the offer of the relevant series of Notes is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the relevant series of Notes and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant series of Notes. Any stabilization action or over-allotment must be conducted by the relevant Stabilizing Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilizing Manager(s)) in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

This Prospectus is only being distributed to, and is only directed at, persons in the United Kingdom who are “qualified investors” as defined in Section 86(7) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended (the “**FSMA**”) or otherwise in circumstances which do not require the publication by the Issuer of a prospectus pursuant to section 85(1) of the FSMA. In the United Kingdom, this Prospectus is only being distributed to, and is only directed at, and any investment or investment activity to which this Prospectus relates is available only to, and will be engaged in only with, persons (i) having professional experience in matters relating to investments who fall within the definition of “investment professionals” in Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the “**Order**”); or (ii) who are high net worth entities falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order, or other persons to whom it may otherwise be lawfully communicated (all such persons together being referred to as “**relevant persons**”). Persons who are not relevant persons should not take any action on the basis of this Prospectus and should not act or rely on it.

This Prospectus has been prepared on the basis that any offer of the Notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area (each, a “**Relevant Member State**”) will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from

the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the Notes. Accordingly, any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of the Notes may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Joint Lead Manager, Bookrunner or Co-Manager to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither the Issuer nor any Joint Lead Manager, Bookrunner or Co-Manager have authorized, nor do they authorize, the making of any offer of the Notes in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Issuer or any Joint Lead Manager, Bookrunner or Co-Manager to publish or supplement a prospectus for such offer. As used herein, the expression “**Prospectus Directive**” means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive) and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression “**2010 PD Amending Directive**” means Directive 2010/73/EU.

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## **PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE PROSPECTUS**

Olivier BÉlorgey, *Directeur de la Gestion Financière* of Crédit Agricole S.A.

### **Declaration by the Person Responsible for the Prospectus**

To the best of my knowledge (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), I hereby certify that the information contained in this Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

The consolidated financial statements for the Crédit Agricole Group and the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group for the year ended December 31, 2010 and the interim condensed consolidated financial statements for the Crédit Agricole Group and the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group for the semester ended June 30, 2013 are the subject of reports by the statutory auditors. Certain of these reports, which are reproduced on pages 271 and 272 of the Consolidated Financial Statements 2010 for the Crédit Agricole Group, pages 367 and 368 of the Consolidated Financial Statements 2010 for the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group, pages 202 and 203 of the A.03 and pages 1 and 2 of the 2013 Half-Year Financial Report for the Crédit Agricole Group, contain observations.

### **Crédit Agricole S.A.**

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Duly represented by:  
Olivier BÉlorgey  
*Directeur de la Gestion Financière* of Crédit Agricole S.A.  
On January 16, 2014

## LIMITATIONS ON ENFORCEMENT OF CIVIL LIABILITIES

The Issuer is a *société anonyme* duly organized and existing under the laws of France, and many of its assets are located in France. Many of its subsidiaries, legal representatives and executive officers and certain other parties named herein reside in France, and substantially all of the assets of these persons are located in France. As a result, it may not be possible, or it may be difficult, for a Holder or beneficial owner of the Notes located outside of France to effect service of process upon the Issuer or such persons in the home country of the Holder or beneficial owner or to enforce against the Issuer or such persons judgments obtained in non-French courts, including those judgments predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the U.S. federal or state securities laws.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference herein, contains forward-looking statements. Such items in this Prospectus include, but are not limited to, statements made under “*Risk Factors*.” Such statements can be generally identified by the use of terms such as “anticipates,” “believes,” “could,” “expects,” “may,” “plans,” “should,” “will” and “would,” or by comparable terms and the negatives of such terms. By their nature, forward looking statements involve risk and uncertainty, and the factors described in the context of such forward looking statements in this Prospectus could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by such forward looking statements. The Issuer has based forward-looking statements on its expectations and projections about future events as of the date such statements were made. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions about the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the Crédit Agricole Group, including, among other things:

- Risks that the Crédit Agricole Group or the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group might not be able to achieve the objectives they have established for their capital and leverage ratios, described herein.
- Risks inherent to banking activities including credit risks, market, liquidity and financing risks, operational risks and insurance risks;
- Risks relating to economic and financial conditions in Europe;
- The effects of the global financial crisis, including disruptions in global credit markets;
- The effects of the supervisory and regulatory regimes in France and other jurisdictions in which the Crédit Agricole Group operates and related legislative and regulatory initiatives, including measures introduced in response to the global financial crisis;
- The Issuer’s ability and that of its corporate and investment banking subsidiary, Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank (“Crédit Agricole CIB”), to maintain high credit ratings;
- Unidentified or unanticipated risks not covered by the Issuer’s risk management policies, procedures and methods;
- Credit risk of other parties;
- Adverse market or economic conditions;
- Vulnerability to specific political, macroeconomic and financial environments or circumstances due to the scope of the Issuer’s activities;
- Intense competition;
- Lower revenue generated from commission- and fee-based businesses during market downturns;
- Soundness and conduct of other financial institutions and market participants;
- Protracted market declines that reduce liquidity in the markets, making it harder to sell assets and possibly leading to material losses;
- Significant interest rate changes that could adversely affect the Issuer’s consolidated revenues or profitability;
- A substantial increase in new provisions or a shortfall in the level of previously recorded provisions resulting in impairment charges with respect to counterparty credit risk;

- Adjustments to the carrying value of the Issuer's securities and derivatives portfolios;
- Potential failure of the Issuer's risk management policies and hedging strategies;
- The Issuer's ability to attract and retain qualified employees;
- Future events that may be different from those reflected in the management assumptions and estimates used in the preparation of the Issuer's financial statements, which may cause unexpected losses in the future;
- An interruption in or breach of the Issuer's information systems; and
- Other factors described under "*Risk Factors*."

## CERTAIN TERMS USED IN THIS PROSPECTUS

When used in this Prospectus, the terms “**Crédit Agricole S.A.**” and the “**Issuer**” refer to the issuer of the Notes, Crédit Agricole S.A. The “**Crédit Agricole S.A. Group**” refers to Crédit Agricole S.A. and its consolidated subsidiaries and associates. The “**Crédit Agricole Group**” refers to Crédit Agricole S.A., the *Caisses Régionales de Crédit Agricole* (the “**Regional Banks**”), the *Caisses Locales de Crédit Agricole* (the “**Local Banks**”) and their consolidated subsidiaries, collectively.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

This Prospectus should be read and construed in conjunction with the following documents, which have been previously published and have been filed with the AMF as competent authority in France for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and shall be incorporated in, and form part of, this Prospectus (the “**Documents Incorporated by Reference**”):

- (a) the English version of the audited consolidated financial statements of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group for fiscal year 2010 and related notes and audit report (the “**Consolidated Financial Statements 2010 for the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group**”), which are extracted from the Issuer’s 2010 Registration Document filed with the AMF on March 18, 2011 under no. D.11-0146;
- (b) the English version of the audited consolidated financial statements of the Crédit Agricole Group for fiscal year 2010 and related notes and audit report (the “**Consolidated Financial Statements 2010 for the Crédit Agricole Group**”), which are extracted from the update A.01 to the Issuer’s 2010 Registration Document filed with the AMF on March 28, 2011 under no. D.11-0146-A01;
- (c) the English version of the audited consolidated financial statements of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group for fiscal year 2011 and related notes and audit report (the “**Consolidated Financial Statements 2011 for the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group**”), which are extracted from the Issuer’s 2011 Registration Document filed with the AMF on March 15, 2012 under no. D.12-0160;
- (d) the English version of the audited non-consolidated financial statements of Crédit Agricole S.A. for fiscal year 2011 and related notes and audit report (the “**Non-Consolidated Financial Statements 2011 for Crédit Agricole S.A.**”), which are extracted from the Issuer’s 2011 Registration Document filed with the AMF on March 15, 2012 under no. D.12-0160;
- (e) the English version of the audited consolidated financial statements of the Crédit Agricole Group for fiscal year 2011 and related notes and audit report (the “**Consolidated Financial Statements 2011 for the Crédit Agricole Group**”), which are extracted from the update A.01 to the Issuer’s 2011 Registration Document filed with the AMF on March 27, 2012 under no. D.12-0160-A01;
- (f) the English version of the Issuer’s 2012 Registration Document, which was filed with the AMF on March 15, 2013 under no. D.13-0141 (the “**RD**”);
- (g) the English version of the Issuer’s 2013 Update A.01 to the RD, which was filed with the AMF on April 3, 2013 under no. D.13-0141-A.01 (the “**A.01**”);
- (h) the English version of the Issuer’s 2013 Update A.02 to the RD, which was filed with the AMF on May 15, 2013 under no. D.13-0141-A.02 (the “**A.02**”);
- (i) the English version of the Issuer’s 2013 Update A.03 to the RD, which was filed with the AMF on August 9, 2013 under no. D.13-0141-A.03 (the “**A.03**”);
- (j) the English version of the Issuer’s 2013 Update A.04 to the RD, which was filed with the AMF on November 8, 2013 under no. D.13-0141-A.04 (the “**A.04**”); and
- (k) the English version of the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements of the Crédit Agricole Group as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2013 (the “**2013 Half-Year Financial Report for the Crédit Agricole Group**”),

except that:

- (A) the inside cover page of the RD shall not be deemed incorporated herein;

- (B) the section relating to the filing of the RD with the AMF on page 1 of the RD shall not be deemed incorporated herein;
- (C) the introduction on page 92 of the RD and the signature on page 118 of the RD of the report prepared by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Crédit Agricole S.A. on internal control procedures relating to the preparation and processing of financial and accounting information appearing on pages 92 to 118 of the RD shall not be deemed incorporated herein;
- (D) the report of the statutory auditors on the report prepared by the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Crédit Agricole S.A. on internal control procedures relating to the preparation and processing of financial and accounting information on page 119 of the RD shall not be deemed incorporated herein;
- (E) the section under the heading “*Contrôle Interne*” on page 180 of the RD shall not be deemed incorporated herein;
- (F) the section under the heading “*Documents Accessibles au Public*” on page 459 of the RD shall not be deemed incorporated herein;
- (G) the sections 1 to 3 under the heading “*Publications de Crédit Agricole S.A.*” on page 459 of the RD shall not be deemed incorporated herein;
- (H) the statement by Mr. Jean-Paul Chifflet, *Directeur Général* of the Issuer, on page 482 of the RD referring to the “*lettre de fin de travaux*” of the statutory auditors shall not be deemed incorporated herein;
- (I) the cross-reference table on pages 484 to 486 and notes under the table on page 486 of the RD shall not be deemed incorporated herein;
- (J) the statutory auditors’ special report on related party agreements and commitments on pages 463 to 467 of the RD shall not be deemed incorporated herein;
- (K) the inside cover page of the A.01 shall not be deemed incorporated herein;
- (L) the statement by Mr. Jean-Paul Chifflet, *Directeur Général* of the Issuer on page 255 of the A.01 referring to the *lettre de fin de travaux* of the statutory auditors shall not be deemed incorporated herein;
- (M) the inside cover page of the A.02 shall not be deemed incorporated herein;
- (N) the “*Rapport annuel relatif à la politique et aux pratiques de rémunération des membres de l’organe exécutif ainsi que des personnes dont les activités professionnelles ont une incidence significative sur le profil de risque de Crédit Agricole S.A.*” on pages 68 to 73 of the A.02 shall not be deemed incorporated herein;
- (O) the statement by Mr. Jean-Paul Chifflet, *Directeur Général* of the Issuer, on page 74 of the A.02 referring to the “*lettre de fin de travaux*” of the statutory auditors shall not be deemed incorporated herein;
- (P) the inside cover page of the A.03 shall not be deemed incorporated herein;
- (Q) the statement by Mr. Jean-Paul Chifflet, *Directeur Général* of the Issuer, on page 205 of the A.03 referring to the “*lettre de fin de travaux*” of the statutory auditors shall not be deemed incorporated herein;

- (R) the inside cover page of the A.04 shall not be deemed incorporated herein;
- (S) the statement by Mr. Jean-Paul Chifflet, *Directeur Général* of the Issuer, on page 81 of the A.04 referring to the “*lettre de fin de travaux*” of the statutory auditors shall not be deemed incorporated herein;

Any statement contained in a Document Incorporated by Reference shall be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise); any statement so modified or superseded shall not, except as so modified or superseded, constitute a part of this Prospectus.

Copies of the Documents Incorporated by Reference may be obtained, without charge on request, at the principal office of the Issuer or of the Fiscal Agent during normal business hours. Such documents are also published (i) on the website of the AMF ([www.amf-france.org](http://www.amf-france.org)) and (ii) on the website of the Issuer ([www.credit-agricole.com](http://www.credit-agricole.com)).

The following table cross-references the pages of the Documents Incorporated by Reference with the main heading required under Annex XI of the Commission Regulation (EC) No. 809/2004 implementing the Prospectus Directive.

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\* The statement by Mr. Jean-Paul Chifflet regarding the “*lettre de fin de travaux*” is not incorporated by reference in the Prospectus.

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## PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In this Prospectus, references to “euro,” “EUR” and “€” refer to the lawful currency of the European Union introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union on January 1, 1999 pursuant to the Treaty establishing the European Community (signed in Rome on March 25, 1957), as amended by the Treaty on European Union and as amended by the Treaty of Amsterdam. References to “US\$,” “\$,” “U.S. dollars” and “dollars” are to the lawful currency of the United States of America. References to “cents” are to United States cents. Certain financial information contained herein are presented in euros. See “*Exchange Rate and Currency Information.*”

The audited consolidated financial information as at December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 and for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 and the unaudited consolidated financial information as at June 30, 2013 and for the six months ended June 30, 2013 and 2012 for the Crédit Agricole Group and the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group (including in the documents incorporated by reference), have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union. Certain financial information presented in the documents incorporated by reference constitute non-GAAP financial measures, which exclude certain items contained in the nearest IFRS financial measure or which include certain amounts that are not contained in the nearest IFRS financial measure.

Due to rounding, the numbers presented throughout this Prospectus may not add up precisely, and percentages may not reflect precisely absolute figures.

The consolidated financial statements of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the Crédit Agricole Group as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012 and as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2012 contain an error with respect to the valuation of certain complex derivatives. Corrected figures for these periods appear in the unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2013.

After correction of the error:

- the consolidated revenues, gross operating income and net income (group share) of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group were €16,440, €4,403 and (€6,389) million respectively in 2012, rather than the €16,315, €4,278 and (€6,471) million originally published. Shareholders' equity (group share) for the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group as of December 31, 2012 was €39,557 million rather than the €39,727 million originally published;
- the consolidated revenues, gross operating income and net income (group share) of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group were €9,646, €3,676 and €367 million respectively in the first half of 2012, rather than the €10,176, €3,697 and €363 million originally published. Shareholders' equity (group share) for the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group as of June 30, 2012 was €44.7 billion rather than the €44.9 billion originally published;
- the consolidated revenues, gross operating income and net income (group share) of the Crédit Agricole Group were €31,168, €10,748 and €(3,726) million respectively in 2012, rather than the €31,044, €10,624 and €(3,808) million originally published. Shareholders' equity (group share) for the Crédit Agricole Group as of December 31, 2012 was €70,782 million rather than the €70,952 million originally published; and
- the consolidated revenues, gross operating income and net income (group share) of the Crédit Agricole Group were €16,960, €6,925 and €1,671 million respectively in the first half of 2012, rather than the €17,492, €6,947 and €1,667 million originally published. Shareholders' equity (group share) for the Crédit Agricole Group as of June 30, 2012 was €74.0 billion rather than the €74.2 billion originally published.

## EXCHANGE RATE AND CURRENCY INFORMATION

On January 10, 2014 the Noon Buying Rate in New York City for cable transfers in foreign currencies as certified by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York (the “**Noon Buying Rate**”) was \$1.37 per one euro.

The following table shows the period-end, average, high and low Noon Buying Rates for the euro, expressed in dollars per one euro, for the periods and dates indicated.

<b>Month</b> U.S. dollar/Euro	<b>Period</b> <b>End</b>	<b>Average</b> <b>Rate*</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
January 2014 (through January 10, 2014)	1.37	1.36	1.37	1.36
December 2013	1.38	1.37	1.38	1.36
November 2013	1.36	1.35	1.36	1.34
October 2013	1.36	1.36	1.38	1.35
September 2013	1.35	1.35	1.35	1.31
August 2013	1.32	1.33	1.34	1.32
July 2013	1.33	1.31	1.33	1.28

  

<b>Year</b> U.S. dollar/Euro	<b>Period</b> <b>End</b>	<b>Average</b> <b>Rate*</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
2014 (through January 10, 2014)	1.37	1.36	1.37	1.36
2013	1.38	1.33	1.38	1.28
2012	1.32	1.29	1.35	1.21
2011	1.30	1.39	1.49	1.29
2010	1.32	1.33	1.38	1.30
2009	1.43	1.39	1.51	1.25
2008	1.39	1.47	1.60	1.24

\* The average of the Noon Buying Rates on the last business day of each month (or portion thereof) during the relevant period for annual averages; on each business day of the month (or portion thereof) for monthly average.

Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Fluctuations in exchange rates that have occurred in the past are not necessarily indicative of fluctuations in exchange rates that may occur at any time in the future. No representations are made herein that the euro or dollar amounts referred to herein could have been or could be converted into dollars or euros, as the case may be, at any particular rate.

## OVERVIEW

The following overview is qualified in its entirety by the remainder of this Prospectus, including all information incorporated by reference herein.

### The Issuer

Crédit Agricole S.A. is the lead bank of the Crédit Agricole Group, which is France's largest banking group, and one of the largest in the world based on shareholders' equity. As at June 30, 2013 Crédit Agricole S.A. had €1,784.9 billion of total consolidated assets, €40.1 billion in shareholders' equity (excluding minority interests), €469.1 billion in customer deposits (excluding repurchase agreements and insurance accounts) and €1,107 billion in assets under management.

Crédit Agricole S.A., formerly known as the *Caisse Nationale de Crédit Agricole* ("CNCA"), was created by public decree in 1920 to distribute advances to and monitor a group of regional mutual banks known as the Regional Banks on behalf of the French State. In 1988, the French State privatized CNCA in a mutualization process, transferring most of its interest in CNCA to the Regional Banks. In 2001, Crédit Agricole S.A. was listed on Euronext Paris. At the time of the listing, Crédit Agricole S.A. acquired 25% interests in all Regional Banks except the *Caisse Régionale* of Corsica (Crédit Agricole S.A. acquired 100% of the *Caisse Régionale* of Corsica in 2008). As of the date hereof, there are 39 Regional Banks, including the *Caisse Régionale* of Corsica (wholly-owned by Crédit Agricole S.A.), and 38 Regional Banks in each of which Crédit Agricole S.A. holds approximately 25% interests.

The Issuer acts as the Central Body (*Organe Central*) of the Crédit Agricole network, which is defined by French law to include primarily Crédit Agricole S.A., the Regional Banks and the Local Banks and also has other affiliated members (essentially Crédit Agricole CIB). The Issuer coordinates the Regional Banks' commercial and marketing strategy, and through its specialized subsidiaries, designs and manages financial products that are distributed primarily by the Regional Banks and LCL. In addition, Crédit Agricole S.A., as part of its duties as the Central Body of the Crédit Agricole network, acts as "central bank" to the network with regard to refinancing, supervising and reporting to the ACPR, and reviews and monitors the credit and financial risks of all network members and affiliated members.

Pursuant to Article L.511-31 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, as the Central Body of the Crédit Agricole network, the Issuer must take any necessary measure to guarantee the liquidity and solvency of each member of the network, of affiliated members, and of the network as a whole. Each member of the network (including the Issuer), and each affiliated member, benefits from this financial support mechanism. In addition, the Regional Banks guarantee, through a joint and several guarantee, all of the obligations of Crédit Agricole S.A. to third parties in the event of its liquidation or its dissolution, should the Issuer's assets be insufficient. The potential liability of the Regional Banks under this guarantee is equal to the aggregate of their share capital, retained earnings and net income. Through these mutual support mechanisms, the level of risk incurred by creditors of Crédit Agricole S.A. and by those of the rest of the network and affiliated members are identical. As a result, identical senior debt credit ratings are granted to the senior debt issues of Regional Banks and Crédit Agricole S.A.

The Crédit Agricole S.A. Group operates through six business lines.

The first two business lines consist of two retail banking networks. The first consists of the Regional Banks, 38 of which are approximately 25% owned by Crédit Agricole S.A. (through equity-accounted, non-voting shares) and one, the *Caisse Régionale* of Corsica, which is fully consolidated. The second consists of the LCL retail banking network, which is fully consolidated. In addition to retail banking services, the two networks offer products furnished by Crédit Agricole S.A.'s fully consolidated subsidiaries in life and non-life insurance, asset management, consumer credit, leasing, payment and factoring services.

The other four business lines include subsidiaries of Crédit Agricole S.A. that conduct the following businesses:

- (i) International retail banking: the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group's international retail banking segment reflects its international expansion through acquisitions in Europe and the Mediterranean Basin (in particular in Italy, Serbia, Ukraine, Poland, Morocco and Egypt);
- (ii) Specialized financial services: Crédit Agricole S.A.'s specialized financial services segment includes consumer credit and specialized financing to businesses in the form of factoring and lease finance;
- (iii) Savings management: through its asset management, insurance and private banking segment, which includes Amundi (an asset manager 75% owned by the Crédit Agricole Group and 25% owned by Société Générale), the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group is a leading mutual fund manager and insurance provider in France and offers international private banking services; and
- (iv) Corporate and investment banking: the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group's corporate and investment banking segment conducts both financing activities and capital markets and investment banking activities.

### **Regulatory Capital Ratios**

The Crédit Agricole Group's consolidated international solvency ratio as of September 30, 2013 (based on Basel 2.5 standards, unfloored) was 15.7%, including a Tier 1 ratio of 12.3% and a core Tier 1 ratio of 11.9%. The Crédit Agricole S.A. Group's consolidated international solvency ratio as of the same date was 15.4%, including a Tier 1 ratio of 10.4% and a core Tier 1 ratio of 9.4%.

The regulatory capital ratios applicable to the Crédit Agricole Group and the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group are evolving. The Basel III capital standards, as implemented through CRD IV, became applicable as of January 1, 2014. The Issuer has announced a series of targets for capital and leverage ratios under CRD IV. See "*Regulatory Capital Ratios.*"

## THE OFFERING

The following description of key features of the Notes does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by the remainder of this Prospectus. Words and expressions defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" applicable to the Notes below or elsewhere in this Prospectus shall have the same meanings in this description of key features of the Notes. References to a numbered "Condition" shall be to the relevant Condition in the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" applicable to the Notes.

Issuer: Crédit Agricole S.A.

Notes: US\$1,750,000,000 Undated Deeply Subordinated Additional Tier 1 Fixed Rate Resettable Notes (the "Notes")

Issue Price: 100%

Status of the Notes: The Notes are deeply subordinated notes of the Issuer issued pursuant to the provisions of Article L.228-97 of the French *Code de commerce*.

The Notes constitute *obligations* under French law. Principal and interest under the Notes constitute direct unsecured and Deeply Subordinated Obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* and without any preference among themselves and rateably with all other present or future Deeply Subordinated Obligations of the Issuer, but shall be subordinated to the present and future *prêts participatifs* granted to the Issuer and present and future *titres participatifs*, Ordinarily Subordinated Obligations and Unsubordinated Obligations issued by the Issuer.

If any judgment is rendered by any competent court declaring the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) of the Issuer or if the Issuer is liquidated for any other reason, the payment obligation of the Issuer under the Notes shall be subordinated to the payment in full of the unsubordinated creditors of the Issuer and any other creditors that are senior to the Notes and, subject to such payment in full, the Holders of the Notes will be paid in priority to any Issuer Shares and other capital instruments of the Issuer qualifying as CET1 Capital. After the complete payment of creditors that are senior to the Notes on the judicial or other liquidation of the Issuer, the amount payable by the Issuer in respect of the Notes will be limited to the Current Principal Amount. In the event of incomplete payment of unsubordinated or other senior creditors on the liquidation of the Issuer, the obligations of the Issuer in connection with the Notes will be terminated by operation of law.

It is the intention of the Issuer that the Notes shall be treated for regulatory purposes as Additional Tier 1 Capital under CRD IV both at the level of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the level of the Crédit Agricole Group.

Interest and Interest Payment Dates: The Notes will bear interest, payable quarterly in arrears on March 23, June 23, September 23 and December 23 of each year, from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the First Call Date at the rate of 7.875% per annum. The first payment of interest will be made on March 23, 2014 in respect of the short Interest Period from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date (March 23, 2014).

The rate of interest will reset on the First Call Date and on each Reset Date thereafter and will be equal to the then prevailing 5-Year

Mid-Swap Rate plus the Margin.

Interest payable for an Interest Period in which a Reset Date falls will be calculated on the basis of (i) the rate of interest in effect at the beginning of such Interest Period for the portion of the period that ends on (and excludes) the Reset Date; and (ii) the new rate of interest that takes effect on the Reset Date, for the remainder of such Interest Period. See Condition 5 (*Interest and Interest Calculation*).

Cancellation of Interest:

The Issuer may elect at its full discretion to cancel (in whole or in part) the Interest Amount otherwise scheduled to be paid on an Interest Payment Date for any reason.

The Issuer will cancel the payment of an Interest Amount (in whole or, as the case may be, in part) if the Relevant Regulator notifies the Issuer that it has determined, in its sole discretion, that the Interest Amount (in whole or in part) should be cancelled based on its assessment of the financial and solvency situation of the Issuer.

Interest Amounts will only be paid (in whole or, as the case may be, in part) if and to the extent that such payment would not cause:

- (a) when aggregated together with distributions on all other Tier 1 Capital instruments scheduled for payment in the then current financial year, the amount of Distributable Items (if any) then applicable to the Issuer to be exceeded; or
- (b) when aggregated together with any other payments and distributions of the kind referred to in Article 141(2) of the CRD IV Directive that are subject to the same limit, the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount to be exceeded.

See Condition 5.11 (*Cancellation of Interest Amounts*).

Loss Absorption:

The principal amount of the Notes will be written down on a pro rata basis with other Loss Absorbing Instruments if (i) the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group's CET1 Capital Ratio falls or remains below 5.125% or (ii) the Crédit Agricole Group's CET1 Capital Ratio falls or remains below 7%, in each case, as of any Quarterly Financial Period End Date or Extraordinary Calculation Date, as the case may be.

The write-down will be in an amount that, when taken together with the write-down of other Loss Absorbing Instruments, is sufficient to restore the relevant ratio above the trigger level. If a full write-down would not be sufficient to restore the relevant ratio, then each Note will be written down to a principal amount of one cent.

Following a write-down, interest will accrue on the Current Principal Amount of the Notes (which is equal to the remaining principal amount following such write-down).

See Condition 6 (*Loss Absorption and Return to Financial Health*).

Return to Financial Health:

After a write-down of the principal amount of the Notes, if the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group records positive Consolidated Net Income while the Current Principal Amount is less than the Original Principal Amount (a "**Return to Financial Health**"), the Issuer may, at its full discretion and subject to the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount, increase the principal amount of the Notes on a pro rata basis with other Loss Absorbing Instruments that include a discretionary write-up feature, to the extent of the Maximum Write-

Up Amount (but no higher than the Original Principal Amount).

The Maximum Write-Up Amount is equal to the Consolidated Net Income of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group, multiplied by the ratio of the original principal amount of all Written-Down Additional Tier 1 instruments, divided by the total Tier 1 Capital of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group.

The amount of the reinstatement may not, when taken together with any other payments and distributions of the kind referred to in Article 141(2) of the CRD IV Directive that are subject to the same limit, be greater than the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount.

Relevant Maximum  
Distributable Amount:

The Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount is equal to the lower of the Maximum Distributable amount of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group or the Crédit Agricole Group.

The Maximum Distributable Amount is an amount determined in accordance with Article 141 of the CRD IV Directive, based on whether certain capital buffers are maintained by the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group or the Crédit Agricole Group (as applicable). If any such capital buffer is not maintained as of the end of a fiscal year, then the Maximum Distributable Amount will generally be equal to the current year's consolidated income of the relevant group, multiplied by a percentage that depends on the extent to which the relevant capital buffer is breached.

The Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount will serve as an effective cap on payments and distributions of the kind referred to in Article 141(2) of the CRD IV Directive. These generally include the reinstatement of the principal amount of the Notes and similar instruments, interest payments on the Notes and similar instruments, other payments and distributions on Tier 1 instruments, and certain bonuses paid by entities in the relevant group.

The Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount is a novel concept, and the relevant capital buffers currently are not scheduled to apply until 2016, at the earliest. This timetable could be accelerated by regulators, and the terms governing the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount may be interpreted by regulators in a manner that might affect payments on the Notes. As a result, it is difficult to predict how the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount will impact Holders of the Notes. See "*Regulatory Capital Ratios*" and "*Risk Factors—Risk Factors Relating to the Notes—Many aspects of the manner in which CRD IV will be implemented remain uncertain.*"

Undated Securities:

The Notes have no fixed maturity and Holders do not have the right to call for their redemption. As a result, the Issuer is not required to make any payment of the principal amount of the Notes at any time prior to the time a judgment is issued for the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) of the Issuer or if the Issuer is liquidated for any other reason.

Optional Redemption by the  
Issuer on the First Call  
Date or any Reset Date  
Thereafter:

Subject as provided herein, and in particular to the conditions described in Condition 7.8 (*Conditions to Redemption, Purchase, Substitution and Modification*), the Issuer may, at its option, redeem all (but not some only) of the outstanding Notes on the First Call Date or any Reset Date thereafter at their then Current Principal Amount, together with accrued interest (if any) thereon.

Optional Redemption by the  
Issuer upon the Occurrence  
of a Tax Event or a Capital

Subject as provided herein, and in particular to the conditions described in Condition 7.8 (*Conditions to Redemption, Purchase, Substitution and Modification*), upon the occurrence of a Tax Event or a Capital Event, the Issuer may, at its option, at any time, or in

Event: certain circumstances shall be required to, redeem all (but not some only) of the outstanding Notes at their then Current Principal Amount, together with accrued interest thereon subject to approval by the Relevant Regulator.

For purposes of this provision:

“**Capital Event**” means at any time that, by reason of a change in the regulatory classification of the Notes under Applicable Banking Regulations that was not reasonably foreseeable by the Issuer at the Issue Date, the Notes are fully excluded from the Tier 1 Capital of the Issuer, provided that such exclusion is not as a result of any applicable limits on the amount of Additional Tier 1 Capital contained in Applicable Banking Regulations.

“**Tax Event**” means a Tax Deductibility Event, a Withholding Tax Event and/or a Gross-Up Event (each as defined in Condition 7.4 (*Redemption Upon the Occurrence of a Tax Event*)), as the case may be.

Substitution and Modification: Subject as provided herein, in particular to the conditions described in Condition 7.8 (*Conditions to Redemption, Purchase, Substitution and Modification*) if a Capital Event, Tax Event or Alignment Event has occurred and is continuing, the Issuer may substitute all (but not some only) of the Notes or modify the terms of all (but not some only) of the Notes, without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Holders, so that they become or remain Qualifying Notes.

Any such notice shall specify the relevant details of the manner in which such substitution or modification shall take effect and where the Holders can inspect or obtain copies of the new terms and conditions of the Notes. Such substitution or modification will be effected without any cost or charge to the Holders.

An “**Alignment Event**” shall be deemed to have occurred if the Applicable Banking Regulations have been amended to permit an instrument of the Issuer with New Terms to be treated as Additional Tier 1 Capital.

Purchases: The Issuer may at any time (but subject to the provisions of Condition 7.8 (*Conditions to Redemption, Purchase, Substitution and Modification*)) purchase Notes in the open market or otherwise and at any price in accordance with Applicable Banking Regulations.

Conditions to Redemption, Purchase, Substitution and Modification: The Issuer may not redeem the Notes or substitute or modify the terms of the Notes as described above, or purchase the Notes, unless the Relevant Regulator first provides its approval. In the case of redemption following a Tax Event or a Capital Event, the Issuer must also demonstrate to the Relevant Regulator that the applicable change in law or regulation, or its interpretation, was not reasonably foreseeable at the issue date of the Notes. The Issuer may not redeem the Notes at any time when the Current Principal Amount is lower than the Original Principal Amount.

Events of Default: None

Negative Pledge: None

Cross Default: None

Meetings of Holders and Modifications:

The Fiscal Agency Agreement contains provisions for the Issuer to call meetings of Holders to consider matters affecting their interests generally and for soliciting the consent of Holders for such matters without calling a meeting . These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Holders, including Holders who did not attend and vote at any relevant meeting or who did not consent to the relevant matter and Holders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

The Issuer may also, subject to the provisions of Condition 12 (*Meetings of Holders; Modification; Supplemental Agreements*) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, make any modification to the Notes that is not prejudicial to the interests of the Holders without the consent of the Holders. Any such modification shall be binding on the Holders.

Certain modifications to the terms of the Notes (including revisions to the principal and interest payable thereon) may not be made without the prior consent of each Noteholder affected thereby, as provided in Condition 12.1 (*Modification and Amendment*) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes.

Further Issuances

The Issuer may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders, create and issue further Notes having the same Terms and Conditions as the Notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the first payment of interest, if any, on them and/or the issue price thereof) so as to form a single series with the Notes.

Taxation:

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes by or on behalf of the Issuer shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for or on account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or on behalf of the Republic of France or any political subdivision therein or any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax, unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments, or governmental charges is required by law. In that event, the Issuer shall, subject to certain exceptions set forth in Condition 9 (*Taxation*), be required to pay such additional amounts as will result in receipt by the Holders after such withholding or deduction of such amounts as would have been received by them had no such withholding or deduction been required.

Form of the Notes:

The Notes will be issued in fully-registered form. The Notes will be represented by one or more Global Notes registered in the name of a nominee for DTC. Definitive notes will not be issued except in the limited circumstances described herein.

Denominations:

The Notes will be issued in denominations of US\$200,000 and integral multiples of US\$1,000 in excess thereof.

Rating:

The Notes are expected to be rated BB+ by Fitch and BB+ by S&P. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision, suspension or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

Global Note Codes:	<p>Rule 144A Global Note:</p> <p>CUSIP: 225313 AD7  ISIN: US225313AD75</p> <p>Regulation S Global Note:</p> <p>CUSIP: F22797 RT7  ISIN: USF22797RT78</p>
Use of Proceeds:	The net proceeds from the issuance of the Notes will be used by the Issuer for general corporate purposes.
Notice to U.S. Investors:	The Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act and are subject to restrictions on transfer as described under “ <i>Notice to U.S. Investors.</i> ”
No Prior Market:	The Notes will be new securities for which there is no market. Although the Managers have informed the Issuer that they intend to make a market in the Notes, they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue market-making at any time without notice. Accordingly, a liquid market for the Notes may not develop or be maintained.
Listing:	Application has been made to NYSE Euronext Paris S.A. for the Notes to be listed and admitted to trading on Euronext Paris.
Governing Law:	The Notes and the Fiscal Agency Agreement governing the Notes will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, except for Condition 4 ( <i>Status of the Notes</i> ), which shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law.
Risk Factors:	There are certain factors that may affect the Issuer’s ability to fulfill its obligations under the Notes. In addition, there are certain factors that are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with the Notes. These are set out under “ <i>Risk Factors.</i> ”
Joint Lead Managers and Bookrunners:	Barclays Capital Inc., Crédit Agricole Securities (USA) Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Goldman, Sachs & Co., J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and UniCredit Bank AG.
Fiscal Agent, Calculation Agent and Paying Agent:	The Bank of New York Mellon

## SELECTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Investors should read the following selected consolidated financial and operating data of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group together with the section entitled “*Operating and Financial Information*” in the English translation of the RD and the historical consolidated financial statements of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group, the related notes thereto and the other financial information included or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus. Such financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as adopted in the European Union. The financial data shown in the table below as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012 and as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2012 has been restated to correct the error with respect to the valuation of certain complex derivatives described under “*Presentation of Financial Information.*”

### Selected Financial Data of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group

#### Selected Consolidated Balance Sheet Data of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group

<i>in millions of euros</i>	As of		
	December 31,		June 30, 2013 (limited review)
	2011 (audited)	2012 <sup>(1)</sup> (restated)	
Interbank assets	379,841	385,567	393,953
Customer loans	399,381	329,756	318,649
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	490,263	619,703	557,638
Available-for-sale financial assets	227,390	259,679	260,875
Held-to-maturity financial assets	15,343	14,602	14,530
Other assets	211,390	232,371	239,260
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,723,608</b>	<b>1,842,178</b>	<b>1,784,905</b>
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	439,680	572,524	495,996
Interbank liabilities	172,665	160,651	183,221
Customer deposits and other customer liabilities	525,636	483,638	487,238
Debt securities	148,320	150,390	150,841
Technical reserves of insurance companies	230,883	244,578	248,053
Provisions	4,798	4,766	4,593
Other liabilities	118,552	150,589	139,864
Subordinated debt	33,782	29,980	29,435
Minority interests	6,495	5,505	5,523
Equity, group share	42,797	39,557	40,141
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>1,723,608</b>	<b>1,842,178</b>	<b>1,784,905</b>

#### Selected Consolidated Income Statement Data of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group

<i>in millions of euros</i>	Year Ended			Six Months Ended	
	December 31,			June 30,	
	2010 (audited)	2011 <sup>(2)</sup> (restated)	2012 <sup>(1)</sup> (restated)	2012 <sup>(1)</sup> (restated)	2013 (limited review)
<b>Consolidated revenues</b>	<b>20,129</b>	<b>19,385</b>	<b>16,440</b>	<b>9,646</b>	<b>8,239</b>
<b>Gross operating income</b>	<b>6,942</b>	<b>6,992</b>	<b>4,403</b>	<b>3,676</b>	<b>2,460</b>
Cost of risk	(3,777)	(4,252)	(3,736)	(1,731)	(1,445)
Net income from discontinued or held-for-sale operations	-	(1,705)	(3,991)	(1,312)	2
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>1,752</b>	<b>(1,198)</b>	<b>(6,431)</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>1,343</b>
<b>Net income (loss), Group share</b>	<b>1,263</b>	<b>(1,470)</b>	<b>(6,389)</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>1,165</b>

(1) Restated for recording of Emporiki, Cheuvreux and CLSA under IFRS 5 and for a change in the valuation of a limited number of complex derivatives.

(2) Restated for reclassification of Emporiki, Cheuvreux and CLSA under IFRS 5.

## RISK FACTORS

*Prior to making an investment decision, prospective investors should consider carefully all of the information set out and incorporated by reference in this Prospectus, including in particular the following risk factors. This section is not intended to be exhaustive and prospective investors should make their own independent evaluations of all risk factors and also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Prospectus. Terms defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" shall have the same meaning where used below.*

### **Risks Relating to the Issuer and its Operations**

***The Issuer is subject to several categories of risks inherent in banking activities.***

There are four main categories of risks inherent in the activities of the Issuer, which are summarized below. The risk factors that follow elaborate on or give specific examples of these different types of risks (including the impact of the recent financial crisis), and describe certain additional risks faced by the Issuer.

- ***Credit Risk.*** Credit risk is the risk of financial loss relating to the failure of a counterparty to honor its contractual obligations. The counterparty may be a bank, a financial institution, an industrial or commercial enterprise, a government and its various entities, an investment fund, or a natural person. Credit risk arises in lending activities and also in various other activities where the Issuer is exposed to the risk of counterparty default, such as its trading, capital markets, derivatives and settlement activities. Credit risk also arises in connection with the Issuer's factoring businesses, although the risk relates to the credit of the counterparty's customers, rather than the counterparty itself.
- ***Market and Liquidity Risk.*** Market risk is the risk to earnings that arises primarily from adverse movements of market parameters. These parameters include, but are not limited to, foreign exchange rates, bond prices and interest rates, securities and commodities prices, derivatives prices, credit spreads on financial instruments and prices of other assets such as real estate. Liquidity is also an important component of market risk. In instances of little or no liquidity, a market instrument or transferable asset may not be negotiable at its estimated value (as was the case for some categories of assets in the recent disrupted market environment). A lack of liquidity can arise due to diminished access to capital markets, withdrawal of deposits by customers, unforeseen cash or capital requirements or legal restrictions.

Market risk arises in trading portfolios and in non-trading portfolios. In non-trading portfolios, it encompasses:

- the risk associated with asset and liability management, which is the risk to earnings arising from asset and liability mismatches in the banking book or in the insurance business. This risk is driven primarily by interest rate risk;
  - the risk associated with investment activities, which is directly connected to changes in the value of invested assets within securities portfolios, which can be recorded either in the income statement or directly in shareholders' equity; and
  - the risk associated with certain other activities, such as real estate, which is indirectly affected by changes in the value of negotiable assets.
- ***Operational Risk.*** Operational risk is the risk of losses due to inadequate or failed internal processes, or due to external events, whether deliberate, accidental or natural occurrences. Internal processes include, but are not limited to, human resources and information systems, risk management and internal controls (including fraud prevention). External events include floods, fires, windstorms, earthquakes or terrorist attacks.
  - ***Insurance Risk.*** Insurance risk is the risk to earnings due to mismatches between expected and actual claims. Depending on the insurance product, this risk is influenced by macroeconomic changes, changes in customer behavior, changes in

public health, pandemics, accidents and catastrophic events (such as earthquakes, windstorms, industrial disasters, or acts of terrorism or war).

***Recent economic and financial conditions in Europe have had and may continue to have an impact on the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the markets in which it operates.***

European markets have recently experienced significant disruptions as a result of concerns regarding the ability of certain countries in the euro-zone to refinance their debt obligations, limited economic growth and political uncertainty in certain countries. These disruptions have caused volatility in the exchange rate of the euro against other major currencies, affected the levels of stock market indices and created uncertainty regarding the near-term economic prospects of countries in the European Union as well as the quality of debt obligations of sovereign debtors in the European Union. There has also been an indirect impact on financial markets and economies, in Europe and worldwide.

The Issuer's business has been affected by these conditions. The Issuer has recorded significant impairment charges in respect of sovereign bonds, loan portfolios and equity investments, as well as increased cost of risk, in the most significantly affected countries, including Italy and Spain. The Issuer has also recorded goodwill impairment and restructuring charges in respect of its corporate and investment banking subsidiary, in respect of its consumer finance subsidiaries both in France and Italy, and in respect of its Italian retail banking subsidiary. As a result of these charges, the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group recorded a significant net loss in 2012.

In addition to these direct impacts, the Issuer has been indirectly affected by the spread of the euro-zone crisis, which has affected most countries in the euro-zone, including its home market of France. The credit ratings of French sovereign obligations were downgraded by certain rating agencies in 2011, 2012 and 2013, in some cases resulting in the mechanical downgrading of the credit ratings by the same agencies of French commercial banks' senior debt issues, including those of the Issuer. In addition, anti-austerity sentiment has led to political uncertainty in certain European countries, particularly in Italy, where the Issuer has significant banking activities.

In addition, the perception of the impact of the European crisis on French banks made certain market participants, such as U.S. money market funds, less willing to extend financing to French banks than they were in the past, temporarily reducing the access of French banks, including the Issuer, to liquidity, particularly in U.S. dollars. This situation was particularly severe in 2011, and has eased somewhat in recent months, but there can be no assurance that the adverse market environment will not return.

If economic or market conditions in France, Italy or elsewhere in Europe were to deteriorate further, particularly in the context of an exacerbation of the sovereign debt crisis (such as a sovereign default or the perception that a sovereign might withdraw from the euro), the markets in which the Issuer operates could be more significantly disrupted, and its business, results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected.

***The global financial crisis, including disruptions in global credit markets, has had an adverse impact on the Crédit Agricole Group's earnings and financial condition, and may continue to have an adverse impact in the future.***

The Crédit Agricole Group's activities, earnings and financial condition were affected by the significant and unprecedented disruptions in the financial markets, in particular in the primary and secondary debt markets, that occurred from 2007 to 2009, and that continue to weigh on financial markets globally. If adverse market conditions continue or worsen, the Crédit Agricole Group's results of operations could be adversely influenced.

Reflecting concern about the stability of the financial markets generally and the strength of counterparties, many market lenders and institutional investors reduced or ceased providing funding to borrowers during the global financial crisis, including to other financial institutions. This market turmoil and the tightening of credit led to an increased level of commercial and consumer delinquencies, a lack of consumer confidence, increased market volatility, steep declines in stock market indices and a widespread reduction of business activity generally. Conditions in the debt markets included reduced liquidity and increased credit risk premiums, which significantly increased the cost of market debt funding. The significant disruption of the secondary debt market exacerbated these conditions and reduced the availability of financing for new loan production.

The disruptions to the financial markets included the disappearance of trading markets for many complex assets, particularly those based on subprime mortgage loans, mostly originated in the US.

The resulting uncertainty regarding asset values led to substantial write-downs on the books of global financial institutions, including the Crédit Agricole Group. Other asset categories were also impacted as institutions sold them to meet liquidity needs. Adverse conditions spread to the economy generally as the lack of liquidity in financial markets increased the cost and diminished availability of financing for businesses. A significant renewal of these market disruptions could have an adverse impact on the Crédit Agricole Group's results of operations and financial condition.

***Legislative action and regulatory measures in response to the global financial crisis may materially impact the Crédit Agricole Group and the financial and economic environment in which it operates.***

Legislation and regulations have recently been enacted or proposed with a view to introducing a number of changes, some permanent, in the global financial environment. While the objective of these new measures is to avoid a recurrence of the financial crisis, the impact of the new measures could be to change substantially the environment in which the Crédit Agricole Group and other financial institutions operate.

The new measures that have been or may be adopted include more stringent capital and liquidity requirements (particularly for large global institutions and groups such as the Crédit Agricole Group), taxes on financial transactions, limits or taxes on employee compensation over specified levels, limits on the types of activities that commercial banks can undertake (particularly proprietary trading and investment and ownership in private equity funds and hedge funds) or new ring-fencing requirements relating to certain activities, restrictions on certain types of financial activities or products such as derivatives, mandatory write-down or conversion into equity of certain debt instruments, enhanced recovery and resolution regimes, revised risk-weighting methodologies (particularly with respect to insurance businesses) and the creation of new and strengthened regulatory bodies. Some of the new measures are proposals that are under discussion and that are subject to revision and interpretation, and need adapting to each country's framework by national regulators. As an example, French banking authorities have decided to accelerate the phasing in of the deduction from common equity tier 1 items of certain intangible assets like goodwill, and of unrealized losses on the available for sale portfolio. For further information, see "*—European legislative proposals and recent French legislation regarding the resolution of financial institutions may require the write-down or conversion to equity of the Notes in case the Issuer is deemed to be at the point of non-viability*" and "*Government Supervision and Regulation of Credit Institutions in France.*"

As a result of some of these measures, the Crédit Agricole Group may have to further reduce the size of certain of its activities in order to allow it to comply with the new requirements. This could lead to reduced consolidated revenues and profits in the relevant activities, the reduction or sale of certain operations and asset portfolios, and asset impairment charges.

Moreover, the general political environment has evolved unfavorably for banks and the financial industry, resulting in additional pressure on the part of legislative and regulatory bodies to adopt more stringent regulatory measures, despite the fact that these measures can have adverse consequences on lending and other financial activities, and on the economy. Because of the continuing uncertainty regarding the new legislative and regulatory measures, it is not possible to predict what impact they will have on the Crédit Agricole Group.

***European and French legislative and regulatory initiatives regarding compensation may have a significant impact on the Crédit Agricole Group's corporate and investment banking activities.***

Legislative and regulatory initiatives that have recently been adopted in Europe and France could significantly change the structure and amount of compensation paid to certain employees, particularly in the corporate and investment banking segment. These initiatives will prohibit the payment of cash bonuses that exceed the fixed compensation of these employees (or two times the compensation of these employees, subject to shareholder approval), as well as place limits on share-based bonuses. The potential impact of these initiatives is difficult to predict. They could lead to a significant increase in fixed compensation demanded by qualified employees, in which case the Crédit Agricole Group's cost base would become less flexible, potentially resulting in lower net income during market downturns compared to the net income that would be realized with a more variable compensation structure. In addition, these initiatives may make it more difficult to attract or retain qualified employees in the corporate and investment banking segment.

***The ECB is in the process of performing a comprehensive assessment of the Issuer and other European banks, the outcome of which is uncertain***

The ECB announced in October 2013 that it would commence a comprehensive assessment, including stress tests and an asset quality review, of certain large European banks, including the Issuer. The findings from this assessment, expected to be published in November 2014, may result in recommendations for additional supervisory measures and corrective actions affecting the Issuer and the banking environment generally. It is not yet possible to assess the impact of such measures, if any, on the Issuer or on the treatment of capital instruments (such as the Notes). Furthermore, the disclosure of the ECB's findings or the implementation of additional supervisory measures that are viewed by the market as unfavorable to the Issuer or the Notes could adversely affect the trading price of the Notes.

***The Issuer, along with its corporate and investment banking subsidiary, must maintain high credit ratings, or their business and profitability could be adversely affected.***

Credit ratings are important to the liquidity of the Issuer and the liquidity of its affiliates that are active in financial markets. A downgrade in credit ratings could adversely affect the liquidity and competitive position of the Issuer, increase borrowing costs, limit access to the capital markets or trigger obligations in the Crédit Agricole Group's covered bond program or under certain bilateral provisions in some trading and collateralized financing contracts. The Issuer's long term credit ratings were downgraded by Moody's and S&P in 2011 and 2012 and by Fitch in 2011 and 2013 and there can be no assurance that further downgrades will not occur.

The Issuer's cost of obtaining from market investors long-term unsecured funding is directly related to their credit spreads (the amount in excess of the interest rate of government securities of the same maturity that is paid to debt investors), which in turn depend to a certain extent on their credit ratings. Increases in credit spreads can significantly increase the Issuer's cost of funding. Changes in credit spreads are continuous, market-driven, and subject at times to unpredictable and highly volatile movements. Credit spreads are also influenced by market perceptions of creditworthiness. In addition, credit spreads may be influenced by movements in the cost to purchasers of credit default swaps referenced to the Issuer's debt obligations, which are influenced both by the credit quality of those obligations, and by a number of market factors that are beyond the control of the Issuer.

***The Issuer's risk management policies, procedures and methods may leave it exposed to unidentified or unanticipated risks, which could lead to material losses.***

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

Some of its qualitative tools and metrics for managing risk are based upon its use of observed historical market behavior. It applies statistical and other tools to these observations to assess its risk exposures. These tools and metrics may fail to predict future risk exposures. These risk exposures could, for example, arise from factors it did not anticipate or correctly evaluate in its statistical models. This would limit its ability to manage its risks and affect its results.

***The Issuer is exposed to the credit risk of other parties.***

As a credit institution, the Issuer is exposed to the creditworthiness of its customers and counterparties. A credit risk occurs when a counterparty is unable to honor its obligations and when the book value of these obligations in the bank's records is positive. The counterparty may be a bank, a financial institution, an industrial or commercial enterprise, a government and its various entities, an investment fund, or a natural person. The level of asset impairment charges recorded by the Issuer may turn out to be inadequate to cover losses, and the Issuer may have to record significant additional charges for possible bad and doubtful debts in future periods.

***Adverse market or economic conditions may cause a decrease in the Issuer's consolidated revenues.***

The Issuer's businesses, including the retail banking business, are materially affected by conditions in the financial markets and economic conditions generally in France, Europe and in the other locations around the world where the Issuer operates. Adverse changes in market or economic conditions could create a challenging operating environment for financial institutions in the future. In particular, continued volatility in commodity prices, fluctuations in interest rates, security prices, exchange rates, the specific yield premium on a bond issue, precious metals prices, inter-market correlations and

unforeseen geopolitical events could lead to deterioration in the market environment and reduce the Issuer's consolidated revenues.

***Due to the scope of its activities, including the retail banking business, the Issuer may be vulnerable to specific political, macroeconomic and financial environments or circumstances.***

The Issuer is subject to country risk, meaning the risk that economic, financial, political or social conditions in a foreign country, especially countries in which it operates, will affect its financial interests. The Issuer monitors country risk and takes it into account in the fair value adjustments and cost of risk recorded in its financial statements. However, a significant change in political or macroeconomic environments may require it to record additional charges or to incur losses beyond the amounts previously written down in its financial statements.

***The Issuer faces intense competition.***

The Issuer faces intense competition in all financial services markets and for the products and services it offers, including retail banking services. The European financial services markets are relatively mature, and the demand for financial services products is, to some extent, related to overall economic development. Competition in this environment is based on many factors, including the products and services offered, pricing, distribution systems, customer service, brand recognition, perceived financial strength and the willingness to use capital to serve client needs. Consolidation has created a number of firms that, like the Issuer, have the ability to offer a wide range of products, from insurance, loans and deposit taking to brokerage, investment banking and asset management services.

***The Issuer may generate lower revenues from its savings management business during market downturns.***

The recent market downturn reduced the value of the clients' portfolios of the Issuer's savings management affiliates and increased the amount of withdrawals, reducing the revenues it received from its asset management and private banking businesses. Future downturns could have similar effects on its results of operations and financial position.

Even in the absence of a market downturn, below-market performance by its mutual funds and life insurance products may result in increased withdrawals and reduced inflows, which would reduce the revenues the Issuer receives from its asset management and insurance businesses.

***The soundness and conduct of other financial institutions and market participants could adversely affect the Issuer.***

The Crédit Agricole Group's ability to engage in funding, investment and derivative transactions could be adversely affected by the soundness of other financial institutions or market participants. Financial services institutions are interrelated as a result of trading, clearing, counterparty, funding or other relationships. As a result, defaults by, or even rumors or questions about, one or more financial services institutions, or the loss of confidence in the financial services industry generally, may lead to market-wide liquidity problems and could lead to further losses or defaults. The Crédit Agricole Group has exposure to many counterparties in the financial industry, including brokers and dealers, commercial banks, investment banks, mutual and hedge funds, and other institutional clients with which it regularly executes transactions. Many of these transactions expose the Crédit Agricole Group to credit risk in the event of default or financial distress. In addition, the Crédit Agricole Group's credit risk may be exacerbated when the collateral held by it cannot be realized upon or is liquidated at prices not sufficient to recover the full amount of the loan or derivative exposure due to it.

***Protracted market declines can reduce liquidity in the markets, making it harder to sell assets and possibly leading to material losses.***

In some of the Issuer's businesses, protracted market movements, particularly asset price declines, can reduce the level of activity in the market or reduce market liquidity. These developments can lead to material losses if the Issuer cannot close out deteriorating positions in a timely way. This may especially be the case for assets the Issuer holds for which there are not very liquid markets to begin with. Assets that are not traded on stock exchanges or other public trading markets, such as derivatives contracts between banks, may have values that the Issuer calculates using models other than publicly-quoted prices. Monitoring the deterioration of prices of assets like these is difficult and could lead to losses that the Issuer did not anticipate.

***Significant interest rate changes could adversely affect the Issuer's consolidated revenues or profitability.***

The amount of net interest income earned by the Issuer during any given period significantly affects its overall consolidated revenues and profitability for that period. Interest rates are highly sensitive to many factors beyond the Issuer's control. Changes in market interest rates could affect the interest rates charged on interest-earning assets differently than the interest rates paid on interest-bearing liabilities. Any adverse change in the yield curve could cause a decline in the Issuer's net interest income from its lending activities. In addition, increases in the interest rates at which short-term funding is available and maturity mismatches may adversely affect the Issuer's profitability.

***A substantial increase in new asset impairment charges or a shortfall in the level of previously recorded asset impairment charges in respect of the Issuer's loan and receivables portfolio could adversely affect its results of operations and financial condition.***

In connection with its lending activities, the Issuer periodically impairs assets, whenever necessary, to effect actual or potential losses in respect of its loan and receivables portfolio. Corresponding charges are recorded in its profit and loss account under "cost of risk." The Issuer's overall level of such asset impairment charges is based upon its assessment of prior loss experience, the volume and type of lending being conducted, industry standards, past due loans, economic conditions and other factors related to the recoverability of various loans, or scenario-based statistical methods applicable collectively to all relevant assets. Although the Issuer seeks to establish an appropriate level of asset impairment charges, its lending businesses may have to increase their charges for loan losses in the future as a result of increases in non-performing assets or for other reasons, such as deteriorating market conditions of the type that occurred in 2008 and 2009 or factors affecting particular countries, such as Italy. Any significant increase in charges for loan losses or a significant change in the Issuer's estimate of the risk of loss inherent in its portfolio of non-impaired loans, as well as the occurrence of loan losses in excess of the charges recorded with respect thereto, could have an adverse effect on the Issuer's results of operations and financial condition.

***Adjustments to the carrying value of the Issuer's securities and derivatives portfolios and the Issuer's own debt could have an impact on its net income and shareholders' equity.***

The carrying value of the Issuer's securities and derivatives portfolios and certain other assets, as well as its own debt, in its balance sheet is adjusted as of each financial statement date. Most of the adjustments are made on the basis of changes in fair value of the assets or its debt during an accounting period, with the changes recorded either in the income statement or directly in shareholders' equity. Changes that are recorded in the income statement, to the extent not offset by opposite changes in the value of other assets, affect its consolidated revenues and, as a result, its net income. All fair value adjustments affect shareholders' equity and, as a result, its capital adequacy ratios. The fact that fair value adjustments are recorded in one accounting period does not mean that further adjustments will not be needed in subsequent periods.

***The Issuer's hedging strategies may not prevent losses.***

If any of the variety of instruments and strategies that the Issuer uses to hedge its exposure to various types of risk in its businesses is not effective, it may incur losses. Many of its strategies are based on historical trading patterns and correlations. For example, if the Issuer holds a long position in an asset, it may hedge that position by taking a short position in an asset where the short position has historically moved in a direction that would offset a change in the value of the long position. However, the Issuer may only be partially hedged, or these strategies may not be fully effective in mitigating its risk exposure in all market environments or against all types of risk in the future. Unexpected market developments may also affect the Issuer's hedging strategies. In addition, the manner in which gains and losses resulting from certain ineffective hedges are recorded may result in additional volatility in the Issuer's reported earnings.

***The Issuer's ability to attract and retain qualified employees is critical to the success of its business and failure to do so may materially affect its performance.***

The Issuer's employees are its most important resource and, in many areas of the financial services industry, competition for qualified personnel is intense. The Issuer's results depend on its ability to attract new employees and to retain and motivate its existing employees. The Issuer's ability to attract and retain qualified employees could potentially be impaired by enacted or proposed legislative and regulatory restrictions on employee compensation in the financial services industry. Changes in the business environment may cause the Issuer to move employees from one business to another or

to reduce the number of employees in certain of its businesses. This may cause temporary disruptions as employees adapt to new roles and may reduce the Issuer's ability to take advantage of improvements in the business environment. In addition, current and future laws (including laws relating to immigration and outsourcing) may restrict the Issuer's ability to move responsibilities or personnel from one jurisdiction to another. This may impact its ability to take advantage of business opportunities or potential efficiencies.

***Future events may be different from those reflected in the management assumptions and estimates used in the preparation of the Issuer's financial statements, which may cause unexpected losses in the future.***

Pursuant to IFRS rules and interpretations in effect as of the date of this Prospectus, the Issuer is required to use certain estimates in preparing its financial statements, including accounting estimates to determine loan loss impairment charges, reserves related to future litigation, and the fair value of certain assets and liabilities, among other items. Should the Issuer's determined values for such items prove substantially inaccurate, or if the methods by which such values were determined are revised in future IFRS rules or interpretations, the Issuer may experience unexpected losses.

***An interruption in or breach of the Issuer's information systems may result in lost business and other losses.***

As with most other banks, the Issuer relies heavily on communications and information systems to conduct its business. Any failure or interruption or breach in security of these systems could result in failures or interruptions in its customer relationship management, general ledger, deposit, servicing and/or loan organization systems. If, for example, its information systems failed, even for a short period of time, it would be unable to serve in a timely manner some customers' needs and could thus lose their business. Likewise, a temporary shutdown of its information systems, even though it has back-up recovery systems and contingency plans, could result in considerable costs that are required for information retrieval and verification. The Issuer cannot provide assurances that such failures or interruptions will not occur or, if they do occur, that they will be adequately addressed. The occurrence of any failures or interruptions could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition and results of operations.

***The international scope of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group's operations exposes it to risks.***

The international scope of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group's operations exposes it to risks inherent in foreign operations, including the need to comply with multiple and often complex laws and regulations applicable to activities in each of the countries involved, such as local banking laws and regulations, internal control and disclosure requirements, data privacy restrictions, European, U.S. and local anti-money laundering and anti-corruption laws and regulations, sanctions and other rules and requirements. Violations of these laws and regulations could harm the reputation of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group, result in civil or criminal penalties, or otherwise have a material adverse effect on its business. Although the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group has implemented compliance programs designed to minimize the risk of violation of these laws and regulations, there can be no assurance that all employees, contractors, or agents of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group will follow the group's policies or that such programs will be adequate to prevent all violations. Crédit Agricole S.A. does not have direct or indirect majority voting control in certain entities with international operations, and in those cases its ability to require compliance with policies and procedures of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group may be even more limited.

***The Issuer and the Crédit Agricole Group are subject to extensive supervisory and regulatory regimes, which may change.***

A variety of regulatory and supervisory regimes apply to the Issuer and its subsidiaries in each of the countries in which the Issuer operates. The Issuer's ability to expand its business or to pursue certain existing activities may be limited by regulatory constraints, including constraints imposed in response to the global financial crisis. In addition, non-compliance with such regimes could lead to various sanctions ranging from fines to withdrawal of authorization to operate. The Crédit Agricole Group's activities and earnings can also be affected by the policies or actions from various regulatory authorities in France or in other countries where the Issuer operate. The nature and impact of such changes are not predictable and are beyond the Issuer's control.

## **Risks Relating to the Issuer's Organizational Structure**

***Although the Issuer depends upon the Regional Banks for a significant portion of its net income and has significant powers over the Regional Banks in its capacity as Central Body of the Crédit Agricole network, it does not have voting control over the decisions of the Regional Banks.***

A significant portion of the net income of the Issuer is derived from the Regional Banks, which are accounted for under the equity method in its financial statements on the basis of its approximately 25% equity interests, except in the case of the *Caisse Régionale* of Corsica (which is wholly owned by the Issuer and fully consolidated). The Regional Banks are also a significant distribution network for the products and services offered by other business segments, primarily insurance, asset management and specialized financial services. The Issuer does not have control over decisions that require the consent of shareholders of the Regional Banks. The Issuer and the Regional Banks have important incentives for cooperation and coordination (which have been demonstrated through the functioning of the Crédit Agricole Group over many years) and have established a guarantee mechanism that supports, directly or indirectly, the credit of the entire Crédit Agricole Group. The Issuer also has significant control rights in its capacity as Central Body of the Crédit Agricole network, and benefits from the Group internal support mechanisms provided for by the Monetary and Financial Code. Nevertheless, the legal relationship between the Issuer and the Regional Banks is different in nature from a relationship of voting control and ownership.

***If the Guarantee Fund proves insufficient to restore the liquidity and solvency of any Regional Bank that may encounter future financial difficulty, the Issuer may be required to contribute additional funds under its guarantee.***

As the Central Body of the Crédit Agricole network (which includes primarily Crédit Agricole S.A., the Regional Banks and the Local Banks), and as the holding company of the Group's major subsidiaries, the Issuer represents its affiliated credit institutions before regulatory authorities and is committed to ensuring that each and all of the Regional Banks, the Local Banks and Crédit Agricole CIB, as an affiliated member, maintain adequate liquidity and solvency. As a result of this role as a Central Body, the Issuer is empowered under applicable laws and regulations to exercise administrative, technical and financial supervision over the organization and management of these institutions.

To assist the Issuer in assuming its Central Body duties and commitments and to ensure mutual support within the Crédit Agricole network and with its affiliated members, a fund has been established for liquidity and solvency banking risks (the "**Guarantee Fund**"). The Guarantee Fund has been 75 percent funded by the Issuer and 25 percent funded by the Regional Banks, in an aggregate amount of 939 million euros as at December 31, 2012. Although the Issuer is not aware of circumstances likely to require recourse to the Guarantee Fund, there can be no assurance that it will never be necessary to call upon the capital of the Guarantee Fund or that, in the event of its full depletion, the Issuer will not be required to make up the shortfall.

***The guarantee mechanism may be limited by the implementation of a new French resolution regime, which would prioritize resolution before liquidation.***

The French banking law dated July 26, 2013 (*Loi de séparation et de régulation des activités bancaires*) introduced important modifications to the regulations applicable to credit institutions, including the establishment of a resolution regime with respect to failing credit institutions. Under the law, the ACPR may, at its discretion, impose a resolution on the Crédit Agricole Group. This new resolution regime has no impact on the financial support mechanism provided in Article L.511-31 of the French Monetary and Financial Code, as applied to the Crédit Agricole network and its affiliated members, which would be implemented before any resolution measure occurs. However, the application of the resolution regime to the Crédit Agricole Group is likely to limit the cases in which a demand for payment may be made under the guarantee of the obligations of the Issuer granted by the Regional Banks, insofar as a resolution measure would be implemented before liquidation.

***The Regional Banks hold a majority interest in the Issuer and may have interests that are different from those of the Issuer.***

By virtue of their controlling interest in the Issuer through *SAS Rue de la Boétie*, the Regional Banks have the power to control the outcome of all votes at ordinary meetings of the Issuer's shareholders, including votes on decisions such as the appointment or approval of members of its board of directors and the distribution of dividends. The Regional Banks may have interests that are different from those of the Issuer and the other holders of the Issuer's securities.

## **Risks Relating to the Notes**

*The following does not describe all the risks of an investment in the Notes. Prospective investors should consult their own financial and legal advisers about risks associated with investment in the Notes and the suitability of investing in the Notes in light of their particular circumstances.*

***The Notes are complex instruments that may not be suitable for certain investors.***

The Notes are novel and complex financial instruments and may not be a suitable investment for certain investors. Each potential investor in the Notes should determine the suitability of such investment in light of its own circumstances and have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear the risks of an investment in the Notes, including the possibility that the entire principal amount of the Notes could be lost. A potential investor should not invest in the Notes unless it has the knowledge and expertise (either alone or with a financial advisor) to evaluate how the Notes will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the likelihood of cancellation of Interest Amounts or a Loss Absorption Event and the market value of the Notes, and the impact of this investment on the potential investor's overall investment portfolio.

***The Notes are deeply subordinated obligations.***

The Issuer's obligations under the Notes are unsecured and Deeply Subordinated Obligations of the Issuer that will be subordinated to all present and future *prêts participatifs* granted to the Issuer and all present and future *titres participatifs*, Ordinarily Subordinated Obligations and Unsubordinated Obligations (including obligations to depositors) of the Issuer, as more fully described in Condition 4 (*Status of the Notes*).

If a judgment is rendered by any competent court declaring the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) of the Issuer, or if the Issuer is liquidated for any other reason, the rights of payment of Holders of the Notes will be subordinated to the payment in full of the unsubordinated creditors of the Issuer and any other creditors that are senior to the Notes. In the event of incomplete payment of unsubordinated creditors upon the liquidation of the Issuer, the obligations of the Issuer in connection with the Notes will be terminated by operation of law. Although the Notes may pay a higher rate of interest than comparable notes that are not subordinated, there is a substantial risk that investors in subordinated notes such as the Notes will lose all or some of their investment if the Issuer becomes insolvent.

***The Issuer is not prohibited from issuing further debt, which may rank pari passu with or senior to the Notes.***

The terms and conditions of the Notes place no restriction on the amount of debt that the Issuer may issue that ranks senior to the Notes, or on the amount of securities it may issue that rank *pari passu* with the Notes. The issue of any such debt or securities may reduce the amount recoverable by Holders upon liquidation of the Issuer.

***The Issuer may cancel interest payments at its discretion for any reason, and will be required to cancel interest payments in certain cases.***

The Issuer may elect, at its full discretion, to cancel permanently some or all of the Interest Amounts otherwise scheduled to be paid on an Interest Payment Date. In addition, the Issuer will be required to cancel permanently some or all of such Interest Amounts if and to the extent that one of the following occurs:

- Payment of the scheduled Interest Amount, when aggregated with distributions on all Tier 1 Capital instruments scheduled for payment in the then current financial year, would exceed the amount of Distributable Items then applicable to the Issuer. Tier 1 Capital instruments include other instruments that qualify as Tier 1 capital (including the Notes and other Additional Tier 1 capital instruments). Distributable Items are equal to the Issuer's net income and reserves, before payments on Own Funds Instruments, determined on the basis of the Issuer's unconsolidated financial statements.
- Payment of the scheduled Interest Amount, when aggregated with any other distributions of the kind referred to in Article 141(2) of the CRD IV Directive that are subject to the same limit, would cause the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount to be exceeded. Distributions referred to in Article 141(2) of the CRD IV Directive include dividends, payments, distributions and write-up amounts on all Tier 1 instruments (including the Notes and other Additional Tier 1 capital instruments), and certain bonuses paid to employees. The Relevant Maximum

Distributable Amount is a new and complex concept that will apply if certain capital buffers are not maintained, as discussed in more detail below. It is generally equal to a percentage of the current period's net income, group share, with the percentage depending on the extent to which the relevant capital ratios are below the capital buffer levels.

- The Relevant Regulator notifies the Issuer that it has determined, in its sole discretion, that the Interest Amount should be canceled in whole or in part based on its assessment of the financial and solvency situation of the Issuer.

The Issuer's Distributable Items will depend to a large extent on the net income earned by the Issuer from its refinancing activities for the Crédit Agricole network, and on the dividends that it receives from its subsidiaries and affiliates (including on the equity interests it holds in the Regional Banks). The Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount is a novel concept, and its determination is subject to considerable uncertainty, as described below under "*—Many aspects of the manner in which CRD IV will be implemented remain uncertain.*"

Moreover, because the Issuer is entitled to cancel Interest Amounts at its full discretion, it may do so even if it could make such payments without exceeding the limits above. Interest Amounts on the Notes may be cancelled even if holders of the Issuer's shares continue to receive dividends.

Once an Interest Amount has been cancelled, it will no longer be payable by the Issuer or considered accrued or owed to the Holders. Cancelled Interest Amounts will not be reinstated or paid upon a Return to Financial Health, in liquidation or otherwise. Cancellation of Interest Amounts will not constitute a default under the Notes for any purpose or give the Holders any right to petition for the insolvency or dissolution of the Issuer. Any actual or anticipated cancellation of interest on the Notes is likely to have an adverse effect on the market price of the Notes.

In addition, to the extent that the Notes trade on Euronext Paris or other trading systems with accrued interest, purchasers of the Notes in the secondary market will pay a price that includes that accrued interest upon purchase of the Notes. If the Interest Amount scheduled to be paid on an Interest Payment Date is cancelled in whole or in part, such purchasers will not receive the relevant portion of the Interest Amount. This may adversely affect the trading price or liquidity of the Notes.

***The principal amount of the Notes may be reduced to absorb losses.***

If a Capital Ratio Event occurs, the Current Principal Amount of the Notes will be written down by the Write-Down Amount, as further described in Condition 6.1 (*Loss Absorption*). A Capital Ratio Event will occur if the CET1 Capital Ratio of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group falls below 5.125%, or if the CET1 Capital Ratio of the Crédit Agricole Group falls below 7%. If the amount by which the Current Principal Amount is written down, when taken together with the write-down of any other Loss Absorbing Instruments, is insufficient to cure the triggering Capital Ratio Event, the Current Principal Amount of the Notes will be written-down substantially in its entirety. The Current Principal Amount of the Notes may be subject to Write Down even if holders of the Issuer's shares continue to receive dividends.

Although Condition 6.3 (*Return to Financial Health*) will allow the Issuer in its full discretion to reinstate written-off principal amounts up to the Maximum Write-Up Amount if there is a Return to Financial Health and provided certain other conditions are met, the Issuer is under no obligation to do so. Moreover, the Issuer's ability to write-up the principal amount of the Notes depends on there being sufficient Consolidated Net Income (determined at the level of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group) and a sufficient Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount (after taking into account other payments and distributions of the type contemplated in Article 141(2) of the CRD IV Directive). No assurance can be given that these conditions will ever be met. If any judgment is rendered by any competent court declaring the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) of the Issuer or if the Issuer is liquidated for any other reason prior to the Notes being written up in full pursuant to Condition 6.3 (*Return to Financial Health*), Holders' claims for principal will be based on the reduced Current Principal Amount of the Notes. As a result, if a Capital Ratio Event occurs, Holders may lose some or substantially all of their investment in the Notes. Any actual or anticipated indication that a Capital Ratio Event is likely to occur, including any indication that the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group's CET1 Capital Ratio is approaching 5.125% or Crédit Agricole Group's CET1 Capital Ratio is approaching 7%, will have an adverse effect on the market price of the Notes.

***The calculation of the CET1 Capital Ratios will be affected by a number of factors, many of which may be outside the Issuer's control.***

The occurrence of a Capital Ratio Event, and therefore a write-down of the Current Principal Amount of the Notes, is inherently unpredictable and depends on a number of factors, many of which may be outside the Issuer's control. Because the Relevant Regulator may require CET1 Capital Ratios to be calculated as of any date, a Capital Ratio Event could occur at any time. The calculation of the CET1 Capital Ratios of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the Crédit Agricole Group could be affected by a wide range of factors, including, among other things, factors affecting the level of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group's or the Crédit Agricole Group's earnings or dividend payments, the mix of its businesses, its ability to effectively manage the risk-weighted assets in both its ongoing businesses and those it may seek to exit, losses in its commercial banking, investment banking or other businesses, changes in the Group's structure or organization, or any of the factors described in "*—Risks Relating to the Issuer and its Operations*" and "*—Risks Relating to the Issuer's Organizational Structure.*" The calculation of the ratios also may be affected by changes in applicable accounting rules and the manner in which accounting policies are applied, including the manner in which permitted discretion is under the applicable accounting rules is exercised.

Due to the uncertainty regarding whether a Capital Ratio Event will occur, it will be difficult to predict when, if at all, the Current Principal Amount of the Notes may be written down. Accordingly, the trading behavior of the Notes may not necessarily follow the trading behavior of other types of subordinated securities. Any indication that the CET1 Capital Ratio of either Group is approaching the level that would trigger a Capital Ratio Event may have an adverse effect on the market price and liquidity of the Notes. Under such circumstances, investors may not be able to sell their Notes easily or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to more conventional investments.

***The CET1 Capital Ratios of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the Crédit Agricole Group may be affected by different factors***

The factors that influence the CET1 Capital Ratio of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group will not be identical to the factors that influence the CET1 Capital Ratio of the Crédit Agricole Group. For example, an event that has a negative impact on the net income of one of the Issuer's subsidiaries is likely to have a greater relative impact on the CET1 Capital Ratio of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group than on the CET1 Capital Ratio of the Crédit Agricole Group, because the Crédit Agricole Group includes the net income of the Regional Banks on a fully consolidated basis, while the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group records the net income of all of the Regional Banks except one based on the equity method. It is possible that a Capital Ratio Event will occur in respect of one group while the CET1 Capital Ratio of the other group remains above the relevant threshold level.

The CET1 Capital Ratio of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group will also depend on a number of factors that will be eliminated in the consolidation process at the level of the Crédit Agricole Group, and that therefore will not affect its CET1 Capital Ratio. For example, net interest income earned by the Issuer from its refinancing activity for the Crédit Agricole network, and dividends paid by the Regional Banks on the equity interests held by the Issuer in the Regional Banks, will affect the CET1 Capital Ratio of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group, but not that of the Crédit Agricole Group.

In addition, the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group's CET1 Capital Ratio depends in part on the "Switch" contract, pursuant to which the Regional Banks have guaranteed the value of the equity interests that the Issuer holds in the Regional Banks, effectively insulating the CET1 Capital Ratio of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group from the impact of those equity interests. The Issuer recently implemented an amendment to the "Switch" contract that will extend its coverage to the Issuer's holding of Crédit Agricole Assurances, an insurance subsidiary. See "Specific Guarantees Granted by the Regional Banks to Crédit Agricole S.A. (Switch)" in the A.04 for a description of the "Switch" contract and the significance of the amendment.

On the other hand, certain factors may influence the CET1 Capital Ratio of the Crédit Agricole Group, but not that of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group. In particular, if a Regional Bank in which the Issuer holds a 25% interest experiences reduced net income, the impact will be greater on the Crédit Agricole Group than on the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group. When a Local Bank makes distributions on the cooperative shares held by its cooperative shareholders, the distributions will impact the CET1 Capital Ratio of the Crédit Agricole Group, but not that of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group.

The inclusion in the terms of the Notes of two Capital Ratio Event triggers, one at the level of each Group, renders the Notes complex, and may make the likelihood of a Capital Ratio Event trigger even more difficult to analyze than is the case for similar Notes with single-level triggers. This complexity could have an adverse impact on the market price or the liquidity of the Notes.

***Many aspects of the manner in which CRD IV will be implemented remain uncertain.***

Many of the defined terms in the Conditions of the Notes depend on the final interpretation and implementation of CRD IV. CRD IV is a recently-adopted set of rules and regulations that imposes a series of new requirements, many of which will be phased in over a number of years. Certain portions of the CRD IV Directive require transposition into French law, and although the CRD IV Regulation will be directly applicable in each Member State, the CRD IV Regulation leaves a number of important interpretational issues to be resolved through binding technical standards that will be adopted in the future, and leaves certain other matters to the discretion of the Relevant Regulator. In addition, CRD IV contemplates that the European Central Bank will assume certain supervisory responsibilities formerly handled by national regulators such as the ACPR beginning in November 2014. The European Central Bank may interpret CRD IV, or exercise discretion accorded to the regulator under CRD IV (including options with respect to the treatment of assets of other affiliates) in a different manner than the ACPR. The manner in which many of the new concepts and requirements under CRD IV will be applied to the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the Crédit Agricole Group remains uncertain.

The determination of the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount is particularly complex. The Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount imposes a cap on the Issuer's ability to pay interest on the Notes, and on the Issuer's ability to reinstate the Current Principal Amount of the Notes following a Write-Down upon occurrence of a Capital Ratio Event. There are a number of factors that render the application of the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount particularly complex:

- It applies when certain capital buffers are not maintained. A "capital buffer" is an amount of capital that a financial institution is required to maintain beyond the minimum amount required by applicable regulations. If the institution fails to meet the capital buffer, it becomes subject to restrictions on payments and distributions on shares and other Tier 1 instruments (including Additional Tier 1 instruments such as the Notes), and on the payment of certain bonuses to employees. There are several different buffers, some of which are intended to encourage countercyclical behavior (with extra capital retained when profits are robust), and others of which are intended to provide additional capital cushions for institutions whose failure would result in a significant systemic risk.
- The dates as of which the different capital buffers (and thus the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount) will apply are uncertain. It is currently expected that the first capital buffer will apply in 2016 based on capital ratios as of the end of 2015, but regulators have the ability to accelerate this date. The date of application of some buffers (or even whether they will apply) has not yet been determined. As a result, it is difficult to predict when the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount will apply to the Notes, and to what extent.
- The provisions of CRD IV apply to "institutions," but there is no interpretation of how this term applies to a group that has two levels of consolidation (such as the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the Crédit Agricole Group). With respect to the Notes, the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount is defined as the lower of the amount resulting from the calculation at the level of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group or the Crédit Agricole Group. It is possible that some capital buffers will apply only to one or the other of the two Groups. In addition, if a capital buffer is not respected, it is not completely clear which Group's consolidated net income will be taken into account in determining the Maximum Distributable Amount of either Group, and therefore the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount. It is also possible that some payments of the type contemplated in Article 141(2) of the CRD IV Directive will affect the Maximum Distributable Amount of one Group but not the other.
- The Issuer will have the discretion to determine how to allocate the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount among the different types of payments contemplated in Article 141(2) of the CRD IV Directive. Moreover, payments made earlier in the year will reduce the remaining Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount available for payments later in the year, and the Issuer will have no obligation to preserve any portion of the Relevant Maximum Distributable amount for payments scheduled to be made later in a given year. Even if the Issuer attempts to do so, there can be no assurance that it will be successful, because the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount will depend on the amount of net income earned during the course of the year, which will necessarily be difficult to predict.

These issues and other possible issues of interpretation make it difficult to determine how the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount will apply as a practical matter to limit interest payments on the Notes and the reinstatement of the Current Principal Amount of the Notes following a write-down. This uncertainty and the resulting complexity may adversely impact the trading price and the liquidity of the Notes.

***The Issuer's interests may not be aligned with those of investors in the Notes.***

The CET1 Capital Ratio, Distributable Items and any Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount will depend in part on decisions made by the Issuer and other entities in the applicable Group relating to their businesses and operations, as well as the management of their capital position. The Issuer and other entities in the Crédit Agricole Group will have no obligation to consider the interests of Noteholders in connection with their strategic decisions, including in respect of capital management and the relationship among the various entities in the Group and the Group's structure. The Issuer may decide not to raise capital at a time when it is feasible to do so, even if that would result in the occurrence of a Capital Ratio Event. Moreover, in order to avoid the use of public resources, French bank regulatory authorities may decide that the Issuer should allow a Capital Ratio Event to occur at a time when it is feasible to avoid this. Noteholders will not have any claim against the Issuer or any other entity in the Crédit Agricole Group relating to decisions that affect the capital position of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group or the Crédit Agricole Group, regardless of whether they result in the occurrence of a Capital Ratio Event. Such decisions could cause Noteholders to lose the amount of their investment in the Notes.

***The Crédit Agricole Group and the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group may not realize objectives related to their capital structure.***

The Issuer has announced a series of planned strategic initiatives relating to its capital structure, including a number of targets for capital and leverage ratios under CRD IV. See "*Regulatory Capital Ratios.*" These targets are forward looking statements that are based on a number of assumptions, many of which concern matters that are uncertain, including the future net income of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the Crédit Agricole Group, the timing and manner in which CRD IV will ultimately be implemented, the manner in which deferred tax assets and financial investments will be treated for purposes of capital ratios, and assumptions about the stability of risk-weighted assets and the structure of each group. Any of these assumptions could prove incorrect, and the actual results of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and/or the Crédit Agricole Group may vary (and could vary significantly) from these targets for a number of reasons, including the materialization of one or more of the risk factors described under "*—Risks Relating to the Issuer and its Operations*" and "*—Risks Relating to the Issuer's Organizational Structure.*" If the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group or the Crédit Agricole Group fail to realize these objectives, it could have an adverse effect on the trading price of the Notes or the financial condition of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group or the Crédit Agricole Group.

***The Notes are undated securities with no specified maturity date.***

The Notes are undated securities with no fixed redemption or maturity date. The Issuer is under no obligation to redeem the Notes at any time (except as provided in paragraph (c) of Condition 7.4 (*Redemption upon the Occurrence of a Tax Event*) and, in any event, subject to the prior approval of the Relevant Regulator). The holders will have no right to require the redemption of the Notes except as provided in Condition 8 (*Enforcement Event*) if a judgment is issued for the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) of the Issuer or if the Issuer is liquidated for any other reason.

***The Notes may be redeemed at the Issuer's option or upon the occurrence of a Tax Event or Capital Event.***

Subject as provided herein, in particular to the provisions of Condition 7 (*Redemption and Purchase*), the Issuer may, at its option, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes on the First Call Date or any Reset Date thereafter at their outstanding principal amount, together with accrued interest thereon. The Issuer may also, at its option, and in certain circumstances shall be required to, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes at any time at their outstanding principal amount, together with accrued interest thereon, upon the occurrence of a Tax Event or a Capital Event, subject to approval by the Relevant Regulator and provided that the Current Principal Amount of such Notes is equal to the Original Principal Amount.

A Tax Event includes, among other things, any change in the French Laws or regulations (or their application or official interpretation) that would reduce the tax deductibility of interest on the Notes for the Issuer, or that would result in withholding tax requiring the Issuer to pay additional amounts as provided in Condition 9 (*Taxation*). The Issuer considers the Notes to be debt for French tax purposes based on their characteristics and accounting treatment and therefore expects that interest payments under the Notes will be fully deductible by the Issuer and exempt from withholding tax if they are not held by shareholders of the Issuer and remain admitted to a recognized clearing system. However, neither the French courts nor the French tax authorities have, at the date of this Prospectus, expressed a position on the tax treatment of instruments such as the Notes, and there can be no assurance that they will take the same view as the Issuer. The Notes may be subject to early redemption if interest ceases to be fully deductible or withholding taxes were to apply as a result of a change in French law or regulations or a change in the application or interpretation of French law by the French tax authorities, which is not reasonably foreseeable as of the issue date of the Notes.

An optional redemption feature may limit the market value of the Notes. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem the Notes, the market value of the Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period.

The Issuer may be expected to redeem the Notes when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Notes. At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

***The Notes do not provide for any events of default.***

In no event will Holders of the Notes be able to accelerate the maturity of their Notes, which shall be due only in the event of the Issuer's liquidation. Accordingly, in the event that any payment on the Notes is not made when due, the Holders will have claims only for amounts then due and payable on their Notes.

***The Notes may be subject to substitution and modification without Holder consent.***

Subject as provided herein, in particular to the provisions of Condition 7.8 (*Conditions to Redemption, Purchase, Substitution and Modification*), the Issuer may, at its option, and without the consent or approval of the Holders which may otherwise be required under the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, elect either (i) to substitute all (but not some only) of the Notes or modify the terms of all (but not some only) of such Notes, so that they become or remain Qualifying Notes.

Qualifying Notes are securities issued directly or indirectly by the Issuer that have terms not materially less favorable to the Holders than the terms of the relevant Notes. See Condition 7.7 (*Substitution and Modification*).

***The trading market for debt securities may be volatile and may be adversely impacted by many events.***

The market for debt securities issued by banks is influenced by economic and market conditions and, to varying degrees, interest rates, currency exchange rates and inflation rates in other Western and other industrialized countries. There can be no assurance that events in France, Europe, the United States or elsewhere will not cause market volatility or that such volatility will not adversely affect the price of Notes or that economic and market conditions will not have any other adverse effect.

***There will be no prior market for the Notes.***

There is currently no existing market for the Notes, and there can be no assurance that any market will develop for the Notes or that Holders will be able to sell their Notes in the secondary market. Although no assurance can be given that a liquid trading market for the Notes will develop, the Notes will be listed on Euronext Paris. There is no obligation on the part of any party to make a market in the Notes.

***The Notes are not expected to be investment grade securities and will be subject to the risks associated with non-investment grade securities.***

The Notes, upon issue, are not expected to be considered investment grade securities, and as such may be subject to a higher risk of price volatility than higher-rated securities. The trading prices of

securities rated below investment grade are often more sensitive to adverse Issuer, political, regulatory, market and economic developments, and may be more difficult to sell, than higher-rated securities.

***French law currently in force and European legislative proposals regarding the resolution of financial institutions may require the write-down or conversion to equity of the Notes in case the Issuer is deemed to be at the point of non-viability.***

France recently adopted a banking law that allows authorities to cancel, write-down or convert into equity failing banks' subordinated instruments (such as the Notes), in accordance with their seniority. Failing banks are defined as those that, currently or in the near future (i) no longer comply with regulatory capital requirements, (ii) are not able to make payments that are, or will be imminently, due, or (iii) require extraordinary public financial support. Conversion or write-down ratios are decided upon by the French resolution authority on the basis of a "fair and realistic" assessment.

Similarly, the Council of the European Union published a draft directive on December 18, 2013 relating to the resolution of financial institutions, after the European Parliament, EU Member States and the European Commission announced on December 12, 2013 that they reached an agreement on the directive, subject to technical finalization and formal legislative approval. The proposed directive would, if adopted in this form, provide resolution authorities the power to ensure that capital instruments, including instruments such as the Notes, and eligible liabilities absorb losses at the point of non-viability of the issuing institution, through the write-down or conversion to equity of such instruments (the "**Bail-In Tool**"). The point of non-viability is defined as the point at which the resolution authority determines that (i) the institution is failing or likely to fail, (ii) there is no reasonable prospect that private action would prevent the failure and (iii) a resolution action is necessary in the public interest. The Bail-In Tool with respect to capital instruments such as the Notes is currently scheduled to become effective on January 1, 2015.

The Bail-In Tool or the above provisions of French banking law could result in the full or partial write-down or conversion to equity of the Notes. While it is possible that a Loss Absorption Event will have occurred by the time the Issuer reaches the point of non-viability, there may be cases in which the point of non-viability occurs before the CET1 Capital Ratio of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group or the Crédit Agricole Group falls below the relevant trigger. As a result, the Bail-In Tool or the above provisions of French banking law may provide for additional circumstances, beyond those contemplated in the Conditions, in which the Notes might be written-down (or converted to equity at a time when the Issuer's share price is likely to be significantly depressed).

For further information about the proposed European resolution directive and the French banking law, see "*Government Supervision and Regulation of Credit Institutions in France.*"

***The EU Savings Directive is applicable to the Notes.***

EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income (the "**Savings Directive**") requires an EU Member State to provide to the tax authorities of another EU Member State details of payments of interest and other similar income paid by a person established within its jurisdiction to (or for the benefit of) an individual resident in or certain limited types of entities established in, that other EU Member State, except that, for a transitional period, Luxembourg and Austria will instead impose a withholding system in relation to such payments (subject to a procedure whereby, on meeting certain conditions, the beneficial owner of the interest or other income may request that no tax be withheld), unless during such period they elect otherwise. The Luxembourg government has announced that Luxembourg will elect out of the withholding system in favour of automatic exchange of information with effect from January 1, 2015. The European Commission has proposed certain amendments to the Savings Directive, which may, if implemented, amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above. A number of third countries and territories have adopted similar measures to the Savings Directive. See "*Taxation—EU Savings Directive.*"

If a payment under a Note were to be made by a person in or collected through an EU Member State which has opted for a withholding system and an amount of, or in respect of, tax were to be withheld from that payment pursuant to the Savings Directive as amended from time to time or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive, neither the Issuer nor any Paying Agent nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Note, as the case may be, as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax. The Issuer is, however, required to maintain a Paying Agent with a specified office in an EU Member State that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the Savings Directive as amended from

time to time, or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to confirm to, such Directive.

***Transactions in the Notes could be subject to a future European financial transactions tax.***

On February 14, 2013, the European Commission proposed a directive that, if adopted in this form, would subject transactions in securities such as the Notes to a financial transactions tax. The proposed directive would call for 11 European member states, including France, to impose a tax of generally at least 0.1% on all such transactions, generally determined by reference to the amount of consideration paid. The mechanism by which the tax would be applied and collected is not yet known, but if the proposed directive or any similar tax is adopted, transactions in the Notes would be subject to higher costs, and the liquidity of the market for the Notes may be diminished. See “*Taxation—EU Proposed Financial Transactions Tax.*”

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

### **Eurazeo Share Placement**

On November 22, 2013, the Issuer sold 3,200,000 Eurazeo shares representing approximately 4.7% of Eurazeo's share capital by way of a private placement for gross proceeds amounting to €173.9 million. Directly following the sale, the residual position of Crédit Agricole S.A. was 9,284,982 Eurazeo shares representing approximately 13.6% of Eurazeo's share capital.

In addition, on the same day, Crédit Agricole S.A. initially placed 4,421,376 zero coupon bonds exchangeable for existing Eurazeo shares due 2016 in an initial nominal amount of €293.2 million. Pursuant to the exercise in full of the over-allotment option granted to the joint bookrunners, the initial nominal amount of the bond issue was increased by 15%, up to €337.2 million, on December 6, 2013. After the exercise of the option, the underlying shares of the bond issue represent 5,084,582 Eurazeo shares held by Crédit Agricole S.A., or approximately 7.4% of Eurazeo's share capital.

Crédit Agricole S.A. entered into a lock-up agreement relating to the remaining shares of Eurazeo that it will continue to hold following the closing of the share placement, for a period of 90 calendar days, subject to certain exceptions.

The share placement and the bond issue are part of the balance sheet optimization policy of Crédit Agricole S.A. The proceeds of the share placement and the bond issue were for the general corporate purposes of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group.

## CAPITALIZATION

The table below sets forth the consolidated capitalization of the Issuer as of September 30, 2013. Except as set forth in this section, there has been no material change in the capitalization of the Issuer since September 30, 2013.

<i>in millions of euros</i>	<b>As of September 30, 2013</b>
Debt securities	156,098
Subordinated debt	29,830
<b>Total</b>	<b>185,928</b>
Shareholders' Equity (group share):	40,918
<i>Share capital and reserves</i>	30,630
<i>Consolidated reserves</i>	7,033
<i>Other comprehensive income</i>	1,362
<i>Net income</i>	1,893
Minority interests	5,511
<b>Total Capitalization</b>	<b>232,357</b>

Since December 31, 2012 through January 13, 2014, the Issuer's (parent company only) "debt securities in issue,"<sup>1</sup> for which the maturity date as of January 13, 2014 is more than one year, did not increase by more than €15,100 million, and "subordinated debt securities," for which the maturity date as of January 13, 2014 is more than one year, did not increase, and did not decrease by more than €500 million.

<sup>1</sup> From December 31, 2012, the promissory notes in favor of the "Caisse de Refinancement à l'Habitat" have been reclassified from the category "Due to Customers" to the sub-category "money-market instruments" included in the category "Debt Securities in Issue" in the Issuer's financial statements (parent company only, which reports in accordance with French GAAP) for an amount of €13,311 million (total principal amount of money-market instruments for which the maturity date as of December 31, 2012 was more than one year).

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The Issuer intends to use the net proceeds of the issuance of the Notes, estimated to be US\$1,732,500,000 (after deducting underwriting discounts and before other expenses), for general corporate purposes.

## REGULATORY CAPITAL RATIOS

The regulatory capital ratios applicable to the Crédit Agricole Group and the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group are evolving. The Basel III capital standards, implemented through CRD IV (as defined under “*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*”), became applicable to the Crédit Agricole Group as of January 1, 2014. See “*Government Supervision and Regulation of Credit Institutions in France—Banking Regulations*.” The following discussion should be read together with the November 8, 2013 update to the Issuer’s registration document (A.04), which is incorporated herein by reference. See “*Documents Incorporated by Reference*.”

### Basel 2.5 Regulatory Capital Ratios of the Crédit Agricole Group as of September 30, 2013

The Crédit Agricole Group’s consolidated international solvency ratio as of September 30, 2013 (based on Basel 2.5 standards, unfloored) was 15.7%, including a Tier 1 ratio of 12.3% and a core Tier 1 ratio of 11.9%. At the same date, the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group’s consolidated international solvency ratio as of September 30, 2013 (based on Basel 2.5 standards, unfloored) was 15.4%, including a Tier 1 ratio of 10.4% and a core Tier 1 ratio of 9.4%.

### Target CRD IV Regulatory Capital Ratios and Capital Structure

*The following contains “forward-looking statements” that are inherently subject to uncertainty. By its very nature, this forward-looking information involves risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, including, but not limited to, the risk that the targets and objectives described below will not be achieved. In any event, forward-looking information made herein speaks only as to the date on which it is made, and the Issuer does not undertake any obligation to update or revise such information as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.*

***Prospective investors are urged to consider the factors described in this prospectus under “Forward-Looking Statements” and “Risk Factors” for a discussion of certain factors that may result in the failure of the Crédit Agricole Group to realize the objectives discussed below.***

On November 7, 2013, the Issuer announced a series of planned strategic initiatives relating to its capital structure, including a number of targets for capital and leverage ratios under CRD IV. These targets are expected to be adopted as part of the Issuer’s new medium-term plan, which it expects to finalize and announce in the first quarter of 2014. All of these targets are subject to change in connection with the finalization of the medium-term plan. In addition, as discussed further below, the targets are forward-looking statements that by their nature are subject to uncertainty.

*Target CET1 Ratios.* The Issuer’s targets for the CET1 Ratio of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the Crédit Agricole Group are set forth below. They have been presented solely for illustration. The actual CET1 ratios will depend on a number of factors, including in particular the future net income of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the Crédit Agricole Group, which are inherently uncertain. The target ratios have been prepared using net income figures for 2013-2014 period based on the consensus of 21 equity research analyst forecasts for the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group (for 2013, the analyst forecasts are for the fourth quarter of 2013, and were received prior to the Issuer’s release of its earnings for the third quarter of 2013), adjusted for the scope of the Crédit Agricole Group (for this group’s targets), as well as essentially stable total risk exposure amounts.

Target ratios are presented on a “phased” basis and on a “fully loaded” basis. The “phased” ratios are determined on the basis of certain transition rules (or “phase-in” rules) that will apply over time in respect of the treatment of certain minority interests, certain deferred tax assets and interests in entities in the financial sector. The “phased” ratios will be used to determine regulatory compliance during the phase-in period (which ends in 2019). The “fully-loaded” ratios are calculated as if the CRD IV rules starting in 2019 were fully implemented as of the date of calculation of the relevant target.

- *Target CRD IV Phased CET1 Ratios.* The following table summarizes the Issuer’s targets for the CRD IV phased CET1 Ratio of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the Crédit Agricole Group, as well as the corresponding excess of CET1 capital above the applicable write-down trigger under the Notes. These ratios are estimated based on French national transposition of

phasing rules published on December 12, 2013, which assume full deduction of goodwill from CET1 capital.

	January 1, 2014		December 31, 2014		December 31, 2015	
	Phased CET1 Ratio (*)	Distance to write-down trigger (**)	Phased CET1 Ratio (*)	Distance to write-down trigger (**)	Phased CET1 Ratio (*)	Distance to write-down trigger (**)
Crédit Agricole Group	11.0%	>€21 billion	12.0%	>€26 billion	13.0%	>€31 billion
Crédit Agricole S.A. Group	8.3%	>€10 billion	> 9.0%	>€12 billion	> 9.5%	>€13 billion

(\*) Target CRD IV Phased CET1 ratios based on the Issuer's current understanding of CRD IV rules applicable to French banks supervised by the ACPR. These rules are new and complex, and their interpretation may turn out to be different from the Issuer's current understanding.

(\*\*) Distance to trigger reflects the amount of Common Equity Tier 1 capital above the relevant trigger level for a write-down (5.125% for the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and 7% for the Crédit Agricole Group), assuming the same level of total risk exposure used in calculating the target ratios for the relevant dates.

The target phased CET1 ratios set forth in the foregoing table for December 31, 2015 are also in excess of the levels required in order to comply with the Issuer's current understanding of the capital buffer requirements, which are expected to apply on a phased-in basis starting in 2016 and on a full basis starting in 2019. Compliance with the capital buffer requirements is necessary in order to avoid the application of the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount to limit the amount of interest payments that the Issuer may make on the Notes.

In order to comply with the capital buffer levels, the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group would need to maintain a phased CET1 ratio of 5.125% in 2016 and 7.0% in 2019. The December 31, 2015 target is 2.5% (approximately €8 billion) above the expected requirement for 2019. The Crédit Agricole Group is expected to be subject to a capital buffer for global systemically important institutions, and as a result it would need to maintain a phased CET1 ratio of 5.5% in 2016 and 8.5% in 2019 in order to comply with the capital buffer levels. The target phased CET1 ratio of the Crédit Agricole Group as of December 31, 2015 is 4.5% (approximately €24 billion) above the expected requirement for 2019.

Even if the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the Crédit Agricole Group meet the target ratios as of December 31, 2015, there can be no assurance that their phased CET1 ratios will continue to exceed the capital buffer levels in 2016 or in any subsequent year. The actual CET1 ratios in those years will depend on the level of net income of each group, and the ability of each group to limit its total risk exposure, and other factors, including those described under "Risk Factors" in this Prospectus.

- **Target Fully Loaded CET1 Ratios.** The following table summarizes the targets announced by the Issuer for the Basel 3 fully loaded CET1 Ratio of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the Crédit Agricole Group at the dates indicated.

	January 1, 2014	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015
Crédit Agricole Group	11.0%	12.0%	13.0%

Crédit Agricole S.A. Group	7.8 – 8.0%	8.8 – 9.0%	> 9.5%
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The above targets are based on a number of assumptions (described in the A.04), many of which concern matters that are uncertain, including the 2013 and future net income of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the Crédit Agricole Group, the timing and manner in which CRD IV will ultimately be implemented and the manner in which deferred tax assets and financial investments will be treated for purposes of the capital ratios and assumptions about the stability of risk-weighted assets. In particular, the fully loaded CRD IV targets assume that (i) the Crédit Agricole Group's equity interests in insurance affiliates will be weighted at 370% in accordance with Article 49 of the CRD IV Regulation for financial conglomerates; (ii) the Issuer's dividend pay-out ratio will be 35%; and (iii) SAS Rue la Boétie (the holding company owned by the Regional Banks) will opt for a scrip dividend until the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group reaches a fully loaded minimum CET1 ratio of 9%. As noted above, the 2013 net income assumptions used for purposes of developing the January 1, 2014 targets are based on the consensus of 21 equity research analyst forecasts for results for the fourth quarter of 2013 received prior to the Issuer's release of its earnings for the third quarter of 2013. Any of these assumptions could prove incorrect and the actual results of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and/or the Crédit Agricole Group may vary (and could vary significantly) from these targets. See "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to the Notes—The Crédit Agricole Group and the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group may not realize objectives related to their capital structure," "—The calculation of the CET1 Capital Ratios will be affected by a number of factors, many of which may be outside the Issuer's control" and "—The CET1 Capital Ratios of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the Crédit Agricole Group may be affected by different factors."

**Target Capital Structure.** The Issuer has also announced certain targets for the capital structure and leverage ratio of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the Crédit Agricole Group, calculated under CRD IV requirements. These targets depend on the assumptions described above, as well as on the Issuer's ability to issue new instruments that qualify as Additional Tier 1 Capital and Tier 2 Capital. The targets also assume that the Issuer will maintain outstanding certain hybrid instruments that qualified as Tier 1 or Tier 2 capital prior to the application of CRD IV, and that are partially "grandfathered" under CRD IV (losing their status progressively over a ten-year period). The following table summarizes the targets announced by the Issuer for the capital structure of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the Crédit Agricole Group at the dates indicated.

	January 1, 2014	December 31, 2015
<b>Crédit Agricole Group</b>		
Fully Loaded Common Equity Tier 1	11.0%	13.0%
Additional Tier 1 (grandfathered)(*)	1.0%	1.5%
Tier 2 (grandfathered)(*)	3.0%	2.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>16.5%</b>
<b>Crédit Agricole S.A. Group</b>		
Fully Loaded Common Equity Tier 1	7.8 – 8.0%	> 9.5%
Additional Tier 1 (grandfathered)(*)	2.0%	2.0%
Tier 2 (grandfathered)(*)	4.5%	3.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.5%</b>	<b>15.0%</b>

(\*) Phased calculation based on the Issuer's current understanding of CRD IV rules applicable to French banks supervised by the ACPR. These rules are new and complex, and their interpretation may turn out to be different from the Issuer's current understanding.

- *Leverage Ratio.* The Crédit Agricole Group's leverage ratio at September 30, 2013 was 3.5%. The Issuer expects the leverage ratio for the Crédit Agricole Group to stand at 5% in 2018 and the leverage ratio for Crédit Agricole S.A. Group to stand at 3% in 2018, based on an adaptation of the refinancing rules between the Issuer and the Regional Banks and a stable balance sheet. Under CRD IV, it is expected that each group will be required to maintain a leverage ratio of at least 3% beginning on January 1, 2018. The leverage ratio is based on the relevant group's phased-in Tier 1 capital and on the Issuer's understanding of the CRD IV rules for its calculation and assuming that the asset value for repurchase transactions and derivatives is the prudential exposure (exposure at default Basel II).

## GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION AND REGULATION OF CREDIT INSTITUTIONS IN FRANCE

### The French Banking System

All French credit institutions are required to belong to a professional organization or central body affiliated with the French Credit Institutions and Investment Firms Association (*Association française des établissements de crédit et des entreprises d'investissement*), which represents the interests of credit institutions, payment institutions and investment firms in particular with the public authorities, provides consultative advice, disseminates information, studies questions relating to banking and financial services activities and makes recommendations in connection therewith. Crédit Agricole CIB is a member of the French Banking Federation (*Fédération bancaire française*).

### French Banking Regulatory and Supervisory Bodies

The French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) sets forth the conditions under which credit institutions, including banks, may operate. The French Monetary and Financial Code vests related supervisory and regulatory powers in certain administrative authorities.

The Financial Sector Consultative Committee (*Comité consultatif du secteur financier*) is made up of representatives of credit institutions, electronic money institutions, investment firms, insurance companies and insurance brokers and client representatives. This committee is a consultative organization that studies the relations between credit institutions, investment firms and insurance companies and their respective clientele and proposes appropriate measures in this area.

The Consultative Committee on Financial Legislation and Regulations (*Comité consultatif de la législation et de la réglementation financières*) reviews, at the request of the French Minister of the Economy, any draft bills or regulations, as well as any draft European regulations relating to the insurance, banking and investment service industry other than those draft regulations issued by the AMF.

The ACPR supervises financial institutions and insurance firms and is in charge of implementing measures for the prevention and resolution of banking crises and ensuring the protection of consumers and the stability of the financial system. Its powers have been extended to new resolution powers by the French banking reform of July 26, 2013 (*Loi de séparation et de régulation des activités bancaires*). The ACPR is chaired by the governor of the *Banque de France*. With respect to the banking sector, the ACPR makes individual decisions, grants banking and investment firm licenses, and grants specific exemptions as provided in applicable banking regulations. It supervises the enforcement of laws and regulations applicable to banks and other credit institutions, as well as investment firms, and controls their financial standing.

Banks are required to submit periodic (either monthly or quarterly) accounting reports to the ACPR concerning the principal areas of their activities. The main reports and information filed by institutions with the ACPR include periodic regulatory reports, collectively referred to as *états périodiques réglementaires*. They include, among other things, the institutions' accounting and prudential (regulatory capital) filings, which are usually submitted on a quarterly basis, as well as internal audit reports filed once a year, all the documents examined by the institution's management in its twice-yearly review of the business and operations and the internal audit findings and the key information that relates to the credit institution's risk analysis and monitoring. The ACPR may also request additional information that it deems necessary and may carry out on-site inspections (including with respect to a bank's foreign subsidiaries and branches, subject to international cooperation agreements). These reports and controls allow close monitoring of the condition of each bank and also facilitate computation of the total deposits of all banks and their use.

The ACPR may order financial institutions to comply with applicable regulations and to cease conducting activities that may adversely affect the interests of clients. The ACPR may also require a financial institution to take measures to strengthen or restore its financial situation, improve its management methods and/or adjust its organization and activities to its development goals. When a financial institution's solvency or liquidity, or the interests of its clients are or could be threatened, the ACPR is entitled to take certain provisional measures, including: submitting the institution to special

monitoring and restricting or prohibiting the conduct of certain activities (including deposit-taking), the making of certain payments, the disposal of assets, and/or the distribution of dividends to its shareholders.

Where regulations have been violated, the ACPR may act as an administrative court and impose sanctions, which may include warnings, fines, suspension or dismissal of managers and deregistration of the bank, resulting in its winding up. The ACPR also has the power to appoint a temporary administrator to manage provisionally a bank that it deems to be mismanaged. The decisions of the ACPR may be appealed to the French administrative supreme court (*Conseil d'Etat*). Insolvency proceedings may be initiated against banks or other credit institutions, or investment firms only after prior approval of the ACPR.

Furthermore, the ACPR may implement resolution measures, including but not limited to the bail-in tool described below, as provided by the French banking reform of July 26, 2013 (*Loi de séparation et de régulation des activités bancaires*).

On October 22, 2013, the European Union adopted new regulations establishing a single supervisory mechanism for the Eurozone and opt-in countries. As a result, the European Central Bank (“**ECB**”) will become the supervisory authority for large European credit institutions and banking groups, including the Crédit Agricole Group, on November 4, 2014. This supervision is expected to be carried out in France in close cooperation with the ACPR (in particular with respect to reporting collection and on-site inspections). The ACPR will retain its competence for anti-money laundering and conduct of business rules (consumer protection).

## **Banking Regulations**

In France, credit institutions such as the Issuer must comply with the norms of financial management set by the Minister of the Economy, the purpose of which is to ensure the creditworthiness and liquidity of French credit institutions. These banking regulations are mainly derived from EU directives. New banking regulations implementing the Basel III reforms were adopted on June 26, 2013: Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of June 26, 2013 on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms (the “**CRD IV Directive**”) and Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of June 26, 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms (the “**CRD IV Regulation**” and together with the CRD IV Directive “**CRD IV**”). The CRD IV Regulation is directly applicable in all EU member states including France as from January 1, 2014. The CRD IV Directive is also expected to become effective as of January 1, 2014 (except for capital buffer provisions which shall apply as from January 1, 2016) but it is possible that in practice implementation under national laws be delayed until after such date.

Credit institutions such as the Issuer must comply with minimum capital ratio requirements. In addition to these requirements, the principal regulations applicable to credit institutions such as the Issuer concern risk diversification and liquidity, monetary policy, restrictions on equity investments and reporting requirements. As of the date hereof, in the various countries in which the Issuer or its subsidiaries operate, they comply with the specific regulatory ratio requirements in accordance with procedures established by the relevant supervisory authorities.

French credit institutions are required to maintain minimum capital to cover their credit, market, counterparty and operational risks. Currently, French credit institutions are required to meet a minimum capital ratio, obtained by dividing the institution’s eligible regulatory capital by its risk-weighted assets, of 8%. In addition, the Crédit Agricole Group, as well as 3 other French banks, is required to maintain a temporary capital buffer and therefore has been subject to a minimum 9% core Tier 1 ratio since June 30, 2012. Since January 1, 2014, pursuant to the CRD IV Regulation, credit institutions are required to maintain a minimum total capital ratio of 8%, a Tier 1 capital ratio of 6% and a common equity Tier 1 ratio of 4.5%, each to be obtained by dividing the institution’s relevant eligible regulatory capital by its risk-weighted assets. In addition, they will have to comply with certain common equity Tier 1 buffer requirements, including a capital conservation buffer of 2.5% that will be applicable to all institutions as well as other common equity Tier 1 buffers to cover countercyclical and systemic risks. These measures will be implemented progressively until 2019.

Each French credit institution is required to calculate, as of the end of each month, the ratio of the weighted total of certain short-term and liquid assets to the weighted total of short-term liabilities. This liquidity ratio (*coefficient de liquidité*) is required to exceed 100% at all times. French credit institutions are entitled to opt for the “advanced” approach with respect to liquidity risk, upon request to the ACPR and under certain conditions. Under the advanced approach, the credit institution is able to use its internal methodologies to determine the liquidity risk and ensure that it has sufficient liquidity at all times to honor its commitments. The CRD IV Regulation introduces liquidity requirements from 2015, after an initial observation period. Institutions will be required to hold liquid assets, the total value of which would cover the net liquidity outflows that might be experienced under gravely stressed conditions over a period of 30 days. This liquidity coverage ratio (“**LCR**”) will be phased-in gradually, starting at 60% in 2015 and reaching 100% in 2018. Until the LCR is fully introduced, EU member states may maintain or introduce national liquidity requirements.

French credit institutions must satisfy, on a consolidated basis, certain restrictions relating to concentration of risks (*ratio de contrôle des grands risques*). The aggregate of a French credit institution’s loans and a portion of certain other exposure (*risques*) to a single customer (and related entities) may not exceed 25% of the credit institution’s regulatory capital as defined by French capital ratio requirements. Individual exposures exceeding 10% (and in some cases 5%) of the credit institution’s regulatory capital are subject to specific regulatory requirements.

French credit institutions are required to maintain on deposit with the *Banque de France* a certain percentage of various categories of demand and short-term deposits. Deposits with a maturity of more than two years are not included in calculating the amount required to be deposited. The required reserves are remunerated at a level corresponding to the average interest rate over the maintenance period of the main refinancing operations of the European System of Central Banks.

The CRD IV Regulation will introduce a leverage ratio from January 1, 2018, if implemented by the Council and European Parliament following an initial observation period beginning January 1, 2015, during which institutions will be required to disclose their leverage ratio. The leverage ratio is defined as an institution’s tier 1 capital divided by its average total consolidated assets.

The Issuer’s commercial banking operations in France are also significantly affected by monetary policies established from time to time by the European Central Bank in coordination with the *Banque de France*. Commercial banking operations, particularly in their fixing of short-term interest rates, are also affected in practice by the rates at which the *Banque de France* intervenes in the French domestic interbank market.

French credit institutions are subject to restrictions on equity investments and, subject to various specified exemptions for certain short-term investments and investments in financial institutions and insurance companies, “qualifying shareholdings” held by credit institutions must comply with the following requirements: (a) no “qualifying shareholding” may exceed 15% of the regulatory capital of the concerned credit institution and (b) the aggregate of such “qualifying shareholdings” may not exceed 60% of the regulatory capital of the concerned credit institution. An equity investment is a “qualifying shareholding” for the purposes of these provisions if (i) it represents more than 10% of the share capital or voting rights of the company in which the investment is made or (ii) it provides, or is acquired with a view to providing, a “significant influence” (*influence notable*, presumed when the credit institution controls at least 20% of the voting rights) in such company. Further, the ACPR must authorize certain participations and acquisitions.

French regulations permit only licensed credit institutions to engage in banking activities on a regular basis. Similarly, institutions licensed as banks may not, on a regular basis, engage in activities other than banking, bank-related activities and a limited number of non-banking activities determined pursuant to the regulations issued by the French Minister of the Economy. A regulation issued in November 1986 and amended from time to time sets forth an exhaustive list of such non-banking activities and requires revenues from those activities to be limited in the aggregate to a maximum of 10% of total net revenues.

### *Examination*

Besides the resolution powers set out below, the principal means used by the ACPR to ensure compliance by large deposit banks with applicable regulations is the examination of the detailed periodic (monthly or quarterly) financial statements, *états périodiques réglementaires* and other documents that these banks are required to submit to the ACPR. In the event that any examination were to reveal a material adverse change in the financial condition of a bank, an inquiry would be made, which could be followed by an inspection. The ACPR may also inspect banks (including with respect to a bank's foreign subsidiaries and branches, subject to international cooperation agreements) on an unannounced basis.

### *Deposit Guarantees*

All credit institutions operating in France are required by law to be a member of the deposit and resolution guarantee fund (*Fonds de Garantie des Dépôts et de Résolution*), except branches of European Economic Area banks that are covered by their home country's guarantee system. Domestic customer deposits denominated in euro and currencies of the European Economic Area are covered up to an amount of €100,000 and securities up to an aggregate value of €70,000, per customer and per credit institution, in both cases. The contribution of each credit institution is calculated on the basis of the aggregate deposits and one-third of the gross customer loans held by such credit institution and of the risk exposure of such credit institution.

### *Additional Funding*

The governor of the *Banque de France*, as chairman of the ACPR, can request that the shareholders of a credit institution in financial difficulty fund the institution in an amount that may exceed their initial capital contribution. However, credit institution shareholders have no legal obligation in this respect and, as a practical matter, such a request would likely be made to holders of a significant portion of the institution's share capital.

### *Internal Control Procedures*

French credit institutions are required to establish appropriate internal control systems, including with respect to risk management and the creation of appropriate audit trails. French credit institutions are required to have a system for analyzing and measuring risks in order to assess their exposure to credit, market, global interest rate, intermediation, liquidity and operational risks. Such system must set forth criteria and thresholds allowing the identification of significant incidents revealed by internal control procedures. Any fraud generating a gain or loss of a gross amount superior to 0.5% of the Tier 1 capital is deemed significant provided that such amount is greater than €10,000.

With respect to credit risks, each credit institution must have a credit risk selection procedure and a system for measuring credit risk that permit, *inter alia*, centralization of the institution's on- and off-balance sheet exposure and for assessing different categories of risk using qualitative and quantitative data. With respect to market risks, each credit institution must have systems for monitoring, among other things, its proprietary transactions that permit the institution to record on at least a day-to-day basis foreign exchange transactions and transactions in the trading book, and to measure on at least a day-to-day basis the risks resulting from trading positions in accordance with the capital adequacy regulations. The institution must prepare an annual report for review by the institution's board of directors and the ACPR regarding the institution's internal procedures and the measurement and monitoring of the institution's exposure.

### *Compensation Policy*

French credit institutions and investment firms are required to ensure that their compensation policy is compatible with sound risk management principles. A significant portion of the compensation of employees whose activities may have a significant impact on the institution's risk exposure must be performance-based, and a significant fraction of this performance-based compensation must be non-cash and deferred. Under the CRD IV Directive, the aggregate amount of variable compensation of the above-mentioned employees cannot exceed the aggregate amount of their fixed salary (the shareholders' meeting may, however, decide to increase this ceiling to two times their fixed salary).

EU member states will retain discretion to set stricter standards. The implementation in France of the CRD IV, which began with the French banking reform of July 26, 2013 (*Loi de séparation et de régulation des activités bancaires*), requires further government action to conform to such standards. Subject to the enactment of such measures, the cap of variable compensation will apply to compensation awarded for services or performance as from the year 2014.

### *Money Laundering*

French credit institutions are required to report to a special government agency (TRACFIN) placed under the authority of the French Minister of the Economy all amounts registered in their accounts that they suspect come from drug trafficking or organized crime, from unusual transactions in excess of certain amounts, as well as all amounts and transactions that they suspect to be the result of offence punishable by a minimum sentence of at least one-year imprisonment or that could participate in the financing of terrorism.

French credit institutions are also required to establish “know your customer” procedures allowing identification of the customer (as well as the beneficial owner) in any transaction and to have in place systems for assessing and managing money laundering and terrorism financing risks in accordance with the varying degree of risk attached to the relevant clients and transactions.

### **European Resolution Directive**

On December 18, 2013, the Council of the European Union published a revised draft of the legislative proposal for a directive providing for the establishment of an EU-wide framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms (the “**Draft RRD**”). The stated aim of the Draft RRD is to provide relevant authorities with common tools and powers to address banking crises pre-emptively in order to safeguard financial stability and minimize taxpayers' exposure to losses.

The powers provided to “resolution authorities” in the Draft RRD include write down/conversion powers to ensure that capital instruments (including Additional Tier 1 Instruments such as the Notes) and eligible liabilities (including senior debt instruments) fully absorb losses at the point of non-viability of the issuing institution (referred to as the “**Bail-In Tool**”). Accordingly, the Draft RRD contemplates that resolution authorities may require the write down of such capital instruments and eligible liabilities in full on a permanent basis, or convert them in full into common equity tier 1 instruments (“**RRD Non-Viability Loss Absorption**”). The Draft RRD provides, inter alia, that resolution authorities shall exercise the write down power in a way that results in (i) common equity tier 1 instruments being written down first in proportion to the relevant losses, (ii) thereafter, the principal amount of other capital instruments (including Additional Tier 1 Instruments such as the Notes) being written down or converted into common equity tier 1 instruments on a permanent basis and (iii) thereafter, eligible liabilities being written down or converted in accordance with a set order of priority.

The point of non-viability under the Draft RRD is the point at which the national authority determines that:

- (a) the institution is failing or likely to fail, which includes situations where:
  - (i) the institution has incurred/will incur in a near future losses depleting all or substantially all its own funds;
  - (ii) the assets are/will be in a near future less than its liabilities;
  - (iii) the institution is/will be in a near future unable to pay its debts or other liabilities when they fall due; and/or
  - (iv) the institution requires public financial support;
- (b) there is no reasonable prospect that a private action would prevent the failure; and
- (c) a resolution action is necessary in the public interest.

Except for the Bail-In Tool with respect to eligible liabilities, which is expected to apply as from January 1, 2016, , the Draft RRD contemplates that the measures set out therein, including the Bail-In Tool with respect to capital instruments such as the Notes, will apply as from January 1, 2015.

The Draft RRD currently represents the official proposal at the EU level for the implementation in the European Economic Area of the non-viability requirements set out in the press release dated January 13, 2011 issued by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (the “**Basel Committee**”) entitled “Minimum requirements to ensure loss absorbency at the point of non-viability” (the “**Basel III Non-Viability Requirements**”). The Basel III Non-Viability Requirements form part of the broader Basel III package of new capital and liquidity requirements intended to reinforce capital standards and to establish minimum liquidity standards for credit institutions. The Basel Committee contemplated implementation of the Basel III reforms as of January 1, 2013. However, the CRD IV Directive and the CRD IV Regulation, which were published in the Official Journal of the European Union on June 27, 2013, have become effective on January 1, 2014 (except for capital buffer provisions which shall apply as from January 1, 2016), and it is possible that in practice implementation of the CRD IV Directive will be delayed until after such date. The CRD IV Regulation contemplates that the Basel III Non Viability Requirements will be implemented in the European Economic Area by way of the Draft RRD and the RRD Non Viability Loss Absorption.

It is currently unclear whether RRD Non-Viability Loss Absorption, when implemented, will apply to capital instruments such as the Notes that are already in issue at that time or whether certain grandfathering rules will apply.

In addition to RRD Non-Viability Loss Absorption, the Draft RRD provides resolution authorities with broader powers to implement other resolution measures with respect to banks which reach non-viability, which may include (without limitation) the sale of the bank’s business, the separation of assets, the replacement or substitution of the bank as obligor in respect of debt instruments, modifications to the terms of debt instruments (including altering the maturity and/or the amount of interest payable and/or imposing a temporary suspension on payments) and discontinuing the listing and admission to trading of financial instruments.

The Draft RRD is not in final form and changes may be made to it in the course of the legislative process. Accordingly, it is not yet possible to assess the full impact of the relevant loss absorption provisions. There can be no assurance that, once implemented, the existence of applicable loss absorption provisions or the taking of any actions currently contemplated or as finally reflected in such provisions would not adversely affect the price or value of a Holder’s investment in the Notes and/or the ability of the Issuer to satisfy its obligations under the Notes.

### **French Bail-In Tool and Other Resolution Measures**

Among other things, the French banking law dated July 26, 2013 (*Loi de séparation et de régulation des activités bancaires*) charges the ACPR with implementing measures for the prevention and resolution of banking crises and gives the ACPR very broad powers with respect to “failing banks,” i.e., banks that, currently or in the near future (i) no longer comply with regulatory capital requirements, (ii) are not able to make payments that are, or will be imminently, due or (iii) require extraordinary public financial support.

In particular, the ACPR may implement the bail-in tool, namely write-down shareholders’ equity and thereafter write-down or convert into equity subordinated instruments (such as the Notes), but not unsubordinated debt, in accordance with their seniority. The ACPR will also be entitled to (i) transfer all or part of the bank’s assets and activities, including to a bridge bank, (ii) force a bank to issue new equity, (iii) temporarily suspend payments to creditors and (iv) terminate executives or appoint a temporary administrator (*administrateur provisoire*). Conversion ratios and transfer prices are decided upon by the ACPR on the basis of a “fair and realistic” assessment.

The ACPR must use its powers “in a proportionate manner” to achieve the following objectives: (i) to preserve financial stability, (ii) to ensure the continuity of banking activities, services and transactions of financial institutions, the failure of which would have systemic implications for the French economy, (iii) to protect deposits and (iv) to avoid, or limit to the fullest extent possible, any public bail-out.

Further, recovery and resolution plans are required from credit institutions, or groups of credit institutions, whose balance sheet exceeds a certain threshold that will be fixed by a decree of the French Government. No separate obligation will arise with respect to an entity within the group that is already supervised on a consolidated basis. Each such bank or banking group must prepare a recovery plan (*plan préventif de rétablissement*) that will be reviewed by the ACPR. The ACPR is in turn required to prepare a resolution plan (*plan préventif de résolution*) for such bank or banking group.

Recovery plans must set out measures contemplated in case of a significant deterioration of a bank's financial situation. Such plans must be updated on a yearly basis (or immediately following a significant change in a bank's organization or business). The ACPR must assess the recovery plan to determine whether its resolution powers could in practice be effective, and, as necessary, can request changes in a bank's organization. More generally, the ACPR will comment on the draft recovery plan and can require modifications.

Resolution plans must set out, in advance of any failure, how the various resolution powers set out above are to be implemented for each bank, given its specific circumstances.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

*The following, subject to completion and amendment, and except for paragraphs in italics, are the terms and conditions of the Notes, which will be endorsed on or attached to the Global Notes.*

### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Notes

The U.S.\$1,750,000,000 Undated Deeply Subordinated Additional Tier 1 Fixed Rate Resettable Notes (the “**Notes**,” which expression shall in these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, include any further notes issued pursuant to Condition 13 (*Further Issues*) and forming a single series with the Notes) are issued by Crédit Agricole S.A. (the “**Issuer**,” which term shall include any successor or successors). This issue was decided on January 15, 2014 by Olivier Bélorgey, *Directeur de la Gestion Financière* of the Issuer, acting pursuant to resolutions of the board of directors (*conseil d’administration*) of the Issuer dated February 19, 2013 and May 23, 2013.

#### 1.2 Fiscal Agency Agreement

The Notes will be issued on the terms set out in these Terms and Conditions (the “**Conditions**”) under a Fiscal Agency Agreement dated as of January 23, 2014 (the “**Fiscal Agency Agreement**”) between the Issuer and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Fiscal Agent (the “**Fiscal Agent**”), Paying Agent (the “**Paying Agent**”), Registrar (the “**Registrar**”), Transfer Agent (the “**Transfer Agent**”) and Calculation Agent (the “**Calculation Agent**”). Reference below to the “**Agent**” shall be to the Fiscal Agent, Paying Agent and/or the Calculation Agent, as the case may be.

### 2. INTERPRETATION

#### 2.1 Definitions

In these Conditions the following expressions have the following meanings:

“**5-Year Mid-Swap Rate**” means, in relation to a Reset Interest Period and the Reset Rate of Interest Determination Date in relation to such Reset Interest Period:

- (i) the mid-swap rate for U.S. dollar swaps with a term of 5 years which appears on the Screen Page as of 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on such Reset Rate of Interest Determination Date; or
- (ii) if the 5-Year Mid-Swap Rate does not appear on the Screen Page at such time on such Reset Rate of Interest Determination Date, the Reset Reference Bank Rate on such Reset Rate of Interest Determination Date;

“**5-Year Mid-Swap Rate Quotations**” means the arithmetic mean of the bid and offered rates for the semiannual fixed leg (calculated on a 30/360 (as defined in the definition of Day Count Fraction below) day count basis) of a fixed-for-floating U.S. dollar interest rate swap transaction which:

- (i) has a term of 5 years commencing on the relevant Reset Date;
- (ii) is in an amount that is representative of a single transaction in the relevant market at the relevant time with an acknowledged dealer of good credit in the swap market; and
- (iii) has a floating leg based on 3-month U.S. dollar LIBOR (calculated on an Actual/360 day count basis);

“**Actual/360**” means the actual number of days in the relevant period divided by 360;

**“Additional Tier 1 Capital”** has the meaning given to it by Applicable Banking Regulations from time to time, and shall also include any successor or substitute term applicable pursuant to Applicable Banking Regulations;

**“Applicable Banking Regulations”** means at any time the laws, regulations, requirements, guidelines and policies relating to capital adequacy then in effect in France including, without limitation to the generality of the foregoing, those regulations, requirements, guidelines and policies relating to capital adequacy then in effect of the Relevant Regulator, including the CRD IV Regulation and, when implemented into French law or otherwise adopted in France, as the case may be, the CRD IV Directive and Future Capital Requirements Regulations;

**“Business Day”** means 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 Paris, New York City and London;

**“Capital Event”** means at any time that, by reason of a change in the regulatory classification of the Notes under Applicable Banking Regulations that was not reasonably foreseeable by the Issuer at the Issue Date, the Notes are fully excluded from the Tier 1 Capital of the Issuer, provided that such exclusion is not as a result of any applicable limits on the amount of Additional Tier 1 Capital contained in Applicable Banking Regulations;

**“Capital Ratio Event”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 6.1 (*Loss Absorption*);

**“CET1 Capital”** means as of any Quarterly Financial Period End Date or Extraordinary Calculation Date, the sum, expressed in euro, of all amounts that constitute common equity tier 1 capital of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group or the Crédit Agricole Group, as the case may be, as of such date, as calculated in accordance with Chapter 2 (Common Equity Tier 1 Capital) of Title I (Elements of Own Funds) of Part Two (Own Funds) as well as transitional provisions described in Part Ten (Transitional Provisions, Reports, Reviews and Amendments) of the CRD IV Regulation, as the same may be applicable in the Applicable Banking Regulations, and shall also include any successor or substitute term applicable pursuant to Applicable Banking Regulations, as well as any future transitional, phasing in or similar provisions, as interpreted and applied by the Relevant Regulator, as calculated by the Issuer (which calculation shall be binding on the Holders) in respect of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group or the Crédit Agricole Group, as applicable, on a consolidated basis in accordance with the Applicable Banking Regulations applicable to the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group or the Crédit Agricole Group, as the case may be, on such Quarterly Financial Period End Date or Extraordinary Calculation Date;

**“CET1 Capital Ratio”** means the ratio of the CET1 Capital of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group or the Crédit Agricole Group, as applicable, to the Total Risk Exposure Amount of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group or the Crédit Agricole Group, as the case may be, as of the same date, expressed as a percentage;

**“Consolidated Net Income of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group”** means the consolidated net income (excluding minority interests) of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group, as calculated and set out in the last audited annual consolidated accounts of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group adopted by the Issuer’s shareholders’ general meeting;

**“COREP”** means the harmonized European reporting framework issued by the European Banking Authority for credit institutions and investment firms pursuant to CRD IV;

**“COREP Reporting Date”** means each day on which the Issuer submits a capital ratio report with respect to the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group or the Crédit Agricole Group to the Relevant Regulator pursuant to COREP, i.e., under current Applicable Banking Regulations, capital ratio reports must be submitted on a quarterly basis within two months of any Quarterly Financial Period End Date except for the June reports, for which the deadline is September 30;

**“CRD IV”** means, taken together, the (i) CRD IV Directive (ii) CRD IV Regulation and (iii) Future Capital Requirements Regulations;

“**CRD IV Directive**” means the Directive (2013/36/EU) of the European Parliament and of the Council on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms dated June 26, 2013 and published in the Official Journal of the European Union on June 27, 2013, as amended or replaced from time to time;

“**CRD IV Regulation**” means the Regulation (2013/575) of the European Parliament and of the Council on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms dated June 26, 2013 and published in the Official Journal of the European Union on June 27, 2013, as amended or replaced from time to time;

“**Crédit Agricole Group**” means the Issuer, the Crédit Agricole Mutuel regional banks (*caisses régionales de Crédit Agricole Mutuel*), the Crédit Agricole Mutuel local credit cooperatives (*caisses locales de Crédit Agricole Mutuel*) and their consolidated Subsidiaries;

“**Crédit Agricole S.A. Group**” means the Issuer and its consolidated Subsidiaries and associates;

“**Current Principal Amount**” means at any time:

- (i) with respect to the Notes or a Note (as the context requires), the principal amount thereof, calculated on the basis of the Original Principal Amount, as such amount may be reduced, on one or more occasions, pursuant to the application of the loss absorption mechanism and/or reinstated on one or more occasions following a Return to Financial Health, as the case may be, as such terms are defined in, and pursuant to, Conditions 6.1 (*Loss Absorption*) and 6.3 (*Return to Financial Health*), respectively; or
- (ii) with respect to any other Loss Absorbing Instrument, the principal amount thereof (or amount analogous to a principal amount), calculated on an analogous basis to the calculation of the Current Principal Amount of the Notes;

“**Day Count Fraction**” means, in respect of the calculation of an amount for any period of time (the “**Calculation Period**”), “**30/360**” which means the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“**Deeply Subordinated Obligations**” means deeply subordinated obligations of the Issuer, whether in the form of notes or loans or otherwise, which rank *pari passu* among themselves and with the Notes, senior to any classes of share capital issued by the Issuer, and behind the present and future *prêts participatifs* granted to the Issuer, the present and future *titres participatifs* issued by the Issuer, Ordinarily Subordinated Obligations and Unsubordinated Obligations;

**“Discretionary Temporary Write-Down Instrument”** means at any time any instrument (other than the Notes and the Issuer Shares) issued directly or indirectly by the Issuer which at such time (a) qualifies as Tier 1 Capital of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group or the Crédit Agricole Group, (b) has had all or some of its principal amount written-down, (c) has terms providing for a reinstatement of its principal amount upon a Return to Financial Health at the Issuer’s discretion, and (d) is not subject to any transitional arrangements under CRD IV;

**“Distributable Items”** means (subject as otherwise defined in the Applicable Banking Regulations from time to time), as at any Interest Payment Date, the amount of the profits of the Issuer for the financial year ended immediately prior to such Interest Payment Date plus any profits brought forward and reserves available for that purpose before payments to holders of Own Funds Instruments (whether in the form of dividends, interest or otherwise), less any losses brought forward, profits which are non-distributable pursuant to provisions in legislation or the Issuer’s by-laws and sums placed to non-distributable reserves in accordance with Applicable Banking Regulations or the Issuer’s by-laws, those losses and reserves being determined on the basis of the unconsolidated audited annual financial statements of the Issuer in respect of such financial year;

**“Extraordinary Calculation Date”** means any day (other than a Quarterly Financial Period End Date) on which the CET1 Capital is calculated upon the instruction of the Relevant Regulator;

**“Extraordinary Resolution”** has the meaning given to such term in the Fiscal Agency Agreement;

**“First Call Date”** means January 23, 2024;

**“Future Capital Requirements Regulations”** means any regulatory capital rules, regulations or instructions introduced in France after the Issue Date or which are otherwise applicable to the Issuer (on an unconsolidated or consolidated basis), which prescribe (alone or in conjunction with any other rules, regulations or instructions) the requirements to be fulfilled by financial instruments for their inclusion in the regulatory capital of the Issuer (on an unconsolidated or consolidated basis) to the extent required by, or in application of, CRD IV;

**“Gross-Up Event”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 7.4(c) (*Redemption Upon the Occurrence of a Tax Event*);

**“Holder”** or **“Noteholder”** means the Person in whose name each Note is registered in the Security Register;

**“Initial Period”** means the period from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the First Call Date;

**“Initial Rate of Interest”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 5.3 (*Interest to (but Excluding) the First Call Date*);

**“Interest Amount”** means the amount of interest payable on each Note for any Interest Period and **“Interest Amounts”** means, at any time, the aggregate of all Interest Amounts payable at such time;

**“Interest Payment Date”** means March 23, June 23, September 23 and December 23 of each year from (and including) March 23, 2014;

**“Interest Period”** means each period beginning on (and including) the Issue Date or any Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the next Interest Payment Date;

**“Issue Date”** means January 23, 2014;

**“Issuer Shares”** means any classes of share capital or other equity securities issued by the Issuer (including but not limited to *actions de préférence* (preference shares));

**“Loss Absorption Effective Date”** means the date that will be specified as such in any Loss Absorption Notice;

**“Loss Absorption Event”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 6 (*Loss Absorption and Return to Financial Health*);

**“Loss Absorbing Instrument”** means at any time any instrument (other than the Notes and the Issuer Shares) issued directly or indirectly by the Issuer which at such time (a) qualifies as Tier 1 Capital of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group or the Crédit Agricole Group (as applicable), and (b) which also has all or some of its principal amount written-down (whether on a permanent or temporary basis) (in each case in accordance with its conditions or otherwise) on the occurrence, or as a result, of a Capital Ratio Event. As at the Issue Date, there are no Loss Absorbing Instruments outstanding;

**“Loss Absorption Notice”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 6.1 (*Loss Absorption*);

**“Margin”** means 4.898%;

**“Maximum Distributable Amount of the Crédit Agricole Group”** means, if applicable, any maximum distributable amount relating to the Crédit Agricole Group required to be calculated in accordance with the CRD IV Directive (or, as the case may be, any provision of French law implementing the CRD IV Directive), or any successor amount determined in accordance with Applicable Banking Regulations;

**“Maximum Distributable Amount of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group”** means, if applicable, any maximum distributable amount relating to the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group required to be calculated in accordance with the CRD IV Directive (or, as the case may be, any provision of French law implementing the CRD IV Directive), or any successor amount determined in accordance with Applicable Banking Regulations;

**“Maximum Write-Up Amount”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 6.3 (*Return to Financial Health*);

**“Optional Redemption Date (Call)”** means each of the First Call Date and any Reset Date thereafter;

**“Ordinarily Subordinated Obligations”** means subordinated obligations of the Issuer, whether in the form of notes or loans or otherwise, which rank senior in priority to the present and future *prêts participatifs* granted to the Issuer, the present and future *titres participatifs* issued by the Issuer, Deeply Subordinated Obligations and the Notes;

**“Original Principal Amount”** means, in respect of each Note, the amount of the denomination of such Note on the Issue Date, not taking into account any Write-Down or Reinstatement pursuant to Conditions 6.1 (*Loss Absorption*) and 6.3 (*Return to Financial Health*);

**“Own Funds Instruments”** means (subject as otherwise defined in the Applicable Banking Regulations from time to time) capital instruments issued by the Issuer that qualify as CET1 Capital, Additional Tier 1 Capital or Tier 2 Capital instruments.

**“Payment Business Day”** means 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) the relevant place of presentation for payment of any Note and (ii) New York City;

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

**“Qualifying Notes”** means, at any time, any securities denominated in U.S. dollars and issued directly or indirectly by the Issuer that:

- (a) contain terms which at such time comply with the then current requirements of the Relevant Regulator in relation to Additional Tier 1 Capital (which, for the avoidance of doubt, may

result in such securities not including, or restricting for a period of time the application of, one or more of the Special Event redemption events which are included in the Notes); and

- (b) carry the same rate of interest, including for the avoidance of doubt any rate of interest reset provisions, from time to time applying to the Notes prior to the relevant substitution or variation pursuant to Condition 7.7 (*Substitution and Modification*); and
- (c) have the same Original Principal Amount and Current Principal Amount as the Notes prior to substitution or modification pursuant to Condition 7.7 (*Substitution and Modification*); and
- (d) rank *pari passu* with the Notes prior to the substitution or variation pursuant to Condition 7.7 (*Substitution and Modification*); and
- (e) shall not at such time be subject to a Special Event, and
- (f) have terms not otherwise materially less favorable to the Holders than the terms of the Notes, as reasonably determined by the Issuer, and provided that the Issuer shall have delivered an officer's certificate to that effect to the Fiscal Agent (and copies thereof will be available at the Fiscal Agent's Specified Office during its normal business hours) not less than five (5) Business Days prior to (x) in the case of a substitution of the Notes pursuant to Condition 7.7 (*Substitution and Modification*), the issue date of the relevant securities or (y) in the case of a variation of the Notes pursuant to Condition 7.7 (*Substitution and Modification*), the date such variation becomes effective; and
- (g) if (i) the Notes were listed or admitted to trading on a Regulated Market immediately prior to the relevant substitution or variation, are listed or admitted to trading on a Regulated Market or (ii) if the Notes were listed or admitted to trading on a recognized stock exchange other than a Regulated Market immediately prior to the relevant substitution or variation, are listed or admitted to trading on any recognized stock exchange (including, without limitation, a Regulated Market), in either case as selected by the Issuer;

**"Quarterly Financial Period End Date"** means the last day of each financial quarter;

**"Rate of Interest"** means:

- (a) for Interest Periods ending prior to the First Call Date, the Initial Rate of Interest;
- (b) for the Interest Period in which the First Call Date falls, (i) the Initial Rate of Interest from (and including) the first day of such Interest Period to (but excluding) the First Call Date; and (ii) the Reset Rate of Interest that takes effect on the First Call Date, from (and including) the First Call Date to (but excluding) the last day of such Interest Period;
- (c) for each subsequent Interest Period:
  - (i) if such Interest Period does not include a Reset Date, the Reset Rate of Interest in respect of the Reset Interest Period in which such Interest Period falls; and
  - (ii) if such Interest Period includes a Reset Date, (i) the Reset Rate of Interest in effect on the first day of such Interest Period, for the period from (and including) such first day to (but excluding) the Reset Date; and (ii) the new Reset Rate of Interest that takes effect on the Reset Date, for the period from (and including) such Reset Date to (but excluding) the last day of such Interest Period.

all as determined by the Fiscal Agent in accordance with Condition 5 (*Interest and Interest Cancellation*);

**"Redemption Amount"** means, in respect of any Note at any time, its then Current Principal Amount and **"Redemption Amounts"** at any time means the aggregate of all the Current Principal Amounts of all of the Notes then outstanding together;

**“Regulated Market”** means a regulated market for the purposes of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (Directive 2004/39/EC) as amended or replaced from time to time;

**“Reinstatement”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 6.3 (*Return to Financial Health*);

**“Relevant Date”** means, in relation to any payment, whichever is the later of (i) the date on which the payment in question first becomes due and (ii) if the full amount payable has not been received by the Fiscal Agent on or prior to such due date, the date on which (the full amount having been so received) notice to that effect has been given to the Holders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*);

**“Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount”** has the meaning specified in Condition 5.11 (*Cancellation of Interest Amounts*);

**“Relevant Regulator”** means the *Secrétariat général de l’Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution* and any successor or replacement thereto, or other authority having primary responsibility for the prudential oversight and supervision of the Issuer;

**“Reset Date”** means the First Call Date and every date which falls five, or a multiple of five, years after the First Call Date;

**“Reset Interest Amount”** has the meaning given to such term in Condition 5.5 (*Determination of Reset Rate of Interest in Relation to a Reset Interest Period*);

**“Reset Interest Period”** means each period from (and including) any Reset Date and ending on (but excluding) the next Reset Date;

**“Reset Rate of Interest”** means, in relation to a Reset Interest Period, the sum of: (a) the 5-Year Mid-Swap Rate in relation to that Reset Interest Period and (b) the Margin;

**“Reset Rate of Interest Determination Date”** means, in relation to a Reset Interest Period, the day falling two U.S. Government Securities Business Days prior to the Reset Date on which such Reset Interest Period commences;

**“Reset Reference Banks”** means six leading swap dealers in the New York City interbank market selected by the Issuer;

**“Reset Reference Bank Rate”** means, in relation to a Reset Interest Period and the Reset Rate of Interest Determination Date in relation to such Reset Interest Period, the percentage rate determined on the basis of the 5-Year Mid-Swap Rate Quotations provided by the Reset Reference Banks to the Issuer, and delivered by the Issuer to the Calculation Agent at approximately 12:00 p.m. (New York City time) on such Reset Rate of Interest Determination Date. If at least three quotations are provided, the Reset Reference Bank Rate will be the arithmetic mean of the quotations provided, eliminating the highest quotation (or, in the event of equality, one of the highest) and the lowest quotation (or, in the event of equality, one of the lowest). If only two quotations are provided, the Reset Reference Bank Rate will be the arithmetic mean of the quotations provided. If only one quotation is provided, the Reset Reference Bank Rate will be the quotation provided. If no quotations are provided, the Reset Reference Bank Rate for the relevant Reset Interest Period will be (i) in the case of each Reset Interest Period other than the Reset Interest Period commencing on the First Call Date, the 5-Year Mid-Swap Rate in respect of the immediately preceding Reset Interest Period or (ii) in the case of the Reset Interest Period commencing on the First Call Date, 1.760% per annum;

**“Screen Page”** means Reuters screen **“ISDAFIX1”** or such other page as may replace it on Reuters or, as the case may be, on such other information service that may replace Reuters, in each case, as may be nominated by the Person providing or sponsoring the information appearing there for the purpose of displaying rates comparable to the 5-Year Mid-Swap Rate;

**“Security Register”** means the register maintained by the Registrar for purposes of identifying the Holders of the Notes;

**“Special Event”** means a Tax Event and/or a Capital Event, as applicable;

**“Specified Office”** has the meaning given to such term in the Fiscal Agency Agreement;

**“Subsidiary”** means, in relation to any Person (the **“First Person”**) at any particular time, any other Person (the **“Second Person”**):

- (a) whose affairs and policies the First Person controls or has the power to control, whether by ownership of share capital, contract, the power to appoint or remove members of the governing body of the Second Person or otherwise; or
- (b) whose financial statements are, in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting principles, consolidated with those of the First Person;

**“Tax Deductibility Event”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 7.4(a) (*Redemption Upon the Occurrence of a Tax Event*);

**“Tax Event”** means a Tax Deductibility Event, a Withholding Tax Event and/or a Gross-Up Event, as the case may be;

**“Tier 1 Capital”** has the meaning given to it by the Applicable Banking Regulations from time to time, and shall also include any successor or substitute term applicable pursuant to Applicable Banking Regulations; this shall consist of the sum of CET1 Capital and Additional Tier 1 Capital, subject to any future modification of Applicable Banking Regulations;

**“Tier 2 Capital”** means capital that is treated as a constituent of tier 2 under Applicable Banking Regulations from time to time (and shall also include any successor or substitute term applicable pursuant to Applicable Banking Regulations) for the purposes of the Issuer;

**“Total Risk Exposure Amount”** means, at any time, the aggregate euro amount of the total risk exposure amount of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group or the Crédit Agricole Group, as applicable, at such time on a consolidated basis, calculated in accordance with Article 92 of the CRD IV Regulation or any successor or similar provision of any Future Capital Requirements Regulations;

**“Unsubordinated Obligations”** means unsubordinated obligations, whether in the form of loans, notes or other instruments, of the Issuer that rank senior in priority to Ordinarily Subordinated Obligations;

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

**“Withholding Tax Event”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 7.4(b) (*Redemption Upon the Occurrence of a Tax Event*);

**“Write-Down”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 6.1 (*Loss Absorption*);

**“Write-Down Amount”** has the meaning given to it in Condition 6.1 (*Loss Absorption*); and

**“Written-Down Additional Tier 1 Instrument”** means at any time any instrument (including the Notes) issued directly or indirectly by the Issuer which qualifies as Additional Tier 1 Capital of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and which, immediately prior to the relevant Reinstatement at that time, has a Current Principal Amount that is lower than the principal amount it was issued with.

## **2.2 Interpretation**

In these Conditions:

- (a) any reference to a principal shall be deemed to include the Redemption Amount, any additional amounts in respect of principal which may be payable under Condition 9 (*Taxation*) and any other amount in the nature of principal payable pursuant to these Conditions;
- (b) any reference to interest shall be deemed to include any additional amounts in respect of interest which may be payable under Condition 9 (*Taxation*) and any other amount in the nature of interest payable pursuant to these Conditions;
- (c) references to Notes being “**outstanding**” shall be construed in accordance with the Fiscal Agency Agreement; and
- (d) any reference to a numbered “**Condition**” shall be to the relevant Condition in these Conditions.

### 3. FORM, DENOMINATION AND TITLE

#### 3.1 Form of Notes and Denomination

The Notes are in fully registered form and in minimum denominations of US\$200,000 and integral multiples of US\$1,000 in excess thereof and are represented by one or more Global Notes, as described below. The Notes will be eligible for clearance through The Depository Trust Company (“**DTC**”) and its participants, including Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. (“**Euroclear**”) and Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* (“**Clearstream, Luxembourg**”).

The Notes sold in reliance on Rule 144A of the Securities Act will be represented by one or more permanent global certificates in fully registered form without interest coupons (together the “**Rule 144A Global Note**”) and the Notes sold to non-U.S. persons in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S of the Securities Act will be represented by one or more permanent global certificates in fully registered form without interest coupons (together the “**Regulation S Global Notes**” and, together with the Rule 144A Global Notes, the “**Global Notes**”). The Global Notes will be registered in the name of a nominee of, and deposited with a custodian for, DTC.

Beneficial interests in the Global Notes may not be exchanged for Notes in definitive, certificated form, except in the limited circumstances described in the Fiscal Agency Agreement.

#### 3.2 Title

Title to the Notes passes only by registration in the Security Register. For so long as any of the Notes are represented by one or more Global Notes, each person who is for the time being shown in the records of the relevant clearing system as the Holder of a particular principal amount of Notes shall be treated by the Issuer and the Fiscal Agent as the Holder of such principal amount of such Notes for all purposes other than with respect to the payment of principal, premium (if any) or interest on such nominal amount of such Notes, the right to which shall be vested, as against the Issuer and the Fiscal Agent solely in the person in whose name the Global Note is registered in the security register, each in accordance with and subject to these Conditions (and the terms “**Noteholder**” and “**Holder**” and related terms shall be construed accordingly).

### 4. STATUS OF THE NOTES

The Notes are deeply subordinated notes of the Issuer issued pursuant to the provisions of Article L.228-97 of the French *Code de commerce*.

The Notes constitute *obligations* under French law. Principal and interest constitute direct unsecured and Deeply Subordinated Obligations of the Issuer and rank *pari passu* and without any preference among themselves and rateably with all other present or future Deeply Subordinated Obligations of the Issuer, but shall be subordinated to the present and future *prêts participatifs* granted to the Issuer and present and future *titres participatifs*, Ordinarily Subordinated Obligations and Unsubordinated Obligations issued by the Issuer.

If any judgment is rendered by any competent court declaring the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) of the Issuer or if the Issuer is liquidated for any other reason, the payment obligation of the Issuer under the Notes shall be subordinated to the payment in full of the unsubordinated creditors of the Issuer and any other creditors that are senior to the Notes and, subject to such payment in full, the Holders of the Notes will be paid in priority to any Issuer Shares and other capital instruments of the Issuer qualifying as CET1 Capital. After the complete payment of creditors that are senior to the Notes on the judicial or other liquidation of the Issuer, the amount payable by the Issuer in respect of the Notes shall be limited to the Current Principal Amount. In the event of incomplete payment of unsubordinated creditors on the liquidation of the Issuer, the obligations of the Issuer in connection with the Notes will be terminated by operation of law.

There is no negative pledge in respect of the Notes.

It is the intention of the Issuer that the Notes shall be treated for regulatory purposes as Additional Tier 1 Capital under CRD IV both at the level of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group and the level of the Crédit Agricole Group.

## **5. INTEREST AND INTEREST CANCELLATION**

### **5.1 Rate of Interest**

The Notes bear interest on their outstanding Current Principal Amount at the applicable Rate of Interest from (and including) the Issue Date. Interest shall be payable quarterly in arrears on each Interest Payment Date commencing on March 23, 2014 subject in any case as provided in Condition 5.9 (*Cancellation of Interest Amounts*) and Condition 8 (*Payments*).

### **5.2 Accrual of Interest**

Each Note will cease to bear interest from the due date for redemption unless payment of the Redemption Amount is improperly withheld or refused, in which case it will continue to bear interest in accordance with this Condition (as well after as before judgment) until whichever is the earlier of:

- (a) the day on which all sums due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Holder; and
- (b) the day that is seven days after the Fiscal Agent has notified the Holders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) that it has received all sums due in respect of the Notes up to such seventh day (except to the extent that there is any subsequent default in payment).

### **5.3 Interest to (but Excluding) the First Call Date**

The Rate of Interest for Interest Periods ending prior to the First Call Date will be 7.875% per annum (the “**Initial Rate of Interest**”).

### **5.4 Interest From (and Including) the First Call Date**

The Rate of Interest for the Interest Period in which the First Call Date falls will be (i) the Initial Rate of Interest from (and including) the first day of such Interest Period to (but excluding) the First Call Date; and (ii) the Reset Rate of Interest that takes effect on the First Call Date, from (and including) the First Call Date to (but excluding) the last day of such Interest Period.

The Rate of Interest for each subsequent Interest Period will be:

- (a) if such Interest Period does not include a Reset Date, the Reset Rate of Interest in respect of the Reset Interest Period in which such Interest Period falls; and
- (b) if such Interest Period includes a Reset Date, (i) the Reset Rate of Interest in effect on the first day of such Interest Period, for the period from (and including) such first day to (but excluding) the Reset Date; and (ii) the new Reset Rate of Interest that takes effect on the

Reset Date, for the period from (and including) such Reset Date to (but excluding) the last day of such Interest Period.

#### **5.5 Determination of Reset Rate of Interest in Relation to a Reset Interest Period**

The Calculation Agent will, as soon as practicable after 11:00 a.m. (New York City time) on each Reset Rate of Interest Determination Date in relation to a Reset Interest Period, determine the Reset Rate of Interest for such Reset Interest Period.

#### **5.6 Publication of Reset Rate of Interest**

With respect to each Reset Interest Period, the Fiscal Agent will cause the relevant Reset Rate of Interest to be notified to the Paying Agent and each listing authority and/or stock exchange (if any) by which the Notes have then been admitted to listing and/or trading as soon as practicable after such determination but in any event not later than the relevant Reset Date. Notice thereof shall also promptly be given to the Holders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*).

#### **5.7 Calculation of Interest Amount**

The amount of interest payable in respect of a Note for any period shall be calculated by the Fiscal Agent:

- (a) applying the applicable Rate of Interest to the Current Principal Amount of such Note;
- (b) multiplying the product thereof by the Day Count Fraction; and
- (c) rounding the resulting figure to the nearest cent (half a cent being rounded upwards).

#### **5.8 Calculation of Interest Amount in Case of Write-Down**

Subject to Condition 5.11 (*Cancellation of Interest Amounts*), in the event that a Write-Down occurs during an Interest Period, the Interest Amount payable on the Interest Payment Date immediately following such Interest Period shall be calculated as if the Write-Down had occurred on the first day of such Interest Period.

#### **5.9 Calculation of Interest Amount in Case of Reinstatement**

Subject to Condition 5.11 (*Cancellation of Interest Amounts*), in the event that a Reinstatement occurs during an Interest Period, the Interest Amount payable on the Interest Payment Date immediately following such Interest Period shall be calculated as the sum (rounded to the nearest cent (half a cent being rounded upwards) of the following:

- (i) the product of the applicable Rate of Interest, the Current Principal Amount before such Reinstatement, and the Day Count Fraction (determined as if the Interest Period ended on, but excluded, the date of such Reinstatement); and
- (ii) the product of the applicable Rate of Interest, the Current Principal Amount after such Reinstatement, and the Day Count Fraction (determined as if the Interest Period started on, and included, the date of such Reinstatement).

#### **5.10 Notifications, etc.**

All notifications, opinions, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of this Condition 5 by the Fiscal Agent will (in the absence of manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Paying Agent and the Holders and (subject as aforesaid) no liability to any such Person will attach to the Fiscal Agent in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions for such purposes.

#### **5.11 Cancellation of Interest Amounts**

The Issuer may elect at its full discretion to cancel (in whole or in part) the Interest Amount otherwise scheduled to be paid on an Interest Payment Date notwithstanding it has Distributable Items or the Maximum Distributable Amount of the Crédit Agricole Group and the Maximum Distributable Amount of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group are greater than zero.

The Issuer will cancel the payment of an Interest Amount (in whole or, as the case may be, in part) if the Relevant Regulator notifies the Issuer that it has determined, in its sole discretion, that the Interest Amount (in whole or in part) should be cancelled based on its assessment of the financial and solvency situation of the Issuer.

Interest Amounts will only be paid (in whole or, as the case may be, in part) if and to the extent that such payment would not cause:

- (c) when aggregated together with distributions on all other Tier 1 Capital instruments scheduled for payment in the then current financial year, the amount of Distributable Items (if any) then applicable to the Issuer to be exceeded; or
- (d) when aggregated together with any other distributions of the kind referred to in Article 141(2) of the CRD IV Directive that are subject to the same limit, the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount to be exceeded.

**“Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount”** means the lower of the Maximum Distributable Amount of the Crédit Agricole Group and the Maximum Distributable Amount of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group.

Any Interest Amount that has been cancelled is no longer payable by the Issuer or considered accrued or owed to the Holders. Holders shall have no right thereto whether in a bankruptcy or dissolution, as a result of the insolvency of the Issuer or otherwise. Cancellation of any Interest Amount shall not constitute an event of default or a breach of the Issuer’s obligations or duties or a failure to perform by the Issuer in any manner whatsoever and shall not entitle Holders to petition for the insolvency or dissolution of the Issuer.

Notice of any cancellation of payment of a scheduled Interest Amount must be given by the Issuer to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*)) and separately to the Fiscal Agent as soon as possible, but not more than 60 calendar days, prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date.

## **6. LOSS ABSORPTION AND RETURN TO FINANCIAL HEALTH**

### **6.1 Loss Absorption**

If a Capital Ratio Event occurs, the Issuer shall immediately notify the Relevant Regulator of the occurrence of the Capital Ratio Event and, within one month from the occurrence of the relevant Capital Ratio Event, after first giving a Loss Absorption Notice to Holders (in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*)) and separately to the Fiscal Agent, pro rata with the other Notes and any other Loss Absorbing Instruments irrevocably (without the need for the consent of Holders) reduce the then Current Principal Amount of each Note (and any interest due on a prior Interest Payment Date but not paid) by the relevant Write-Down Amount (such reduction being referred to as a **“Write-Down,”** and **“Written Down”** being construed accordingly) (a **“Loss Absorption Event”**).

The determination by the Issuer that a Capital Ratio Event has occurred shall be based on information (whether or not published) available to management of the Issuer, including information reported within the Issuer pursuant to its procedures for ensuring effective ongoing monitoring of the capital ratios of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group or the Crédit Agricole Group, as applicable.

A **“Capital Ratio Event”** will be deemed to have occurred if (i) the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group’s CET1 Capital Ratio falls or remains below 5.125%, or (ii) the Crédit Agricole Group’s CET1 Capital Ratio falls or remains below 7%, in each case, as of any Quarterly Financial Period End Date or Extraordinary Calculation Date, as the case may be, provided that a Capital Ratio Event shall be deemed not to have occurred as of a date of determination if a Capital Event has occurred and is then continuing.

**“Write-Down Amount”** means, on any Loss Absorption Effective Date, the amount by which the then Current Principal Amount (and any due and unpaid interest) of each outstanding Note is to be Written Down on such date, being the minimum of:

- (i) the amount (together with the Write-Down of the other Notes and the write-down of any other Loss Absorbing Instruments) that would be sufficient to cure the Capital Ratio Event; or
- (ii) if that Write-Down (together with the Write-Down of the other Notes and the write down of any other Loss Absorbing Instruments) would be insufficient to cure the Capital Ratio Event, or the Capital Ratio Event is not capable of being cured, the amount necessary to reduce the Current Principal Amount of the Note to one cent.

**“Loss Absorption Notice”** means a notice which specifies that a Capital Ratio Event has occurred, the Write-Down Amount and the date on which the Write-Down will take effect. Any Loss Absorption Notice must be accompanied by a certificate of the Issuer stating that the relevant Capital Ratio Event has occurred and setting out the method of calculation of the relevant Write-Down Amount. Any Loss Absorption Notice must be delivered to the Holders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) as follows:

- (i) in the case of a Capital Ratio Event that has occurred as of any Quarterly Financial Period End Date, on or within five Business Days in Paris after the relevant COREP Reporting Date; or
- (ii) in the case of a Capital Ratio Event that has occurred as of any Extraordinary Calculation Date, on or as soon as practicable after such Extraordinary Calculation Date.

## **6.2 Consequences of a Loss Absorption Event**

A Loss Absorption Event may occur on more than one occasion and the Notes may be Written Down on more than one occasion. For the avoidance of doubt, the principal amount of a Note may never be reduced to below one cent.

Following the giving of a Loss Absorption Notice which specifies a Write-Down of the Notes, the Issuer shall procure that:

- (a) a similar notice is, or has been, given in respect of other Loss Absorbing Instruments (in accordance with their terms); and
- (b) the Current Principal Amount of each series of Loss Absorbing Instruments outstanding (if any) is written down on a pro rata basis with the Current Principal Amount of the Notes as soon as reasonably practicable following the giving of such Loss Absorption Notice.

Any Write-Down of the Notes shall not constitute an event of default or a breach of the Issuer's obligations or duties or a failure to perform by the Issuer in any manner whatsoever and shall not entitle Holders to petition for the insolvency or dissolution of the Issuer.

## **6.3 Return to Financial Health**

Subject to compliance with the Applicable Banking Regulations, if a positive Consolidated Net Income of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group is recorded at any time while the Current Principal Amount is less than the Original Principal Amount (a **“Return to Financial Health”**), the Issuer may, at its full discretion and subject to the Relevant Maximum Distributable Amount (when aggregated together with any other distributions of the kind referred to in Article 141(2) of the Capital Requirements Directive that are subject to the same limit) not being exceeded thereby, increase the Current Principal Amount of each Note (a **“Reinstatement”**) up to a maximum of the Original Principal Amount, on a pro rata basis with the other Notes and with any other Discretionary Temporary Write-Down Instruments, provided that the sum of:

- (i) the aggregate amount of the relevant Reinstatement on all the Notes; and

- (ii) the aggregate amount of any Interest Amounts (or portion of an Interest Amount) on the Notes that were calculated or paid on the basis of a Current Principal Amount lower than the Original Principal Amount at any time after the end of the previous financial year,

does not exceed the Maximum Write-Up Amount. No Reinstatement may take place when a Capital Ratio Event has occurred and is continuing or if the Reinstatement (together with all simultaneous reinstatements of other Discretionary Temporary Write-Down Instruments) would cause a Capital Ratio Event to occur.

The “**Maximum Write-Up Amount**” means the Consolidated Net Income of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group multiplied by the aggregate Original Principal Amount of all Written-Down Additional Tier 1 Instruments, divided by the total Tier 1 Capital of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group as at the date of the relevant Reinstatement.

The Issuer will not reinstate the Current Principal Amount of any Discretionary Temporary Write-Down Instruments unless it does so on a pro rata basis with a Reinstatement on the Notes.

Reinstatement may be made on one or more occasions in accordance with this Condition 6.3 until the Current Principal Amount of the Notes has been reinstated to the Original Principal Amount (save in the event of occurrence of another Loss Absorption Event).

Any decision by the Issuer to effect or not to effect any Reinstatement pursuant to this Condition 6.3 on any occasion shall not preclude it from effecting or not effecting any Reinstatement on any other occasion pursuant to this Condition 6.3.

If the Issuer decides to effect a Reinstatement pursuant to this Condition 6.3, notice of any Return to Financial Health and the amount of Reinstatement (as a percentage of the Original Principal Amount of a Note) shall be given to Holders in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*) and to the Fiscal Agent. Such notice shall be given at least seven Business Days prior to the date on which the relevant Reinstatement becomes effective.

## **7. REDEMPTION AND PURCHASE**

The Notes may not be redeemed otherwise than in accordance with this Condition 7.

### **7.1 No Fixed Redemption**

The Notes are undated perpetual obligations in respect of which there is no fixed redemption date.

### **7.2 General Redemption Option**

The Issuer may, at its option (but subject to the provisions of Condition 7.8 (*Conditions to Redemption, Purchase, Substitution and Modification*)), having given no less than 30 nor more than 45 calendar days' notice to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*)) and the Fiscal Agent, redeem all (but not some only) of the outstanding Notes on the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Call) at the relevant Redemption Amount, together with accrued interest (if any) thereon.

### **7.3 Redemption Upon the Occurrence of a Capital Event**

Upon the occurrence of a Capital Event, the Issuer may, at its option (but subject to the provisions of Condition 7.8 (*Conditions to Redemption, Purchase, Substitution and Modification*)) at any time and having given no less than 30 nor more than 45 calendar days' notice to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*)) and the Fiscal Agent, redeem all (but not some only) of the outstanding Notes at the relevant Redemption Amount, together with accrued interest (if any) thereon.

### **7.4 Redemption Upon the Occurrence of a Tax Event**

- (a) If by reason of any change in the laws or regulations of the Republic of France, or any political subdivision therein or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, or any change in

the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, becoming effective on or after the Issue Date, any interest payment under the Notes was but is no longer (whether in whole or in part) tax-deductible by the Issuer for French corporate income tax (*impôts sur les bénéfices des sociétés*) purposes (a “**Tax Deductibility Event**”), the Issuer may, at its option (but subject to the provisions of Condition 7.8 (*Conditions to Redemption, Purchase, Substitution and Modification*)), at any time, subject to having given no less than 30 nor more than 45 calendar days’ notice to Holders (in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*)) and the Fiscal Agent, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes then outstanding at the Redemption Amount together with accrued interest (if any) thereon, provided that the due date for redemption of which notice hereunder may be given shall be no earlier than the latest practicable date on which the Issuer could make such payment with interest payable being tax deductible for French corporate income tax purposes to the same extent as it was at the Issue Date.

(b) If by reason of a change in the laws or regulations of the Republic of France, or any political subdivision therein or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, becoming effective on or after the Issue Date, the Issuer would on the occasion of the next payment of principal or interest due in respect of the Notes, not be able to make such payment without having to pay additional amounts as specified under Condition 9 (*Taxation*) (a “**Withholding Tax Event**”), the Issuer may, at its option (but subject to the provisions of Condition 7.8 (*Conditions to Redemption, Purchase, Substitution and Modification*)), at any time, subject to having given no less than 30 nor more than 45 calendar days’ notice to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*)) and the Fiscal Agent, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes then outstanding at the Redemption Amount together with accrued interest (if any) thereon, provided that the due date for redemption of which notice hereunder may be given shall be no earlier than the latest practicable date on which the Issuer could make payment of principal and interest without withholding for French taxes.

(c) If the Issuer would on the next payment of principal or interest in respect of the Notes be prevented by French law from making payment to the Holders of the full amount then due and payable (including any additional amounts which would be payable pursuant to Condition 9 (*Taxation*) but for the operation of such French law) (a “**Gross-Up Event**”), then the Issuer shall (subject to the provisions of Condition 7.8 (*Conditions to Redemption, Purchase, Substitution and Modification*)) forthwith give notice of such fact to the Fiscal Agent and the Issuer shall upon giving not less than ten Business Days prior notice to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*)) and the Fiscal Agent, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes then outstanding at the Redemption Amount together with accrued interest (if any) thereon, provided that the due date for redemption of which notice hereunder shall be given shall be no earlier than the latest practicable date on which the Issuer could make payment of the full amount of principal and interest payable without withholding for French taxes or, if such date has passed, as soon as practicable thereafter.

The Issuer will not give notice under this Condition 7.4 unless (i) it has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Relevant Regulator that the change referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above is material and was not reasonably foreseeable at the time of issuance of the Notes or (ii) it otherwise complies, to the satisfaction of the Relevant Regulator, with the requirements applicable to redemption for tax reasons under the Applicable Banking Regulations.

## **7.5 Purchase**

The Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries may at any time (but subject to the provisions of Condition 7.8 (*Conditions to Redemption, Purchase, Substitution and Modification*)) purchase Notes in the open market or otherwise and at any price in accordance with Applicable Banking Regulations.

Notes repurchased by or on behalf of the Issuer may be purchased and held in accordance with Article L.213-1-A of the French *Code monétaire et financier* for market making purposes for a maximum period of one year from the date of purchase in accordance with Article D. 213-1-A of the French *Code monétaire et financier*. The Issuer or any agent on its behalf shall have the right at all times to purchase the Notes for market making purposes provided that: (a) the prior written approval of the Relevant Regulator shall be obtained; and (b) the total principal amount of the Notes so purchased does not exceed the lower of (i) 10% of the aggregate Original Principal Amount of the

Notes and any further Notes issued under Condition 13 (*Further Issues*) and (ii) 3% of the Additional Tier 1 Capital of the Issuer from time to time outstanding.

## **7.6 Cancellation**

All Notes that are purchased (except purchased pursuant to Article L.213-1-A of the French *Code monétaire et financier*) or redeemed will forthwith (but subject to the provisions of Condition 7.8 (*Conditions to Redemption, Purchase, Substitution and Modification*)) be cancelled. All Notes so cancelled and the Notes purchased and cancelled pursuant to Condition 7.5 (*Purchase*) above shall be forwarded to the Fiscal Agent and cannot be reissued or resold.

## **7.7 Substitution and Modification**

Subject to the provisions of Condition 7.8 (*Conditions to Redemption, Purchase, Substitution and Modification*) and having given no less than 30 nor more than 45 calendar days' notice to the Holders (in accordance with Condition 14 (*Notices*)) and the Fiscal Agent, if a Capital Event, Tax Event or Alignment Event occurred and is continuing, the Issuer may substitute all (but not some only) of the Notes or modify the terms of all (but not some only) of the Notes, without any requirement for the consent or approval of the Holders, so that they become or remain Qualifying Notes.

Any such notice shall specify the relevant details of the manner in which such substitution or modification shall take effect and where the Holders can inspect or obtain copies of the new terms and conditions of the Notes. Such substitution or modification will be effected without any cost or charge to the Holders.

An "**Alignment Event**" shall be deemed to have occurred if the Applicable Banking Regulations have been amended to permit an instrument of the Issuer with New Terms to be treated as Additional Tier 1 Capital.

"**New Terms**" means, at any time, any terms and conditions of a capital instrument issued by the Issuer that are different in any material respect from the terms and conditions of the Notes at such time.

## **7.8 Conditions to Redemption, Purchase, Substitution and Modification**

The Notes may only be redeemed, purchased, cancelled, substituted, varied or modified (as applicable) pursuant to Condition 7.2 (*General Redemption Option*), Condition 7.3 (*Redemption Upon the Occurrence of a Capital Event*), Condition 7.4 (*Redemption Upon the Occurrence of a Tax Event*), Condition 7.5 (*Purchase*), Condition 7.6 (*Cancellation*), Condition 7.7 (*Substitution and Modification*) or Condition 12.1 (*Modification and Amendment*), as the case may be, if all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) subject to the Relevant Regulator having given its prior written approval to such redemption, purchase, cancellation, substitution, variation or modification (as applicable); in this respect, the CRD IV Regulation provides that the Relevant Regulator shall grant permission to a redemption or repurchase of the Notes provided that either of the following conditions is met, as applicable to the Notes:
  - (i) on or before such redemption or repurchase of the Notes, the Issuer replaces the Notes with instruments qualifying as Tier 1 Capital of an equal or higher quality on terms that are sustainable for the Issuer's income capacity; or
  - (ii) the Issuer has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Relevant Regulator that the Tier 1 Capital and the Tier 2 Capital of the Issuer would, following such redemption or repurchase, exceed the capital ratios required under CRD IV by a margin that the Relevant Regulator may consider necessary on the basis set out in CRD IV for it to determine the appropriate level of capital of an institution;
- (b) if, in the case of a redemption as a result of a Special Event, the Issuer has delivered an officer's certificate to the Fiscal Agent (and copies thereof will be available at the Fiscal

Agent's Specified Office during its normal business hours) not less than 5 Business Days prior to the date set for redemption that such Special Event has occurred or will occur no more than 90 days following the date fixed for redemption, as the case may be; and

- (c) if, in the case of redemption, the Current Principal Amount of each Note is equal to its Original Principal Amount.

## **8. PAYMENTS**

### **8.1 Principal**

Payment of the principal on the Notes, will be made to the registered Holders thereof at the office of the Fiscal Agent, or such other office or agency of the Issuer maintained by it for that purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; *provided, however*, that payment of the principal on such Notes will be made to the registered Holders thereof in immediately available funds at such office or such other offices or agencies if such Notes are presented to the Fiscal Agent or any other paying agent in time for the Fiscal Agent or such other paying agent to make such payments in accordance with its normal procedures.

### **8.2 Interest**

Payments of interest will be made to the registered Holders thereof at the office of the Fiscal Agent, or such other office or agency of the Issuer maintained by it for that purpose in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts; *provided, however*, that payment of the interest on such Notes due on a date other than a Redemption Date will be made to the registered Holders thereof in immediately available funds at such office or such other offices or agencies if such Notes are presented to the Fiscal Agent or any other paying agent in time for the Fiscal Agent or such other paying agent to make such payments in accordance with its normal procedures; and, *provided, further*, that at the option of the Issuer, payment of interest on any Interest Payment Date other than a Redemption Date, may be made by check mailed to the address of the person entitled thereto as such address shall appear in the security register unless that address is in the Issuer's country of incorporation or, if different, country of tax residence; and, *provided, further*, that notwithstanding the foregoing, a registered Holder of US\$10,000,000 or more in aggregate principal amount of such Notes having the same Interest Payment Date will be entitled to receive payments of interest, other than interest due on a Redemption Date, by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account at a bank located in The City of New York (or other location consented to by the Issuer) if appropriate wire transfer instructions have been received by the Fiscal Agent or any other paying agent in writing not less than 15 calendar days prior to the applicable Interest Payment Date.

### **8.3 Record Dates**

Payments of interest will be made to the Person who is the registered Holder thereof on the regular record date immediately preceding the relevant Interest Payment Date. A regular record date will be the 15<sup>th</sup> calendar day preceding an Interest Payment Date, except that so long as the Notes are represented by Global Notes held in DTC, the regular record date shall be the Payment Business Day immediately preceding the Interest Payment Date. Any interest that is not paid when due (and not cancelled in accordance with Condition 5 (*Interest and Interest Cancellation*)) shall be paid to the Person who is the registered Holder thereof on the regular record date immediately preceding the Interest Payment Date on which such interest is paid or, if not paid on an Interest Payment Date, on a special record date determined in accordance with the Fiscal Agency Agreement.

### **8.4 Payments Subject to Fiscal Laws**

All payments in respect of the Notes are subject in all cases to (i) any applicable fiscal or other laws and regulations in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 9 (*Taxation*), and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "**Code**") or otherwise imposed

pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, (or any regulations or agreements thereunder or official interpretations thereof) or an intergovernmental agreement between the United States and another jurisdiction facilitating the implementation thereof (or any law implementing such an intergovernmental agreement) (collectively, "FATCA"). No commissions or expenses shall be charged to the Holders in respect of such payments.

## **8.5 Payments on Business Days**

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

## **9. TAXATION**

### **9.1 Gross Up**

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes by or on behalf of the Issuer shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for or on account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or on behalf of the Republic of France or any political subdivision therein or any authority or agency therein or thereof having power to tax, unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments, or governmental charges is required by law. In that event, the Issuer shall pay, to the fullest extent permitted by law, such additional amounts as will result in receipt by the Holders after such withholding or deduction of such amounts as would have been received by them had no such withholding or deduction been required, except that no such additional amounts shall be payable in relation to any payment in respect of any Note:

- (a) to, or to a third party on behalf of, a Holder that is liable to such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Note by reason of it having some connection with the Republic of France other than:
  - (i) the mere holding of the Note; or
  - (ii) the receipt of principal, interest or any other amount in respect of such Note; or
- (b) presented for payment (where presentation is required) more than 30 days after the Relevant Date, except to the extent that the relevant Holder would have been entitled to such additional amounts on presenting the same for payment on or before the expiry of such period of 30 days; or
- (c) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual or to a residual entity as set out in Article 4(2) of European Council Directive 2003/48/EC and is required to be made pursuant to such Directive or any other Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council meeting of November 26-27, 2000 or any subsequent meeting of the ECOFIN Council on the taxation of savings income, or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive or Directives; or
- (d) presented for payment (where presentation is required) by or on behalf of a Holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note to another Paying Agent in a Member State; or
- (e) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on any payment by reason of FATCA.

### **9.2 Supply of Information**

Each Holder of the Notes shall be responsible for supplying to the Paying Agent, in a timely manner, any information as may be required in order to comply with the identification and reporting obligations imposed on it by the European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any other Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council Meeting of November 26-27, 2000 or any subsequent meeting of

the ECOFIN Council, on the taxation of savings income, or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to such Directive or Directives.

## **10. PRESCRIPTION**

Claims for principal shall become void unless the relevant Notes are presented for payment within ten years of the appropriate Relevant Date. Claims for interest shall become void unless the relevant Notes are presented for payment within five years of the appropriate Relevant Date.

## **11. REPLACEMENT OF NOTES**

If any Note is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the Specified Office of the Fiscal Agent (and, if the Notes are then admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system that requires the appointment of a paying agent in any particular place, the Fiscal Agent having its Specified Office in the place required by such listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system), subject to all applicable laws and listing authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system requirements, upon payment by the claimant of the expenses incurred in connection with such replacement and on such terms as to evidence, security, indemnity and otherwise as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Notes must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

## **12. MEETINGS OF HOLDERS; MODIFICATION; SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS**

As the Notes are being issued outside of the Republic of France within the meaning of Article L.228-90 of the French *Code de Commerce* and as the Notes are governed by and construed in accordance with New York law (save for Condition 4 (*Status of the Notes*), which is governed by and construed in accordance with French law), the provisions of the French *Code de commerce* relating to the *masse* will not apply to the Noteholders.

### **12.1 Modification and Amendment**

The Issuer may at any time call a meeting of the holders of Notes to seek their approval of the modification of or amendment to, or obtain a waiver of, any provision of the Notes. This meeting will be held at the time and place determined by the Issuer and specified in a notice of such meeting furnished to the holders. This notice must be given at least 30 days and not more than 60 days prior to the meeting.

The Issuer may also seek the consent of the Holders to any such modification, amendment or waiver without holding a meeting. So long as the Notes clear through the facilities of DTC, any such consent solicitation may be made through the applicable procedures at DTC.

With respect to the Notes, the Issuer may, with the consent of the holders of not less than a majority of the principal amount of the then outstanding Notes or the consent of a majority of the principal amount of notes present and voting at a meeting where a quorum is present, modify and amend the provisions of such Notes, including to grant waivers of future compliance or past default (other than a payment default) by the Issuer, and if so required, the Issuer will instruct the relevant Agent to give effect to any such amendment, as the case may be, at the sole expense of the Issuer. Except to the extent permitted by Condition 7.7 (*Substitution and Modification*), no such amendment or modification shall, however, without the consent of each Noteholder affected thereby, with respect to Notes owned or held by such Noteholder:

- (a) change the stated maturity of principal of or any installment of principal of or interest, if any, on, any such Note;
- (b) reduce the principal amount of, or any interest on, any such Note or any premium payable upon the redemption thereof with respect thereto;
- (c) change the currency of payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest, if any, on any such Note;

- (d) impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on any such Note;
- (e) reduce the above stated percentage of holders of Notes necessary to modify or amend the Notes; or
- (f) modify any of the provisions of this Clause 12, except to increase any such percentage in aggregate principal amount required for any actions by Noteholders or to provide that certain other provisions of the Notes cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Noteholder of each outstanding Note affected thereby.

The Issuer may also agree to amend any provision of any Notes with the holder thereof, but that amendment will not affect the rights of the other Noteholders or the obligations of the Issuer with respect to the other Noteholders.

In addition to the substitutions and variations permitted without the consent of the Holders by Condition 7.7 (*Substitution and Modification*), no consent of the Noteholders is or will be required for any modification or amendment requested by the Issuer or by the Fiscal Agent with the consent of the Issuer to:

- (a) add to the Issuer's covenants for the benefit of the Noteholders;
- (b) surrender any right or power of the Issuer in respect of the Notes or the Fiscal Agency Agreement;
- (c) provide security or collateral for the Notes;
- (d) cure any ambiguity in any provision, or correct any defective provision, of the Notes;
- (e) change the terms and conditions of the Notes or the Fiscal Agency Agreement in any manner that the Issuer deems necessary or desirable so long as any such change does not, and will not, adversely affect the rights or interest of any affected Noteholder.

## **12.2 Meetings of Holders**

If at any time the holders of at least 10% in principal amount for the then outstanding Notes request the Issuer to call a meeting of the holders of such Notes for any purpose, by written request setting forth in reasonable detail the action proposed to be taken at the meeting, the Issuer will call the meeting for such purpose. This meeting will be held at the time and place determined by the Issuer and specified in a notice of such meeting furnished to the Noteholders. This notice must be given at least 30 days and not more than 60 days prior to the meeting.

Noteholders who hold a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes will constitute a quorum at a Noteholders' meeting. In the absence of a quorum, a meeting may be adjourned for a period of at least 20 days. At the reconvening of a meeting adjourned for lack of quorum, holders of 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding Notes shall constitute a quorum. Notice of the reconvening of any meeting may be given only once, but must be given at least ten days and not more than 15 days prior to the meeting.

## **12.3 Supplemental Agreements**

Subject to the terms of this Condition 12, the Issuer and the Fiscal Agent may enter into an agreement or agreements supplemental to the Fiscal Agency Agreement for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of the Fiscal Agency Agreement. Upon the execution of any supplemental agreement under the Fiscal Agency Agreement, the Fiscal Agency Agreement shall be modified in accordance therewith, and such supplemental agreement shall form a part of the Fiscal Agency Agreement for all purposes. The Fiscal Agent may, but shall not be obligated to, enter into any such supplemental agreement which affects the Fiscal Agent's own rights, duties or immunities under the Fiscal Agency Agreement or otherwise. If the Issuer shall so determine, new Notes, modified so as to conform, in the opinion of the Fiscal Agent

and the Issuer, to any such supplemental agreement may be prepared and executed by the Issuer and authenticated and delivered by the Fiscal Agent in exchange for the Notes.

#### **12.4 Maintenance of Paying Agent**

The Issuer shall at all times maintain a Paying Agent in a jurisdiction that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any other Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council meeting of November 26-27, 2000 or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive.

### **13. FURTHER ISSUES**

The Issuer may from time to time, without the consent of the Holders, create and issue further Notes having the same Terms and Conditions as the Notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the first payment of interest, if any, on them and/or the issue price thereof) so as to form a single series with the Notes.

### **14. NOTICES**

Notices to Holders will be provided to the addresses of the Holders that appear on the Security Register of the Notes. So long as the Notes are in the form of Global Notes held through DTC, notices shall be given through the facilities, and in accordance with the procedures, of DTC.

The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in a manner which complies with the rules of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Notes are for the time being listed or by which they have been admitted to trading.

### **15. GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION**

#### **15.1 Governing Law**

The Notes, the Fiscal Agency Agreement and any non-contractual obligations arising therefrom or in connection therewith, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, except for Condition 4 (*Status of the Notes*), which shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law.

#### **15.2 Submission to Jurisdiction and Consent to Service of Process in New York**

The Issuer consents to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York and the U.S. courts located in The City of New York, Borough of Manhattan, with respect to any action that may be brought in connection with the Notes. The Issuer has appointed CT Corporation System as its agent upon whom process may be served in any action brought against it in any U.S. or New York State court in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, in connection with the Notes.

## FORM OF NOTES, CLEARANCE AND SETTLEMENT

### General

The Notes are being offered and sold only:

- to QIBs in reliance on Rule 144A (“**Rule 144A Notes**”), or
- to persons other than U.S. persons (as defined in Regulation S) in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S (“**Regulation S Notes**”).

The Notes will be issued in fully registered global form in denominations of US\$200,000 and integral multiples of US\$1,000 in excess thereof. Notes will be issued on the issue date therefor only against payment in immediately available funds.

The Rule 144A Notes will be represented by one or more global notes in definitive, registered form without interest coupons (the “**Rule 144A Global Note**”). The Regulation S notes will be represented by one or more permanent global notes in definitive, registered form without interest coupons (the “**Regulation S Global Note**,” together with the Rule 144A Global Note, the “**Global Notes**” and each a “**Global Note**”). The Global Notes will be deposited upon issuance with the Fiscal Agent as custodian for DTC and registered in the name of DTC or its nominee for credit to an account of a direct or indirect participant in DTC, including Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, as described below under “— *Depository Procedures*.”

Except as set forth below, the Global Notes may be transferred, in whole and not in part, only to another nominee of DTC or to a successor of DTC or its nominee. Beneficial interests in the Global Notes may not be exchanged for Notes in certificated form except in the limited circumstances described under “—*Exchange of Book-Entry Notes for Certificated Notes*.”

The Notes will be subject to certain restrictions on transfer and the Rule 144A Notes will, unless otherwise permitted under the Fiscal Agency Agreement, bear a restrictive legend as described under “*Notice to U.S. Investors*.” In addition, transfers of beneficial interests in the Global Notes will be subject to the applicable rules and procedures of DTC and its direct or indirect participants (including, if applicable, those of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg), which may change from time to time.

### Depository Procedures

The following description of the operations and procedures of DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg are provided solely as a matter of convenience. These operations and procedures are solely within the control of the respective settlement systems and are subject to changes by them. The Issuer takes no responsibility for these operations and procedures and urge investors to contact the systems or their participants directly to discuss these matters.

DTC is a limited-purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a “banking organization” within the meaning of the New York State Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a “clearing corporation” within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a “clearing agency” registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”). DTC was created to hold securities for its participating organizations (collectively, the “**Participants**”) and facilitate the clearance and settlement of transactions in those securities between Participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of its Participants. The Participants include securities brokers and dealers (including the Managers), banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. Access to DTC’s system is also available to other entities such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a Participant, either directly or indirectly (collectively, the “**Indirect Participants**”). Persons who are not Participants may beneficially own securities held by or on behalf of DTC only through Participants or Indirect Participants. DTC has no knowledge of the identity of beneficial owners of securities held by or on behalf of DTC. DTC’s records reflect only the identity of Participants to whose accounts securities are credited. The ownership interests and transfer of ownership interests of each beneficial owner of each security held by or on behalf of DTC are recorded on the records of the Participants and Indirect Participants.

Pursuant to procedures established by DTC:

- upon deposit of the Global Notes, DTC will credit the accounts of Participants designated by the Managers with portions of the principal amount of the Global Notes, and
- ownership of such interests in the Global Notes will be maintained by DTC (with respect to the Participants) or by the Participants and the Indirect Participants (with respect to other owners of beneficial interests in the Global Notes).

Investors in the Global Notes may hold their interests therein directly through DTC, if they are Participants in such system, or indirectly through organizations (including, in case of the Regulation S Global Note, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg) that are Participants or Indirect Participants in such system. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will hold interests in the Regulation S Global Note on behalf of their participants through customers' securities accounts in their respective names on the books of their respective depositories. The depositories, in turn, will hold interests in the Global Notes in customers' securities accounts in the depositories' names on the books of DTC.

All interests in the Global Notes, including those held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, will be subject to the procedures and requirements of DTC. Those interests held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg will also be subject to the procedures and requirements of these systems. The laws of some jurisdictions require that certain persons take physical delivery of certificates evidencing securities they own. Consequently, the ability to transfer beneficial interests in a Global Note to such persons will be limited to that extent. Because DTC can act only on behalf of Participants, which in turn act on behalf of Indirect Participants, the ability of beneficial owners of interests in the Global Notes to pledge such interests to persons or entities that do not participate in the DTC system, or otherwise take actions in respect of such interests, may be affected by the lack of a physical certificate evidencing such interests. For certain other restrictions on the transferability of the Notes, see "*—Exchange of Book-Entry Notes for Certificated Notes.*"

**Except as described below, owners of interests in the Global Notes will not have Notes registered in their names, will not receive physical delivery of Notes in certificated form and will not be considered the registered owners or Holders thereof for any purpose.**

Payments in respect of the principal of and premium, if any, and interest on a Global Note registered in the name of DTC or its nominee will be payable by the Fiscal Agent to DTC in its capacity as the registered Holder under the Fiscal Agency Agreement. The Issuer and the Fiscal Agent will treat the persons in whose names the Notes, including the Global Notes, are registered as the owners thereof for the purpose of receiving such payments and for any and all other purposes whatsoever. Consequently, none of the Issuer, the Fiscal Agent or any agent of the Issuer or the Fiscal Agent has or will have any responsibility or liability for:

- any aspect of DTC's records or any Participant's or Indirect Participant's records relating to, or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in, the Global Notes, or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any of DTC's records or any Participant's or Indirect Participant's records relating to the beneficial ownership interests in the Global Notes, or
- any other matter relating to the actions and practices of DTC or any of its Participants or Indirect Participants.

The Issuer understands that DTC's current practice, upon receipt of any payment in respect of securities such as the Notes (including principal and interest), is to credit the accounts of the relevant Participants with the payment on the payment date in amounts proportionate to their respective holdings in the principal amount of the relevant security as shown on the records of DTC, unless DTC has reason to believe it will not receive payment on such payment date. Payments by the Participants and the Indirect Participants to the beneficial owners of the Notes will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices and will be the responsibility of the Participants or the Indirect Participants and will not be the responsibility of DTC, the Fiscal Agent or us. Neither the Issuer nor the Fiscal Agent will be liable for any delay by DTC or any of its Participants in identifying the beneficial owners of the Notes, and the Issuer and the Fiscal Agent may conclusively rely on and will be protected in relying on instructions from DTC or its nominee for all purposes.

Except for trades involving only Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg participants, interests in the Global Notes are expected to be eligible to trade in DTC's Same-Day Funds Settlement System and secondary market trading activity in such interests will therefore settle in immediately available funds, subject in all cases to the rules and procedures of DTC and its Participants.

Transfers between Participants in DTC will be effected in accordance with DTC's procedures, and will be settled in same-day funds, and transfers between participants in Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will be effected in the ordinary way in accordance with their respective rules and operating procedures.

Cross-market transfers between Participants in DTC, on the one hand, and Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg participants, on the other hand, will be effected through DTC in accordance with DTC's rules on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, by their depositaries. Cross-market transactions will require delivery of instructions to Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, by the counterparty in that system in accordance with the rules and procedures and within the established deadlines (Brussels time) of that system. Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg, as the case may be, will, if the transaction meets its settlement requirements, deliver instructions to its respective depositaries to take action to effect final settlement on its behalf by delivering or receiving interests in the relevant Global Note in DTC, and making or receiving payment in accordance with normal procedures for same-day funds settlement applicable to DTC. Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg participants may not deliver instructions directly to the depositaries for Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Because of time zone differences, the securities account of a Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg participant purchasing an interest in a Global Note from a Participant in DTC will be credited and reported to the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg participant, during the securities settlement processing day (which must be a business day for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg) immediately following the settlement date of DTC. The Issuer understands that cash received in Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as a result of sales of interests in a Global Note by or through a Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg participant to a Participant in DTC will be received with value on the settlement date of DTC but will be available in the relevant Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg cash account only as of the business day for Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg following DTC's settlement date.

The Issuer understands that DTC will take any action permitted to be taken by a Holder of Notes only at the direction of one or more Participants to whose account with DTC interests in a Global Note are credited and only in respect of such portion of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes as to which such Participant or Participants has or have given such direction.

Although DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg have agreed to the foregoing procedures to facilitate transfers of interests in the Global Note among participants in DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, they are under no obligation to perform or to continue to perform such procedures, and the procedures may be discontinued at any time. Neither the Issuer nor the Fiscal Agent will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC, Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or their respective participants or indirect participants of their respective obligations under the rules and procedures governing their operations.

The information in this section concerning DTC, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and their book-entry systems has been obtained from sources that the Issuer believes to be reliable, but the Issuer takes no responsibility for the accuracy thereof.

#### **Exchange of Book-Entry Notes for Certificated Notes**

The Global Notes are exchangeable for certificated Notes in definitive form without interest coupons only in the following limited circumstances:

- DTC notifies the Issuer that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depositary for the Global Notes or DTC ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act at a time when DTC is required to be so registered in order to act as depositary, and in each case the Issuer fails to appoint a successor depositary within 90 days of such notice; or

- the Issuer, at its option, notifies the Fiscal Agent in writing that the Issuer elects to cause the issuance of Notes in definitive form under the Fiscal Agency Agreement subject to the procedures of the depository.

In all cases, certificated Notes delivered in exchange for any Rule 144A Global Note or beneficial interests therein will be registered in the names, and issued in any approved denominations, requested by or on behalf of DTC (in accordance with its customary procedures) and will bear the applicable restrictive legend referred to in “*Notice to U.S. Investors*” unless the Issuer determines otherwise in accordance with the Fiscal Agency Agreement and in compliance with applicable law.

### **Exchanges Between a Regulation S Global Note and Rule 144A Global Note**

During the Distribution Compliance Period (as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act), beneficial interests in the Regulation S Global Note may be exchanged for beneficial interests in a Rule 144A Global Note only if such exchange occurs in connection with a transfer of the Notes pursuant to Rule 144A and the transferor first delivers to the Fiscal Agent a written certificate to the effect that the Notes are being transferred to a person who the transferor reasonably believes is a qualified institutional buyer within the meaning of Rule 144A, purchasing for its own account or the account of a qualified institutional buyer in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A and in accordance with all applicable securities laws of the states of the United States and other jurisdictions.

Beneficial interests in a Rule 144A Global Note may be transferred to a person who takes delivery in the form of an interest in the corresponding Regulation S Global Note, whether before or after the expiration of the Distribution Compliance Period, only if the transferor first delivers to the Fiscal Agent a written certificate to the effect that such transfer is being made in accordance with Rule 903 or Rule 904 of Regulation S.

Transfers involving an exchange of a beneficial interest in the Regulation S Global Note for a beneficial interest in the Rule 144A Global Note or vice versa will be effected in DTC by means of an instruction originated by the Fiscal Agent through the DTC Deposit/Withdraw at Custodian system. Accordingly, in connection with any transfer, appropriate adjustments will be made to reflect a decrease in the principal amount of the Regulation S Global Note and a corresponding increase in the principal amount of the Rule 144A Global Note or vice versa, as applicable. Any beneficial interest in one of the Global Notes that is transferred to a person who takes delivery in the form of an interest in another Global Note will, upon transfer, cease to be an interest in such Global Note and will become an interest in the other Global Note and, accordingly, will thereafter be subject to all transfer restrictions and other procedures applicable to beneficial interests in such other Global Note for so long as it remains such an interest.

## TAXATION

### EU Savings Directive

Under Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income (the “**Savings Directive**”), each Member State of the European Union is required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest or other similar income paid by a person within its jurisdiction to, or secured by such a person for, an individual beneficial owner resident in, or certain limited types of entity established in, that other Member State. However, for a transitional period, Austria and Luxembourg will (unless during such period they elect otherwise) instead operate a withholding system in relation to such payments. Under such a withholding system, the beneficial owner of the interest payment must be allowed to elect that certain provision of information procedures should be applied instead of withholding. The rate of withholding is 35%. The transitional period is to terminate at the end of the first full fiscal year following agreement by certain non-EU countries to exchange of information procedures relating to interest and other similar income. The Luxembourg government has announced that Luxembourg will elect out of the withholding system in favor of automatic exchange of information with effect from January 1, 2015.

A number of non-EU countries and certain dependent or associated territories of certain Member States have adopted similar measures to the Savings Directive. The European Commission has proposed certain amendments to the Savings Directive, which may, if implemented, amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above. Investors should inform themselves of, and where appropriate take advice on, the impact of the Savings Directive, once amended, on their investment.

### French Taxation Considerations Relating to the Notes

*The descriptions below are intended as a brief summary of certain French tax consequences that may be relevant to holders of Notes who do not concurrently hold shares of the Issuer and are not otherwise affiliated with the Issuer within the meaning of Article 39,12 of the French Code général des impôts. Persons who are in any doubt as to their tax position should consult a professional tax adviser.*

*The Notes are novel instruments and contain a number of features that are not present in other securities issued regularly in the market. There is no judicial or administrative interpretation relating to the application of French tax laws and regulations to instruments such as the Notes. The Issuer will treat the Notes as debt instruments for French tax purposes. The discussion in this section is based on this treatment of the Notes.*

The Savings Directive was implemented into French law under Article 242 *ter* of the French *Code général des impôts*, which imposes on paying agents based in France an obligation to report to the French tax authorities certain information with respect to interest payments made to beneficial owners domiciled in another Member State, including, among things, the identity and address of the beneficial owner and a detailed list of the different categories of interest paid to that beneficial owner.

Pursuant to Article 125 A III of the French *Code général des impôts*, payments of interest and other revenues made by the Issuer on the Notes are not subject to withholding tax unless such payments are made outside of France in a non-cooperative State or territory within the meaning of Article 238-0 A of the French *Code général des impôts* (a “**Non-Cooperative State**”), in which case a 75% withholding tax is applicable subject to exceptions, certain of which being set forth below, and to more favorable provisions of any applicable double tax treaty. The 75% withholding tax is applicable irrespective of the tax residence of the Noteholder. The list of Non-Cooperative States is published by a ministerial executive order, which is updated on a yearly basis.

Furthermore, according to Article 238 A of the French *Code général des impôts*, interest and other revenues will not be deductible from the Issuer's taxable income, as from the fiscal years starting on or after January 1, 2011, if they are paid or accrued to persons domiciled or established in a Non-Cooperative State or paid to a bank account opened in a financial institution located in such a Non-Cooperative State. Under certain conditions, any such non-deductible interest or other revenues may be recharacterised as constructive dividends pursuant to Articles 109 et seq. of the French *Code*

*général des impôts*, in which case such non-deductible interest and other revenues may be subject to the withholding tax set out under Article 119 *bis* 2 of the same Code, at a rate of 30% or 75%, subject to more favorable provisions of any applicable double tax treaty.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, neither the 75% withholding tax provided by Article 125 A III of the French *Code général des impôts*, the non-deductibility of the interest and other revenues nor the withholding tax set out under Article 119 *bis* 2 that may be levied as a result of such non-deductibility, to the extent the relevant interest or revenues relate to genuine transactions and is not in an abnormal or exaggerated amount, will apply in respect of a particular issue of Notes provided that the Issuer can prove that the main purpose and effect of such issue of Notes is not that of allowing the payments of interest or other revenues to be made in a Non-Cooperative State (the “**Exception**”).

In addition, under French tax administrative guidelines (BOI-INT-DG-20-50-20120912) dated September 12, 2012, an issue of Notes benefits from the Exception without the Issuer having to provide any evidence supporting the main purpose and effect of such issue of Notes, if such Notes are:

- (i) offered by means of a public offer within the meaning of Article L. 411-1 of the French Code *monétaire et financier* or pursuant to an equivalent offer in a State other than a Non-Cooperative State. For this purpose, an “equivalent offer” means any offer requiring the registration or submission of an offer document by or with a foreign securities market authority;
- (ii) admitted to trading on a regulated market or on a French or foreign multilateral securities trading system provided that such market or system is not located in a Non-Cooperative State, and the operation of such market is carried out by a market operator or an investment services provider, or by such other similar foreign entity, provided further that such market operator, investment services provider or entity is not located in a Non-Cooperative State; or
- (iii) admitted, at the time of their issue, to the operations of a central depository or of a securities clearing and delivery and payments systems operator within the meaning of Article L.561-2 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*, or of one or more similar foreign depositories or operators provided that such depositories or operators are not located in a Non-Cooperative State.

Since the Notes will be cleared through a qualifying clearing system at the time of their issue, they will fall under the Exception. Consequently, payments of interest and other revenues made by the Issuer under the Notes will not be subject to the withholding tax set out under Article 125 A III of the French *Code général des impôts*.

Pursuant to Article 9 of the 2013 French Finance Law (*loi n°2012-1509 du 29 décembre 2012 de finances pour 2013*) subject to certain exceptions, interest and similar revenues received from January 1, 2013 by French tax resident individuals are subject to a 24% withholding tax, which is deductible from their personal income tax liability in respect of the year in which the payment has been made. Social contributions (CSG, CRDS and other related contributions) are also levied by way of withholding tax at an aggregate rate of 15.5% on interest paid to French tax resident individuals.

### **Taxation on Sale or Other Disposition**

Under article 244 *bis* C of the French *Code general des impôts*, a person that is not a resident of France for the purpose of French taxation generally is not subject to any French income tax or capital gains tax on any gain derived from the sale or other disposition of a debt security, unless such debt security forms part of the business property of a permanent establishment or a fixed base that such person maintains in France.

### **U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations Relating to the Notes**

The following is a summary of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to a beneficial owner of the Notes. For purposes of this summary, a “**U.S. Holder**” means a person that

for U.S. federal income tax purposes is a beneficial owner of a Note and is a citizen or resident of the United States, a domestic corporation or is otherwise subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis in respect of the Notes. A **“Non-U.S. Holder”** means a beneficial owner of Notes that is not a U.S. Holder. This summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to purchase the Notes. In particular, the summary deals only with holders that will acquire Notes as part of the initial offering and will hold them as capital assets. It does not address all the tax consequences that may apply to holders subject to special tax rules, such as banks, insurance companies, dealers in securities, tax-exempt entities, certain financial institutions, traders in securities that elect to use the mark-to-market method of accounting for their securities, partnerships that hold the Notes or partners therein, non-U.S. persons who are individuals present in the United States for 183 days or more within a taxable year, or persons that hedge their exposure in our securities or will hold the Notes as a position in a “straddle” or “conversion” transaction or as part of a “synthetic security” or other integrated financial transaction.

Moreover, this discussion does not address any tax consequences relating to the alternative minimum tax or the Medicare tax on investment income or any U.S. federal tax consequences other than U.S. federal income tax consequences (such as the estate or gift tax). This discussion does not address U.S. state, local and non-U.S. tax consequences. You should consult your tax adviser with respect to the U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences of acquiring, owning or disposing of the Notes in your particular circumstances.

**To ensure compliance with U.S. Treasury Department Circular 230, prospective investors are hereby notified that: (a) any discussion of U.S. federal tax issues in this Prospectus is not intended or written to be relied upon, and cannot be relied upon, by holders for the purpose of avoiding penalties that may be imposed on holders under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code; (b) the discussion is included herein in connection with the promotion or marketing (within the meaning of Circular 230) by the Issuer of the transactions or matters addressed herein; and (c) holders should seek advice based on their particular circumstances from an independent tax advisor.**

### ***U.S. Holders***

#### *Tax Treatment of Payments on the Notes*

The Notes will be treated as equity of the Issuer for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, payments of stated interest on the Notes will be treated as distributions on stock of the Issuer and as dividends to the extent paid out of the current or accumulated earnings and profits of the Issuer, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. Because the Issuer does not expect to maintain calculations of its earnings and profits under U.S. federal income tax principles, it is expected that distributions paid to U.S. Holders generally will be reported as dividends.

Subject to certain exceptions for short-term and hedged positions, dividends received by an individual generally will be subject to taxation at the maximum rate applicable to long-term capital gains if the dividends are “qualified dividends.” Subject to the discussion below under “*–PFIC Rules*”, the Issuer expects that dividends received or accrued on the Notes will be qualified dividends.

Payments received by a U.S. Holder that are treated as dividends generally will be foreign-source income and will not be eligible for the dividends-received deduction generally allowed to corporate U.S. Holders.

Subject to applicable limitations, some of which vary depending on a U.S. Holder’s circumstances, any French income taxes withheld from dividends on the Notes generally would be creditable against a U.S. Holder’s federal income tax liability. Instead of claiming a credit, a U.S. Holder may elect to deduct French income taxes in computing such holder’s taxable income, subject to generally applicable limitations. An election to deduct foreign income taxes instead of claiming foreign tax credits applies to all taxes paid or accrued in the taxable year to foreign countries and U.S. possessions. The rules governing foreign tax credits are complex; if U.S. Holders become subject to French income taxes, such holders should consult their tax advisors regarding the creditability of foreign taxes in their particular circumstances.

### *Sale, Exchange or Redemption of the Notes*

Subject to the discussion below under “—*PFIC Rules*,” a U.S. holder will recognize capital gain or loss upon the sale, exchange, redemption or other disposition of Notes in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized on such disposition and the U.S. Holder’s adjusted tax basis in the Notes. Your tax basis in a Note generally will be the price you paid for the Note. Any capital gain or loss will be long term if the Notes have been held for more than one year. The deductibility of capital losses is subject to limitations.

### *Substitution and Modification of the Notes*

The terms of the Notes provide that, in certain circumstances, the Issuer may substitute the Notes or modify the terms of the Notes. Any such substitution or modification might be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a deemed disposition of the Notes by a U.S. Holder in exchange for the new substituted or modified notes. As a result of this deemed disposition, a U.S. Holder could be required to recognize capital gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

### *PFIC Rules*

Special U.S. federal income tax rules apply to U.S. persons owning shares of a “passive foreign investment company,” or “**PFIC**.” If the Issuer is treated as a PFIC for any year during which a U.S. Holder owns the Notes, the U.S. Holder may be subject to adverse tax consequences upon a sale, exchange, or other disposition of the Notes, or upon the receipt of certain “excess distributions” in respect of the Notes. Dividends paid by a PFIC are not qualified dividends eligible to be taxed at preferential rates. Based on audited consolidated financial statements, the Issuer believes that it was not a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes with respect to its 2011 or 2012 taxable years. In addition, based on a review of the Issuer’s audited consolidated financial statements and the Issuer’s current expectations regarding the value and nature of its assets and the sources and nature of its income, the Issuer does not anticipate becoming a PFIC for the 2013 taxable year or in the foreseeable future.

### *Backup Withholding and Information Reporting*

Payments on the Notes or sales proceeds that are made within the United States or through certain U.S.-related financial intermediaries generally are subject to information reporting and to backup withholding unless (1) the U.S. Holder is a corporation or other exempt recipient or (2) in the case of backup withholding, the U.S. Holder provides a correct taxpayer identification number and certifies that the U.S. Holder is not subject to backup withholding. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules will be allowed as a refund or a credit against a U.S. holder’s U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the required information is furnished to the IRS.

### ***Non-U.S. Holders***

A Non-U.S. Holder generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax, by withholding or otherwise, on payments on the Notes, or gain realized in connection with the sale or other disposition of Notes. A Non-U.S. Holder may be required to comply with certification and identification procedures in order to establish its exemption from information reporting and backup withholding.

### **Possible FATCA Consequences Relating to the Notes**

As a result of FATCA and related intergovernmental agreements (“**IGAs**”), holders of Notes may be required to provide information and tax documentation regarding their identities as well as that of their direct and indirect owners. It is also possible that from no earlier than January 1, 2017, payments on the Notes may be subject to a withholding tax of 30% to the extent such payments are considered to be “foreign passthru payments.” Under current guidance, the term “foreign passthru payment” is not defined. It is unclear to what extent (if any) payments on securities such as the Notes would be considered “foreign passthru payments” or to what extent (if any) passthru payment withholding may be required under intergovernmental agreements. The Issuer will not pay additional amounts on account of any withholding tax imposed by FATCA.

FATCA is particularly complex and its application to the Issuer, the Notes, and the holders of the Notes is uncertain at this time. Investors are encouraged to consult with their own tax advisors regarding the possible implications of FATCA for this investment.

### **EU Proposed Financial Transactions Tax**

The European Commission has published a proposal for a Directive for a common financial transactions tax (“**FTT**”) in Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia and Slovakia (the “**participating Member States**”).

The proposed FTT has very broad scope and could, if introduced in its current form, apply to certain transactions relating to the Notes (including secondary market transactions) in certain circumstances. The FTT would impose a charge at generally not less than 0.1% of the sale price on such transactions.

Under current proposals the FTT could apply in certain circumstances to persons both within and outside of the participating Member States. Generally, it would apply to certain transactions relating to the Notes where at least one party is established in a participating Member State and a financial institution established in (or treated as established in) a participating Member State is a party to the transaction, for its own account, for the account of another person, or if the financial institution is acting in the name of a party to the transaction. A party may be deemed to be “established” in a participating Member State in a broad range of circumstances, including if its seat is there, if it is acting via a branch in that Member State (as regards branch transactions), or where the financial instrument which is the subject of the transaction is issued in a participating Member State. In addition to these cases, a financial institution may also be treated as established in a participating Member State if it is authorized there (as regards authorized transactions), or if it is entering into the financial transaction with another person who is established in that Member State.

It is currently proposed that the FTT should be introduced in the participating Member States on January 1, 2014.

The FTT proposal remains however subject to negotiation between the participating Member States and is the subject of legal challenge. It may therefore be altered prior to any implementation, the timing of which remains unclear. Additional EU Member States may decide to participate. Prospective holders of the Notes are advised to seek their own professional advice in relation to the FTT.

## BENEFIT PLAN INVESTOR CONSIDERATIONS

The U.S. Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“**ERISA**”) imposes fiduciary standards and certain other requirements on employee benefit plans subject to Title I thereof including collective investment funds, separate accounts, and other entities or accounts whose underlying assets are treated as assets of such plans pursuant to the U.S. Department of Labor regulation, 29 CFR Section 2510.3-101, as modified by Section 3(42) of ERISA (collectively, “**ERISA Plans**”) and on those persons who are fiduciaries with respect to ERISA Plans. Investments by ERISA Plans are subject to ERISA’s general fiduciary requirements, including the requirement of investment prudence and diversification and the requirement that an ERISA Plan’s investments be made in accordance with the documents governing the Plan. The prudence of a particular investment will be determined by the responsible fiduciary of an ERISA Plan by taking into account, among other factors, the ERISA Plan’s overall investment policy and the facts and circumstances of the investment including, but not limited to, the matters discussed in “*Risk Factors*” and the fact that in the future there may be no market in which the fiduciary will be able to sell or otherwise dispose of the Notes.

In addition, Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code prohibit ERISA Plans as well as plans that are subject to Section 4975 of the Code (including, without limitation, individual retirement accounts Keogh plans and any other plans that are subject to Section 4975 of the Code) and entities whose underlying assets include plan assets by reason of such plan’s investment in such entities (including, without limitation, insurance company general accounts) (collectively, “**Plans**”) and certain persons (referred to as “parties in interest” in ERISA and “disqualified persons” in the Code) having certain relationships to such Plans from engaging in certain transactions involving “plan assets,” unless a statutory or administrative exemption applies to the transaction. In particular, a sale or exchange of property or an extension of credit between a Plan and a “party in interest” or “disqualified person” may constitute a prohibited transaction. A “party in interest” or “disqualified person” who engages in a prohibited transaction may be subject to excise taxes or other liabilities under ERISA and/or the Code.

We, directly or through our affiliates, may be considered a “party in interest” or a “disqualified person” with respect to many Plans. Prohibited transactions within the meaning of Section 406 of ERISA and/or Section 4975 of the Code may arise if the Notes are acquired by a Plan with respect to which we or any of our affiliates is a “party in interest” or a “disqualified person,” unless the Notes are acquired pursuant to and in accordance with an applicable exemption. Certain exemptions from the prohibited transaction provisions of Section 406 of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code may apply depending in part on the type of Plan fiduciary making the decision to acquire a Note and the circumstances under which that decision is made. Included among these exemptions are:

- Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption (“**PTCE**”) 91-38 (relating to transactions involving bank collective investment funds),
- PTCE 84-14 (relating to transactions effected by a “qualified professional asset manager”),
- PTCE 90-1 (relating to transactions involving insurance company pooled separate accounts),
- PTCE 95-60 (relating to transactions involving insurance company general accounts),
- PTCE 96-23 (relating to transactions determined by an in-house asset manager), and
- Limited exemptions provided by Section 408(b)(17) of ERISA and Section 4975(d)(20) of the Code for the purchase and sale of the Notes and related lending transactions, provided that neither we nor any of our affiliates have or exercise any discretionary authority or control or render any investment advice with respect to the assets of the Plan involved in the transaction and provided further that the Plan pays no more, and receives no less, than adequate consideration in connection with the transaction (the so-called “service provider exemption”).

There can be no assurance that any of these exemptions or any other exemption will be available with respect to any particular transaction involving the Notes.

Each purchaser or holder of a Note, and each fiduciary who causes any entity to purchase or hold a Note (both in its corporate and its fiduciary capacity) shall be deemed to have represented and warranted, on each day such purchaser or holder holds such Notes, that either:

- (i) the purchaser or holder is neither a Plan nor a governmental, church or non-U.S. plan (each, a “**Non-ERISA Arrangement**”) that is not subject to Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code but may be subject to other laws that are substantially similar to those provisions (each, a “**Similar Law**”) and is not purchasing or holding the Notes on behalf of or with the assets of any Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement subject to Similar Law; or
- (ii) the purchase, holding and subsequent disposition of such Notes shall not constitute or result in a non-exempt prohibited transaction under Section 406 of ERISA, Section 4975 of the Code or any provision of Similar Law.

Any Plan fiduciary that proposes to cause a Plan to purchase the Notes should consult with its counsel regarding the applicability of the fiduciary responsibility and prohibited transaction provisions of ERISA and Section 4975 of the Code to such an investment, and should confirm that such investment will not constitute or result in a prohibited transaction or any other violation of an applicable requirement of ERISA or the Code. Fiduciaries of any Non-ERISA Arrangements should also consult with their counsel before purchasing the Notes.

Each purchaser of a Note will have exclusive responsibility for ensuring that its purchase, holding and subsequent disposition of the Note does not violate the fiduciary or prohibited transaction rules of ERISA, the Code or any Similar Law. The sale of the Notes to a Plan is in no respect a representation by us that such an investment meets all relevant legal requirements with respect to investments by Plans or Non-ERISA Arrangements generally or any particular Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement, or that such an investment is appropriate for Plans or Non-ERISA Arrangements generally or any particular Plan or Non-ERISA Arrangement.

Any other special considerations relevant to a particular issue of Notes will be provided in the applicable Pricing Term Sheet or Prospectus, as the case may be.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Subject to the terms and conditions in the purchase agreement, dated January 15, 2014, among the Issuer and the Managers listed below (the “**Purchase Agreement**”), each Manager named below has agreed to purchase the principal amounts of the Notes set forth opposite its name below.

<b>Managers</b>	<b>Principal Amount of Notes</b>
Barclays Capital Inc.	\$291,600,000
Credit Agricole Securities (USA) Inc.	\$292,000,000
Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC	\$291,600,000
Goldman, Sachs & Co.	\$291,600,000
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC	\$291,600,000
UniCredit Bank AG	\$291,600,000
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,750,000,000</u></b>

The Managers initially propose to offer the Notes for resale at the respective issue prices that appear on the cover of this Prospectus. After the initial offering, the Managers may change the issue prices and any other selling terms. The Managers may offer and sell Notes through certain of their affiliates. The offering of the Notes by the Managers is subject to receipt and acceptance and subject to the Managers’ right to reject any order in whole or in part.

In the purchase agreement, the Issuer has agreed that it will indemnify the Managers against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or contribute to payments that the Managers may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

### **Notes Are Not Being Registered in the U.S.**

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or the securities law of any U.S. state, and may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in the United States of America or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act (including pursuant to the exemption provided by Rule 144A) or such state securities laws. The Notes are being offered and sold only (i) to qualified institutional buyers as defined in Rule 144A, in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, and (ii) outside of the United States of America to non-U.S. persons in reliance upon an exemption from registration under the Securities Act pursuant to Regulation S. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Each Manager has agreed that:

- (i) except as permitted by the Purchase Agreement, it will not offer, sell or deliver the Notes (x) as part of their distribution at any time or (y) otherwise until after the end of the Distribution Compliance Period, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, except to qualified institutional buyers in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, and
- (ii) it will send to each dealer to which it sells the Notes during the Distribution Compliance Period a confirmation or other notice setting out the restrictions on offers and sales of the Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons.

In addition, until 40 days after the commencement of the offering, an offer or sale of Notes within the United States by a dealer (whether or not it is participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

Each purchaser of the Notes will be deemed to have made the acknowledgements, representations and agreements as described under “*Notice to U.S. Investors.*”

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in the European Economic Area**

This Prospectus has been prepared on the basis that any offer of the Notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area (each, a “**Relevant Member State**”) will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the Notes. Accordingly, any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of the Notes may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Joint Lead Manager, Bookrunner or Co-Manager to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither the Issuer nor any Joint Lead Manager, Bookrunner or Co-Manager have authorized, nor do they authorize, the making of any offer of the Notes in circumstances in which an obligation arises for the Issuer or any Joint Lead Manager, Bookrunner or Co-Manager to publish or supplement a prospectus for such offer. As used herein, the expression “**Prospectus Directive**” means Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including the 2010 PD Amending Directive) and includes any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State and the expression “**2010 PD Amending Directive**” means Directive 2010/73/EU.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in France**

Each of the Managers has represented and agreed that it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, any Notes to the public in France and it has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in France, this Prospectus or any other offering material relating to the Notes and such offers, sales and distributions have been and will be made in France only to (a) persons providing investment services relating to portfolio management for the account of third parties (*personnes fournissant le service d'investissement de gestion de portefeuille pour compte de tiers*), and/or (b) qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*), acting for their own account, as defined in, and in accordance with, Articles L.411-1, L.411-2 and D.411-1 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in Hong Kong**

Each of the Managers has represented and agreed that:

- it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell in Hong Kong, by means of any document, the Notes other than (a) to “professional investors” as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong and any rules made under that Ordinance; or (b) in other circumstances that do not result in the document being a “prospectus” as defined in the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) of Hong Kong or that do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of that Ordinance; and
- it has not issued or had in its possession for the purposes of issue, and will not issue or have in its possession for the purposes of issue, whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere, any advertisement, invitation or document relating to the Notes that is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public of Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to Notes which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to “professional investors” as defined in the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) and any rules made under that Ordinance.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in Japan**

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Act No. 25 of 1948, as amended) (the “**Financial Instruments and Exchange Law**”). Accordingly, each of the Managers has represented and agreed that it has not, directly or indirectly, offered or sold and will not, directly or indirectly, offer or sell the Notes in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, a resident of Japan, or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law and other relevant laws and regulations of Japan. As used in this paragraph, a “**resident of Japan**” means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in the PRC**

Each of the Managers has represented and agreed that the Notes are not being offered or sold and may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in the PRC (for such purposes, not including the Hong Kong and Macau Special Administrative Regions or Taiwan), except as permitted by the securities laws of the PRC.

### **Notice to Prospective Investors in the United Kingdom**

Each of the Managers has represented, warranted and agreed that:

- 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 Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "FSMA") received by it in connection with the issue or sale of the Notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA would not, if the Issuer was not an authorized person, apply to the Issuer; and
- it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to the Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

### **Singapore**

Each Manager has acknowledged that this Prospectus has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore. Accordingly, each Manager has represented and agreed that it has not offered or sold any Notes or caused such Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase and will not offer or sell such Notes or cause such Notes to be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, and has not circulated or distributed, nor will it circulate or distribute, this Prospectus or any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of such Notes, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor under Section 274 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore (the "SFA"), (ii) to a relevant person pursuant to Section 275(1), or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A), and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275, of the SFA, or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA.

Where Notes are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person that is:

- a corporation (that is not an accredited investor (as defined in Section 4A of the SFA)) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

securities (as defined in Section 239(1) of the SFA) of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferred within six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the Securities pursuant to an offer made under Section 275 of the SFA except:

- to an institutional investor or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or to any person arising from an offer referred to in Section 275(1A) or Section 276(4)(i)(B) of the SFA;
- where no consideration is or will be given for the transfer;
- where the transfer is by operation of law; or

- as specified in Section 276(7) of the SFA.

### **New Issue of Notes**

The Notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. The Issuer does not intend to apply for the Notes to be listed on any securities exchange or to arrange for the Notes to be quoted on any quotation system. The Managers have advised the Issuer that they intend to make markets in the Notes, but they are not obligated to do so. The Managers may discontinue any market-making in the Notes at any time in their sole discretion. Accordingly, the Issuer cannot assure you that liquid trading markets will develop for the Notes, that you will be able to sell your Notes at a particular time or that the prices that you receive when you sell will be favorable.

### **Price, Stabilization, Short Positions and Penalty Bids**

In connection with the offering of the Notes, the Managers may engage in overallotment, stabilizing transactions and syndicate covering transactions. Overallotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which creates a short position for the Manager. Stabilizing transactions involve bids to purchase the Notes in the open market for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the prices of the Notes. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the Notes in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover short positions. Overallotments, stabilizing transactions and syndicate covering transactions may cause the prices of the Notes to be higher than it would otherwise be in the absence of those transactions. If the Managers engage in overallotment, stabilizing or syndicate covering transactions, they may discontinue them at any time.

The Managers also may impose a penalty bid. This occurs when a particular Manager repays to the Managers a portion of the underwriting discount received by it because the Managers (or their affiliates) have repurchased Notes sold by or for the account of such Manager in stabilizing or syndicate covering transactions.

Neither the Issuer nor the Managers makes any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above may have on the prices of the Notes. In addition, neither the Issuer nor the Managers makes any representation that anyone will engage in such transactions or that such transactions, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

### **Relationships**

The Managers and their respective affiliates are full-service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, investment research, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. The several Managers and their respective affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Issuer, and the Managers have not provided any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to any offering contemplated hereby and the Issuer has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it deemed appropriate. Where any of the Managers or their affiliates has a lending relationship with the Issuer, certain of those Managers or their affiliates routinely hedge, and certain other of those Managers may hedge, their credit exposure to the Issuer consistent with their customary risk management policies. Typically, these Managers and their affiliates would hedge such exposure by entering into transactions which consist of either the purchase of credit default swaps or the creation of short positions in our securities, including potentially the Notes. Any such credit default swaps or short positions could adversely affect future trading prices of the Notes.

Certain of the Managers and their respective affiliates have, directly or indirectly, performed investment and commercial banking or financial advisory services for the Issuer and/or its affiliates for which they may have received customary fees and commissions, and they expect to provide these services to the Issuer and/or its affiliates in the future, for which they will receive customary fees and commissions. In the ordinary course of their various business activities, the Managers and their respective affiliates may make or hold a broad array of investments and actively trade debt and equity securities (or related derivative securities) and financial instruments (including bank loans) for their own account and for the accounts of their customers, and such investment and securities activities may involve securities and/or instruments of the Issuer. The Managers and their respective affiliates

may also make investment recommendations and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such securities or instruments and may at any time hold, or recommend to clients that they acquire, long and/or short positions in such securities and instruments.

### **Settlement**

The Issuer expects that delivery of the Notes will be made against payment on the respective Notes on or about the date specified on the cover page of this Prospectus, which will be five business days (as such term is used for purposes of Rule 15c6-1 of the U.S. Exchange Act) following the date of pricing of the Notes (this settlement cycle is being referred to as "T+ 5"). Under Rule 15c6-1 of the U.S. Exchange Act, trades in the secondary market generally are required to settle in three business days unless the parties to any such trade expressly agree otherwise. Accordingly, purchasers who wish to trade the Notes on the date of this Prospectus or the next business day will be required to specify an alternative settlement cycle at the time of any such trade to prevent a failed settlement. Purchasers of the Notes who wish to make such trades should consult their own advisors.

## NOTICE TO U.S. INVESTORS

*Because of the following restrictions on Notes, purchasers are advised to read the below carefully and consult legal counsel prior to making an offer, resale, pledge or other transfer of any Notes.*

The Notes have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act or the state securities laws of any state of the United States or the securities laws of any other jurisdiction and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Accordingly, the Notes are being offered and sold only (1) to QIBs in compliance with Rule 144A and (2) outside the United States to non-U.S. persons in “offshore transactions” in compliance with Regulation S. The terms “United States,” “non-U.S. person” and “offshore transaction” used in this section have the meanings given to them under Regulation S.

Each Holder and beneficial owner of Notes acquired in the United States in connection with their initial distribution and each transferee of such Notes from any such Holder or beneficial owner will be deemed to have represented and agreed with the Issuer as follows (terms used in this paragraph that are defined in Rule 144A or Regulation S are used herein as defined therein):

- (1) It is purchasing the Notes for its own account or an account with respect to which it exercises sole investment discretion and it and any such account is: a QIB and is aware that the sale to it is being made in reliance on Rule 144A.
- (2) It understands and acknowledges that the Notes 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 except as set forth below.
- (3) It understands and acknowledges that the Rule 144A Notes will bear a legend in the following form unless otherwise permitted under the Fiscal Agency Agreement:

**THE SECURITIES EVIDENCED HEREBY (THE “SECURITIES”) HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE “SECURITIES ACT”), AND, ACCORDINGLY, MAY NOT BE OFFERED, SOLD, PLEDGED, OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT PURSUANT TO AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER, OR AN EXEMPTION FROM, OR IN A TRANSACTION NOT SUBJECT TO, THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF, THE SECURITIES ACT. BY ITS ACQUISITION HEREOF OR OF A BENEFICIAL INTEREST HEREIN, THE ACQUIRER:**

- (1) REPRESENTS THAT IT, AND ANY ACCOUNT FOR WHICH IT IS ACTING, IS A “QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER” (WITHIN THE MEANING OF RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT) AND THAT IT EXERCISES SOLE INVESTMENT DISCRETION WITH RESPECT TO EACH SUCH ACCOUNT;**
- (2) REPRESENTS THAT EITHER (A) IT IS NEITHER (I) AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN THAT IS SUBJECT TO TITLE I OF THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED (“ERISA”), A PLAN, ACCOUNT OR ARRANGEMENT SUBJECT TO SECTION 4975 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED (THE “CODE”), OR AN ENTITY SUCH AS A COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT FUND, PARTNERSHIP OR SEPARATE ACCOUNT WHOSE UNDERLYING ASSETS INCLUDE THE ASSETS OF ANY SUCH PLAN, ACCOUNT OR ARRANGEMENT (EACH, A “PLAN”) NOR (II) AN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN THAT IS A GOVERNMENTAL PLAN (AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(32) OF ERISA), NON-ELECTING CHURCH PLAN (AS DEFINED IN SECTION 3(33) OF ERISA) OR NON-U.S. PLAN (AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 4(B)(4) OF ERISA) (EACH, A “NON-ERISA ARRANGEMENT”) AND IT IS NOT PURCHASING OR HOLDING THE SECURITIES ON BEHALF OF OR WITH “PLAN ASSETS” OF ANY PLAN OR NON-ERISA ARRANGEMENT OR (B) SUCH PURCHASE AND HOLDING OF THE SECURITIES DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AND WILL NOT RESULT IN A NON-EXEMPT PROHIBITED**

**TRANSACTION UNDER SECTION 406 OF ERISA AND/OR SECTION 4975 OF THE CODE OR A VIOLATION OF SIMILAR RULES UNDER OTHER APPLICABLE LAWS OR REGULATIONS; AND**

**(3) AGREES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ISSUER THAT IT WILL NOT OFFER, SELL, PLEDGE, OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER THIS SECURITY OR ANY BENEFICIAL INTEREST HEREIN, EXCEPT:**

**(A) TO THE ISSUER OR ANY AFFILIATE THEREOF;**

**(B) PURSUANT TO A REGISTRATION STATEMENT THAT HAS BECOME EFFECTIVE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT (THE ISSUER HAVING NO OBLIGATION TO EFFECT ANY SUCH REGISTRATION);**

**(C) TO A QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONAL BUYER IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 144A UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT;**

**(D) IN AN OFFSHORE TRANSACTION IN COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 903 OR 904 UNDER REGULATION S UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT; OR**

**(E) PURSUANT TO ANY OTHER AVAILABLE EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT.**

**PRIOR TO THE REGISTRATION OF ANY TRANSFER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING, THE ISSUER AND THE FISCAL AGENT RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REQUIRE THE DELIVERY OF SUCH LEGAL OPINIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, OR OTHER EVIDENCE AS MAY REASONABLY BE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THAT THE PROPOSED TRANSFER IS BEING MADE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SECURITIES ACT AND APPLICABLE STATE SECURITIES LAWS. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE AS TO THE AVAILABILITY OF ANY EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT.**

(4) It agrees not to offer, sell, pledge, or otherwise transfer the Notes or any beneficial interest herein, except:

(a) to the Issuer or any affiliate thereof;

(b) pursuant to a registration statement that has become effective under the Securities Act (the Issuer having no obligation to effect any such registration);

(c) to a QIB in compliance with Rule 144A under the Securities Act;

(d) in an offshore transaction in compliance with rule 903 or 904 under Regulation S under the Securities Act; or

(e) pursuant to any other available exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

It will, and each subsequent Holder or beneficial owner is required to, notify any subsequent purchaser of Notes from it of the restrictions on transfer of such Notes.

(5) It acknowledges that neither the Issuer nor the Fiscal Agent (as defined herein) will be required to accept for registration of transfer any Notes acquired by it except upon presentation of evidence satisfactory to the Issuer and the Fiscal Agent that the restrictions on transfer set forth herein have been complied with.

(6) It acknowledges that the Issuer, the Managers and others will rely upon the truth and accuracy of the foregoing representations and agreements and agrees that if any of the representations or agreements deemed to have been made by its purchase of the Notes

are no longer accurate, it shall promptly notify the Issuer and the Managers. If it is acquiring the Notes as a fiduciary or agent for one or more investor accounts, it represents that it has sole investment discretion with respect to each such account and it has full power to make the foregoing representations and agreements on behalf of each such account.

- (7) It acknowledges that the foregoing restrictions apply to Holders of beneficial interests in the Notes as well as to registered Holders of such Notes.
- (8) On each day from and including the date on which it acquires the Notes through and including the date on which it disposes of its interests in such Notes, either that (a) it is not an “employee benefit plan” as defined in section 3(3) of ERISA, subject to Title I of ERISA, a “plan” as defined in section 4975 of the Code, to which section 4975 of the Code applies (including individual retirement accounts), an entity whose underlying assets are deemed to include the assets of any such employee benefit plan or plan by reason of U.S. Department of Labor Regulation Section 2510.3-101, as modified by section 3(42) of ERISA, or otherwise, or a governmental, church or non-U.S. plan that is subject to any local, state, federal or non-U.S. law that is a Similar Law or (b) its purchase, holding and disposition of such Note, will not result in a prohibited transaction under section 406 of ERISA or section 4975 of the Code (or, in the case of a governmental, church or non-U.S. plan, any Similar Law) unless an exemption is available with respect to such transactions and all the conditions of such exemption have been satisfied.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the Notes and certain other legal matters have been passed upon for the Issuer by Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, Paris, France. Certain legal matters relating to the Notes have been passed upon for the Managers as to U.S. law by Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, and as to English law by Davis Polk & Wardwell London LLP .

## **STATUTORY AUDITORS**

The consolidated financial statements of the Issuer as of 2012, 2011 and 2010 and for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010, the non-consolidated financial statements of the Issuer as of 2012 and 2011 and for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 and the consolidated financial statements of the Crédit Agricole Group as of 2012, 2011 and 2010 and for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010 incorporated by reference in this Prospectus, have been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit and Ernst & Young et Autres, statutory auditors, as stated in their reports dated March 14, 2013, March 14, 2012 and March 16, 2011 (with respect to the financial statements of the Issuer) and March 29, 2013, March 26, 2012 and March 24, 2011 (with respect to the financial statements of the Crédit Agricole Group) appearing in the documents incorporated by reference herein.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The Notes have been accepted for clearance through The Depository Trust Company (55 Water Street, 15L, New York, NY 10041-0099), Clearstream, Luxembourg (42 avenue JF Kennedy, 1855 Luxembourg, Luxembourg) and Euroclear (boulevard du Roi Albert II, 1210 Bruxelles, Belgium) with the CUSIP numbers Rule 144A: 225313 AD7 and Regulation S: F22797 RT7. The International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) codes for the Notes are Rule 144A: US225313AD75 and Regulation S: USF22797RT78.
2. The issue of the Notes was decided by Olivier Bélorgey, *Directeur de la Gestion Financière* of the Issuer on January 15, 2014, acting pursuant to resolutions of the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) of the Issuer dated February 19, 2013 and May 23, 2013.
3. Application has been made for the Notes to be listed and admitted to trading on Euronext Paris on January 23, 2014.
4. For the sole purpose of the admission to trading of the Notes on Euronext Paris, and pursuant to Articles L.412-1 and L.621-8 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*, this Prospectus has been submitted to the AMF and received visa no. 14-014 dated January 16, 2014.
5. The total expenses related to the admission to trading of the Notes are estimated to be €17,500.
6. The members of the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) of the Issuer have their business addresses at the registered office of the Issuer.
7. The statutory auditors of the Issuer for the period covered by the historical financial information are ERNST & YOUNG et Autres (1/2, place des Saisons – 92400 Courbevoie – France) and PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS AUDIT (63, rue de Villiers – 92200 Neuilly-sur-Seine Cedex – France). They have audited and rendered unqualified audit reports on the financial statements of the Issuer for each of the financial years ended December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012. Ernst & Young et Autres and Pricewaterhouse Coopers Audit, belong to the Compagnie Régionale des Commissaires aux Comptes de Versailles.
8. The yield of the Notes is 7.875% per annum, as calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the issue price of the Notes and assuming a fixed maturity ending on the First Call Date. It is not an indication of future yield.
9. Save for any fees payable to the Managers, as far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has an interest material to the issue of the Notes.
10. Except as disclosed in this Prospectus, and in any Document Incorporated by Reference, there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Issuer since December 31, 2012 and there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer and the Crédit Agricole Group since December 31, 2012.
11. Except as disclosed in this Prospectus and in any Document Incorporated by Reference, there are no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings pending or, to the Issuer's knowledge, threatened against the Issuer, or any subsidiary of the Issuer during the 12 months prior to the date hereof which may have or have had in the recent past a significant effect, in the context of the issue of the Notes, on the financial position or profitability of the Issuer or any subsidiary of the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group.
12. For the period of twelve (12) months following the date of approval by the AMF of this Prospectus, copies of this Prospectus, the Documents Incorporated by Reference, the Fiscal Agency Agreement and the *statuts* (by-laws) of the Issuer will be available for inspection and copies of the most recent annual financial statements of the Issuer will be obtainable, free of charge, at the specified offices for the time being of the Paying Agent during normal business hours. This Prospectus and all the Documents Incorporated by Reference are also available

(i) on the website of the AMF ([www.amf-france.org](http://www.amf-france.org)) and (ii) on the Issuer's website ([www.credit-agricole.com](http://www.credit-agricole.com)).

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