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PRESS RELEASE

BANCO BPM ANNOUNCES A TENDER OFFER FOR ITS “€500,000,000 FIXED RATE SOCIAL SENIOR PREFERRED NOTES DUE 29 NOVEMBER 2027”

Milan, 7 September 2026 – BANCO BPM S.p.A. (“**Banco BPM**” or the “**Issuer**”) hereby announces a cash tender offer (the “**Invitation**”) for any and all of its €500,000,000 Fixed Rate Social Senior Preferred Notes due 29 November 2027 (IT0005572166) (the “**Existing Notes**”) issued under its €25,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the “**EMTN Programme**”).

The Invitation, which is being made simultaneously with the New Notes Offering (as defined below), is in line with the Issuer’s proactive management of its liabilities. In addition, the Invitation will provide liquidity for investors tendering their Existing Notes and offers to holders of such Existing Notes (the “**Holders**”) the concurrent opportunity to redeploy funding into the Issuer’s proposed New Notes.

OVERVIEW OF THE OFFER

Banco BPM hereby announces an invitation to holders of the Existing Notes to tender any and all of their Existing Notes for purchase by the Issuer for cash. The Invitation is subject to the terms and conditions, and to the offer and distribution restrictions, set forth in the tender offer memorandum dated 7 September 2026 (the “**Tender Offer Memorandum**”). The aggregate nominal amount of Existing Notes accepted for purchase is referred to as the “**Acceptance Amount**”. The Invitation is not contingent upon the tender of any minimum nominal amount of Existing Notes.

The Invitation will expire at 5.00 P.M. (CEST) on 14 September 2026 (the “**Expiration Deadline**”). The full terms and conditions of the Invitation are contained in the Tender Offer Memorandum, copies of which are available from the Tender Agent whose contact details are indicated below. Capitalised terms used in this notice but not defined have the meanings given to them in the Tender Offer Memorandum.

Details of the Existing Notes and summary of the Invitation

Description of the Notes	ISIN / Common Code	Outstanding Principal Amount	Bloomberg Reference Page	Benchmark	Purchase Spread	Amounts of Existing Notes Subject to the Invitation
€500,000,000 Fixed Rate Social Senior Preferred Notes due 29 November 2027	IT0005572166 / 272758999	€500,000,000 ⁽¹⁾	IRSB (Euro Zone) Page (Pricing Source: BGN)	Interpolated Mid-Swap Rate	5 bps	Any and All

(1) As of 31 August 2026, the Issuer holds Euro 3,140,000 in principal amount of Existing Notes following market repurchases. Such Existing Notes have not been cancelled and remain outstanding.

The Issuer has obtained authorisation from the Single Resolution Board for the repurchase by the Issuer of the Existing Notes in the context of the Invitation.

Summary details of the Invitation are set forth below.

New Notes Offering and New Issue Condition

Today, the Issuer announced its intention to issue new Euro-denominated benchmark size senior non-preferred notes (the “**New Notes**”) under its EMTN Programme to be offered, subject to market conditions, to qualified investors (including Holders of the Existing Notes who may receive priority on allocation as described below – see paragraph headed “*New Issue Allocations*” below) (the “**New Notes Offering**”).

The New Notes will be admitted to the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and rated by major credit rating agencies.

In particular, the purchase by the Issuer of any Existing Notes validly tendered in the Invitation is conditional, without limitation, upon the pricing and successful completion (in the sole determination of the Issuer) of the New Notes Offering (expected to occur following the commencement of the Invitation Period but in any event not later than the Settlement Date, with pricing and allocation of the New Notes Offering expected to occur prior to the Expiration Deadline) (the “**New Issue Condition**”). The New Issue Condition may be waived at the sole discretion of the Issuer.

New Issue Allocation

The Issuer, in connection with the allocation of the New Notes, will consider (among other factors) whether or not the relevant investor seeking an allocation of the New Notes has - prior to the pricing and allocation of the New Notes (expected to occur prior to the Expiration Deadline) – indicated it has validly tendered its Existing Notes pursuant to the Invitation or its firm intention to any of the Dealer Managers to tender its Existing Notes pursuant to the Invitation and, if so, the aggregate principal amount of Existing Notes tendered or intended to be tendered by such investor. Therefore, a Holder that intends to subscribe for New Notes in addition to validly tendering Existing Notes for purchase pursuant to the Invitation may, at the sole and absolute discretion of the Issuer, receive priority in the allocation of the New Notes in the New Notes Offering, subject to the terms set forth herein, the satisfaction of the New Issue Condition and such Holder also making a separate application for the purchase of such New Notes to a Dealer Manager (in its capacity as Joint Bookrunner of the issue of the New Notes) in accordance with the standard new issue procedures of such Joint Bookrunner.

The aggregate nominal amount of New Notes for which a Holder may receive priority in allocation may be in an amount (determined at the sole and absolute discretion of the Issuer) up to the aggregate nominal amount of the Existing Notes validly tendered by such Holder in the Invitation or the nominal amount of the Existing Notes with regards to which such Holder has indicated its firm intention to tender. However, the Issuer is not obliged to allocate the New Notes to a Holder who has indicated it has validly tendered its Existing Notes pursuant to the Invitation or its firm intention to tender its Existing Notes pursuant to the Invitation; and if New Notes are allocated to a Holder in the New Notes Offering, the principal amount thereof may be less (or more) than the aggregate nominal amount of the Existing Notes validly tendered by such Holder in the Invitation or the principal amount of the Existing Notes with regards to which such Holder has indicated its firm intention to tender. Any such priority allocation will also take into account (among other factors) the minimum denomination of the New Notes, being €150,000 and integral multiples of €1,000 in excess thereof.

In addition, in the event that a Holder validly tenders Existing Notes pursuant to the Invitation, such Notes will remain subject to such tender and the conditions of the Invitation as set out in the Tender Offer Memorandum irrespective of whether that Holder receives all, part or none of any allocation of any New Notes for which it has applied.

The pricing and allocation of the New Notes is expected to occur prior to the Expiration Deadline and, therefore, Holders who wish to subscribe for New Notes in addition to tendering Existing Notes for purchase in the Invitation are advised to contact a Dealer Manager also in its capacity as Joint Bookrunner as soon as possible following commencement of the Invitation Period and prior to the pricing and allocation of the New Notes in order to request priority in the allocation of the New Notes.

If the New Issue Condition is not satisfied or waived on or prior to the Settlement Date, the Issuer will announce the termination of the Invitation promptly and, in any event, on or prior to the Settlement Date.

To contact the Dealer Managers, Holders should use the contact details provided below or on the last page of the Tender Offer Memorandum.

Purchase Price Consideration

The Issuer will pay for Notes accepted by it for purchase pursuant to the Invitation a price (the **"Purchase Price"**, expressed as a percentage and rounded to the nearest 0.001 per cent., with 0.0005 per cent. being rounded upwards), which is to be determined at or about 12.00 p.m. (CEST) (the **"Pricing Time"**) on 15 September 2026 (the **"Pricing Date"**) in the manner described in this Tender Offer Memorandum by reference to the sum (the result of such sum, the **"Purchase Yield"**) of:

- i. a purchase spread of [5] basis points (the **"Purchase Spread"**); and
- ii. the Interpolated Mid-Swap Rate.

The Purchase Price will be determined in accordance with market convention and expressed as a percentage of the nominal amount of the Notes accepted for purchase pursuant to the Invitation, and is intended to reflect a yield to maturity on the Settlement Date equal to the Purchase Yield. Specifically, the Purchase Price in respect of a Note will equal (a) the value of all remaining payments of principal and interest on the Notes up to and including the scheduled maturity date of the Notes, discounted to the Settlement Date at a discount rate equal to the Purchase Yield, minus (b) the Accrued Interest Amount (as specified under **"Accrued Interest Amount"** below) in each case, in respect of such Note, all calculated in accordance with market convention, expressed as a percentage and rounded to the nearest 0.001 per cent., with 0.0005 per cent. being rounded upwards. The Issuer will announce the Purchase Price of the Notes as soon as practicable following the Pricing Time on the Pricing Date.

Each Holder who validly tenders its Existing Notes for purchase pursuant to the Invitation and whose tender is accepted by the Issuer shall receive on the Settlement Date, subject to the terms and conditions of the Invitation, a cash consideration equal to the product of: (a) the aggregate nominal amount of the Existing Notes that are the subject of the Holder's tender and accepted for purchase by the Issuer, and (b) the Purchase Price calculated in accordance with the foregoing (such product rounded to the nearest €0.01 with €0.005 rounded upwards) (the **"Purchase Price Consideration"**).

Accrued Interest Amount

On the Settlement Date, in addition to the Purchase Price Consideration, the Issuer will also pay (or procure to be paid) to Holders whose tender of Existing Notes is accepted a cash amount (rounded to the nearest €0.01 with €0.005 being rounded upwards) equal to the amount of accrued interest

from (and including) the Interest Payment Date immediately preceding the Settlement Date to (but excluding) the Settlement Date, calculated in accordance with the Existing Notes Conditions (the “**Accrued Interest Amount**”).

Existing Notes not offered or accepted and the Issuer’s right to redeem or purchase

Holders who do not participate in the Invitation (including any Holder that is not eligible to participate in the Invitation whether due to the invitation restrictions referred to in the Tender Offer Memorandum or otherwise), or whose Existing Notes are not accepted for purchase by the Issuer, will continue to hold their Existing Notes subject to the Existing Notes Conditions.

Under the terms and conditions of the Existing Notes, in the event that 75 per cent. or more of the initial aggregate nominal amount of the Existing Notes have been redeemed or purchased by, or on behalf of, the Issuer and cancelled, including pursuant to the Invitation or otherwise, the Issuer may, at its option, redeem all of the Existing Notes then outstanding on such date fixed for redemption and at par together, if appropriate, with interest accrued to (but excluding) the relevant date of redemption. As of 31 August 2026, the Issuer holds Euro 3,140,000 in principal amount of Existing Notes following market repurchases. It is the current intention of the Issuer to exercise the aforementioned call option for the Existing Notes if available following settlement of the Invitation, as further described in the Tender Offer Memorandum. However, there can be no assurance, in the event such threshold is met, as to whether or when the Issuer will choose to exercise its option to redeem the Existing Notes. Any future decision by the Issuer to redeem the outstanding Existing Notes will depend on various factors existing at that time. Noteholders should note that, if the Issuer becomes entitled to, and decides to, exercise such call, the Noteholders who do not participate in the Invitation are highly likely to receive a lower price for their Existing Notes than they would have done pursuant to the Invitation.

Tender Instructions

Existing Notes held through an Accountholder in Monte Titoli

To tender Existing Notes for purchase pursuant to the Invitation where such Existing Notes are deposited with a person that appears on the register of Monte Titoli as a Holder in its own name or on behalf of the relevant Holder (an “**Accountholder**”) and the holder of Existing Notes is not the Accountholder, the holder of Existing Notes should instruct such Accountholder to send its Monte Titoli Tender Instruction(s) to the Tender Agent in the name and on behalf of the relevant holder of Existing Notes. If the holder of Existing Notes is itself an Accountholder, it must send its Monte Titoli Tender Instruction(s) in respect of its Existing Notes in its own name.

Existing Notes held through Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg

Holders of Existing Notes who want to participate in the Invitation and who are Direct Participants of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg must take the following actions directly.

Holders of Existing Notes who want to participate in the Invitation and who are not Direct Participants of Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg must submit their Electronic Tender Instruction by way of instructing the custodian through which they hold the Existing Notes (the “**Custodian**”) to submit the Electronic Tender Instruction or to arrange for the Direct Participant of the relevant Clearing System through which the Existing Notes are held to submit the Electronic Tender Instruction in accordance with the procedures of, and within the time limits specified by, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg in order to be reflected in the Monte Titoli Tender Instructions to be delivered by Accountholders on behalf of Euroclear or Clearstream prior to the Expiration Deadline.

See further “*Procedures for Participating in the Invitation*” in the Tender Offer Memorandum.

Tender Instructions will be irrevocable and may not be withdrawn, save in the limited circumstances where revocation is permitted as indicated in the Tender Offer Memorandum in the section "*Amendment, Termination and Revocation – Revocation Rights*".

Expected Timetable for the Invitation

Events	Expected Dates and Times (All times are CEST)
Commencement of the Invitation Period	
Copies of the Tender Offer Memorandum are available to Holders from the Tender Agent.	On 7 September 2026
Announcement of the Issuer's intention to issue the New Notes, subject to market conditions.	
Expiration Deadline	
Deadline for receipt of all Tender Instructions so that the Holders are able to participate in the Invitation.	5.00 P.M. (CEST) on 14 September 2026
End of Invitation Period.	
Pricing Time and Pricing Date	
Determination of the Interpolated Mid-Swap Rate, Purchase Yield and Purchase Price.	At or around 12.00 p.m. CEST on 15 September 2026
Results Announcement	
Announcement of the Issuer's decision as to whether to accept (subject to satisfaction or waiver of the New Issue Condition on or prior to the Settlement Date) any valid tenders of the Notes pursuant to the Invitation and, if so accepted, (i) the Acceptance Amount, (ii) the Interpolated Mid-Swap Rate, (iii) the Purchase Yield, (iv) the Purchase Price and (v) the aggregate nominal amount of Notes that will remain outstanding after the Settlement Date.	As soon as reasonably practicable following the Pricing Time on 15 September 2026
Settlement Date	
Subject to satisfaction or waiver of the New Issue Condition, payment of Purchase Price Consideration and Accrued Interest Amount for Existing Notes offered for sale by Holders and accepted by the Issuer for purchase.	Expected to be on 17 September 2026

The times and dates above are subject to the right of the Issuer to extend, re-open, amend, withdraw and/or terminate the Invitation (subject to applicable law and as provided in the Tender Offer Memorandum in the section "*Amendment, Termination and Revocation – Amendment and Termination*"). Holders are advised to check with any bank, securities broker or other Intermediary through which they hold their Existing Notes whether such Intermediary needs to receive instructions from a Holder before the deadlines set out above in order for that Holder to be able to participate in or (in the limited circumstances in which revocation is permitted) revoke their instruction to participate in, the Invitation. **The deadlines set by each Intermediary and/or Clearing System for the**

submission of Tender Instructions will also be earlier than the deadlines above. See the section "*Procedures for Participating in the Invitation*" in the Tender Offer Memorandum.

Announcements in connection with the Invitation will be made, as applicable, (a) by publication on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, and (b) by the delivery of notices to the Clearing Systems for communication to Direct Participants and may also be made (c) through the issue of a press release to a Notifying News Service, and may also be found on the relevant IGM Informa Services.

Copies of all such announcements, press releases and notices can also be obtained from the Tender Agent. Significant delays may be experienced where notices are delivered to the Clearing Systems and Holders are urged to contact the Tender Agent for the relevant announcements during the course of the Invitation.

Holders are invited to read carefully the Tender Offer Memorandum for all the details and information on the procedures to participate in the Invitation.

Banco Santander, S.A. and NatWest Markets N.V. (the "**Structuring Agents**"), Banca Akros S.p.A. (issuer's related parties¹), Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A., HSBC Continental Europe, Nomura Financial Products Europe GmbH and Société Générale (together with the Structuring Agents, the "**Dealer Managers**" and each, a "**Dealer Manager**") are acting as Dealer Managers of the Invitation.

Kroll Issuer Services Limited is acting as Tender Agent of the Invitation.

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¹ The transaction in question is configured as a related party transaction pursuant to Consob Regulation no. 17221 of 12 March 2010 and subsequent amendments (the "Consob RPT Regulation") and the related corporate regulations adopted by the Bank (the "Banco BPM Procedure", available on the website www.gruppo.bancobpm.it, Corporate Governance section, Company documents) and it qualifies in particular as a "minor amount" transaction, thus benefiting from the exemptions provided for in the Consob RPT Regulation and the Banco BPM procedure.

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DISCLAIMER This announcement must be read in conjunction with the Tender Offer Memorandum. This announcement and the Tender Offer Memorandum contain important information which should be read carefully before any decision is made with respect to the Invitation. If you are in any doubt as to the contents of this announcement or the Tender Offer Memorandum or the action you should take or you are unsure of the impact of the Invitation, you are recommended to seek your own financial, accounting and legal advice, including as to any tax consequences, immediately from your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other independent financial, tax or legal adviser. Any individual or company whose Existing Notes are held on its behalf by a broker, dealer, bank, custodian, trust company or other nominee must contact such entity if it wishes to tender its Existing Notes pursuant to the Invitation. The Dealer Managers, the Tender Agent, the Issuer or any other Group company or any of their respective directors, officers, employees, agents or affiliates

make no recommendation as to whether Holders should tender their Existing Notes for purchase pursuant to the Invitation.

Any investment decision to purchase any New Notes should be made solely on the basis of the information contained in the base prospectus dated 20 May 2026, as supplemented on 19 June 2026 and 28 August 2026, prepared in connection with the EMTN Programme of the Issuer (the “**Base Prospectus**”) and the final terms in respect of the New Notes and no reliance is to be placed on any representations other than those contained in the Base Prospectus. Subject to compliance with all applicable securities laws and regulations, the Base Prospectus and the final terms of the New Notes will be available from the Joint Bookrunners of the issue of the New Notes on request.

The New Notes are not being, and will not be, offered or sold in the United States. Nothing in this announcement or in the Tender Offer Memorandum constitutes an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy the New Notes in the United States or any other jurisdiction. Securities may not be offered, sold or delivered in the United States absent registration under, or an exemption from the registration requirements of, the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act). The New Notes have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States and may not be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons.

No action has been or will be taken in any jurisdiction in relation to the New Notes to permit a public offering of securities.

MiFID II product governance – The target market for the New Notes is eligible counterparties and professional clients only, each as defined in Directive 2014/65/EU (as amended, “**MiFID II**”).

UK MiFIR product governance – The target market for the New Notes is eligible counterparties, as defined in the FCA Handbook Conduct of Business Sourcebook (“COBS”), and professional clients, as defined in Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (“EUWA”) (“**UK MiFIR**”).

The New Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area. For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of MiFID II; (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive (EU) 2016/97, where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in Regulation (EU) 2017/1129.

The New Notes are not intended to be offered, sold, distributed or otherwise made available and should not be offered, sold, distributed or otherwise made available to any retail investors in the United Kingdom (“**UK**”). For these purposes, a “retail investor” means a person who is either one (or both) of the following: (i) not a professional client, as defined in point (8) of Article 2(1) of Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 as it forms part of domestic law by virtue of the EUWA or (ii) not a qualified investor as defined in paragraph 15 of Schedule 1 to the Public Offers and Admissions to Trading Regulations 2024 (the “**POATRs**”). Consequently, no disclosure document required by the FCA Product Disclosure Sourcebook (“**DISC**”) for offering, selling or distributing the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the UK has been prepared and therefore offering, selling or distributing the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the UK may be unlawful under DISC and the Consumer Composite Investment (Designated Activities) Regulations 2024.

INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION RESTRICTIONS

Neither this press release nor the Tender Offer Memorandum constitute an invitation to participate in the Invitation in any jurisdiction in which, or to any person to or from whom, it is unlawful to make such invitation or for there to be such participation under applicable securities laws. The distribution of the

Tender Offer Memorandum in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession the Tender Offer Memorandum comes are required by each of the Issuer, the Dealer Managers and the Tender Agent to inform themselves about, and to observe, any such restrictions.

No action has been or will be taken in any jurisdiction in relation to the New Notes that would permit a public offering of securities and the minimum denomination of the New Notes will be €150,000 and integral multiples of €1,000.

United States

The Invitation is not being made, and will not be made, directly or indirectly in or into, or by use of the mail of, or by any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce of, or of any facilities of a national securities exchange of, the United States or to any U.S. person (as defined in Regulation S of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended). This includes, but is not limited to, facsimile transmission, electronic mail, telex, telephone, the internet and other forms of electronic communication. The Existing Notes may not be tendered in the Invitation by any such use, means, instrumentality or facility from or within the United States or by persons located or resident in the United States, as defined in Regulation S of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or by, or by any person acting for the account or benefit of, a U.S. person. Accordingly, copies of this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum and any other documents or materials relating to the Invitation are not being, and must not be, directly or indirectly mailed or otherwise transmitted, distributed or forwarded (including, without limitation, by custodians, nominees or trustees) in or into the United States or to any persons located or resident in the United States. Any purported tender of Existing Notes resulting directly or indirectly from a violation of these restrictions will be invalid, and any purported tender of Existing Notes made by a person located or resident in the United States, a U.S. person, by any person acting for the account or benefit of a U.S. person, or from within the United States or from any agent, fiduciary or other intermediary acting on a non-discretionary basis for a principal giving instructions from within the United States will be invalid and will not be accepted.

Neither this announcement nor the Tender Offer Memorandum is an offer of securities for sale in the United States or to U.S. persons. Notes may not be offered or sold in the United States absent registration under, or an exemption from the registration requirements of, the Securities Act. The New Notes have not been, and will not be, registered under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States, and may not be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons.

Each Holder participating in the Invitation will represent that it is not located in the United States and is not participating in the Invitation from the United States, or that it is acting on a non-discretionary basis for a principal located outside the United States that is not giving an order to participate in the Invitation from the United States and who is not a U.S. person. For the purposes of this and the preceding paragraphs, "**United States**" means United States of America, its territories and possessions (including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Wake Island and the Northern Mariana Islands), any state of the United States of America and the District of Columbia.

Italy

Neither this announcement, the Invitation, the Tender Offer Memorandum or any other documents or material relating to the Invitation have been or will be submitted to the clearance procedure of the *Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa* ("**CONSOB**"), pursuant to applicable Italian laws and regulations.

The Invitation is being carried out in the Republic of Italy ("**Italy**") as an exempted offer pursuant to article 101-bis, paragraph 3-bis, of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as amended (the "**Consolidated Law on Finance**") and article 35-bis, paragraph 4 of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended.

Holders or beneficial owners of the Existing Notes can tender their Existing Notes for purchase through authorised persons (such as investment firms, banks or financial intermediaries permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with the Consolidated Law on Finance, CONSOB Regulation No. 20307 of 15 February 2018, as amended from time to time, and Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended) and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations or with requirements imposed by CONSOB, the Bank of Italy or any other Italian authority.

Each intermediary must comply with the applicable laws and regulations concerning information duties vis-à-vis its clients in connection with the Existing Notes, this announcement or the Tender Offer Memorandum.

United Kingdom

The communication of this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum and any other documents or materials relating to the Invitation is not being made and such documents and/or materials have not been approved by an authorised person for the purposes of section 21 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000. Accordingly, such documents and/or materials are not being distributed to, and must not be passed on to, the general public in the United Kingdom. The communication of such documents and/or materials as a financial promotion is only being made to those persons in the United Kingdom falling within the definition of investment professionals (as defined in Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the "**Financial Promotion Order**")) or persons who are within Article 43 of the Financial Promotion Order or any other persons to whom it may otherwise lawfully be made under the Financial Promotion Order.

France

The Invitation is not being made, directly or indirectly, in the Republic of France ("**France**") other than to qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) as referred to in Article L.411-2 1° of the French Code *monétaire et financier* and defined in Article 2(e) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 (as amended). None of this announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum or any other documents or materials relating to the Invitation have been or shall be distributed in France other than to qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) and only qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*) are eligible to participate in the Invitation. This announcement, the Tender Offer Memorandum and any other document or material relating to the Invitation have not been and will not be submitted for clearance to nor approved by the *Autorité des marchés financiers*.

Belgium

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