

#### Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH

(société de financement de l'habitat duly licensed as a French specialised credit institution)

# €30,000,000,000 International Covered Bond Programme for the issue of *obligations de financement de l'habitat* and other covered bonds

Under the International Covered Bond Programme (the "International Programme") described in this base prospectus (the "Base Prospectus"), Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH (the "Issuer"), subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, may from time to time issue *obligations de financement de l'habitat* within the meaning of article L.513-30-I of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) to be governed by French law and other covered bonds to be governed either by the law of New South Wales, Australia or by German law, as specified in the relevant Final Terms (as defined below) (respectively, the "French Law Covered Bonds", the "Australian Law Covered Bonds" or the "German Law Covered Bonds" and together, the "International Covered Bonds"), all benefiting from the statutory priority right of payment (*privilège*) created by article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), as more fully described herein. The aggregate nominal amount of International Covered Bonds outstanding under the International Programme will not at any time exceed €30,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency at the date of issue).

Application has been made to the Autorité des marchés financiers (the "AMF") for approval of this Base Prospectus in its capacity as competent authority in France pursuant to articles 212-2 of its *Règlement Général* and L.621-8 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) which implement in France Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003, as amended (the "**Prospectus Directive**").

Application may be made to Euronext Paris during a period of twelve (12) months after the date of the visa granted by the AMF on this Base Prospectus for French Law Covered Bonds to be admitted to trading on Euronext Paris, which is a regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004, as amended, appearing on the list of regulated markets issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority (each a "Regulated Market"). French Law Covered Bonds may also be unlisted or listed and/or admitted to trading on any other market, including any other Regulated Market in any member state of the European Economic Area ("EEA"), and/or offered to the public in any member state of the EEA. The relevant final terms (the "Final Terms") in respect of the issue of any French Law Covered Bonds will specify whether or not such French Law Covered Bonds will be listed and/or admitted to trading on any market and/or offered to the public in any member state of the EEA and, if so, the relevant market and/or the relevant member states of the EEA where such French Law Covered Bonds will be offered to the public. A form of Final Terms with respect to French Law Covered Bonds is contained herein.

The Australian Law Covered Bonds and German Law Covered Bonds will not be admitted to trading or listed on any market or stock exchange and nor will they be offered to the public in any jurisdiction. A form of Final Terms with respect to Australian Law Covered Bonds is contained in the Australian Deed Poll dated the date of this Base Prospectus (the "**Deed Poll**") and a form of Final Terms with respect to German Law Covered Bonds is contained in the amended and restated agency agreement dated the date of this Base Prospectus (the "**Agency Agreement**").

French Law Covered Bonds may be issued either in dematerialised form ("**Dematerialised Covered Bonds**") or in materialised form ("**Materialised Covered Bonds**") as more fully described herein. Dematerialised Covered Bonds will at all times be in book entry form in compliance with article L.211-3 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*). No physical documents of title will be issued in respect of the Dematerialised Covered Bonds.

Dematerialised Covered Bonds may, at the option of the Issuer, be (i) in bearer form (au porteur) inscribed as from the issue date in the books of Euroclear France (acting as central depositary) which shall credit the accounts of the Account Holders (as defined in section "Terms and Conditions of the French Law Covered Bonds - Form, Denomination and Title") including Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("Euroclear") and the depositary bank for Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg"), or (ii) in registered form (au nominatif) and, in such latter case, at the option of the relevant French Law Bondholder (as defined in section "Terms and Conditions of the French Law Covered Bonds - Form, Denomination and Title"), in either fully registered form (au nominatif pur), in which case they will be inscribed in an account maintained by the Issuer or by a registration agent (appointed in the relevant Final Terms) for the Issuer, or in administered registered form (au nominatif administré) in which case they will be inscribed in the accounts of the Account Holders designated by the relevant French Law Bondholder.

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

Australian Law Covered Bonds will be issued in dematerialised registered uncertificated form only, as more fully described in the Deed Poll. German Law Covered Bonds will be issued in materialised registered form only, as more fully described in the Agency Agreement.

International Covered Bonds issued under the International Programme are expected on issue to be rated Aaa by Moody's Investors Service Ltd., AAA by Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services France SAS and AAA by Fitch France SAS (together the "Rating Agencies"). Each of the Rating Agencies is established in the European Union, registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies, as amended, and included in the list published on the European Securities and Markets Authority's website (www.esma.europa.eu) as of the date of this Base Prospectus. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, change or withdrawal at any time by the assigning Rating Agency without notice.

This Base Prospectus, any supplement thereto that may be published from time to time and, so long as French Law Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market and/or offered to the public in any member state of the EEA in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, the Final Terms relating to such French Law Covered Bonds will be available on the websites of the AMF (www.amf-france.org) and of the Issuer (www.creditmutuelcic-sfh.com).

See section" Risk Factors" below for certain information relevant to an investment in the International Covered Bonds to be issued under the International Programme.

ARRANGER
BNP PARIBAS
PERMANENT DEALERS

Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel

**BNP PARIBAS** 

This Base Prospectus (together with any supplements thereto that may be published from time to time) constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and contains or incorporates by reference all relevant information concerning the Issuer which is necessary to enable investors to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profit and losses and prospects of the Issuer, as well as the base terms and conditions of the French Law Covered Bonds (but not the Australian Law Covered Bonds nor the German Law Covered Bonds) to be issued under the International Programme. The terms and conditions applicable to each Tranche (as defined in section "General Description of the International Programme") not contained herein (including, without limitation, the aggregate nominal amount, issue price, redemption price thereof, and interest, if any, payable thereunder) will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of the issue and will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

This Base Prospectus is to be read and construed in conjunction with any document and/or information which is incorporated herein by reference (see section "Documents incorporated by Reference" below), with any supplement thereto that may be published from time to time as well as, in relation to any Tranche of International Covered Bonds, with the relevant Final Terms.

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

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

The distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offering or sale of International Covered Bonds in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. The Issuer, the Arranger, the Dealers or the Australian Registrar do not represent that this Base Prospectus may be lawfully distributed, or that any International Covered Bonds may be lawfully offered, in compliance with any applicable registration or other requirements in any such jurisdiction, or pursuant to an exemption available thereunder, or assume any responsibility for facilitating any such distribution or offering. In particular, no action has been taken by the Issuer, the Arranger, the Dealers or the Australian Registrar which is intended to permit a public offering of any International Covered Bonds or distribution of this Base Prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, no International Covered Bond may be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and neither this Base Prospectus nor any offering material may be distributed or published in any jurisdiction, except under circumstances that will result in compliance with any applicable laws and regulations. Persons into whose possession this Base Prospectus or any International Covered Bonds may come are required by the Issuer, the Arranger, the Dealers and the Australian Registrar to inform themselves of, and to observe any such restrictions on the distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offering and sale of International Covered Bonds. In particular, there are restrictions on the distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offer or sale of International Covered Bonds in the United States of America, Australia, Japan, Switzerland and the EEA (including France, Italy, The Netherlands and the United Kingdom) (see section "Subscription and Sale" below).

The International Covered Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States of America, subject to certain exceptions, and may not be offered or sold within the United States of America or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. Persons as defined in Regulation S under the Securities Act ("Regulation S"). The International Covered Bonds may include Materialised Covered Bonds in bearer form that are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, the International Covered Bonds may not be offered or sold or, in the case of Materialised Covered Bonds in bearer form, delivered within the United States or, in the case of certain Materialised Covered Bonds in bearer form, to, or for the account or benefit of, United States persons as defined in the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The International Covered Bonds are being offered and sold outside the United States of America to non-U.S. Persons in reliance on Regulation S.

Neither this Base Prospectus nor any other disclosure document in relation to the International Covered

Bonds has been, or will be, lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. No action has been taken which would permit an offering of the International Covered Bonds in circumstances that would require disclosure under Parts 6D.2 or 7.9 of the Corporations Act 2001 of Australia.

The Issuer is neither a bank nor an authorised deposit-taking institution which is authorised under the Banking Act 1959 of Australia. The International Covered Bonds will not be the obligations of the Australian Government and, in particular, the International Covered Bonds will not be guaranteed by the Commonwealth of Australia.

For a description of these and certain further restrictions on offers, sales and transfers of International Covered Bonds and on distribution of this Base Prospectus, see section "Subscription and Sale".

This Base Prospectus does not constitute an offer of, or an invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Arranger, the Dealers or the Australian Registrar to subscribe for, or purchase, any International Covered Bonds.

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

In connection with the issue of any Tranche of French Law Covered Bonds, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the stabilising manager(s) (the "Stabilising Manager(s)") (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in the relevant Final Terms may, to the extent permitted by applicable laws and regulations, over-allot French Law Covered Bonds or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the French Law Covered Bonds at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of a Stabilising Manager) will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the Final Terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of thirty (30) calendar days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche and sixty (60) calendar days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

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

In this Base Prospectus, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, references to "€", "Euro", "euro" or "EUR" are to the lawful currency of the Member States of the European Union that have adopted the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended, references to "\$", "GBP", "pounds sterling" and "Sterling" are to the lawful currency of the United Kingdom, references to "\$", "USD" and "U.S. Dollar" are to the lawful currency of the United States of America, references to "¥", "JPY" and "Yen" are to the lawful currency of Japan, references to "CHF" and "Swiss Francs" are to the lawful currency of Switzerland and references to "A\$", "AUD" and "Australian Dollar" are to the lawful currency of Australia.

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#### SUMMARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

This summary is made up of disclosure requirements known as "**Elements**" the communication of which is required by Annex XXII of Regulation EC/809/2004 of the Commission of 29 April 2004, as amended. These Elements are numbered in Sections A - E(A.1 - E.7).

This summary contains all the Elements required to be included in a summary for this type of securities and issuer. Because some Elements are not required to be addressed, there may be gaps in the numbering sequence of the Elements.

Even though an Element may be required to be inserted in the summary because of the type of securities and issuer, it is possible that no relevant information can be given regarding the Element. In this case, a short description of the Element is included in the summary with the mention "Not Applicable".

	Section A - Introduction and warning			
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A.1	Warning	This summary is provided for the purposes of the issue by Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH (the "Issuer") of French law covered bonds (the "French Law Covered Bonds") with a denomination of less than €100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency at the time of issue). Investors in French Law Covered Bonds with a denomination of at least €100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency at the time of issue) should not rely on this summary in any way and the Issuer accepts no liability to such investors with respect to this summary.		
		This summary must be read as an introduction to the base prospectus dated 24 July 2015 which received visa no. 15-406 from the Autorité des marchés financiers (the "AMF") on 24 July 2015 (the "Base Prospectus") relating to the €30,000,000,000 International Covered Bond Programme (the "International Programme") for the issue of <i>obligations de financement de l'habitat</i> and other covered bonds of the Issuer.		
		Any decision to invest in French Law Covered Bonds should be based on a thorough review by any investor of the Base Prospectus, any supplement related thereto that may be published from time to time, including all documents incorporated by reference therein and, if any, the final terms (the "Final Terms") with respect to the relevant tranches of French Law Covered Bonds (together the "Prospectus").		
		Where a claim relating to information contained or incorporated by reference in the Prospectus is brought before a court of the European Economic Area (the "EEA"), the plaintiff may, under the national legislation of the member State (a "Member State") where the case is brought, be required to bear the costs of translating the Prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated.		
		No civil liabilities attaches to those persons who have tabled the summary, including any translation thereof, except if the summary is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of the Prospectus (including all documents incorporated by reference therein) or if it does not provide, when read together with the other parts of the Prospectus, key information in order to aid investors when considering whether to invest in the French Law Covered Bonds.		
A.2	Consent of the Issuer for the use of the Prospectus	Certain tranches of French Law Covered Bonds with a specified denomination of less than €100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency at the time of issue) may be offered in circumstances where there is no exemption from the requirement to publish a prospectus (a "Non-exempt Offer") under Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003, as amended (the "Prospectus Directive").		
		In the context of a Non-exempt Offer, the Issuer may, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, consent to the use of the Prospectus during the offer period specified in the relevant Final Terms (the "Offer Period") and in the public offer jurisdictions (the "Public Offer Jurisdiction(s)") specified in the relevant Final Terms by any financial intermediary duly authorised designated in such Final Terms (each an "Authorised Offeror"). The consent referred to above relates to Offer Periods (if any) occurring in the periods beginning and ending on the dates specified for such purpose in the relevant Final Terms relating to such Non-exempt Offers and		

provided that the relevant Final Terms have been duly published and specify that offers may be made to the public in Public Offer Jurisdictions, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive. The Terms and Conditions of the Non-exempt Offer shall be provided to investors by the relevant Authorised Offeror at the time of the Non-exempt Offer. Neither the Issuer nor any of BNP Paribas or Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel (together the "Permanent Dealers") or other Authorised Offerors has any responsibility or liability for such information or the consequences of its use by the relevant investors. Section B - Issuer B.1 Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH Legal and commercial name of the Issuer B.2 Domicile and The Issuer is a French société anonyme à conseil d'administration, whose registered legal form of the office is located at 6, avenue de Provence – 75452 Paris Cedex 9 – France. Issuer, It is registered with the French Registre du commerce et des sociétés of Paris under legislation number 480 618 800, is licensed as a specialised credit institution (établissement de under which the crédit spécialisé) by the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution and has Issuer operates adopted the status of société de financement de l'habitat. and its country of incorporation The Issuer is governed by: (a) the French Commercial Code (Code de commerce); and (b) the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier). B.4b Description Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH, as issuer of obligations de financement de l'habitat, operates on the covered bond market. This market has shown strong any known resilience since 2008. Nevertheless, for the third consecutive year, the overall trends affecting the Issuer and volume raised on the covered bond market in 2014 is below the redemption amount of the covered bonds due to banks' deleveraging process and decrease of asset the industries in which it origination across Europe. operates Laws and regulations applicable to financial institutions that have an impact on the Issuer have significantly evolved since 2008 and the beginning of the financial crisis. The measures that were recently adopted, or in some cases proposed and still under discussion, that have affected or are likely to affect the Issuer, include: French banking law no. 2013-672 of 26 July 2013 on the separation and regulation of banking activities; Ordinance no. 2014-158 of 20 February 2014 for the adaptation of French law to European Union law with respect to financial matters; EU Directive and Regulation on prudential requirements "CRD IV" of 26 June 2013, many of which provisions have been applicable since 1 January 2014, EU Regulation no. 648/2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories of 4 July 2012 ("EMIR") and various proposals of technical regulatory and execution rules relating to the Directive and Regulation CRD IV and EMIR; and Decree No. 2014-526 of 23 May 2014, Arrêté of 26 May 2014 and Instruction No. 2014-I-16 of 8 December 2014 which have reinforced the prudential regime of sociétés de financement de l'habitat. In particular, the minimum statutory cover ratio has been increased from one hundred and two per cent (102%) to one hundred and five per cent (105%) and the reporting obligations of sociétés de financement de l'habitat (in particular regarding liability matching) have been completed. More generally, French and European regulators and legislators may, at any time, implement new or different measures that could have a significant impact on the

		financial system in general or the I	ssuer in particul	ar.	
B.5	Description of the Issuer's	The Issuer is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel ("BFCM").			
	group and the Issuer's position within the group	BFCM is a subsidiary of the Caireleven (11) federations of the CreFrance, Savoie Mont-Blanc, MidCentre, Normandie, Dauphiné-Vi "CM11 Group"), which forms pCrédit Mutuel group (the "Crédit M	Edit Mutuel (Ce i Atlantique, L varais, Méditer art of the Fren	ntre Est Europe, oire-Atlantique e ranée and Anjon ch mutualist ban	Sud Est, Ile de et Centre Ouest, u) (together the
		At the date of the Base Prospectus of the Issuer's share capital is held		int ninety-nine pe	er cent. (99.99%)
B.9	Figure of profit forecast or estimate (if any)	Not Applicable.  The Issuer does not provide any fig	ure of profit for	ecast or estimate.	
B.10	Description of the nature of any qualifications in the audit report on the historical financial information	The statutory auditors' reports related to the financial statements of the Issuer for the years ended respectively 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2014 do not contain any qualifications.			
B.12	Selected financial information	The following tables show the k balance sheet of the Issuer as at 31 <i>Income statement</i>			
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B.12	financial	balance sheet of the Issuer as at 31  Income statement  INCOME STATEMENT  (€ millions)  + Interest and similar income + Interest and similar expense = Net banking income  + Other administrative expenses	Notes	Year ended December 31, 2014  3,214.2 (3,211.1) 3.1 (0.8)	Year ended December 31, 2013 3,234.6 (3,233.0) 1.6 (1.0)
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		LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY  (€ millions)	Notes	Year ended December 31, 2014	Year ended December 31, 2013
				22 002 0	22 495 0
		Debt represented by securities  Other liabilities	6	22,802.9 1,500.7	22,485.0 2,768.3
		Accruals and deferred income	4	467.5	460.7
		Subordinated debt	7	120.2	120.2
		Shareholders' equity	8	224.5	223.1
		- Subscribed capital		220.0	220.0
		- Reserves		1.1	1.1
		- Retained earnings		2.0	1.7
		- Profit for the year		1.4	0.3
		Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		25,115.8	26,057.3
		Since 31 December 2014, the Issuer has issue under its International Programme.  Save as disclosed in the Base Prospectus, there I financial or trading position of the Issuer since 3	nas been	no significant	
		financial or trading position of the Issuer since 3 Save as disclosed in this Base Prospectus, there in the prospects of the Issuer since 31 December	has been		dverse change
B.13	Description of	Not Applicable.			
	any recent events particular to the Issuer which are to a material extent relevant to the evaluation of the Issuer's solvency	There are no recent events particular to the Isr relevant to the evaluation of the Issuer's solvency		ich are to a n	naterial extent
B.14	Statement as to whether the Issuer is dependent upon other entities within the group	The Issuer is a subsidiary of BFCM, which form the Issuer is dependent upon other entities of BF6			
B.15	Description of the Issuer's principal activities	The Issuer is an entity with separate legal capa Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution advances (each a "Borrower Advance"), un agreement (in accordance with article L.513 Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier)) benefit from the statutory priority right of pay L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial (the "Privilège").	notably nder a r -29-I-1° and issyment (p	for the purpo multicurrency of French l suing covered privilège) crea	ose of making term facility Monetary and bonds which tted by article
		In accordance with article L.513-28 of the Free (Code monétaire et financier) which defines the financement à l'habitat, the exclusive purpose home loans (prêts à l'habitat) and hold financia regulations applicable to sociétés de financement	ne exclu of the I l assets	sive purpose ssuer is to gr which are elig	of <i>sociétés de</i> ant or finance
		Therefore, in compliance with its license as soci	iété de f	inancement de	l'habitat, and

subject to its by-laws (in particular, article 2 of its by-laws), the Issuer may: grant to any entity, duly licensed as a French credit institution (établissement de crédit), controlled by BFCM within the meaning of article L.233-3 of the French Commercial Code (Code de commerce) and/or any Caisse de Crédit Mutuel (within the meaning of article L.512-55 et seq. of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier) and to the exclusion of the caisses mutuelles agricoles et rurales referred to in article R.512-26. of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier)) which is affiliated to Caisse Fédérale de Crédit Mutuel (which is the parent company of BFCM) (the "CM-CIC Entities") loans guaranteed by the remittance, the transfer or the pledge of the loan receivables arising from any loan financing the acquisition of residential real estate property originated by BFCM or the CM-CIC Entities (the "Home Loans") (the "Home Loan Receivables"); acquire promissory notes issued by any CM-CIC Entities which represent Home Loan Receivables; (iii) issue obligations de financement de l'habitat and raise other sources of financing which benefit from the Privilège; and (iv) raise other sources of financing which do not benefit from the *Privilège*. The Issuer's objects and powers will to the extent possible be restricted to those activities necessary to carry out its obligations under the International Programme documents. The Issuer does not have and will not have any employees, nor will it own or lease any premises. The Issuer will undertake pursuant to an administrative agreement entered into between the Issuer and BFCM, as administrator (the "Administrative Agreement") and its articles of association not to engage in unrelated business activities or incur any material liabilities other than those contemplated in the International Programme documents. In accordance with the provisions of article L.513-29-IV of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier), the Issuer, as a société de financement de l'habitat, is not allowed to hold shares in other companies (participations). B.16 To the extent At the date of the Base Prospectus, ninety-nine point ninety-nine per cent. (99.99%) known to the of the Issuer's share capital is held by BFCM. Issuer, whether the Issuer directly indirectly owned controlled and by whom, and nature of such control Credit B.17 The French Law Covered Bonds issued under the International Programme are ratings expected to be rated Aaa by Moody's Investors Service Ltd. ("Moody's"), AAA by assigned to the Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services France SAS ("S&P") and AAA by Fitch Issuer orFrance SAS ("Fitch" and together with Moody's and S&P, the "Rating Agencies""). debt securities Section C – Securities C.1 Description of The French Law Covered Bonds will be issued in series (each a "Series") on the same or different issue dates. The French Law Covered Bonds of each Series will be the type and the class of the interchangeable with all other French Law Covered Bonds of that Series. securities being Each Series may be issued in tranches (each a "Tranche") on one or more issue offered and/or dates and on terms identical to the terms of other Tranches of the same Series, save admitted in respect of the issue date, issue price, first payment of interest and aggregate trading, nominal amount of the Tranche. including security The specific terms of each Tranche, as agreed between the Issuer and the relevant identification dealer(s) (each a "Dealer") at the time of the issue, will be set out in the relevant number Final Terms.

		Form of the French Law Covered Bonds
		The French Law Covered Bonds may be issued in either dematerialised form ("Dematerialised Covered Bonds") or materialised form ("Materialised Covered Bonds").
		Dematerialised Covered Bonds are issued, at the option of the Issuer, in either bearer form ( <i>au porteur</i> ) or in registered form ( <i>au nominatif</i> ), and in such latter case, at the option of the relevant holder of French Law Covered Bonds, in either administered registered form ( <i>au nominatif administré</i> ) or in fully registered form ( <i>au nominatif pur</i> ). No physical document of title will be issued in respect of Dematerialised Covered Bonds.
		Materialised Covered Bonds will be issued in bearer form only. A temporary global certificate will initially be issued in respect of each Tranche of Materialised Covered Bonds. Materialised Covered Bonds may only be issued outside France.
		Clearing Systems
		Euroclear France as central depositary in relation to Dematerialised Covered Bonds and, in relation to Materialised Covered Bonds, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear or any other clearing system that may be agreed between the Issuer, the fiscal agent and the relevant Dealer(s).
		Security Identification Number
		The international security identification number (ISIN) and a common code of the French Law Covered Bonds will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.
C.2	Currency of the securities issue	Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, the French Law Covered Bonds may be issued in Euro, Pounds Sterling, U.S. Dollars, Japanese Yen, Swiss Francs, Australian Dollars and, subject to prior rating affirmation (of S&P only), in any other currency as may be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) as set out in the relevant Final Terms.
C.5	Description of any restrictions	There is no restriction on the free transferability of French Law Covered Bonds (subject to selling restrictions which may apply in certain jurisdictions).
	on the free transferability of the securities	The Issuer is category 2 for the purposes of regulation S under the Unites States securities act of 1933, as amended.
C.8	Description of	Status of the French Law Covered Bonds
	the rights attached to the securities, including ranking and limitations to those rights	The French Law Covered Bonds and, where applicable, any related coupons and receipts, will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and privileged obligations of the Issuer and will rank <i>pari passu</i> without any preference among themselves and equally and rateably with all other present or future bonds (including covered bonds of all other series) and other resources raised by the Issuer benefiting from the <i>Privilège</i> created by article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code ( <i>Code monétaire et financier</i> ).
		The principal and interest of the French Law Covered Bonds benefit from the <i>Privilège</i> created by Article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code ( <i>Code monétaire et financier</i> ) and the French Bondholders shall benefit from all rights set out in article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code ( <i>Code monétaire et financier</i> ).
		Denominations
		The French Law Covered Bonds shall be issued in the specified denomination(s) set out in the relevant Final Terms. Dematerialised Covered Bonds of a particular Series shall be issued in one (1) denomination only.
		"Regulated Market" means a regulated market within the EEA for the purpose of Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004, as amended.

#### **Taxation**

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

If French law should require that payments of principal or interest in respect of any French Law Covered Bond, receipt or coupon, be subject to deduction or withholding in respect of any present or future taxes or duties whatsoever, the Issuer will, to the fullest extent then permitted by law and subject to certain exceptions, pay such additional amounts.

#### Issuer events of default

Subject to the legal framework applicable to a *société de financement de l'habitat*, if an issuer event of default occurs in respect of any Series of French Law Covered Bonds, the principal amount of all French Law Covered Bonds of such Series may become due and payable (but subject to the then applicable relevant priority payment order), together with any accrued interest thereon, as of the date on which such notice for payment is received by the fiscal agent.

#### Governing Law

The French Law Covered Bonds, receipts, coupons and talons will be governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, French law.

### C.9 Nominal interest

#### Nominal Interest Rate

The French Law Covered Bonds may be fixed rate covered bonds, floating rate covered bonds, fixed/floating rate covered bonds, zero coupon covered bonds or a combination of any of the foregoing.

#### Date from which interest becomes payable and due dates for interest

#### Date from which interest becomes payable and due dates thereof

Such dates will be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

# Where rate is not fixed, description of the underlying on which it is based

#### Description of the underlying for floating rate French Law Covered Bonds

Floating rate French Law Covered Bonds will bear interest in the manner specified in the relevant Final Terms on the basis of the following provisions:

- (a) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the relevant specified currency governed by the 2013 FBF Master Agreement relating to transactions on forward financial instruments as supplemented by the Technical Schedules, as published by the Fédération Bancaire Française (FBF); or
- (b) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the relevant specified currency governed by an agreement incorporating the 2006 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc; or
- (c) on the basis of a reference rate appearing on an agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service (including, without limitation, EURIBOR or LIBOR);

in each case plus or minus any applicable margin, if any, and calculated and payable as indicated in the relevant Final Terms. Floating rate French Law Covered Bonds may also have a maximum rate of interest, a minimum rate of interest or both.

#### Maturity date and arrangements for amortisation

#### Redemption

Redemption at final maturity

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled pursuant to any Issuer's or

	of the loan, including the	Bondholders' option, each French Law Covered Bond shall be finally redeemed at the final maturity date specified in the relevant Final Terms.
	repayment procedures	An extended final maturity date may be specified in the relevant Final Terms of a Series of French Law Covered Bonds, each such French Law Covered Bonds being referred to as French Law Covered Bond with soft bullet maturity.
		Optional Redemption
		The French Law Covered Bonds may be redeemed prior to their stated maturity date at the option of the Issuer (either in whole or in part) or at the option of the French Law Bondholders, as specified in the relevant Final Terms.
		Early Redemption
		The French Law Covered Bonds may be redeemed prior to their stated maturity at the option of the Issuer for tax reasons or illegality.
		The relevant Final Terms will indicate whether the French Law Covered Bonds may be redeemed before their stated maturity (other than for tax reasons) at the option of the Issuer and/or the Bondholders.
	Indication of	Indication of Yield
	yield	An indication of yield for fixed rate French Law Covered Bonds will be specified in the relevant Final Terms. The yield of fixed rate French Law Covered Bonds is calculated at the issue date of such fixed rate French Law Covered Bond on the basis of the issue price. It is not an indication of future yield.
	Name of	Representation of French Law Bondholders
	representative of debt security holders	Holders of French Law Covered Bonds will, in respect of all Tranches in any Series, be grouped automatically for the defence of their common interests in a <i>masse</i> (the " <i>Masse</i> ").
		The <i>Masse</i> will be a separate legal entity and will act in part through a representative and in part through a general meeting of the French Law Bondholders.
C.10	If the security has a derivative component in the interest payment, explanation of the impact of the value of underlying instrument(s) on the investment of the investors	Not Applicable.  Payments of interest on the French Law Covered Bonds shall not involve any derivative component.
C.11	Whether the securities offered are or will be the object of an application for admission to trading, with a view to their distribution in a Regulated Market or other equivalent markets with indication of the markets	Application may be made to Euronext Paris during a period of twelve (12) months after the date of approval of the Base Prospectus for French Law Covered Bonds to be admitted to trading on Euronext Paris. French Law Covered Bonds may also be unlisted or listed and/or admitted to trading on any other market, including any other Regulated Market and/or offered to the public in any Member State of the EEA.  The relevant Final Terms in respect of the issue of any French Law Covered Bonds will specify whether or not such French Law Covered Bonds will be listed and/or admitted to trading on any market and/or offered to the public in any Member State of the EEA and, if so, the relevant market and/or the relevant Member States of the EEA where the French Law Covered Bonds will be offered to the public.

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C.21	Indication of the market where the securities will be traded and for which a Prospectus has been published	See Section C.11 above.
		Section D - Risks
D.2	Key information on the key risks that are specific to the Issuer	Prospective investors should consider, among other factors, the risk factors relating to the Issuer that may affect its ability to fulfill its obligations under the French Law Covered Bonds:  (i) sole liability of the Issuer under the International Covered Bonds (as defined
		below): the Issuer is the only entity which has obligations to pay principal and interest in respect of the International Covered Bonds;
		(ii) limited resources: (a) in the absence of any Borrower event of default, the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations under the French Law Covered Bonds and other covered bonds governed either by the laws of New South Wales, Australia or by German law, as the case may be (together, the "International Covered Bonds") will depend on the amount of scheduled principal and interest paid by the Borrower and the timing thereof and/or, as applicable, the amounts received under any hedging agreement or available under any equivalent hedging mechanisms (if any), any proceeds generated by permitted investments, any proceeds under the substitution assets and the cash collateral (gage-espèces) (if any); (b) upon the occurrence of a Borrower event of default and enforcement of the collateral security (garantie financière) granted by the collateral providers, the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations under all the International Covered Bonds will depend on the proceeds from the collateral security (garantie financière) granted by the collateral providers that is enforced in favour of the Issuer;  (iii) reliance of the Issuer on BFCM and other third parties involved in the International Programme: the Issuer has entered into agreements with a number of third parties, which have agreed to perform services for the Issuer (in particular, with BFCM). In the event that any party providing services to the Issuer under the International Programme documents fails to perform its obligations under the relevant agreement(s) to which it is a party, the ability of the Issuer to make payments under the International Covered Bonds may be affected;
		(iv) substitution risk: in the event of certain circumstances described in the International Programme documents, leading to the substitution of one (1) or more of the parties to the International Programme documents, no assurance can be given that a substitute entity will be found;
		(v) certain conflicts of interests: conflicts of interest may arise during the life of the International Programme as a result of various factors involving certain parties to the International Programme documents;
		(vi) amendment, modification, alteration or supplement of Programme Documents without International Covered Bonds holders consent. Under certain circumstances, the Issuer may, without the consent or approval of any of the International Covered Bonds holders, concur with any person in making any amendments, modifications, alterations or supplements to any Programme Documents to which it is a party;
		(vii) insolvency and examinership laws in France: the Issuer is subject to French laws and proceedings affecting creditors. However, the Issuer is a société de financement de l'habitat and as such benefits from specific provisions deviating from standard French insolvency law provisions. Furthermore, the French monetary and financial Code (Code monétaire et financier) contains specific provisions applicable in case of the opening of an insolvency proceeding of a credit institution (établissement de crédit);
		(viii) International Covered Bonds not immediately due and payable in case of

bankruptcy of the Issuer: under the legal framework applicable to sociétés de financement de l'habitat, the opening of bankruptcy proceedings or of conciliation proceedings with respect to the Issuer will not give rise to the right on the part of the holders of the International Covered Bonds to declare the International Covered Bonds immediately due and payable. The French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier) provides for all cash flows generated by the eligible assets of the Issuer (as described under article L.513-11 1° of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier)) to be allocated by way of priority to servicing the liabilities of the Issuer that benefit from the Privilège as they fall due, in preference to all other claims, whether or not secured or statutorily preferred and, until payment in full of the liabilities of the Issuer that benefit from the Privilège, as such liabilities fall due, no creditor (other than the Bondholders and the creditors benefiting from the Privilège) may avail itself of any right over the assets and rights of the Issuer;

- (ix) restrictions on the ability of International Covered Bondholders to seek recourse and enforcement: recourse against the Issuer is restricted by the applicable priority of payment and amounts payable by the Issuer will be recoverable only from and to the extent of the available funds. No enforcement action under the International Covered Bonds may be taken prior to the date which is eighteen (18) months and one (1) day after the earlier of (i) the final maturity date (or, as the case may be, with respect to soft bullet covered bonds, the extended final maturity date) of the last Series issued by the Issuer under the International Programme or the New York law covered bond programme, or (ii) the date of payment of any sums outstanding and owing under the latest outstanding covered bond;
- (x) fluctuation of the value of permitted investments: available funds standing to the credit of the accounts of the Issuer shall be invested in permitted investments. The value of such permitted investments may fluctuate significantly, and the Issuer may be exposed to a credit risk in relation to such permitted investments. No party to the International Programme documents guarantees the market value of the permitted investments, or will be liable if the market value of any of the permitted investments fluctuates and decreases;
- (xi) EU Resolution and Recovery Directive: the powers set out in the Resolution and Recovery Directive ("RRD") impact how credit institutions and investment firms are managed as well as, in certain circumstances, the rights of creditors. In particular, holders of International Covered Bonds may be subject to write-down or conversion into equity on any application of the bail-in tool which may result in such holders losing some or all of their investment. The exercise of any power under the RRD or any suggestion of such exercise could, therefore, materially adversely affect the rights of Bondholders, the price or value of their investment in any International Covered Bonds and/or the ability of the Issuer to satisfy its obligations under any International Covered Bonds;
- (xii) application of the United States Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act withholding risk to the Issuer: should a FACTA withholding tax apply, it is possible that Covered Bondholders may receive less interest or principal than initially anticipated;
- (xiii) interest and currency risks: the Issuer may be exposed to interest and currency risks and in order to mitigate or hedge such potential interest rate or currency risks, the Issuer may use different mechanisms; and
- (xiv) liquidity risk: the Issuer is legally bound to ensure at any time adequate coverage of its liquidity needs for a one hundred and eighty (180) days period.

# D.3 Key information on the key risks that are specific to the securities

Prospective investors should also consider the following risk factors relating to the the French Law Covered Bonds and the market generally:

#### Risks related to the French Law Covered Bonds

General risks related to the French Law Covered Bonds

(i) the French Law Covered Bonds may not be a suitable investment for all investors, each prospective investor having to determine, based on its personal assessment and

- with the help of any adviser depending on the circumstances, the suitability of an investment in the French Law Covered Bonds in light of its own circumstances;
- (ii) the terms and conditions of the French Law Covered Bonds may be modified in a general meeting by a defined majority of French Law Bondholders, binding all French Law Bondholders including French Law Bondholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant general meeting and French Law Bondholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority;
- (iii) certain decisions of holders of French Law Covered Bonds are taken at the International Programme level;
- (iv) the laws and regulations applicable to the French Law Covered Bonds may be amended:
- (v) futures regulatory changes may have an adverse effect on the Issuer;
- (vi) the French Law Bondholders may be required to pay taxes or other documentary charges or duties in accordance with the laws and practices of the country where the French Law Covered Bonds are transferred or other jurisdictions;
- (vii) independent rating agencies may assign a rating to French Law Covered Bonds issued under the International Programme. Such rating does not reflect the potential impact of the risk factors that may affect the value of the French Law Covered Bonds issued under the International Programme;
- (viii) the implementation of Basel II and Basel III could affect the risk weighting of the International Covered Bonds in respect of certain investors;
- (ix) the French Law Covered Bonds will be subject to the directive of the European Union on taxation of savings income. If a payment were to be made or collected through a Member State which has opted for a withholding system in accordance with the directive of the European Union on taxation of savings, and an amount of, or in respect of tax were to be withheld from that payment, neither the Issuer nor any paying agent nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any French Law Covered Bond as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax; and
- (x) transactions in French Law Covered Bonds could be subject to a future European financial transaction tax.

Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of French Law Covered Bonds

- (i) the French Law Covered Bonds may be subject to optional redemption by the Issuer which may impact their market value;
- (ii) French Law Covered Bonds with soft bullet maturity may be redeemed after their final maturity date;
- (iii) the French Law Covered Bonds may be issued with particular features of interest rates, including (a) fixed rate interest (in such case, subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of such French Law Covered Bonds), (b) floating rate interest (the market value of floating rate French Law Covered Bonds may be volatile) and (c) fixed/floating rate interest (the Issuer's ability to convert the interest rate may affect the secondary market and the market value of such French Law Covered Bonds);
- (iv) zero coupon French Law Covered Bonds may be subject to higher price fluctuations than non-discounted bonds; and
- (v) French Law Covered Bonds issued at a substantial discount or premium from their principal amount: the market values of such French Law Covered Bonds tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for conventional interest-bearing securities.

#### Risks related to the market generally

(i) an active trading market for the French Law Covered Bonds may not develop: an active market for the French Law Covered Bonds may not develop or be sustained and investors may not be in a position to easily sell their French Law Covered Bonds

		or to sell them at a price offering a yield comparable to similar products for which an active market would have otherwise developed;
		(ii) exchange rate risks and exchange controls: the Issuer pays the principal and interest on the French Law Covered Bonds in the currency specified in the relevant Final Terms. This presents certain currency conversion risks if the investor's financial activities are principally conducted in a different currency or monetary unit than the currency of the French Law Covered Bonds; and
		(iii) legal investment considerations: investment activities of certain investors are subject to legal investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities that should be taken into account by such investors before investing in the French Law Covered Bonds.
		Section E - Offer
E.2b	Reasons for the offer and use of proceeds when different from making profit and/or hedging certain risks	The net proceeds from each issue of French Law Covered Bonds will be used by the Issuer, as lender, to fund advances to be made available to BFCM, as borrower, under a multicurrency term facility agreement, in accordance with the provisions of article L.513-29-I-1° of the French Monetary and Financial Code ( <i>Code monétaire et financier</i> ).
E.3	Description of the terms and conditions of the offer	French Law Covered Bonds may be offered to the public in France and/or in any other Member State of the EEA which shall be specified in the relevant Final Terms (provided the Issuer has requested the Autorité des marchés financiers to notify the competent authority of the relevant Member State of the certificate of approval in order for the French Law Covered Bonds to be offered to the public in such Member State).
		The offer and sale of French Law Covered Bonds may be subject to selling restrictions notably in the following jurisdictions: the United States of America, Japan, Australia, Switzerland, the EEA, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Germany and the United Kingdom.
		Other than as set out in section A.2 above, neither the Issuer nor any of the Permanent Dealers has authorised the making of any Non-exempt Offer by any person in any circumstances and such person is not permitted to use the Prospectus in connection with its offer of any French Law Covered Bonds. Any such offers are not made on behalf of the Issuer or by any of the Dealers or Authorised Offerors and none of the Issuer or any of the Dealers or Authorised Offerors has any responsibility or liability for the actions of any person making such offers.
E.4	Description of any interest that is material to the issue/offer including conflicting interests	Conflicts of interest may arise during the life of the International Programme as a result of various factors, including because (i) BFCM acts in several capacities, (ii) the parties and/or any respective affiliates may operate, service, acquire or sell properties, or finance loans secured by properties, which are in the same markets as the Home Loans and (iii) the French Law Covered Bonds may be distributed by institutions related to BFCM.  The relevant Final Terms will specify whether any person involved in the offer of
		the French Law Covered Bonds has an interest material to the offer.
E.7	Estimated expenses charged to the investor by the Issuer or the offeror	The estimated expenses charged to the investor by the Issuer will be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

#### RESUME DU PROGRAMME INTERNATIONAL

Le présent résumé est constitué d'éléments d'information, qui sont connus sous le nom d' "**Eléments**" et dont la communication est requise par l'annexe XXII du Règlement CE/809/2004 de la Commission en date du 29 avril 2004, tel que modifié. Ces Eléments sont numérotés dans les Sections A – E (A.1 – E.7).

Le présent résumé contient tous les Eléments devant être inclus dans un résumé pour ce type de titres et d'émetteur. Dans la mesure où certains Eléments ne sont pas requis, il peut y avoir des écarts dans la séquence de numération des Eléments.

Même si un Elément peut être requis dans le résumé en raison du type de titres et d'émetteur, il est possible qu'aucune information pertinente ne puisse être donnée au titre de cet Elément. Dans ce cas une courte description de l'Elément est incluse dans le résumé avec la mention "Sans objet".

	Section A — Introduction et avertissements			
A.1	Avertissements	Le présent résumé est fourni pour les besoins de l'émission par Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH (l'" <b>Emetteur</b> ") d'obligations sécurisées de droit français (les " <b>Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français</b> ") d'une valeur nominale inférieure à 100.000 € (ou la contre-valeur de ce montant dans toute autre devise à la date d'émission). Les investisseurs d'Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français d'une valeur nominale supérieure ou égale à 100.000 € (ou la contre-valeur de ce montant dans toute autre devise à la date d'émission) ne doivent pas se fonder sur le présent résumé, de quelque manière que ce soit, et l'Emetteur n'accepte aucune responsabilité au titre du présent résumé envers de tels investisseurs.		
		Le présent résumé doit être lu comme une introduction au prospectus de base en date du 24 juillet 2015, ayant reçu le visa n°15-406 de l'Autorité des marchés financiers (l'"AMF") le 24 juillet 2015 (le "Prospectus de Base") relatif au programme international d'émission d'Obligations Sécurisées de 30.000.000.000 € (le "Programme International") pour l'émission d'obligations de financement de l'habitat et d'autres obligations sécurisées de l'Emetteur.		
		Toute décision d'investir dans les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français doit être fondée sur un examen exhaustif par tout investisseur du Prospectus de Base, tous suppléments y afférents publiés le cas échéant, y compris l'ensemble des documents qui y sont incorporés par référence, et le cas échéant, les conditions définitives (les "Conditions Définitives") relatives aux tranches d'Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français concernées (ensemble le "Prospectus").		
		Lorsqu'une action concernant l'information contenue ou incorporée par référence dans le Prospectus est intentée devant un tribunal de l'Espace Economique Européen (l'" <b>EEE</b> "), le plaignant peut, selon la législation nationale de l'Etat membre (un " <b>Etat Membre</b> ") dans lequel l'action est intentée, avoir à supporter les frais de traduction du Prospectus avant le début de toute procédure judiciaire.		
		Aucune responsabilité civile ne pourra être engagée contre toute personne ayant présenté le résumé, y compris toute traduction y afférente, sauf à ce que le contenu du résumé ne soit trompeur, inexact ou contradictoire par rapport aux autres parties du Prospectus (y compris l'ensemble des documents qui y sont incorporés par référence) ou s'il ne fournit pas, lorsque lu en combinaison avec les autres parties du Prospectus, les informations clés permettant d'aider les investisseurs lorsqu'ils envisagent d'investir dans les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français.		
A.2	Consentement de l'Emetteur à l'utilisation du Prospectus	Certaines tranches des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français ayant une valeur nominale inférieure à 100.000 € (ou la contre-valeur de ce montant dans toute autre devise à la date d'émission) peuvent être offertes dans des circonstances où il n'existe pas de dispense à l'obligation de publier un prospectus (une "Offre Non-exemptée") en vertu de la Directive 2003/71/CE du Parlement Européen et du Conseil en date du 4 novembre 2003, telle que modifiée (la "Directive Prospectus").		
		Dans le cadre d'une Offre Non-exemptée, l'Emetteur peut consentir, si cela est indiqué dans les Conditions Définitives concernées, à l'utilisation du Prospectus		

durant la période d'Offre indiquée dans les Conditions Définitives concernées (la "Période d'Offre") et dans les états de l'offre au public (le(s) "Etats de l'Offre au Public") indiqué(s) dans les Conditions Définitives concernées par tout intermédiaire financier dûment autorisé désigné dans lesdites Conditions Définitives (chacun un "Offrant Autorisé"). Le consentement mentionné ci-avant s'applique à des Périodes d'Offre (le cas échéant) commençant et se terminant aux dates indiquées à cet effet dans les Conditions Définitives concernées relatives auxdites Offres Non-exemptées et sous réserve que les Conditions Définitives concernées aient été valablement publiées et qu'elles précisent que des offres peuvent être faites au public dans les Etats de l'Offre au Public, le tout, conformément à la Directive Prospectus.

Les Modalités de l'Offre Non-exemptée devront être communiquées aux investisseurs par l'Offrant Autorisé concerné au moment de l'Offre Non-exemptée. Ni l'Emetteur ni BNP Paribas ou Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel (ensemble, les "Agents Placeurs Permanents") ou d'autres Offrants Autorisés ne sont responsables de cette information ou des conséquences de son utilisation par les investisseurs concernés.

		son utilisation par les investisseurs concernés.			
	Section B — Emetteur				
B.1	Raison sociale et nom commercial de l'Emetteur	Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH.			
B.2	Siège social et forme juridique de l'Emetteur, législation régissant ses activités ainsi que son pays d'origine	L'Emetteur est une société anonyme à conseil d'administration, dont le siège social est situé 6, avenue de Provence – 75452 Paris Cedex 9 – France.  Il est immatriculé au registre du commerce et des sociétés de Paris sous le numéro 480 618 800, est agréé en tant qu'établissement de crédit spécialisé par l'Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution et a adopté le statut de société de financement de l'habitat.  L'Emetteur est régi par :  (a) le Code de commerce ; et  (b) le Code monétaire et financier.			
B.4b	Description de toute tendance connue ayant des répercussions sur l'Emetteur et ses secteurs d'activité	Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH, en tant qu'émetteur d'obligations de financement de l'habitat, intervient sur le marché des obligations sécurisées. Ce marché a montré une forte résilience depuis 2008. Néanmoins, pour la troisième année consécutive, le volume global levé sur le marché des obligations sécurisées en 2014 est inférieur au montant de remboursement des obligations sécurisées en raison du processus de réduction du bilan des banques et de la diminution de l'origination d'actifs à travers l'Europe.  La législation et la réglementation applicables aux institutions financières qui ont un impact sur l'Emetteur ont significativement évolué depuis 2008 et le début de la crise financière.  Les mesures adoptées récemment, ou dans certains cas proposées et toujours en discussion, qui ont impacté, ou sont susceptibles d'avoir un impact sur l'Emetteur, comprennent:  - la loi bancaire n° 2013-672 du 26 juillet 2013 de séparation et de régulation des activités bancaires;  - l'ordonnance n° 2014-158 du 20 février 2014 portant diverses dispositions d'adaptation de la législation au droit de l'Union européenne en matière financière;			
		- la Directive et le Règlement de l'Union européenne sur les fonds propres réglementaires dits " <b>CRD IV</b> " du 26 juin 2013 dont un nombre important de dispositions sont applicables depuis le 1 <sup>er</sup> janvier 2014 et le règlement			

		européen n° 648/2012 sur le centrales et les référentiels projets de normes technique Directive et au Règlement C	centraux du 4 jui es de réglementation	llet 2012 (" <b>EM</b> on et d'exécution	<b>IR</b> ") et divers
		- le décret n° 2014-526 du 23 n° 2014-I-16 du 8 décembre sociétés de financement de statutaire a été augmenté de (105%) et les obligations d' l'habitat (en particulier au complétées.	e 2014 qui ont ren l'habitat. En part cent deux pourcer de déclarations de	forcé le régime iculier, le ratio at (102%) à cent s sociétés de fi	prudentiel des de couverture cinq pourcent nancement de
		Plus généralement, les régulateurs moment susceptibles de prendr pourraient impacter significativer l'Emetteur en particulier.	re des mesures i	nouvelles ou d	ifférentes qui
B.5	Description du groupe de	L'Emetteur est une filiale à 10 ("BFCM")	00 % de Banque	Fédérative du (	Crédit Mutuel
	l'Emetteur et de la place qu'y occupe l'Emetteur	BFCM est une filiale de Caisse Fédérale de Crédit Mutuel contrôlée par les onze (11) fédérations du Crédit Mutuel (Centre Est Europe, Sud Est, Ile de France, Savoie Mont-Blanc, Midi Atlantique, Loire-Atlantique et Centre Ouest, Centre, Normandie, Dauphiné-Vivarais, Méditerranée and Anjou) (ensemble le "Groupe CM11"), qui fait partie du groupe bancaire mutualiste français, le groupe Crédit Mutuel (le "Groupe Crédit Mutuel").			
		A la date du Prospectus de Base neuf pour cent (99,99 %) du capita			
B.9	Prévision ou estimation du bénéfice et, le cas échéant, montant	Sans objet.  L'Emetteur ne fournit aucun chiffre relatif à une prévision ou estimation de bénéfice.			
B.10	Description de la nature des éventuelles réserves sur les informations historiques contenues dans le rapport d'audit	Les rapports des commissaires au exercices clos respectivement le contiennent pas d'observations.			
B.12	Informations financières	Les tableaux ci-après indiquent le bilan de l'Emetteur au 31 décembr			e résultat et au
	historiques sélectionnées	Compte de résultat			
		COMPTE DE RESULTAT en millions d'euros	Notes	Exercice clos au 31 décembre 2014	Exercice clos au 31 décembre 2013
		T-42-04	16	22112	2 224 5
		<ul> <li>+ Intérêts et produits assimilés</li> <li>+ Intérêts et charges assimilées</li> </ul>	16 16	3.214,2 (3.211,1)	3.234,6 (3.233,0)
		= Produit Net Bancaire	10	3,1	1,6
		+ Autres charges administratives		(0,8)	(1,0)
		= Charges de fonctionnement		(0,8)	(1,0)
		= Résultat Brut d'Exploitation		2,3	0,5

		= Résultat d'Exploitation		2,3	0,5
		= Résultat Courant		2,3	0,5
		+ Impôts sur les bénéfices	17	(0,9)	(0,2)
		= Résultat Net	1,	1,4	0,3
		Bilan			
		ACTIF	Notes	Exercice clos au 31 décembre 2014	Exercice clos au 31 décembre 2013
		en millions d'euros  Créances sur les établissements de crédit	2	24.648,6	25.596,5
		Autres actifs	3	24.040,0	0,2
		Comptes de régularisation	4	467,2	460,6
		Total de l'actif		25.115,8	26.057,3
		PASSIF ET CAPITAUX PROPRES	Notes		Exercice clos au 31 décembre 2013
		en millions d'euros			
		Dettes représentées par un titre	6	22.802,9	22.485,0
		Autres passifs	3	1.500,7	2.768,3
		Comptes de régularisation	4	467,5	460,7
		Dettes subordonnées	7	120,2	120,2
		Capitaux propres	8	224,5	223,1
		- Capital souscrit		220,0	220,0
		- Réserves		1,1	1,1
		- Report à nouveau		2,0	1,7
		- Résultat de l'exercice		1,4	0,3
		Total du passif et des capitaux propres		25.115,8	26.057,3
		Depuis le 31 décembre 2014, l'Emett sécurisées dans le cadre de son Program			d'obligations
		Sauf pour ce qui est indiqué dans le Pr changement significatif dans la situatio depuis le 31 décembre 2014.			
		Sauf pour ce qui est indiqué dans le Pr changement défavorable significatif dan 31 décembre 2014.			
B.13	Description de	Sans objet.			
	tout évènement récent propre à l'Emetteur et	Il n'y a pas d'évènement récent prop significatif pour l'évaluation de sa solval		eur et présenta	ant un intérêt
	présentant un intérêt significatif pour l'évaluation de sa solvabilité				
B.14	Déclaration concernant la dépendance de	L'Emetteur est une filiale de BFCM, l'Emetteur est dépendant à l'égard d'aut CM11.			

	l'Emetteur à l'égard d'autres entités du groupe	
B.15	Description des principales activités de l'Emetteur	L'Emetteur est une entité avec une capacité juridique et une personnalité propre, agréée par l'Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution, qui a principalement pour objet d'accorder des prêts (chacun, un " <b>Prêt</b> ") à l'Emprunteur (conformément à l'article L.513-29-I-1° du Code monétaire et financier) et émettant des obligations sécurisées bénéficiant du privilège légal créé par l'article L.513-11 du Code monétaire et financier (le " <b>Privilège</b> ").
		En vertu de l'article L.513-28 du Code monétaire et financier qui définit l'objet exclusif des sociétés de financement de l'habitat, l'objet exclusif de l'Emetteur est d'accorder ou de financer des prêts à l'habitat et de détenir des actifs financiers éligibles selon les dispositions applicables aux sociétés de financement à l'habitat.
		Par conséquent, conformément à son agrément en qualité de société de financement de l'habitat, et sous réserve de ses dispositions statutaires (en particulier, l'article 2 de ses statuts), l'Emetteur peut :
		(i) consentir à toute entité agréée en tant qu'établissement de crédit, contrôlée par BFCM au sens de l'article L.233-3 du Code de commerce et/ou toute Caisse de Crédit Mutuel (au sens de l'article L.512-55 et suivants du Code monétaire et financier) et, à l'exclusion des caisses mutuelles agricoles et rurales mentionnées à l'article R.512-26 du Code monétaire et financier), affiliée à la Caisse Fédérale de Crédit Mutuel (société mère de BFCM) (les "Entités CM-CIC") des prêts garantis par la remise, le transfert ou le nantissement des créances de prêt découlant de prêts finançant l'acquisition d'un bien immobilier résidentiel octroyé par une Entité CM-CIC ou BFCM (les "Prêts à l'Habitat") (les "Créances de Prêt à l'Habitat");  (ii) acquérir des billets à ordre émis par toute Entité CM-CIC qui représentent des Créances de Prêts à l'Habitat ;  (iii) émettre des obligations de financement de l'habitat et recueillir d'autres sources de financement bénéficiant du Privilège;  (iv) receuillir d'autres sources de financement ne bénéficiant pas du Privilège.  L'objet et les pouvoirs de l'Emetteur seront, dans la mesure du possible, limités aux activités nécessaires à l'accomplissement de ses obligations conformément aux documents du Programme International. L'Emetteur n'a pas et n'aura pas d'employés, ni ne possédera ou louera de locaux. L'Emetteur et BFCM, en qualité d'administrateur (le "Contrat d'Administration") et à ses statuts à ne pas s'engager dans des activités commerciales non complémentaires ou encourir une responsabilité importante autre que celle envisagée dans les documents de Programme International.
		Conformément aux dispositions de l'article L.513-29-IV du Code monétaire et financier, l'Emetteur, en qualité de société de financement de l'habitat, n'est pas autorisé à détenir des participations dans d'autres sociétés.
B.16	Dans la mesure où ces informations sont connues de l'Emetteur, indiquer si celui-ci est détenu ou contrôlé, directement ou indirectement, et la nature de	A la date du Prospectus de Base, quatre-vingt-dix-neuf, virgule quatre-vingt-dix-neuf pour cent (99,99 %) du capital social de l'Emetteur est détenu par BFCM.

	ce contrôle	
B.17	Notation attribuée à l'Emetteur ou à ses titres d'emprunt	Les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français émises dans le cadre du Programme International devraient être notées Aaa par Moody's Investors Service Ltd ("Moody's"), AAA par Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services France SAS ("S&P") et AAA par Fitch France SAS ("Fitch" et ensemble avec Moody's et S&P, les "Agences de Notation").
		Section C — Titres
C.1	Description de la nature et de la catégorie des valeurs mobilières offertes et/ou admises à la négociation et indication de tout numéro d'identification des valeurs mobilières	Les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français seront émises par souches (chacune une "Souche"), à la même ou à des dates d'émissions différentes. Les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français de chaque Souche seront interchangeables avec toutes les autres Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français de la même Souche.
		Chaque Souche peut être émise par tranches (chacune une " <b>Tranche</b> ") à une ou plusieurs dates d'émission et à des modalités identiques aux modalités des autres Tranches de la même Souche, sauf pour ce qui concerne la date d'émission, le prix d'émission, le premier paiement d'intérêts et le montant nominal total de la Tranche.
		Les modalités spécifiques de chaque Tranche, telles que convenues par l'Emetteur et l'(les) agent(s) placeur(s) concerné(s) (chacun un " <b>Agent Placeur</b> ") à la date d'émission, seront indiquées dans les Conditions Définitives concernées.
		Forme des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français
		Les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français peuvent être émises sous forme dématérialisée ("Obligations Sécurisées Dématérialisées") ou sous forme matérialisée ("Obligations Sécurisées Matérialisées").
		Les Obligations Sécurisées Dématérialisées sont émises, au gré de l'Emetteur, soit au porteur ou au nominatif, et dans ce dernier cas, au gré du porteur des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français concerné, soit au nominatif administré ou au nominatif pur. Aucun document ne sera émis en représentation des Obligations Sécurisées Dématérialisées.
		Les Obligations Sécurisées Matérialisées seront uniquement émises au porteur. Un certificat global temporaire sera initialement émis concernant chaque Tranche d'Obligations Sécurisées Matérialisées. Les Obligations Sécurisées Matérialisées seront uniquement émises hors de France.
		Systèmes de Compensation
		Euroclear France en tant que dépositaire central s'agissant des Obligations Sécurisées Dématérialisées et, s'agissant des Obligations Sécurisées Matérialisées, Clearstream, Luxembourg et Euroclear ou tout autre système de compensation convenu entre l'Emetteur, l'agent financier et l'(les) Agent(s) Placeur(s) concerné(s).
		Numéro d'identification
		Le numéro d'identification international et le code commun des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français (ISIN) sera indiqué dans les Conditions Définitives concernées.
C.2	Devise de l'émission	Sous réserve du respect des lois, règlements et directives applicables, les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français peuvent être libellées en Euro, Livre Sterling, Dollars U.S., Yen Japonais, Francs Suisses, Dollars Australiens et, sous réserve d'une confirmation de notation (de S&P seulement), dans tout autre devise convenue entre l'Emetteur et l'Agent(s) Placeur(s) concerné(s) tel qu'indiqué dans les Conditions Définitives concernées.
C.5	Description de toute restriction imposée à la	Il n'y a pas de restriction à la libre négociabilité des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français (sous réserve de l'application de restrictions de vente qui peuvent

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	libre négociabilité	s'appliquer dans certaines juridictions).
	des valeurs mobilières	L'Emetteur est de catégorie 2 pour les besoins de la réglementation S au titre de la réglementation américaine sur les valeurs mobilières de 1933, telle que modifiée.
C.8	Description des droits attachés aux valeurs mobilières, y compris leur rang et toute restriction qui leur est applicable	Rang des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français
		Les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français et, le cas échéant, tous coupons et reçus y afférents, constitueront des engagements directs, inconditionnels, non subordonnés et privilégiés de l'Emetteur et viendront au même rang entre eux et avec toutes les autres obligations présentes ou futures (y compris les obligations sécurisées de toutes autres souches) et les autres ressources émises par l'Emetteur bénéficiant du Privilège créé par l'article L.513-11 du Code monétaire et financier.
		Le principal et les intérêts des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français bénéficient du Privilège créé par l'article L.513-11 du Code monétaire et financier et les Porteurs d'Obligations de Droit Français doivent bénéficier de tous les droits prévus à l'article L.531-11 du Code monétaire et financier.
		Valeurs nominales
		Les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français seront émises dans la(les) valeur(s) nominale(s) indiquée(s) dans les Conditions Définitives concernées. Les Obligations Sécurisées Dématérialisés d'une Souche particulière seront émises dans une (1) valeur nominale uniquement.
		"Marché Réglementé" désigne un marché réglementé au sein de l'EEE tel que défini par la directive 2004/39/CE du Parlement européen et du Conseil du 21 avril 2004, telle que modifiée.
		Fiscalité
		Tous les paiements en principal, intérêts et autres produits afférents aux Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français effectués par ou pour le compte de l'Emetteur seront effectués sans aucune retenue ou prélèvement à la source au titre de tout impôt ou taxe de toute nature, imposés, levés ou recouvrés par ou pour le compte de la France, ou l'une de ses autorités ayant le pouvoir de lever l'impôt, à moins que cette retenue ou ce prélèvement à la source ne soit exigé par la loi.
		Si en vertu de la législation française, les paiements en principal ou en intérêts afférents à toutes Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français, reçus ou coupons, devaient être soumis à un prélèvement ou à une retenue au titre de tout impôt ou taxe, présent ou futur, l'Emetteur paiera, dans toute la mesure permise par la loi et sous réserve de certaines exceptions, de tels montants supplémentaires.
		Cas de défaut de l'Emetteur
		Sous réserve des dispositions légales applicables à une société de financement de l'habitat, si un cas de défaut de l'Emetteur se produit au titre de toute Souche d'Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français, le montant principal de toutes les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français d'une telle Souche deviendra dû et payable (mais sous réserve de l'ordre de paiement prioritaire concerné alors applicable), ainsi que tout intérêt couru y afférent, à compter de la date à laquelle un tel avis de paiement est reçu par l'agent financier.
		Droit applicable
		Les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français, reçus, coupons et talons seront régis et devront être interprétés conformément aux dispositions du droit Français.
C.9	Taux d'intérêt nominal	Taux d'intérêt nominal
		Les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français peuvent être des Obligations Sécurisées à taux fixe, des Obligations Sécurisées à taux variable, des Obligations Sécurisées à taux fixe/variable, des Obligations Sécurisées à zéro coupon ou une combinaison de toutes ces hypothèses.

Date d'entrée en jouissance et date d'échéance des intérêts

Lorsque le taux n'est pas fixe, description du sous-jacent sur lequel il est fondé

#### Date d'entrée en jouissance et de paiement des intérêts

Ces dates seront indiquées dans les Conditions Définitives concernées.

# Description du sous-jacent pour les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français à taux variable

Les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français à taux variable porteront intérêt dans les conditions indiquées dans les Conditions Définitives concernées sur la base des stipulations suivantes :

- (a) sur la même base que le taux variable applicable à une opération d'échange de taux d'intérêt notionnel dans la devise prévue concernée, conformément à la Convention Cadre FBF de 2013 relative aux opérations sur instruments financiers à terme, telle que complétée par les Additifs Techniques, tels que publiés par la Fédération Bancaire Française (FBF); ou
- (b) sur la même base que le taux variable applicable à une opération d'échange de taux d'intérêt notionnel dans la devise prévue concernée, conformément à une convention intégrant les Définitions ISDA 2006, telle que publiée par l'*International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc*; ou
- sur la même base d'une référence à un taux apparaissant sur une page fournie par un service commercial de cotation (y compris, sans que cette liste ne soit exhaustive, EURIBOR ou LIBOR);

dans chaque cas, tel qu'ajusté à la hausse ou à la baisse par toute marge applicable, le cas échéant, et calculé et payé dans les conditions fixées dans les Conditions Définitives concernées. Les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français à taux variable peuvent aussi avoir un taux d'intérêt maximum, un taux d'intérêt minimum ou les deux.

Date d'échéance et modalités d'amortissement de l'emprunt y compris les procédures de remboursement

#### Remboursement

Remboursement à l'échéance finale

A moins qu'elle n'ait été préalablement remboursée ou rachetée et annulée en vertu de toute option de l'Emetteur ou des Porteurs d'Obligations de Droit Français, chaque Obligation Sécurisée de Droit Français sera remboursée à la date d'échéance finale indiquée dans les Conditions Définitives concernées.

Une date d'échéance finale prolongée pourra être spécifiée dans les Conditions Définitives d'une Souche d'Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français, chacune des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français concernée étant alors qualifiée d'Obligation Sécurisée de Droit Français ayant une date de maturité extensible.

#### Remboursement Optionnel

Les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français peuvent être remboursées avant leur date d'échéance indiquée au choix de l'Emetteur (en tout ou partie) ou au choix des Porteur d'Obligations des Droit Français, tel qu'indiqué dans les Conditions Définitives concernées.

#### Remboursement Anticipé

Les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français peuvent être remboursées avant leur date d'échéance indiquée à l'option de l'Emetteur pour raisons fiscales ou pour illégalité.

Les Conditions Définitives concernées indiqueront si les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français peuvent être remboursées avant leur date d'échéance indiquée (pour des raisons autres que fiscales) à l'option de l'Emetteur et/ou des Porteurs.

# Indication du rendement

#### Indication du Rendement

Une indication du rendement des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français à taux fixe sera indiquée dans les Conditions Définitives concernées. Le rendement des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français à taux fixe est calculé à la date d'émission desdites Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français à taux fixe sur la base du prix

		d'émission. Cela n'est pas une indication du rendement futur.
	Nom du	Représentation des Porteurs d'Obligations de Droit Français
	représentant des détenteurs de titres d'emprunt	Les Porteurs d'Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français seront, pour ce qui concerne toutes les Tranches de toutes Souches, regroupés automatiquement pour la défense de leurs intérêts communs en une masse (la "Masse").
		La Masse sera une entité juridique distincte et agira en partie par l'intermédiaire d'un représentant et en partie par l'intermédiaire d'une assemblée générale des Porteurs d'Obligations de Droit Français.
C.10	Lorsque le paiement des intérêts produits par la valeur émise est lié à un instrument dérivé, fournir des explications claires et exhaustives de nature à permettre aux investisseurs de comprendre comment la valeur de leur investissement est influencée par celle du ou des instrument(s) sous-jacent(s), en particulier dans les cas où les risques sont les plus évidents	Sans objet.  Les paiements d'intérêts sur les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français ne sont liés à aucun instrument dérivé.
C.11	Si les valeurs mobilières offertes font ou feront l'objet d'une demande d'admission à la négociation, en vue de leur distribution sur un Marché Réglementé ou sur des marchés équivalents avec l'indication des marchés en question	Une demande pourra être déposée auprès d'Euronext Paris pendant une période de douze (12) mois à compter de la date d'approbation du Prospectus de Base pour que les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français soient admises aux négociations sur Euronext Paris. Les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français peuvent également être non cotées ou cotées et/ou admises aux négociations sur tout autre marché, y compris sur tout autre Marché Réglementé et/ou offertes au public dans tout Etat Membre de l'EEE.  Les Conditions Définitives concernées relatives à l'émission de toutes Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français indiqueront si de telles Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français seront cotées et/ou admises aux négociations sur tout marché et/ou offertes au public dans tout Etat Membre de l'EEE et, dans cette hypothèse, le marché concerné et/ou l'Etat Membre de l'EEE sur lequel les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français seront offertes au public.
C.21	Indication du marché sur lequel les valeurs mobilières seront négociées et à l'intention	Voir section C.11 ci-avant.

	duquel le prospectus a été publié			
	Section D — Risques			
D.2	Informations clés sur les principaux risques propres à l'Emetteur	Les investisseurs potentiels doivent prendre en compte, entre autres, les facteurs de risques relatifs à l'Emetteur, qui peuvent altérer sa capacité à remplir ses obligations au titre des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français :  *Risques relatifs à l'Emetteur*		
		(i) seule responsabilité de l'Emetteur au titre des Obligations Sécurisées Internationales (telles que définies ci-après) : l'Emetteur est la seule entité ayant des obligations de payer le principal et les intérêts des Obligations Sécurisées Internationales ;		
		(ii) ressources limitées : (a) en l'absence de tout cas de défaut de l'Emprunteur, la capacité de l'Emetteur de respecter ses obligations au titre des Obligations Sécurisées de droit français et des autres obligations sécurisées régies soit par les lois de l'Etat des Nouvelles Galles du Sud, en Australie ou du droit allemand, le cas échéant (ensemble, les "Obligations Sécurisées Internationales") dépend du montant du principal et des intérêts payés par l'Emprunteur selon le calendrier de remboursement et/ou, le cas échéant, des montants reçus au titre de tout contrat de couverture disponible ou au titre de tout mécanisme de couverture (le cas échéant), tous produits générés par les valeurs de remplacement et le gage-espèces (le cas échéant) ; (b) dès la survenance d'un cas de défaut de l'Emprunteur et la réalisation de la garantie financière accordée par les fournisseurs de garantie, la capacité de l'Emetteur à respecter ses obligations au titre des Obligations Sécurisées Internationales dépend des produits de la garantie financière accordée par les fournisseurs de garantie qui est réalisée en faveur de l'Emetteur ;		
		(iii) dépendance de l'Emetteur vis-à-vis de BFCM et des tiers impliqués dans le Programme International : l'Emetteur a conclu des contrats avec des tiers, qui ont accepté de fournir des services à l'Emetteur (en particulier avec BFCM). En cas de manquement d'un prestataire de services de l'Emetteur dans le cadre du Programme International dans l'accomplissement de ses obligations au titre du contrat concerné, la faculté de l'Emetteur à procéder au paiement au titre des Obligations Sécurisées Internationales pourrait être affectée ;		
		(iv) risque de substitution : dans certaines circonstances décrites dans les documents du Programme International, conduisant à ce qu'une (1) ou plusieurs parties aux documents du Programme International doivent être substituées conformément aux termes des documents du Programme, aucune assurance ne peut être donnée quant au fait qu'une entité de substitution puisse être trouvée ;		
		(v) survenance de certains conflits d'intérêts: des conflits d'intérêts peuvent survenir durant la vie du Programme International en raison de plusieurs facteurs impliquant des parties à la documentation du Programme International;		
		(vi) avenant, modification ou supplément à tout document du Programme sans l'accord des porteurs d'Obligations Sécurisées Internationales. Dans certaines circonstances, l'Emetteur peut, sans le consentement ou l'approbation de tout porteur d'Obligations Sécurisées Internationales, convenir avec toute personne de procéder à des avenants, modifications ou suppléments à tout document du Programme auquel il est partie;		
		(vii) lois relatives aux procédures collectives en France : l'Emetteur est soumis aux lois et procédures françaises. Cependant, l'Emetteur est une société de financement de l'habitat et en tant que telle bénéficie de dispositions particulières en ce qui concerne le droit français des procédures collectives. De plus, le code monétaire et financier prévoit des dispositions spécifiques applicables au cas d'ouverture d'une procédure collective à l'égard d'un établissement de crédit ;		
		(viii) Obligations Sécurisées Internationales non immédiatement dues et exigibles en cas de faillite de l'Emetteur : conformément au régime juridique applicable aux		

sociétés de financement de l'habitat, l'ouverture d'une procédure collective ou d'une procédure de conciliation contre l'Emetteur n'ouvre pas droit aux titulaires d'Obligations Sécurisées Internationales de déclarer les Obligations Sécurisées Internationales immédiatement dues et exigibles. Le code monétaire et financier dispose que toutes sommes provenant d'actifs éligibles de l'Emetteur (tels que décrits sous l'article L.513-11 1° du Code monétaire et financier) sont affectées par priorité au service du paiement des ressources bénéficiant du Privilège, à leur échéance contractuelle, assorties ou non de privilèges ou de sûretés et jusqu'à l'entier désintéressement des titulaires des créances bénéficiant du Privilège, nul autre créancier de l'Emetteur ne peut se prévaloir d'un droit quelconque sur les biens et les droits de l'Emetteur;

- (ix) restrictions sur la possibilité des Porteurs d'Obligations Sécurisées Internationales d'intenter un recours et son exécution : les recours à l'encontre de l'Emetteur sont limités par les priorités de paiement applicables et les montants payables par l'Emetteur seront recouvrables uniquement sur et dans la limite des fonds disponibles. Aucune mesure d'application au titre des Obligations Sécurisées Internationales ne peut être entreprise avant une date de dix huit (18) mois et un (1) jour après la première de (i) la date d'échéance finale (ou le cas échéant, au regard des obligations sécurisées ayant une date de maturité extensible, la date d'échéance finale prolongée) de la dernière Souche émise par l'Emetteur au titre du Programme International ou du programme d'émission d'obligations sécurisées régies par les lois de l'Etat de New-York, ou (ii) la date de paiement de toutes sommes impayées et dues au titre des dernières Obligations Sécurisées impayées ;
- (x) variation de la valeur des investissements autorisés : les fonds disponibles au crédit des comptes de l'Emetteur peuvent être investis dans des investissements autorisés. La valeur de ces investissements autorisés peut varier de façon significative, et l'Emetteur peut être exposé à un risque de crédit par rapport à de tels investissements autorisés. Aucune partie aux documents de Programme International ne garantit la valeur du marché des investissements autorisés, ni ne sera responsable si la valeur du marché de tout investissement autorisé varie et diminue ;
- (xi) directive établissant un cadre pour le redressement et la résolution des établissements de crédit et des entreprises d'investissement: les pouvoirs de résolution énoncés dans la directive établissant un cadre pour le redressement et la résolution des établissements de crédit et des entreprises d'investissement ("RRD") a des conséquences sur la façon dont sont gérés les établissements de crédit et des entreprises d'investissement ainsi que, dans certaines circonstances, les droits des créanciers. En particulier, les porteurs d'Obligations Sécurisées Internationales peuvent être soumis à une dépréciation ou une conversion en participations par application de l'instrument de reflouement interne ce qui pourrait entraîner des pertes d'investissement pour ces porteurs. L'exercice de tout pouvoir au titre de RRD ou toute allusion à un tel exercice pourrait, par conséquent, avoir une incidence défavorable importante sur les droits des Porteurs, le prix ou la valeur de leurs investissement dans les Obligations Sécurisées Internationales et/ou la faculté de l'Emetteur à satisfaire ses obligations au titre des Obligations Sécurisées Internationales :
- (xii) application du risque de retenue à la source de la législation américaine dite "FATCA" (Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act) à l'Emetteur : si une retenue à la source du fait de la législation FATCA s'applique, il est possible que les Porteurs reçoivent moins d'intérêt ou de principal qu'initiallement prévu ;
- (xiii) risque relatif aux taux d'intérêts et devises : l'Emetteur peut être exposé à des risques de taux d'intérêt et de change et peut recourir à différents mécanismes pour atténuer ces risques potentiels; et
- (xiv) risque de liquidité : l'Emetteur doit assurer à tout moment la couverture de ses besoins de trésorerie sur une période de cent quatre-vingts (180) jours.

D.3 Informations clés sur les

Les investisseurs potentiels doivent prendre en compte les facteurs de risques suivants relatifs aux Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français :

principaux risques propres aux valeurs mobilières Risques généraux relatifs aux Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français

- (i) les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français peuvent ne pas être un investissement approprié pour tous les investisseurs, chaque investisseur potentiel devant déterminer, sur la base de son propre examen et avec l'intervention de tout conseiller selon les circonstances, l'opportunité d'un investissement dans les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français au regard de sa situation personnelle;
- (ii) les modalités des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français peuvent être modifiées en assemblée générale par une majorité définie de Porteurs d'Obligations de Droit Français s'imposant à tous les Porteurs d'Obligations de Droit Français y compris les Porteurs d'Obligations de Droit Français qui n'auraient pas participé et voté à l'assemblée générale et les Porteurs d'Obligations de Droit Français qui auraient voté dans un sens contraire à la majorité ;
- (iii) certaines décisions des Porteurs d'Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français sont prises au niveau du Programme International ;
- (iv) les lois et réglements applicables aux Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français peuvent faire l'objet de modifications ;
- (v) les changements règlementaires futurs peuvent avoir un effet défavorable sur l'Emetteur ;
- (vi) les Porteurs d'Obligations de Droit Français peuvent devoir payer des impôts ou autres taxes ou droits selon la loi ou les lois et pratiques en vigueur dans le pays où les Obligations de Droit Français seront transférées ou dans d'autres juridictions ;
- (vii) des agences de notation indépendantes peuvent attribuer une notation aux Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français émises dans le cadre du Programme International. Une telle notation ne reflète pas l'impact potentiel des facteurs de risques qui peuvent affecter la valeur des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français émises dans le cadre du Programme International;
- (viii) la transposition de Bâle II et Bâle III pourrait affecter la pondération des risques relatifs aux Obligations Sécurisées Internationales pour certains investisseurs ;
- (ix) les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français sont soumises à la directive de l'Union Européenne en matière de fiscalité des revenus de l'épargne. Si un paiement devait être effectué ou collecté au sein d'un Etat Membre qui a opté pour le système de retenue à la source conformément à la directive de l'Union Européenne en matière de fiscalité des revenus de l'épargne, et qu'un montant est retenu en vertu d'un impôt au titre de ce paiement, ni l'Emetteur, ni aucun agent payeur, ni aucune autre personne ne serait obligé de payer des montants supplémentaires au titre des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français du fait de l'imposition d'un tel prélèvement à la source ; et
- (x) les transactions d'Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français pourraient être soumises à la future taxe européenne sur les transactions financières.

Risques relatifs à une émission particulière d'Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français

- (i) les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français peuvent faire l'objet d'un remboursement optionnel par l'Emetteur, ce qui pourrait impacter leur valeur de marché ;
- (ii) les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français ayant une date de maturité extensible peuvent être remboursées après leur date d'échéance finale ;
- (iii) les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français peuvent être émises avec des caractéristiques particulières de taux d'intérêt, y compris (a) intérêts à taux fixe (auquel cas, les changements des taux d'intérêts sur le marché peuvent avoir un impact défavorable significatif sur la valeur de telles Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français), (b) intérêts à taux variable (la valeur de marché des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français à taux variable peut être volatile) et (c) intérêts taux

fixe/taux variable (la possibilité pour l'Emetteur de convertir le taux d'intérêt peut affecter le marché secondaire et la valeur de marché de telles Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français);

- (iv) les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français à coupon zéro peuvent être soumises à de plus fortes fluctuations de prix que les titres non actualisés ; et
- (v) les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français émises en dessous du pair ou assortis d'une prime d'émission significative : la valeur de marché de telles Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français a tendance à être plus sensible aux fluctuations des taux d'intérêts que des titres classiques.

Risques relatifs au marché en général

- (i) un marché secondaire actif pourrait ne pas se développer pour les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français : un marché actif des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français pourrait ne pas se développer ou se maintenir et les investisseurs pourraient ne pas être en mesure de céder facilement leurs Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français ou de les céder à un prix offrant un rendement comparable à des produits similaires pour lesquels un marché actif se serait développé;
- (ii) risques liés au taux et au contrôle des changes : l'Emetteur paie le principal et les intérêts des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français dans la devise prévue dans les Conditions Définitives concernées. Cela présente certains risques relatifs à la conversion des devises si les activités financières d'un investisseur sont effectuées principalement dans une monnaie ou une unité monétaire différente de la devise des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français ; et
- (iii) considérations juridiques liées à l'investissement : les activités d'investissement de certains investisseurs sont soumises aux lois et réglements sur les critères d'investissement, ou au contrôle ou à la supervision par certaines autorités qui doivent être pris en compte par de tels investisseurs avant d'investir dans les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français.

#### Section E — Offre

#### E.2b Raisons de l'offre et de l'utilisation dи prévues produit lorsqu'il s'agit de raisons autres que la réalisation d'un bénéfice et/ou la couverture de certains risques

Le produit net de chaque émission d'Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français sera utilisé par l'Emetteur, en tant que prêteur, pour financer les avances à mettre à disposition de BFCM, en tant qu'emprunteur dans le cadre d'une convention de crédit multi-devises, en vertu des dispositions de l'article L.513-29-I-1° du Code monétaire et financier.

# E.3 Description des modalités de l'offre

Les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français peuvent être offertes au public en France et/ou dans tout autre Etat Membre de l'EEE indiqué dans les Conditions Définitives concernées (dès lors que l'Emetteur a instruit l'Autorité des marchés financiers de notifier l'autorité compétente de l'Etat Membre concerné du certificat d'approbation afin que les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français puissent être offertes au public dans un tel Etat Membre).

L'offre et la vente des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français peuvent être soumises à des restrictions de vente en particulier dans les juridictions suivantes : les Etats-Unis d'Amérique, le Japon, l'Australie, la Suisse, l'EEE, la France, l'Italie, les Pays-Bas, l'Allemagne et le Royaume-Uni.

A l'exception de ce qui est indiqué à la section A.2 ci-avant, ni l'Emetteur ni aucun des Agents Placeurs Permanents n'a autorisé une personne à faire une Offre Non-exemptée en aucune circonstance et aucune personne n'est autorisée à utiliser le Prospectus dans le cadre de ses offres d'Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français. De telles offres ne sont pas faites au nom de l'Emetteur ni par aucun des Agents

		Placeurs ou des Offrants Autorisés et ni l'Emetteur ni aucun des Agents Placeurs ou des Offrants Autorisés n'est responsable des actes de toute personne procédant à de telles offres.
E.4	Description de tout intérêt pouvant influer sensiblement sur l'émission/l'offre, y compris les intérêts conflictuels	Des conflits d'intérêt peuvent se produire pendant la vie du Programme International en raison de différents facteurs, notamment en raison du fait que (i) BFCM agit à différents titres, (ii) les parties et/ou leurs sociétés liées peuvent gérer, entretenir, acquérir ou vendre des biens immobiliers, ou financer des prêts garantis par des biens immobiliers, qui sont sur les même marchés que les Prêts Immobiliers et (iii) les Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français peuvent être distribuées par des établissements liés à BFCM.  Les Conditions Définitives concernées indiqueront si une personne impliquée dans l'offre des Obligations Sécurisées de Droit Français y a un intérêt significatif.
E.7	Estimation des dépenses facturées à l'investisseur par l'Emetteur ou l'offreur	Une estimation des frais imputés à l'investisseur par l'Emetteur sera incluse dans les Conditions Définitives concernées.

#### RISK FACTORS

The Issuer believes that the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under the International Covered Bonds issued under the International Programme. Most of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and the Issuer is not in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.

In addition, factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with the International Covered Bonds issued under the International Programme are also described below.

The Issuer believes that the factors described below represent the principal risks inherent to investing in International Covered Bonds issued under the International Programme. However, the Issuer does not represent that the factors below are exhaustive. Investors must be aware that other risks and uncertainties which, as of the date of this Base Prospectus, are not known to the Issuer, or are considered immaterial, may have a significant impact on the Issuer, its activity, its financial condition or the International Covered Bonds. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Base Prospectus (including any documents incorporated by reference herein) and form their own opinions as to potential risks prior to making any investment decision. Investors should in particular conduct their own analysis and evaluation of risks relating to the Issuer, its financial condition and International Covered Bonds and consult their own financial or legal advisers about risks associated with investment in a particular Series of International Covered Bonds and the suitability of investing in the International Covered Bonds in light of their particular circumstances.

The Issuer considers that the International Covered Bonds should only be purchased by investors which are (or are advised by) financial institutions or other professional investors who have sufficient knowledge and experience to appropriately evaluate the risks involved with the International Covered Bonds.

The order in which the following risk factors are presented is not an indication of the likehood of their occurrence.

Words and expressions defined in the section entitled "Terms and Conditions of the French Law Covered Bonds" shall have the same meanings when used below.

#### 1. Risks related to the Issuer

The Issuer has sole liability under the International Covered Bonds

The Issuer is the only entity with the obligation to pay principal and interest in respect of the International Covered Bonds. The International Covered Bonds are not and will not be the obligation or responsibility of any other entity, including (but not limited to) BFCM (in any capacity but in particular in its capacity as Borrower, Administrator, Issuer Calculation Agent, Collateral Security Agent or Cash Collateral Provider), the Collateral Providers, the Dealers, the Representative, the Fiscal Agent, the Australian Registrar, the German Fiscal Agent, the German Registrar, the Paying Agents, the Asset Monitors, any counterparty to any Hedging Agreement(s) or to any equivalent hedging mechanism entered into by the Issuer (if any) or any company in the same group of companies as any of them, or the shareholders or directors or agents of any company in the same group of companies as any of them.

The Issuer has limited resources

In the absence of any Borrower Event of Default, the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations under the International Covered Bonds will depend on the amount of scheduled principal and interest paid by the Borrower and the timing thereof and/or, as applicable, the amounts received under any Hedging Agreement or available under any equivalent hedging mechanism (if any), any proceeds generated by Permitted Investments, and any proceeds under the Substitution Assets.

Pursuant to the Cash Collateral Agreement, the Issuer will also benefit from the Cash Collateral to be provided by the Cash Collateral Provider under some circumstances.

Upon the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default and enforcement of the Collateral Security granted by the Collateral Providers, and without prejudice to any other unsecured recourse the Issuer may have against the Borrower under the Borrower Debt, the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations under all the International Covered Bonds will depend on the proceeds from the Collateral Security granted by the Collateral Providers that is enforced in favour of the Issuer. These proceeds would be the amount of principal and interest paid directly to the Issuer by the relevant debtors under the Home Loans transferred to the Issuer upon enforcement of such Collateral Security or the price or value of such Home Loans and related Home Loan Security upon the sale or refinancing thereof by the Issuer. The Issuer would also be entitled to any amounts to be received under any Hedging Agreement or available under any equivalent hedging mechanism (if any), any proceeds generated by Permitted Investments, the Cash Collateral provided by the Cash Collateral Provider under the Cash Collateral

Agreement, the available amount under the Share Capital Proceeds Account, and any proceeds under the Substitution Assets.

The Issuer will not have any further source of funds available to meet its obligations under the International Covered Bonds other than (i) the recourse the Issuer has against the Borrower under the Borrower Debt until such Borrower Debt is repaid in full and (ii) as the case may be, funds raised under credit operations with the *Banque de France* under its monetary policy and intraday credit operations.

An Issuer Event of Default will not automatically trigger a Borrower Event of Default, and the Issuer will then not be able to enforce the Collateral Security securing the repayment of the International Covered Bonds in order to cure such Issuer Event of Default if no Borrower Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. Therefore, notwithstanding the occurrence of such an Issuer Event of Default, if no Borrower Event of Default occurs, the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations under the International Covered Bonds will still depend only on the principal and interest paid by the Borrower under the Borrowed Advances, the amounts received under any Hedging Agreement or available under any equivalent hedging mechanism (if any), the proceeds generated by Permitted Investments, the Cash Collateral and the available amount under the Share Capital Proceeds Account.

There can be no assurance that the resources available to the Issuer will be sufficient to meet its obligations under the International Covered Bonds as scheduled or at all.

The Issuer relies on BFCM and other third parties to perform its obligations under the Programme Documents

The Issuer has entered into agreements with BFCM and other third parties, which have agreed to perform services for the Issuer. These services include, but are not limited to, the appointment of BFCM as:

- Administrator to provide the Issuer with all necessary advice, assistance and know-how, whether technical or
  otherwise, including in connection with the Issuer's day to day management and corporate administration and
  to ensure that the Issuer exercises its rights and performs its obligations under the Programme Documents;
- Issuer Calculation Agent to make calculations as provided under the Programme Documents and in particular to make the calculations in relation to the Asset Cover Test, the Regulatory Cover Test, the Pre-Maturity Test, the Regulatory Liquidity Test and the Amortisation Test.

In the event that the Administrator, the Issuer Calculation Agent or any other relevant party providing services to the Issuer under the Programme Documents fails to perform its obligations under the relevant agreement(s) to which it is a party, the ability of the Issuer to make payments under the International Covered Bonds may be affected. For instance, if the Collateral Providers or the Collateral Security Agent fail to administer the Collateral Security Assets and/or the Collateral Security adequately, the value of the Collateral Security or any part thereof may be negatively impacted, and in turn, the ability of the Issuer to make payments under the International Covered Bonds may be affected.

Under the relevant Programme Documents, the Issuer may in certain circumstances terminate the appointment of any third party that defaults in the performance of its obligations, in which case the transfer of the servicing function to a new servicer could result in delays, increased costs and/or losses in collection of sums due to the Issuer under its assets, could create operational and administrative difficulties for the Issuer, and could adversely affect its ability to perform its obligations under the International Covered Bonds.

The Programme Documents require that certain third parties be substituted upon the occurrence of certain events, and there is no guarantee that an appropriate substitute will be found

Pursuant to the Programme Documents, certain third parties will require substitution in the event the short-term and/or long-term debt of one (1) or more parties to the Programme Documents (such as the Issuer Calculation Agent, the Cash Collateral Provider, the Administrator or the Issuer Accounts Bank) is downgraded and in certain other circumstances described in the Programme Documents. No assurance can be given that a substitute entity will be found.

In particular, if the long-term debt of the Administrator is downgraded or another Administrator Termination Event occurs pursuant to the terms of the Administrative Agreement, the Issuer will be entitled to terminate the appointment of the Administrator and appoint a new administrator in its place. There can be no assurance that a substitute administrator with sufficient experience would be found who would be willing and able to serve on terms similar to those of the Administrative Agreement. In addition, upon the occurrence of any Borrower Event of Default and the subsequent enforcement of the Collateral Security and the transfer to the Issuer of the Collateral Security Assets, there can be no assurance that a substitute administrator with sufficient experience of servicing such transferred Collateral Security Assets would be found who would be willing and able to serve on terms similar to those of the Administrative Agreement. The ability of a substitute Administrator to perform the required services fully would depend, among other things, on the information, software and records available at

the time of the appointment. Any delay or inability to appoint a substitute Administrator may affect the realisable value of the Collateral Security Assets or any part thereof, and/or the ability of the Issuer to make payments under the International Covered Bonds. No Administrator has or will have any obligation to advance payments that the Borrower fails to make in a timely manner. The Issuer Independent Representative is not obliged under any circumstance to act as an Administrator or to monitor the proper performance of obligations by any Administrator.

Certain conflicts of interest may arise during the life of the International Programme

Conflicts of interest may arise during the life of the International Programme. These include, for example, conflicts that may arise as a result of BFCM's several roles in different capacities under the Programme Documents, including as Borrower.

During the course of their business activities, the parties to the Programme Documents and/or any respective affiliates may operate, service, acquire or sell properties, or finance loans secured by properties, which are in the same markets as the Home Loans. In such cases, the interest of any of those parties or their affiliates or the interest of other parties for whom they perform services may differ from, and conflict with, the interests of the Issuer or of the holders of the International Covered Bonds.

The International Covered Bonds may be distributed by institutions in charge of collecting subscription orders from investors and such institutions may, as the case may be, be related to BFCM. Consequently, during the offer period of the International Covered Bonds, some conflicts of interest may arise between the interests of such distributors and/or BFCM and those of the International Bondholders.

Amendment, modification, alteration or supplement of Programme Documents without International Bondholders consent

Subject to the qualifications described in the relevant Programme Document(s) to which it is a party, the Issuer may, without the consent or approval of any of the International Bondholders, concur with any person in making any amendments, modifications, alterations or supplements to any Programme Document (save, for the avoidance of doubt, the Terms and Conditions) to which it is a party. Such modifications, alterations or supplements may materially and adversely affect the interest of the Issuer or the International Bondholders but, in this case, shall not be made without prior Rating Affirmation.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer may, without prior Rating Affirmation and without the prior consent or approval of any of the International Bondholders, concur with any person in making or sanctioning any amendments, modifications, alterations or supplements to any Programme Document to which it is a party if the same is:

- to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- to evidence or effect the transition of any party to a Programme Document to which it is a party to any successor;
- to add to the undertakings and other obligations of any party (except the Issuer) under a Programme Document to which it is a party; or
- to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

Insolvency and examinership laws in France could limit the ability of the International Bondholders to enforce their rights under the International Covered Bonds

The Issuer is subject to French laws and proceedings affecting creditors generally, including article 1244-1 of the French Civil Code (*Code civil*), conciliation proceedings (*procédure de conciliation*), safeguard proceedings (*procédure de sauvegarde*), accelerated safeguard proceedings (*procédure de sauvegarde accélérée*), financial accelerated safeguard proceedings (*procédure de sauvegarde financière accélérée*) and judicial reorganisation or liquidation proceedings (*procédures de redressement judiciaire ou de liquidation judiciaire*).

As a regulated credit institution (établissement de crédit), the Issuer is also subject to the specific provisions of articles L.613-26 et seq. of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier) that specify the conditions for opening an insolvency proceeding against a credit institution (établissement de crédit) (prior information and opinion of the French banking authority (Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution)), include specific concepts of cash flow insolvency (cessation des paiements) and set out specific rules for the liquidation of a credit institution (établissement de crédit). More specifically, pursuant to article L.613-31-16 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier), the French banking authority (Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution) may suspend temporarily the right to invoke the acceleration, the termination and the set-off rights provided for in article L.211-36-1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier) under any agreement entered into with the Issuer.

The above-mentioned insolvency rules apply equally to each party to the Programme Documents that is regulated as a credit institution in France.

In general, French insolvency rules favour the continuation of a business and the employment conservation over the payment of creditors.

However, the Issuer, as a *société de financement de l'habitat*, benefits from certain exceptions to these insolvency rules, as described under section "*Main features of the legislation and regulations relating to sociétés de financement de l'habitat*"). While these exceptions may protect International Covered Bonds from some of the risks inherent in French insolvency law, there can be no assurance that they will be sufficient to provide complete protection.

Holders of the International Covered Bonds may not declare the International Covered Bonds immediately due and payable in the event the Issuer files for bankruptcy

The bankruptcy of the Issuer, which is an event that is customarily considered an event of default under debt instruments giving rise to an absolute or qualified right on the part of the registered holder to declare such debt instrument immediately due and payable, constitutes the occurrence of an Issuer Event of Default under the terms and conditions applicable to International Covered Bonds. However, under the legal framework applicable to sociétés de financement de l'habitat, the opening of bankruptcy proceedings or of conciliation proceedings with respect to the Issuer will not give rise to the right on the part of the holders of the International Covered Bonds to declare the International Covered Bonds immediately due and payable. The French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier) provides for all cash flows generated by the eligible assets of the Issuer (as described under article L.513-11 1° of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier)) to be allocated by way of priority to servicing the liabilities of the Issuer that benefit from the Privilège as they fall due, in preference to all other claims, whether or not secured or statutorily preferred and, until payment in full of the liabilities of the Issuer that benefit from the Privilège, as such liabilities fall due, no creditors (other than the Bondholders and the creditors benefiting from the Privilège) may avail themselves of any right over the assets and rights of the Issuer.

The International Covered Bonds include restrictions on the ability of International Covered Bondholders to seek recourse and enforcement

Recourse against the Issuer is restricted by the applicable priority of payment as described under section "Cash Flow" in this Base Prospectus and amounts payable by the Issuer will be recoverable only from and to the extent of the Available Funds. No enforcement action under the International Covered Bonds may be taken prior to the date which is eighteen (18) months and one (1) day after the earlier of (i) the Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date) of the last Series issued by the Issuer under the International Programme or the U.S. Programme, or (ii) the date of payment of any sums outstanding and owing under the latest outstanding Covered Bond.

The value of Permitted Investments fluctuates and may decrease

Any available funds standing to the credit of the Issuer Accounts (prior to their allocation and distribution) will be invested by the Administrator in Permitted Investments. The value of the Permitted Investments may fluctuate significantly, and the Issuer may be exposed to a credit risk in relation to such Permitted Investments. None of the Arranger, the Issuer, the Administrator or any other party to the Programme Documents guarantees the market value of the Permitted Investments, or will be liable if the market value of any of the Permitted Investments fluctuates and decreases.

EU Resolution and Recovery Directive

On 12 June 2014, the Council of the European Union adopted a directive providing for the establishment of an EU-wide framework for the recovery and resolution of credit institutions and investment firms (the "Recovery and Resolution Directive" or "RRD"). The RRD provides authorities with a credible set of tools to intervene sufficiently early and quickly in an unsound or failing institution so as to ensure the continuity of the institution's critical financial and economic functions, while minimising the impact of an institution's failure on the economy and financial system.

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

- (i) sale of business, which enables resolution authorities to direct the sale of the firm or the whole or part of its business on commercial terms;
- (ii) bridge institution, which enables resolution authorities to transfer all or part of the business of the firm to

- a "bridge institution" (an entity created for this purpose that is wholly or partially in public control);
- (iii) asset separation, which enables resolution authorities to transfer impaired or problem assets to one or more publicly owned asset management vehicles to allow them to be managed with a view to maximising their value through eventual sale or orderly wind-down (this can be used together with another resolution tool only); and
- (iv) bail-in, which gives resolution authorities the power to write down certain claims of unsecured creditors of a failing institution and to convert certain unsecured debt claims including International Covered Bonds to equity (the "bail-in tool"), which equity could also be subject to any future application of the bail-in tool. Relevant claims for the purposes of the bail-in tool would include the claims of the holders in respect of any International Covered Bonds issued under the Programme, only if and to the extent that the bond liability exceeded the value of the cover pool collateral against which it is secured.

The RRD also provides for a Member State as a last resort, after having assessed and exploited the above resolution tools to the maximum extent possible whilst maintaining financial stability, to be able to provide extraordinary public financial support through additional financial stabilisation tools. These consist of the public equity support and temporary public ownership tools. Any such extraordinary financial support must be provided in accordance with the EU state aid framework.

An institution will be considered as failing or likely to fail when: it is, or is likely in the near future to be, in breach of its requirements for continuing authorisation; its assets are, or are likely in the near future to be, less than its liabilities; it is, or is likely in the near future to be, unable to pay its debts as they fall due; or it requires extraordinary public financial support (except in limited circumstances).

The RRD provides that it will be applied by Member States from 1 January 2015, except for the bail-in tool which is to be applied at the latest from 1 January 2016. However, the contents extent, the implementation date and other matters of the RRD may be changed through the law-making process in France. Therefore, it is not yet possible to assess or anticipate the full impact of the relevant loss absorption on the debt securities.

The powers set out in the RRD impact how credit institutions and investment firms are managed as well as, in certain circumstances, the rights of creditors. In particular, potential investors in the International Covered Bonds should consider the risk that a holder may lose all or a part of its investment, including the principal and any interests, if such or any similar bail-in tool is used (subject, in the case of covered bonds such as the International Covered Bonds, to the limitation outlined above). The exercise of any power under the RRD or any suggestion of such exercise could, therefore, materially adversely affect the rights of Bondholders, the price or value of their investment in any International Covered Bonds and/or the ability of the Issuer to satisfy its obligations under any International Covered Bonds.

In addition, the French banking law of 26 July 2013 regarding the separation and the regulation of banking activities (as modified by the ordonnance of 20 February 2014) that anticipates the implementation of the RRD, has entered into force in France. Many of the provisions contained in the RRD are similar in effect to provisions contained in this French banking law. However, the provisions of the banking law will need to change to reflect the RRD as now adopted. The precise changes which will be made remain unknown and it is currently unclear in which manner and to what extent, the provisions of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) will be amended once the RRD is implemented. It is not yet possible to assess the full impact of the RRD on the Issuer and there can be no assurance that, once it is implemented, the fact of its implementation or the taking of any actions currently contemplated in it would adversely affect the rights of holders of Covered Bonds, the price or value of their investment in the International Covered Bonds and/or the ability of the Issuer to satisfy its obligations under the International Covered Bonds.

United States Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA") Withholding Risk

United States legislation known as FATCA imposes a thirty (30) per cent. withholding tax on certain payments to certain non-US financial institutions that do not agree to provide information relating to its U.S. account holders to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"). FATCA is still in the process of developing and the full extent and implications of the legislation are currently unclear. Although it is not expected that there will be FATCA withholding tax on the International Covered Bonds, no assurances in this regard can be provided to investors. As a result, it is possible that International Bondholders may receive less interest or principal than initially anticipated. Prospective investors should consult their own tax adviser to obtain a more detailed explanation of FATCA and to determine how this legislation might affect each International Bondholder in light of its particular circumstances. For more information, see section "Taxation - United States Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act".

#### 2. Risks related to the Borrower

The value, credit rating and timing of payments on the International Covered Bonds may be affected by changes in BFCM's financial condition or credit ratings

The terms of the International Covered Bonds and the Programme Documents contain provisions that require the Issuer to take certain actions if the credit rating of BFCM deteriorates, or if BFCM defaults in its obligations as Borrower under the Borrower Facility. These actions include changing the account where the Issuer's funds are deposited, requiring BFCM (as Borrower) to provide cash collateral, and requiring the Issuer to enter into hedging agreements with banks other than BFCM. While payment of the International Covered Bonds should be covered by cash flow on the Home Loans that are included in the Collateral Security, or proceeds from the sale of such Home Loans, a change in the timing of payments could have an adverse impact on investors.

In addition, the rating agencies have publicly stated that the credit ratings of covered bonds are linked to the credit ratings of the programme sponsor (which is BFCM, with respect to this International Programme). While the link between the ratings of a programme sponsor and those of the related covered bonds is not direct, and precise correlation between these ratings has not been published by the rating agencies, a significant downgrading of BFCM's credit rating could have an impact on the credit rating, and the value, of the International Covered Bonds.

As a result of the foregoing, a significant deterioration in the financial condition of BFCM could have an adverse impact on the trading price of the International Covered Bonds, even in the absence of a rating trigger event or a Borrower Event of Default. If either such event were to occur, the impact on the trading price of the International Covered Bonds would be more significant.

Borrower's ability to pay under the Borrower Debt

Neither the Issuer nor any other party to the Programme Documents (other than, upon certain circumstances, the Cash Collateral Provider and without prejudice to the Collateral Security granted by the Collateral Providers) does guarantee or warrant full and timely payment by the Borrower of any sums of principal or interest payable under the Borrower Debt.

In addition, should the Borrower be subject to any applicable insolvency proceedings referred to in Book VI of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*) (pertaining to insolvency proceedings as a matter of French law), this would impair the ability of the Issuer to claim against the Borrower for obtaining timely payment of amounts of principal and interest due and payable under the Borrower Debt and the Issuer will not be entitled to accelerate the payment of such amounts.

However, in accordance with articles L.211-38-I and L.211-40 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), the ability of the Issuer to use the funds made available to it by the Cash Collateral Provider under the relevant Cash Collateral or the ability of the Issuer to enforce the Collateral Security granted by the Collateral Providers (and then the ability of the Issuer to be transferred full title to the Home Loans and the related Home Loan Security, granted as Collateral Security by BFCM as Collateral Provider) will not be affected by the opening against the Borrower of any insolvency proceedings referred to in book VI (*Livre VI*) of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*).

#### 3. Risks related to the Collateral Security

The interpretation by French courts of rules applicable to Collateral Security is uncertain

The Home Loans and related Home Loan Security that will be granted as Collateral Security in favour of the Issuer for the repayment of the Borrower Debt extended by the Issuer will be granted and, as the case may be, enforced in accordance with provisions of articles L.211-38 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) implementing Directive 2002/47/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 June 2002 on financial collateral arrangements, which has been amended by Directive 2009/44/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 May 2009.

Although articles L.211-38 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) are in full force and effect as of the date of this Base Prospectus, French courts have not yet had the opportunity to interpret these articles, and therefore the manner in which the Collateral Security would be enforced by a French court is uncertain.

There may be a delay in the ability of the Issuer to obtain effective direct payment from the underlying debtors under the Home Loans in the event the relevant Collateral Security is enforced

The Collateral Security Agreement will provide that the relevant Home Loans and Home Loan Security will be granted as Collateral Security (as defined in section "The Collateral Security – The Collateral Security Agreement") without notifying the underlying debtors of such Home Loans. Such debtors will only be notified if

and when the relevant Collateral Security is enforced following a Borrower Event of Default and title to the relevant Home Loans and related Home Loan Security has been transferred to the Issuer. Until such notification has been given, any payments made by any debtor under the relevant Home Loans will continue to be validly made by such debtors to the relevant Collateral Provider(s).

There is no guarantee that the debtors under the relevant Home Loans will be notified at the required time, and there can be no assurance as to the ability of the Issuer to obtain effective direct payment from the debtors under the relevant Home Loans in a timely manner, which may affect the Issuer's ability to make payments under the International Covered Bonds.

Until the debtors under the relevant Home Loans have been notified and provided, at such time, that insolvency proceedings have been opened against the Collateral Providers, a statutory stay of execution under mandatory rules of French insolvency law will prevent the Issuer from taking recourse against the Collateral Providers in order to obtain payment of amounts that should have been paid directly to the Issuer but that were paid to such Collateral Providers and commingled by them with other funds.

The relevant Home Loans and related Home Loan Security may be subject to set-off by the relevant debtors

Notwithstanding the transfer to the Issuer of the relevant Home Loans and related Home Loan Security upon the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default, the debtors under the relevant Home Loans may be entitled, subject to restrictive conditions, to set off the relevant Home Loans receivables against a claim they may have against the relevant Collateral Providers. In the absence of contractual arrangements providing for statutory set-off under the Home Loans, and since no provision under the Home Loans expressly provides a waiver of set-off (see section "The Collateral Security – The Collateral Security Agreement – Home Loan Eligibility Criteria"), a debtor under a Home Loan is entitled to invoke either (i) a statutory or a judicial set-off, or (ii) a set-off based on mutuality of claims (connexité).

Furthermore, so long as the debtor under a Home Loan is not notified of the transfer of such Home Loan to the Issuer upon enforcement of the Collateral Security, such debtor is entitled to invoke statutory and judicial set-off as if no transfer had taken place. After notification of the transfer, such debtor is still entitled to invoke statutory set-off against the Issuer if, prior to the notification of the transfer, the conditions for statutory set-off (compensation légale) were satisfied.

A set-off between mutual claims (*dettes connexes*) is available by law. Mutual claims mainly result from economic inter-relationships. Mutuality of claims will be determined on a case by case basis, depending on the facts and circumstances then existing. The most likely circumstances where set off would have to be considered are when counterclaims resulting from a current account relationship will allow a debtor to set off such counterclaims against sums due under a Home Loan. In this situation however, French case law stated that there was no mutuality of claims, notwithstanding that the instalment under the home loan was to be paid by way of direct debit from the funds standing to the credit of the relevant current account since the parties did not intend to inter relate their current account relationship and the lending transaction on an economical standpoint.

The value of the Collateral Security prior to or following enforcement thereof may not be maintained

If the value of the Home Loans and related Home Loan Security granted as Collateral Security in favour of the Issuer pursuant to the Collateral Security Agreement has not been maintained in accordance with the terms of the Asset Cover Test, the Amortisation Test, the other provisions of the Programme Documents or the regulatory cover ratio provided for in articles L.513-12 and R.513-8 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), the value of the relevant Collateral Security or any part thereof (both before and after the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default) or the price or value of such Home Loans and related Home Loan Security may be adversely affected upon the sale or refinancing thereof by the Issuer.

Sale or refinancing of Home Loans and related Home Loan Security by the Issuer following enforcement of the Collateral Security may affect the ability of the Issuer to make payments when due under the International Covered Bonds

Once title to Home Loans and related Home Loan Security has been transferred to the Issuer upon enforcement of the Collateral Security following the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default (the "Transferred Assets"), the Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) acting on behalf of the Issuer may (pursuant to the Administrative Agreement) sell or refinance such Home Loans and related Home Loan Security in order for the Issuer to receive sufficient Available Funds to make payments when due under the relevant Series of Covered Bonds. All payments will be made according to the priority of payment order then applicable in accordance with section "Cash Flow" of this Base Prospectus and the relevant payment dates and Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date) under each relevant Series of Covered Bonds then outstanding.

There is no guarantee that a buyer will be found to acquire Home Loans and related Home Loan Security at the times required and there can be no guarantee or assurance as to the price that may be obtained, which may affect the ability of the Issuer to make payments when due under the Covered Bonds.

In addition, in respect of any sale or refinancing of Home Loans and related Home Loan Security to third parties, the Issuer will not be permitted to give warranties or indemnities as to those assets. There is no assurance that representations or warranties previously given by the Collateral Providers in respect of such assets pursuant to the terms of the Collateral Security Agreement will benefit a third party purchaser of such assets upon sale or refinancing thereof by the Issuer. Accordingly, there is a risk that the price or value of such assets upon the sale or refinancing thereof by the Issuer will be adversely affected by the lack of representations and warranties which in turn could adversely affect the ability of the Issuer to make payments when due under the relevant Series of Covered Bonds.

#### 4. Risk related to the Home Loans and related Home Loan Security

Debtors under the Home Loans may not be able to pay

The debtors under the Home Loans are individuals that have borrowed in order to finance the acquisition of real property.

If following enforcement of the Collateral Security, the Issuer does not receive the full amount due from the debtors on such Home Loans, the ability of the Issuer to make payments under the International Covered Bonds may be affected.

The Issuer is therefore exposed to credit risk in relation to the debtors under the Home Loans.

None of the Borrower, the Collateral Providers, the Issuer or any other party to the Programme Documents guarantees or warrants full and timely payment by the debtors under the Home Loans of any sums payable under such Home Loans.

The ability of a debtor under a Home Loan to make timely payment of amounts due under such Home Loan will mainly depend on the debtor's assets and liabilities as well as the debtor's income. Such income may be adversely affected by a large number of factors, some of which (i) relate specifically to the debtor (including but not limited to age, health, employment situation and family situation) or (ii) are more general in nature (such as changes in governmental regulations and fiscal policy).

Furthermore, a debtor under a Home Loan may benefit from the favourable legal and statutory provisions of the French Consumer Code (*Code de la consommation*), pursuant to which any individual may, under certain circumstances, and subject to certain conditions, request and obtain from the competent court a grace period, a reduction of the amount of all and any of its indebtedness and any interest relating thereto and, as the case may be, (pursuant to (i) law No. 98-657 of 29 July 1998, as amended, and (ii) law No. 2003-710 of 1 August 2003) a full or partial extinguishment of its indebtedness against a credit institution.

The value of the properties securing the Home Loans may decrease

The value of the properties securing the Home Loans may decrease as a result of any number of factors, including the national or international economic climate, regional economic or housing conditions, changes in tax laws, mortgage interest rates, inflation, the availability of financing, yields on alternative investments, increasing utility costs and other day-to-day expenses, political developments and government policies. In addition, as the properties securing the Home Loans are predominantly located in France, the value of such properties may decline in the event of a general downturn in the value of property in France. A reduction in the value of these properties could result in the Issuer having insufficient funds to meet its obligations under the International Covered Bonds.

None of the Issuer, the Arranger, the Dealers, the Administrator or any other party to any Programme Document has undertaken an independent investigation regarding the Home Loans or related Home Loan Security

None of the Issuer, the Arranger, the Dealers, the Administrator or any other party to any Programme Document has undertaken or will undertake any investigations, searches or other due diligence regarding the Home Loans, the related Home Loan Security or the status and/or the creditworthiness of the debtors under the Home Loans. Each of them has relied solely on the representations and warranties given by the Collateral Providers under the Collateral Security Agreement.

If any breach of Home Loan Eligibility Criteria (as defined in section "The Collateral Security – The Collateral Security Agreement – Home Loan Eligibility Criteria") relating to any Home Loan is material and (if capable of remedy) is not remedied, the Collateral Providers are required under the Collateral Security Agreement to provide sufficient Eligible Home Loans and the Issuer may acquire Substitution Assets, in both cases in order to maintain compliance with the Asset Cover Test.

In addition, the Issuer, as a *société de financement de l'habitat*, has appointed a specific controller (contrôleur spécifique). The specific controller (contrôleur spécifique) must certify that the cover ratio is satisfied in connection with (i) the Issuer's quarterly programme of issues benefiting from the Privilège and (ii) any specific issue benefiting from the Privilège in a principal amount greater than E500 million. The specific controller (contrôleur spécifique) must also verify the compliance of assets with the eligibility criteria, the process of yearly revaluation and the quality of the asset liability management.

Holders will receive a limited description of the Home Loans

The holders of the International Covered Bonds will not receive detailed statistics or information in relation to the Home Loans or to the Collateral Security Assets, as it is expected that the composition of the Collateral Security Assets will constantly change due to, for instance, the Collateral Providers granting security over additional and/or new Collateral Security Assets or new Collateral Providers acceding to the International Programme. However, each Eligible Home Loan will be required to meet the applicable Home Loan Eligibility Criteria.

The Home Loans may be subject to prepayment

The rate of prepayment of Home Loans is influenced by a wide variety of economic, social and other factors, including prevailing market interest rates, changes in tax laws (including amendments to mortgage interest tax deductibility), local and regional economic conditions and changes in the debtor's behaviour (including homeowner mobility). No guarantee can be given as to the prepayment rate for the Home Loans, and variation in the prepayments rate on the Home Loans may reduce the amount of funds available to make payments under the International Covered Bonds upon the service of a Borrower Enforcement Notice and the subsequent transfer of title of the Home Loans and the related Home Loan Securities to the Issuer.

The Collateral Providers may change their lending criteria

Each of the Home Loans originated by the Collateral Providers will be originated in accordance with its lending criteria at the time of origination. It is expected that each Collateral Provider's lending criteria will generally consider the type of financed property, the term of loan, the age of applicants, the loan-to-value ratio, the status of applicants and their credit history. All lending criteria and preconditions as applied by the originator of the Home Loan pursuant to its customary lending procedures must be satisfied prior to the provision of the Home Loan. Each of the Collateral Providers retains the right to revise its lending criteria from time to time (although only Home Loans that meet the then applicable Home Loan Eligibility Criteria will be Eligible Home Loans). If the lending criteria change in a manner that affects the creditworthiness of the Home Loans, this may lead to increased defaults by borrowers and may affect the realisable value of the Collateral Security Assets, and may ultimately affect the ability of the Issuer to make payments under the International Covered Bonds upon the service of a Borrower Enforcement Notice.

The Issuer may agree to change contractual Home Loan Eligibility Criteria

The home loans must comply with the legal eligibility criteria provided for in article L.513-29 of the French Monetary and Financial Code. For further descriptions, see the section entitled "*Main features of the legislation and regulations relating to* sociétés de financement de l'habitat".

Furthermore, the home loans must comply with the contractual eligibility criteria provided for in the Collateral Security Agreement. For further descriptions, see the section entitled "*The Colateral Security – Eligible Assets*".

However, such contractual eligibility criteria may be amended from time to time subject to prior Rating Affirmation but without the consent or approval of any of the International Covered Bonds holders, as decribed in the risk factor entitled "Amendment, modification alteration or supplment of Programme Documents without International Bondholders consent".

The French legal procedures must be followed in foreclosing on real property granted as security under French law governed mortgages

The French legal procedures to be followed in relation to the enforcement of French law governed mortgages and any related expenses may affect the Issuer's ability to liquidate the properties secured under such mortgages in an efficient and timely manner. An outline of these procedures is set out below (specific rules apply to lender's privileges and mortgages registered in the departments of Haut-Rhin, Bas-Rhin and Moselle, but they do not substantially change the nature of these procedures set out below.)

Foreclosure on property (*saisie immobilière*) located in France by secured creditors may be implemented via a voluntary sale by the debtor upon judicial authorisation (*vente amiable sur autorisation judiciaire*) or may require the sale of the property at a public auction (*vente aux enchères*). The foreclosure procedure may take up to one and a half year in normal circumstances. The beneficiary of a lender's privilege or mortgage will thus rank in respect of the sale proceeds in the order of priority of registration of the privileges and mortgages (*droits de* 

préférence) encumbering such seized property (article 2458 et seq. of the French Civil Code (Code civil)). The first step in the foreclosure procedure consists of delivering a foreclosure notice to the debtor by a bailiff or huissier (a process server or commandement de payer). This notice should be filed at the French Land and Charges Registry having jurisdiction in the district where the relevant real property is located. A number of legal notices are required to be given prior to the sale, including a summons (assignation à comparaître). The debtor may file objections against such foreclosure, the validity of which will be decided by a competent court. In the context of a public auction, the reserve price is set by the creditor. If no bid is made at the public auction, and provided there is only one (1) foreclosing creditor, such foreclosing creditor is declared the highest bidder and is thus obliged to purchase the property.

In accordance with article 2461 of the French Civil Code (*Code civil*), secured creditors will continue to benefit from the lender's privilege or mortgage, even if the property is transferred, by the debtor to a third party without the Lenders' consent. This right is known as *droit de suite*. If the secured creditor wishes to exercise this right, an order to pay is required to be served on the debtor by a bailiff and notice is required to be served on the third party to whom the relevant secured property was transferred (*tiers détenteur de l'immeuble hypothéqué*) with instructions either to pay the debt secured by the property or to surrender such property at an auction.

The exercise of such *droit de suite* is often stayed due to an "advanced clearing" of the privileges and mortgages granted over the relevant property (*purge des privilèges et hypothèques*). If the debtor and all secured creditors agree for the sale proceeds to be allocated (*affecté*) to them in accordance with article 2475 of the French Civil Code (*Code civil*), the secured creditors exercise their preferential rights (*droits de préférence*) over the sale proceeds, the payment of which will discharge all privileges and mortgages granted over the property (*purge amiable*). And if no agreement is reached (for instance if the sale price of the property is substantially below the amount of the secured debt), the third party will still be entitled to offer to pay the sale price to the secured creditors in order to clear all privileges and mortgages granted over the relevant property (*purge judiciaire*). Secured creditors may refuse this offer if they consider that the sale price has been underestimated by the debtor and the third party. In this case, an auction will be ordered with a minimum bid which is the price offered by the relevant third party being made to the secured creditor, plus ten per cent (10%).

The Issuer's ability to follow such procedures and to liquidate the properties secured under such mortgages, efficiently and in a timely manner, may adversely affect the value of the assets upon such liquidation and in turn the amount of the sums available for payments under the International Covered Bonds.

Certain Home Loans benefit from a Home Loan Guarantee rather than a mortgage

Certain Home Loans benefit from a Home Loan Guarantee from a credit institution or an insurance company rather than a mortgage. If following enforcement of the Collateral Security, a guarantor does not pay in whole or in part any amounts due under the relevant Home Loan Guarantees or does not pay such amounts in a timely manner, this may adversely affect the ability of the Issuer to make payments under the International Covered Bonds.

#### 5. Risks relating to the operations of the Issuer

The Issuer may be exposed to interest and currency risks

According to articles 85 and 86 of the *Arrêté* dated 3 November 2014 with respect to the internal control of the banking sector companies, payment services and investment services providers subject to the supervision of *Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution*, the Issuer shall implement a system for measuring overall interest rate risks under the conditions set forth in article 134 of the *Arrêté* of 3 November 2014 notwithstanding the provisions of article 135 of the same *Arrêté*. The level of rate and maturity matching between the assets and the liabilities of the Issuer shall be verified by the Specific Controller.

Each Borrower Advance granted by the Issuer to the benefit of the Borrower under the Borrower Facility Agreement will be made available in the same Specified Currency and according to the same interest conditions as the International Covered Bonds funding such Borrower Advance. As a consequence, as long as a Borrower Event of Default does not occur, the Issuer will not be exposed to currency or interest risk regarding the Borrower Debt and the International Covered Bonds.

However, there can be no assurance that the Home Loans that are part of the Collateral Security will bear interest under the same terms and conditions as the International Covered Bonds and will be denominated in the same currency as the International Covered Bonds. Upon the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default and the enforcement of the Collateral Security, Home Loans and related Home Loans Security will be transferred to the Issuer.

In order to hedge the potential mismatch of the interest rates applicable to the International Covered Bonds and to the Home Loans and the potential mismatch of currencies, the Issuer may use different mechanisms:

- i. hedging mechanisms may include, without limitation, any hedging mechanism(s) such as without limitation, overcollateralisation, cash reserve, additional selection rules for the Home Loans or any other mechanism(s) which will comply with the specific legal requirements applicable to *sociétés de financement de l'habitat* and with the applicable rating agencies public methodologies and criteria which are commensurate to the then current rating of the International Covered Bonds;
- ii. any remaining risks may be hedged by the Issuer by entering into Hedging Agreements (as defined in section "The Issuer Issuer Hedging Risk Management".

In case of termination of any Issuer Hedging Agreement entered into by the Issuer, the Issuer may be liable to pay a hedging termination amount to the counterparty in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Issuer Hedging Agreement. Such hedging termination amount, when to be paid by the Issuer and provided that the amount has not been reduced to zero (0) in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Issuer Hedging Agreement, shall be senior or, as the case may be, *pari passu* to payments under the Covered Bonds or subordinated to payments under the Covered Bonds if the termination amount qualifies as "Issuer Hedging Subordinated Termination Costs", as described in section "*Cash Flow - Priority Payment Orders*".

#### Liquidity risk

The Issuer is legally bound to ensure at any time adequate coverage of its liquidity needs for a one hundred and eighty (180) days period by any of the assets set on in article R.513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*). Pursuant to article R.513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), the assessment of the Issuer's liquidity needs must be made by taking into account cash inflows resulting from the Eligible Assets net flows relating to forward financial instruments set forth in article L.513-10 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

Such liquidity needs must be covered by the Issuer with eligible Substitution Assets or with assets that are eligible as collateral to the credit transactions with the Banque de France in accordance with the monetary policy and intra-day credit operations rules of the Eurosystem. The Issuer may also benefit from additional contractual undertakings, such as, at the date of this Base Prospectus, an obligation of the Cash Collateral Provider to fund a Cash Collateral into the credit of the Cash Collateral Account which can be invested in Permitted Investments in the conditions described in section "Asset Monitoring – The Regulatory Liquidity Reserve".

In any case, if the Issuer is not able to cover its liquidity needs with any of the tools and instruments legally and contractually available to it, the Issuer would still be allowed to subscribe for its own *obligations de financement de l'habitat*, within the limit of ten (10) per cent. of the total outstanding amount (*encours total*) of the resources benefiting from the Privilège as at the date of their subscription, for the sole purpose of pledging them (*affecter en garantie*) as collateral security in order to secure the credit transactions (*opérations de crédit*) of the Banque de France in accordance with the provisions of article L.513-26 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

# 6. Risks related to International Covered Bonds generally

The International Covered Bonds may not be a suitable investment for all investors

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

- have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the International Covered Bonds, the merits and risks of investing in the relevant International Covered Bonds and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any applicable supplement to this Base Prospectus and the relevant Final Terms;
- (b) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the relevant International Covered Bonds and the impact the relevant International Covered Bonds will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (c) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the International Covered Bonds, including where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;
- (d) understand thoroughly the terms of the relevant International Covered Bonds and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant rates and financial markets;
- (e) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks; and

(f) be aware, in terms of any legislation or regulatory regime applicable to such investor, of the applicable restrictions on its ability to invest in International Covered Bonds generally and in any particular type of International Covered Bonds.

A potential investor should not invest in International Covered Bonds unless it has the expertise (either alone or with a financial adviser) to evaluate how the International Covered Bonds will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the value of such International Covered Bonds and the impact this investment will have on the potential investor's overall investment portfolio.

#### Modification of the Terms and Conditions

The French Law Bondholders will, in respect of all Tranches in any Series of French Law Covered Bonds, be grouped automatically for the defence of their common interest in a *Masse* and a General Meeting can be held. The Terms and Conditions applicable to French Law Covered Bonds permit in certain cases defined majorities to bind all holders of French Law Covered Bonds including French Law Bondholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant General Meeting and French Law Bondholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority. The General Meeting may deliberate on any proposal relating to the modification of the Terms and Conditions including any proposal, whether for arbitration or settlement, relating to rights in controversy or which was the subject of judicial decisions, as more fully described in Condition 13(a).

Similarly, any modification of the Terms and Conditions applicable to Australian Law Covered Bonds and/or German Law Covered Bonds may be made pursuant to specific provisions with respect thereto. Majority decisions taken by holders of German Law Covered Bonds in this regard are also binding on holders of German Law Covered Bonds that have abstained from voting or voted against the decision.

Certain decisions of holders of French Law Covered Bonds taken at International Programme level

Any resolution to direct the Representative to serve an Issuer Enforcement Notice, and any direction to the Representative to take any action as provided under this Base Prospectus must be passed at a single meeting of the holders of the French Law Covered Bonds of a single Series then outstanding and cannot be decided upon at a meeting of the holders of the French Law Covered Bonds of all Series. Any resolution to direct the Representative to serve an Issuer Enforcement Notice will be effective for the holders of such Series of French Law Covered Bonds, including the holders of such Series of French Law Covered Bonds who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and the holders of such Series of French Law Covered Bonds who voted in a manner contrary.

Decisions of majority holders of Australian Law Covered Bonds may bind all holders of the relevant Series

Any Extraordinary Resolution permitting the service of an Issuer Enforcement Notice, and any approval via an Extraordinary Resolution to take any action as provided under this Base Prospectus must be passed at a meeting of the holders of the Australian Law Covered Bonds of a single Series then outstanding and cannot be decided upon at a meeting of the holders of the Australian Law Covered Bonds of all Series. Any Extraordinary Resolution permitting the service of an Issuer Enforcement Notice will be effective for all the holders of such Series of Australian Law Covered Bonds who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and the holders of such Series of Australian Law Covered Bonds who voted in a manner contrary.

#### Change of law

The Terms and Conditions of the International Covered Bonds are based on French law, in the case of French Law Covered Bonds, the law of New South Wales, Australia, in the case of Australian Law Covered Bonds and German law, in the case of German Law Covered Bonds, in each case, in effect as at the date of this Base Prospectus. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to French law, the law of New South Wales, Australia or German law (as applicable) or administrative practice after the date of this Base Prospectus.

Future regulatory changes may have an adverse effect on the Issuer

The Issuer is subject to financial services laws, regulations, administrative actions and policies in each jurisdiction in which it carries on business. Changes in supervision and regulation, in particular in France, could materially affect the Issuer's business, the products and services offered or the value of its assets. Future changes in regulation, tax or other policies are beyond the control of the Issuer and may have a material adverse effect on it

Purchasers and sellers of International Covered Bonds may be subject to various tax, documentary, duty or other requirements

Purchasers and sellers of the International Covered Bonds may be required to pay taxes or other documentary charges or duties in accordance with the laws and practices of the country where the International Covered Bonds are transferred, or other jurisdictions (including France). In some jurisdictions, no official statements of the tax authorities or court decisions may be available for financial instruments such as the International Covered Bonds. Potential investors are advised not to rely upon the tax overview contained in this Base Prospectus and any supplement thereto that may be published from time to time, but to ask for their own tax adviser's advice on their individual taxation with respect to the acquisition, holding, sale and redemption of the International Covered Bonds.

#### Ratings of the International Covered Bonds and Rating Affirmation

The ratings assigned to the International Covered Bonds by the Rating Agencies are based on the *Privilège*, the Collateral Security, the Home Loans and Home Loan Security, the Cash Collateral and the other relevant structural and credit enhancement features provided for under the Programme Documents, including, among other things, the short-term and/or long-term unsecured, unguaranteed and unsubordinated debt ratings or the short-term and/or long-term senior unsecured issuer credit ratings of the parties to the Programme Documents, and reflect only the views of the Rating Agencies. There is no assurance that any such ratings will continue for any period of time or that they will not be reviewed, revised, suspended or withdrawn entirely by any of the Rating Agencies as a result of changes in or unavailability of information or if, in the judgment of the Rating Agencies, circumstances so warrant. A qualification, downgrade or withdrawal of any rating applicable to the International Covered Bonds may affect both the value of the International Covered Bonds and their liquidity in the secondary market.

The Rating Agencies will be notified if certain discretions are exercised by or on behalf of the Issuer under the Programme Documents. However, the Rating Agencies are under no obligation to revert to the Issuer (or any of its agents) regarding the impact of the exercise of such discretion on the ratings of the International Covered Bonds. Any decision as to whether or not to confirm, downgrade, withdraw or qualify the ratings of all classes or any class of International Covered Bonds based on such notification may be made at the sole discretion of the Rating Agencies at any time, including after the relevant action has been taken.

If a particular matter involves a request to the Rating Agencies to give a prior Rating Affirmation, the Rating Agencies, at their sole discretion, may or may not give such affirmation. Depending on the timing of delivery of the request and any information needed to be provided as part of such request, the Rating Agencies may not provide the relevant affirmation in the time available or at all and they will not be held responsible for the consequences thereof. Any affirmation received from the Rating Agencies, if given, will be given on the basis of the facts and circumstances prevailing at the relevant time and in the context of cumulative changes to the transaction of which the International Covered Bonds form part since the date of this Base Prospectus. Furthermore, in the event that the Rating Agencies give a Rating Affirmation, this will be on the basis of full and timely receipt by the relevant International Bondholders of interest on the International Covered Bonds and the likelihood of receipt of principal of the International Covered Bonds by the relevant Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date). There is no assurance that after any such affirmation, the then current ratings of the International Covered Bonds will continue for any period of time or that they will not be reviewed, revised, suspended or withdrawn entirely by one or more of the Rating Agencies. As such an affirmation of the ratings of the International Covered Bonds by the Rating Agencies is not a representation or warranty that, as a result of a particular matter, the interest and principal due under the International Covered Bonds will be paid or repaid in full and when due.

Agencies other than the Rating Agencies could seek to rate the International Covered Bonds and if such unsolicited ratings are lower than the comparable ratings assigned to the International Covered Bonds by the Rating Agencies, those unsolicited ratings could have an adverse effect on the value and the marketability of the International Covered Bonds. For the avoidance of doubt and unless the context otherwise requires, any references to "ratings" or "rating" in this Base Prospectus are to ratings assigned by the specified Rating Agencies only.

A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the relevant Rating Agency at any time without notice. In addition, the Rating Agencies may change their methodologies for rating securities similar to the International Covered Bonds. If the Rating Agencies change their practices for rating such securities and the ratings of the International Covered Bonds are subsequently lowered, the trading price of the International Covered Bonds may be negatively affected.

Implementation of Basel II and Basel III Risk-Weighted Asset Framework

In June 1999, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (the "Basel Committee") issued proposals for the reform of the 1988 Basel Capital Accord and proposed a new capital adequacy framework which would place enhanced emphasis on risk sensitivity and market discipline. On 26 June 2004, the Basel Committee published a new Capital Accord under the title "Basel II International Convergence of Capital Measurement and Capital Standards: a Revised Framework" ("Basel II"), an updated version of which was published in November 2005. Basel II was implemented under EU legislation by virtue of Directives No. 2006/48 of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions and No. 2006/49 on the capital adequacy of investment firms and credit institutions both dated 14 June 2006, as recently amended by Directive No. 2009/27/EC, No. 2009/83/EC and No. 2009/111/EC (the Capital Requirements Directives, as amended from time to time). In France, the provisions of the Capital Requirements Directives providing for a new solvency ratio were implemented in particular under the arrêté dated 20 February 2007 relating to the capital requirements applicable to the credit institutions and the investment firms (as amended) and the ordonnance No. 2007-571 dated 19 April 2007 relating to the credit institutions, the investment firms and sociétés de credit foncier. Please note also that the arrêté dated 25 August 2010 transposing the Capital Requirements Directives, which has entered into effect on 31 December 2010, has amended the French prudential control requirements applicable to credit institutions and investment firms.

It also should be noted that on 17 December 2009, the Basel Committee has published for consultation a package of proposals for new capital and liquidity requirements intended to reinforce capital standards and to establish minimum liquidity standards for credit institutions. On 16 December 2010 and 13 January 2011, the Basel Committee has approved significant changes to Basel II ("Basel III"), including new capital and liquidity standards for credit institutions. Those measures are expected to be implemented by relevant authorities starting from 1 January 2013 with full implementation on 1 January 2019, although certain supervisory authorities have already announced their intention to require an earlier application.

In particular, the changes introduced by Basel III refer to, amongst other things:

- a complete review of the capital standards;
- the introduction of a leverage ratio; and
- the introduction of short-term and longer-term standards for funding liquidity (referred to as the "Liquidity Coverage Ratio" and the "Net Stable Funding Ratio").

The European authorities have indicated that they support the work of the Basel Committee on the approved changes in general. Basel III was implemented under EU legislation through the "CRD IV package" which consists of the Capital Requirements Directive n° 2013/36/EU dated 26 June 2013 and the Capital Requirements Regulation n°575/2013 dated 26 June 2013. A number of new requirements arising from the CRD IV package was implemented under French law through Law no. 2013-672 dated 26 July 2013 relating to the separation and regulation of banking activities. The implementation of the CRD IV package at the legislative level was finalized under French law by Ordinance n°2014-158 dated 20 February 2014.

The implementation of Basel II and Basel III has and will continue to bring about a number of substantial changes to the current capital requirements, prudential oversight and risk-management systems. The implementation of Basel II and Basel III could affect the risk weighting of the International Covered Bonds in respect of certain investors to the extent that those investors are subject to the new guidelines resulting from the implementation of the CRD IV package. Accordingly, recipients of this Base Prospectus should consult their own advisers as to the consequences and effects the implementation of the Capital Requirements Directives could have on them.

# EU Savings Directive

The EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments (the "Savings Directive") requires each Member State to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest and other similar income (within the meaning of the Savings Directive) made by a paying agent within its jurisdiction to (or under circumstances to the benefit of) an individual resident in that other Member State.

For a transitional period, Austria imposes, instead of the exchange of information mentioned above, a 35% withholding tax on any payment of interest within the meaning of the Savings Directive, unless the beneficiary of interest payments elects for the exchange of information.

Several countries and territories not members of the European Union, including Switzerland, have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland applies, unless the beneficiary of interest payments elects for the exchange of information).

On 24 March 2014, the Council of the European Union adopted directive 2014/48/UE (the "Amending Directive") amending and broadening the scope of the requirements described above. The changes will expand the range of payments covered by the Savings Directive, in particular to include additional types of income payable on securities. The Amending Directive will also expand the circumstances in which payments that indirectly benefit an individual resident in a Member State must be reported. This approach will apply to payments made to, or secured for, persons, entities or legal arrangements (including trusts) where certain conditions are satisfied, and may in some cases apply where the person, entity or arrangement is established or effectively managed outside of the European Union. The Member States will have until 1 January 2016 to implement the Amending Directive and are required to apply these new requirements as from 1 January 2017.

If a payment were to be made or collected through a 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, neither the Issuer nor any paying agent nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any International Covered Bond as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax.

The Savings Directive may, however, be repealed with effect from 1 January 2016 (1 January 2017 in the case of Austria). The European Commission has formulated such proposal in order to prevent overlap between the Savings Directive and a new automatic exchange of information regime to be implemented under Council Directive 2011/16/EU on Administrative Cooperation in the field of Taxation (as amended by Council Directive 2014/107/EU). The proposal also provides that, if it proceeds, Member States will not be required to apply the new requirements of the Amending Directive.

Prospective investors should inform themselves of, and where appropriate take advice from tax advisers on, the applicability and the impact of the Savings Directive and Amending Directive prior to taking an investment decision in the International Covered Bonds.

Transactions on the International Covered Bonds could be subject to a future European financial transaction tax

On 14 February 2013, the European Commission adopted a proposal for a Council Directive (the "**Proposed Directive**") aiming for an enhanced cooperation with respect to the taxation of financial transactions, which if adopted would subject transactions involving financial institutions in securities such as the International Covered Bonds to a financial transaction tax (the "**FTT**"). It is currently anticipated that the FTT would be implemented in eleven Member States (Austria, Belgium, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia and Spain) (the "**Participating Member States**").

Pursuant to the Proposed Directive, the FTT would apply to all financial transactions where at least one party to the transaction, or person acting for the account of one party to the transaction, is established or deemed to be established in a Participating Member State. The FTT would be payable by each financial institution established, or deemed to be established, in a Participating Member State as long as (i) it is party to a transaction, or acts for the account of a party to a transaction, or (ii) the transaction has been entered into for its own account. The taxation rate would be left to the discretion of each Participating Member State but would not be less than 0.1 per cent. (0.1%) of the taxable amount for financial instruments other than derivative instruments.

If the Proposed Directive is adopted and implemented in local legislation, holders of International Covered Bonds may be exposed to increased transaction costs with respect to financial transactions carried out with respect to the International Covered Bonds and the liquidity of the market for the International Covered Bonds may be diminished.

A joint statement issued on 27 January 2015 by ten of the eleven Participating Member States stated the Participating Member States' intention to implement the FTT no later than 1 January 2016 with the widest possible base and low tax rates.

The Proposed Directive is still being discussed by the Participating Member States. It may therefore be modified at any time prior to any implementation, the timing of which remains uncertain.

Prospective International Bondholders should consult their own tax advisers in relation to the consequences of the FTT associated with subscribing, purchasing, holding and disposing the International Covered Bonds.

The International Law Covered Bonds may become subject to statutory loss absorption under currently pending bank regulatory initiatives

Pending initiatives proposed by the European Commission, the French Government and the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision may lead to new legislation or regulations that could adversely affect the rights of holders of the International Law Covered Bonds. While the proposals differ in a number of respects, they generally provide that debt securities or hybrid capital instruments could be subject to mandatory conversion to equity or cancellation in whole or in part if certain trigger events occur in respect of the issuing bank or its group (such as

failing to meet capital ratio requirements or a determination that an injection of capital from the State is needed). Some of the proposals apply only to subordinated debt securities, while others encompass all debt securities.

It is not possible to predict whether any such proposals will be adopted, or if so what form they will ultimately take, what instruments will be subject to mandatory conversion or cancellation or whether securities issued prior to the effective date of the rules will be subject to write-down. If any such proposals are adopted, or if the market perceives that they are likely to be adopted, and if they apply to the Issuer and the International Law Covered Bonds, then the market value of the International Law Covered Bonds could be adversely affected, regardless of whether a trigger event occurs or is imminent.

## 7. Risks related to the market generally

An active trading market for the International Covered Bonds may not develop

International Covered Bonds may have no established trading market when issued, and one may never develop. Australian Law Covered Bonds and German Law Covered Bonds will not be admitted to trading on any stock exchange or any other market and a secondary market will probably not develop through other means. If a market does develop, it may not be liquid. Therefore, investors may not be able to sell their International Covered Bonds easily or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market. This is particularly the case for International Covered Bonds that are especially sensitive to interest rate, currency or market risks, are designed for specific investment objectives or strategies or have been structured to meet the investment requirements of limited categories of investors. These types of International Covered Bonds generally would have a more limited secondary market and more price volatility than conventional debt securities. Illiquidity may have an adverse effect on the market value of International Covered Bonds.

In addition, prevailing global credit market conditions have reduced liquidity in the secondary market for instruments similar to the International Covered Bonds. This lack of liquidity may result in investors suffering losses on the International Covered Bonds in secondary resales even if there is no decline in the credit strength of the Issuer or the performance of the Collateral Security Assets. The Issuer cannot predict when these circumstances will change and if and when they do whether there will be a more liquid market for the International Covered Bonds and instruments similar to the International Covered Bonds at that time.

Investments in International Covered Bonds may be exposed to exchange rate risks and exchange controls

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

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

Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments

The investment activities of certain investors are subject to legal investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities. Each potential investor should consult its legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent (i) International Covered Bonds are legal investments for it, (ii) International Covered Bonds can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (iii) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any International Covered Bonds. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisors or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of International Covered Bonds under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

#### 8. Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of International Covered Bonds

A wide range of International Covered Bonds may be issued under the International Programme. International Covered Bonds may have features that pose particular risks for potential investors. Set out below is a description of the most common such features:

International Covered Bonds subject to optional redemption by the Issuer

An optional redemption feature of International Covered Bonds is likely to limit their market value. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem International Covered Bonds, the market value of such International Covered Bonds 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 International Covered Bonds when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the International Covered Bonds. 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 International Covered Bonds 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.

Soft Bullet Covered Bonds may be redeemed after their initial maturity date

The Final Maturity Date of Soft Bullet Covered Bonds may be extended automatically to the Extended Final Maturity Date if the Final Redemption Amount of the relevant Soft Bullet Covered Bonds is not paid by the Issuer on the Final Maturity Date. The payment of the Final Redemption Amount may be automatically deferred and shall become due and payable on the Extended Final Maturity Date if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, provided that all or part of the Final Redemption Amount unpaid on the Final Maturity Date may be paid by the Issuer on any Interest Payment Date occurring thereafter up to and including the relevant Extended Final Maturity Date. Interest will continue to accrue on any unpaid amount during such extended period at the relevant applicable Rate of Interest and be payable on each Interest Payment Date and on the Extended Final Maturity Date all as specified in the relevant Final Terms and in accordance with the applicable Terms and Conditions of the International Covered Bonds.

There is no assurance that the situation of the Issuer will not change between the Final Maturity Date and the Extended Final Maturity Date.

Fixed rate International Covered Bonds

Investment in International Covered Bonds that bear interest at a Fixed Rate involves the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of the relevant Series of International Covered Bonds.

While the nominal interest rate of an International Covered Bond is determined during the term of such International Covered Bond or within a given period of time, the market interest typically varies on a daily basis. As the market interest rate changes, the price of the fixed rate International Covered Bond varies in the opposite direction. If the market interest rate increases, the price of the fixed rate International Covered Bond typically decreases, until the yield of such fixed rate International Covered Bond equals approximately the market interest rate. If the market interest rate decreases, the price of the fixed rate International Covered Bond typically increases, until the yield of such fixed rate International Covered Bond equals approximately the market interest rate.

Holders of International Covered Bonds should be aware that movements of the market interest rate can adversely affect the price of the fixed rate International Covered Bond and can lead to losses if they sell International Covered Bonds during the period in which the market interest rate exceeds the Fixed Rate of such International Covered Bond.

In addition, the yield of International Covered Bonds which bear interest at a Fixed Rate is calculated at the issue date of such International Covered Bonds on the basis of its issue price. It is not an indication of future yield.

#### Floating Rate Covered Bonds

The Floating Rate at which a Series of International Covered Bonds may bear interest will generally be comprised of (i) a reference rate and (ii) a margin to be added or subtracted, as the case may be, from such reference rate. Typically, the relevant margin will not change throughout the life of the International Covered Bonds but there will be a periodic adjustment (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) of the reference rate (e.g., every three (3) months or six (6) months) which itself will change in accordance with general market conditions. Accordingly, payment of interest under International Covered Bonds may be volatile and the market value of Floating Rate Covered Bonds may be volatile if changes, particularly short term changes, to market interest rates evidenced by the relevant reference rate can only be reflected in the interest rate of these International Covered Bonds upon the next periodic adjustment of the relevant reference rate.

# Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds

Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds may bear interest at a rate that the Issuer may elect to convert from a Fixed Rate to a Floating Rate, or from a Floating Rate to a Fixed Rate. The Issuer's ability to convert the interest rate

will affect the secondary market and the market value of such International Covered Bonds since the Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the Issuer converts from a Fixed Rate to a Floating Rate, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds may be less favourable than then prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Covered Bonds tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new Floating Rate at any time may be lower than the rates on other International Covered Bonds. If the Issuer converts from a Floating Rate to a FixedRrate, the Fixed Rate may be lower than then prevailing rates on its International Covered Bonds.

### Zero Coupon Covered Bonds

Changes in market interest rates have a substantially stronger impact on the prices of Zero Coupon Covered Bonds than on the prices of ordinary International Covered Bonds because the discounted issue prices are substantially below par. If market interest rates increase, Zero Coupon Covered Bonds can suffer higher price losses than other International Covered Bonds having the same maturity and credit rating. Due to their leverage effect, Zero Coupon Covered Bonds are a type of investment associated with a particularly high price risk.

# International Covered Bonds issued at a substantial discount or premium

The market values of International Covered Bonds issued at a substantial discount or premium from their principal amount tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for conventional interest-bearing securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of the International Covered Bonds, the greater the price volatility as compared to conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities.

# INTERACTION BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME AND U.S. PROGRAMME

On 8 October 2013, the Issuer updated its separate €30,000,000,000 covered bond programme (the "U.S. Programme") pursuant to which the Issuer may issue covered bonds governed by New York law (the "New York Law Covered Bonds"), as set forth in the base prospectus which received visa no. 13-0533 from the Autorité des marchés financiers (the "AMF") on 8 October 2013.

As the International Programme and the U.S. Programme are based on a common structure documentation, attention of investors is therefore drawn to the fact that certain features of the International Programme also apply to the U.S. Programme and New York Law Covered Bonds, and notably:

- the aggregate nominal amount of covered bonds issued under the International Programme and/or U.S. Programme shall not at any time exceed €30,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency at the date of issue);
- the provisions relating to the Borrower (as further described in section "*The Borrower and the Borrower Facility Agreement*") are common to the International Programme and the U.S. Programme;
- the advances made available by the Issuer to Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel under a multicurrency term facility agreement, shall be granted out of the issuance proceeds of the International Covered Bonds or the New York Law Covered Bonds (as further described in sections "*The Borrower and the Borrower Facility Agreement*" and "*Use of Proceeds*");
- the advances made out of the issuance proceeds of International Covered Bonds and New York Law Covered Bonds will be secured by the same collateral security (*garantie financière*) for the benefit of the Issuer, granted over the same pool of home loans (as further described in section "*The Collateral Security*" and "*Origination of the home loans*");
- all provisions regarding calculations and allocations of flows (as further described in sections "Asset Monitoring" and "Cash Flows") are common to the International Programme and the U.S. Programme;
- the duties of the specific controller (*Contrôleur spécifique*) are common to the International Programme and the U.S. Programme and notably aim at (i) ensuring that the Issuer complies with the applicable provisions of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), (ii) monitoring the balance between the Issuer's assets and liabilities in terms of rates and maturity (cash flow adequacy) and (iii) controlling that the Eligible Assets granted as collateral (*garantie financière*) in order to secure Borrower Advances comply with the specific provisions of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) (as further described in section "*Asset Monitoring*");
- the duties of the Administrator (as further described in section "*The Issuer*") are common to the International Programme and the U.S. Programme; and
- the Hedging Agreement(s) (if any) or any other hedging mechanism may apply to the International Programme and the U.S. Programme.

#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME

Words and expressions defined in the section entitled "Terms and Conditions of the French Law Covered Bonds" shall have the same meanings when used below. Unless otherwise specified, the expression "International Covered Bonds" refers to the French Law Covered Bonds, the Australian Law Covered Bonds and the German Law Covered Bonds to the extent permitted by the terms and conditions applicable to the relevant International Covered Bonds.

Under the International Programme, the Issuer may from time to time issue International Covered Bonds denominated in any currency, subject as set out herein. An overview of the terms and conditions of the International Programme and the International Covered Bonds appears in the section entitled "Summary of the International Programme". The applicable terms of any International Covered Bonds will be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) prior to the issue of the International Covered Bonds in the terms and conditions of the International Covered Bonds completed by the relevant Final Terms.

# 1. THE BORROWER FACILITY AGREEMENT AND THE COLLATERAL SECURITY

The Borrower Facility Agreement:

The proceeds from the issuance of the Covered Bonds under the International Programme and the U.S. Programme will be used by Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH, as lender (in such capacity, the "Lender") to fund advances (each a "Borrower Advance") which shall be made available to BFCM, as borrower (in such capacity, the "Borrower") under a multicurrency term facility agreement (the "Borrower Facility").

The Borrower Facility shall be made available to the Borrower in an aggregate maximum amount equal to €30,000,000,000 for the purpose of financing the general financial needs of the Borrower.

The terms and conditions regarding the calculation and the payment of principal and interest under a Borrower Advance shall mirror the equivalent terms and conditions of the corresponding Final Terms of Covered Bonds, it being provided that, as a principle, the interest to be paid by the Borrower under a Borrower Advance shall be the financing costs of the Lender under the Covered Bonds funding such Borrower Advance, increased by a margin (the "Issuer Margin"). Any amounts repaid or prepaid under any Borrower Advance may be re-borrowed.

Upon the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default (as defined in section "The Borrower and the Borrower Facility Agreement – The Borrower Facility Agreement"), the Administrator shall, by written notice (such notice to constitute a mise en demeure) to the Borrower (with a copy to the Rating Agencies and to the Collateral Security Agent), (i) declare that no more Borrower Advances shall be made under the Borrower Facility, (ii) declare that the Borrower Facility shall be cancelled, and (iii) declare that the Borrower Advances shall immediately become due and payable and enforce its rights under the Collateral Security Agreement and the Cash Collateral Agreement (a "Borrower Enforcement Notice").

(See section "The Borrower and the Borrower Facility Agreement – The Borrower Facility Agreement").

The Collateral Security Agreement:

The Collateral Security Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions upon which the Collateral Providers shall grant Eligible Assets as collateral security (*garantie financière*) (the "Collateral Security") for the benefit of the Lender in order to secure the payments, as they become due and payable, of all and any amounts owed by the Borrower under the Borrower Facility Agreement, whether in principal, interest, as fees, as indemnities or as guarantees and whether present or future (the "Secured Liabilities").

For the purposes of the Collateral Security Agreement, an Eligible Asset means any Home Loan Receivable that complies with the Home Loan Eligibility Criteria (as further described in "*The Collateral Security Agreement*"). In particular, Home Loan Receivables shall comply with the criteria defined in article L.513-29 II of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

The Collateral Security shall be created in accordance with article L.211-36 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*). The Collateral Security shall not entail any transfer of title with respect to the relevant Eligible Assets until enforcement.

The Collateral Providers shall perform the servicing of the Collateral Security Assets (as defined in section "The Collateral Security Agreement") in accordance with applicable laws and its customary servicing procedures (the "Servicing Procedures"), using the degree of skill, care and attention as for servicing of its assets for its own account, without interfering with the Issuer's material rights under the Collateral Security Agreement.

In accordance with the Collateral Security Agreement, the Collateral Providers have appointed BFCM as agent (*mandataire*) of the Collateral Providers in order to manage the Collateral Security in the name and on behalf of such Collateral Providers (the "Collateral Security Agent").

(See section "The Collateral Security – The Collateral Security Agreement").

The Cash Collateral Agreement:

The Cash Collateral Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions upon which BFCM, as Cash Collateral Provider, shall fund certain amounts as cash collateral (*gage espèces*) (each a "Cash Collateral") into a Cash Collateral Account so as to secure the payments, as they become due and payable, of all and any amounts owed by the Borrower under the Borrower Facility Agreement, whether in principal, interest, as fees, as indemnities or as guarantees and whether present or future (the "Secured Liabilities").

The Cash Collateral Provider shall be requested to fund the Cash Collateral Account with the relevant Cash Collateral and up to the required amount (i) upon non compliance by the Borrower of certain pre-maturity ratings levels following the occurrence date of such non compliance and during a certain pre-maturity test period (as further described in "Asset Monitoring – The Pre-Maturity Test") and/or (ii) so to enable the Issuer to comply with the regulatory liquidity test provided for under articles L.513-8 and R.513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier) (as further described in "Asset Monitoring – The Regulatory Liquidity Test").

Failure by the Cash Collateral Provider to fund the Cash Collateral Account with the relevant Cash Collateral and up to the required amount within the required period and on any relevant test date shall constitute a Breach of Pre-Maturity Test or a Breach of Regulatory Liquidity Test under the Cash Collateral Agreement. This breach shall in turn result in the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default under the Borrower Facility Agreement.

(See section "The Collateral Security – The Cash Collateral Agreement").

#### 2. <u>ASSET MONITORING</u>

**Asset Cover Test:** 

Under the Collateral Security Agreement and for so long as no

Borrower Event of Default has occurred and been enforced subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, shall monitor the Collateral Security Assets so as to ensure compliance with an asset cover test (the "Asset Cover Test").

Such Asset Cover Test shall be performed without prejudice to compliance by the Issuer with cover test provided by laws and regulations applicable to *sociétés de financement de l'habitat* (in particular the cover test provided for under articles L.513-12 and R.513-8 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) (see section "*Main features of the legislation and regulations relating to* sociétés de financement de l'habitat").

For so long as Covered Bonds remain outstanding, non compliance with the Asset Cover Test would result from the Asset Cover Test Ratio (as specified in section "Asset Monitoring – The Asset Cover Test"), being less than one (1). A non compliance with the Asset Cover Test will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default or a Borrower Event of Default. However, it will prevent the Issuer from issuing any further Covered Bonds as long as it remains unremedied.

The failure by the Collateral Security Agent to cure a non compliance with the Asset Cover Test occurred on any Asset Cover Test Date prior to the next following Asset Cover Test Date (as defined in section "Asset Monitoring – The Asset Cover Test") shall constitute a Breach of Asset Cover Test within the meaning of the Collateral Security Agreement.

A Breach of Asset Cover Test will result in a Borrower Event of Default within the meaning of, and subject to, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement. A Breach of Asset Cover Test will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default but will prevent the Issuer from issuing any further Covered Bonds.

(See section "Asset Monitoring – The Asset Cover Test").

**Regulatory Cover Ratio:** 

The Issuer must at all times maintain a cover ratio between its assets and its liabilities benefiting from the *Privilège*. In particular, pursuant to articles L.513-12 and R.513-8 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) (as modified by decree No. 2014-526 of 23 May 2014 with respect to prudential regime of *sociétés de crédit foncier* and *sociétés de financement de l'habitat*), the Issuer must at all time maintain a ratio of at least one hundred and five per cent. (105%) as between its assets and the total amount of its liabilities benefiting from the *Privilège* (the "**Regulatory Cover Test**").

(See section "Main features of the legislation and regulations relating to sociétés de financement de l'habitat").

**Pre-Maturity Test:** 

Under the Cash Collateral Agreement and for so long as no Borrower Event of Default has occurred and been enforced subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Borrower shall fund the Cash Collateral Account up to an amount sufficient so as to ensure compliance with a pre-maturity test (the "**Pre-Maturity Test**").

For each Series of Covered Bonds and for so long as Covered Bonds of such Series remain outstanding, during the period starting from, and including, the one hundred and eightieth (180<sup>th</sup>) Business Day preceding the Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date) of such Series of Covered Bonds and ending on, and excluding, such Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet Covered Bonds,

the Extended Final Maturity Date), and upon the downgrading of the Borrower below any of the Pre-Maturity Ratings Required Levels (see section "Asset Monitoring – The Pre-Maturity Test"), the Cash Collateral Provider shall fund the Cash Collateral Account up to an amount determined in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Cash Collateral Agreement.

The failure by the Cash Collateral Provider to fund into the Cash Collateral Account the relevant amount shall constitute a Breach of Pre-Maturity Test within the meaning of the Cash Collateral Agreement.

A Breach of Pre-Maturity Test will result in a Borrower Event of Default within the meaning of, and subject to, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement. A Breach of Pre-Maturity Test will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default.

(See section "Asset Monitoring – The Pre-Maturity Test").

#### **Regulatory Liquidity Test:**

Under the Cash Collateral Agreement and for so long as no Borrower Event of Default has occurred and been enforced subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Borrower shall fund the Cash Collateral Account up to an amount sufficient so as to ensure compliance with a regulatory liquidity test (the "Regulatory Liquidity Test").

At any time, for so long as no Borrower Event of Default has occurred and been enforced subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Cash Collateral Provider shall fund the Cash Collateral Account up to an amount determined in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Cash Collateral Agreement.

The failure by the Cash Collateral Provider to fund into the Cash Collateral Account the relevant amount shall constitute a Breach of Regulatory Liquidity Test within the meaning of the Cash Collateral Agreement.

A Breach of Regulatory Liquidity Test will result in a Borrower Event of Default within the meaning of, and subject to, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement. A Breach of Regulatory Liquidity Test will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default.

(see section "Asset Monitoring – The Regulatory Liquidity Test").

#### **Amortisation Test:**

For so long as Covered Bonds remain outstanding and following the enforcement of a Borrower Event of Default subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Issuer shall ensure compliance with an amortisation test (the "Amortisation Test").

For so long as Covered Bonds remain outstanding, non compliance with the Amortisation Test would result from the Amortisation Ratio (as specified in section "Asset Monitoring – The Amortisation Test") being less than one (1).

A non compliance with the Amortisation Test will constitute an Issuer Event of Default.

(See section "Asset Monitoring – The Amortisation Test").

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATING TO NON-EXEMPT OFFERS

Certain tranches of French Law Covered Bonds with a specified denomination of less than €100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency at the time of issue) may be offered in circumstances where there is no exemption from the requirement to publish a prospectus (a "Non-exempt Offer") under Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003, as amended (the "Prospectus Directive").

In the context of a Non-exempt Offer, the Issuer may, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, consent to the use of the Base Prospectus, together with any supplement with respect thereto that may be published from time to time and the relevant Final Terms (together, the "**Prospectus**") in connection with a Non-exempt Offer of any French Law Covered Bonds during the offer period specified in the relevant Final Terms (the "**Offer Period**") and in the Public Offer Jurisdiction(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms by:

- (i) subject to conditions set out in the relevant Final Terms, any financial intermediary authorised to make such offers pursuant to Directive 2004/39/EC of 21 April 2004, as amended if applicable specified in the relevant Final Terms; or
- if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, any financial intermediary which satisfies the following (ii) conditions: (a) acts in accordance with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and recommendations of any applicable regulatory bodies (the "Rules"), from time to time including, without limitation and in each case, Rules relating to both the appropriateness or suitability of any investment in the French Law Covered Bonds by any person and disclosure to any potential investor; (b) complies with the restrictions set out under "Subscription and Sale" in this Base Prospectus which would apply as if it were a Dealer; (c) ensures that any fee (and any commissions or benefits of any kind) received or paid by that financial intermediary in relation to the offer or sale of the French Law Covered Bonds is fully and clearly disclosed to investors or potential investors; (d) holds all licences, consents, approvals and permits required in connection with solicitation of interest in, or offers or sales of, the French Law Covered Bonds under the Rules; (e) retains investor identification records for at least the minimum period required under applicable Rules, and shall, if so requested, make such records available to the relevant Dealer(s) and the Issuer or directly to the appropriate authorities with jurisdiction over the Issuer and/or the relevant Dealer(s) in order to enable the Issuer and/or the relevant Dealer(s) to comply with the Rules relating to anti-money laundering, prevention of corruption and "know your client" rules applicable to the Issuer and/or the relevant Dealer(s); (f) does not, directly or indirectly, cause the Issuer or the relevant Dealer(s) to breach any Rule or any requirement to obtain or make any filing, authorisation or consent in any jurisdiction; and (g) satisfies any further conditions specified in the relevant Final Terms, (in each case an "Authorised Offeror"). For the avoidance of doubt, none of the Dealers or the Issuer shall have any obligation to ensure that an Authorised Offeror complies with applicable laws and regulations and shall therefore have no liability in this respect.

The Issuer accepts responsibility, in the Public Offer Jurisdiction(s) specified in the Final Terms, for the content of the Prospectus in relation to any person (an "Investor") in such Public Offer Jurisdiction(s) to whom an offer of any French Law Covered Bonds is made by any Authorised Offeror and where the offer is made during the period for which that consent is given and in compliance with all other conditions attached to the giving of the consent. However, neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has any responsibility for any of the actions of any Authorised Offeror, including compliance by an Authorised Offeror with applicable conduct of business rules or other local regulatory requirements or other securities law requirements in relation to such offer.

The consent referred to above relates to Offer Periods (if any) occurring in the periods beginning and ending on the dates specified for such purpose in the relevant Final Terms relating to such Non-exempt Offers and provided that the relevant Final Terms have been duly published and specify that offers may be made to the public in Public Offer Jurisdictions, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive.

In the event the Final Terms designate financial intermediary(ies) to whom the Issuer has given its consent to use the Prospectus during an Offer Period, the Issuer may also give consent to additional Authorised Offerors after the date of the relevant Final Terms and, if it does so, it will publish any new information in relation to such Authorised Offerors who are unknown at the time of the approval of this Base Prospectus or the filing of the relevant Final Terms at htttp://www.creditmutuelcic-sfh.com/en/index.html.

If the Final Terms specify that any financial intermediary may use the Prospectus during the Offer Period, any such Authorised Officer is required, for the duration of the Offer Period, to publish on its website a statement confirming that it is using the Prospectus for the relevant Non-exempt Offer with the consent of the Issuer and in accordance with the conditions attached thereto.

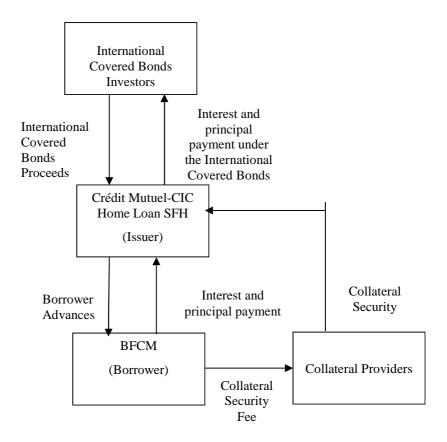
Other than as set out above, neither the Issuer nor any of the Dealers has authorised the making of any Non-exempt Offer by any person in any circumstances and such person is not permitted to use the Prospectus in connection with its offer of any French Law Covered Bonds. Any such offers are not made on behalf of the Issuer or by any of the Dealers or Authorised Offerors and none of the Issuer or any of the Dealers or Authorised Offerors has any responsibility or liability for the actions of any person making such offers.

An Investor intending to acquire or acquiring any French Law Covered Bonds from an Authorised Offeror will do so, and offers and sales of the French Law Covered Bonds to an Investor by an Authorised Offeror will be made, in accordance with any terms and other arrangements in place between such Authorised Offeror and such Investor including as to the price, allotment, settlement/delivery

arrangments and any costs or taxes to be invoiced to the Investor (the "Terms and Conditions of the Non-exempt Offer"). The Issuer will not be a party to any such arrangements with Investors (other than Dealers) in connection with the offer or sale of the French Law Covered Bonds and, accordingly, the Base Prospectus and any Final Terms will not contain such information. The Terms and Conditions of the Non-exempt Offer shall be provided to Investors by that Authorised Offeror at the time of the Non-exempt Offer. Neither the Issuer nor any of the Dealers or other Authorised Offerors has any responsibility or liability for such information or the consequences of its use by the relevant Investors.

#### STRUCTURE DIAGRAM – PRINCIPAL INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME PARTIES

# 1. Structure Diagram



# 2. Principal International Programme Parties

The following list does not purport to be complete and is qualified in all respects by the remainder of this Base Prospectus.

Issuer:Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFHAdministrator:Banque Fédérative du Crédit MutuelBorrower:Banque Fédérative du Crédit MutuelCollateral Providers:BFCM and the CM-CIC Entities

**Collateral Security Agent and Cash** 

Collateral Provider: Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel

**Arranger:** BNP Paribas

**Permanent Dealers:** Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel and BNP Paribas

French Law Bondholders' Representative: MCM Avocat (unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms)

Fiscal Agent, Principal Paying Agent and

Calculation Agent: BNP Paribas Securities Services

**Australian Registrar:** Citigroup Pty Limited (ABN 88 004 325 080)

German Fiscal Agent, German Paying Agent German Calculation Agent and German

Registrar: Citibank, N.A., London Branch

Rating Agencies: Moody's Investors Service Ltd., Standard & Poor's Credit

Market Services France SAS and Fitch France SAS

**Issuer Calculation Agent and Issuer Account** 

Bank: Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel

**Specific controller:** Fides Audit

**Statutory Auditors and Asset Monitors:** 

Ernst & Young et Autres and PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

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

- (a) the free English language translation of the management's report and financial statements of the Issuer for the year ended 31 December 2013 (*Rapport de Gestion du Conseil d'administration Comptes Annuels clos au 31 décembre 2013*) comprised notably of the financial statements of the Issuer for the year ended 31 December 2013 and the auditors' report with respect thereto (the "2013 Financial Statements");
- (b) the free English language translation of the management's report and financial statements of the Issuer for the year ended 31 December 2014 (*Rapport de Gestion du Conseil d'administration Comptes Annuels clos au 31 décembre 2014*) comprised notably of the financial statements of the Issuer for the year ended 31 December 2014 and the auditors' report with respect thereto (the "2014 Financial Statements");
- (c) the registration document of the Borrower and the Group dated 5 May 2015, which is available on the Borrower's website (http://www.bfcm.creditmutuel.fr/en/bfcm/pdf/DOCREF\_DEC2014\_VENG.pdf), exept for the "Declaration of the person responsible", on page 407 of this document;

and for the purpose only of further issues of French law covered bonds to be assimilated (*assimilées*) and form a single series with French Law Covered Bonds already issued under the relevant EMTN Previous Conditions (as defined below):

- (d) the section "terms and conditions of the covered bonds" set out on pages 34 to 61 of the base prospectus of the Issuer dated 16 July 2008 (which was approved by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier in Luxembourg) (the "2008 Conditions");
- (e) the section "terms and conditions of the covered bonds" set out on pages 34 to 61 of the base prospectus of the Issuer dated 16 November 2009 (which was approved by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier in Luxembourg) (the "2009 Conditions");
- (f) the section "terms and conditions of the covered bonds" set out on pages 36 to 63 of the base prospectus of the Issuer dated 21 December 2010 (which was approved by the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier in Luxembourg) (the "2010 Conditions");
- (g) the section "terms and conditions of the covered bonds" set out on pages 36 to 68 of the base prospectus of the Issuer dated 10 June 2011 (which received visa no. 11-215 from the AMF) (the "2011 Conditions");
- (h) the section "terms and conditions of the French law covered bonds" set out on pages 36 to 63 of the base prospectus of the Issuer dated 15 June 2012 (which received visa no. 12-263 from the AMF), as amended by the first supplement dated 20 September 2012 (which received visa no. 12-457 from the AMF) (the "2012 Conditions");
- (i) the section "terms and conditions of the French law covered bonds" set out on pages 38 to 65 of the base prospectus of the Issuer dated 30 July 2013 (which received visa no. 13-435 from the AMF) (the "2013 Conditions"); and
- (j) the section "terms and conditions of the French law covered bonds" set out on pages 57 to 85 of the base prospectus of the Issuer dated 31 July 2014 (which received visa no. 14-447 from the AMF) (the "2014 Conditions") and, together with the 2008 Conditions, the 2010 Conditions, the 2011 Conditions, the 2012 Conditions and the 2013 Conditions, the "EMTN Previous Conditions").

All documents incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus may be obtained upon request, free of charge, at the registered office of the Issuer and the specified offices of the Paying Agents set out at the end of this Base Prospectus during normal business hours so long as any of the International Covered Bonds are outstanding. Such documents will be published on the website of the Issuer (www.creditmutuelcic-sfh.com).

The information incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus shall be read in connection with the cross reference list below. For the avoidance of doubt, the sections of the documents listed in paragraphs (a) to (c) which are not included in the cross-reference list below are not incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus. The sections of the documents listed in paragraphs (d) to (h) are incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus and are considered as additional information which are not required by the relevant schedules of Regulation (EC) no. 809/2004 of 29 April 2004, as amended.

# Cross-reference list in respect of financial information

INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE	REFERENCE
(Annex IV of the European Regulation 809/2004/EC, as amended)	
8. FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER'S ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROFITS AND LOSSES	
8.2 Historical financial information	
	2014 Financial Statements
- Balance sheet	Pages 8 and 9
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	2013 Financial Statements
- Balance sheet	Pages 8 and 9
- Profit and loss Account	Page 11
- Notes	Pages 51 to 56
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#### SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS

In connection with French Law Covered Bonds admitted to trading on a Regulated Market, if at any time during the life of the International Programme there is a significant change affecting any matter contained or incorporated by reference in this base prospectus (the "Base Prospectus"), including any modification of the terms and conditions or generally any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information, included or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of any French Law Covered Bonds, which inclusion would reasonably be required by investors, and would reasonably be expected by them to be found in this Base Prospectus, for the purpose of making an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profits and losses and prospects of the Issuer and the rights attaching to the French Law Covered Bonds, the Issuer shall prepare a supplement to the Base Prospectus in accordance with article 16 of the Prospectus Directive and article 212-25 of the AMF's *Règlement général* for use in connection with any subsequent offering of the French Law Covered Bonds, submit such supplement to the Base Prospectus to the AMF for approval and supply each Dealer, Euronext Paris and the AMF with such number of copies of such supplement to the Base Prospectus as may reasonably be requested.

In accordance with Article 212-25 of the AMF's *Règlement général*, in case of public offers, investors who have agreed to purchase or subscribe French Law Covered Bonds before the publication of the supplement to this Base Prospectus benefit from a withdrawal right for at least two trading days after the publication of such supplement if the new factor, mistake or inaccuracy described above arises prior to the final closing of the public offer and delivery of the French Law Covered Bonds. The date on which the withdrawal period ends will be stated in the relevant supplement to this Base Prospectus.

Any supplement to this Base Prospectus will be be available for viewing on the websites of the AMF (www.amf-france.org) and of the Issuer (www.creditmutuelcic-sfh.com) and during normal business hours from the registered office of the Issuer and at the specified office of the Paying Agent(s) where copies may be obtained.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE FRENCH LAW COVERED BONDS

The following is the text of the terms and conditions (the "Terms and Conditions") that, as completed in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Final Terms (as defined below), shall be applicable to the French Law Covered Bonds. The terms and conditions applicable to the Australian Law Covered Bonds are contained in the Deed Poll. The terms and conditions applicable to the German Law Covered Bonds are contained in the Agency Agreement (as defined below).

In the case of Dematerialised Covered Bonds (as defined below), the text of the terms and conditions will not be endorsed on physical documents of title but will be constituted by the following text as completed by the relevant Final Terms.

In the case of Materialised Covered Bonds (as defined below), either (i) the full text of these terms and conditions together with the relevant provisions of the Final Terms (and subject to simplification by the deletion of non-applicable provisions) or (ii) these terms and conditions as so completed shall be endorsed on Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds.

All capitalised terms that are not defined in these Terms and Conditions will have the meanings given to them in the relevant Final Terms. References in the Terms and Conditions to "French Law Covered Bonds" are to the French Law Covered Bonds of one (1) Series (as defined below) only, not to all French Law Covered Bonds that may be issued under the International Programme (as defined below).

The French Law Covered Bonds will be issued by Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH (the "Issuer") in series (each a "Series") on the same or different issue dates. The French Law Covered Bonds of each Series will be interchangeable with all other French Law Covered Bonds of that Series. Each Series may be issued in tranches (each a "Tranche") on one or more issue dates and on terms identical to the terms of other Tranches of the same Series, save in respect of the issue date, issue price, first payment of interest and aggregate nominal amount of the Tranche. French Law Covered Bonds will be issued under the Terms and Conditions of this Base Prospectus as completed by the relevant final terms relating to the specific terms of each Tranche (the "Final Terms").

For the purposes of this Base Prospectus, the terms "Series", "Tranche" and "Final Terms" shall, whenever the context so permits, be deemed to include, as the case may be, any series or tranche or the relevant final terms relating to issues of Australian Law Covered Bonds, German Law Covered Bonds and New York Law Covered Bonds (each as defined below).

For the purposes of these Conditions, "French Law Covered Bonds" means the Covered Bonds specified in the relevant Final Terms as being governed by French law, "Australian Law Covered Bonds" means the Covered Bonds specified in the relevant Final Terms as being governed by the law of New South Wales, Australia and "German Law Covered Bonds" means the Covered Bonds specified in the relevant Final Terms as being governed by German law (together the "International Covered Bonds").

The French Law Covered Bonds will be issued with the benefit of an amended and restated agency agreement dated 24 July 2015 entered into between the Issuer, BNP Paribas Securities Services as fiscal agent, principal paying agent and calculation agent and the other agents named therein (as amended and supplemented from time to time, the "Agency Agreement"). The fiscal agent, the paying agents and the calculation agent(s) for the time being (if any) are referred to below respectively as the "Fiscal Agent", the "Paying Agent(s)" (which expression shall include the Fiscal Agent) and the "Calculation Agent(s)". The holders of the interest coupons (the "Coupons") relating to interest bearing Materialised Covered Bonds and, where applicable in the case of such French Law Covered Bonds, talons for further Coupons (the "Talons") and the holders of the receipts for the payment of instalments of principal relating to Materialised Covered Bonds of which the principal is redeemable in instalments (the "Receipts") are respectively referred to below as the "Couponholders" and the "Receiptholders".

References below to "Conditions" are, unless the context requires otherwise, to the numbered paragraphs below.

#### 1. Definitions

"Austraclear" means Austraclear Ltd (ABN 94 002 060 773) as operator of the Austraclear System.

"Austraclear System" means the system operated by Austraclear for holding securities and the electronic recording and settling of transactions in those securities between participants of that system.

"Australian Register" means the register of holders of Australian Law Covered Bonds established and maintained by or on behalf of the Issuer in which is entered the names and addresses of holders whose Australian Law Covered Bonds are carried on that register, the amount of Australian Law Covered Bonds held by each such Bondholder and the date of transfer of those Covered Bonds and any other particulars which the Issuer and/or the Australian Registrar see fit.

- "BFCM" means Banque Fédérative du Crédit Mutuel.
- "Bondholders" mean the International Bondholders and New York Law Bondholders.
- "Borrower Debt" means the Borrower's indebtness outstanding from time to time under the Borrower Facility.

# "Business Day" means:

- (i) in the case of payments to be made in Euro, a day on which the Trans European Automated Real Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer payment system (TARGET2) or any successor thereto (the "TARGET System") is operating (a "TARGET Business Day"), and/or
- (ii) in the case of payments to be made in Specified Currency other than Euro, a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the principal financial centre for that currency, and/or
- (iii) in the case of payments to be made in a Specified Currency and/or one (1) or more additional business centre(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms (the "Business Centre(s)"), a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in such currency in the Business Centre(s) or, if no currency is indicated, generally in each of the Business Centres so specified.
- "CFdeCM" means Caisse Fédérale de Crédit Mutuel, a French société coopérative à forme de société anonyme, duly licensed as a French credit institution (établissement de crédit), registered in the Registre du Commerce et des Sociétés of Strasbourg under number 588 505 354 and having its registered office at 34 rue du Wacken, 67000 Strasbourg.
- "CM-CIC Entities" means (i) any entity, duly licensed as a French credit institution (établissement de crédit), controlled by BFCM within the meaning of article L.233-3 of the French Commercial Code (Code de commerce) and/or (ii) any Caisse de Crédit Mutuel (within the meaning of article L.512-55 et seq. of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier) and to the exclusion of the caisses mutuelles agricoles et rurales referred to in article R.512-26 et seq. of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier)) which is affiliated to CFdeCM.
- "Covered Bonds" means the International Covered Bonds and New York Law Covered Bonds.
- "EEA" means the European Economic Area.
- "Extended Final Maturity Date" means the extended maturity date specified in the relevant Final Terms which term shall, whenever the context so permits, also refer to the extended final maturity date of the New York Law Covered Bonds.
- "Final Maturity Date" means the maturity date specified in the relevant Final Terms which term shall, whenever the context so permits, also refer to the final maturity date of the New York Law Covered Bonds.
- "French Law Bondholders" or, as the case may be, "holder of any French Law Covered Bonds" means (a) in the case of Dematerialised Covered Bonds, the individual or entity whose name appears in the account of the relevant Account Holder, the Issuer or the Registration Agent (as the case may be) as being entitled to such French Law Covered Bonds and (b) in the case of Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, the bearer of any Definitive Materialised Covered Bond and the Coupons, Talons or Receipts relating to it.
- "Group" means BFCM, CFdeCM and the CM-CIC Entities.

#### "International Bondholders" or, as the case may be, "holders of any International Covered Bond" means:

- (i) in the case of French Law Covered Bonds, the French Law Bondholders; and
- (ii) in the case of Australian Law Covered Bonds and German Law Covered Bonds, the persons registered as holders of the Australian Law Covered Bonds or the German Law Covered Bonds, as the case may be, in the relevant register.
- "International Programme" means the Issuer's €30,000,000,000 International Covered Bond Programme for the issue of *obligations de financement de l'habitat* and other covered bonds described in this Base Prospectus.
- "Issuer Event of Default" means the occurrence of any of the following events:
- (a) at any relevant time following the service of a Borrower Enforcement Notice (as defined in section "The Borrower and the Borrower Facility Agreement The Borrower Facility Agreement" of this Base Prospectus), a Breach of Amortisation Test (as defined in section "Asset Monitoring" of this Base Prospectus) occurs; or

- (b) the Issuer is in default in the payment of principal of, or interest on, any Covered Bond (including the payment of any additional amounts mentioned in Condition 10) when due and payable, unless such default has arisen by reason of a technical default or error and payment is made within five (5) Business Days of the due date thereof; or
- (c) the Issuer is in default in the performance or observance of any of its other material obligations under any Covered Bond and such default has not been cured within thirty (30) calendar days after:
  - (i) in the case of any French Law Covered Bonds, the receipt by the Fiscal Agent (with a copy to the Issuer) of the written notice of such default by the Representative;
  - (ii) in the case of Australian Law Covered Bonds, German Law Covered Bonds and New York Law Covered Bonds, the process set out in the terms and conditions of such Covered Bonds,

and in each case requiring such default to be remedied and indicating that this provision may be invoked if it is not so remedied; or

- (d) any other present or future indebtedness of the Issuer (including any Covered Bonds of any other Series) becomes or becomes capable of being declared due and payable prior to its stated maturity as a result of a default thereunder, or any such indebtedness shall not be paid when due or, as the case may be, within any originally applicable grace period therefore (a "Covered Bonds Cross Acceleration Event"); or
- (e) an order is made or an effective resolution passed for the liquidation or winding up of the Issuer (except in the case of a liquidation or winding up for the purpose of a reconstruction, amalgamation, merger or following the transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, the terms of which have previously been approved by the Majority Bondholders of all Series for which Covered Bonds or, if applicable, any Coupons or Receipts relating to them, are outstanding, and such liquidation or winding up being subject to prior Rating Affirmation); or
- (f) the Issuer makes any proposal for a general moratorium in relation to its debt or applies for, or is subject to, the appointment of a *mandataire ad hoc* or has applied to enter into conciliation proceedings (*procédure de conciliation*) or into safeguard proceedings (*procédure de sauvegarde*) or into financial accelerated safeguard proceedings (*procédure de sauvegarde accélérée*) or into financial accelerated safeguard proceedings (*procédure de sauvegarde financière accélérée*) or a judgment is issued for the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) or the transfer of the whole of the business (*cession totale de l'entreprise*) of the Issuer or, to the extent permitted by applicable law, if the Issuer is subject to any other insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings or makes any conveyance, assignment or other arrangement for the benefit of its creditors or enters into a composition with its creditors; or
- (g) the Issuer ceases to carry on all or a material part of its business (except in the case of a cessation for the purpose of a reconstruction, amalgamation, merger or following the transfer of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, in each case the terms of which have previously been approved by the Majority Bondholders of all Series for which Covered Bonds or, if applicable, any Coupons or Receipts relating to them, are outstanding and such cessation being subject to prior Rating Affirmation).

#### "Majority Bondholders" mean:

- (i) in relation to any Series of French Law Covered Bonds, a decision of the General Meeting (as defined in Condition 13(a)) of such Series taken in accordance with Condition 13(d);
- (ii) in relation to any Series of Australian Law Covered Bonds, the meaning given to it in the terms and conditions of such Australian Law Covered Bonds;
- (iii) in relation to any Series of German Law Covered Bonds, the meaning given to the term "Majority Bondholders Resolution" in the terms and conditions of such German Law Covered Bonds; and
- (iv) in relation to any Series of New York Law Covered Bonds, the meaning given to the term "Majority New York Law Covered Bondholders" in the terms and conditions of such New York Law Covered Bonds.

"New York Law Bondholder" means any holder of New York Law Covered Bonds within the meaning of the terms and conditions of such New York Law Covered Bonds.

"New York Law Covered Bonds" mean the covered bonds governed by New York law issued under the U.S. Programme.

#### "outstanding" means:

(i) in relation to French Law Covered Bonds of any Series, all the French Law Covered Bonds issued other than (a) those that have been redeemed in accordance with these Conditions, (b) those in respect of which the date for redemption has occurred and the redemption moneys (including all interest accrued on such

French Law Covered Bonds to the date for such redemption and any interest payable after such date) have been duly paid as provided in Condition 9, (c) those which have become void or in respect of which claims have become prescribed, (d) those which have been purchased and cancelled and, for so long as they are held by the Issuer, those which have been held by the Issuer as provided in Conditions 8(h) and 8(i), (e) in the case of Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds (i) those mutilated or defaced Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds that have been surrendered in exchange for replacement Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, (ii) (for the purpose only of determining how many such Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds are outstanding and without prejudice to their status for any other purpose) those Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed and in respect of which replacement Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds have been issued and (iii) any Temporary Global Certificate to the extent that it shall have been exchanged for one (1) or more Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, pursuant to its provisions; and

(ii) in the case of Australian Law Covered Bonds, German Law Covered Bonds and New York Law Covered Bonds, such definition as specified in the terms and conditions of such Covered Bonds.

"Payment Date" means, with respect to a Series or Tranche of French Law Covered Bonds, the payment date of any principal or interest amount applicable to the Issuer and specified as such in the relevant Final Terms of the French Law Covered Bonds.

"Programme Date" means 9 July 2007.

#### "Programme Documents" means:

- (a) the Shareholder Letter of Undertaking (see section "The Issuer Issuer Share Capital, Covered Bonds, Subordinated Loans and Issuer Majority Shareholder's undertakings");
- (b) the Subordinated Loan agreements (see section "The Issuer Issuer Share Capital, Covered Bonds, Subordinated Loans and Issuer Majority Shareholder's undertakings");
- (c) the Administrative Agreement (see section "The Issuer The Administrative Agreement") as amended from time to time:
- (d) the Convention d'externalisation et de mise à disposition de moyens (see section "The Issuer Issuer Risk Management") as amended from time to time;
- (e) the Issuer Accounts Agreement (see section "The Issuer The Issuer Accounts Agreement") as amended from time to time;
- (f) the Terms and Conditions;
- (g) the Agency Agreement (including the Terms and Conditions of the German Law Covered Bonds) and the Australian Agency Agreement;
- (h) the Deed Poll;
- (i) the Dealer Agreement (see section "Subscription and Sale");
- (j) the Borrower Facility Agreement (see section "The Borrower and the Borrower Facility Agreement The Borrower Facility Agreement") as amended from time to time;
- (k) the Collateral Security Agreement (see section "The Collateral Security The Collateral Security Agreement") as amended from time to time;
- (l) the Cash Collateral Agreement (see section "The Collateral Security The Cash Collateral Agreement") as amended from time to time;
- (m) the Calculation Services Agreement (see section "Asset Monitoring The Calculation Services Agreement") as amended from time to time;
- (n) the Asset Monitor Agreement and the engagement letter of the Asset Monitors (see section "Asset Monitoring The Asset Monitor Agreement") as amended from time to time;
- (o) the master definitions and construction agreement, as amended from time to time, providing for the definitions of defined terms used under some other Programme Documents;
- (p) the Hedging Agreement(s) (if any) as amended from time to time and, as the case may be, any agreement relating to any hedging mechanism; and
- (q) any additional document entered into by the Issuer with respect to the U.S. Programme, as applicable, including notably the terms and conditions of the New York Law Covered Bonds and, as amended from time to time, the dealer agreement and agency agreement relating to the New York Law Covered Bonds.

"Rating Affirmation" means, with respect to any specified action, determination or appointment, and except as otherwise specified herein and/or in any Programme Documents, (i) notification by the Issuer (or the relevant Representative) to Moody's and S&P, for as long as any Covered Bonds are rated by them, of such specified action, determination or appointment which does not result in the downgrading, or withdrawal, of the ratings then assigned to the Covered Bonds and (ii) notification by the Issuer (or the relevant Representative) to Fitch, for as long as any Covered Bonds are rated by it, of such specified action, determination or appointment and the absence of downgrading, or withdrawal, of the ratings then assigned to the Covered Bonds.

"Rating Agency" means each of Moody's Investors Service Ltd. ("Moody's"), Standard & Poor's Credit Market Service France SAS ("S&P") and Fitch France SAS ("Fitch").

"Regulated Market" means a regulated market within the EEA for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 April 2004, as amended, appearing on the list of regulated markets issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority.

"Representative Consent" means, with respect to any specified action, determination or appointment, receipt by the Issuer of:

- (i) in relation to all Series of outstanding French Law Covered Bonds, a written confirmation of consent of the Representative (acting upon instructions of the Majority Bondholders of the relevant Series);
- (ii) in relation to all Series of outstanding Australian Law Covered Bonds, German Law Covered Bonds and New York Law Covered Bonds, a confirmation of consent in the form specified in the terms and conditions of such Covered Bonds,

in each case to such proposed action, determination or appointment.

"Soft Bullet Covered Bonds" mean the Covered Bonds which have soft bullet maturities (i.e. allowing the Final Maturity Date of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds to be extended), as specified in the Final Terms of the relevant Series.

"Soft Bullet French Law Covered Bonds" mean the French Law Covered Bonds which have soft bullet maturities (i.e. allowing the Final Maturity Date of the relevant Series of French Law Covered Bonds to be extended), as specified in the Final Terms of the relevant Series.

"U.S. Programme" means the Issuer's separate €30,000,000,000 covered bond programme, as amended from time to time, for the issue of New York Law Covered Bonds.

#### 2. Form, Denomination and Title

#### (a) Form

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

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

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

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

(ii) Materialised Covered Bonds are issued in bearer form only. Materialised Covered Bonds in definitive form ("**Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds**") are serially numbered and are issued with Coupons (and, where appropriate, a Talon) attached, save in the case of Zero Coupon

Covered Bonds in which case references to interest (other than in relation to interest due after the Final Maturity Date or the Extended Final Maturity Date, as the case may be), Coupons and Talons in these Conditions are not applicable. Instalment Covered Bonds are issued with one (1) or more Receipts attached.

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

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

#### (b) Denomination

French Law Covered Bonds shall be issued in the specified denomination(s) set out in the relevant Final Terms (the "**Specified Denomination(s)**").

Dematerialised Covered Bonds shall be issued in one (1) Specified Denomination only.

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

#### (c) Title

- (i) Title to Dematerialised Covered Bonds in bearer form (*au porteur*) and in administered registered form (*au nominatif administré*) shall pass upon, and transfer of such French Law Covered Bonds may only be effected through, registration of the transfer in the accounts of the Account Holders. Title to Dematerialised Covered Bonds in fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*) shall pass upon, and transfer of such French Law Covered Bonds may only be effected through, registration of the transfer in the accounts maintained by the Issuer or by the Registration Agent.
- (ii) Title to Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, including, where appropriate, Coupons, Talon and/or Receipt(s) attached, shall pass by delivery.
- (iii) Except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, the holder of any French Law Covered Bond, Coupon, Talon or Receipt shall be deemed to be and may be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes, whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, or an interest in it, any writing on it or its theft or loss and no person shall be liable for so treating the holder of French Law Covered Bond.
- (iv) In accordance with article L.228-2 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*), the Issuer may require the identification of the International Bondholders unless such right is expressly excluded in the relevant Final Terms.

# 3. Conversions and Exchanges of French Law Covered Bonds

#### (a) Dematerialised Covered Bonds

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

#### (b) Materialised Covered Bonds

Materialised Covered Bonds of one (1) Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Materialised Covered Bonds of another Specified Denomination.

#### 4. Status

The French Law Covered Bonds (including, where applicable, any related Coupons and Receipts) will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and, in accordance with Condition 5, privileged obligations of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves and equally and rateably with all other present or future bonds (including Covered Bonds of all other Series) and other resources raised by the Issuer benefiting from the *Privilège* (as defined below) created by article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) as described in Condition 5.

# 5. Privilège

- (i) The principal and interest of the French Law Covered Bonds benefit from the statutory priority right of payment (*privilège*) created by article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) (the "*Privilège*") and the French Law Bondholders shall benefit from all rights set out in article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).
- (ii) Accordingly, notwithstanding any legal provisions to the contrary (including Book VI (*Livre VI*) of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*)), pursuant to articles L.513-11 and L.513-30 I of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*):
  - all amounts payable to the Issuer in respect of loans or assimilated receivables, exposures and securities referred to in articles L.513-3, L.513-5 to L.513-7 and L.513-29 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) and forward financial instruments referred to in article L.513-10 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) (in each case after any applicable netting), together with the claims in respect of deposits made by the Issuer with credit institutions, are allocated in priority to the payment of any sums due in respect of the Covered Bonds, together with any other resources raised by the Issuer and benefiting from the *Privilège*;
  - it should be noted that not only French Law Covered Bonds benefit from the *Privilège*. Other resources (such as Covered Bonds of all other Series, loans and and derivative transaction (if any) for hedging Covered Bonds and/or eligible assets of the Issuer, as well as the sums, if any, due under the contract provided for in article L.513-15 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*)), may also benefit from the *Privilège*;
  - in the event of conciliation proceedings (procédure de conciliation), safeguard proceedings (procédure de sauvegarde), judicial reorganisation proceedings (procédure de redressement judiciaire) or judicial liquidation proceedings (procédure de liquidation judiciaire) of the Issuer, all amounts due regularly under the Covered Bonds, together with any other resources benefiting from the Privilège, are paid on their contractual due date, and in priority to all other debts, whether or not preferred, including interest resulting from agreements whatever their duration;
  - until all Bondholders and all other creditors benefiting from the *Privilège* have been fully paid, no other creditor of the Issuer may avail itself (*se prévaloir*) of any right over the assets and rights of the Issuer; and
  - the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) of the Issuer will not result in the redemption of the French Law Covered Bonds.

# 6. Covenants

So long as any of the French Law Covered Bonds or, if applicable, any Coupons or Receipts relating to them, are outstanding:

#### (a) Negative Pledge

Except as described or authorised by any applicable provisions in the Programme Documents, the Issuer will not create or permit to subsist any mortgage, charge, pledge, privilege or other form of security interest (*sûreté réelle*) upon any of its assets or revenues, present or future, to secure any Relevant Undertaking (as defined below) of, or guaranteed by, the Issuer unless, at the same time or prior thereto, the Issuer's obligations under the French Law Covered Bonds, and, if applicable, Coupons or Receipts relating to them, are equally and rateably secured therewith.

"Relevant Undertaking" means any present or future (i) indebtedness for borrowed money and (ii) undertaking in relation to interest or currency swap transactions.

#### (b) Limitation on Indebtedness

The Issuer undertakes not to incur any indebtedness other than as contemplated by the Programme Documents (as described in this Base Prospectus) unless:

- (i) such indebtedness is fully subordinated to the outstanding indebtedness under the Covered Bonds; or
- (ii) prior Rating Affirmation has been made in relation to such indebtedness.

#### (c) Restrictions on mergers or reorganisations

The Issuer undertakes not to enter into any merger, re-organisation or similar transaction without prior Representative Consent and Rating Affirmation.

#### (d) Separateness covenants

The Issuer undertakes (except as permitted under the Programme Documents or the Issuer's by-laws):

- (i) to maintain books and records separate from any other person or entity;
- (ii) to maintain its accounts separate from those of any other person or entity;
- (iii) not to commingle assets with those of any other entity;
- (iv) to conduct its own business in its own name;
- (v) to maintain separate financial statements;
- (vi) to pay its own liabilities out of its own funds;
- (vii) to observe all corporate, partnership or other formalities required by its constituting documents;
- (viii) not to guarantee or to become obligated for the debts of any other entity or to hold out its credit as being available to satisfy the obligations of others;
- (ix) not to acquire capital shares of its partners or shareholders;
- (x) to use its own separate stationery, invoices and cheques;
- (xi) to hold itself out as a separate entity;
- (xii) not to have any employees;
- (xiii) not to voluntarily wind up; and
- (xiv) to correct any known misunderstanding regarding its separate identity.

# (e) Amortisation Test

Following the enforcement of a Borrower Event of Default subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Issuer undertakes to comply with the Amortisation Test as described under section "Asset Monitoring" of this Base Prospectus.

# (f) Programme Documents

Subject to the qualifications described in the relevant Programme Document(s) to which it is a party, the Issuer undertakes that no amendment, modification, alteration or supplement shall be made to any Programme Document to which it is a party without prior Rating Affirmation if the same materially and adversely affects the interest of the Issuer or the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer may amend, modify, alter or supplement any Programme Document to which it is a party without prior Rating Affirmation:

- (i) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (ii) to evidence or effect the transition of any party to any Programme Document to which it is a party to any successor;
- (iii) to add to the undertakings and other obligations of any party (except the Issuer) under any Programme Document to which it is a party; or
- (iv) to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

In addition, the Issuer undertakes that:

- (i) each Programme Document to which the Issuer is or will become a party will include limited recourse language pursuant to which the creditors of the Issuer (including the holders of the Covered Bonds) will agree that their recourse will be limited to the funds that are available to the Issuer at any relevant date; and
- (ii) each Programme Document to which the Issuer is or will become a party will also include nonpetition language, whereby the creditors of the Issuer (including the holders of the Covered Bonds) will agree not to commence or to join any proceedings for the insolvency of the Issuer prior to the end of an eighteen (18)-month period after all Covered Bonds have been paid and discharged in full

# (g) Notification of Issuer Events of Default

In respect of any Series of Covered Bonds, the Issuer undertakes to promptly inform the Rating Agencies, the Representative and the Administrator of the occurrence of any Issuer Event of Default and, upon receipt of a written request to that effect from the Rating Agencies, the Representative or the Administrator confirm to the Rating Agencies, the Representative and the Administrator that, save as previously notified to the Rating Agencies, the Representative and the Administrator or as notified in such confirmation, no Issuer Event of Default has occurred or is continuing.

#### (h) No further Issuance

The Issuer undertakes not to issue further Covered Bonds under the International Programme or U.S. Programme:

- (i) as from the date a Borrower Enforcement Notice (as defined in section "The Borrower and the Borrower Facility Agreement The Borrower Facility Agreement" of this Base Prospectus) has been served (except Covered Bonds issued and subscribed by the Issuer itself in accordance with article L.513-26 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier));
- (ii) as from the date an Issuer Enforcement Notice has been served;
- (iii) for so long as a Non Compliance with Asset Cover Test (as defined in section "Asset Monitoring" of this Base Prospectus) has occurred and is not remedied;
- (iv) for so long as a Non Compliance with Amortisation Test (as defined in section "Asset Monitoring" of this Base Prospectus) has occurred and is not remedied; or
- (v) for so long as, regarding the Pre-Maturity Test and the Regulatory Liquidity Test (as defined in section "Asset Monitoring" of this Base Prospectus), a Non Compliance Notice (as defined in section "Asset Monitoring" of this Base Prospectus) has been delivered and is not withdrawn (except Covered Bonds issued and subscribed by the Issuer itself in accordance with article L.513-26 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier)).

# (i) Rating of further Issuance

Subject to Condition 6(h) above, the Issuer undertakes that any new further issuance of Covered Bonds will be rated by the Rating Agencies.

# 7. Interest and other Calculations

#### (a) Definitions

In these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, the following defined terms shall have the meanings set out below:

"Benchmark" means the reference rate as set out in the relevant Final Terms, which shall be either EURIBOR, LIBOR or any other reference rate as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

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

(i) if "Actual/365", "Actual/365-FBF" or "Actual/Actual-ISDA" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by three hundred and sixty-five (365) (or, if any portion of that Calculation Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a leap year divided by three hundred and sixty-six (366) and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a non-leap year divided by three hundred and sixty-five (365)).

- (ii) if "Actual/Actual-ICMA" is specified in the relevant Final Terms:
  - (A) if the Calculation Period is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period in which it falls, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year; and
  - (B) if the Calculation Period is longer than one Determination Period, the sum of:
    - (x) the number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the Determination Period in which it begins divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year; and
    - (y) the number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year,

in each case, where:

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

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

- (iii) if "Actual/Actual-FBF" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the fraction whose numerator is the actual number of days elapsed during such period and whose denominator is three hundred and sixty-five (365) (or three hundred and sixty-six (366) if 29 February falls within the Calculation Period). If the Calculation Period is of a duration of more than one (1) year, the basis shall be calculated as follows:
  - (A) the number of complete years shall be counted back from the last day of the Calculation Period:
  - (B) this number shall be increased by the fraction for the relevant period calculated as set out in the first paragraph of this definition.
- (iv) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by three hundred and sixty-five (365).
- (v) if "Actual/360" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by three hundred and sixty (360).
- (vi) if "30/360", "360/360" or "Bond Basis" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by three hundred and sixty (360), calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

" $Y_2$ " is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

" $M_1$ " is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

" $D_1$ " is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case  $D_1$  will be 30; and

" $D_2$ " 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  $D_1$  is greater than 29, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30.

(vii) if "30/360-FBF" or "Actual 30A/360 (American Bond Basis)" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, in respect of each Calculation Period, the fraction whose denominator is three hundred and sixty (360) and whose numerator is the number of days calculated as for 30E/360-FBF, subject to the following exception: where the last day of the Calculation Period is the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) and the first day is neither the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) nor the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>), the last month of the Calculation Period shall be deemed to be a month of thirty-one (31) days.

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

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

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

or otherwise:

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

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

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

where:

"Y<sub>1</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"Y<sub>2</sub>" is the year, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

 ${}^{"}M_{1}{}^{"}$  is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

"M<sub>2</sub>" is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

" $D_1$ " is the first calendar day, expressed as a number, of the Calculation Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case  $D_1$  will be 30; and

" $D_2$ " is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date) or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case  $D_2$ will be 30.

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

Where:

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

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

The fraction is:

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

(x) if "**RBA Bond Basis**" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, one divided by the number of Interest Payment Dates in a year (or where the Calculation Period does not constitute an Interest

Period, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by three hundred and sixty five (365) (or, if any portion of the Calculation Period falls in a leap year, the sum of:

- (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a leap year divided by three hundred and sixty six (366); and
- (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period divided by three hundred and sixty five (365))).

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

"Euroclear France" means the central depository with respect to Dematerialised Covered Bonds located 66, rue de la Victoire, 75009 Paris.

"Euro-zone" means the region comprised of Member States of the European Union that have adopted or adopt the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended from time to time.

"FBF" means the Fédération Bancaire Française.

"FBF Definitions" means the definitions set out in the 2013 FBF Master Agreement relating to transactions on forward financial instruments as supplemented by the Technical Schedules published by the FBF and as amended from time to time, in their amended and updated version applicable as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the relevant Series.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"ISDA Definitions" means the 2006 ISDA Definitions, as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., and as amended from time to time, in their amended and updated version applicable as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the relevant Series.

"**Primary Source**" means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined in accordance with a Screen Rate Determination on an Interest Determination Date, the primary source specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.

"Rate of Interest" means the rate of interest payable from time to time in respect of the French Law Covered Bonds and that is either specified or calculated in accordance with the provisions of these Terms and Conditions, as completed by the relevant Final Terms.

"Reference Banks" means the institutions specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none, four (4) major banks selected by the Calculation Agent in the interbank market (or, if appropriate, money,

swap or over-the-counter index options market) that is most closely connected with the Benchmark (which, if EURIBOR is the relevant Benchmark, shall be the Euro-zone, and if LIBOR is the relevant Benchmark, shall be London).

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

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

"Relevant Rate" means the Benchmark for a Representative Amount of the Specified Currency for a period (if applicable or appropriate to the Benchmark) equal to the Specified Duration commencing on the Effective Date.

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

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

"Specified Currency" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, the currency in which the French Law Covered Bonds are denominated.

"Specified Duration" means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined in accordance with a Screen Rate Determination on an Interest Determination Date, the duration specified in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, a period of time equal to the related Interest Accrual Period, ignoring any adjustment pursuant to Condition 7(c)(ii).

#### (b) Interest on Fixed Rate Covered Bonds

Each Fixed Rate Covered Bond bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount from the Interest Commencement Date at the rate *per annum* (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Rate of Interest, such interest being payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date, as indicated in the relevant Final Terms.

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

### (c) Interest on Floating Rate Covered Bonds

- (i) Interest Payment Dates: Each Floating Rate Covered Bond bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount from the Interest Commencement Date at the rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Rate of Interest, such interest being payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date. Such Interest Payment Date(s) is/are either shown in the relevant Final Terms as Specified Interest Payment Dates or, if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are shown in the relevant Final Terms, Interest Payment Date shall mean each date which falls the number of months or any other period shown in the relevant Final Terms as the Interest Period after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.
- (ii) Business Day Convention: If any date referred to in these Conditions that is specified to be subject to adjustment in accordance with a Business Day Convention would otherwise fall on a day that is

not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is (A) the "Floating Rate Business Day Convention", such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (x) such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (y) each subsequent such date shall be the last Business Day of the month in which such date would have fallen had it not been subject to adjustment, (B) the "Following Business Day Convention", such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day, (C) the "Modified Following Business Day Convention", such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day Convention", such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the relevant Final Terms specify that the relevant Business Day Convention is to be applied on an "unadjusted" basis, the Interest Amount payable on any date shall not be affected by the application of that Business Day Convention.

- (iii) Rate of Interest for Floating Rate Covered Bonds: The Rate of Interest in respect of Floating Rate Covered Bonds for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined in the manner specified in the relevant Final Terms and the provisions below relating to either FBF Determination, ISDA Determination or Screen Rate Determination, depending upon which is specified in the relevant Final Terms.
  - (A) FBF Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds:

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

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

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), "Floating Rate", "Calculation Agent", "Floating Rate Determination Date" and "Transaction" have the meanings given to those terms in the FBF Definitions.

In the relevant Final Terms, when the paragraph "Floating Rate (*Taux Variable*)" specifies that the rate is determined by linear interpolation in respect of an Interest Period, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be calculated by the Calculation Agent with a linear interpolation between two (2) rates based on the relevant Floating Rate, one of which corresponding to a maturity immediately below the length of the relevant Interest Period, and the other of which corresponding to a maturity immediately above the length of the relevant Interest Period.

(B) ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds

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

- (1) the Floating Rate Option is as specified in the relevant Final Terms;
- (2) the Designated Maturity is a period specified in the relevant Final Terms; and
- (3) the relevant Reset Date is the first day of that Interest Accrual Period unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.

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

In the relevant Final Terms, when the paragraph "Floating Rate Option" specifies that the rate is determined by linear interpolation in respect of an Interest Period, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be calculated by the Calculation Agent with a linear interpolation between two (2) rates based on the relevant Floating Rate Option, one of which corresponding to a Designed Maturity immediately below the length of the relevant Interest Period, and the other of which corresponding to a Designed Maturity immediately above the length of the relevant Interest Period.

(C) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Covered Bonds:

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

- (1) if the Primary Source for Floating Rate is a Page, subject as provided below, the Rate of Interest shall be:
  - (I) the Relevant Rate (where such Relevant Rate on such Page is a composite quotation or is customarily supplied by one (1) entity); or
  - (II) the arithmetic mean of the Relevant Rates of the persons whose Relevant Rates appear on that Page, in each case appearing on such Page at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date as specified in the relevant Final Terms, plus or minus the Margin (if any), as specified in the relevant Final Terms; and
- (2) if the Primary Source for the Floating Rate is Reference Banks or if sub-paragraph (1)(I) applies and no Relevant Rate appears on the Page at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date or if sub-paragraph (1)(II) applies and fewer than two (2) Relevant Rates appear on the Page at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date, subject as provided below, the Rate of Interest shall be the arithmetic mean of the Relevant Rates that each of the Reference Banks is quoting to leading banks in the Relevant Financial Centre at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date, as determined by the Calculation Agent, plus or minus (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms) the Margin (if any), and
- (3) if paragraph (2) above applies and the Calculation Agent determines that fewer than two (2) Reference Banks are so quoting Relevant Rates, subject as provided below, the Rate of Interest shall be the arithmetic mean of the rates per annum (expressed as a percentage) that the Calculation Agent determines to be the rates (being the nearest equivalent to the Benchmark) in respect of a Representative Amount of the Specified Currency that at least two (2) out of five (5) leading banks selected by the Calculation Agent in the principal financial centre of the country of the Specified Currency or, if the Specified Currency is Euro, in the Euro-zone as selected by the Calculation Agent (the "Principal Financial Centre") are quoting at or about the Relevant Time on the date on which such banks would customarily quote such rates for a period commencing on the Effective Date for a period equivalent to the Specified Duration (I) to leading banks carrying on business in Europe, or (if the Calculation Agent determines that fewer than two (2) of such banks are so quoting to leading banks in Europe) (II) to leading banks carrying on business in the Principal Financial Centre; except that, if fewer than two (2) of such banks are so quoting to leading banks in the Principal Financial Centre, the Rate of Interest shall be the Rate of Interest determined on the previous Interest Determination Date (after readjustment for any difference between any Margin, Rate Multiplier or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest applicable to the preceding Interest Accrual Period and to the relevant Interest Accrual Period).

In the relevant Final Terms, when the paragraph "Benchmark" specifies that the rate is determined by linear interpolation in respect of an Interest Period, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be calculated by the Calculation Agent with a linear interpolation between two (2) rates based on the relevant Benchmark, one of which corresponding to a maturity immediately below the lengh of the relevant Interest Period, and the other of which corresponding to a maturity immediately above the lengh of the relevant Interest Period.

# (d) Interest on Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds

Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds are French Law Covered Bonds for which a change of interest Basis (the "Change of Interest Basis") is specified to be applicable in the relevant Final Terms. Each Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds shall bear interest on its outstanding nominal amount at a rate that:

- (i) at the Issuer's option, the Issuer may elect to convert (the "Issuer Change of Interest Basis") on the Interest Determination Date specified in the relevant Final Terms (the "Switch Date") from Fixed Rate (as defined in Condition 7(b) and specified in the relevant Final Terms) to Floating Rate (as defined in Condition 7(c) and specified in the relevant Final Terms) or from Floating Rate to Fixed Rate, it being specified that any Issuer Change of Interest Basis shall be notified by the Issuer to the relevant Noteholders in accordance with Condition 18 within the period specified in the relevant Final Terms; or
- (ii) automatically changes from Fixed Rate to Floating Rate or from Floating Rate to Fixed Rate on the Switch Date (the "Automatic Change of Interest Basis").

## (e) Zero Coupon Covered Bonds

Where a French Law Covered Bond the Interest Basis of which is specified to be Zero Coupon and, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, is repayable prior to the Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet French Law Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date) pursuant to an Issuer's option or, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, pursuant to Condition 8(e) or otherwise and is not paid when due, the amount due and payable prior to the Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet French Law Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date) shall be the Early Redemption Amount. As from the Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet French Law Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date), the Rate of Interest for any overdue principal of such a French Law Covered Bond shall be a rate *per annum* (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Amortisation Yield (as described in Condition 8(e)(i)(B)).

#### (f) Accrual of Interest

Interest shall cease to accrue on each French Law Covered Bond on the due date for redemption unless (i) in the case of Dematerialised Covered Bonds, on such due date or (ii) in the case of Materialised Covered Bonds, upon due presentation, payment is improperly withheld or refused, in which event interest shall continue to accrue (as well after as before judgment) at the Rate of Interest in the manner provided in this Condition 7 to the Relevant Date.

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

- (i) If any Margin or Rate Multiplier is specified in the relevant Final Terms (either (x) generally, or (y) in relation to one (1) or more Interest Accrual Periods), an adjustment shall be made to all Rates of Interest, in the case of (x), or the Rates of Interest for the specified Interest Accrual Periods, in the case of (y), calculated in accordance with paragraph (c) above by adding (if a positive number) or subtracting (if a negative number) the absolute value of such Margin or by multiplying the Rate of Interest by the Rate Multiplier, subject always to the next paragraph.
- (ii) If any Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount is specified in the relevant Final Terms, then any Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount shall be subject to such maximum or minimum, as the case may be.
- (iii) For the purposes of any calculations required pursuant to these Conditions, (w) if FBF Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms, all percentages resulting from such calculations shall be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest ten-thousandth of a percentage point (with halves being rounded up), (x) all percentages resulting from such calculations shall be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest fifth decimal (with halves being rounded up), (y) all figures shall be rounded to seven (7) decimals (with halves being rounded up) and (z) all currency amounts that fall due and payable shall be rounded to the nearest unit of such currency (with halves being rounded up), save in the case of yen, which shall be rounded down to the nearest yen. For the purpose of this Condition, "unit" means the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency.

## (h) Calculations

The amount of interest payable in respect of any French Law Covered Bond for any period shall be calculated by multiplying the product of the Rate of Interest and the outstanding nominal amount of such French Law Covered Bond by the Day Count Fraction, unless an Interest Amount is specified in respect

of such period, in which case the amount of interest payable in respect of such French Law Covered Bond for such period shall equal such Interest Amount. Where any Interest Period comprises two (2) or more Interest Accrual Periods, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Interest Period shall be the sum of the amounts of interest payable in respect of each of those Interest Accrual Periods.

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

The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable on such date as the Calculation Agent may be required to calculate any rate or amount, obtain any quotation or make any determination or calculation, determine such rate and calculate the Interest Amounts in respect of each Specified Denomination of the French Law Covered Bonds for the relevant Interest Accrual Period, calculate the Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount, Optional Redemption Amount or Instalment Amount, obtain such quotation or make such determination or calculation, as the case may be, and cause the Rate of Interest and the Interest Amounts for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date and, if required to be calculated, the Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount, Optional Redemption Amount or any Instalment Amount to be notified to the Fiscal Agent, the Issuer, each of the Paying Agents, the holders of French Law Covered Bonds, any other Calculation Agent appointed in respect of the French Law Covered Bonds that is to make a further calculation upon receipt of such information and, if the French Law Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on a Regulated Market and the rules of such Regulated Market so require, such Regulated Market as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than (i) the commencement of the relevant Interest Period, if determined prior to such time, in the case of notification to such Regulated Market of a Rate of Interest and Interest Amount, or (ii) in all other cases, the fourth (4th) Business Day after such determination. Where any Interest Payment Date or Interest Period Date is subject to adjustment pursuant to Condition 7(c)(ii), the Interest Amounts and the Interest Payment Date so published may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. The determination of any rate or amount, the obtaining of each quotation and the making of each determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent(s) shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding upon all parties.

# (j) Calculation Agent and Reference Banks

The Issuer shall procure that there shall at all times be four (4) Reference Banks (or such other number as may be required) with offices in the Relevant Financial Centre and one (1) or more Calculation Agents if provision is made for them in the relevant Final Terms and for so long as any French Law Covered Bond is outstanding. If any Reference Bank (acting through its relevant office) is unable or unwilling to continue to act as a Reference Bank, then the Issuer shall appoint another Reference Bank with an office in the Relevant Financial Centre to act as such in its place. Where more than one (1) Calculation Agent is appointed in respect of the French Law Covered Bonds, references in these Conditions to the Calculation Agent shall be construed as each Calculation Agent performing its respective duties under the Conditions. If the Calculation Agent is unable or unwilling to act as such or if the Calculation Agent fails duly to establish the Rate of Interest for an Interest Period or Interest Accrual Period or to calculate any Interest Amount, Instalment Amount, Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount or Optional Redemption Amount, as the case may be, or to comply with any other requirement, the Issuer shall appoint a leading bank or investment banking firm engaged in the interbank market (or, if appropriate, money, swap or over-the-counter index options market) that is most closely connected with the calculation or determination to be made by the Calculation Agent (acting through its principal Paris office or any other office actively involved in such market) to act as such in its place. The Calculation Agent may not resign from its duties without a successor having been appointed as aforesaid.

# 8. Redemption, Purchase and Options

# (a) Final Redemption

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as provided below, each French Law Covered Bond shall be finally redeemed at the Final Maturity Date specified in the relevant Final Terms at its Final Redemption Amount (which, unless otherwise provided, is its nominal amount) specified in the relevant Final Terms or, in the case of a French Law Covered Bond falling within Condition 8(b) below, its final Instalment Amount.

With respect to Series of Soft Bullet French Law Covered Bonds, an Extended Final Maturity Date shall be specified as applying in relation to such Series in the applicable Final Terms. If the Final Redemption Amount of such Series is not paid by the Issuer on the Final Maturity Date, then payment of the unpaid amount shall be automatically deferred and shall become due and payable on the Extended Final Maturity Date, which shall fall any time after one (1) year from the Final Maturity Date specified in the relevant

Final Terms. However, any amount representing the Final Redemption Amount due and remaining unpaid on the Final Maturity Date may be paid by the Issuer on any Interest Payment Date occurring thereafter up to (and including) the relevant Extended Final Maturity Date. Interest will continue to accrue on any unpaid amount during such extended period at the relevant Rate of Interest specified in the relevant Final Terms and be payable on each Interest Payment Date and on the Extended Final Maturity Date all as specified in the relevant Final Terms and in accordance with the Conditions.

## (b) Redemption by Instalments

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled as provided in this Condition 8, or the relevant Instalment Date (being one (1) of the dates so specified in the relevant Final Terms) is extended pursuant to any Issuer's or French Law Bondholders' option in accordance with Conditions 8(c) or 8(d), each French Law Covered Bond that provides for Instalment Dates and Instalment Amounts shall be partially redeemed on each Instalment Date at the related Instalment Amount specified in the relevant Final Terms. The outstanding nominal amount of each such French Law Covered Bond shall be reduced by the Instalment Amount (or, if such Instalment Amount is calculated by reference to a proportion of the nominal amount of such French Law Covered Bond, such proportion) for all purposes with effect from the related Instalment Date, unless payment of the Instalment Amount is improperly withheld or refused (i) in the case of Dematerialised Covered Bonds, on the due date for such payment or (ii) in the case of Materialised Covered Bonds, on presentation of the related Receipt, in which case, such amount shall remain outstanding until the Relevant Date relating to such Instalment Amount.

# (c) Redemption at the option of the Issuer, exercise of Issuer's options and Partial Redemption

If a Call Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer may, subject to compliance by the Issuer with all relevant laws, regulations and directives and on giving not less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) calendar days' irrevocable prior notice in accordance with Condition 18 to the holders of French Law Covered Bonds (or such other notice period as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms) redeem, all or, if so provided, some, of the French Law Covered Bonds on any Optional Redemption Date or Option Exercise Date, as the case may be, as specified in the relevant Final Terms. Any such redemption of French Law Covered Bonds shall be at their Optional Redemption Amount together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption, if any. Any such redemption must relate to French Law Covered Bonds of a nominal amount at least equal to the Minimum Redemption Amount to be redeemed if and as specified in the relevant Final Terms, and no greater than the Maximum Redemption Amount to be redeemed if and as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

All French Law Covered Bonds in respect of which any such notice is given shall be redeemed, or the Issuer's Option shall be exercised, on the date specified in such notice in accordance with this Condition.

In the case of a partial redemption or a partial exercise of an Issuer's Option in respect of Materialised Covered Bonds, the notice to holders of such Materialised Covered Bonds shall also contain the numbers of the Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds to be redeemed, which shall have been drawn in such place and in such manner as may be fair and reasonable in the circumstances, taking account of prevailing market practices, subject to compliance with any applicable laws and stock exchanges requirements.

In the case of a partial redemption or a partial exercise of an Issuer's Option in respect of Dematerialised Covered Bonds, the redemption may be effected, at the option of the Issuer, either (i) by reducing the nominal amount of all such Dematerialised Covered Bonds in a Series in proportion to the aggregate nominal amount redeemed or (ii) by redeeming in full some only of such Dematerialised Covered Bonds and, in such latter case, the choice between those Dematerialised Covered Bonds that will be fully redeemed and those Dematerialised Covered Bonds of any Series that will not be redeemed shall be made in accordance with the provisions of article R.213-16 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) as completed by the relevant Final Terms, subject to compliance with any other applicable laws and stock exchanges requirements.

So long as the French Law Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on a Regulated Market and the rules of, or applicable to, such Regulated Market so require, the Issuer shall, each time there has been a partial redemption of the French Law Covered Bonds, cause to be published (i) as long as the French Law Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on a Regulated Market and the rules applicable thereto so permit, on its website (www. creditmutuelcic-sfh.com)) or (ii) in a leading financial newspaper of general circulation in the city where the Regulated Market on which such French Law Covered Bonds are admitted to trading is located, which in the case of Euronext Paris is expected to be *Les Echos*, a notice specifying the aggregate nominal amount of French Law Covered Bonds outstanding and, in the case of Materialised Covered Bonds a list of any Materialised Covered Bonds, drawn for redemption but not surrendered.

# (d) Redemption at the option of French Law Bondholders and exercise of French Law Bondholders' options

If a Put Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer shall, at the option of the French Law Bondholder, upon the French Law Bondholder giving not less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) calendar days' notice to the Issuer (or such other notice period as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms) redeem such French Law Covered Bond on the Optional Redemption Date(s), as indicated in the relevant Final Terms at its Optional Redemption Amount specified in the relevant Final Terms, together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption.

To exercise such option (which must be exercised on an Option Exercise Date) the French Law Bondholder must deposit with a Paying Agent at its specified office a duly completed option exercise notice (the "Exercise Notice") in the form obtained during normal business hours from any Paying Agent or the Registration Agent, as the case may be, within the notice period. In the case of Materialised Covered Bonds, the Exercise Notice shall have attached to it the relevant French Law Covered Bonds (together with all unmatured Coupons and Receipts and unexchanged Talons). In the case of Dematerialised Covered Bonds, the French Law Bondholder shall transfer, or cause to be transferred, the Dematerialised Covered Bonds to be redeemed to the account of the Paying Agent with a specified office in Paris, as specified in the Exercise Notice. No option so exercised and, where applicable, no French Law Covered Bond so deposited or transferred, may be withdrawn without the prior consent of the Issuer.

# (e) Early Redemption

- (i) Zero Coupon Covered Bonds
  - (A) The Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Covered Bond, upon redemption of such French Law Covered Bond pursuant to Condition 8(f) or (g) or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 11 shall be the Amortised Nominal Amount (calculated as provided below) of such French Law Covered Bond.
  - (B) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (C) below, the amortised nominal amount of any such French Law Covered Bond (the "Amortised Nominal Amount") shall be the scheduled Final Redemption Amount of such French Law Covered Bond on the Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet French Law Covered Bond, the Extended Final Maturity Date) discounted at a rate *per annum* (expressed as a percentage) equal to the amortisation yield (which, if none is shown in the relevant Final Terms, shall be such rate as would produce an Amortised Nominal Amount equal to the issue price of the French Law Covered Bonds if they were discounted back to their issue price on the Issue Date) (the "Amortisation Yield") compounded annually.
  - (C) If the Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any such French Law Covered Bond upon its redemption pursuant to Condition 8(f) or (g) or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 11 is not paid when due, the Early Redemption Amount due and payable in respect of such French Law Covered Bond shall be the Amortised Nominal Amount of such French Law Covered Bond as defined in sub-paragraph (B) above, except that such sub-paragraph shall have effect as though the date on which the French Law Covered Bond becomes due and payable was the Relevant Date. The calculation of the Amortised Nominal Amount in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall continue to be made (both before and after judgment) until the Relevant Date, unless the Relevant Date falls on or after the Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet French Law Covered Bond, the Extended Final Maturity Date), in which case the amount due and payable shall be the scheduled Final Redemption Amount of such French Law Covered Bond on the Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet French Law Covered Bond, the Extended Final Maturity Date) together with any interest that may accrue in accordance with Condition 7(f).

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

#### (ii) Other French Law Covered Bonds

The Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any French Law Covered Bond (other than French Law Covered Bonds described in (i) above), upon redemption of such French Law Covered Bond pursuant to Condition 8(f) or (g) or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 11 shall be the Final Redemption Amount together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption.

# (f) Redemption for Taxation Reasons

- (i) If, by reason of any change in French law, or any change in the official application or interpretation of such law, becoming effective after the Issue Date, the Issuer would on the occasion of the next payment of principal or interest due in respect of the French Law Covered Bonds, not be able to make such payment without having to pay additional amounts as specified under Condition 10(b) below, the Issuer may, at its option, on any Interest Payment Date (if the French Law Covered Bond is a Floating Rate Covered Bond) or at any time (if the French Law Covered Bond is a Fixed Rate Covered Bond) subject to having given not more than forty-five (45) nor less than thirty (30) calendar days' notice to the French Law Bondholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), in accordance with Condition 18, redeem all, but not some only, of the French Law Covered Bonds at their Early Redemption Amount together with any interest accrued to the date set for redemption 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.
- (ii) If the Issuer would, on the next payment of principal or interest in respect of the French Law Covered Bonds, be prevented by French law from making payment to the French Law Bondholders or, if applicable, Couponholders of the full amounts then due and payable, notwithstanding the undertaking to pay additional amounts contained in Condition 10(b) below, then the Issuer shall forthwith give notice of such fact to the Fiscal Agent and the Issuer shall upon giving not less than seven (7) calendar days' prior notice to the French Law Bondholders in accordance with Condition 18, redeem all, but not some only, of the French Law Covered Bonds then outstanding at their Early Redemption Amount together with any interest accrued to the date set for redemption (A) from the latest practicable Interest Payment Date on which the Issuer could make payment of the full amount then due and payable in respect of the French Law Covered Bonds, provided that if such notice would expire after such Interest Payment Date the date for redemption pursuant to such notice of French Law Bondholders shall be the later of (i) the latest practicable date on which the Issuer could make payment of the full amount then due and payable in respect of the French Law Covered Bonds and (ii) fourteen (14) calendar days after giving notice to the Fiscal Agent as aforesaid or (B) if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, at any time, provided that the due date for redemption of which notice hereunder shall be given shall be the latest practicable date at which the Issuer could make payment of the full amount payable in respect of the French Law Covered Bonds, or, if applicable, Coupons or Receipts or, if that date is passed, as soon as practicable thereafter.

# (g) Redemption due to illegality

The French Law Covered Bonds of all Series shall be redeemed at the option of the Issuer, subject to compliance by the Issuer of all the relevant laws, regulations and directives, in whole, but not in part, at any time, on giving not less than thirty (30) nor more than sixty (60) calendar days' irrevocable notice in accordance with Condition 18 to the holders of French Law Covered Bonds, if the Issuer satisfies the Fiscal Agent immediately before the giving of such notice that it has, or will, before the next Interest Payment Date of any French Law Covered Bonds of any Series, become unlawful for the Issuer to make, fund or allow to remain outstanding any Borrower Advance made by it to the Borrower or to comply with any other of its obligations under the French Law Covered Bonds of that Series, as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the applicable laws or regulations or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations, which change or amendment has become or will become effective before the next such Interest Payment Date.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this Condition, the Issuer shall deliver to the Fiscal Agent a certificate signed by two (2) representatives of the Issuer stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer so to redeem have occurred and the Fiscal Agent shall be entitled to accept the certificate as sufficient evidence of the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set out above, in which event it shall be conclusive and binding on all French Law Bondholders, Couponholders and Receiptholders.

French Law Covered Bonds redeemed pursuant to this Condition 8(g) will be redeemed at their Early Redemption Amount referred to in paragraph 8(e) above together (if appropriate) with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption, if any.

#### (h) Purchases

The Issuer shall have the right at all times to purchase French Law Covered Bonds (provided that, in the case of Materialised Covered Bonds, all unmatured Coupons and Receipts and unexchanged Talons relating thereto are attached thereto or surrendered therewith) in the open market or otherwise (including by tender offer) at any price, subject to any applicable laws and regulations and in particular article L.513-26 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*). The relevant Final Terms will specify whether French Law Covered Bonds so purchased by the Issuer shall be held and resold in accordance with articles L.213-1 A and D.213-1 A of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) for the purpose of enhancing the liquidity of the French Law Covered Bonds or cancelled in accordance with Condition 8(i) below.

# (i) Cancellation

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

# 9. Payments and Talons

## (a) Dematerialised Covered Bonds

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

# (b) Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds

# (i) Method of payment

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

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

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

Payments of instalments of principal (if any) in respect of Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, other than the final instalment, will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, annotation) of the relevant Receipt in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Payment of the final instalment will be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against

presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, annotation) of the relevant French Law Covered Bond in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Each Receipt must be presented for payment of the relevant instalment together with the Definitive Materialised Covered Bond to which it appertains. Receipts presented without the Definitive Materialised Covered Bond to which they appertain do not constitute valid obligations of the Issuer.

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

Fixed Rate Covered Bonds in definitive form should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall for this purpose include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which the amount of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the sum due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of ten (10) years after the Relevant Date in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 12) or, if later, five (5) years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due, but in no event thereafter.

Upon any Fixed Rate Covered Bond in definitive form becoming due and repayable prior to its Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet French Law Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date), all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

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

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

## (c) Payments in the United States of America

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

# (d) Payments subject to Fiscal Laws

All payments are subject in all cases to any applicable fiscal or other laws, regulations and directives in any jurisdiction (whether by operation of law or agreement of the Issuer or its agents) and the Issuer will not be liable for any taxes or duties of whatever nature imposed or levied by such laws, regulations, directives or agreements, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 10.

No commission or expenses shall be charged to the holders of French Law Covered Bonds or Couponholders in respect of such payments.

# (e) Appointment of Agents

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

Agent, Registration Agent or Calculation Agent and to appoint other Fiscal Agent, Paying Agent(s), Registration Agent(s) or Calculation Agent(s) or additional Paying Agent(s), Registration Agent(s) or Calculation Agent(s), provided that the Issuer shall at all times maintain (i) a Fiscal Agent, (ii) one (1) or more Calculation Agent(s) where the Conditions so require, (iii) a Paying Agent having a specified office in at least one (1) major European city (including, so long as the French Law Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on a Regulated Market and so long as the rules thereof so require, such city where the French Law Covered Bonds are admitted to trading), (iv) in the case of Materialised Covered Bonds, a Paying Agent having its specified office in a Member State of the EU that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003, as amended by the European Council Directive 2014/48/EU of 14 March 2014 (the "Savings Directive") or any other directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council meeting of 26-27 November 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, such directive (which may be any of the Paying Agents referred to in (iii) above), (v) in the case of Dematerialised Covered Bonds in fully registered form, a Registration Agent and (vi) such other agents as may be required by the rules of any other Regulated Market on which the French Law Covered Bonds may be admitted to trading.

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

Notice of any such change or any change of any specified office shall promptly be given to the holders of French Law Covered Bonds in accordance with Condition 18.

## (f) Talons

On or after the Interest Payment Date for the final Coupon forming part of a Coupon sheet issued in respect of any Materialised Covered Bond, the Talon forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet (and if necessary another Talon for a further Coupon sheet) (but excluding any Coupons that may have become void pursuant to Condition 12).

# (g) Business Days for Payment

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

## (h) Bank

For the purpose of this Condition 9, "Bank" means a bank in the principal financial centre of the relevant currency or, in the case of payments in Euro, in a city in which banks have access to the TARGET System.

# 10. Taxation

# (a) Tax Exemption for French Law Covered Bonds constituting *obligations* or debt instruments (*titres de créances*) assimilated thereto for French tax purposes

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

#### (b) Additional Amounts

If French law should require that payments of principal or interest in respect of any French Law Covered Bond, Coupon or Receipt be subject to deduction or withholding in respect of any present or future taxes or duties whatsoever, the Issuer will, to the fullest extent then permitted by law, pay such additional

amounts as shall result in receipt by the French Law Bondholders or, if applicable, the Couponholders and the Receiptholders, as the case may be, 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 due by the Issuer with respect to any French Law Covered Bond, Coupon or Receipt, as the case may be:

- (i) Other connection: to, or to a third party on behalf of, a French Law Bondholder, Couponholder or Receiptholder who is liable to such taxes or duties by reason of his having some connection with France other than the mere holding of the French Law Covered Bond, Coupon or Receipt; or
- (ii) More than thirty (30) calendar days after the Relevant Date: in the case of Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, more than thirty (30) calendar days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the French Law Bondholder, Couponholder or Receiptholder would have been entitled to such additional amounts on presenting it for payment on the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) such calendar day; or
- (iii) Payment made pursuant to the Savings Directive: where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment required to be made pursuant to the Savings Directive or any other directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council meeting of 26-27 November 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
- (iv) Payment by another Paying Agent: in the case of Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant French Law Covered Bond, Coupon or Receipt to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union; or
- (v) Where such withholding or deduction is imposed pursuant to FATCA, or its present or future implementation into French law.

References in these Conditions to (A) "principal" shall be deemed to include any premium payable in respect of the French Law Covered Bonds, all Instalment Amounts, Final Redemption Amounts, Early Redemption Amounts, Optional Redemption Amounts, Amortised Nominal Amounts and all other amounts in the nature of principal payable pursuant to Condition 8 or any amendment or supplement to it, (B) "interest" shall be deemed to include all Interest Amounts and all other amounts payable pursuant to Condition 7 or any amendment or supplement to it and (C) "principal" and/or "interest" shall be deemed to include any additional amounts that may be payable under this Condition.

# 11. Events of Default

Subject to the legal framework applicable to a *société de financement de l'habitat*, if an Issuer Event of Default occurs in respect of any Series of French Law Covered Bonds, the Representative may, at its discretion, and shall, if so directed by the Majority Bondholders or if such Issuer Event of Default is a Covered Bonds Cross Acceleration Event, upon written notice (an "**Issuer Enforcement Notice**") to the Fiscal Agent and the Issuer (with copy to the Rating Agencies) given before all defaults shall have been cured, cause the principal amount of all French Law Covered Bonds of such Series to become due and payable (but subject to the then applicable relevant priority payment order), together with any accrued interest thereon, as of the date on which such notice for payment is received by the Fiscal Agent.

#### 12. Prescription

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

## 13. Representation of French Law Bondholders

The French Law Bondholders will, in respect of all Tranches in any Series, be grouped automatically for the defence of their common interests in a *masse* (in each case, the "*Masse*"). The *Masse* will be a separate legal entity and will act in part through a representative (the "Representative") and in part through a general meeting of the holders of French Law Covered Bonds (the "General Meeting").

The *Masse* alone, to the exclusion of all individual holders of French Law Covered Bonds, shall exercise the common rights, actions and benefits which now or in the future may accrue respectively with respect to the French Law Covered Bonds.

(a) If the relevant Final Terms specify "Full *Masse*", the provisions of French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*) relating to the *Masse* shall apply.

In accordance with Article R.228-71 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*), the rights of each holder of a French Law Covered Bond to participate in a General Meeting must be evidenced by entries in the books of the relevant Account Holder of the name of such holder of a French Law Covered Bond on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Business Day in Paris preceding the date set for the relevant General Meeting at midnight (0.00), Paris time.

The place where a General Meeting shall be held will be set out in the notice convening such General Meeting.

(b) If the relevant Final Terms specify "Contractual *Masse*", the provisions of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*) relating to the *Masse* shall apply to the exclusion of articles L.228-48, L.228-59, L.228-71, R.228-63, R.228-67, R.228-69 and R.228-83 and the following provisions shall also apply:

#### (i) Representative

The office of Representative may be conferred on a person of any nationality. However, the following persons may not be chosen as Representatives:

- (i) the Issuer, the members of its board of directors (*conseil d'administration*), its managing directors (*directeurs généraux*), its statutory auditors, its employees and their ascendants, descendants and spouses; or
- (ii) companies guaranteeing all or part of the obligations of the Issuer, their respective managers (*gérants*), managing directors (*directeurs généraux*), members of their board of directors, executive board or supervisory board, their statutory auditors, employees and their ascendants, descendants and spouses; or
- (iii) companies holding directly ten per cent. (10%) or more of the share capital of the Issuer or companies having ten per cent. (10%) or more of their share capital held by the Issuer; or
- (iv) persons to whom the practice of banker is forbidden or who have been deprived of the right of directing, administering or managing an enterprise in whatever capacity.
- (ii) Powers of Representative

The Representative shall (in the absence of any decision to the contrary of the General Meeting and except as provided by paragraph 1 of article L.513-24 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*)) have the power to take all acts of management necessary in order to defend the common interests of the holders of French Law Covered Bonds.

All legal proceedings against the French Law Bondholders or initiated by them, must be brought by or against the Representative, except that, should safeguard proceedings (*procédure de sauvegarde*), judicial reorganisation proceedings (*procédure de redressement judiciaire*) or judicial liquidation proceedings (*procédure de liquidation judiciaire*) proceedings be commenced against the Issuer, the specific controller (*contrôleur spécifique*) would file the evidence of debt of all creditors (including the holders of the French Law Covered Bonds) of the Issuer benefiting from the *Privilège*, pursuant to paragraph 1 of article L.513-24 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

The Representative may not be involved in the management of the affairs of the Issuer.

# (iii) General Meeting

A General Meeting may be held at any time, on convocation either by the Issuer or by the Representative. One (1) or more French Law Bondholders, holding together at least one-thirtieth (1/30) of the principal amount of the French Law Covered Bonds outstanding, may address to the Issuer and the Representative a demand for convocation of the General Meeting. If such General Meeting has not been convened within two (2) months after such demand, the French Law Bondholders may commission one (1) of their members to petition a competent court in Paris to appoint an agent (mandataire) who will call the General Meeting.

Notice of the date, hour, place and agenda of any General Meeting will be published as provided under Condition 18.

Each French Law Bondholder has the right to participate in a General Meeting in person or by proxy. Each French Law Covered Bond carries the right to one (1) vote or, in the case of French Law Covered Bonds issued with more than one (1) Specified Denomination, one (1) vote in

respect of each multiple of the lowest Specified Denomination comprised in the principal amount of the Specified Denomination of such French Law Covered Bond.

General Meetings may deliberate validly on first (1<sup>st</sup>) convocation only if French Law Bondholders present or represented hold at least a fifth (1/5) of the principal amount of the French Law Covered Bonds then outstanding. On second (2<sup>nd</sup>) convocation, no quorum shall be required. Decisions at meetings shall be taken by a two-third (2/3) majority of votes cast by French Law Bondholders attending such General Meetings or represented thereat.

In accordance with article R.228-71 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*), the rights of each French Law Bondholder to participate in a General Meeting must be evidenced by entries in the books of the relevant Account Holder of the name of such French Law Bondholder on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) Business Day in Paris preceding the date set for the relevant General Meeting at midnight, Paris time.

### (iv) Powers of the General Meetings

The General Meeting is empowered to deliberate on the dismissal and replacement of the Representative and the alternative representative and also may act with respect to any other matter that relates to the common rights, actions and benefits which now or in the future may accrue with respect to the French Law Covered Bonds, including authorising the Representative to act at law as plaintiff or defendant.

The General Meeting may further deliberate on any proposal relating to the modification of the Conditions including any proposal, whether for arbitration or settlement, relating to rights in controversy or which were the subject of judicial decisions, it being specified, however, that the General Meeting may not increase amounts payable by French Law Bondholders, nor establish any unequal treatment between the French Law Bondholders, nor decide to convert the French Law Covered Bonds into shares.

Decisions of General Meetings must be published in accordance with the provisions set forth in Condition 18.

## (v) Information to French Law Bondholders

Each French Law Bondholder or Representative thereof will have the right, during the fifteen (15)-calendar day period preceding the holding of each General Meeting, to consult or make a copy of the text of the resolutions which will be proposed and of the reports which will be presented at the General Meeting, all of which will be available for inspection by the relevant French Law Bondholders at the registered office of the Issuer, at the specified offices of any of the Paying Agents and at any other place specified in the notice of the General Meeting.

# (vi) Expenses

The Issuer will pay all expenses relating to the operation of the *Masse*, including expenses relating to the calling and holding of General Meetings and, more generally, all administrative expenses resolved upon by the General Meeting, it being expressly stipulated that no expenses may be imputed against interest payable under the French Law Covered Bonds.

# (c) Representative

Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, irrespective of paragraphs (a) or (b) above, the Representative appointed in respect of the French Law Covered Bonds is:

## MCM AVOCAT

Selarl d'avocats interbarreaux inscrite au Barreau de Paris 10, rue de Sèze 75009 Paris France

represented by:

## Maître Antoine Lachenaud, Co-gérant – associé

The Representative appointed in respect of the first Tranche of any Series of French Law Covered Bonds will be the Representative of the single *Masse* of all Tranches in such Series.

Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, the alternative representative shall be:

#### **Maître Philippe Maisonneuve**

Avocat 10, rue de Sèze 75009 Paris France

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

Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer shall pay to the Representative a lump sum amount of two thousand euros ( $\[ \in \] 2,000 \]$ ) per year so long as any of the French Law Covered Bonds is outstanding. The alternative representative will only become entitled to the annual remuneration of two thousand euros ( $\[ \in \] 2,000 \]$ ) if it exercises the duties of Representative on a permanent basis; such remuneration will accrue from the day on which it assumes such duties.

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

# (d) Single Masse

In respect of paragraphs (a) and (b) above, the holders of French Law Covered Bonds of the same Series, and the holders of French Law Covered Bonds of any other Series which have been assimilated (assimilées for the purpose of French law) with the French Law Covered Bonds of such first mentioned Series in accordance with Condition 17, shall, for the defence of their respective common interests, be grouped in a single Masse. The Representative appointed in respect of the first Tranche or Series of French Law Covered Bonds will be the Representative of the single Masse of all such Series.

# 14. Replacement of Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, Coupons, Talons and Receipts

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

# 15. Limited recourse, Non petition

Limited Recourse

By subscribing to any French Law Covered Bond, each French Law Bondholder will be automatically deemed to have agreed:

(a) not to seek recourse under any obligation, covenant or agreement of the Issuer under the French Law Covered Bonds and these Conditions against any shareholder, member of the board of directors (conseil d'administration), managing director (directeur général) or agent of the Issuer, by the enforcement of any assessment or by any proceeding, by virtue of any statute or otherwise; it being expressly agreed and understood that any obligation of the Issuer under the French Law Covered Bonds and these Conditions is a corporate obligation of the Issuer, and that no personal liability shall attach to or be incurred by the shareholders, members of the board of directors (conseil d'administration), managing directors (directeurs généraux) or agents of the Issuer, as such, or any of them under or by reason of any of the obligations, covenants or agreements of the Issuer contained in these Conditions or implied therefrom and, as a condition of and in consideration for the issuing by the Issuer of any French Law Covered Bond, to waive any and all personal liability of every such shareholder, member of the board of directors (conseil d'administration), managing director (directeur général) or agent of the Issuer for breaches by the Issuer of any of its obligations, covenants or agreements under the French Law Covered Bonds and these Conditions;

- (b) to limit its recourse against the Issuer under the French Law Covered Bonds and these Conditions to amounts payable or expressed to be payable to it by the Issuer on, under or in respect of its obligations and liabilities under the French Law Covered Bonds and these Conditions (and, for the avoidance of doubt, to the exclusion of any damage for breach of contract or other penalties not expressed as being payable by the Issuer under the French Law Covered Bonds and these Conditions) and in accordance with the priority payment order then applicable in accordance with section "Cash Flow" of this Base Prospectus; and
- (c) that, in accordance with, but subject to, the then applicable provisions of section "Cash Flow" of this Base Prospectus, amounts payable or expressed to be payable by the Issuer on, under or in respect of its obligations and liabilities under the French Law Covered Bonds and/or these Conditions shall be recoverable only from and to the extent of the amount of the Available Funds (as defined in section "Cash Flow" of this Base Prospectus), as calculated on the relevant Interest Payment Date or (as applicable) on the relevant Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date) of each relevant Series of Covered Bonds (provided that, to the extent that no Available Funds exist at the relevant date, the Issuer shall not be liable to make payment of the aforementioned amounts and, provided further that, in the event that the Available Funds at the relevant date are insufficient to pay in full all amounts whatsoever due to it and all other claims ranking pari passu to its claims, then its claims against the Issuer shall be limited to its respective share of such Available Funds (as determined in accordance with the priority payment order then applicable in accordance with section "Cash Flow" of this Base Prospectus) and, after payment to it of its respective share of such Available Funds, the obligations of the Issuer to it shall be discharged in full).

#### Non-Petition

By subscribing to any French Law Covered Bond, each French Law Bondholder will also be automatically deemed to have agreed that prior to the date which is eighteen (18) months and one (1) day after the earlier of (i) the Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date) of the last Series issued by the Issuer under the International Programme or the U.S. Programme, or (ii) the date of payment of any sums outstanding and owing under the latest outstanding Covered Bond:

- (a) it will not take any corporate action or other steps or legal proceedings for the winding-up, dissolution or organisation or for the appointment of a receiver, administrator, administrative receiver, trustee, liquidator, examiner, sequestrator or similar officer of the Issuer, of the Issuer or of any or all of the Issuer's revenues and assets; and
- (b) it will not have any right to take steps for the purpose of obtaining payment of any amounts payable to it under the French Law Covered Bonds by the Issuer and shall not until such time take any step to recover any debts whatsoever owing to it by the Issuer otherwise than in accordance with, and subject to, the Conditions.

The above undertakings by each relevant French Law Bondholder shall survive the payment of all sums owing under any Covered Bond.

## 16. Priority Payment Orders

As more fully described under section "Cash Flow" of this Base Prospectus, any and all sums due by the Issuer under the International Programme (including principal and interest under the French Law Covered Bonds) will be paid within the limit of the Available Funds of the Issuer at the time of such payment and according to the then applicable relevant priority payment order described under section "Cash Flow" of this Base Prospectus. As a consequence, the payment of certain sums will be subordinated to the full payment of other sums. French Law Bondholders are deemed to have notice of the provisions of the section "Cash Flow" of this Base Prospectus.

## 17. Further Issues

The Issuer may from time to time without the consent of the French Law Bondholders, Couponholders or Receiptholders create and issue further French Law Covered Bonds to be assimilated (assimilées for the purpose of French law) with the French Law Covered Bonds provided such French Law Covered Bonds and the further French Law Covered Bonds carry rights identical in all respects (or identical in all respects save as to the principal amount thereof and the first payment of interest as specified in the relevant Final Terms) and that the terms of such French Law Covered Bonds provide for such consolidation, and references in these Conditions to "French Law Covered Bonds" shall be construed accordingly.

#### 18. Notices

- (a) Notices to the holders of Dematerialised Covered Bonds in registered form (*au nominatif*) shall be valid if either, (i) they are mailed to them at their respective addresses, in which case they will be deemed to have been given on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) weekday (being a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday) after the date of mailing, or (ii) at the option of the Issuer, they are published (A) in a leading daily financial newspaper of general circulation in Europe (which is expected to be the *Financial Times*) or, (B) so long as such French Law Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market(s), in a leading daily financial newspaper with general circulation in the city/ies where the Regulated Market(s) on which such French Law Covered Bonds is/are admitted to trading, which in the case of Euronext Paris is expected to be *Les Echos*, or (C) as otherwise required by the rules applicable to that Regulated Market, as the case may be.
- (b) Notices to the holders of Materialised Covered Bonds and Dematerialised Covered Bonds in bearer form (*au porteur*) shall be valid if published (i) in a leading daily financial newspaper of general circulation in Europe (which is expected to be the *Financial Times*) or, (ii) so long as such French Law Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market(s), in a leading daily financial newspaper with general circulation in the city/ies where the Regulated Market(s) on which such French Law Covered Bonds is/are admitted to trading, which in the case of Euronext Paris is expected to be *Les Echos*, or (iii) as otherwise required by the rules applicable to that Regulated Market, as the case may be.
- (c) Notices required to be given to the holders of Dematerialised Covered Bonds (whether in registered or in bearer form) (au porteur or au nominatif) pursuant to these Conditions may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear France, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and any other clearing system through which the French Law Covered Bonds are for the time being cleared in substitution for the mailing and publication as required by Conditions 18(a) and (b), above; provided that (i) so long as such French Law Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market(s) and the rules of that Regulated Market so require, notices shall also be published in a leading daily financial newspaper with general circulation in the city/ies where the Regulated Market(s) on which such French Law Covered Bonds is/are admitted to trading, which in the case of Euronext Paris is expected to be Les Echos, or as otherwise required by the rules applicable to that Regulated Market, as the case may be.
- (d) If any such publication as outlined above is not practicable, notice shall be validly given if published in another leading daily English language financial newspaper with general circulation in Europe.

Any notice given by publication in a financial newspaper shall be deemed to have been given on the date of such publication or, if published more than once or on different dates, on the date of the first (1<sup>st</sup>) publication as provided above. Couponholders shall be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to the holders of Materialised Covered Bonds in accordance with this Condition.

# 19. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

## (a) Governing Law

The French Law Covered Bonds, Coupons, Talons and Receipts are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, French law.

#### (b) Jurisdiction

Any claim against the Issuer in connection with any French Law Covered Bonds, Coupons, Talons or Receipts may be brought before any competent court in Paris.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds of the issue of International Covered Bonds will be used to fund Borrower Advances under the Borrower Facility to be made available by the Issuer to BFCM, in accordance with the provisions of article L.513-29-I-1° of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

In accordance with section "The Borrower and the Borrower Facility Agreement - The Borrower Facility Agreement - Principal and interest amounts" hereunder, the terms and conditions regarding the calculation and the payment of principal and interest under each Borrower Advance made by the Issuer with the net proceeds of the issue of International Covered Bonds shall mirror the equivalent terms and conditions of the corresponding Final Terms of International Covered Bonds. As a consequence, the Borrower Advances have characteristics that demonstrate capacity to produce funds to service any payments due and payable on the International Covered Bonds, as long as no Borrower Event of Default has occurred.

# TEMPORARY GLOBAL CERTIFICATES IN RESPECT OF FRENCH LAW COVERED BONDS WHICH ARE MATERIALISED COVERED BONDS

The following description is only applicable to French Law Covered Bonds.

### **Temporary Global Certificates**

A temporary global certificate without interest coupons (a "**Temporary Global Certificate**") will initially be issued in connection with each Tranche of Materialised Covered Bonds, which will be delivered on or prior to the issue date of the Tranche with a common depositary (the "**Common Depositary**") for Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("**Euroclear**") and for Clearstream Banking, *société anonyme* ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**"). Upon the delivery of such Temporary Global Certificate with a Common Depositary, Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg will credit each subscriber with a nominal amount of French Law Covered Bonds equal to the nominal amount thereof for which it has subscribed and paid.

The Common Depositary may also credit with a nominal amount of French Law Covered Bonds the accounts of subscribers (if indicated in the relevant Final Terms) in other clearing systems through direct or indirect accounts with Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg held by such other clearing systems. Conversely, a nominal amount of French Law Covered Bonds that is initially deposited with any other clearing system may similarly be credited to the accounts of subscribers with Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, or other clearing systems.

## **Exchange**

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

- (i) if the relevant Final Terms indicates that such Temporary Global Certificate is issued in compliance with the C Rules or in a transaction to which TEFRA is not applicable (as to which, see section "General Description of the International Programme Selling Restrictions"), in whole, but not in part, for Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds; and
- (ii) otherwise, in whole but not in part, upon certification if required under U.S. Treasury Regulation section 1.163-5 (c)(2)(i)(D)(3) and any successor regulation issued under the Hire Act as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership for Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds.

# **Delivery of Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds**

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

## **Exchange Date**

"Exchange Date" means, in relation to a Temporary Global Certificate in respect of any Materialised Covered Bonds, the day falling after the expiry of forty (40) calendar days after its issue date, provided that in the event any further Materialised Covered Bonds which are to be assimilated (assimilées for the purpose of French Law) with such first mentioned Materialised Covered Bonds are issued prior to such day pursuant to Condition 17, the Exchange Date may, at the option of the Issuer, be postponed to the day falling after the expiry of forty (40) calendar days after the issue date of such further Materialised Covered Bonds.

In the case of Materialised Covered Bonds with an initial maturity of more than 365 (three hundred and sixty-five) days (and that are not relying on the TEFRA C Rules), the Temporary Global Certificate shall bear the following legend:

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

# MAIN FEATURES OF THE LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO SOCIETES DE FINANCEMENT DE L'HABITAT

# Entities entitled to issue obligations de financement à l'habitat

The legal and regulatory regime applicable to *sociétés de financement de l'habitat* mainly results from the following provisions:

- articles L.513-28 to L.513-33 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) creating the status of *sociétés de financement de l'habitat*;
- as provided for in article L.513-28 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) and subject to articles L.513-28 to L.513-33 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), articles L.513-3, L.513-5 and L.513-7 to L.513-26 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) (as amended from time to time);
- articles R.513-19 to R.513-21 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), which apply specifically to *sociétés de financement de l'habitat*;
- subject to articles R.513-19 to R.513-21 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), articles R.513-1, R.513-3, R.513-4, R.513-6 to R.513-12, R.513-14 and R.513-15 to R.513-18 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) (as amended from time to time);
- Regulation (*instruction*) no.99-10 of 9 July 1999, as amended, issued by the Banking and Financial Regulatory Committee (*Comité de la Réglementation Bancaire et Financière*) (as amended from time to time); and
- Regulations (instructions) no. 2011-I-06 and 2011-I-07 of 15 June 2011 issued by the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution.

Pursuant to article L.513-28 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), the exclusive purpose of *sociétés de financement de l'habitat* is to grant or finance home loans (*prêts à l'habitat*) and to hold securities (*titres et valeurs*) in accordance with the regulatory provisions described above. In particular, in order to carry out such purpose, a *société de financement de l'habitat* (such as the Issuer) may grant to credit institutions advances secured by home loans (*prêt à l'habitat*) granted as collateral security in accordance with article L.211-36 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*). Such advances may be financed by a *société de financement de l'habitat* by issuing covered bonds (*obligations de financement de l'habitat*) or by raising resources benefiting from the *Privilège* (statutory priority right of payment) created by article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*). In accordance with article L.513-15 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), the management (*gestion et recouvrement*) of the assets eligible to a *société de financement de l'habitat* shall only be ensured by a credit institution (*établissement de crédit*) or by a financing company (*société de financement*) appointed by such *société de financement de l'habitat* under an agreement (*contrat*).

As a *société de financement de l'habitat*, the Issuer has entered into a €30,000,000,000 multicurrency term facility agreement pursuant to which the Issuer (as lender) will use the proceeds of the Covered Bonds to fund advances made available to BFCM (as borrower). Such advances will be secured by home loans granted as collateral security (*garantie financière*) (see section "*The Borrower and the Borrower Facility Agreement*" and section "*The Collateral Security – The Collateral Security Agreement*").

Pursuant to articles L.513-26 and R.513-17 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), the Issuer, as a *société de financement de l'habitat*, may subscribe for Covered Bonds issued by the Issuer itself, for the sole purpose of securing credit operations made with the *Banque de France* under its monetary policy and intraday credit operations, in case the Issuer is not in a position to face its liquidity needs by using any other available means. Covered Bonds issued pursuant to article L.513-26 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) shall not represent more than ten per cent. (10%) of the resources benefiting from the *Privilège*, as calculated at the time such Covered Bonds are acquired by the Issuer.

# Eligible assets

The eligible assets of sociétés de financement de l'habitat comprise, inter alia:

(i) home loans (*prêts à l'habitat*) secured by a first-ranking mortgage or other real estate security interests that are equivalent to a first-ranking mortgage or loans that are guaranteed by a credit institution or an insurance company. The property financed in whole or part by such a loan must be located in France or in any other Member State of the European Union or the European Economic Area ("**EEA**") or in a State

benefiting from the highest level of credit quality (meilleur échelon de qualité de crédit) assigned by an external rating agency recognised by the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution as provided in article L.511-44 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier); article R.513-1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier) provides that the amount of each mortgage-backed home loan refinanced by resources benefiting from the Privilège cannot exceed a percentage of the property's value (from sixty per cent. (60%) to one hundred per cent. (100%), under certain conditions);

- (ii) loans to credit institutions secured by the remittance, the transfer or the pledge of receivables arising from home loans (*prêts à l'habitat*) referred to in (i) above, pursuant to articles L.211-36 *et seq.* and/or L.313-23 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*);
- (iii) promissory notes (*billets à ordre*) governed by article L.313-42 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) transferring receivables arising from home loans (*prêts à l'habitat*) referred to in (i) above.

Within the limits of article R.513-3 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), the *sociétés de financement de l'habitat* may also hold, or grant loans to credit institutions secured by the remittance, the transfer or the pledge of, units or notes (other than subordinated units or subordinated notes) issued by *organismes de titrisation*, which are French securitisation vehicles, or other similar vehicles governed by the laws of a Member State of the European Community or EEA, the United States of America, Switzerland, Japan, Canada, Australia or New Zealand, the assets of which shall comprise at least ninety per cent. (90%) of secured loans complying with the criteria defined in article L.513-3 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) or other receivables benefiting from equivalent security interests; such units or notes must benefit from the highest level of credit assessment (*meilleur échelon de qualité de crédit*) assigned by an external rating agency recognised by the *Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution* pursuant to article L.511-44 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*); the similar vehicles shall be governed by the laws of a Member State of the European Community or EEA if the assets are composed of loans or exposures referred to in article L.513-3 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

Under the conditions set out in articles L.513-7, R.513-6 and R.513-20 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), a *société de financement de l'habitat* may also hold investments in assets which are sufficiently secure and liquid to be held as so-called substitution assets (*valeurs de remplacement*). The amount of such assets shall not exceed, at any time, fifteen per cent. (15%) of the total amount of the liabilities of the *société de financement de l'habitat* which benefit from the *Privilège*.

In accordance with, but subject to the terms and conditions of the Administrative Agreement, the Issuer may acquire assets which are eligible for an investment by a *société de financement à l'habitat* under articles L.513-5 and L.513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), in order to comply with the Asset Cover Test, the Amortisation Test and/or the regulatory cover ratio referred to in article L.513-12 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), as applicable. For such purpose, "Substitution Assets" shall refer to assets eligible for an investment by a *société de financement à l'habitat* under either article L.513-5 or article L.513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

In accordance with the provisions of article L.513-29-IV of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), the *sociétés de financement de l'habitat* are not allowed to hold shares in other companies (*participations*).

# Cover ratio

A société de financement de l'habitat must at all times maintain a cover ratio between its assets and its liabilities benefiting from the *Privilège*. In particular, pursuant to articles L.513-12 and R.513-8 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), the Issuer must at all times maintain a ratio of at least one hundred and five per cent. (105%) between its assets and the total amount of its liabilities benefiting from the Privilège (*it being specified that* pursuant to decree No. 2014-526 of 23 May 2014 with respect to prudential regime of sociétés de crédit foncier and sociétés de financement de l'habitat, the minimum ratio has been increased from one hundred and two per cent. (102%) to one hundred and five per cent. (105%)).

With respect to the assets of a *société de financement de l'habitat* which are mainly advances to credit institutions secured by home loans (*prêts à l'habitat*), in particular granted as collateral security pursuant to article L.211-36 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), the cover ratio shall be calculated on the basis of such home loans (*prêts à l'habitat*) granted as security (and not only on the basis of the said advances to credit institutions). In addition, pursuant to article R.513-8 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), the calculation of the cover ratio shall take into

account the exposures on related entities or entities belonging to the same consolidated group (within the meaning of article 12.1 of the seventh Council directive of 13 June 1983 based on the article 54(3) of the treaty on consolidated accounts), as further described in Regulation (*instruction*) no.99-10 of 9 July 1999, as amended, issued by the Banking and Financial Regulatory Committee (*Comité de la Réglementation Bancaire et Financière*).

A société de financement de l'habitat must appoint a specific controller (contrôleur spécifique) with the prior approval of the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution, whose task is to ensure that the required cover ratio is at all times complied with. In particular, the specific controller must certify that the cover ratio is satisfied in connection with (i) the société de financement de l'habitat quarterly programme of issues benefiting from the Privilège and (ii) any specific issue also benefiting from the Privilège which amount is greater than €500 million. The specific controller must verify the quality of the assets, the process of yearly revaluation and the quality of the asset liability management.

In addition, under the Collateral Security Agreement and for so long as no Borrower Event of Default has occurred and been enforced subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, shall monitor the Collateral Security Assets so as to ensure compliance with an asset cover test, as further described in section "Asset Monitoring – The Asset Cover Test").

# **Regulatory Liquidity Test**

Pursuant to articles L.513-8 and R.513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), a *société de financement de l'habitat* must ensure, at all times, the coverage of its liquidity needs (*besoins de trésorerie*) for the next one hundred and eighty (180) days, taking into account expected flows in principal and interests under their assets and net flows relating to forward financial instruments set forth in article L.513-10 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*). For that purpose, when the assets comprise receivables secured by collateral assets pursuant to articles L. 211-36 to L. 211-40, L. 313-23 to L. 313-35 and L. 313-42 to L. 313-49 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), which are not replacement assets (*valeurs de remplacement*), the *société de financement de l'habitat* must take into account the assets received as collateral rather than the secured receivables, i.e. in the case of the Issuer, the Eligible Assets.

Pursuant to article R.513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), the liquidity needs (*besoins de trésorerie*) may only be covered by the Substitution Assets or by other assets that are eligible as collateral to credit transactions with the *Banque de France* in accordance with the monetary policy and intra-day credit operations rules of the Eurosystem.

On the date of this Base Prospectus, such liquidity needs (*besoins de trésorerie*) are covered by the cash collateral to be funded from time to time by BFCM (as cash collateral provider) into the credit of the Cash Collateral Account up to an amount which enables the Issuer to comply with the regulatory liquidity test. The positive balance of the Cash Collateral Account may be invested only in Permitted Investments (which shall comply with the definition of Substitution Assets).

# Privilège relating to the Covered Bonds and certain other obligations of the Issuer

Notwithstanding any legal provisions to the contrary (including book VI (*Livre VI*) of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*)), pursuant to article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*):

- all amounts payable to the Issuer in respect of loans or assimilated receivables, exposures and securities referred to in articles L.513-3 to L.513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) and forward financial instruments referred to in article L.513-10 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) (in each case after any applicable netting), together with the claims in respect of deposits made by the Issuer with credit institutions, are allocated in priority to the payment of any sums due in respect of the Covered Bonds, together with any other resources raised by the Issuer and benefiting from the *Privilège*; it should be noted that not only Covered Bonds benefit from the *Privilège*; other resources (such as certain loans) and forward financial instruments (such as Hedging Agreements (if any) for hedging Covered Bonds, such other resources and eligible assets of the Issuer, as well as the sums, if any, due under the contract provided for in article L.513-15 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) may also benefit from the *Privilège*, provided that such benefit is duly mentioned pursuant to article L.513-30-I of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*); and
- in the event of conciliation proceedings (procédure de conciliation), safeguard proceedings (procédure de sauvegarde), judicial reorganisation proceedings (procédure de redressement judiciaire) or judicial

liquidation proceedings (*procédure de liquidation judiciaire*) of the Issuer, all amounts due regularly under the Covered Bonds, together with any other resources benefiting from the *Privilège*, are paid on their contractual due date, and in priority to all other debts, whether or not preferred, including interest resulting from agreements whatever their duration;

- until all Bondholders and all other creditors benefiting from the *Privilège* have been fully paid, no other creditor of the Issuer may avail itself of any right over the assets and rights of the Issuer; and
- the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) of the Issuer will not result in the redemption of the Covered Bonds.

#### **Insolvency remoteness**

Article L.513-20 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) precludes the extension of insolvency proceedings in respect of the *société de financement de l'habitat*'s parent company to the *société de financement de l'habitat*.

The French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier) provides a regime of société de financement de l'habitat, which derogates in many ways from the French legal provisions relating to insolvency proceedings. In particular, in the event of safeguard proceedings (procédure de sauvegarde), judicial reorganisation proceedings (procédure de redressement judiciaire) or judicial liquidation proceedings (procédure de liquidation judiciaire) of a société de financement de l'habitat, all claims benefiting from the Privilège, including interest thereon, must be paid on their due dates and in preference to all other claims, whether or not secured or statutorily preferred and, until payment in full of all such preferred claims, no other creditors may avail itself of any right over the assets and rights of the société de financement de l'habitat.

The provisions allowing an administrative receiver to render certain transactions entered into during the hardening period (période suspecte) null and void are not applicable for transactions entered into by a société de financement de l'habitat or acts made by, or to the benefit of, a société de financement de l'habitat, provided that such transactions are made in accordance with their exclusive legal purpose and without fraud. Pursuant to article L.513-21 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier), in case of the opening of any safeguard proceedings (procédure de sauvegarde), judicial reorganisation proceedings (procédure de redressement judiciaire) or judicial liquidation proceedings (procédure de liquidation judiciaire) against the credit institution which is acting as manager and servicer of the assets and liabilities of the société de financement de l'habitat, the recovery, management and servicing contract may be immediately terminated by the société de financement de l'habitat notwithstanding any legal provisions to the contrary.

## THE ISSUER

## General information about the Issuer

The Issuer was incorporated on 15 February 2005, under the name "Devest 8", as a French société par actions simplifiée. Its term of existence is ninety-nine (99) years from the date of its incorporation. The legal and commercial name of the Issuer is "Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH". The Issuer is registered with the French Registre du Commerce et des Sociétés de Paris under number 480 618 800. The Issuer adopted the legal form of a French "Société anonyme à conseil d'administration" on 16 April 2007. Formerly named "Devest 8" and, as from 16 April 2007, "CM-CIC Covered Bonds", the Issuer adopted the name "Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH" on 6 June 2011. From the date of its incorporation and until 16 April 2007, the Issuer was a dormant entity owned by BFCM and did not engage in any business activity.

The Issuer is governed by:

- (a) the French Commercial Code (Code de commerce); and
- (b) the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

The Issuer's registered office and principal place of business is located at 6, avenue de Provence, 75452 Paris Cedex 9, France. Its phone number is +33 (0)1 53 48 76 87.

The Issuer's authorised and issued share capital is  $\[ \in \] 220,000,000 \]$  (two hundred and twenty million euros) consisting of 22,000,000 (twenty two million) ordinary shares with a par value of  $\[ \in \] 10$  each.

The Issuer is a subsidiary of BFCM and licensed as a specialised credit institution (établissement de crédit spécialié) with limited and exclusive purpose by the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution.

Following the entry into force of law No. 2010-1249 of 22 October 2010 on the banking and financial regulation and decree No. 2011-205 of 23 February 2011 with respect to the status of *société de financement de l'habitat*, the Issuer decided to adopt for the legal regime of *société de financement de l'habitat*. In accordance with article 74 of law No. 2010-1249 of 22 October 2010 on the banking and financial regulation, the *Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution*, pursuant to its decision of 28 March 2011, has authorised the Issuer to adopt the status of *société de financement de l'habitat*. Following its adoption of such status, the Issuer is now also governed by the laws and regulations applicable to *sociétés de financement de l'habitat* (for further description, see section "*Main features of the legislation and regulations relating to* sociétés de financement de l'habitat").

At the date of this Base Prospectus, ninety-nine point ninety-nine per cent. (99.99%) of the Issuer's share capital is held by BFCM.

#### **Issuer's Activities**

Specialised credit institution and restrictions on object and powers

The Issuer is an entity with separate legal capacity and existence, licensed by the *Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution* notably for the purpose of making Borrower Advances (in accordance with article L.513-29-I-1° of French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) and article 2 of its by-laws) and issuing Covered Bonds which benefit from the *Privilège*.

In accordance with article L.513-28 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) which defines the exclusive purpose of *sociétés de financement à l'habitat*, the exclusive purpose of the Issuer is to grant or finance home loans (*prêts à l'habitat*) and hold financial assets which are eligible under the regulations applicable to *sociétés de financement à l'habitat*.

Therefore, in compliance with its license as *société de financement de l'habitat*, and subject to its by-laws (in particular, article 2 of its by-laws), the Issuer may:

- (i) grant to any CM-CIC Entities loans guaranteed by the remittance, the transfer or the pledge of the Home Loan Receivables;
- (ii) acquire promissory notes issued by any CM-CIC Entities which represent Home Loan Receivables;
- (iii) issue *obligations de financement de l'habitat* and raise other sources of financing which benefit from the *Privilège*;
- (iv) raise other sources of financing which do not benefit from the *Privilège*.

The Issuer's objects and powers will to the extent possible be restricted to those activities necessary to carry out its obligations under the Programme Documents. The Issuer does not have and will not have any employees, nor will it own or lease any premises. The Issuer will undertake pursuant to the Administrative Agreement and its

articles of association not to engage in unrelated business activities or incur any material liabilities other than those contemplated in the Programme Documents.

In accordance with the provisions of article L.513-29-IV of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), the Issuer, as a *société de financement de l'habitat*, is not allowed to hold shares in other companies (*participations*).

#### Limitations on indebtedness

Pursuant to the Conditions, the Issuer will be restricted from incurring additional indebtedness (other than as contemplated by the Programme Documents) unless:

- (a) such indebtedness is fully subordinated to the outstanding indebtedness under the Covered Bonds; or
- (b) prior Rating Affirmation has been made in relation to such indebtedness.

# Limited recourse

Each party to any Programme Document will agree:

- not to seek recourse under any obligation, covenant or agreement of the Issuer contained in any Programme Document against any shareholder, member of the board of directors (conseil d'administration), managing director (directeur général), or agent of the Issuer, by the enforcement of any assessment or by any proceeding, by virtue of any statute or otherwise; it being expressly agreed and understood that any obligation of the Issuer under any Programme Document is a corporate obligation of the Issuer, and that no personal liability shall attach to or be incurred by the shareholders, members of the board of directors (conseil d'administration), managing directors (directeurs généraux) or agents of the Issuer, as such, or any of them under or by reason of any of the obligations, covenants or agreements of the Issuer contained in any Programme Document or implied therefrom and, as a condition of and in consideration for the execution by the Issuer of any Programme Document, to waive any and all personal liability of every such shareholder, member of the board of directors (conseil d'administration), managing director (directeur général) or agent of the Issuer for breaches by the Issuer of any of its obligations, covenants or agreements under any Programme Document;
- (b) to limit its recourse against the Issuer under any Programme Document to amounts payable or expressed to be payable to it by the Issuer in respect of its obligations and liabilities under any Programme Document (and, for the avoidance of doubt, to the exclusion of any damage for breach of contract or other penalties not expressed as being payable by the Issuer under any Programme Document) and in accordance with the priority payment order then applicable in accordance with section "Cash Flow" of this Base Prospectus; and
- (c) that, in accordance with, but subject to, the then applicable provisions of section "Cash Flow" of this Base Prospectus, amounts payable or expressed to be payable by the Issuer in respect of its obligations and liabilities under any Programme Document shall be recoverable only from and to the extent of the amount of the Available Funds, as calculated on the relevant Interest Payment Date or (as applicable) on the relevant Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date) of each relevant Series of Covered Bonds (provided that, to the extent that no Available Funds exist at the relevant date, the Issuer shall not be liable to make payment of the aforementioned amounts and provided further that in the event that the Available Funds at the relevant date are insufficient to pay in full all amounts whatsoever due to it and all other claims ranking pari passu to its claims, then its claims against the Issuer shall be limited to its respective share of such Available Funds (as determined in accordance with the then applicable priority payment order) and, after payment to it of its respective share of such Available Funds, the obligations of the Issuer to it shall be discharged in full).

# Non-petition

Each party to any Programme Document will also agree that prior to the date which is eighteen (18) months and one (1) day after the earlier of (i) the Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date) of the last Series issued by the Issuer under the International Programme or the U.S. Programme, or (ii) the date of payment of any sums outstanding and owing under the latest outstanding Covered Bond:

(a) it will not take any corporate action or other steps or legal proceedings for the winding-up, dissolution or organisation or for the appointment of a receiver, administrator, administrative receiver, trustee, liquidator, examiner, sequestrator or similar officer of the Issuer, or the Issuer or of any or all of the Issuer's revenues and assets; and

(b) it will not have any right to take steps for the purpose of obtaining payment of any amounts payable to it under any Programme Document by the Issuer and shall not until such time take any step to recover any debts whatsoever owing to it by the Issuer otherwise than in accordance with, and subject to, the Conditions:

The above undertakings by each relevant party survive the termination of any Programme Document and the payment of all sums owing under any such Programme Document.

No risk of Issuer consolidation upon insolvency of BFCM

The Issuer is a ring-fenced entity that will be unaffected by the insolvency of BFCM. By way of exception to the provisions of book VI (*Livre VI*) of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*) relating to the difficulties of companies (*difficultés des entreprises*), article L.513-20 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) precludes the extension of safeguard proceedings (*procédure de sauvegarde*), judicial reorganisation proceedings (*procédure de redressement judiciaire*) or judicial liquidation proceedings (*procédure de liquidation judiciaire*) in respect of the Issuer's parent company (BFCM) to the Issuer itself.

Restrictions on mergers or reorganisations

The Issuer will undertake in the Conditions not to enter into any merger, re-organisation or similar transaction without prior Representative Consent and Rating Affirmation.

#### **Trends**

The Issuer, as issuer of *obligations de financement de l'habitat*, operates on the covered bond market. This market has shown strong resilience since 2008. Nevertheless, for the third consecutive year, the overall volume raised on the covered bond market in 2014 is below the redemption amount of the covered bonds due to banks' deleveraging process and decrease of asset origination across Europe.

Laws and regulations applicable to financial institutions that have an impact on the Issuer have significantly evolved since 2008 and the beginning of the financial crisis.

The measures that were recently adopted, or in some cases proposed and still under discussion, that have affected or are likely to affect the Issuer, include:

- the French banking law no. 2013-672 of 26 July 2013 on the separation and regulation of banking activities:
- the Ordinance no. 2014-158 of 20 February 2014 for the adaptation of French law to European Union law with respect to financial matters;
- the EU Directive and Regulation on prudential requirements "**CRD IV**" of 26 June 2013, many of which provisions have been applicable since 1 January 2014, the EU Regulation no. 648/2012 on OTC derivatives, central counterparties and trade repositories of 4 July 2012 ("**EMIR**") and various proposals of technical regulatory and execution rules relating to the Directive and Regulation CRD IV and EMIR; and
- the Decree No. 2014-526 of 23 May 2014, the *Arrêté* of 26 May 2014 and the *Instruction* No. 2014-I-16 of 8 December 2014 which have modified the prudential regime of *sociétés de financement de l'habitat*. In particular, the minimum statutory cover ratio has been increased from one hundred and two per cent (102%) to one hundred and five per cent (105%) and the reporting obligations of *sociétés de financement de l'habitat* have been reinforced.

More generally, French and European regulators and legislators may, at any time, implement new or different measures that could have a significant impact on the financial system in general or the Issuer in particular.

# **Issuer Risk Management**

Pursuant to the terms of the Administrative Agreement (as amended from time to time) (see section "The Issuer – The Administrative Agreement") and of the Convention d'externalisation et de Mise à Disposition de Moyens (as amended from time to time), the risk management of the Issuer is delegated to BFCM.

Internal control system

The Issuer has set up internal control systems, in accordance with the *Arrêté* dated 3 November 2014 with respect to the internal control of the banking sector companies, payment services and investment services providers subject to the supervision of *Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel et de Résolution*. Internal control systems take into account the Issuer's legal form as a French limited company with a board of directors (*société anonyme à conseil d'administration*) and the fact that the Issuer has no own means.

Ongoing internal control system (contrôle permanent)

In accordance with the article 7-5 of the *Règlement*, the ongoing internal control (*contrôle interne permanent*) of the Issuer is under the responsibility of the managing director (*directeur général*) of the Issuer, within the framework of the Group's ongoing internal control system (which is under the responsibility of Mr. Jean TARDITS, Head of Ongoing Internal Control 'Business Lines' (*Responsable du Contrôle Permanent Métiers*) of the Group).

In accordance with the article 6 a) of the *Règlement*, the ongoing internal control (*contrôle interne permanent*) implemented on behalf of the company is organised around:

- (i) a middle-office, exercising a level 1 control under the responsibility of the head of post-market activities of the "*CM-CIC Marchés*" department of CIC, and deals with the accounting aspects, using a dedicated team placed under the responsibility of the head of accounting middle-office, and with the risks aspects, using a dedicated team placed under the responsibility of the head of risks middle-office.
- (ii) a team in charge of market activities, intervening as level 2 control and which ensures a monitoring of the risks and of the controls carried out within the Issuer.

The above mentioned team in charge of the control of market activities is attached to the ongoing internal control 'business lines' (*Contrôle Permanent Métiers*) implemented for the Group (taken as a whole), under the responsibility of Mr. Jean TARDITS, who reports to the Control and Conformity Committee (*Comité de Contrôle et de Conformité*).

In accordance with the article 7-1 of the *Règlement*, the units in charge of the engagement of the operations are separated from the units in charge of their approval, their settlement and the monitoring of risks.

Periodic Internal Control system (contrôle périodique)

In accordance with the article 7-5 of the *Règlement*, the periodic internal control system (*contrôle périodique*) of the activities of the Issuer is the periodic internal control system implemented within the Group, under the responsibility of the managing director (*directeur général*) of the Issuer, within the framework of the Group's periodic internal control system (which is under the responsibility of Mr. Michel GUILLEMIN, Head of Periodic Internal Control 'Business Lines' (*Responsable du Contrôle Périodique Métiers*)).

Within the framework of the regulatory requirements defined by the *Règlement*, the periodic internal control of specialized business lines of the Group is carried out with specialized auditors.

In addition to the information given to the persons in charge of the audited structures, the Head of Periodic Internal Control 'Business Lines' reports his observations, conclusions and recommendations to the executive body of the Group. In addition, he provides information to the Control and Conformity Committee (*Comité de Contrôle et de Conformité*).

# Compliance Control

In accordance with article 11 of the *Règlement*, the compliance control of the activities of the Issuer is carried out under the responsibility of the managing director (*directeur général*) of the Issuer, within the framework of the Group's compliance control system (which is under the responsibility of Mr Stephane CADOR, Head of Compliance of the Group).

The person in charge of the compliance controls within the Issuer informs the board of directors of the Issuer of the conclusions of its missions.

Any new mode of conclusion of banking and investment services by the Issuer are subject a systematic preliminary opinion by the person in charge of compliance within the framework of the application for the procedure "new products - news activities" ("Nouveaux produits - nouvelles activités") implemented at the Group level.

Level 1 internal controls are carried out by all persons acting on behalf of the Issuer with respect to accounting, administrative, regulatory and IT systems treatments of the activities of the Issuer. Some of these controls are integrated in the electronic processes and are therefore carried out automatically.

### Accounting

In the context of the *Convention d'externalisation et de mise à disposition de moyens*, the general accounting, the consolidation of periodical financial statements and regulatory statements (BAFI) are carried out by a team of the accounting department *Métiers & Filiales* of CIC.

To carry out such services, the accounting department *Métiers & Filiales* of CIC uses the accounting tools made available by Euro Information, one of the two IT companies of the Group.

#### IT Systems

All of the procedures below are carried out, under the responsibility of BFCM, through the use of programs which are part of the IT systems of Euro Information, one of the two IT companies of the Group.

The general accounting and the provision of financial statements are carried out through the tool EI (accounting package). The accounting statements are based on the information taken out of the BALC transactions which supply the consolidation tool Business Object Financial Conso from SAP. This tool is used for the setting up of the consolidated accounts of BFCM, CFdeCM and the Group, and is also used for the setting up of individual financial statements, on the basis of a centralised process.

The preparation and provision of regulatory and prudential statements are carried through the tools EVOLAN REPORT by SOPRA.

All of the accounting records are carried out in accordance with the standards of the Group and updated in the event of any modification of the applicable regulations.

Finally, the preparation and electronic processing tasks relating to the accounting information systems of the Issuer are carried out, under the responsibility of BFCM, by specialised teams of Euro Information which have expertise in this domain and benefit from a backup site.

Such organisation is based on general accounting managed by CIC – accounting department "Métiers & Filiales". The Borrower Advances made available by the Issuer under the Borrower Facility Agreement and the issue of Covered Bonds are followed up by the back offices of BFCM in the KTP tool. This tool generates accounting information flows sent on a daily basis, by batch, to the central system. KTP also initiates the cash flows. The entire process is validated daily by the follow-up of the bank accounts. The inventories are generated monthly by KTP and also interfaced with the central system. These inventories are monitored by the Contrôle Comptable et Réglementaire and are used as a basis for regulatory information purposes, established by the accounting department of CIC.

# Internal control reporting

At least twice a year, the board of directors of the Issuer shall review the activity and the results of the periodic and ongoing internal controls, and in particular, shall verify the compliance control on the basis of information provided by both the Managing Director and the internal control officer.

# Information procedures of the board of directors

The managing director of the Issuer shall keep the board of directors of the Issuer informed of the economic and financial situation of the Issuer and shall communicate any and all measures consisting of the system of the internal control as well as the main items and results which have been observed with respect to the risks to which the Issuer is exposed.

# Procedures handbook

A procedures handbook notably sets out the conditions under which the recording, the management, the administration and the reporting of the information are performed as well as the accounting schemes and commitment procedures of the transactions. In the context of the *Convention d'externalisation et de mise à disposition de moyens*, each relevant party thereto is entrusted with the duties of updating the procedures handbook relating to its activities.

#### Internal control documentation

In the context of the *Convention d'externalisation et de mise à disposition de moyens*, a documentation on periodical and ongoing internal controls is prepared in order to be made available, upon request, to the board of directors of the Issuer, the statutory auditors of the Issuer and the *Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution*.

On the basis of the information collected by BFCM in the exercise of its mission, and of further information provided by the Issuer, BFCM shall submit to the Issuer, once a year, a report on the internal control in accordance with article L.225-37 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*).

On the basis of the information collected by the persons in charge of the Group internal control in the exercise of their mission, and of further information provided by the Issuer, a report on internal control in accordance with article 42 of the *Règlement* shall be prepared once a year and submitted for approval to the board of directors of the Issuer.

On the basis of the information collected by the persons in charge of the Group internal control in the exercise of their mission, and of further information provided by the Issuer, a report on the assessment and monitoring of

risks to which the Issuer is exposed, in accordance with article 43 of the *Règlement*, shall be prepared once a year.

On the basis of the information collected by the persons in charge of the Group's compensation policies and practices in the exercise of their mission, and of further information provided by the Issuer, a report on the compensation policies and practices, in accordance with article 43-1 of the *Règlement*, shall be prepared once a year.

Duty of care on money laundering transactions and fight against the financing of terrorist activities

The entities of the Group have a duty of care with respect to risks relating to money laundering and to fight against the financing of terrorist activities and have to inform the Issuer in the event they identify any such risk. However, the Issuer is primarily responsible of anti-money laundering, fight against the financing of terrorist activities and "know you customer" checks for the transactions the Issuer enters into.

In accordance with the provisions of the *Convention d'externalisation et de mise à disposition de moyens*, the Issuer benefits from the anti-money laundering and fight against the financing of terrorist activities procedures of the Group.

The TRACFIN representatives in charge of performing the above mentioned tasks for the Issuer are those in charge at the level of BFCM.

## Issuer Hedging Risk Management

Issuer hedging risk management before the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default

The International Covered Bonds issued under the International Programme may be Fixed Rate Covered Bonds, Floating Rate Covered Bonds or Zero Coupon Covered Bonds. Each Series of French Law Covered Bonds will be denominated in any Specified Currency (see section "Terms and Conditions of the French Law Covered Bonds"). Other Covered Bonds issued under the International Programme or U.S. Programme may have similar features.

The determination of the currency and of the interest rate of each Series of Covered Bonds, as specified in each relevant Final Terms, shall be made by the Issuer regardless of the currencies in which the Collateral Security Assets are denominated and the interest rate conditions applicable, as the case may be, to such Collateral Security Assets.

The proceeds from the issuance of the Covered Bonds under the International Programme or the U.S. Programme will be used by the Issuer to fund Borrower Advances to be made available to the Borrower under the Borrower Facility. The terms and conditions regarding the calculation and the payment of principal and interest under a Borrower Advance shall mirror the equivalent terms and conditions of the Covered Bonds funding such Borrower Advance, as further described hereunder and in the relevant Final Terms of the Borrower Advance (see section "The Borrower and the Borrower Facility Agreement").

The Issuer is therefore not exposed to any risk of an interest rate or currency mismatch arising between the payments received on the Borrower Advances and the payments to be made under the Covered Bonds. As a consequence, in the absence of any Borrower Event of Default, the Issuer will bear no current interest rate or currency risk.

Subject to the hedging risk management described below, before the enforcement of the Collateral Security, any interest rate or currency risk linked to the mismatch between the Collateral Security Assets and the Borrower Debt will be hedged according to the usual and current strategies and practices of the Group (the "Hedging Current Practices"). Under such Hedging Current Practices, any interest rate or currency risk linked to the mismatch between the Collateral Security Assets and the refinancing of each relevant CM-CIC Entities is hedged as follows:

- any such interest rate or currency risks borne by the CIC entities are hedged by BFCM through the refinancing provided by BFCM to these CIC entities;
- any such interest rate or currency risks borne by the Caisses de Crédit Mutuel (within the meaning of article L.512-55 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) affiliated to CFdeCM are hedged by CFdeCM through the refinancing provided by CFdeCM to the said Caisses de Crédit Mutuel, and then, by BFCM through the refinancing provided by BFCM to CFdeCM.

As a consequence, under the Hedging Current Practices, any interest rate or currency risk linked to the mismatch between the Collateral Security Assets and the refinancing of each relevant CM-CIC Entities is hedged directly or indirectly by BFCM.

Issuer hedging risk management following the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default

The Issuer and the Borrower have executed a Hedging Approved Form Letter in order to define the hedging strategy to be applied by the Issuer to hedge any interest rate or currency risk arising from the mismatches between the terms and conditions of the Covered Bonds and the Collateral Security, following the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default.

In order to mitigate or hedge such potential interest rate or currency risk, the Issuer may use different mechanisms:

- i. hedging mechanisms may include, without limitation, any hedging mechanism(s) such as without limitation, overcollateralisation, cash reserve, additional selection rules for the Home Loans or any other mechanism(s) which will comply with the specific legal requirements applicable to *sociétés de financement de l'habitat* and with the applicable rating agencies public methodologies and criteria which are commensurate to the then current rating of the International Covered Bonds;
- ii. any remaining risks may be hedged by the Issuer mainly by entering into hedging agreement (the "Issuer Hedging Agreements").

Each Issuer Hedging Agreement will provide that all amounts to be paid by the Issuer under such Issuer Hedging Agreement will be paid according to the then applicable relevant Priority Payment Order.

Any costs and expenses to be born by the Issuer when negotiating and/or entering into any Issuer Hedging Agreement (including, in particular, any sums to be paid to allow the Issuer Hedging Agreements to be transacted at the margin to be paid by the Borrower when hedging the interest and principal payable by the Issuer under a Series of Covered Bonds in the relevant Specified Currency, into floating rate flows and the margin to be received by the Issuer when hedging the interest and principal payable under the Collateral Security Assets in each relevant currency, given the market conditions prevailing at the time the Hedging Agreements are transacted (*soulte*)) shall be paid by BFCM. In particular, upon the termination of an Issuer Hedging Agreement, the Issuer or BFCM or any relevant eligible hedging provider(s), as applicable, may be liable to make a termination payment to the other party in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Issuer Hedging Agreement (the "Issuer Hedging Subordinated Termination Costs, when to be paid by the Issuer and provided that the amount of such costs has not been reduced to zero (0) in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Hedging Agreement, shall be subordinated to payments under the Covered Bonds, according to the then applicable relevant Priority Payment Order.

Pursuant to the terms of the Issuer Hedging Agreements, in the event that the relevant ratings of the eligible hedging provider(s) (or its respective guarantor, as applicable) (the "Hedging Provider") is or are downgraded by a Rating Agency below the required ratings specified in the relevant Issuer Hedging Agreement and the relevant Hedging Provider will, in accordance with and pursuant to the terms of the relevant Issuer Hedging Agreement, be required to take certain remedial measures which may include one (1) or more of the following: (i) providing collateral for its obligations under the relevant Issuer Hedging Agreement; (ii) arranging for its obligations under the relevant Issuer Hedging Agreement to be transferred to a replacement hedging provider with the ratings required under the relevant methodologies of the Rating Agencies (as specified in the relevant Issuer Hedging Agreement); (iii) procuring another entity with the ratings required under the relevant methodologies of the Rating Agencies (as specified in the relevant Issuer Hedging Agreement) to become co-obligor in respect of its obligations under the relevant Issuer Hedging Agreement; and/or (iv) taking such other actions as the relevant Hedging Provider may required under the relevant methodologies of the Rating Agencies, as applicable. Each Issuer Hedging Agreement may be terminated in accordance with certain termination events and events of default.

An Issuer Event of Default will not constitute a termination event under any Issuer Hedging Agreement.

On the date of this Base Prospectus, the Issuer has entered into an Issuer Hedging Agreement with BFCM in order to hedge currency risks on Covered Bonds denominated in another Specified Currency other than Euro and a swap agreement with the Borrower mirroring any such Issuer Hegding Agreement (the "Borrower Hedging Agreement" and, together with any Issuer Hedging Agreement, the "Hedging Agreements") which may be terminated in accordance with certain termination events and events of default. In particular, a Borrower Event of Default will constitute a termination event under the Borrower Hedging Agreement but shall not constitute a termination event under the Issuer Hedging Agreement(s).

## **Issuer Financial Elements**

The financial year of the Issuer runs from 1 January to 31 December. The annual results of the Issuer shown in the documents incorporated by reference are the non-consolidated accounts. The Issuer prepares non-consolidated accounts and does not produce consolidated financial statements.

The Issuer produces investor reports which are available on its website (www.creditmutuelcic-sfh.com).

# Selected financial information

The following tables show the key figures related to the income statement, balance sheet and net cash flow statement of the Issuer as at 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2014:

## Income statement

INCOME STATEMENT	Notes	Year ended December 31, 2014	Year ended December 31, 2013
(€ millions)		2014	2013
+ Interest and similar income	16	3,214.2	3,234.6
+ Interest and similar expense	16	(3,211.1)	(3,233.0)
= Net banking income		3.1	1.6
+ Other administrative expenses		(0.8)	(1.0)
= Operating expenses		(0.8)	(1.0)
Gross operating income		2.3	0.5
= Operating income		2.3	0.5
= Income before non-recurring items		2.3	0.5
+ Corporate income tax	17	(0.9)	(0.2)
= Net income		1.4	0.3

## Balance sheet

ASSETS (€ millions)	Notes	Year ended December 31, 2014	Year ended December 31, 2013
(Cimilons)		2011	2010
Receivables due from credit institutions	2	24,648.6	25,596.5
Other assets	3		0.2
Prepayments and accrued income	4	467.2	460.6
Total assets		25,115.8	26,057.3

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY  (€ millions)	Notes	Year ended December 31, 2014	Year ended December 31, 2013
Debt represented by securities	6	22,802.9	22,485.0
Other liabilities	3	1,500.7	2,768.3
Accruals and deferred income	4	467.5	460.7
Subordinated debt	7	120.2	120.2
Shareholders' equity	8	224.5	223.1
- Subscribed capital		220.0	220.0
- Reserves		1.1	1.1
- Retained earnings		2.0	1.7
- Profit for the year		1.4	0.3
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		25,115.8	26,057.3

NET CASH FLOW STATEMENT (in thousand euros )	2014	2013
Net income for the year	1 431	331
Corporate income tax Gross income for the year	850 <b>2 281</b>	193 <b>524</b>
+/- Net additions to/reversals from provisions and impairement losses	0	0
+/- Others transactions without cash payments  = Total non-monetary items included in income before tax and other adjustments	150 366 <b>150 366</b>	-42 684 <b>-42 684</b>
+/- Cash flows relating to credit institutions	911 787	-4 567 722
+/- Cash flows relating to other transactions affecting non-financial assets and liabilities	-1 308 971	2 767 279
- Corporate income tax paid = Net decrease/increase in assets and liabilities from operating activities	-9 <b>-397 193</b>	-143 <b>-1 800 586</b>
TOTAL NET CASH FLOW USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	-244 546	-1 842 746
+/- Cash flows relating to transactions with shareholders	0	0
+/- Other net cash flows relating to financing activities	246 000	1 841 954
TOTAL NET CASH FLOW USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	246 000	1 841 954
IMPACT OF EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATION ON CASH POSITION AND EQUIVALENTS	0	0
Net increase/decrease in cash and cash equivalents	1 454	-792
Net cash flow used in operating activities	-244 546	-1 842 746
Net cash flow used in financing activities  Cash and cash equivalents at the start of year	246 000 <b>1 162</b>	1 841 954 <b>1 954</b>
Cash accounts and on demand loans and deposits due from credit		
institutions	1 162	1 954
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year	2 616	1 162
Cash accounts and on demand loans and deposits due from credit institutions	2 616	1 162
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	1 454	-792

## Prudential ratios

The Issuer is bound to comply with all prudential ratios applicable to specialised credit institutions (établissements de crédit spécialisés) in accordance with European and French laws and regulations.

# Issuer Share capital, Covered Bonds, Subordinated Loans and Issuer Majority Shareholder's undertakings

Share capital

The Issuer's issued share capital is  $\[ \in \] 220,000,000 \]$  (two hundred and twenty million euros) consisting of  $\[ 22,000,000 \]$  (twenty two million) ordinary shares with a par value of  $\[ \in \] 10 \]$  each (the "Issuer Share Capital").

The share capital may be increased or decreased in accordance with legal provisions. New shares can be issued either at par value or at a premium.

A capital increase can only be approved by an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders, on the basis of a report by the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*).

An extraordinary general meeting of shareholders can delegate the necessary powers to the board of directors (conseil d'administration) to increase the share capital on one or more occasions, to establish the terms of the increase, to certify that such terms have been carried out and to amend the Issuer's articles of association accordingly.

A reduction in capital can be decided by an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders, which may delegate to the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) all the necessary powers to carry out such a reduction.

#### Covered Bonds

Since 31 December 2014 and as at the date of the Base Prospectus, the Issuer has issued one (1) new Series of International Covered Bonds under its International Programme, which is described in the respective final terms that are publicly available on the websites of (i) the AMF (www.amf-france.org) and (ii) the Issuer (<a href="http://www.creditmutuelcic-sfh/en/covered-bonds/documentation/index-sfh.html">http://www.creditmutuelcic-sfh/en/covered-bonds/documentation/index-sfh.html</a>). Consequently the outstanding debt represented by securities have not increased by more than €1 billion, cumulatively since 31 December 2014.

#### Subordinated Loans

As from 6 July 2007, the Issuer also benefited from two (2) €60,000,000 (sixty million euro) subordinated shareholder's loans granted by BFCM (the "**Subordinated Loans**").

Each Subordinated Loan agreement provides that all amounts to be paid by the Issuer under this Subordinated Loan agreement will be paid according to the then applicable relevant priority payment order, as described in Condition 16 of the Terms and Conditions.

Each Subordinated Loan agreement includes Limited Recourse and Non petition provisions, as described in section "Issuer's Activities – Limited Recourse" and section "Issuer's Activities – Non-Petition".

No amendment, modification, alteration or supplement shall be made to the Subordinated Loan agreements without prior Rating Affirmation if the same materially and adversely affects the interest of the Issuer or the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Subordinated Loan agreements may be amended, modified, altered or supplemented without prior Rating Affirmation:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to evidence or effect the transition of any party to a Subordinated Loan agreement to any successor;
- (c) to add to the undertakings and other obligations of BFCM under a Subordinated Loan agreement; or
- (d) to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

The Subordinated Loan agreements are governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law. The Issuer and BFCM, as lender, have agreed to submit any dispute that may arise in connection with the Subordinated Loan agreements to the jurisdiction of the competent court of Paris.

# Shareholder Letter of Undertaking

As the majority shareholder of the Issuer and pursuant to a letter of undertaking (as amended from time to time) (the "**Shareholder Letter of Undertaking**), BFCM undertakes in favour of the holders of Covered Bonds of all Series to be issued, represented, for the French Law Covered Bonds, by their respective Representative:

- (a) not to take or participate in any corporate action or other steps or legal proceedings for the voluntary winding-up, dissolution or organisation of the Issuer or of any or all of the Issuer's revenues and assets;
- (b) not to take or participate in any corporate action or other steps or legal proceedings for the voluntary appointment of a receiver, administrator, administrative receiver, trustee, liquidator, examiner, sequestrator or similar officer with respect to the Issuer or of any or all of the Issuer's revenues and assets;
- (c) not to amend the constitutional documents (and in particular the articles of association) of the Issuer other than as expressly contemplated under the Programme Documents or without a prior Representative Consent and Rating Affirmation;
- (d) unless required by any administrative or regulatory authorities or under any applicable law or regulation (as the same shall have been notified by the Issuer and/or BFCM to the Rating Agencies) or unless approved by BFCM subject to prior Rating Affirmation, that BFCM will procure that the Issuer will at all times comply with its undertakings and other obligations as set forth in the banking license of the Issuer

- or in the related application form (dossier d'agrément) filed with the *Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution*:
- (e) not to permit any amendments to the Programme Documents other than as expressly permitted or contemplated under the Programme Documents or without the prior Representative Consent and prior Rating Affirmation;
- (f) not to permit that the Issuer cease to be consolidated within the tax group formed under the *régime d'intégration fiscale* provided by article 223 A et seq. of the French General Tax Code (*Code général des impôts*), with BFCM as head of that tax group and not to amend the tax consolidation agreement (*convention d'intégration fiscale*) in force at the date hereof between BFCM and the Issuer without prior Rating Affirmation;
- (g) not to create or permit to subsist any encumbrance over the whole or any part of the shares of the Issuer it owns;
- (h) not to sell, transfer, lease out or otherwise dispose of, by one (1) or more transactions or series of transactions (whether or not related), whether voluntarily or involuntarily, the whole or any part of the shares of the Issuer it owns; and
- (i) to take any necessary steps, which are available to it as shareholder, to remain majority shareholder of the Issuer.

### **Issuer Management bodies**

The chairman and managing director

Mr. Christian KLEIN, chairman of the board of directors (*président du conseil d'administration*) and Mr. Christian ANDER, managing director (*directeur général*) are responsible for the conduct of the Issuer's activities vis-à-vis the French financial regulator in accordance with article L.511-13 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

In accordance with French applicable corporate laws, the managing director (directeur général) represents the Issuer vis-à-vis third parties. The chairman of the board of directors (président du conseil d'administration) ensures the efficient functioning of the board of directors (conseil d'administration).

Board of directors (conseil d'administration)

The board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) consists of a minimum of three (3) members and a maximum of eighteen (18) members. The term of office is six (6) years.

*Members of the board of directors (conseil d'administration)* 

The board of directors (conseil d'administration) consists of six (6) members.

Name and Position	Date of appointment
Mr. Christian KLEIN, président du conseil d'administration	16 April 2007
Mr. Christian ANDER, directeur général	16 April 2007
Mr. Philippe VIDAL, administrateur	16 April 2007
Mr. Luc CHAMBAUD, administrateur	28 June 2008
Mr. François MIGRAINE, administrateur indépendant	15 May 2011
BFCM (represented by Mr. Marc BAUER), administrateur	16 April 2007

The term of office of Mr. Christian KLEIN, Mr. Christian ANDER, Mr. Philippe VIDAL, Mr. Luc CHAMBAUD and BFCM (represented by Mr. Marc BAUER) was renewed by a decision of the Board of Directors (conseil d'administration) of the Issuer dated 7 May 2013.

The members of the board of directors (conseil d'administration) have their business addresses at the registered office of the Issuer.

Mr. Christian KLEIN, chairman of the board of directors (*président du conseil d'administration*) is also managing director (*directeur général*) of BFCM and head of CM - CIC Marchés, in charge of the *Métiers Refinancement et Commercial*.

Mr. Christian ANDER, directeur général, is also head of the Métiers Refinancement of CM - CIC Marchés.

Mr. Philippe VIDAL, *administrateur*, is also Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Credit Industriel et Commercial (CIC).

Mr. Luc CHAMBAUD, *administrateur*, is also non-voting member of the supervisory board (*membre du conseil de surveillance*) of Credit Industriel et Commercial (CIC) and Chief Executive Officer (*directeur général*) of Fédération du Crédit Mutuel de Normandie.

To the Issuer's knowledge, there are no conflicts of interest between the private interests and/or duties of members of the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) of the Issuer and the duties they owe to the Issuer.

Rights and duties of the board of directors (conseil d'administration)

In accordance with French applicable corporate laws and the articles of association of the Issuer, the board of directors (conseil d'administration) determines the scope of the Issuer's business activities. Without prejudice to the powers expressly granted to meetings of the shareholders, and in so far as the articles of association permit, the board of directors (conseil d'administration) deals with all matters relating to the conduct of the Issuer's business, within the limit of the corporate purpose (objet social) of the Issuer. When dealing with third parties, the Issuer is bound by acts of the board of directors (conseil d'administration) which do not come within the scope of the Issuer's corporate purpose, unless it can prove that the third party knew that a specific action was out of that scope.

The board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) shall carry out the inspections and verifications which it considers appropriate. The chairman of board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) or the managing director (*directeur général*) is required to send all the documents and information necessary to perform this task to each director (*administrateur*).

The chairman of the board of directors (*président du conseil d'administration*) organises and oversees the work of the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) and reports to the shareholders' general meeting.

Rights and duties of the managing director (directeur général)

The general management of the Issuer shall be performed by the managing director (*directeur général*). The managing director (*directeur général*) shall have the most extensive powers to act on behalf of the Issuer in all circumstances, but will exercise its powers subject to those that the law allocates explicitly to shareholders' meetings and to the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*).

With regard to the shareholders, the by-laws of the Issuer provides that some actions shall not be able to be taken by the board of directors (conseil d'administration), nor by the chairman (président), nor by any managing director (directeur général) whatsoever, without the prior consent of the shareholders' general meeting. Such provisions of the by-laws of the Issuer restricting the actions the board of directors (conseil d'administration), the chairman (président) or the managing director (directeur général) may take are not enforceable against third parties.

The Issuer Independent Representative

According to the by-laws of the Issuer, the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) will, at any time, include an independent member (the "Issuer Independent Representative"), *i.e.* a member having no relationship with the Issuer, its shareholders or its management, which may compromise the independence of judgment by such member, as further described and detailed in the by-laws of the Issuer. On the date of this Base Prospectus, Mr. François MIGRAINE is the Issuer Independent Representative.

The written confirmation consent of the Issuer Independent Representative will be required regarding any action, determination or appointment, as specified under the Terms and Conditions and/or any other Programme Documents.

# **Issuer Statutory Auditors**

The statutory auditors of the Issuer, which term of office was renewed on 7 May 2013 for a period of six (6) years, expiring at the close of the ordinary general meeting to be called in 2019 to approve the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2018, are:

- (a) PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit, 63 rue de Villiers, 92208 Neuilly-sur-Seine Cedex, France; and
- (b) Ernst & Young et Autres, 1 place des Saisons, 92037 Paris La Défense Cedex, France.

### Specific controller (Contrôleur spécifique)

The Issuer has appointed, in accordance with articles L.513-23 and L.513-24 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) a specific controller (*Contrôleur spécifique*) and a substitute specific controller (*Contrôleur spécifique suppléant*), who have been selected from the official list of auditors

and have been appointed by the board of directors of the Issuer with the prior approval of the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution.

The specific controller ( $Contrôleur\ spécifique$ ) ensures that the Issuer complies with the French Monetary and Financial Code ( $Code\ monétaire\ et\ financier$ ) (notably by verifying the quality and the eligibility of the assets and the cover ratios). In particular, the specific controller ( $Contrôleur\ spécifique$ ) must certify that the cover ratio is satisfied in connection with (i) the  $société\ de\ financement\ de\ l'habitat\ quarterly\ programme\ of\ issuances\ benefiting from the <math>Privil\`ege\$ and (ii) any specific issue also benefiting from the  $Privil\`ege\$ which amount is greater than E500 million.

He also monitors the balance between the Issuer's assets and liabilities in terms of rates and maturity (cash flow adequacy) and notifies the board of directors of the Issuer and the *Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution* if he considers such balance to be unsatisfactory. The specific controller (*Contrôleur spécifique*) attends all shareholders' meetings and, on his request, may be heard by the board of directors (article L.513-23 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*)).

In addition, in accordance with article L.513-32 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), the specific controller (*Contrôleur spécifique*) ensures that the Eligible Assets granted as collateral (*garantie financière*) in order to secure Borrower Advances, comply with the provisions of articles L.513-28 and L.513-29 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

The specific controller (*Contrôleur spécifique titulaire*) of the Issuer is FIDES AUDIT, 52, rue de la Boétie, 75008 Paris, France, represented by Mr. Stéphane MASSA.

# Compliance with the corporate governance regulations

The Issuer complies with the corporate governance regulations applicable to French companies.

# The Administrative Agreement

This section sets out the main material terms of the Administrative Agreement.

Background

The "Administrative Agreement" refers to the agreement dated on or prior to the Programme Date (as amended from time to time) and entered into between Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH, as Issuer and BFCM, as Administrator (the "Administrator").

#### Purpose

Under the Administrative Agreement, Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH, as Issuer, appoints BFCM as its agent for the rendering of administrative services to the Issuer (including all necessary advice, assistance and know-how, whether technical or not, day to day management and corporate administration services). The Administrator will always act in the best and exclusive interest of Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH.

# Administrator's duties

Pursuant to the Administrative Agreement, the Administrator will inter alia:

- (a) advise and assist the Issuer in all accounting and tax matters;
- (b) advise and assist the Issuer in all legal and administrative matters;
- (c) ensure that the Issuer will exercise each of its rights and perform each of its obligations under the Programme Documents;
- (d) provide the Issuer with all necessary assistance and know-how, whether technical or other, to exercise and perform all of its rights and obligations under the Programme Documents;
- (e) assist the Issuer in operating its bank accounts, the management and investment of its available cash in Permitted Investments in accordance with the relevant Permitted Investments rules, and any other matters in relation to the management of its bank accounts and funds so as to ensure that the Issuer will at all times comply with the provisions of the Programme Documents;
- (f) act as custodian of any and all other documents that any corporate company similar to the Issuer shall keep on file under any applicable laws, until the Service Termination Date;
- (g) in accordance with article L.513-15 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), manage and service (*gérer et recouvrer*) any Borrower Advances made under the Borrower Facility and, in particular, within this context:

- upon enforcement of the Collateral Security following the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default, cause the Collateral Providers to deliver the Collateral Security Assets to the Issuer and hence the Issuer to take title to such assets;
- upon enforcement of the Collateral Security following the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default and upon the Issuer taking title to the Collateral Security Assets, ensure the servicing of such assets (if not transferred to a substitute servicer), and notify the debtors for the direct payment to the Issuer of the amounts due under the Home Loans;
- (h) without prejudice to the provisions of the *convention d'externalisation et de mise à disposition de moyens* and of the Calculation Services Agreement, advise and assist the Issuer with respect to any laws and regulations relating to the *sociétés de financement de l'habitat*;
- (i) in accordance with article L.513-15 of French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), manage any payment to be made on behalf the Issuer under the Covered Bonds, on each date on which any payment in respect of the Covered Bonds becomes due, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agency Agreement; and
- (j) notify the Rating Agencies of the cancellation by the Issuer of any Covered Bonds previously issued and subscribed by the Issuer itself in accordance with article L.513-26 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

For the purpose of the Administrative Agreement, "**Permitted Investments**" means any of the following investment products, subject to the terms and conditions of the Administrative Agreement and provided that such investment product complies with article L.513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*):

- (a) Euro denominated government securities, Euro time deposits, certificates of deposit and short term debt obligations (including commercial paper) provided that in all cases such investments have a remaining maturity of thirty (30) days or less and mature before the next following Payment Date and the Relevant Rated Obligations of the issuing or guaranteeing entity or the entity with which the time deposits are made are rated at least A-1 (short-term) or A (long-term) by S&P and F1 (short-term) and A (long-term) by Fitch and P-1 (short-term) by Moody's;
- (b) Euro denominated government securities, Euro time deposits, certificates of deposit and short term debt obligations (including commercial paper) provided that in all cases such investments have a remaining maturity of sixty (60) days or less and greater than thirty (30) days and mature before the next following Payment Date, and the Relevant Rated Obligations of the issuing or guaranteeing entity or the entity with which the time deposits are made are rated at least A-1 (short-term) by S&P, F1+ (short-term) and/or AA-(long-term) by Fitch and P-1 (short-term) by Moody's;
- (c) Euro denominated government securities, Euro time deposits, certificates of deposit and short term debt obligations (including commercial paper) provided that in all cases such investments have a remaining maturity of three (3) months or less and greater than sixty (60) days and mature before the next following Payment Date, and the Relevant Rated Obligations of the issuing or guaranteeing entity or the entity with which the time deposits are made are rated at least A-1+ (short term) or AA- (long term) by S&P, F1+ (short term) and/or AA- (long term) by Fitch and P-1 (short-term) by Moody's;
- (d) Euro denominated government securities, Euro time deposits, certificates of deposit and short term debt obligations (including commercial paper) provided that in all cases such investments have a remaining maturity of more than three (3) months and less than three hundred sixty-four (364) days and mature before the next following Payment Date and the Relevant Rated Obligations of the issuing or guaranteeing entity or the entity with which the time deposits are made are rated at least A-1+ (short-term) or AA- (long-term) by S&P and F1+ (short-term) and/or AA- (long-term) by Fitch and P-1 (short-term) by Moody's; and
- (e) Euro deposits of cash on accounts opened within the books of a central bank of a Member State of the European Union which comply with the criteria listed in 1(a) of article 416 of the Capital Requirements Regulation n°575/2013 of 26 June 2013, provided that they will comply with the above remaining maturities and minimum ratings requirements as set out above in items (a) to (d).

For such purposes, "Relevant Rated Obligations" mean, with respect to any entity:

- in relation to S&P and Fitch, the unsecured, unguaranteed and unsubordinated debt obligations of such entity; and
- in relation to Moody's and, as applicable, the senior unsecured issuer credit rating, the deposit rating or the counterparty risk assessment of such entity.

Administrator's duties regarding the acquisition of Substitution Assets

The Administrator, acting in the name and on behalf of the Issuer, may acquire Substitution Assets in order for the Issuer to comply with the Asset Cover Test, the Amortisation Test and/or the regulatory cover ratio referred to in article L.513-12 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

The transfer of Substitution Assets shall be made by the Administrator, acting in the name and on behalf of the Issuer, subject to the following cumulative conditions:

- each purchase of a Substitution Asset shall be made with the purpose of complying with the Asset Cover Test, the Amortisation Test and/or the regulatory cover ratio referred to in article L.513-12 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), as applicable;
- each Substitution Asset to be purchased by the Issuer shall be selected by the Administrator, so that to comply with any and all criteria defining Substitution Assets;
- the transfer of each Substitution Asset shall be valid and comply with any laws and regulations applicable to such transfer or to the Issuer;
- the transfer of each Substitution Asset shall not create any material adverse tax or legal effect for the Issuer;
- any consideration and costs to be paid by the Issuer for such transfer shall be determined on an arm's length basis; and
- any consideration and costs to be paid by the Issuer for such transfer shall be financed by the Issuer out of financial resources which shall not benefit from the *Privilège* mentioned in article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

For the purpose of the Administrative Agreement, "**Substitution Assets**" means any assets which are eligible for an investment by a *société de financement à l'habitat* under articles L.513-5 and L.513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

# Substitution and Agency

The Administrator may not assign its rights and obligations under the Administrative Agreement but will have the right to be assisted by, to appoint or to substitute for itself any third party in the performance of certain or all its tasks under the Administrative Agreement provided that:

- (a) the Administrator remains liable to the Issuer for the proper performance of those tasks and, with respect to the Issuer only, the relevant third party has expressly waived any right to any contractual claim against the Issuer; and
- (b) the relevant third party has undertaken to comply with all obligations binding upon the Administrator under the Administrative Agreement.

#### Fees

In consideration of the services provided by the Administrator to the Issuer under the Administrative Agreement, the Issuer will pay to the Administrator an administration fee computed subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of the Administrative Agreement.

Representations, warranties and undertakings

The Administrator has made the customary representations and warranties and undertakings to the Issuer, the representations and warranties being given on the execution date of the Administrative Agreement and continuing until the Service Termination Date.

#### Indemnities

Pursuant to the Administrative Agreement, the Administrator undertakes to hold harmless and fully and effectively indemnify the Issuer against all actions, proceedings, demands, damages, costs, expenses (including legal fees), claims, losses, prejudice or other liability, which the Issuer may sustain or incur as a consequence of the occurrence of any default by the Administrator in its performance of any of its obligations under the Administrative Agreement.

### Resignation of the Administrator

The Administrator will not resign from the duties and obligations imposed on it as Administrator pursuant to the Administrative Agreement, except:

- (a) upon a determination that the performance of its duties under the Administrative Agreement will no longer be permissible under applicable law; and
- (b) in the case where the Issuer does not comply with any of its material obligations under the Administrative Agreement and fails to remedy the situation within one hundred and eighty (180) days from the receipt by the Issuer of a notice from the Administrator,

such resignation being effective on the date upon which (i) the event in paragraph (a) above occurs; or (ii) one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date of delivery of the notice referred to in paragraph (b) above and the date upon which the Administrator becomes unable to act as Administrator.

### Administrator's Defaults

Each of the following events shall constitute an Administrator's Default:

- (a) any material representation or warranty made by the Administrator is or proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made, and the same is not remedied (if capable of remedy) within sixty (60) Business Days after the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Administrator or (if sooner) the Administrator has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;
- (b) the Administrator fails to comply with any of its material obligations under the Administrative Agreement unless such breach is capable of remedy and is remedied within sixty (60) Business Days after the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Administrator or (if sooner) the Administrator has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;
- (c) an Insolvency Event occurs in respect of the Administrator; or
- (d) at any time it is or becomes unlawful for the Administrator to perform or comply with any or all of its material obligations under the Administrative Agreement or any or all of its material obligations under the Administrative Agreement are not, or cease to be, legal, valid and binding.

For such purposes, "Insolvency Event" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) the relevant entity is, or is deemed or declared for the purposes of any law to be, unable to pay its debts as they fall due or to be insolvent, including without limitation, en *état de cessation des paiements*, or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts as they fall due;
- (b) the relevant entity by reason of financial difficulties, begins formal negotiations with one (1) or more of its creditors with a view to the general readjustment or rescheduling of any of its indebtedness or applies for or is subject to an amicable settlement or a *règlement amiable* pursuant to article L.611-1 *et seq.* of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*);
- (c) a meeting of the shareholders of the relevant entity is convened for the purpose of considering any resolution for (or to petition for) its winding-up or its administration or any such resolution is passed;
- (d) any person presents a petition for the winding-up or for the administration or for the bankruptcy of the relevant entity and the petition is not discharged within thirty (30) days;
- (e) any order for the winding-up or administration of the relevant entity is issued;
- (f) a judgment is issued for the judicial liquidation (liquidation judiciaire), the safeguard (or financial accelerated safeguard) of the relevant entity (procédure de sauvegarde (ou sauvegarde financière accélérée)), the rescheduling of the debt of the relevant entity (redressement judiciaire) or the transfer of the whole or part of the business of the relevant entity (cession de l'entreprise); or
- (g) any liquidator, trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, administrative receiver, administrator or the like (including, without limitation, any *mandataire ad hoc*, *administrateur judiciaire*, *administrateur provisoire*, *conciliateur* or *mandataire liquidateur*) is appointed in respect of the relevant entity or any substantial or material part of the assets or the directors of the relevant entity request such appointment.

### Administrator Rating Trigger Event

If an Administrator Rating Trigger Event occurs, the Administrator will notify the Issuer in writing of the occurrence of the Administrator Rating Trigger Event within five (5) Business Days from the date upon which it becomes aware of such event and this will constitute a termination event under the Administrative Agreement.

For such purposes, "Administrator Rating Trigger Event" means the event in which the Relevant Rated Obligations of the Administrator become rated below BBB by S&P, or Baa2 by Moody's or BBB by Fitch, or after the date hereof, any other rating levels (i) as may be required by applicable laws and regulations or as per

the most recently public available rating criteria methodology reports published by the Rating Agencies and (ii) commensurate with the then current ratings of the Covered Bonds.

#### **Termination**

"Administrator Termination Events" under the Administrative Agreement will include the following events:

- (a) the termination of the Administrative Agreement in accordance with its scheduled term;
- (b) the occurrence and continuation of any Administrator's Default;
- (c) the occurrence of the Administrator Rating Trigger Event;
- (d) the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default; or
- (e) the resignation of the Administrator.

If an Administrator Termination Event occurs and is continuing, the Issuer shall terminate the Administrative Agreement by delivery of a written termination notice to the Administrator (the "**Notice of Termination**"). Upon receipt by the Administrator of the Notice of Termination, the Administrative Agreement will terminate with effect:

- not earlier than twenty (20) Business Days as from the receipt by the Administrator of the Notice of Termination, if such Notice of Termination is served due to the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default or of an Administrator Rating Trigger Event;
- not earlier than twenty (20) Business Days as from the receipt by the Administrator of the Notice of Termination or at any other date that the Issuer may have specified in the Notice of Termination, if such Notice of Termination is served due to any other reason,

(each a "Service Termination Date"), and save for any continuing obligations of the Administrator contained in the Administrative Agreement.

Upon the Service Termination Date, the Issuer will replace BFCM, as Administrator, by any substitute entity (the "Substitute Administrator"), the choice of which being subject to prior Rating Affirmation.

Notwithstanding the Service Termination Date, the Administrator will continue to be bound by all its obligations under the Administrative Agreement until the appointment of the Substitute Administrator is effective. The Administrator undertakes to act in good faith to assist any Substitute Administrator.

### Limited Recourse - Non Petition

The Administrative Agreement includes Limited Recourse and Non petition provisions, as described in section" *Issuer's Activities – Limited Recourse*" and section "*Issuer's Activities – Non-Petition*".

#### Amendment

No amendment, modification, alteration or supplement shall be made to the Administrative Agreement without prior Rating Affirmation if the same materially and adversely affects the interest of the Issuer or the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agreement may be amended, modified, altered or supplemented without prior Rating Affirmation:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to evidence or effect the transition of any party to the Administrative Agreement to any successor;
- (c) to add to the undertakings and other obligations of the Administrator under the Administrative Agreement; or
- (d) to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

## Governing Law – Jurisdiction

The Administrative Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law. The Issuer and the Administrator have agreed to submit any dispute that may arise in connection with the Administrative Agreement to the jurisdiction of the competent court of Paris.

### The Issuer Accounts Agreement

This section sets out the main material terms of the Issuer Accounts Agreement pursuant to which the Issuer Accounts are opened in the books of the Issuer Accounts Bank.

### **Background**

The Issuer Accounts Agreement refers to the agreement dated on or prior to the Programme Date (as amended from time to time) and entered into between Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH, as Issuer and BFCM, as Issuer Accounts Bank (the "Issuer Accounts Bank") (the "Issuer Accounts Agreement").

#### Purpose

Under the Issuer Accounts Agreement, Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH, as Issuer, appoints BFCM as its account bank for the opening and operation of its bank accounts (the "Issuer Accounts"). The Issuer Accounts Bank will always act in the best and exclusive interest of Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH.

#### Issuer Accounts

The Issuer Accounts opened in the name of the Issuer in the books of the Issuer Accounts Bank include:

- (a) the "**Issuer Cash Accounts**", including the Issuer General Account (denominated in Euro), the Cash Collateral Account (denominated in Euro) and the Share Capital Proceeds Account (denominated in Euro); and
- (b) the "**Issuer Securities Accounts**", which are securities accounts (*compte d'instruments financiers*) opened in relation to each Issuer Cash Account,

it being provided that, according to the Issuer Accounts Agreement, upon request of the Issuer, the Administrator may open within the books of the Issuer Accounts Bank, any new bank cash account (and the corresponding securities account) in the name of the Issuer which may be necessary or advisable for the performance by the Issuer of its rights and obligations under any Programme Document, and notably in case of issuance of Covered Bonds denominated in a Specified Currency other than Euro.

#### Funds Allocation

Each of the Issuer Accounts shall be exclusively allocated to the operation of the Issuer.

All sums standing to the credit balance of the Issuer Cash Accounts may be invested from time to time in Permitted Investments by the Administrator (see section "*The Issuer – The Administrative Agreement*").

### Operation

The Issuer Cash Accounts shall not be operated by the Issuer Accounts Bank otherwise than in accordance with the provisions of the Issuer Accounts Agreement and the Administrative Agreement and, in particular, the Issuer Accounts Bank shall be entitled to refuse to, without being liable for any such refusal:

- (a) deliver credit cards or other means of payment with respect to the Issuer Cash Accounts or make any transfer from any of the Issuer Cash Accounts upon instructions of the Administrator other than by bank transfer or any such other means as is agreed with the Issuer;
- (b) debit any of the Issuer Cash Accounts upon instructions of any person other than the Issuer or the Administrator;
- (c) debit any of the Issuer Cash Accounts upon instructions of the Administrator, if the Issuer Accounts Bank is aware that such instructions may cause a debit balance of the relevant Issuer Cash Accounts (in which case the Issuer Accounts Bank will promptly inform the Administrator and the Issuer and postpone the performance of the relevant instructions until it has received the relevant renewed written instructions of the same); or
- (d) implement any instruction from the Issuer (or the Administrator acting on its behalf) in connection with the Issuer Accounts if it is aware that an implementation of such instruction would constitute a breach of any provision of the Issuer Accounts Agreement.

#### Issuer General Account

As from the Programme Date and on any relevant date thereafter, the Issuer General Account shall be credited or debited by the Issuer Accounts Bank, acting upon the instructions of the Issuer (or the Administrator acting on its behalf), with any and all amounts which are not specified to be credited or debited to any other Issuer Cash Accounts (the "Issuer General Account").

#### Cash Collateral Account

The Cash Collateral Account shall be credited and debited only subject to, and in accordance with, the Cash Collateral Agreement as described in sections "The Borrower Security Documents – The Cash Collateral Agreement", in "Asset Monitoring – The Pre-Maturity Test" and in "Asset Monitoring – The Regulatory Liquidity Test" (the "Cash Collateral Account").

Upon the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default, the Issuer (or the Administrator acting on its behalf) will give the appropriate instructions in order to ensure that the balance of the Cash Collateral Account be allocated in accordance with the priority payment order then applicable in accordance with section "Cash Flow" of this Base Prospectus.

## Share Capital Proceeds Account

On or prior to the Programme Date, the Share Capital Proceeds Account shall be credited with the amount of the Issuer Share Capital and the Subordinated Loans (the "Share Capital Proceeds Account").

Upon the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default, the Issuer (or the Administrator acting on its behalf) will give the appropriate instructions in order to ensure that the balance of the Share Capital Proceeds Account be allocated in accordance with the priority payment order then applicable in accordance with section "Cash Flow" of this Base Prospectus.

### Representations, warranties and undertakings

The Issuer Accounts Bank has made the customary representations and warranties and undertakings to the Issuer, the representations and warranties being given on the execution date of the Issuer Accounts Agreement and continuing until the Service Termination Date.

### Indemnities

Pursuant to the Issuer Accounts Agreement, the Issuer Accounts Bank undertakes to hold harmless and fully and effectively indemnify the Issuer against all actions, proceedings, demands, damages, costs, expenses (including legal fees), claims, losses, prejudice or other liability, which the Issuer may sustain or incur as a consequence of the occurrence of any default by the Issuer Accounts Bank in its performance of any of its obligations under the Issuer Accounts Agreement.

### Resignation of Issuer Accounts Bank

The Issuer Accounts Bank will not resign from the duties and obligations imposed on it as Issuer Accounts Bank pursuant to the Issuer Accounts Agreement, except as follows:

- (a) upon a determination that the performance of its duties under the Issuer Accounts Agreement will no longer be permissible under applicable law; and
- (b) in the case where the Issuer does not comply with any of its material obligations under the Issuer Accounts Agreement and fails to remedy the situation within one hundred and eighty (180) days from the receipt by the Issuer of a notice from the Issuer Accounts Bank (with copy to the Administrator),

such resignation being effective on the date upon which (i) the event in paragraph (a) above occurs or (ii) one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date of delivery of the notice referred to in paragraph (b) above and the date upon which the Issuer Accounts Bank becomes unable to act as Issuer Accounts Bank.

# Issuer Accounts Bank's Defaults

Each of the following events shall constitute an Issuer Accounts Bank's Default (an "Issuer Accounts Bank's Default"):

(a) any material representation or warranty made by the Issuer Accounts Bank is or proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made, and the same is not remedied (if capable of remedy) within sixty (60) Business Days after the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Issuer Accounts Bank or (if sooner) the Issuer Accounts Bank has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;

- (b) the Issuer Accounts Bank fails to comply with any of its material obligations under the Issuer Accounts Agreement to which it is a party unless such breach is capable of remedy and is remedied within sixty (60) Business Days after the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Issuer Accounts Bank or (if sooner) the Issuer Accounts Bank has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;
- (c) an Insolvency Event occurs in respect of the Issuer Accounts Bank; or
- (d) at any time it is or becomes unlawful for the Issuer Accounts Bank to perform or comply with any or all of its material obligations under the Issuer Accounts Agreement or any or all of its material obligations under the Issuer Accounts Agreement are not, or cease to be, legal, valid and binding.

For such purposes, "Insolvency Event" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) the relevant entity is, or is deemed or declared for the purposes of any law to be, unable to pay its debts as they fall due or to be insolvent, including without limitation, en *état de cessation des paiements*, or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts as they fall due;
- (b) the relevant entity by reason of financial difficulties, begins formal negotiations with one (1) or more of its creditors with a view to the general readjustment or rescheduling of any of its indebtedness or applies for or is subject to an amicable settlement or a *règlement amiable* pursuant to article L.611-1 *et seq*. of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*);
- (c) a meeting of the shareholders of the relevant entity is convened for the purpose of considering any resolution for (or to petition for) its winding-up or its administration or any such resolution is passed;
- (d) any person presents a petition for the winding-up or for the administration or for the bankruptcy of the relevant entity and the petition is not discharged within thirty (30) days;
- (e) any order for the winding-up or administration of the relevant entity is issued;
- (f) a judgment is issued for the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*), the safeguard (or financial accelerated safeguard) of the relevant entity (*procédure de sauvegarde* (ou *sauvegarde financière accélérée*)), the rescheduling of the debt of the relevant entity (*redressement judiciaire*) or the transfer of the whole or part of the business of the relevant entity (*cession de l'entreprise*); or
- (g) any liquidator, trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, administrative receiver, administrator or the like (including, without limitation, any *mandataire ad hoc*, *administrateur judiciaire*, *administrateur provisoire*, *conciliateur* or *mandataire liquidateur*) is appointed in respect of the relevant entity or any substantial or material part of the assets or the directors of the relevant entity request such appointment.

Issuer Accounts Bank Rating Trigger Event

If an Issuer Accounts Bank Rating Trigger Event occurs, the Administrator will notify the Issuer in writing of the occurrence of such event and then within thirty (30) calendar days of such occurrence either:

- the then existing Issuer Accounts will be closed and new accounts will be opened under the terms of a new Issuer Accounts Agreement substantially on the same terms as the Issuer Accounts Agreement, with another financial institution whose Relevant Rated Obligations are rated at least A-1 (short-term) and A (long-term) by S&P, P-1 by Moody's and F1 (short-term) and A (long-term) by Fitch (or, after the date hereof, any other rating levels (i) as may be required by applicable laws and regulations or as per the most recently public available rating criteria methodology reports published by the Rating Agencies and (ii) commensurate with the then current ratings of the Covered Bonds); or
- subject to prior Rating Affirmation, the Issuer Accounts Bank will obtain a guarantee of its obligations under the Issuer Accounts Agreement on terms acceptable to the Issuer, acting reasonably, from a financial institution whose Relevant Rated Obligations are rated at least A-1 (short-term) and A (long-term) by S&P, P-1 by Moody's and F1 (short-term) and A (long-term) by Fitch (or, after the date hereof, any other rating levels (i) as may be required by applicable laws and regulations or as per the most recently public available rating criteria methodology reports published by the Rating Agencies and (ii) commensurate with the then current ratings of the Covered Bonds).

The same provisions will apply each time an Issuer Accounts Bank Rating Trigger Event occurs in relation to any substitute financial institution appointed in replacement of an Issuer Accounts Bank.

For such purposes, "Issuer Accounts Bank Rating Trigger Event" means the event in which the Relevant Rated Obligations of the then appointed Issuer Accounts Bank become rated below A-1 (short-term) and A

(long-term) by S&P or F1 (short-term) or A (long-term) by Fitch or P-1 by Moody's (or, after the date hereof, any other rating levels (i) as may be required by applicable laws and regulations or as per the most recently public available rating criteria methodology reports published by the Rating Agencies and (ii) commensurate with the then current ratings of the Covered Bonds).

#### **Termination**

"Issuer Accounts Bank Termination Events" under the Issuer Accounts Agreement will include the following events:

- (a) the termination of the Issuer Accounts Agreement in accordance with its scheduled term;
- (b) the occurrence and continuation of any Issuer Accounts Bank's Default;
- (c) the occurrence of the Issuer Accounts Bank Rating Trigger Event;
- (d) the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default; or
- (e) the resignation of the Issuer Accounts Bank.

If an Issuer Accounts Bank Termination Event occurs and is continuing, the Issuer shall terminate the Issuer Accounts Agreement by delivery of a written termination notice to the Issuer Accounts Bank (the "Notice of Termination"). Upon receipt by the Issuer Accounts Bank of the Notice of Termination, the Issuer Accounts Agreement will terminate with effect not earlier than twenty (20) Business Days as from the receipt by the Issuer Accounts Bank of the Notice of Termination or at any other date that the Issuer may have specified in the Notice of Termination (each a "Service Termination Date") save for any continuing obligations of the Issuer Accounts Bank contained in the Issuer Accounts Agreement.

Upon the Service Termination Date, the Issuer will replace BFCM, as Issuer Accounts Bank, by any substitute entity (the "**Substitute Issuer Accounts Bank**"), the choice of which being subject to prior Rating Affirmation.

Notwithstanding the Service Termination Date, the Issuer Accounts Bank will continue to be bound by all its obligations under the Issuer Accounts Agreement until the appointment of the Substitute Issuer Accounts Bank is effective. The Issuer Accounts Bank undertakes to act in good faith to assist any Substitute Issuer Accounts Bank.

## Limited Recourse - Non Petition

The Issuer Accounts Agreement includes Limited Recourse and Non petition provisions, as described in section" Issuer's Activities – Limited Recourse" and section "Issuer's Activities – Non-Petition".

#### Amendment

No amendment, modification, alteration or supplement shall be made to the Issuer Accounts Agreement without prior Rating Affirmation if the same materially and adversely affects the interest of the Issuer or the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer Accounts Agreement may be amended, modified, altered or supplemented without prior Rating Affirmation:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to evidence or effect the transition of any party to the Issuer Accounts Agreement to any successor;
- (c) to add to the undertakings and other obligations of the Issuer Accounts Bank under the Issuer Accounts Agreement; or
- (d) to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

# Governing Law – Jurisdiction

The Issuer Accounts Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law. The Issuer and the Issuer Accounts Bank have agreed to submit any dispute that may arise in connection with the Issuer Accounts Agreement to the jurisdiction of the competent court of Paris.

#### THE BORROWER AND THE BORROWER FACILITY AGREEMENT

### The Borrower

The borrower under the Borrower Facility Agreement (the "Borrower") is BFCM.

General information relating to BFCM

BFCM is a limited liability company (*société anonyme*) organised under the laws of France, originally established in France on 1 June 1933 under the name Banque Mosellane with a term expiring, unless extended, on 27 October 2054. The name Banque du Crédit Mutuel Lorraine was adopted in 1966. BFCM is licensed as a credit institution, having its registered office at 34, rue de Wacken - 67000 Strasbourg - France and registered with the Trade and Companies Register of Strasbourg, France under number 355 801 929. The telephone number at the Issuer's registered office is +33 3 88 14 88 14. The short term rating of BFCM is A-1 (S&P), P-1 (Moody's) and F1 (Fitch). The long term rating of BFCM is A (S&P), Aa3 (Moody's) and A+ (Fitch).

BFCM forms part of the group (the "CM11 Group") currently controlled by the eleven (11) federations of the Crédit Mutuel (Centre Est Europe, Sud Est, Ile de France, Savoie Mont-Blanc, Midi Atlantique, Loire-Atlantique et Centre Ouest, Centre, Normandie, Dauphiné-Vivarais, Méditerranéen and Anjou). The CM11 Group forms part of the French mutualist banking group, the Crédit Mutuel group (the "Crédit Mutuel Group"). BFCM and its subsidiaries are together referred to as the "BFCM Group".

BFCM's last annual report is available on its website: http://www.bfcm.creditmutuel.fr.

#### Activities

BFCM acts as central treasury to the CM11 Group and undertakes capital and money market activities on behalf of the CM11 Group as well as providing financing to a number of its customers. As a holding company, BFCM coordinates and develops the BFCM Group's business activities which are mainly banking and insurance.

General information relating to share capital

Currently, the total issued share capital of BFCM amounts to  $\[ \in \]$ 1,573,379,650.00 divided into 31,467,593 fully paid up shares of  $\[ \in \]$ 50.00 each, all of the same category (ordinary shares).

Currently 93,07 per cent. of BFCM's share capital is held by the Caisse Fédérale de Crédit Mutuel. The Caisse Fédérale de Crédit Mutuel's share capital is currently held by ACM Vie Mutuelle and the Caisses of Crédit Mutuel of the Crédit Mutuel Centre Est Europe, Sud-Est, Île-de-France, Savoie-Mont Blanc, Midi-Atlantique, Centre, Dauphiné Vivarais, Loire Atlantique et Centre Ouest, Méditerranéen and Normandie. In accordance with a provision in BFCM's by-laws, only *caisses locales*, coopératives and mutual entities within the Centre Est Europe Fédération, the Sud-Est Fédération, the Ile-de-France Fédération and the Midi-Atlantique Fédération or Caisses Fédérales of other Fédérations within the French mutualist banking group, the Crédit Mutuel Group and Caisse Centrale du Crédit Mutuel or members of the board of directors of BFCM may hold its shares and transfers may only be made between such parties.

# Management and administration

BFCM is managed by its board of directors (*Conseil d'administration*). Its by-laws provide for a board of directors consisting of not less than three (3) and not more than eighteen (18) directors who are appointed by the general meeting of the shareholders for a period of three (3) years, but may serve any number of consecutive terms.

The board of directors is chaired by a chairman (*president*). The chairman is responsible for the general management of BFCM and represents it in relation to third parties. The offices of Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer are dissociated.

#### Control

As a regulated bank, BFCM is subject to various controls by the French financial regulators (*Autorité de contrôle prudentiel et de résolution*, Banque de France, Autorité des Marchés Financiers, etc.).

Accounting regulations and methods

BFCM presents its consolidated financial statements according to the IFRS standards and its non-consolidated financial statements according to the provisions in use in all private industrial and commercial companies.

The accounts of BFCM are subject to examination by Ernst & Young et Autres located at 1 place des Saisons, 92037, Paris La Défense Cedex, and KPMG, located at1 cours Valmy, 92923 Paris - La - Défense, the statutory auditors (*commissaires aux comptes*) of BFCM which were re-appointed for a period of six (6) years, expiring at

the close of the ordinary general meeting to be called in 2015 to approve the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2014.

The consolidated and non-consolidated financial statements of BFCM must be approved by its board of directors and, within six (6) months following the end of each financial year, are submitted, together with the statutory auditors' report, for examination by the shareholders meeting of BFCM. The consolidated interim financial statements of BFCM for the first six (6)-month period of each financial year are only subject to a limited review by its statutory auditors.

# The Borrower Facility Agreement

### Background

The proceeds from the issuance of the Covered Bonds under the International Programme and the U.S. Programme will be used by Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH, as lender (in such capacity, the "Lender") to fund advances to be made available to BFCM, as borrower (in such capacity, the "Borrower") under a multicurrency term facility agreement (the "Borrower Facility").

The Lender and the Borrower have agreed to enter into a Borrower Facility agreement, as amended from time to time, (the "Borrower Facility Agreement") in order to determine the terms and conditions according to which the Lender shall grant the Borrower with advances under the Borrower Facility (each a "Borrower Advance").

### The Borrower Facility

The Borrower Facility shall be made available to the Borrower in an aggregate maximum amount equal to €30,000,000,000 (the "Borrower Facility Commitment") for the purpose of financing the general financial needs of the Borrower. In particular, the sums borrowed by the Borrower under the Borrower Facility shall be used to fund advances to be made to the benefit of entities of the CIC Group and/or of the CM11 Group, in accordance with the usual and current practices of BFCM.

Pursuant to the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Borrower shall send to the Administrator (with a copy to the Issuer) a duly completed drawdown request (a "**Drawdown Request**") in respect of the Borrower Advance to be made available under the Borrower Facility. Upon receipt of a Drawdown Request by the Administrator (with copy to the Lender), the Lender, together with the Administrator, shall elaborate (i) corresponding Final Terms of the Covered Bonds to be issued to fund such Drawdown Request, and (ii) final terms of Borrower Advance ("**Final Terms of Borrower Advance**") reflecting the terms and conditions of such corresponding Final Terms of the Covered Bonds.

The Borrower may (i) accept the terms and conditions of the Final Terms of Borrower Advance proposed by the Administrator and the Lender, in which case such Final Terms of Borrower Advance shall be definitive between the Borrower and the Lender and a Borrower Advance shall be made available according to such Final Terms of Borrower Advance, or (ii) refuse the terms and conditions of such Final Terms of Borrower Advance, in which case such Final Terms of Borrower Advance and the relevant Drawdown Request shall be considered as null and void between the Borrower and the Lender.

# Principal and interest amounts

The terms and conditions regarding the calculation and the payment of principal and interest under a Borrower Advance shall mirror the equivalent terms and conditions of the corresponding Final Terms of Covered Bonds, it being provided that, as a principle, the interest to be paid by the Borrower under a Borrower Advance shall be the financing costs of the Lender under the Covered Bonds funding such Borrower Advance increased by a margin fixed by the Issuer and agreed by the Borrower (the "Issuer Margin").

The terms and conditions regarding the calculation and the payment of principal and interest under a Borrower Advance shall be further described hereunder and in the relevant Final Terms of Borrower Advance. Any amounts repaid or prepaid under any Borrower Advance may be re-borrowed.

The Issuer Margin aims at covering, in particular, all the costs and expenses related to the structuring and the updating of the International Programme and the U.S. Programme, all the costs and expenses related to the issuance of Covered Bonds and taxes of the Issuer during the International Programme and the U.S. Programme.

### Representations, warranties and undertakings

The Borrower has made the customary representations and warranties and undertakings to the Lender, the representations and warranties being given on the execution date of the Borrower Facility Agreement and continuing until all sums due by the Borrower under the Borrower Facility Agreement shall have been repaid in full.

Main other terms

The Borrower Facility Agreement also provides for:

- (a) customary tax gross-up provisions relating to payments to be made by the Borrower to the Lender under the Borrower Facility Agreement;
- (b) customary tax indemnity provisions relating to any payment to be made by the Lender on account of tax on or in relation to any sum received or receivable under the Borrower Facility Agreement by the Lender from the Borrower or any liability in respect of any such payment is asserted, imposed, levied or assessed against the Lender;
- (c) customary "increased costs" provisions;
- (d) general financial information covenants and other customary covenants of the Borrower.

Borrower Events of Default

Each of the following constitutes a Borrower event of default for the purposes of the Borrower Facility Agreement (each a "Borrower Event of Default"):

- (a) the Borrower fails to pay any sum due under the Borrower Facility when due, in the currency and in the manner specified herein; provided, however, that where such non-payment is due to an administrative error or the failure of continuing external payment systems or clearing systems reasonably used by the Borrower and such payment is made by the Borrower within three (3) Business Days of such non-payment, such non-payment shall not constitute a Borrower Event of Default;
- (b) a Breach of Pre-Maturity Test occurs;
- (c) a Breach of Regulatory Liquidity Test occurs;
- (d) a Breach of Asset Cover Test occurs;
- (e) a Breach of Collection Loss Reserve Funding Requirement occurs;
- (f) any material representation or warranty made by the Borrower, in the Borrower Facility Agreement or in any notice or other document, certificate or statement delivered by it pursuant hereto or in connection herewith is or proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made, and the same is not remedied (if capable of remedy) within sixty (60) Business Days after the Administrator or the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Borrower or (if sooner) the Borrower has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;
- (g) the Borrower fails to comply with any of its material obligations under the Borrower Facility Agreement unless such breach is capable of remedy and is remedied within sixty (60) Business Days after the Administrator or the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Borrower or (if sooner) the Borrower has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;
- (h) any Collateral Provider(s) fail to comply with any of its/their material obligations under the Programme Documents unless such breach is capable of remedy and is remedied (i) within sixty (60) Business Days after the Administrator or the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Borrower and the Collateral Security Agent or (ii) (if sooner) the Borrower or the Collateral Security Agent has knowledge of the same, provided that, in case of (i) and (ii), the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interest of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;
- (i) the Borrower fails to pay any sum due to the Collateral Providers as Collateral Security Fee under the Collateral Security Agreement when due and such failure is not remedied within sixty (60) Business Days after such failure;
- (j) as regards the Borrower, an Insolvency Event occurs;
- (k) any effect, event or matter (regardless of its nature, cause or origin and in particular the commencement of any legal, administrative or other proceedings against the Borrower) occurs which is or could be reasonably expected to be materially adverse to (i) the financial or legal situation, assets, business or operations of the Borrower and (ii) the ability of the Borrower to perform its payment obligations or the financial covenants under any of the Programme Documents; or
- (l) at any time it is or becomes unlawful for the Borrower to perform or comply with any or all of its material obligations under the Borrower Facility Agreement or any of the material obligations of the Borrower under the Borrower Facility Agreement are not or cease to be legal, valid and binding).

Upon the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default, the Administrator shall, by written notice (such notice to constitute a *mise en demeure*) to the Borrower (with a copy to the Rating Agencies), (i) declare that no more Borrower Advances shall be made under the Borrower Facility, (ii) declare that the Borrower Facility shall be cancelled, and (iii) declare that the Borrower Advances shall immediately become due and payable and enforce its rights under the Collateral Security Agreement and the Cash Collateral Agreement (a "Borrower Enforcement Notice").

For such purposes, "Insolvency Event" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) the relevant entity is, or is deemed or declared for the purposes of any law to be, unable to pay its debts as they fall due or to be insolvent, including without limitation, en *état de cessation des paiements*, or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts as they fall due;
- (b) the relevant entity by reason of financial difficulties, begins formal negotiations with one (1) or more of its creditors with a view to the general readjustment or rescheduling of any of its indebtedness or applies for or is subject to an amicable settlement or a *réglement amiable* pursuant to article L.611-1 *et seq.* of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*);
- (c) a meeting of the shareholders of the relevant entity is convened for the purpose of considering any resolution for (or to petition for) its winding-up or its administration or any such resolution is passed;
- (d) any person presents a petition for the winding-up or for the administration or for the bankruptcy of the relevant entity and the petition is not discharged within thirty (30) days;
- (e) any order for the winding-up or administration of the relevant entity is issued;
- (f) a judgment is issued for the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*), the safeguard (or financial accelerated safeguard) of the relevant entity (*procédure de sauvegarde (ou sauvegarde financière accelérée*)), the rescheduling of the debt of the relevant entity (*redressement judiciaire*) or the transfer of the whole or part of the business of the relevant entity (*cession de l'entreprise*); or
- (g) any liquidator, trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, administrative receiver, administrator or the like (including, without limitation, any mandataire ad hoc, administrateur judiciaire, administrateur provisoire, conciliateur or mandataire liquidateur) is appointed in respect of the relevant entity or any substantial or material part of the assets or the directors of the relevant entity request such appointment.

### Borrower's indemnities

Under the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Borrower undertakes to indemnify the Lender against:

- (a) any cost, claim, loss, expense (including legal fees) or liability (other than reasonable consequential losses including loss of profit), which it may (acting reasonably) sustain or incur as a consequence of the occurrence of any Borrower Event of Default or any default by the Borrower in the performance of any of the obligations expressed to be assumed by it in the Borrower Facility Agreement; and
- (b) (other than by reason of negligence or default by the Lender) any loss it may suffer or incur as a result of its funding or making arrangements to fund a Borrower Advance requested by the Borrower hereunder but not made by reason of the operation of any one or more of the provisions of the Borrower Facility Agreement.

In addition, under the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Borrower as guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees and undertakes to hold the Issuer harmless against any liabilities that the Issuer may incur in connection with its funding or making arrangements to fund, through the issuance of Covered Bonds or otherwise, any Borrower Advance made available to the Borrower under the Borrower Facility Agreement (including but not limited to any indemnity payable by the Lender (in its capacity as Issuer) to any party under any Programme Documents and any termination costs due and payable by the Lender under any Hedging Agreement (if any) which would not be subordinated to the full and final redemption of the then outstanding Covered Bonds).

For the avoidance of doubt, these costs, losses and expenses include, without limitation, any Administrative and Tax Cost, any Issuer Hedging Cost (if any), any Borrower Hedging Cost (if any), any Issuer Hedging Subordinated Termination Cost (if any) and any other servicing fee or ancillary cost benefiting from the *Privilège* sustained or incurred by the Lender as from the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default until the date of payment of any sums outstanding and owing under the latest outstanding Covered Bond.

### **Broken Funding Indemnity**

If, as a consequence of a Borrower Event of Default, the Lender receives or recovers all or any part of a Borrower Advance otherwise than as described or scheduled under the relevant Finals Terms of Borrower

Advance, the Borrower shall pay to the Lender on demand an amount equal to the amount (if any) of the difference (if positive) between (x) the additional interest which would have been payable on the amount so received or recovered had such Borrower Event of Default not occurred, and (y) the amount of interest which the Lender reasonably determines would have been payable to the Lender on the last day of the term thereof in respect of a deposit equal to the amount so received or recovered placed by it with a prime bank for a period starting on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Business Day following the date of such receipt or recovery and ending on the last day of the term thereof.

### Limited Recourse - Non Petition

The Borrower Facility Agreement includes Limited Recourse and Non petition provisions, as described in section "Issuer's Activities – Limited Recourse" and section "Issuer's Activities – Non-Petition".

#### Amendment

No amendment, modification, alteration or supplement shall be made to the Borrower Facility Agreement without prior Rating Affirmation if the same materially and adversely affects the interest of the Issuer or the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Borrower Facility Agreement may be amended, modified, altered or supplemented without prior Rating Affirmation:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to evidence or effect the transition of any party to the Borrower Facility Agreement to any successor;
- to add to the undertakings and other obligations of the Borrower under the Borrower Facility Agreement;
   or
- (d) to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

### Governing Law – Jurisdiction

The Borrower Facility Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law. The Lender and the Borrower have agreed to submit any dispute that may arise in connection with the Borrower Facility Agreement to the jurisdiction of the competent court of Paris.

### THE COLLATERAL SECURITY

## The Collateral Security Agreement

#### Background

The Collateral Security Agreement refers to the agreement dated on or prior to the Programme Date, as amended from time to time, and made between (i) the Issuer, in its capacity as Lender, (ii) collateral providers (the "Collateral Providers") and (iii) BFCM, in its respective capacity as Borrower, Collateral Provider, Collateral Security Agent, Administrator and Issuer Calculation Agent (the "Collateral Security Agreement").

### Secured Liabilities

The Collateral Security Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions upon which the Collateral Providers, represented by the Collateral Security Agent, shall grant Eligible Assets as collateral security (*garantie financière*) (the "Collateral Security") for the benefit of the Lender in order to secure the payments, as they become due and payable, of all and any amounts owed by the Borrower under the Borrower Facility Agreement, whether in principal, interest, as fees, as indemnities or as guarantees and whether present or future (the "Secured Liabilities").

#### Collateral Providers on or about the Programme Date

On or about the Programme Date, the Collateral Providers, duly represented by the Collateral Security Agent, have entered into the Collateral Security Agreement. Under the Collateral Security Agreement, each of these Collateral Providers has represented and warranted for the benefit of the Issuer that, on the Programme Date, it complies with the Collateral Provider Eligibility Criteria.

### Accession of Collateral Providers after the Programme Date

At any time after the Programme Date but prior to the occurrence of any Borrower Event of Default or any Issuer Event of Default which is continuing unremedied, and subject to the procedure described in the Collateral Security Agreement, any entity may access to the Collateral Security Agreement as Collateral Provider provided that:

- (a) it complies, upon its accession to the Collateral Security Agreement, with the Collateral Provider Eligibility Criteria; and
- (b) it is not already a Collateral Provider at such time.

Upon its accession to the Collateral Security Agreement and pursuant to the relevant terms and conditions of the Collateral Security Agreement, each acceding Collateral Provider shall have the same rights and obligations as those of the other Collateral Providers.

### Withdrawal of Collateral Providers

At any time after the Programme Date but prior to the occurrence of any Borrower Event of Default or any Issuer Event of Default which is continuing unremedied, any Collateral Provider (except BFCM) may withdraw from the Collateral Security Agreement, provided that such withdrawal does not and is not likely to cause any Borrower Event of Default (including the occurrence of a Breach of Asset Cover Test). As further described in the Collateral Security Agreement, such withdrawal shall be subject to the following conditions precedent:

- (a) the issuance by the Collateral Security Agent (acting in the name and on behalf of the relevant Collateral Provider(s)) of a withdrawal letter (a "Withdrawal Letter");
- (b) the notification by each of the Issuer, the Administrator, the Issuer Calculation Agent and the Collateral Security Agent to the relevant withdrawing Collateral Provider(s) (or to any of its representatives) indicating its acceptance of the withdrawal of such Collateral Provider, by way of signature of the relevant Withdrawal Letter, it being provided that the Collateral Security Agent shall execute such Withdrawal Letter in its own name and on its own behalf but also in the name and on behalf of each of the relevant Collateral Provider(s);
- (c) the confirmation by the Issuer Calculation Agent that such withdrawal does not and is not likely to cause any Borrower Event of Default; and
- (d) the Issuer Calculation Agent shall have controlled and certified in writing to the Issuer that the Home Loan Receivables granted as Collateral Security by the withdrawing Collateral Provider(s) have been properly identified and that the withdrawal of such Collateral Provider(s), the subsequent release of Home Loan Receivables granted as Collateral Security by it/them, shall not result in a Non Compliance with Asset Cover Test. For such purpose, provided that the aggregate Home Loan Outstanding Principal

Amount of the Home Loan Receivables granted as Collateral Security by the withdrawing Collateral Provider(s) exceeds one per cent. (1%) of the aggregate Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amount of the Home Loan Receivables granted as Collateral Security by any and all Collateral Provider(s), the Issuer Calculation Agent shall recalculate the Weighted Average Recovery Rate ("WARR"), the Weighted Average Frequency of Foreclosure ("WAFF"), the Weighted Average Loss Severity ("WALS") and the Asset Percentage that would be applicable following the release of the Home Loans Receivables granted by such withdrawing Collateral Provider(s) as Collateral Security.

For such purpose, "Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amount" means, with respect to each relevant Home Loan, the amount of principal outstanding at the relevant date under such relevant Home Loan.

Upon its withdrawal from the Collateral Security Agreement and pursuant to the relevant terms and conditions of the Collateral Security Agreement, each withdrawn Collateral Provider shall have no rights or obligations under the Collateral Security Agreement and the Home Loans Receivables granted as Collateral Security by such withdrawn Collateral Provider shall be automatically released without any further formality.

At all times after the Programme Date, the Collateral Security Agent shall keep an updated list of the Collateral Providers, containing sufficient details of such Collateral Providers and taking into account any accession or withdrawal made pursuant to the Collateral Security Agreement and any other material events affecting the legal and financial situation of the Collateral Providers (and in particular the compliance with the Collateral Provider Eligibility Criteria). Such list shall be communicated by the Collateral Security Agent to the Issuer, the Administrator and/or the Issuer Calculation Agent, promptly upon their request.

For the purposes of the Collateral Security Agreement, each Collateral Provider granting Collateral Security shall, at the end of the current calendar month, comply with all the following cumulative Collateral Provider Eligibility Criteria (the "Collateral Provider Eligibility Criteria"):

- (a) the relevant entity is either:
  - BFCM, CIC, CIC Nord Ouest (formerly Banque Scalbert Dupont Crédit Industriel de Normandie), CIC Banque Crédit Industriel de l'Ouest, CIC Sud Ouest (formerly CIC Société Bordelaise), CIC Est (resulting from the merger of CIC Banque Crédit Industriel d'Alsace et de Lorraine and CIC Banque Société Nancéienne Varin-Bernier), CIC Lyonnaise de Banque and, subject to Rating Affirmation, any other French legal entity, located in France, duly licensed as a French credit institution (établissement de crédit), controlled by BFCM within the meaning of article L.233-3 of the French Commercial Code (Code de commerce); or
  - a Caisse de Crédit Mutuel (within the meaning of article L.512-55 et seq. of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier) and to the exclusion of the caisses mutuelles agricoles et rurales referred to in article R.512-26 et seq. of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier) which forms part of the CM11 Group;
- (b) the relevant entity has validly executed the Collateral Security Agreement on the Programme Date or has become a party thereto in accordance with relevant provisions of the Collateral Security Agreement;
- (c) the relevant entity has the power to enter into the Collateral Security Agreement and to exercise its rights and perform its obligations thereunder and all corporate and other action required to authorise its execution of the Collateral Security Agreement and its performance of its obligations thereunder have been done, fulfilled and performed;
- (d) all acts, conditions and things required to be done, fulfilled and performed in order (x) to enable such entity lawfully to enter into, exercise its rights under and perform and comply with the obligations expressed to be assumed by it in the Collateral Security Agreement, (y) to ensure that the obligations expressed to be assumed by it in the Collateral Security Agreement are legal, valid and binding and (z) to make the Collateral Security Agreement admissible in evidence in its jurisdiction of incorporation have been done, fulfilled and performed (as appropriate);
- (e) any material obligations expressed to be assumed by the relevant entity in the Collateral Security Agreement are legal and valid obligations binding and enforceable on it in accordance with their respective terms;
- (f) the relevant entity is not in breach of any of its material obligations under the Collateral Security Agreement;
- (g) the execution and delivery of the Collateral Security Agreement by the relevant entity nor the performance by it of any of the transactions contemplated therein nor of any of its obligations thereunder nor the creation of the security thereby constituted does not and will not:

- conflict with its constitutive documents; or
- contravene or constitute a default under or otherwise conflict with any provision contained in any
  material law, judgment, order, licence, permit or consent by which such entity or any of the assets
  of such entity is bound or affected; or
- conflict, in any material respect, with any agreement or document to which it is a party or by which it is bound nor will breach any obligation under any negative pledge or cause any limitation of such entity to be exceeded;
- (h) the relevant entity is able to meet its payment obligations with its current assets and is not in a position of cessation of payment (cessation des paiements), nor is there any basis for any third party to request the opening of insolvency or similar proceedings against such entity.

## Collateral Security Agent

In accordance with the Collateral Security Agreement, each Collateral Provider has appointed BFCM as its agent (*mandataire*) under and in connection with the Collateral Security Agreement and in particular in order to manage the Collateral Security in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers (the "Collateral Security Agent").

Resignation of the Collateral Security Agent

The Collateral Security Agent will not resign from the duties and obligations imposed on it as Collateral Security Agent pursuant to the Collateral Security Agreement, except upon a determination that the performance of its duties under the Collateral Security Agreement shall no longer be permissible under the applicable law, such determination to be evidenced by the delivery to the Issuer of a external counsel's opinion to such effect. No such resignation shall become effective before the date upon which the Collateral Security Agent becomes unable to act as Collateral Security Agent, as specified in the external counsel's opinion.

Collateral Security Agent's Defaults

Collateral Security Agent's Defaults will occur upon inter alia the occurrence of the following events:

- (a) any material representation or warranty made by the Collateral Security Agent is or proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made, and the same is not remedied (if capable of remedy) within sixty (60) Business Days after the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Collateral Security Agent or (if sooner) the Collateral Security Agent has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds:
- (b) the Collateral Security Agent fails to comply with any of its material obligations under the Collateral Security Agreement unless such breach is capable of remedy and is remedied within sixty (60) Business Days after the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Collateral Security Agent or (if sooner) the Collateral Security Agent has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;
- (c) an Insolvency Event occurs in respect of the Collateral Security Agent; or
- (d) at any time it is or becomes unlawful for the Collateral Security Agent to perform or comply with any or all of its material obligations under the Collateral Security Agreement or any or all of its material obligations under the Collateral Security Agreement are not, or cease to be, legal, valid and binding.

For such purposes, "Insolvency Event" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) the relevant entity is, or is deemed or declared for the purposes of any law to be, unable to pay its debts as they fall due or to be insolvent, including without limitation, en *état de cessation des paiements*, or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts as they fall due;
- (b) the relevant entity by reason of financial difficulties, begins formal negotiations with one (1) or more of its creditors with a view to the general readjustment or rescheduling of any of its indebtedness or applies for or is subject to an amicable settlement or a *réglement amiable* pursuant to article L.611-1 *et seq.* of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*);
- (c) a meeting of the shareholders of the relevant entity is convened for the purpose of considering any resolution for (or to petition for) its winding-up or its administration or any such resolution is passed;
- (d) any person presents a petition for the winding-up or for the administration or for the bankruptcy of the relevant entity and the petition is not discharged within thirty (30) days;
- (e) any order for the winding-up or administration of the relevant entity is issued;

- (f) a judgment is issued for the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*), the safeguard (or financial accelerated safeguard) of the relevant entity (*procédure de sauvegarde (ou sauvegarde financière accélérée*)), the rescheduling of the debt of the relevant entity (*redressement judiciaire*) or the transfer of the whole or part of the business of the relevant entity (*cession de l'entreprise*); or
- (g) any liquidator, trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, administrative receiver, administrator or the like (including, without limitation, any *mandataire ad hoc*, *administrateur judiciaire*, *administrateur provisoire*, *conciliateur* or *mandataire liquidateur*) is appointed in respect of the relevant entity or any substantial or material part of the assets or the directors of the relevant entity request such appointment.

Collateral Security Agent Rating Trigger Event

If a Collateral Security Agent Rating Trigger Event occurs, the Collateral Security Agent will notify the Issuer in writing of the occurrence of the Collateral Security Agent Rating Trigger Event within five (5) Business Days from the date upon which it becomes aware of such event and this will constitute a Collateral Security Agent Termination Event.

For such purposes, "Collateral Security Agent Rating Trigger Event" means the event in which the Relevant Rated Obligations of the Collateral Security Agent become rated below BBB by S&P or BBB by Fitch or Baa2 by Moody's.

### **Termination**

"Collateral Security Agent Termination Events" under the Collateral Security Agreement will include the following events:

- (a) the termination of the Collateral Security Agreement in accordance with its scheduled term;
- (b) the occurrence and continuation of any Collateral Security Agent's Default;
- (c) the occurrence of the Collateral Security Agent Rating Trigger Event;
- (d) the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default; or
- (e) the resignation of the Collateral Security Agent.

If a Collateral Security Agent Termination Event occurs and is continuing, the appointment of the Collateral Security Agent under the Collateral Security Agreement shall be terminated by the sending to the Collateral Security Agent by the Issuer of a written notice for the purposes thereof (the "Notice of Termination"). Upon receipt by the Collateral Security Agent of the Notice of Termination, the appointment of the Collateral Security Agent will terminate with effect:

- not earlier than twenty (20) Business Days as from the receipt by the Collateral Security Agent of the Notice of Termination, if such Notice of Termination is served due to the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default or of a Collateral Security Agent Rating Trigger Event;
- not earlier than twenty (20) Business Days as from the receipt by the Collateral Security Agent of the Notice of Termination or at any other date that the Issuer may have specified in the Notice of Termination, if such Notice of Termination is served due to any other reason.

(each a "Service Termination Date"), and save for any continuing obligations of the Collateral Security Agent contained in the Collateral Security Agreement.

Upon the Service Termination Date, the Collateral Providers will replace BFCM, as Collateral Security Agent, by any substitute entity (the "Substitute Collateral Security Agent"), the choice of which being subject to prior Rating Affirmation.

Notwithstanding the Service Termination Date, the Collateral Security Agent will continue to be bound by all its obligations under the Collateral Security Agreement until the appointment of the Substitute Collateral Security Agent is effective. The Collateral Security Agent undertakes to act in good faith to assist any Substitute Collateral Security Agent.

## Eligible Assets

For the purposes of the Collateral Security Agreement, an "Eligible Asset" means any Home Loan Receivable that complies with the Home Loan Eligibility Criteria (each as further described below).

The "**Home Loan Eligibility Criteria**" include the following cumulative eligibility criteria, subject to the provisions of article L.513-29-II of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*):

- (a) prior to the date upon which the Home Loan has been made available to the borrower thereof, all lending criteria and preconditions as applied by the originator of the Home Loan pursuant to its customary lending procedures were satisfied;
- (b) the underlying property is located in the jurisdiction of the originator of the Home Loan;
- (c) the Home Loan is governed by the law of the jurisdiction where the originator of the Home Loan is located:
- (d) the Home Loan is denominated in Euro or in CHF;
- (e) all sums due under the Home Loan (including interest and costs) are secured by a fully effective Home Loan Security;
- (f) at the date on which the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the relevant Collateral Provider, notifies the other parties that such Home Loan is effectively granted as Collateral Security (the "**Selection Date**"), the current principal balance of such Home Loan is no more than Euro 1,000,000 or its equivalent in CHF;
- (g) the loan-to-value of the Home Loan is no more than one hundred per cent. (100%);
- (h) at the relevant Selection Date, the remaining term for the Home Loan is less than thirty (30) years;
- (i) at the relevant Selection Date, the borrower under the Home Loan has paid at least one instalment in respect of the Home Loan;
- (j) the borrower under the Home Loan is an individual, or individuals acting through a *société civile immobilière*, who are not employees of the originator of such relevant Home Loan;
- (k) the Home Loan is current (i.e. does not present any arrear) as at the Selection Date;
- (l) the Home Loan is either monthly or quarterly amortising as at the Selection Date;
- (m) the borrower under the Home Loan does not benefit from a contractual right of set off;
- (n) the opening by the borrower under the Home Loan of a bank account dedicated to payments due under the Home Loan is not provided in the relevant contractual arrangements as a condition precedent to the originator of the Home Loan making the Home Loan available to the borrower under the Home Loan;
- (o) except where prior Rating Affirmation has been obtained, no amount drawn under the Home Loan is capable of being redrawn by the borrower thereof (*i.e.* the Home Loan is not flexible); and
- (p) as at the end of the current calendar month, the Collateral Provider granting such Home Loans Receivables as Collateral Security complies with any and all above mentioned Collateral Provider Eligibility Criteria.

If it is confirmed that a Home Loan ceases to comply with one or several of the above Home Loan Eligibility Criteria (each an "**Ineligible Home Loan**"), any Home Loan Receivables granted as Collateral Security under such Ineligible Home Loan shall account for zero for the purpose of calculation of the Asset Cover Test on the relevant Asset Cover Test Date (see section "*Asset Monitoring – Asset Cover Test*"). In addition, the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the relevant Collateral Provider(s), may request that such Ineligible Home Loan Receivables be released from the scope of the Collateral Security.

The Home Loan Eligibility Criteria may be amended from time to time subject to prior Rating Affirmation.

For the purpose hereof:

"**Home Loan**" means each and any loan financing the acquisition of residential real estate property originated by any Collateral Provider.

"Home Loan Receivable" means each and any loan receivable arising from any Home Loan.

"Home Loan Security" means, in respect of a Home Loan, a Mortgage or a Home Loan Guarantee.

"Home Loan Guarantee" means (i) each and any joint and several guarantee or other type of guarantee provided by issued by Crédit Logement or by Cautionnement Mutuel de l'Habitat (CMH) or, subject to Rating Affirmation, a credit institution of the EEA specialised in the guaranteeing of loans financing the acquisition of residential real estate property and guaranteeing the Home Loans; or (ii), subject to Rating Affirmation, each and any financial guarantee or other type of guarantee provided by insurance companies or mutual insurance companies and guaranteeing the Home Loans.

"Mortgage" means each duly registered first ranking mortgage (and in particular in respect of Home Loans governed by French law, any hypothèque) or similar first ranking legal privilege (and in particular in respect of

Home Loans governed by French law, any privilège de prêteur de deniers) securing the repayment of any given Home Loan.

### Collateral Security Assets

Eligible Assets shall be validly granted as Collateral Security and shall qualify as "Collateral Security Assets" for the purposes of the Collateral Security Agreement only upon satisfaction of numerous conditions precedents, including in particular that the same shall have been duly identified in the relevant Collateral Provider's IT systems.

### Creation and Perfection

The Collateral Security shall be created in accordance with article L.211-36 *et seq.* of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*). The Collateral Security shall not entail any transfer of title with respect to the relevant Eligible Assets until enforcement.

The Collateral Security shall be perfected pursuant to paragraphs I and II, 1°) and II, 2°) of article L.211-38 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

The perfection of each security shall not be conditional upon any formality other than the identification of the assets subject to the Collateral Security.

### Asset Monitoring and Asset Cover Test

The Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, shall monitor the Collateral Security Assets so as to at all times comply with the Asset Cover Test (as further described in "Asset Monitoring – The Asset Cover Test").

In particular, the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, may at any time add, substitute or release Collateral Security Assets (including Home Loan Receivables arising from Ineligible Home Loans) from the scope of the Collateral Security. However, any such addition, substitution and/or release shall be effective only subject to confirmation by the Issuer Calculation Agent that a Non Compliance with Asset Cover Test would not occur as a result of such addition, substitution and/or release. For such purpose, the Issuer Calculation Agent shall recalculate the Asset Percentage (as defined in "Asset Monitoring – The Asset Cover Test") that would be applicable following such addition, substitution and/or release each time any such addition, substitution or release is requested by the Collateral Security Agent.

Upon non compliance with the Asset Cover Test on any applicable test date, the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, shall cure such non compliance by:

- (a) causing the Collateral Providers to grant additional or substitute Eligible Assets as Collateral Security pursuant to the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement; and/or
- (b) causing the Collateral Providers to release Collateral Security Assets from the Collateral Security pursuant to the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement;

or the Issuer may acquire Subsitution Assets in accordance with but subject to the Administrative Agreement.

A failure to cure a non compliance with the Asset Cover Test which has occurred on any Asset Cover Test Date prior to the next following Asset Cover Test Date shall constitute a "**Breach of Asset Cover Test**" under the Collateral Security Agreement. Any Breach of Asset Cover Test shall be deemed the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default under the Borrower Facility Agreement.

### Asset Servicing

The Collateral Providers shall perform the servicing of the Collateral Security Assets in accordance with applicable laws and its customary servicing procedures (the "Servicing Procedures"), using the degree of skill, care and attention as for the servicing of its assets for its own account, without interfering with the Issuer's material rights under the Collateral Security Agreement.

Based on the information received from the Collateral Providers, the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, shall provide the Issuer with on each Asset Cover Test Date, an asset report (the "Asset Report") up-to-date as at the last Business Day of the calendar month immediately preceding such Asset Cover Test Date, and (if different from an Asset Cover Test Date) on each date upon which a Collateral Security Assets is selected by the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, for inclusion in the scope of the Collateral Security. Each Asset Report shall include the relevant data and information with respect to the relevant assets.

The Collateral Security Agent and the Collateral Providers shall furthermore, in accordance with the Servicing Procedures, establish, maintain or cause to be maintained and furthermore administer at all times accurate, complete and up-to-date records with respect to the Collateral Security Assets.

For the purpose of satisfying itself as to whether the Collateral Security Assets remain Eligible Assets or control Asset Reports, the Issuer (or any agent acting on its behalf) is granted the access to the Collateral Security Agent's premises and to the Collateral Providers' premises, or to premises where the Asset Records are located, in order to inspect or audit such Asset Records (such right of inspection or audit including taking copies of all or any document or data).

If a Servicing Rating Trigger Event occurs with respect to the Borrower, the Administrator will notify the Issuer in writing of the occurrence of such event and then within thirty (30) Business Days of such occurrence, the Issuer and the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, will use reasonable endeavours to appoint a new servicer (whose Relevant Rated Obligations (if rated) are rated at least BBB by S&P, or BBB- by Fitch or Baa2 by Moody's), for the servicing of the Collateral Security Assets granted by the Borrower and by the Caisses de Crédit Mutuel which form part of the CM11 Group.

If a Servicing Rating Trigger Event occurs with respect to CIC, the Administrator will notify the Issuer in writing of the occurrence of such event and then within thirty (30) Business Days of such occurrence, the Issuer and the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, will use reasonable endeavours to appoint a new servicer (whose Relevant Rated Obligations (if rated) are rated at least BBB by S&P or BBB- by Fitch or Baa2 by Moody's), for the servicing of the Collateral Security Assets granted by the Collateral Providers being subsidiaries of the Borrower.

For such purposes, "Servicing Rating Trigger Event" means, with respect to the Borrower or CIC, as applicable, the event in which its Relevant Rated Obligations become rated below BBB by S&P, or BBB- by Fitch or Baa2 by Moody's.

For the purpose hereof:

#### "Asset Records" means:

- (a) the computer and manual records, files, internal data, books and all other information (including information stored in information systems) related to the Collateral Security Assets, together with the underlying contracts and other documents evidencing title of the relevant entity to such assets (including, with respect to Home Loans, the related Home Loan Security); and
- (b) the records, files, internal data, computer systems and all other information related to the Collection Accounts and the operation of the same.

"Collection Accounts" means any and all bank accounts, opened in the name of a Collateral Provider to collect interest and principal paid under the Home Loan Receivables granted as Collateral Security, as specified from time to time to the Issuer Calculation Agent pursuant to the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement.

### Collateral Security Fee

The Borrower shall pay to the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers (except BFCM), a remuneration for the commitment of such Collateral Providers to grant assets as Collateral Security under the Collateral Security Agreement (the "Collateral Security Fee"). For each Collateral Provider (except BFCM), such Collateral Security Fee shall be calculated as follows: (i) the Borrower will estimate the financial costs incurred under the Borrower Debt, should the Collateral Security not be granted by the Collateral Providers and determine the financial cost saved due to the granting of such Collateral Security (the "Financial Saving"), and (ii) an amount equal to the Financial Saving shall be distributed as Collateral Security Fee to the Collateral Providers on the basis of the total nominal amount of the Home Loans owned by such Collateral Provider and which meet the Home Loan Eligibility Criteria as at the last Selection Date.

Representations, warranties and undertakings

The Collateral Security Agent and the Collateral Providers have made customary representations, warranties and undertakings in favour of the Issuer, such representations and warranties being given on the execution date of the Collateral Security Agreement and continuing until satisfaction in full of the Secured Liabilities.

#### Collection Loss Trigger Event

Upon downgrading of the credit rating of the Borrower below A-2 (short-term) (S&P) or F1 (short-term) or A (long-term) (Fitch) or P-1 (Moody's) (or, after the date hereof, any other credit rating trigger which may be determined in accordance with the relevant methodologies of the Rating Agencies) or upon downgrading of the credit rating of CIC below A-2 (short-term) (S&P) or F1 (short-term) or A (long-term) (Fitch) or P-1 (Moody's) (or, after the date hereof, any other credit rating trigger which may be determined in accordance with the relevant

methodologies of the Rating Agencies) (each a "Collection Loss Trigger Event") and within ten (10) Business Days from the occurrence of such Collection Loss Trigger Event, the Borrower shall be required to pay into the credit of a bank account to be opened within such period in its name and in the books of the Issuer Accounts Bank (the "Collection Loss Reserve Account"), the greater of the two following amounts: (i) an amount equal to collections received by the Collateral Providers under the Home Loans granted as Collateral Security during the three (3) calendar months preceding the occurrence date of the Collection Loss Trigger Event and (ii) an amount equal to the interests, fees, costs, expenses, taxes and other ancillary sums (excluding principal amounts) due in relation to the then outstanding Covered Bonds during the three (3) following calendar months, as the same shall be reported to the Issuer, the Administrator and the Issuer Calculation Agent (with a copy to the Rating Agencies) within the above mentioned ten (10) Business Day-period.

All cash credited to the Collection Loss Reserve Account as described above shall be granted as Collateral Security subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement and shall secure the Secured Liabilities as they become due and payable.

Failure by the Borrower to fund the Collection Loss Reserve Account up to the required amount within the required period following the occurrence date of the Collection Loss Trigger Event shall constitute a "Breach of Collection Loss Reserve Funding Requirement" within the meaning of the Collateral Security Agreement. A Breach of Collection Loss Reserve Funding Requirement shall result in the occurrence of a "Borrower Event of Default" under the Borrower Facility Agreement.

### Home Loan Guarantee Trigger Events

Upon the downgrading of the credit rating of the Borrower below A- (long-term) (S&P) or A- (long-term) (Fitch) or A3 (long-term) (Moody's) (or, after the date hereof, any other credit rating trigger which may be determined in accordance with the relevant methodologies of the Rating Agencies) (the "Level 1 Home Loan Guarantee Trigger Event") (and for as long as such Level 1 Home Loan Guarantee Trigger Event is not remedied) and within ten (10) Business Days from the occurrence of such Level 1 Home Loan Guarantee Trigger Event, the Borrower shall be required to pay and maintain into a dedicated bank account to be opened within such period in its name and in the books of the Issuer Accounts Bank (the "Mortgages Registration Reserve Account") an amount equal to the registration costs of mortgages or similar legal privileges (hypothèque or privilège de prêteur de deniers) securing the repayment of any Home Loans granted as Collateral Security and secured by Home Loan Guarantees granted by Cautionnement Mutuel de l'Habitat (CMH), to be incurred by the relevant Collateral Providers and/or by the Cautionnement Mutuel de l'Habitat (CMH) should they register such mortgages or similar legal privileges (the "Mortgage Registration Costs"). The amount of such Mortgage Registration Costs will be estimated by the Issuer (or by any of its representatives) and communicated to the Rating Agencies prior being applied.

All cash credited to the Mortgages Registration Reserve Account as described above shall be granted as Collateral Security subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement and shall secure the Secured Liabilities as they become due and payable.

Failure by the Borrower to fund the Mortgages Registration Reserve Account up to the required amount within the required period following the occurrence of a Level 1 Home Loan Guarantee Trigger Event shall result in the occurrence of a "Borrower Event of Default" under the Borrower Facility Agreement.

Upon the downgrading of the credit rating of the Borrower below BBB (long-term) (S&P) or BBB (long-term) (Fitch) or Baa2 (long-term) (Moody's) (or, after the date hereof, any other credit rating trigger which may be determined in accordance with the relevant methodologies of the Rating Agencies) (the "Level 2 Home Loan Guarantee Trigger Event") and within sixty (60) days from the occurrence of such Level 2 Home Loan Guarantee Trigger Event:

- (a) the Borrower and each relevant Collateral Provider shall (i) pursuant to the relevant Home Loan contractual documentation, use all reasonable efforts to initiate and to continue the process of creating and registering, in the name of the relevant Collateral Providers, the mortgages or similar legal privileges (hypothèque or privilège de prêteur de deniers) to secure the repayment of any Home Loans granted as Collateral Security and secured by Home Loan Guarantees granted by Cautionnement Mutuel de l'Habitat (CMH) or (ii) ensure that Cautionnement Mutuel de l'Habitat (CMH) uses all reasonable efforts to initiate and to continue the process of creating and registering, in the name of the relevant Collateral Providers, the mortgages or similar legal privileges (hypothèque or privilège de prêteur de deniers) to secure the repayment of any Home Loans already secured by Home Loan Guarantees granted by Cautionnement Mutuel de l'Habitat (CMH); and
  - if required by *Cautionnement Mutuel de l'Habitat* (CMH) and/or by the relevant Collateral Providers, the Borrower shall reimburse the same with the registration costs of the mortgages or similar legal privileges mentioned above, as the case may be, from sums credited to the Mortgages Registration

Reserve Account; it being provided that the Borrower shall not use the sums credited to the Mortgages Registration Reserve Account for any other purposes than such reimbursement; or

(b) the Borrower shall ensure that the commitment of *Cautionnement Mutuel de l'Habitat* (CMH) under the Home Loan Guarantees granted by *Cautionnement Mutuel de l'Habitat* (CMH) and securing the repayment of Home Loans granted as Collateral Security is fully guaranteed or insured by an Eligible CMH Guarantor (the "**CMH Guarantee**").

Upon the occurrence of a Level 2 Home Loan Guarantee Trigger Event, and within one hundred and twenty (120) days from the occurrence of such Level 2 Home Loan Guarantee Trigger Event, and provided that the CMH Guarantee has not been implemented at such time, any Home Loans Receivables (i) granted as Collateral Security and secured by Home Loan Guarantees granted by *Cautionnement Mutuel de l'Habitat* (CMH) (ii) which is not secured by a mortgages or similar legal privileges (*hypothèque* or *privilège de prêteur de deniers*) shall account for zero for the purpose of calculation of the Asset Cover Test on any relevant Asset Cover Test Date (see section "Asset Monitoring – The Asset Cover Test") and, as applicable, shall account for zero for the purpose of calculation of the Amortisation Test on any relevant Amortisation Test Date (see section "Asset Monitoring – The Amortisation Test"). In addition, the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the relevant Collateral Provider(s), may request that such Home Loan Receivables be released from the scope of the Collateral Security.

For such purposes,

"Eligible CMH Guarantor" means a financial institution which meets the following conditions:

- such financial institution is permitted under any applicable and relevant law to provide guarantees;
   and
- (i) the rating of its Relevant Rated Obligations under the CMH Guarantee is at least a CMH Guarantor Required Rating, or (ii) the rating of the Relevant Rated Obligations of the guarantor of its obligations under the CMH Guarantee is at least a CMH Guarantor Required Rating, or (iii) this financial institution has provided collateral for its obligations and taken any remedial action as required under the relevant methodologies of the Rating Agencies.

"CMH Guarantor Required Rating" means, with respect to any guarantor granting a CMH Guarantee or, as applicable, its guarantor under the relevant guarantee, A- (long-term) (S&P) and A- (long-term) (Fitch) and A3 (long-term) (Moody's) (or, after the date hereof, any other credit rating trigger which may be determined in accordance with the relevant methodologies of the Rating Agencies).

### Enforcement

Upon the service of a Borrower Enforcement Notice subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement following the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default, the Issuer (represented by the Issuer Independent Representative or by the Administrator or the Substitute Administrator) shall be entitled to exercise all rights, actions and privileges with respect to the Collateral Security Assets as granted to a secured creditor in accordance with paragraph II, 3°) of article L.211-38 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*). In particular, with immediate effect as from the service to the Borrower and to the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, of a Borrower Enforcement Notice:

- (a) the Collateral Providers shall no longer be entitled to service the Collateral Security Assets and shall refrain from taking any action whatsoever in connection with the Collateral Security Assets or vis-à-vis the underlying debtors, except upon the written prior instructions of each of the Issuer or the Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator), or any of its representative, agent or expert acting on its behalf:
- (b) the Issuer shall be vested in all the rights of title, all discretions, benefits and all other rights of the Collateral Providers with respect to any and all Collateral Security Assets, related Asset Records and related documents, including, without formality whatsoever, all rights of title, all discretions, benefits and all other rights in relation to any right, privilege, guarantee or security interest (*droit accessoire, privilège, garantie ou sûreté*) ancillary or as the case may be attached to the Collateral Security Assets (and, in particular, any and all relevant Home Loan Security); and
- (c) the Issuer (represented by the Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) or any of its representative, agent or expert acting on its behalf) shall:
  - take whatever action required in order to perfect, or any other action which it deems necessary for the purpose of perfecting, its rights of title, discretions, privileges, remedies and other rights with

respect to any or all Collateral Security Assets and any related rights, privileges, guarantees and security interest ancillary or attached to any or all Collateral Security Assets; and/or

- exercise all its rights, discretions, privileges and remedies under any or all Collateral Security Assets or any related documents; and/or
- enforce all its rights, discretions, privileges and remedies under any or all Home Loan Security and the other guarantees and security interest ancillary or attached to any or all Collateral Security Assets; and/or
- serve a notice to any or all the debtors and all other relevant entities under any or all Collateral Security Assets, mentioning the new payment instructions to be observed by the same with respect to the payment of sums due under the Collateral Security Assets and/or the related Asset Contractual Documentation, it being provided that such notice shall instruct the relevant debtors and all other relevant entities to pay sums due under Collateral Security Assets directly into a bank account opened in the name of the Issuer within the books of the Issuer Accounts Bank.

After transfer of title with respect to any or all Collateral Security Assets, the Issuer (represented by the Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) or any of its representative, agent or expert acting on its behalf) may dispose of, transfer, sale or cause to be sold, any or all the Collateral Security Assets to any third party or refinance the same (by way of securitisation or otherwise).

For the purpose hereof:

"Asset Contractual Documentation" means, in relation to any and all Collateral Security Assets, all originals or executive or true copies (copies exécutoires) of any contract, instrument or other document (such as riders, waivers and amendments) providing for the terms and conditions of, and/or evidencing title and benefit to, such Collateral Security Assets and any right, privilege, guarantee or security interest (droit accessoire, privilège, garantie ou sûreté) ancillary or as the case may be attached thereto (and, in particular, any and all relevant Home Loan Security).

### Conditions of enforcement

Enforcement requires no other formality whatsoever (including the necessity to obtain a court order or conduct an auction), any notification requirements (to the Borrower, the Collateral Providers or any other person) nor any other procedures.

Pursuant to article L.211-40 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), no right of the Issuer to enforce the Collateral Security shall be in any manner affected or limited by any insolvency proceedings mentioned under the book VI of the French Commercial Code (*Livre VI du Code de Commerce*) which would have been opened with respect to the Collateral Providers or any of its assets.

Collateral Security Agent's and Collateral Providers' obligations upon enforcement

With immediate effect as from the service to the Borrower and to the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, of a Borrower Enforcement Notice and upon the instructions of each of the Issuer, the Administrator (or the Substitute Administrator) or any of its representative, agent or expert acting on its behalf (each an "Enforcing Party"), the Collateral Security Agent and the Collateral Providers shall:

- (a) execute any document, take whatever action and do all such things required in order to perfect, or any other action that the Enforcing Party deems necessary for the purpose of perfecting, the Issuer's rights of title, discretions, privileges, remedies and other rights in relation to any or all Collateral Security Assets and any related rights, privileges, guarantees and security interest ancillary or attached thereto;
- (b) deliver such Asset Records and related documents to the Enforcing Party to such place as the same may reasonably designate;
- (c) allow to the Enforcing Party reasonable access to its facilities, premises, computer and/or software systems;
- (d) take all steps and do all things and cooperate in good faith to enable any entity which shall have been appointed as Substitute Administrator in replacement of the Administrator to take over its duties in such capacity.

### Application of proceeds

Once the Issuer shall have been vested in all rights of title, discretions, benefits and other rights with respect to any and all the Collateral Security Assets following enforcement of the Collateral Security, any principal and interest payments, distributions, sale or liquidation proceeds and other sums (together, the "Enforcement Proceeds") received by the Issuer thereunder shall be held by the Issuer as cash collateral (gage-espèces) for the satisfaction in full of the Secured Liabilities.

Subject to the discharge in full of all the Secured Liabilities, the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, shall have the right to claim against the Issuer for repayment (*créance de restitution*) of the portion of the Enforcement Proceeds received by the Issuer and not applied to the satisfaction of the Secured Liabilities. Such repayment by the Issuer to the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, shall be made as soon as reasonably practicable following the day upon which all sums due under any and all the Tranches and Series of Covered Bonds shall have been repaid in full.

#### Limited Recourse - Non Petition

The Collateral Security Agreement includes Limited Recourse and Non petition provisions, as described in section "Issuer's Activities – Limited Recourse" and section "Issuer's Activities –Non-Petition".

## Amendment

No amendment, modification, alteration or supplement shall be made to the Collateral Security Agreement without prior Rating Affirmation if the same materially and adversely affects the interest of the Issuer or the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Collateral Security Agreement may be amended, modified, altered or supplemented without prior Rating Affirmation:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to evidence or effect the transition of any party to the Collateral Security Agreement to any successor;
- (c) to add to the undertakings and other obligations of the Collateral Security Agent and/or of the Collateral Providers under the Collateral Security Agreement; or
- (d) to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

### Governing Law – Jurisdiction

The Collateral Security Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law. The parties to the Collateral Security Agreement have agreed to submit any dispute that may arise in connection with the Collateral Security Agreement to the jurisdiction of the competent court of Paris.

# The Cash Collateral Agreement

### Background

The Cash Collateral Agreement refers to the agreement dated on or prior to the Programme Date and made between (i) the Issuer in its capacity as Lender, and (ii) BFCM in its capacity as Cash Collateral Provider (the "Cash Collateral Provider"), Administrator and Issuer Calculation Agent (the "Cash Collateral Agreement").

### Secured Liabilities

The Cash Collateral Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions upon which the Cash Collateral Provider shall fund certain amounts as cash collateral (*gage espèces*) (each a "Cash Collateral") into the Cash Collateral Account so as to secure the payments, as they become due and payable, of all and any amounts owed by the Borrower under the Borrower Facility Agreement, whether in principal, interest, as fees, as indemnities or as guarantees and whether present or future (the "Secured Liabilities").

## Creation and Perfection

Any Cash Collateral shall be created upon credit of the corresponding sums into the Cash Collateral Account.

The perfection of each Cash Collateral shall not be conditional upon any formality. Each Cash Collateral shall entail the transfer of title in favour of the Issuer with respect to the relevant cash funded into the Cash Collateral Account.

Cash at any time standing to the credit of the Cash Collateral Account may be invested only in Permitted Investments whose maturity is earlier than the Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date) of the relevant Series of Covered Bonds.

### Pre-Maturity Test

The Cash Collateral Provider shall be requested to fund the Cash Collateral Account with the relevant Cash Collateral and up to the required amount upon non compliance by the Borrower of certain pre-maturity ratings levels following the occurrence date of such non compliance and during a certain pre-maturity test period (as further described in "Asset Monitoring – The Pre-Maturity Test").

Failure by the Cash Collateral Provider to fund the Cash Collateral Account with the relevant Cash Collateral and up to the required amount within the required period following any non compliance with the relevant prematurity ratings levels and on any relevant test date following such non compliance shall constitute a Breach of Pre-Maturity Test under the Cash Collateral Agreement which breach shall in turn result in the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default under the Borrower Facility Agreement.

### Regulatory Liquidity Test

In order to enable the Issuer to meet its obligation to cover its liquidity needs in accordance with the legal framework applicable to a *société de financement de l'habitat* and pursuant to the provisions of the Cash Collateral Agreement, at any time before the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default under the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Cash Collateral Provider shall be requested to fund as Cash Collateral into the Cash Collateral Account an amount equal to, on each calendar day, the amount corresponding to the liquidity needs of the Issuer for the next following one hundred and eighty (180) days calculated in accordance with the provisions of articles L.513-9 and R.513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) (as it may be amended from time to time) (as further described in "*Asset Monitoring – The Regulatory Liquidity Test*").

Failure by the Cash Collateral Provider to fund the Cash Collateral Account with the relevant Cash Collateral and up to the required amount within the required period following any non compliance with the amount required for compliance with the Regulatory Liquidity Test and on any relevant test date following such non compliance shall constitute a Breach of Regulatory Liquidity Test under the Cash Collateral Agreement which breach shall in turn result in the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default under the Borrower Facility Agreement.

#### Representations, warranties and undertakings

The Cash Collateral Provider has made the customary representations and warranties and undertakings to the Issuer, the representations and warranties being given on the execution date of the Cash Collateral Agreement and continuing until satisfaction in full of the Secured Liabilities.

### Enforcement

Upon the service of a Borrower Enforcement Notice subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement following the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default, the Issuer (represented by the Issuer Independent Representative or by the Administrator or Substitute Administrator) shall be entitled to apply all sums standing to the credit of the Cash Collateral Account in satisfaction of all the Secured Liabilities.

Any sum remaining to the credit of the Cash Collateral Account after satisfaction in full of the Secured Liabilities shall be promptly repaid to the Borrower.

#### Conditions of enforcement

Enforcement requires no other formality whatsoever (including the necessity to obtain a court order or conduct an auction), any notification requirements (to the Borrower, the Cash Collateral Provider or any other person) nor any other procedures.

No right of the Issuer to enforce its rights under the Cash Collateral Agreement shall be in any manner affected or limited by any insolvency proceedings with respect to the Borrower.

# Limited Recourse – Non Petition

The Cash Collateral Agreement includes Limited Recourse and Non petition provisions, as described in section" *Issuer's Activities – Limited Recourse*" and section "*Issuer's Activities – Non – Petition*".

#### Amendment

No amendment, modification, alteration or supplement shall be made to the Cash Collateral Agreement without prior Rating Affirmation if the same materially and adversely affects the interest of the Issuer or the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Cash Collateral Agreement may be amended, modified, altered or supplemented without prior Rating Affirmation:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to evidence or effect the transition of any party to the Cash Collateral Agreement to any successor;
- (c) to add to the undertakings and other obligations of the Cash Collateral Provider under the Cash Collateral Agreement; or
- (d) to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

## Governing Law – Jurisdiction

The Cash Collateral Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law. The Issuer and the Cash Collateral Provider have agreed to submit any dispute that may arise in connection with the Cash Collateral Agreement to the jurisdiction of the competent court of Paris.

#### ASSET MONITORING

In accordance with articles L.513-23 and L.513-32 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), the specific controller (*Contrôleur spécifique*) ensures that the Issuer complies with the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) (in particular, verifying the quality and the eligibility of the assets and the cover ratios), monitors the balance between the Issuer's assets and liabilities in terms of rates and maturity (cash flow adequacy) and ensures that the Eligible Assets granted as collateral (*garantie financière*) in order to secure Borrower Advances, comply with the provisions of articles L.513-28 and L.513-29 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) (for further description, see section "*The Issuer - Specific Controller* (Contrôleur spécifique)" and section "*Main features of the legislation and regulations relating to* sociétés de financement de l'habitat").

Without prejudice to the articles L.513-23 and L.513-32 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), under the Collateral Security Agreement and for so long as no Borrower Event of Default has occurred and been enforced subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Collateral Security Agent and the Collateral Providers shall monitor the Collateral Security Assets so as to ensure compliance with an asset cover test (the "Asset Cover Test").

Under the Cash Collateral Agreement and for so long as no Borrower Event of Default has occurred and been enforced subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Borrower shall fund the Cash Collateral Account up to an amount sufficient so as to ensure compliance with a pre-maturity test (the "**Pre-Maturity Test**") and with a regulatory liquidity test (the "**Regulatory Liquidity Test**").

Under Condition 6(e) and following the enforcement of a Borrower Event of Default subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Issuer shall ensure compliance with an amortisation test (the "Amortisation Test").

#### **The Asset Cover Test**

The following terms shall have the following definitions:

"Asset Cover Test Date" means the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of each calendar month and each issuance date of a Series or a Tranche of Covered Bonds. The first Asset Cover Test Date shall be 20 August 2007.

"Asset Cover Test Calculation Period" means, in relation to any Asset Cover Test Date, each period starting on, and including, the immediately preceding Asset Cover Test Date, and ending on, and excluding such Asset Cover Test Date.

Compliance with the Asset Cover Test requires compliance with the asset cover ratio R specified below (the "Asset Cover Ratio"). Such compliance is tested by the Issuer Calculation Agent from time to time subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement and the Calculation Services Agreement.

The Asset Cover Ratio (R)

"R" means the following ratio which shall be at least equal to one at each Asset Cover Test Date:

$$R = \left[ \frac{\text{Adjusted Aggregate Asset Amount (AAAA)}}{\text{Aggregate Covered Bond Outstanding Principal Amount}} \right]$$

whereby:

"Aggregate Covered Bond Outstanding Principal Amount" means, at any Asset Cover Test Date, the aggregate amount of principal (in euro or euro equivalent with respect to Covered Bonds denominated in a Specified Currency) outstanding at such date under all Covered Bonds.

"Adjusted Aggregate Asset Amount (AAAA)" means, at any Asset Cover Test Date:

$$(AAAA) = A + B + C + D$$

whereby:

"A" means the lower of "A1" and "A2".

"A1" is equal to the sum of all Adjusted Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amounts of all Home Loans granted as Collateral Security and excluding the Home Loans which have become Ineligible Home Loans (see section" *The Collateral Security*" for a description of the Home Loans Eligibility Criteria) during the applicable

Asset Cover Test Calculation Period (the "**Relevant Home Loan**"), as such Adjusted Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amounts under Borrower Facility will be calculated on the relevant Asset Cover Test Date, whereby:

"Adjusted Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amount" means, with respect to each Relevant Home Loan granted as Collateral Security, the lower of:

- (i) the Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amount of such Relevant Home Loan minus the Applicable Deemed Reductions; and
- (ii) the LTV Cut-Off Percentage of the Indexed Valuation relating to such Relevant Home Loan minus the Applicable Deemed Reductions;

"Applicable Deemed Reductions" means, the aggregate sum of the financial losses incurred by the Collateral Providers with respect to the Relevant Home Loans to the extent that such financial losses have been incurred as a direct result of a material breach of the Servicing Procedures by the relevant Collateral Providers during the applicable Asset Cover Test Calculation Period (see section "The Collateral Security Agreement – Asset Servicing" for a description of the Servicing Procedures).

"Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amount" means, with respect to each Relevant Home Loan, the amount of principal outstanding at the relevant Asset Cover Test Date under such Relevant Home Loan.

### "LTV Cut-Off Percentage" means:

- (i) eighty per cent. (80%) for each Relevant Home Loan secured by a Mortgage;
- (ii) eighty per cent. (80%) for each Relevant Home Loan secured by a Home Loan Guarantee issued by Crédit Logement or by Cautionnement Mutuel de l'Habitat (CMH);
- (iii) a percentage which will be determined in accordance with the relevant methodologies of the Rating Agencies, from time to time for each Relevant Home Loan that has the benefit of an insurance policy with an acceptable insurer or guarantee with an acceptable financial institution, insuring the credit risk under such Relevant Home Loan; and
- (iv) a percentage which will be determined in accordance with the relevant methodologies of the Rating Agencies, from time to time for each Relevant Home Loan not mentioned under (i) to (iii) above.

"Index" means the index of increases of house prices issued by PERVAL in relation to residential properties in France.

"Indexed Valuation" means at any date in relation to any Relevant Home Loan secured over any Property:

- (i) where the Original Market Value of that Property is equal to or greater than the Price Indexed Valuation as at that date, the Original Market Value less 106% of the difference between the Original Market Value and the Price Indexed Valuation; or
- (ii) where the Original Market Value of that Property is less than the Price Indexed Valuation as at that date, the Original Market Value plus eighty per cent. (80%) of the difference between the Price Indexed Valuation and the Original Market Value.

"Original Foreclosure Value" in relation to any Property means the purchase price of such Property or (as applicable) the most recent valuation of such Property, as disclosed to the relevant Collateral Provider by the relevant debtor under the related Relevant Home Loan.

"Original Market Value" in relation to any Property means the Original Foreclosure Value divided by 1.

"Price Indexed Valuation" in relation to any Property at any date means the Original Market Value of that Property increased or decreased as appropriate by the increase or decrease in the Index since the date of the Original Market Value.

"A2" is equal to the sum of all unadjusted Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amounts of all Relevant Home Loans minus the Applicable Deemed Reductions (as defined above) multiplied by the applicable Asset Percentage, whereby:

"Asset Percentage" means (i) 92.5 per cent. (92.5%) or (ii) such percentage figure as is determined on quarterly basis by the Issuer Calculation Agent pursuant to the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement.

For the purpose of the calculation of the Asset Percentage referred to in (ii) above, the Issuer Calculation Agent will calculate, on a quarterly basis, the Weighted Average Recovery Rate ("WARR"), the Weighted Average Frequency of Foreclosure ("WAFF"), and the Weighted Average Loss Severity ("WALS") (and/or such figures calculated in accordance with such alternative methodologies as determined in accordance with relevant methodologies of Fitch and S&P) for all Relevant Home Loans or for a random sample of the same or as

otherwise determined in accordance with relevant methodologies of Fitch and S&P. The WARR and WALS (or other relevant figures) so calculated will be incorporated by the Issuer Calculation Agent into one or more cash flow models determined in accordance with relevant methodologies of Fitch and S&P. Such models, which test the credit enhancement required in various cash flow scenarios, will indicate, on the basis of the latest WARR, WAFF and WALS figures (or other agreed relevant figures), the Asset Percentage needed in order to provide credit enhancement to cover all such cash flow scenarios. Save where otherwise determined in accordance with relevant methodologies of Fitch and S&P, the Asset Percentage will be adjusted in accordance with the various methodologies prescribed by S&P and Fitch provided that the Asset Percentage may not, at any time, exceed 92.5 per cent. (92.5%).

"B" is equal to the aggregate amount of cash standing to the credit of the Cash Collateral Account, as reported by the Collateral Security Agent in the relevant Asset Report.

"C" is equal to the aggregate value outstanding under all Eligible Substitution Assets (the "Aggregate Substitution Asset Amount (ASAA)") held by the Issuer provided that, the amount of the Aggregate Substitution Asset Amount (ASAA) (whatever such amount is at any Asset Cover Test date) shall in any event account only for up to twenty per cent. (20%) of the Adjusted Aggregate Asset Amount (AAAA) for the purposes hereof. The Aggregate Substitution Asset Amount (ASAA) shall be reported by the Collateral Security Agent in the relevant Asset Report. Substitution Assets will be valued on the last Business Day of the calendar month immediately preceding each Asset Cover Test Date and be taken into account for their mark-to-market value at a discount based on a methodology determined in accordance with the relevant methodologies of the Rating Agencies.

For the purposes of the above calculation, an "Eligible Substitution Asset" is:

- (a) any Substitution Asset (other than a Permitted Investment) which is a Euro or another Specified Currency demand or time deposit, certificate of deposit, long-term debt obligation or short-term debt obligation (including commercial paper) provided that in all cases such investment has a remaining period to maturity of one (1) year or less and the Relevant Rated Obligations of the issuing or guaranteeing entity or the entity with which the demand or time deposit is made (being duly licensed for such purposes) are rated A1+ (short-term) and AA- (long-term) by S&P and AA- (long-term) and F1+ (short-term) by Fitch and P-1 (short-term) and Aa3 (long-term) by Moody's; or
- (b) any Substitution Asset (other than a Permitted Investment) which is a Euro or another Specified Currency denominated government and public securities, provided that such investment has a remaining maturity of one (1) year or less and is rated at least Aaa by Moody's, AAA by S&P and AAA by Fitch; or
- (c) any Substitution Asset which complies with the then applicable criteria determined in accordance with the methodologies published by the Rating Agencies.

"D" is equal to the aggregate value outstanding under all Permitted Investments, as determined by the Issuer Accounts Bank (or the Administrator on its behalf) and reported to the Issuer Calculation Agent pursuant to the Issuer Accounts Agreement. Permitted Investments will be valued on the last Business Day of the calendar month immediately preceding each Asset Cover Test Date and be taken into account for their mark-to-market value at a discount based on a methodology determined in accordance with the relevant methodologies of the Rating Agencies.

Calculation of the Asset Cover Ratio (R)

On each Asset Cover Test Date, the Asset Cover Ratio (R) shall be calculated by the Issuer Calculation Agent according to the terms, definitions and calculation formula set forth above.

No later than three (3) Business Days following any Asset Cover Test Date, the Issuer Calculation Agent shall inform the Issuer, the Borrower and the Collateral Security Agent (with a copy to the Rating Agencies and to the Asset Monitors) of its calculation of the Asset Cover Ratio (R).

For the purposes of the calculation of any Asset Cover Ratio, euro equivalent with respect to Covered Bonds denominated in a Specified Currency shall be determined (i) before the entry into force of any hedging transaction(s) relating to such Covered Bonds, on the basis of the spot exchange rate applicable as of the relevant Asset Cover Test Date (or such other rate communicated by the Issuer Calculation Agent to the Rating Agencies from time to time) or (ii) upon the entry into force of any hedging transaction(s) relating to such Covered Bonds, on the basis of the exchange rate provided for under such hedging transaction(s).

Non Compliance with Asset Cover Test

Non compliance with the Asset Cover Test (the "Non Compliance with Asset Cover Test") would result from the Asset Cover Test Ratio (R) being less than 1.

#### Remedies

Upon Non Compliance with Asset Cover Test on any Asset Cover Test Date, the Collateral Security Agent shall:

- (i) cause the Collateral Providers to grant additional or substitute Eligible Assets as Collateral Security pursuant to the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement; and/or
- (ii) cause the Collateral Providers to release Collateral Security Assets from the Collateral Security pursuant to the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement;

in each case, as necessary to cure such Non Compliance with Asset Cover Test.

A Non Compliance with Asset Cover Test will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default or a Borrower Event of Default. However, it will prevent the Issuer from issuing any further Covered Bonds as long as it remains unremedied.

### Breach of Asset Cover Test

The failure by the Collateral Security Agent, acting in the name and on behalf of the Collateral Providers, to cure a Non Compliance with Asset Cover Test occurred on any Asset Cover Test Date prior to the next following Asset Cover Test Date shall constitute a "Breach of Asset Cover Test" within the meaning of the Collateral Security Agreement. The Issuer Calculation Agent will inform promptly the Issuer, the Borrower and the Collateral Security Agent (with a copy to the Rating Agencies and to the Asset Monitors) of the occurrence of a Breach of Asset Cover Test.

A Breach of Asset Cover Test will result in a Borrower Event of Default within the meaning of, and subject to, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement.

A Breach of Asset Cover Test will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default but will prevent the Issuer from issuing any further Covered Bonds.

### The Pre-Maturity Test

Compliance with the Pre-Maturity Test requires compliance with the ratings specified below with respect to the Borrower within each relevant Pre-Maturity Test Period.

For the purpose hereof:

"Pre-Maturity Test Period" means the period starting from, and including, the one hundred and eightieth (180th) Business Day preceding the Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date) of each Series of Covered Bonds and ending on, and excluding, such Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date).

Pre-Maturity Ratings Required Levels

The required ratings with respect to the Borrower (together, the "**Pre-Maturity Ratings Required Levels**") are the following credit ratings from any of S&P, Moody's or Fitch respectively at least A-1 (short-term) (S&P), P-1 (short-term) (Moody's) or F1+ (short-term) (Fitch).

Pre-Maturity Test

The Issuer Calculation Agent shall test compliance or non compliance by the Borrower with the Pre-Maturity Ratings Required Level subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Calculation Services Agreement.

Non Compliance with Pre-Maturity Test

Upon downgrading of the Borrower below any of the Pre-Maturity Ratings Required Levels within a Pre-Maturity Test Period, the Issuer Calculation Agent shall inform the Cash Collateral Provider of the same within three (3) Business Days from such downgrading by written notice (the "**Non Compliance Notice**") delivered to the Cash Collateral Provider subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Cash Collateral Agreement.

The downgrading of the Borrower below any of the Pre-Maturity Ratings Required Levels will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default nor a Borrower Event of Default.

### Remedies

If a Non Compliance Notice is received by the Cash Collateral Provider within a Pre-Maturity Test Period and with respect to a Pre-Maturity Test, the Cash Collateral Provider shall fund the Cash Collateral Account up to an amount (the "Cash Collateral Required Funding Amount (CCRFA)") calculated by the Issuer Calculation

Agent as being the amount of cash to be funded by the Cash Collateral Provider into the Cash Collateral Account with respect to the Series of Covered Bonds which will become due and payable within the next one hundred and eighty (180) Business Days (the "Relevant Series of Covered Bonds"), so as to ensure that the total amount of cash funded by the Cash Collateral Provider into the Cash Collateral Account (increased by the Permitted Investments made out of such funded cash) with respect to such Relevant Series of Covered Bonds (the "Cash Collateral Required Total Amount (CCRTA)") is equal to:

CCRTA = Covered Bond Principal Amount

whereby:

"Covered Bond Principal Amount" means the aggregate amount of principal (in euro or euro equivalent with respect to Covered Bonds denominated in a Specified Currency) scheduled to be redeemed at the Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date) of the Relevant Series of Covered Bonds.

The Cash Collateral Provider shall fund the CCRFA in full within thirty (30) calendar days from the receipt of the Non Compliance Notice.

Breach of Pre-Maturity Test

The failure by the Cash Collateral Provider to fund into the Cash Collateral Account the relevant Cash Collateral Required Funding Amount (CCFRA) subject to, and in accordance with, the above described conditions shall constitute a Breach of Pre-Maturity Test within the meaning of the Cash Collateral Agreement.

A Breach of Pre-Maturity Test will result in a Borrower Event of Default within the meaning of, and subject to, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement. A Breach of Pre-Maturity Test will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default.

### The Regulatory Liquidity Test

The Regulatory Liquidity Test reflects the regulatory liquidity test provided for under articles L.513-8 and R.513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) and applies at any time before the occurrence of any Borrower Event of Default.

In order to enable the Issuer to meet its obligation to cover its liquidity needs in accordance with the legal framework applicable to a *société de financement de l'habitat* and pursuant to the provisions of the Cash Collateral Agreement, at any time before the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default under the Borrower Facility Agreement, the Cash Collateral Provider shall be requested to fund as Cash Collateral into the Cash Collateral Account an amount equal to, on each calendar day, the amount corresponding to the liquidity needs of the Issuer for the next following one hundred and eighty (180) days calculated in accordance with the provisions of articles L.513-9 and R.513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) (as it may be amended from time to time) by taking into account expected principal and interests inflows due by all the debtors under the Eligible Assets and net flows under the Hedging Agreements as the case may be less, as the case may be, the amount of any Substitution Assets, including any Cash Collateral, held by the Issuer on such date and the value of any asset that are eligible as collateral to the credit transactions (*opérations de crédit*) of the Banque de France in accordance with the monetary policy and intra-day credit operations rules of the Eurosystem held by the Issuer on such date, to the extent that the regulatory cover ratio referred to in article L.513-12 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) remains satisfied.

At any time before the occurrence of any Borrower Event of Default, the Issuer Calculation Agent shall calculate and inform the Cash Collateral Provider of the amount required to comply with the Regulatory Liquidity Test within three (3) Business Days from such requirement has appeared, by written notice (the "Non Compliance Notice") delivered to the Cash Collateral Provider subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Cash Collateral Agreement.

#### Remedies

If a Non Compliance Notice is received by the Cash Collateral Provider at any time with respect to a Regulatory Liquidity Test, the Cash Collateral Provider shall fund the Cash Collateral Account up to an amount (the "Liquidity Cash Collateral Required Funding Amount (LCCRFA)") calculated by the Issuer Calculation Agent as being the amount of cash to be funded by the Cash Collateral Provider into the Cash Collateral Account so as to ensure that the total amount of cash funded by the Cash Collateral Provider into the Cash Collateral Account (increased by the Permitted Investments made out of such funded cash) (the "Liquidity Cash Collateral Required Total Amount (LCCRTA)") is equal to the amount of the Issuer's liquidity needs (besoins de trésorerie) within the next following one hundred and eightieth (180<sup>th</sup>) (excluded) days after such day (as calculated in accordance with article L.513-9 and R.513-7 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier).

The Cash Collateral Provider shall fund the LCCRFA in full within thirty (30) Business Days from the receipt of the Non Compliance Notice.

Breach of Regulatory Liquidity Test

The failure by the Cash Collateral Provider to fund into the Cash Collateral Account the relevant Liquidity Cash Collateral Required Funding Amount (LCCFRA) subject to, and in accordance with, the above described conditions shall constitute a Breach of Regulatory Liquidity Test within the meaning of the Cash Collateral Agreement.

A Breach of Regulatory Liquidity Test will result in a Borrower Event of Default within the meaning of, and subject to, the relevant terms of the Borrower Facility Agreement. A Breach of Regulatory Liquidity Test will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default.

Alternative funding upon Pre-Maturity Test and Regulatory Liquidity Test

Any amount already funded by the Cash Collateral Provider following any non compliance with the amount required for compliance with the Regulatory Liquidity Test shall also be deemed to be funded for the purposes of funding following any non compliance with any Pre-Maturity Ratings Required Level, and any amount already funded by the Cash Collateral Provider following any non compliance with any Pre-Maturity Ratings Required Level shall also be deemed to be funded for the purposes of funding following any non compliance with the amount required for compliance with the Regulatory Liquidity Test. As a consequence, any amount to be funded by the Cash Collateral Provider following any non compliance with the amount required for compliance with the Regulatory Liquidity Test and/or following any non compliance with any Pre-Maturity Ratings Required Level, shall be calculated taking into account any amount already funded by the Cash Collateral Provider following any non compliance with any Pre-Maturity Ratings Required Level and/or following any non compliance with the amount required for compliance with the Regulatory Liquidity Test, and not yet released following variation of the amount of CCRFA or LCCRFA and/or the regain by BFCM of the Pre-Maturity Ratings Required Levels or the decrease of the amount required for compliance with Regulatory Liquidity Test.

#### **The Amortisation Test**

The following terms shall have the following definitions:

- "Amortisation Test Date" means the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) day of each calendar month following the enforcement of a Borrower Event of Default.
- "Amortisation Test Calculation Period" means, in relation to any Amortisation Test Date, each period starting on, and including, the immediately preceding Amortisation Test Date, and ending on, and excluding such Amortisation Test Date.

Compliance with the Amortisation Test requires compliance with the amortisation ratio RA specified below (the "Amortisation Ratio (RA)"). Such compliance is tested by the Issuer Calculation Agent from time to time throughout the period following the enforcement of a Borrower Event of Default subject to, and in accordance with the Condition 6(e) and the Calculation Services Agreement.

The Amortisation Ratio

"RA" means the following ratio which shall be at least equal to one at each Amortisation Test Date:

$$RA = \left[ \frac{TAAA'}{ACBOPA} \right]$$

whereby:

"Aggregate Covered Bond Outstanding Principal Amount (ACBOPA)" means, at any Amortisation Test Date, the aggregate amount of principal (in euro or euro equivalent with respect to Covered Bonds denominated in a Specified Currency) outstanding at such date under all Covered Bonds.

"Transferred Aggregate Asset Amount (TAAA') " means, at any Amortisation Test Date:

$$(TAAA') = A' + B + C + D + E$$

whereby:

"A'" is equal to the sum of all Transferred Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amounts of all Home Loans title to which has been transferred to the Issuer upon enforcement of the Collateral Security following the enforcement of a Borrower Event of Default (each a "Relevant Home Loan"), as such Adjusted Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amounts will be calculated on the relevant Amortisation Test Date, whereby:

"Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amount" means, with respect to each Relevant Home Loan, the amount of principal outstanding at the relevant Amortisation Test Date under such Relevant Home Loan.

"Transferred Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amount" means, with respect to each Relevant Home Loan, the Home Loan Outstanding Principal Amount of such Relevant Home Loan multiplied by M, where for all the Relevant Home Loans that are less than three (3) months in arrear, M = 1 and for all the Relevant Home Loans that are three (3) months or more in arrear, M = 0.7.

"B", "C" and "D" have the meaning ascribed to such terms, and shall be determined, on each relevant Amortisation Test Date, subject to, and in accordance with, the terms and formula described in the "Asset Cover Test" above.

"E" is equal to the aggregate amount of principal and interest payments, distributions, indemnities, insurance and other proceeds, payments under any Home Loan Security and other sums received during the applicable Amortisation Test Calculation Period by the Issuer from the debtors or other relevant entities under the Collateral Security Assets whose title has been transferred to the Issuer following enforcement of the Collateral Security, as the same shall be reported by the Issuer Calculation Agent on each Amortisation Test Date subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Calculation Services Agreement.

Calculation of the Amortisation Ratio

On each Amortisation Test Date, the Amortisation Ratio (RA) shall be calculated by the Issuer Calculation Agent according to the terms, definitions and calculation formula set forth above.

No later than three (3) Business Days following any Amortisation Test Date, the Issuer Calculation Agent shall inform the Issuer (with a copy to the Rating Agencies and to the Asset Monitors) of its calculation of the Amortisation Ratio (RA).

For the purposes of the calculation of any Amortisation Ratio, euro equivalent with respect to Covered Bonds denominated in a Specified Currency shall be determined (i) before the entry into force of any hedging transaction(s) relating to such Covered Bonds, on the basis of the spot exchange rate applicable as of the relevant Amortisation Test Date (or such other rate communicated by the Issuer Calculation Agent to the Rating Agencies from time to time) or (ii) upon the entry into force of any hedging transaction(s) relating to such Covered Bonds, on the basis of the exchange rate provided for under such hedging transaction(s).

Non Compliance with Amortisation Test

A "Non Compliance with Amortisation Test" will result from the Amortisation Ratio (RA) being less than one

A Non Compliance with Amortisation Test will not constitute an Issuer Event of Default. However, it will prevent the Issuer from issuing any further Covered Bonds.

Breach of Amortisation Test

The failure by the Issuer to cure a Non Compliance with Amortisation Test occurred on any Amortisation Test Date prior to the next following Amortisation Test Date shall constitute a "**Breach of Amortisation Test**". The Issuer Calculation Agent will inform promptly the Issuer, each relevant Representative, the holders of the Australian Law Covered Bonds, the Australian Registrar, the holders of German Law Covered Bonds, the German Fiscal Agent and the German Registrar (with a copy to the Rating Agencies and to the Asset Monitors) of the occurrence of a Breach of Amortisation Test.

A Breach of Amortisation Test will result in an Issuer Event of Default within the meaning of the Terms and Conditions.

# **The Calculation Services Agreement**

This section sets out the main material terms of the Calculation Services Agreement.

Background

The "Calculation Services Agreement" refers to the agreement dated on or prior to the Programme Date and entered into between (i) Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH, in its capacity as Lender and (ii) BFCM, in its capacity as Issuer Calculation Agent (the "Issuer Calculation Agent").

#### Purpose

Under the Calculation Services Agreement, Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH, as Issuer, appoints BFCM as its servicer for the purposes of any calculation and determinations to be made under the Programme Documents (but excluding all calculation and determinations to be made with respect to the Series of Covered Bonds, such calculation and determinations to be made on behalf of the Issuer by the Calculation Agent under the Issuer Agency Agreement). The Issuer Calculation Agent will always act in the best and exclusive interest of Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH.

Duties of the Issuer Calculation Agent

Pursuant to the Calculation Services Agreement, the Issuer Calculation Agent will inter alia undertake:

- (a) all and any calculation in relation to the Borrower Facility Agreement, including, but not limited to, any interest and principal amounts and the effective global rate (taux effectif global);
- (b) all and any calculation in relation to the Collateral Security Agreement, including, but not limited to, the Asset Cover Test (see section "Asset Monitoring");
- (c) all and any calculation in relation to the Cash Collateral Agreement, including, but not limited to, the Pre-Maturity Test and the Regulatory Liquidity Test (see section "Asset Monitoring");
- (d) all and any calculation in relation to the Amortisation Test (see section "Asset Monitoring");
- (e) all and any calculation necessary to comply with laws and regulations applicable to *sociétés de* financement *de l'habitat* (see section "*Main features of the legislation and regulations relating to* sociétés de financement de l'habitat").

#### Substitution and Agency

The Issuer Calculation Agent may not assign its rights and obligations under the Calculation Services Agreement but will have the right to be assisted by, to appoint or to substitute for itself any third party in the performance of certain or all its tasks under the Calculation Services Agreement provided that:

- (a) the Issuer Calculation Agent remains liable to the Issuer for the proper performance of those tasks and, with respect to the Issuer only, the relevant third party has expressly waived any right to any contractual claim against the Issuer; and
- (b) the relevant third party has undertaken to comply with all obligations binding upon the Issuer Calculation Agent under the Calculation Services Agreement.

#### Fees

In consideration of the services provided by the Issuer Calculation Agent to the Issuer under the Calculation Services Agreement, the Issuer will pay to the Issuer Calculation Agent a servicing fee computed subject to, and in accordance with, the provisions of the Calculation Services Agreement.

Representations, warranties and undertakings

The Issuer Calculation Agent has made the customary representations and warranties and undertakings to the Issuer, the representations and warranties being given on the execution date of the Calculation Services Agreement and continuing until the Service Termination Date.

## Indemnities

Pursuant to the Calculation Services Agreement, the Issuer Calculation Agent undertakes to hold harmless and fully and effectively indemnify the Issuer against all actions, proceedings, demands, damages, costs, expenses (including legal fees), claims, losses, prejudice or other liability, which the Issuer may sustain or incur as a consequence of the occurrence of any default by the Issuer Calculation Agent in its performance of any of its obligations under the Calculation Services Agreement.

Resignation of the Issuer Calculation Agent

The Issuer Calculation Agent will not resign from the duties and obligations imposed on it as Issuer Calculation Agent pursuant to the Calculation Services Agreement, except:

(a) upon a determination that the performance of its duties under the Calculation Services Agreement will no longer be permissible under applicable law; and

(b) in the case where the Issuer does not comply with any of its material obligations under the Calculation Services Agreement and fails to remedy the situation within one hundred and eighty (180) days from the receipt by the Issuer of a notice from the Issuer Calculation Agent,

such resignation being effective on the date upon which (i) the event in paragraph (a) above occurs; or (ii) one hundred and eighty (180) days after the date of delivery of the notice referred to in paragraph (b) above and the date upon which the Issuer Calculation Agent becomes unable to act as Issuer Calculation Agent.

Issuer Calculation Agent's Defaults

Issuer Calculation Agent's Defaults will occur upon *inter alia* the occurrence of the following events:

- (a) any material representation or warranty made by the Issuer Calculation Agent is or proves to have been incorrect or misleading in any material respect when made, and the same is not remedied (if capable of remedy) within sixty (60) Business Days after the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Issuer Calculation Agent or (if sooner) the Issuer Calculation Agent has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;
- (c) the Issuer Calculation Agent fails to comply with any of its material obligations under the Calculation Services Agreement unless such breach is capable of remedy and is remedied within sixty (60) Business Days after the Issuer has given notice thereof to the Issuer Calculation Agent or (if sooner) the Issuer Calculation Agent has knowledge of the same, provided that the Issuer, at its discretion, certifies that it is prejudicial to the interests of the holders of the relevant Covered Bonds;
- (d) an Insolvency Event occurs in respect of the Issuer Calculation Agent; or
- (e) at any time it is or becomes unlawful for the Issuer Calculation Agent to perform or comply with any or all of its material obligations under the Calculation Services Agreement or any or all of its material obligations under the Calculation Services Agreement are not, or cease to be, legal, valid and binding.

For such purposes, "Insolvency Event" means the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (a) the relevant entity is, or is deemed or declared for the purposes of any law to be, unable to pay its debts as they fall due or to be insolvent, including without limitation, en *état de cessation des paiements*, or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts as they fall due;
- (b) the relevant entity by reason of financial difficulties, begins formal negotiations with one (1) or more of its creditors with a view to the general readjustment or rescheduling of any of its indebtedness or applies for or is subject to an amicable settlement or a *réglement amiable* pursuant to article L.611-1 *et seq.* of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*);
- (c) a meeting of the shareholders of the relevant entity is convened for the purpose of considering any resolution for (or to petition for) its winding-up or its administration or any such resolution is passed;
- (d) any person presents a petition for the winding-up or for the administration or for the bankruptcy of the relevant entity and the petition is not discharged within thirty (30) days;
- (e) any order for the winding-up or administration of the relevant entity is issued;
- (f) a judgment is issued for the judicial liquidation (liquidation judiciaire), the safeguard (or financial accelerated safeguard) of the relevant entity (procédure de sauvegarde (ou sauvegarde financière accelérée)), the rescheduling of the debt of the relevant entity (redressement judiciaire) or the transfer of the whole or part of the business of the relevant entity (cession de l'entreprise); or
- (g) any liquidator, trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, administrative receiver, administrator or the like (including, without limitation, any *mandataire ad hoc*, *administrateur judiciaire*, *administrateur provisoire*, *conciliateur* or *mandataire liquidateur*) is appointed in respect of the relevant entity or any substantial or material part of the assets or the directors of the relevant entity request such appointment.

Issuer Calculation Agent Rating Trigger Event

If an Issuer Calculation Agent Rating Trigger Event occurs, the Issuer Calculation Agent will notify the Issuer in writing of the occurrence of the Issuer Calculation Agent Rating Trigger Event within five (5) Business Days from the date upon which it becomes aware of such event and this will constitute a termination event under the Calculation Services Agreement.

For such purposes, "Issuer Calculation Agent Rating Trigger Event" means the event in which the Relevant Rated Obligations of the Administrator become rated below BBB by S&P or BBB by Fitch or Baa2 by Moody's (or, after the date hereof, any other rating levels (i) as may be required by applicable laws and regulations or as

per the most recently public available rating criteria methodology reports published by the Rating Agencies and (ii) commensurate with the then current ratings of the Covered Bonds).

#### **Termination**

"Issuer Calculation Agent Termination Events" under the Calculation Services Agreement will include the following events:

- (a) the termination of the Calculation Services Agreement in accordance with its scheduled term;
- (b) the occurrence and continuation of any Issuer Calculation Agent's Default;
- (c) the occurrence of the Issuer Calculation Agent Rating Trigger Event;
- (d) the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default; or
- (e) the resignation of the Issuer Calculation Agent.

If an Issuer Calculation Agent Termination Event occurs and is continuing, the Issuer shall terminate the Calculation Services Agreement by delivery of a written termination notice to the Issuer Calculation Agent (the "**Notice of Termination**"). Upon receipt by the Issuer Calculation Agent of the Notice of Termination, the Calculation Services Agreement will terminate with effect:

- not earlier than twenty (20) Business Days as from the receipt by the Issuer Calculation Agent of the Notice of Termination, if such Notice of Termination is served due to the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default or of an Issuer Calculation Agent Rating Trigger Event;
- not earlier than twenty (20) Business Days as from the receipt by the Issuer Calculation Agent of the Notice of Termination or at any other date that the Issuer may have specified in the Notice of Termination, if such Notice of Termination is served due to any other reason.

(each a "Service Termination Date"), and save for any continuing obligations of the Issuer Calculation Agent contained in the Calculation Services Agreement.

Upon the Service Termination Date, the Issuer will replace BFCM, as Issuer Calculation Agent, by any substitute entity (the "Substitute Issuer Calculation Agent"), the choice of which being subject to prior Rating Affirmation.

Notwithstanding the Service Termination Date, the Issuer Calculation Agent will continue to be bound by all its obligations under the Calculation Services Agreement until the appointment of the Substitute Issuer Calculation Agent is effective. The Issuer Calculation Agent undertakes to act in good faith to assist any Substitute Issuer Calculation Agent.

Limited Recourse – Non Petition

The Calculation Services Agreement includes Limited Recourse and Non petition provisions, as described in section "Issuer's Activities – Limited Recourse" and section "Issuer's Activities – Non-Petition".

## Amendment

No amendment, modification, alteration or supplement shall be made to the Calculation Services Agreement without prior Rating Affirmation if the same materially and adversely affects the interest of the Issuer or the Bondholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Calculation Services Agreement may be amended, modified, altered or supplemented without prior Rating Affirmation:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, defect or inconsistency;
- (b) to evidence or effect the transition of any party to the Calculation Services Agreement to any successor;
- (c) to add to the undertakings and other obligations of the Issuer Calculation Agent under the Calculation Services Agreement; or
- (d) to comply with any mandatory requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

## Governing Law - Jurisdiction

The Calculation Services Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law. The Issuer and the Issuer Calculation Agent have agreed to submit any dispute that may arise in connection with the Calculation Services Agreement to the jurisdiction of the competent court of Paris.

#### The Asset Monitor Agreement and the Engagement Letter

Background

The "Asset Monitor Agreement" refers to the agreement dated on or prior to the Programme Date and made between (i) the Issuer and (ii) BFCM as the Issuer Calculation Agent or, as the applicable, the Administrator. The "Engagement Letter" refers to the letter dated on or prior to the Programme Date, issued by Ernst & Young et Autres and PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit as Asset Monitors (the "Asset Monitors") and duly accepted by the Issuer, pursuant to which Ernst & Young et Autres and PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit are appointed as Asset Monitors.

Under the Asset Monitor Agreement and the Engagement Letter, Ernst & Young et Autres and PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit have been appointed as Asset Monitors by the Issuer to carry out, subject to due receipt of the information to be provided by the Issuer Calculation Agent to the Asset Monitors, various testing and notification duties in relation to the calculations performed by the Calculation Agent in relation to the Asset Cover Test and the Amortisation Test subject to and in accordance with the terms of the Asset Monitor Agreement.

# Services of the Asset Monitors

If the Asset Cover Test Date immediately preceding an anniversary of the Programme Date falls prior to the occurrence of a Borrower Event of Default, and subject to receipt of the information to be provided to it by the Issuer Calculation Agent in relation to the calculations performed by the Issuer Calculation Agent regarding the relevant Asset Cover Test, the Asset Monitors will test the arithmetic accuracy of the calculations performed by the Issuer Calculation Agent in relation to the Asset Cover Test on the Asset Cover Test Date immediately preceding an anniversary of the Programme Date, as applicable, with a view to reporting on the arithmetic accuracy or otherwise of such calculations.

On each Amortisation Test Date (it being provided that the first Amortisation Test Date shall be the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the calendar month immediately following the enforcement of a Borrower Event of Default) and subject to receipt of the information to be provided to it by the Issuer Calculation Agent in relation to the calculations performed by the Issuer Calculation Agent regarding the relevant Amortisation Test, the Asset Monitors will test the arithmetic accuracy of the calculations performed by the Issuer Calculation Agent in relation to the Amortisation Test on the relevant Amortisation Test Date, with a view to reporting on the arithmetic accuracy or otherwise of such calculations.

Upon the occurrence of a Calculation Monitoring Rating Trigger Event and for so long as such Calculation Monitoring Rating Trigger Event is continuing, or, if the Asset Monitors have been notified of the occurrence of a Non Compliance with Asset Cover Test or of a Non Compliance with Amortisation Test (see section "Asset Monitoring"), and subject to receipt of the information to be provided to the Asset Monitors, the Asset Monitors shall conduct the tests of the Issuer Calculation Agent's calculations referred to above, as applicable, in respect of every Asset Cover Test Date or Amortisation Test Date, as applicable.

For the purposes of this section "The Asset Monitor Agreement and the Engagement Letter", "Calculation Monitoring Rating Trigger Event" means the event in which the Relevant Rated Obligations of BFCM become rated below BBB by S&P or BBB by Fitch or Baa2 by Moody's (or, after the date hereof, any other rating levels (i) as may be required by applicable laws and regulations or as per the most recently public available rating criteria methodology reports published by the Rating Agencies and (ii) commensurate with the then current ratings of the Covered Bonds).

If the tests conducted by the Asset Monitors in accordance the provisions above, reveal arithmetic errors in the relevant calculations performed by the Issuer Calculation Agent such that:

- the Asset Cover Test had been failed on the relevant Asset Cover Test Date (where the Issuer Calculation Agent had recorded it as being satisfied); or
- the Amortisation Test had been failed on the relevant Amortisation Test Date (where the Issuer Calculation Agent had recorded it as being satisfied);

and subject to receipt of the information to be provided to the Asset Monitors, for a period of six (6) months thereafter, the Asset Monitors shall conduct the tests of the Issuer Calculation Agent's calculations referred to above, in respect of every Asset Cover Test Date or each Amortisation Test Date, as applicable, occurring during such six (6)-month period.

The Asset Monitors shall notify the Issuer, in writing, of the relevant calculations performed by the Issuer Calculation Agent and of the results of its tests of the accuracy of the Issuer Calculation Agent's calculations. If the calculations performed by the Administrator have not been performed correctly, the Asset Monitors will report the correct calculation of the Asset Cover Test or Amortisation Test, as applicable. The Issuer shall

transfer any notifications and reports received from the Asset Monitors to the parties to the Asset Monitor Agreement (with copy to the Rating Agencies), promptly upon receipt of such notifications and reports.

The Asset Monitors are entitled, in the absence of manifest error, to assume that all information provided to the Asset Monitors is true and correct and is complete and not misleading and are not required to conduct an audit or other similar examination in respect of or otherwise take steps to verify the accuracy or completeness of such information.

#### **Termination**

The Issuer may at any time terminate the appointment of the Asset Monitors hereunder upon providing the Asset Monitors with sixty (60) days' prior written notice, provided that such termination may not be effected unless and until a replacement has been found by the Issuer which agrees to perform the duties (or substantially similar duties) of the Asset Monitors set out in the Asset Monitor Agreement.

Each Asset Monitor may, at any time, resign from its appointment under the Engagement Letter upon providing the Issuer with sixty (60) days' prior written notice. If a replacement asset monitor has not been found by the Issuer within sixty (60) days of notice of resignation by the relevant Asset Monitor, such Asset Monitor shall immediately use its best endeavours to appoint a replacement which agrees to perform the duties (or substantially similar duties) of such Asset Monitor set out in the Asset Monitor Agreement.

#### Fees

Under the terms of the Asset Monitor Agreement, the Issuer will pay to the Asset Monitors a fee for the tests to be performed by the Asset Monitors.

# Limited Recourse - Non Petition

The Asset Monitor Agreement includes Limited Recourse and Non petition provisions, as described in section" *Issuer's Activities – Limited Recourse*" and section "*Issuer's Activities – Non-Petition*". The Engagement Letter also refers to such Limited Recourse and Non petition provisions.

#### Amendment

Except as further described under the Asset Monitor Agreement, any material amendment to the Asset Monitor Agreement and/or to the Engagement Letter is subject to the Rating Affirmation.

# Governing Law - Jurisdiction

The Asset Monitor Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, French law. Each party to the Asset Monitor Agreement and the Asset Monitors irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the French courts in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to the Asset Monitor Agreement and/or to the Engagement Letter, and hereby irrevocably agrees that all claims in respect of such action or proceeding may be heard and determined by such courts.

# **CASH FLOW**

# Cash management

Pursuant to the Administrative Agreement, the Administrator will assist the Issuer in operating its bank accounts, the management and investment of its available cash in Permitted Investments in accordance with the relevant Permitted Investments rules, and any other matters in relation to the management of its bank accounts and funds so as to ensure that the Issuer will at all times comply with the provisions of the Programme Documents.

Pursuant to the Administrative Agreement and, subject to and, in accordance with the Terms and Conditions, the Administrator will invest any cash standing from time to time to the credit of the Issuer Cash Accounts pending application in accordance with the priority payment order then applicable in accordance with section "Cash Flow" (see section "Cash Flow – Priority Payment Orders"), in instruments which qualify as Permitted Investments (as defined in section "The Issuer – The Administrative Agreement").

## **Issuer Accounts**

Available Funds of the Issuer will be from time to time credited and debited by the Administrator on behalf of the Issuer into the Issuer Cash Accounts opened in the books of the Issuer Accounts Bank (see section "The Issuer - The Issuer Accounts Agreement" for a further description of the Issuer Accounts).

For the purposes hereof:

#### "Available Funds" means:

- (a) in the absence of service of a Borrower Enforcement Notice (and whether an Issuer Enforcement Notice has been served to the Fiscal Agent and the Issuer or not):
  - (i) payment proceeds from the Borrower under the Borrower Facility;
  - (ii) cash from Permitted Investments and/or Substitution Assets (if any) standing to the credit of the Issuer General Account; and
  - (iii) payment proceeds from the hedging agreement(s) (if any).
- (b) following the service of a Borrower Enforcement Notice and enforcement of the Collateral Security (and whether an Issuer Enforcement Notice has been served to the Fiscal Agent and the Issuer or not):
  - payment proceeds, whether in interest, principal or otherwise, received by the Issuer following service of a notice to any or all debtors under the Home Loans mentioning the new payment instructions to be observed by the same with respect to the payment of sums due under the Home Loans and/or the related Asset Contractual Documentation and standing to the credit of the Issuer General Account:
  - (ii) insurance proceeds and other proceeds (other than that proceeds mentioned in (i) above) received entities by the Issuer under the Home Loans and standing to the credit of the Issuer General Account:
  - (iii) payment proceeds, whether in interest, principal or otherwise, received by the Issuer from the debtors under the Substitution Assets and standing to the credit of the Issuer General Account;
  - (iv) proceeds from disposal of, transfer, sale or refinancing (by way of securitisation or otherwise) of the Home Loans and standing to the credit of the Issuer General Account;
  - (v) proceeds from the enforcement of any Home Loan Security (if any) and standing to the credit of the Issuer General Account;
  - (vi) cash from Permitted Investments (if any) standing to the credit of the Issuer General Account;
  - (vii) cash standing to the credit of the Cash Collateral Account;
  - (viii) payment proceeds from the hedging agreement(s) (if any); and
  - (ix) cash standing to the credit of the Share Capital Proceeds Account.

# **Priority Payment Orders**

Pre-Enforcement Priority Payment Order

In the absence of service of a Borrower Enforcement Notice and in the absence of service of an Issuer Enforcement Notice, on any Payment Date and (as applicable) Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date) of each relevant Series of Covered

Bonds, the Administrator (on behalf of the Issuer) will give the appropriate instructions to the Issuer Accounts Bank to debit the relevant Issuer Cash Accounts and (as the case may be) the relevant Issuer Securities Accounts (other than the Issuer General Account) from the cash that shall constitute the Available Funds of the Issuer on such date and shall credit the same into the Issuer General Account. The Administrator (on behalf of the Issuer) shall then give the appropriate instructions on such date to the Issuer Accounts Bank and the Paying Agent to apply the Available Funds of the Issuer to the following payments owed by the Issuer on such date, in the following Pre-Enforcement Priority Payment Order:

- (i) **first**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all amounts (including in particular but without limitation any termination costs) then due and payable by the Issuer, if any, as the case may be, after any applicable netting, under article L.513-10 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) under the Issuer Hedging Agreements (if any), (other than the Issuer Hedging Subordinated Termination Costs, as defined below (together, the "**Issuer Hedging Costs**"));
- (ii) **secondly**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all Interest Amounts then due and payable by the Issuer under the relevant Series of Covered Bonds;
- (iii) **thirdly**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all principal amounts then due and payable by the Issuer under the relevant Series of Covered Bonds;
- (iv) **fourthly**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer, if any, in respect of any payments to be made by the Issuer following an early termination of the Issuer Hedging Agreements (if any) as a result of an event of default under the same in respect of which the relevant hedge counterparty of the Issuer is the defaulting party or following a termination event of the same in respect of which the hedge counterparty of the Issuer is the affected party (together, the "Issuer Hedging Subordinated Termination Costs");
- (v) **fifthly**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of the amounts then due and payable by the Issuer to (a) the Administrator under the Administrative Agreement, if any, and (b) the servicer under any servicing agreement pursuant to which the servicing of the Collateral Security Assets would be carried out in accordance with article L.513-15 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), as the case may be and to the extent such amounts benefit from the *Privilège* referred to in article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*);
- (vi) **sixthly**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer, if any, under the Borrower Hedging Agreements (if any) (including termination costs)(the "Borrower Hedging Costs");
- seventhly, only after and subject to the payment of any due and payable amounts due to the Issuer's creditors under item (i) to item (vi) hereabove (the "Privileged Creditors"), and, as applicable, in accordance with any statutory or preference right they may benefit from the then applicable general law, in or towards payment or discharge of (a) the Issuer's liability, if any, to taxation, (b) any costs, expenses, fees, remuneration and indemnity payments (if any) and any other amounts payable by the Issuer to any relevant entity in connection with the holding of any meeting of holders of Covered Bonds, to any stock exchange and other listing entities where the Covered Bonds are admitted to trading, any clearing systems entities where the Covered Bonds are cleared, BFCM (with respect to any insurance premium, regulatory, professional and legal fees, costs and other expenses paid by BFCM on behalf of the Issuer and to be repaid by the Issuer to BFCM subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Convention d'Externalisation et de Mise à Disposition de Moyens), the Administrator, the Issuer Calculation Agent, the Asset Monitors, the Issuer Accounts Bank, the Paying Agents, the Australian Registrar, the German Registrar, the Dealers, the dealers appointed by the Issuer under the U.S. Programme, the Issuer's Auditors, the Representatives and the Rating Agencies in respect of the monitoring fees (together, the "Administrative and Tax Costs"), (c) any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer to the Cash Collateral Provider under the Cash Collateral Agreement and (d) any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer with respect to any other resources raised by the Issuer, if any, in accordance with article L.513-30 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier) and which do not benefit from the Privilège;
- (viii) **eighthly**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer with respect to (a) any dividend to be then distributed to the Issuer's shareholders, and (b) interest, principal and other payments then due and payable under the Subordinated Loans.

Controlled Post-Enforcement Priority Payment Order

In the event of service of a Borrower Enforcement Notice and thereafter unless and until no Issuer Enforcement Notice has been served, on any Payment Date and (as applicable) Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date) of each relevant Series of Covered Bonds, the Administrator (on behalf of the Issuer) will give the appropriate instructions to the Issuer Accounts Bank to debit the relevant Issuer Cash Accounts (and as the case may be) the relevant Issuer Securities Accounts (other than the Issuer General Account) from the cash that shall constitute the Available Funds of the Issuer on such date and shall credit the same into the Issuer General Account. The Administrator (on behalf of the Issuer) shall then give the appropriate instructions on such date to the Issuer Accounts Bank and the Paying Agent to apply the Available Funds of the Issuer to the following payments owed by the Issuer on such date, in the following Controlled Post-Enforcement Priority Payment Order:

- (i) **first**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all Issuer Hedging Costs then due and payable by the Issuer;
- (ii) **secondly**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all Interest Amounts then due and payable by the Issuer under the relevant Series of Covered Bonds;
- (iii) **thirdly**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all principal amounts then due and payable by the Issuer under the relevant Series of Covered Bonds;
- (iv) **fourthly**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of the amounts then due and payable by the Issuer to (a) the Administrator under the Administrative Agreement, if any, and (b) the servicer under any servicing agreement pursuant to which the servicing of the Collateral Security Assets would be carried out in accordance with article L.513-15 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), as the case may be and to the extent such amounts benefit from the *Privilège* referred to in article L.513-11 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*);
- (v) **fifthly**, only after and subject to the full repayment of any outstanding Covered Bonds, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all Issuer Hedging Subordinated Termination Costs then due and payable by the Issuer (if any); and
- (vi) **sixthly**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all Borrower Hedging Costs then due and payable by the Issuer, if any;
- (vii) **sevently**, (a) only after and subject to the full repayment of any outstanding Covered Bonds, and, as applicable, in accordance with any statutory or preference right they may benefit from the then applicable general law, in or towards payment or discharge of (a) any and all Administrative and Tax Costs then due and payable by the Issuer and (b) any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer with respect to any other resources raised by the Issuer, if any, in accordance with article L.513-30 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) and which do not benefit from the *Privilège*;
- (viii) **eighthly**, (a) only after and subject to the full repayment of any outstanding Covered Bonds, in or towards payment *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer with respect to any and all enforcement proceeds surplus amounts remaining after enforcement of the Collateral Security subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement and any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer to the Cash Collateral Provider under the Cash Collateral Agreement, (b) only after and subject to the full repayment of any outstanding Covered Bonds and sums referred to in (a) above, in or towards payment *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer to any third parties (with respect to any dividend already voted and to be then distributed to the Issuer's shareholders, and interest, principal and other payments then due and payable under the Subordinated Loans).

# Accelerated Post-Enforcement Priority Payment Order

In the event of service by the relevant Administrator of an Issuer Enforcement Notice and thereafter (whether a Borrower Enforcement Notice shall have been served to the Borrower by the Administrator or not), the Administrator (on behalf of the Issuer) will promptly and no later than three (3) Business Days after receipt by the Issuer of such Issuer Enforcement Notice give the appropriate instructions to the Issuer Accounts Bank to debit all the Issuer Accounts (other than the Issuer General Account) from the cash that shall constitute the Available Funds of the Issuer on such date and shall credit the same into the Issuer General Account. The Administrator (on behalf of the Issuer) shall then give the appropriate instructions on such date to the Issuer Accounts Bank and the Paying Agent to apply the Available Funds of the Issuer to the following payments owed by the Issuer on such date, in the following Accelerated Post-Enforcement Priority Payment Order:

- (i) **first**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of (a) any and all Issuer Hedging Costs then due and payable by the Issuer and remaining unpaid at such date, (b) any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer under the relevant Series of Covered Bonds, *it being provided that* in case of insufficient available funds to pay all the sums then due under the Covered Bonds, with respect to amounts due under a Series of Covered Bonds, if an amount of interests is due on the same day of an amount of principal under the same series of Covered Bonds, the payment is made first on the interests amounts due and (c) any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer to (x) the Administrator under the Administrative Agreement, if any, and/or (y) the servicer under any servicing agreement pursuant to which the servicing of the Collateral Security Assets would be carried out in accordance with article L.513-15 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), as the case may be;
- (ii) **secondly**, after and subject to the full repayment of any and all sums referred to in (i) above, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu*, *pro rata* and in full of any and all Issuer Hedging Subordinated Termination Costs then due and payable by the Issuer and remaining unpaid at such date;
- (iii) **thirdly**, in or towards payment or discharge *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all Borrower Hedging Costs then due and payable by the Issuer, if any;
- (iv) **fourthly**, after and subject to the full repayment of any and all sums referred to in (i) and (ii) above, and, as applicable, in accordance with any statutory or preference right they may benefit from the then applicable general law, in or towards payment or discharge of (a) any and all Administrative and Tax Costs then due and payable by the Issuer and (b) any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer with respect to any other resources raised by the Issuer, if any, in accordance with article L.513-30 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) and which do not benefit from the *Privilège*;
- (v) **fifthly**, (a) after and subject to the full repayment of any and all sums referred to in (i) to (iii) above, as applicable, in or towards payment *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer with respect to any and all enforcement proceeds surplus amounts remaining after enforcement of the Collateral Security subject to, and in accordance with, the relevant terms of the Collateral Security Agreement; and (b) after and subject to the full repayment of any and all sums referred to in (i) to (iii) above and any sums referred to in (a) above, in or towards payment *pari passu* and *pro rata* of any and all amounts then due and payable by the Issuer to any third parties (with respect to any dividend already voted and to be then distributed to the Issuer's shareholders, and interest, principal and other payments then due and payable under the Subordinated Loans).

# ORIGINATION OF THE HOME LOANS

# **Procedure for the granting of Home Loans**

The Caisses de Crédit Mutuel and the CIC entities offer a full range of housing loans in order to meet the financing needs of their clients. Almost all of these loans are granted by Caisses de Crédit Mutuel or CIC entities.

## The loan application

The loan application provides all the required information regarding the borrower and the loan. The IT system supports and controls the process of loan origination, the assessment of risks and the financing proposal. The IT system is common to all of the entities of the group.

The analysis of the loan application

The analysis of a loan application entails looking at the following:

- the "risk group", which is the set of parties who have inter-related economic interests (e.g. a family group or an individual and a business for which he has some liability);
- any other use of credit by the borrower.

A bespoke credit approval program automatically collects all available information (income, outstanding loans, expenses, behaviour of the current account) and assigns a credit rating (from A+ to F). This credit rating is used to assess the credit risk of the relevant borrower or risk group and to assign an approval limit to the client relationship managers.

The analysis of the asset to be financed is made on the basis of the information contained in the loan application.

# Financing plan

Depending on the borrower and the description of the financed assets, the credit approval program proposes a suitable financing plan, taking into account all regulatory aspects, the client's requests (maximum monthly payments, maximum duration) as well as aspects relating to the financial costs.

No approval of the loan financing is possible without the credit risk of the borrower having been assessed and approved. Such approval is made within the approval limit of the client relationship manager.

# The approval limits

The approval limit of each Caisse de Crédit Mutuel is determined, with regard to the commitment it may undertake, on the basis of an approval or delegation of the relevant Fédération de Crédit Mutuel or relevant CIC entity.

For each Caisse de Crédit Mutuel or CIC branch, the approval limit of such entity is based on:

- criteria relating to financings granted by such Caisse de Crédit Mutuel or CIC branch (outstanding financings under the structure, changes in information relating to credit risks including bad debt risks and litigation risks, overrun accounts, sensitive risks and deteriorated outstanding principal);
- criteria relating to the quality of credit applications recently processed by such Caisse de Crédit
  Mutuel or CIC branch (including the number of applications submitted for approval and the
  percentage of approvals obtained);
- the typology, the rating by Internal Audit, the organisation and the environment of each Caisse de Crédit Mutuel or CIC branch; and
- for the Caisse de Crédit Mutuel, the financial criteria of that Caisse de Crédit Mutuel (equity, gross operating results, net cash flow less dividends margin, recourse or non recourse to a solidarity fund).

# The commitment reference document

A commitment reference document has been created within the CM-CIC group. This commitment reference document describes the procedures to be followed by each relevant entity. It is currently being extended to all of the CM-CIC entities, in order to ensure the consistent and controlled growth of the credit activities of the CM-CIC group.

The commitment reference document is regularly updated on the basis of regulatory or statutory changes. In particular, in order to meet the constraints of the Basel II reform, the CM-CIC group has implemented an internal rating system in order to derive an internal credit rating scale. The credit rating scale is used in a number of

operational processes and programs (the credit decision, payments, sensitive risks, collection, control, etc). In particular, the credit rating scale will be used to weight the approval limits and the related delegations to grant loans.

# Decision process

The statutory and/or regulatory provisions specific to each Fédération de Crédit Mutuel detail the terms and conditions applicable to the setting of the approval limits of the relevant Caisse de Crédit Mutuel. The criteria for assigning these levels are the same for all of the Fédérations de Crédit Mutuel. Equivalent rules are implemented within the CIC entities.

The delegations for credit decisions are granted:

- to the directors of the relevant Caisse de Crédit Mutuel or CIC branch; or
- to the client managers of the relevant Caisse de Crédit Mutuel or CIC branch,

depending on the internal organisation of the Caisse de Crédit Mutuel (including the rules relating to the Fédération de Crédit Mutuel) or of the relevant CIC entity.

The approval limits of the Caisses de Crédit Mutuel and of the CIC branches and the delegations to their staff are weighted depending on the internal credit rating of the relevant borrower.

For the Caisses de Crédit Mutuel only, decisions relating to commitments are under the responsibility of the each Caisse de Crédit Mutuel, within their approval limits as weighted by the credit risk score of the borrower. Approval or agreement of the relevant Fédération de Crédit Mutuel is required with respect to credits granted to private individuals and/or professionals in the event that the consolidated authorizations of the borrower or of its risk group exceed the global approval limit of the relevant Caisse de Crédit Mutuel as weighted by the credit risk score of the borrower.

# **Servicing of Home Loans**

The servicing of Home Loans is based on specific triggers and automated processes which occur at different stages and which, depending on the level of trigger, will subject the relevant Home Loan to commercial recovery and/or amicable recovery and/or, as the case may be, recovery through legal action.

# Commercial recovery

With respect to the accounts of its clients (current accounts, loans...), each Caisse de Crédit Mutuel or CIC branch is responsible for dealing with irregular situations as soon as they are detected. Each director of a Caisse de Crédit Mutuel or CIC branch is responsible for the procedures followed to rectify such irregular situations and delegates, as appropriate, all or part of these procedures to his employees.

The management of the debtor accounts is carried out in accordance with the level of credit risk and of urgency. A review is carried out, at least daily with respect to sensitive accounts, weekly with respect to the processing of outstanding payments on loans and periodically with respect to any other situation.

Finally, the decisions made in the context of the management of irregular situations shall respect the internal and external rules in force and in particular those relating to the storage of information, the authority levels of the staff concerned and the regulatory constraints.

### Amicable recovery

The management system for recovering unpaid receivables due by an individual is based on:

- objective criteria relating to the irregularity on the account, the overdue amount and the internal credit rating;
- automated triggers and processing.

If, after a fixed period of time following the first occurrence of an overdue payment or an overrun on an account, the defaulted client has not rectified the situation, the management of all of his accounts is promptly transferred from the usual client manager to a recovery manager. This latter, situated in a Caisse de Crédit Mutuel, a CIC branch or on a collection platform, is responsible for the prompt recovery of the sums outstanding or unpaid, and at the lowest possible cost, while maintaining both the commercial relationship with the client and the image of CM-CIC group.

In the event of failure of the amicable recovery phase (and with the exception of files transferred directly by the CMRC function to external service providers), the relevant Caisse de Crédit Mutuel or CIC branch undertakes to enter promptly into a procedure for recovery by way of legal action.

# Processing by the CMRC function

Individual person's accounts which satisfy the predefined criteria are, after validation, automatically transferred to the Crédit Mutuel Client Recovery function (*Crédit Mutuel Recouvrement Clientèle* or CMRC). This function is responsible for the amicable recovery of these accounts. The intervention of CMRC is intended to improve the quality and the efficiency of the management of the client account, through the transfer of the account to a recovery specialist.

Processing by a Caisse de Crédit Mutuel or by a CIC branch

When there is no available function specifically dedicated to amicable recovery with respect to individuals, amicable recovery is kept at the level of the relevant Caisse de Crédit Mutuel or CIC branch. Whenever such function is available, amicable recovery may be kept at the level of the Caisse de Crédit Mutuel or CIC branch benefiting from the necessary internal skills and organisation for the processing of risks in an efficient manner, in agreement with the relevant originating department.

Recovery through legal action

The recovery must involve legal action when:

- amicable recovery has failed;
- key deadlines for any legal process are reached;
- the debtors and guarantors have left without leaving an address and do not respond to communication;
- proceedings have been undertaken by another creditor (seizure of real estate, forced sale (cession forcée), etc.):
- safeguard proceedings, bankruptcy proceedings or liquidation proceedings have been initiated.

This list is not comprehensive and other events may cause the relevant lender to initiate legal action. At this stage, the main objective is to obtain the repayment of the home loan receivables, in particular through legal proceedings. The preservation of the client relationship is no longer a priority for the relevant lender.

# FORM OF FINAL TERMS

(This form of Final Terms will only apply to the French Law Covered Bonds. The form of final terms applicable to the Australian Law Covered Bonds is included in the Deed Poll. The form of final terms applicable to the German Law Covered Bonds is included in the Agency Agreement.)

Final Terms dated [●]



# Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of French Law Covered Bonds] (the "Covered Bonds")

under the &30,000,000,000 International Covered Bond Programme for the issue of *obligations de financement de l'habitat* and other covered bonds

Series No.: [ ● ] Tranche No.: [ ● ]

Issue Price: [●] per cent.

[Name(s) of Dealer(s)]

#### PART A - CONTRACTUAL TERMS

[The following language applies only with respect to Covered Bonds with a specified denomination of less than  $\in 100,000$  and where a Non-exempt Offer is contemplated.]

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

- (i) in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or the Dealer[s] to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer; or
- (ii) in the Public Offer Jurisdictions (as defined below), provided such person is an Authorised Offeror (as defined below) and that such offer is made during the Offer Period (as defined below).

With respect to any subsequent resale or final placement of Covered Bonds as provided in sub-paragraph (ii) above, the Issuer consents to the use of the Prospectus and accepts responsibility for the content of the Prospectus. Neither the Issuer nor the Dealer[s] has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Covered Bonds in any other circumstances.]

[The following language applies only where an offer, other than a Non-exempt Offer of Covered Bonds, is contemplated.]

[The Base Prospectus referred to below (as completed by these Final Terms, together the "**Prospectus**") has been prepared on the basis that any offer of Covered Bonds in any member state of the European Economic Area (each a "**Member State**") will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive (as defined below), as implemented in that Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of Covered Bonds. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer of Covered Bonds in that Relevant Member State may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or the Dealer[s] 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 the Dealer[s] has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Covered Bonds in any other circumstances.]

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the terms and conditions (the "**Terms and Conditions**") set forth in the base prospectus dated 24 July 2015 which received visa no. 15-406 from the Autorité des marchés financiers (the "**AMF**") on 24 July 2015[, as supplemented by the supplement dated [●] which received visa no. [●] from the AMF on [●]] ([together,] the "**Base Prospectus**") which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003, as amended (the "**Prospectus Directive**").

This document constitutes the final terms (the "**Final Terms**") relating to the Covered Bonds described herein for the purposes of article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with such Base Prospectus. Full information on the Issuer and the Covered Bonds is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. [An issue specific summary is however attached to these Final Terms.]¹ The Base Prospectus and these Final Terms are available for viewing on the websites of the AMF (www.amf-france.org) and of the Issuer (www.creditmutuelcic-sfh.com) and during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer and at the specified office of the Paying Agent(s) where copies may be obtained. [In addition², the Base Prospectus and these Final Terms are available for viewing [on/at] [ ● ].]

The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under a base prospectus with an earlier date.

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the terms and conditions (the "[2008/2009/2010/2011/2012/2013/2014] Conditions") incorporated by reference in the base prospectus dated 24 July 2015 which received visa no. 15-406 from the Autorité des marchés financiers (the "AMF") on 24 July 2015[, as supplemented by the supplement dated  $[\bullet]$  which received visa no.  $[\bullet]$  from the AMF on  $[\bullet]$  ([together,] the "Base Prospectus") which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of

Only applicable when an offer to the public is contemplated.

If the Covered Bonds are listed on a Regulated Market other than Euronext Paris.

Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003, as amended (the "**Prospectus Directive**").

This document constitutes the final terms (the "**Final Terms**") relating to the Covered Bonds described herein for the purposes of article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus, save in respect of section "*Terms and Conditions of the French Law Covered Bonds*" which is replaced by the [2008/2009/2010/2011/2012/2013/2014] Conditions. Full information on the Issuer and the Covered Bonds is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus, save in respect of section "*Terms and Conditions of the French Law Covered Bonds*" which is replaced by the [2008/2009/2010/2011/2012/2013/2014] Conditions. The Base Prospectus and these Final Terms are available for viewing on the website of the AMF (www.amf-france.org) and on the website of the Issuer (www.creditmutuelcic-sfh.com) and during normal business hours at the registered office of the Issuer and at the specified office of the Paying Agent(s) where copies may be obtained. [In addition³, the Base Prospectus and these Final Terms are available for viewing [on/at] [ • ].]

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable" (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if "Not Applicable" is indicated for individual paragraphs or sub-paragraphs. Italics denote guidance for completing the Final Terms.]

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If the Covered Bonds are listed on a Regulated Market other than Euronext Paris.

1.	(i)	Series Number:	[●]
	(ii)	Tranche Number:	[•]
	(iii)	Date on which Covered Bonds become fungible:	[Not Applicable/The Covered Bonds will be assimilated (assimilées) and form a single series with the (insert descrition of the relevant Series) (the "Existing Covered Bonds") on [●] (the "Exchange Date") as from the date of assimilation which is expected to be on or about forty (40) calendar days after the Issue Date.]
2.	Specif	ied Currency:	[•]
3.	Aggre	gate Nominal Amount of Covered Bonds:	(Insert amount or, in the case of a public offer, manner in which and date and time on which such amount is to be made public)
	(i) S	eries:	[•]
	(ii) T	ranche:	[•]
4.	Issue 1	Price:	[•] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount of the Tranche [plus an amount corresponding to accrued interest of [•] per cent. of such Aggregate Nominal Amount for the period from, and including, the Interest Commencement Date to, but excluding, the Issue Date (if applicable)]
5.	Specif	ied Denomination(s):	[●] (one (1) denomination only for Dematerialised Covered Bonds) <sup>4</sup>
			(The rules and procedures of the relevant Regulated Market and clearing system(s) shall be taken into account when choosing a Specified Denomination)
6.	(i)	Issue Date:	[•]
	(ii)	<b>Interest Commencement Date:</b>	[[●] (Specify) / Issue Date/Not Applicable]
7.	Final 1	Maturity Date:	[•] (Specify date or (for Floating Rate Covered Bonds) Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to the relevant month and year)
8.	Extend	ded Final Maturity Date:	[[●] (if applicable, specify date or (for Floating Rate Covered Bonds) Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to the relevant month and year)/Not Applicable]
9.	Intere	st Basis:	[[ ● ] per cent. Fixed Rate] [[EURIBOR, LIBOR or other] +/- [ ● ] per cent. Floating Rate] [Fixed/Floating Rate]

[Zero Coupon Covered Bonds]

Covered Bonds denominated in Sterling in respect of which the issue proceeds are to be accepted by the Issuer in the United Kingdom or whose issue otherwise constitute a contravention of section 19 of the FSMA and having a maturity of less than one year must have a minimum denomination of Sterling 100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency).

(further particulars specified below)

10. Redemption/Payment Basis:

[Subject to any purchase and cancellation or early redemption, the Covered Bonds will be redeemed on the Final Maturity Date [or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet French Law Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date] at [[100]/[●]] per cent. per

Specified Denomination]

[Instalment]

(further particulars specified below)

11. Change of Interest Basis:

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

[(further particulars specified in item 16 below

(Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds)]

12. Put/Call Options:

[Bondholder Put]

[Issuer Call]

(further particulars specified below)

[Not Applicable]

13. Date of corporate authorisations:

Decision of the Board of Directors (*Conseil d'administration*) of the Issuer dated  $[\bullet]$  authorising the issue of covered bonds and authorising, *inter alios*, its  $[\bullet]$  to sign and execute all documents in relation to the issue of Covered Bonds, and decision of the Board of Directors (*Conseil d'administration*) of the Issuer dated  $[\bullet]$  authorising the quarterly programme of borrowings which benefit from the *Privilège* up to and including Euro  $[\bullet]$  billion for the  $[\bullet]$  quarter of  $20[\bullet]$ .

# PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

14. Fixed Rate Covered Bond Provisions:

[Applicable/Applicable before the Switch Date/Applicable after the Switch Date/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)

(i) Rate(s) of Interest:

[•] per cent. *per annum* [payable [annually / semi-annually / quarterly / monthly / other (*specify*)] in arrear]

(ii) Interest Payment Date(s):

[•] in each year up to and including the Final Maturity Date [or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet French Law Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date]

(also specify the Interest Payment Dates if item 8 above (Extended Final Maturity Date) is applicable)

(This may need to be amended in the case of long or short coupon)

(iii) Fixed Coupon Amount(s):

[ ● ] per [[ ● ] in] Specified Denomination

(iv) Broken Amount(s):

[[Not Applicable]/ [•]] (insert particulars of any initial or final broken interest amounts which do not correspond with the Fixed Coupon Amount(s))

(v) Day Count Fraction:

[Actual/365 Actual/365-FBF Actual/Actual-ISDA Actual/Actual-ICMA Actual/Actual-FBF Actual/365 (Fixed)

Actual/360 30/360 360/360 Bond Basis 30/360-FBF Actual 30A/3

Actual 30A/360 (American Bond Basis)

30E/360 Eurobond Basis 30E/360-FBF RBA Bond Basis]

(vi) Determination Dates:

[ • ] in each year

(insert regular Interest Payment Dates, ignoring Issue Date or Final Maturity Date (or, as the case may be, with respect to Soft Bullet French Law Covered Bonds, the Extended Final Maturity Date) in the case of a long or short first or last coupon. N.B. only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA))

15. Floating Rate Covered Bond Provisions:

[Applicable/Applicable before the Switch Date/Applicable after the Switch Date/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)

(i) Interest Period(s):

[•]

(ii) Specified Interest Payment Dates:

[•] (subject to adjustment in accordance with the Business Day Convention set out in (v) below)

(also specify the Specified Interest Payment Dates if item 8 above (Extended Final Maturity Date) is applicable)

(iii) First Interest Payment Date:

[•]

(iv) Interest Period Dates:

[[●] / [Interest Payment Date / Other (specify)]]

(v) Business Day Convention:

[Floating Rate Business Day Convention/ Following Business Day Convention/ Modified Following Business Day Convention/ Preceding Business Day Convention]

(Insert "unadjusted" if the application of the relevant business day convention is not intended to affect the Interest Amount)

(vi) Business Centre(s):

[ullet]

(vii) Manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined:

[Screen Rate Determination/FBF Determination/ISDA Determination]

(viii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and/or Interest Amount(s) (if not the Calculation Agent):

[[ ● ] (specify)/Not Applicable]

(ix) Screen Rate Determination:

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

Benchmark:

[•]

(specify Benchmark [EURIBOR, LIBOR or other] and months [e.g. EURIBOR 3 months]) (additional information if necessary)

(If the Rate of Interest is determined by linear interpolation in respect of the first and/or last long or short interest period, insert the relevant interest period(s) and the relevant two rates used for such dertermination)

• Relevant Rate:

[•]

• Relevant Time:

[•]

• Interest Determination Date(s):

[•]

• Primary Source:

[Page/Reference Banks]

• Page (if Primary Source for Floating Rate is "Page")

[ ● ] (specify relevant screen page)

• Reference Banks (if Primary Source for Floating Rate is "Reference Banks"):

[ ● ] (*Specify four*)

• Relevant Financial Centre:

[Paris/London/Euro-zone/[ullet] (specify the financial centre most closely connected to the Benchmark)]

• Representative Amount:

(Specify if screen or Reference Bank quotations are to be given in respect of a transaction of a specified notional amount)

• Effective Date:

(Specify if quotations are not to be obtained with effect from commencement of Interest Accrual Period)

Specified Duration:

(Specify period for quotation if not duration of Interest

Accrual Period)

(x) FBF Determination:

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

• Floating Rate (*Taux Variable*):

[•]

(specify Benchmark [EURIBOR, LIBOR or other] and months [e.g. EURIBOR 3 months]) (additional information if necessary)

(If the Rate of Interest is determined by linear interpolation in respect of the first and/or last long or short interest period, insert the relevant interest period(s) and the relevant two rates used for such dertermination)

• Floating Rate Determination Date (Date de Détermination du Taux Variable):

[•]

(xi) ISDA Determination:

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

• Floating Rate Option:

[•]

(specify Benchmark [EURIBOR, LIBOR or other] and months [e.g. EURIBOR 3 months]) (additional information if necessary)

(If the Rate of Interest is determined by linear

interpolation in respect of the first and/or last long or short interest period, insert the relevant interest period(s) and the relevant two rates used for such determination)

Rate Multiplier: [Not Applicable/[●]] (xiii) Minimum Rate of Interest: (xiv) [Not Applicable/[ ● ] per cent. *per annum*] (xv) Maximum Rate of Interest: [Not Applicable/[ ● ] per cent. *per annum*] (xvi) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/365 Actual/365-FBF Actual/Actual-ISDA Actual/Actual-ICMA Actual/Actual-FBF Actual/365 (Fixed) Actual/360 30/360 360/360 **Bond Basis** 30/360-FBF Actual 30A/360 (American Bond Basis) 30E/360 **Eurobond Basis** 30E/360-FBF RBA Bond Basis] **Fixed/Floating Rate Covered Bonds Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph) (i) Issuer Change of Interest Basis: [Applicable/Not Applicable] Automatic Change of Interest Basis: (ii) [Applicable/Not Applicable] Determined in accordance with [Condition 7(b) as further (iii) Rate applicable before the Switch Date: described in line item 14 above / Condition 7(c) as further described in line item 15 above] (iv) Rate applicable after the Switch Date: Determined in accordance with [Condition 7(b) as further described in line item 14 above / Condition 7(c) as further described in line item 15 above] (v) Switch Date: [ullet]Minimum notice period required for (vi) [[•] Business Days prior to the Switch Date / Not notice from the Issuer: Applicable] (in the case of Automatic Change of Interest Basis)

 $[ lackbox{ } lackbox{ } ]$ 

[•]

[+/-] [ ● ] per cent. *per annum* 

Designated Maturity:

Reset Date:

Margin(s):

(xii)

16.

# 17. Zero Coupon Covered Bond Provisions

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)

(i) Amortisation Yield:

[ • ] per cent. per annum

(ii) Day Count Fraction:

[Actual/365 Actual/365-FBF Actual/Actual-ISDA Actual/Actual-ICMA Actual/Actual-FBF Actual/365 (Fixed) Actual/360

30/360 360/360 Bond Basis 30/360-FBF

Actual 30A/360 (American Bond Basis)

30E/360 Eurobond Basis 30E/360-FBF RBA Bond Basis]

# PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

18. Call Option:

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)

(i) Optional Redemption Date(s):

[•]

(ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Covered Bond:

[ ● ] per [[ ● ] in] Specified Denomination

(iii) If redeemable in part:

(a) Minimum Redemption Amount:

[[ullet]] per [[ullet]] in Specified Denomination/Not Applicable

(b) Maximum Redemption Amount:

[[●] per [[●] in] Specified Denomination/Not Applicable]

(iv) Option Exercise Date(s):

[•]

(v) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Terms and Conditions):

[Not Applicable/Other (specify)]

(If setting notice periods which are different to those provided for in the Terms and Conditions, consider the practicalities of distribution of information throughout intermediaries, for instance clearing systems, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example as between the Issuer and the Fiscal Agent.)

19. Put Option:

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs

of this	paragra	ph)

[ • ]

(i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [●]

(ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Covered Bond:

[ ● ] per [[ ● ] in] Specified Denomination

(iii) Option Exercise Date(s):

(iv) Notice period (if other than as set out in the Terms and Conditions):

[Not Applicable/Other (specify)]

(If setting notice periods which are different to those provided for in the Terms and Conditions, consider the practicalities of distribution of information throughout intermediaries, for instance clearing systems, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example as between the Issuer and the Fiscal Agent.)

**20.** Final Redemption Amount of each Covered Bond:

[[●] per [[●]in] Specified Denomination

21. Redemption by Instalment:

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the following sub-paragraphs)

(i) Instalment Date(s):

[•]

(ii) Instalment Amount(s) in respect of each Covered Bond and, if necessary, method of calculating such amount(s):

[●] per Covered Bond of [●] in Specified Denomination

22. Early Redemption Amount:

Early Redemption Amount(s) of each Covered Bond payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default or other early redemption as set out inthe Terms and Conditions:

[●] per [[●] in] Specify Denomination

23. Purchases (Condition 8(h)):

The Covered Bonds purchased by the Issuer may be [held and resold / shall be cancelled] as set out in the Terms and Conditions

# GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE COVERED BONDS

24. Governing law:

French law

25. Form of Covered Bonds:

[Dematerialised Covered Bonds/ Materialised Covered Bonds] (Materialised Covered Bonds are only in bearer form)

(Delete as appropriate)

(i) Form of Dematerialised Covered Bonds:

[Not Applicable/bearer form (au porteur)/registered

form (au nominatif)]

(ii) Registration Agent:

[Not Applicable/Applicable (if applicable give name and address] (Note that a Registration Agent must be appointed in relation to fully registred Dematerialised

Covered Bonds only)

(iii) Temporary Global Certificate:

[Not Applicable/Temporary Global Certificate exchangeable for Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds on the Exchange Date, being forty (40) calendar days after the Issue Date subject to postponement as specified in the Temporary Global Certificate]

(iv) Option to request identification information of the Internatioal Bondholders (Condition 2(c)):

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

26. Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to payment dates for the purposes of Condition 9(g):

[Not Applicable/Give details. (Note that this paragraph relates to the date and place of payment, and not interest period end dates, to which sub-paragraph 14(v) relate)]

27. Talons for future Receipts or Coupons to be attached to Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds (and dates on which such Talons mature):

[Yes/No/Not Applicable. (If yes, give details)] (Only applicable to Materialised Covered Bonds)

28. *Masse*:

[Full Masse/Contractual Masse] (Note that Condition 13(a) shall apply in respect of any Tranche of Covered Bonds issued inside France and Condition 13(b) shall apply in respect of any Tranche of Covered Bonds issued outside France)

(i) Representative:

[As per Condition 13/[ ● ]]

(ii) Alternative representative:

[As per Condition 13/[ ● ]]

(iii) Remuneration of the Representative

[As per Condition 13/[ ● ] (*specify the amount*)]

# **GENERAL**

The aggregate principal amount of Covered Bonds issued has been translated into Euro at the rate of [●] per cent. producing a sum of:

[Not Applicable/[●] (only applicable for Covered Bonds not denominated in euro)]

# RESPONSIBILITY

I accept responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms.

[(Relevant third party information), has been extracted from (specify source). I confirm that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as I am aware, and am able to ascertain from information published by (specify source), no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Include if third party information is provided.

#### PART B - OTHER INFORMATION

# 1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

(i) Listing(s):

[Euronext Paris/other (specify)/None]

(ii) (a) Admission to trading:

[Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Covered Bonds to be admitted to trading on [Euronext Paris/other (specify)] with effect from [ $\bullet$ ].]/[Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Covered Bonds to be admitted to trading on [Euronext Paris/other (specify)] with effect from [ $\bullet$ ].]

[Not Applicable]

(Where documenting a fungible issue, need to indicate that Existing Covered Bonds are already admitted to trading.)

(b) Regulated Markets or equivalent markets on which, to the knowledge of the Issuer, securities of the same class of the Covered Bonds to be admitted to trading are already admitted to trading:

[ • ]

(Where documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original Covered Bonds are already admitted to trading)

(iii) Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading:

[•] [(including the AMF fees)]

# 2. RATINGS

Ratings:

[Not Applicable/The Covered Bonds to be issued [have been rated/are expected to be rated]:

S&P: [ ● ]

Moody's: [●]

Fitch: [●]

[Other]: [ ● ]]

[[●] / [Each of the above rating agencies] is established in the European Union, registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies, as amended (the "CRA Regulation") and included in the list of registered credit rating agencies published on the website of the European Securities and Markets Authority (www.esma.europa.eu) in accordance with the CRA Regulation.

[[•] (Include a brief explanation of the meaning of the ratings if this has been previously published by the rating provider)]<sup>6</sup>

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

(i) Reasons for the offer:

The net proceeds will be used to fund Borrower Advances under the Borrower Facility to be made available by the Issuer to BFCM, in accordance with the provisions of article L.513-29-I-1° of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

(ii) Estimated net proceeds:

[ **●** ]

(Insert amount or, in the case of public offer, the manner in and date on which such amount is to be made public)

(If proceeds are intended for more than one use will need to split out and present in order of priority. If proceeds are insufficient to fund all proposed uses, state amount and sources of other funding.)

(iii) Estimated total expenses:

[•]

(Insert amount or, in the case of public offer, the manner in and date on which such amount is to be made public)]

#### 4. INOTIFICATION

The AMF, which is the competent authority in France for the purpose of the Prospectus Directive [has been requested to provide/has provided - include first alternative for an issue which is contemporaneous with the update of the International Programme and the second alternative for subsequent issues] the [include names of competent authorities of host Member States] with [a] certificate[s] of approval attesting that the Base Prospectus [and the supplement(s) to the Base Prospectus] [has/have] been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive.]

# 5. [SPECIFIC CONTROLLER

The specific controller (*contrôleur spécifique*) of the Issuer has certified that the value of the assets of the Issuer will be greater than the value of its liabilities benefiting from the *Privilège* after settlement of this issue and of the issues which have been the subject of previous attestations.]<sup>8</sup>

# 6. [OTHER ADVISORS

If advisors are mentioned in these Final Terms, include a declaration which specifies the capacity in which the advisors have acted.]

# 7. [INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE

Need to include a description of any interest, including conflicting ones, that is material to the issue of the Covered Bonds, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest. May be satisfied by the inclusion of the following statement: "Save as discussed in "Subscription and Sale", so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Covered Bonds has an interest material to the offer.]

# 8. [FIXED RATE COVERED BONDS ONLY - YIELD

Indication of yield: [●] per cent. per annum

[Yield gap of [•] per cent. in relation to tax free French government bonds (obligations assimilables du trésor)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Only applicable when an offer to the public is contemplated.

Only applicable when an offer to the public is contemplated.

Only applicable if the amount of French Law Covered Bonds issued equals or exceeds €500,000,000 or its equivalent in any other currency.

#### 9. [FLOATING RATE COVERED BONDS ONLY - PAST AND FUTURE PERFORMANCE OF INTEREST RATE<sup>10</sup>

Details on the past and future performance and volatility of [EURIBOR/LIBOR/(other)] rates can be obtained from [Thomson Reuters].]

#### 10. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

ISIN Code: [•]

Common Code:  $[ \bullet ]$ 

Depositaries:

Euroclear France to act as [Yes/No] Central Depositary

[Yes/No] (ii) Common Depositary for Euroclear Bank and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme

Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Banking, Clearstream société and the relevant anonyme identification number(s):

[Not Applicable/give name(s) and number(s) and address(es)]

Delivery: Delivery [against/free of] payment

Names and addresses of additional

Paying Agent(s) (if any): 

#### 11. DISTRIBUTION AND UNDERWRITING

Method of distribution: [Syndicated/Non-Syndicated]

If syndicated:

and addresses of [Names coordinator(s) of the global offer: [Not Applicable/specify names]]12

(ii) Names[, addresses and quotas]11 of the Managers:

[•] / (give names[, addresses and quotas of the entities agreeing to underwrite the issue and of the entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or under 'best efforts' arrangements, and where not all of the issue is underwritten on a firm commitment basis,

specify the portion not covered])]

[Not Applicable/specify date] (iii) Date of the Subscription Agreement:

Only applicable when an offer to the public is contemplated.

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Only applicable when an offer to the public is contemplated.

Stabilising Manager(s) (if any): [Not Applicable/specify name]]<sup>13</sup>

If non-syndicated, name [and address]14 of

Dealer:

[Not Applicable/specify name [and address]]

[Total commissions and concession: [Not Applicable/give details]]<sup>15</sup>

U.S. selling restrictions: Regulation S compliance Category 2 applies to the

Covered Bonds;

[TEFRA C/ TEFRA D/ TEFRA rules Not Applicable]

(TEFRA rules are not applicable to Dematerialised

Covered Bonds)

# 12. [TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER<sup>16</sup>

Non-exempt Offer:

[Not Applicable/An offer of the Coverd Bonds may be made by the Managers [and (specify the name of any financial intermediary)] other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in [(specify relevant Member State(s) – which must be France and/or a Member State to which the AMF has provided a certificate of approval attesting that the Base Prospectus (and, if applicable, any supplement related thereto) has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive) (the "Public Offer Jurisdictions") during the period from [•] to [•]

(the "Offer Period").]

Consent of the Issuer to use the Base Prospectus during the Offer Period:

[Not Applicable/Applicable with respect to any Authorised Offeror specified below]

Authorised Offeror(s) in the Public Offer Jurisdictions:

[Not Applicable/(Name(s) and address(es) of the financial intermediary(ies) authorised by the Issuer to act as Authorised Offeror)/Any financial intermediary which satisfies the conditions set out in the paragraph below]

Conditions attached to the consent of the Issuer to use the Prospectus:

[Not Applicable/(Where the Issuer has given a general consent to any financial intermediary to use the Base Prospectus, indicate "See conditions set out in the Base Prospectus" and/or specify any additional conditions to or any condition replacing those set out in the Base Prospectus. Where an Authorised Offeror has been designated herein, specify any condition that such Authorised Offeror has to comply with]]

Expected price at which Covered Bonds will be offered or method of determining the price and method for its disclosure:

Description of the application process (including the time period during which

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the offer will be open and any possible amendments):	[•]
Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of application (whether in number of securities or aggregate amount to invest):	[•]
Description of the possibility to reduce subscriptions and the manner for refunding excess amounts paid by applicants:	[•]
Method and time limits for paying up and delivery of the Covered Bonds:	[•]
Manner in and date on which results of the offer are to be made public:	[•]
Procedure for exercise of any right of pre-emption, negotiability of subscription rights and treatment of subscription rights not exercised:	[•]
Category of potential investors to whom the Covered Bonds are offered and if one or more Tranches are reserved for some countries:	[•]
Procedure of notification of the allocated amount and indication whether the distribution can begin before the notification is made:	[•]
Amount of any charge and tax supported especially by the subscriber or purchaser:	[•]
Name(s) and address(es), as they are known by the Issuer, of the dealers in the	
various countries where the offer takes place:	[•]]
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[Insert Issue Specific Summary]<sup>17</sup>

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 $<sup>^{17}\,\,</sup>$  Only applicable when an offer to the public is contemplated.

#### **TAXATION**

The following is an overview limited to certain tax considerations in France and Luxembourg relating to the payments made in respect of the French Law Covered Bonds that may be issued under the International Programme and specifically contains information on taxes on the income from the securities withheld at source. This overview is based on the laws in force in France and in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg as of the date of this Base Prospectus and as applied by the relevant tax authorities, and is subject to any changes in law or different interpretation. It does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the tax considerations which may be relevant to a decision to purchase, own or dispose of the French Law Covered Bonds. Each prospective holder or beneficial owner of French Law Covered Bonds should consult its tax advisor as to the tax consequences of any investment in or ownership and disposal of the French Law Covered Bonds in light of its particular circumstances.

#### 1. EU Savings Directive

The EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments (the "Savings Directive") requires each Member State to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest and other similar income (within the meaning of the Savings Directive) made by a paying agent within its jurisdiction to (or under circumstances to the benefit of) an individual resident in that other Member State.

For a transitional period, Austria imposes, instead of the exchange of information mentioned above, a 35% withholding tax on any payment of interest within the meaning of the Savings Directive, unless the beneficiary of interest payments elects for the exchange of information.

Several countries and territories not members of the European Union, including Switzerland, have adopted similar measures (a withholding system in the case of Switzerland applies, unless the beneficiary of interest payments elects for the exchange of information).

On 24 March 2014, the Council of the European Union adopted directive 2014/48/UE (the "Amending Directive") amending and broadening the scope of the requirements described above. The changes will expand the range of payments covered by the Savings Directive, in particular to include additional types of income payable on securities. The Amending Directive will also expand the circumstances in which payments that indirectly benefit an individual resident in a Member State must be reported. This approach will apply to payments made to, or secured for, persons, entities or legal arrangements (including trusts) where certain conditions are satisfied, and may in some cases apply where the person, entity or arrangement is established or effectively managed outside of the European Union. The Member States will have until 1 January 2016 to implement the Amending Directive and are required to apply these new requirements as from 1 January 2017.

If a payment were to be made or collected through a 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, neither the Issuer nor any paying agent nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any International Covered Bond as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax.

The Savings Directive may, however, be repealed with effect from 1 January 2016 (1 January 2017 in the case of Austria). The European Commission has formulated such proposal in order to prevent overlap between the Savings Directive and a new automatic exchange of information regime to be implemented under Council Directive 2011/16/EU on Administrative Cooperation in the field of Taxation (as amended by Council Directive 2014/107/EU). The proposal also provides that, if it proceeds, Member States will not be required to apply the new requirements of the Amending Directive.

Prospective investors should inform themselves of, and where appropriate take advice from tax advisers on, the applicability and the impact of the Savings Directive and Amending Directive prior to taking an investment decision in the International Covered Bonds.

#### 2. France

# Implementation of the Savings Directive in France

The Savings Directive has been implemented in French law under article 242 ter of the French General Tax Code (Code général des impôts) and articles 49 I ter to 49 I sexies of the Annex 3 to the French General Tax Code (Code général des impôts) which articles impose 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 other things, the identity and address of the beneficial owner and a detailed list of the different categories of interest paid to that beneficial owner.

# French Withholding Tax

The following is an overview of certain tax considerations that may be relevant to Bondholders who do not concurrently hold shares of the Issuer.

- Payments of interest and other income made by the Issuer with respect to French Law Covered Bonds (other than French Law Covered Bonds (described below) which are assimilated (assimilées for the purpose of French law) and form a single series with French Law Covered Bonds issued before 1 March 2010 having the benefit of article 131 quater of the French General Tax Code (Code général des impôts)) will not be subject to the withholding tax set out under article 125 A III of the French General Tax Code (Code général des impôts) unless such payments are made outside France in a non-cooperative State or territory (Etat ou territoire non coopératif) within the meaning of article 238-0 A of the French General Tax Code (Code général des impôts) (a "Non-Cooperative State"). If such payments under the French Law Covered Bonds are made in a Non-Cooperative State, a 75% withholding tax will be applicable (subject (where relevant) to certain exceptions summarised below and the more favorable provisions of any applicable double tax treaty) pursuant to article 125 A III of the French General Tax Code (Code général des impôts). Notwithstanding the foregoing, article 125 A III of the French General Tax Code (Code général des impôts) provides that the 75% withholding tax will not apply in respect of a particular issue of French Law Covered Bonds if the Issuer can prove that the principal purpose and effect of such issue of French Law Covered Bonds was not that of allowing the payments of interest or other income to be made in a Non-Cooperative State (the "Exception"). Pursuant to the official regulation published by French tax authorities on 11 February 2014 (Bulletin Officiel des Finances Publiques-Impôts - BOI-INT-DG-20-50-20140211, section no. 990), an issue of French Law Covered Bonds will be deemed to have a qualifying purpose and effect, and accordingly will be able to benefit from the Exception without the Issuer having to provide any proof of the purpose and effect of the issue of French Law Covered Bonds if such French Law Covered Bonds are:
  - (i) offered by means of a public offer within the meaning of article L.411-1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) or pursuant to an equivalent offer in a state or territory 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; or
  - (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, an investment services provider, or by a 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 clearing operations of a central depositary or of a securities clearing, delivery and payments systems operator within the meaning of article L.561-2 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), or of one or more similar foreign depositaries or operators provided that such depositary or operator is not located in a Non-Cooperative State.

Furthermore, by virtue of article 238 A of the French General Tax Code (*Code général des impôts*), interest and other income paid by or on behalf of the Issuer with respect to such French Law Covered Bonds may no longer be deductible from the Issuer's taxable income if they are paid or accrued to persons established or domiciled in a Non-Cooperative State or paid in such a Non-Cooperative State. Under certain conditions, any such non-deductible interest and other income may be recharacterised as deemed distributed income pursuant to articles 109 *et seq.* of the French General Tax Code (*Code général des impôts*), in which case such non-deductible interest and other income may be subject to the withholding tax set out under article 119 *bis* of the French General Tax Code (*Code général des impôts*), at a rate of 30% or 75%, subject to the more favourable provisions of any applicable double tax treaty.

However, neither the non-deductibility set out under article 238 A of the French General Tax Code (*Code général des impôts*) (as further specified by the official regulation (*Bulletin Officiel des Finances Publiques-Impôts* published by French tax authorities on 11 February 2014, BOI-INT-DG-20-50-20140211, Section no. 550) nor the withholding tax set out in article 119 *bis* 2 of the French General Tax Code (*Code général des impôts*) will apply in respect of the issue of French Law Covered Bonds if the Issuer can prove that it can benefit from the Exception and that the relevant interest or revenues relate to genuine transactions and are not an abnormal or exaggerated amount. Pursuant to the official guidelines published by French tax authorities on 11 February 2014 (*Bulletin Officiel des Finances Publiques – Impôts –* BOI-INT-DG-20-50-20140211, Section no. 550), an issue of French Law Covered Bonds will benefit from the Exception without the Issuer having to provide any proof of the purpose and effect of the

issue of the French Law Covered Bonds, if such French Law Covered Bonds qualify to one of the three above-mentioned classifications.

2. Payments of interest and other income made by the Issuer with respect to French Law Covered Bonds which are assimilated (assimilées for the purpose of French law) and form a single series with French Law Covered Bonds issued (or deemed issued) outside France before 1 March 2010 will continue to be exempt from the withholding tax set out under article 125 A III of the French General Tax Code (Code général des impôts).

Such French Law Covered Bonds, whether denominated in Euro or in any other currency, and constituting *obligations* under French law, or *titres de créances négociables* within the meaning of the official regulation published by French tax authorities on 11 February 2014 (*Bulletin Officiel des Finances Publiques-Impôts* - BOI-RPPM-RCM-30-10-30-30-20140211), or other debt securities issued under French or foreign law and considered by the French tax authorities as falling into similar categories, are deemed to be issued outside the Republic of France for the purpose of article 131 *quater* of the French General Tax Code (*Code général des impôts*), in accordance with the aforementioned official regulation.

In addition, interest and other income paid by the Issuer on such French Law Covered Bonds will not be subject to the withholding tax set out in article 119 *bis* of the French General Tax Code (*Code général des impôts*) solely on account of their being paid in a Non-Cooperative State or accrued or paid to persons established or domiciled in a Non-Cooperative State.

# Payments made to French resident individuals

Pursuant to articles 125 A and 125 D of the French General Tax Code (*Code général des impôts*) subject to certain limited exceptions, interest and other similar revenues received as from 1 January 2013 by individuals who are fiscally domiciled (*domiciliés fiscalement*) in France are subject to a twenty-four per cent. (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 fifteen and a half per cent. (15.5%) on interest and other similar revenues paid to individuals who are fiscally domiciled (*domiciliés fiscalement*) in France.

#### 3. Luxembourg

# Withholding tax

All payments of interest and principal by the Issuers in the context of the holding, disposal, redemption or repurchase of the French Law Covered Bonds can be made free and clear of any withholding or deduction for or on account of any taxes of whatsoever nature imposed, levied, withheld, or assessed by Luxembourg or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, in accordance with the applicable Luxembourg law, subject however to:

- (i) the application of the Luxembourg laws of 21 June 2005 implementing the Savings Directive as well as several agreements concluded between Luxembourg and certain dependent or associated territories of the European Union and providing for the possible application of a withholding tax (of thirty-five per cent. (35%) as from 1 July 2011) on interest paid to certain Luxembourg non resident investors (individuals and Residual Entities) (see, paragraph "EU Savings Directive" above, which may be applicable in the event of the Issuer appointing a paying agent in Luxembourg within the meaning of the Savings Directive or Agreements).
  - In April 2013, the Luxembourg Government announced its intention to abolish the withholding system with effect from 1 January 2015, in favour of automatic information exchange under the Savings Directive:
- (ii) the application as regards Luxembourg resident individuals of the Luxembourg law of 23 December 2005 which has introduced a ten per cent. (10%) withholding tax on certain interest payments (*i.e.* with certain exemptions, interest payments within the meaning of the Luxembourg Laws of 21 June 2005 implementing the Savings Directive and the Agreements). This law applies to interest payments accrued as from 1 July 2005 and paid as from 1 January 2006. Further and pursuant to the Luxembourg law of 17 July 2008, Luxembourg resident individuals who are the beneficial owners of interest payments and other similar income made by a paying agent established outside Luxembourg in a Member State of the European Union or of the European Economic Area or in a jurisdiction having concluded an agreement with Luxembourg in connection with the Savings Directive, may also opt for a ten per cent. (10%) levy. In such case, the ten per cent. (10%) levy is calculated on the same amounts as for the payments made by Luxembourg resident paying agents. The option for the ten per cent. (10%) levy must cover all interest payments made by the paying agent to the Luxembourg resident beneficial owner during the entire civil

year. For Luxembourg resident individuals acting in the course of the management of their private wealth, the ten per cent. (10%) levy is final whether such withholding tax is levied on a mandatory basis by a Luxembourg paying agent or levied at the option of such Luxembourg resident individual.

Responsibility for the withholding of tax in application of the above-mentioned Luxembourg laws of 21 June 2005 and the law of 23 December 2005 is assumed by the Luxembourg paying agent within the meaning of these laws.

#### 4. United States Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA")

FATCA imposes a new information reporting regime on non-U.S. financial institutions ("**FFIs**") and potentially a 30% withholding tax with respect to certain payments to FFIs that are not deemed to be in compliance or otherwise exempt. The intent of FATCA is to prevent cross-border tax evasion by United States persons by forcing FFIs to disclose information on its United States account holders to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service ("**IRS**") or otherwise face a potential thirty per cent. (30%) penalty withholding tax with respect to certain payments made to it, provided that those payments have a jurisdictional nexus to the United States.

Under final FATCA regulations, an FFI can become FATCA compliant and thus avoid the penalty withholding tax by entering into an agreement with the IRS to become a "participating FFI". If the FFI becomes a participating FFI it will agree to, among other things, undertake a due diligence operation to identify its United States account holders, provide information annually with respect to those account holders, and to withhold on "passthru payments" that it makes to non-participating FFIs and to recalcitrant account holders (each a "Recalcitrant Holder"). The term "passthru payments" include both "withholdable payments" and "foreign passthru payments". Withholdable payments are, in general, limited to payments from sources within the United States. Under a controversial notice, the term "foreign passthru payments" would have included an amount equal to the payment multiplied by a passthru payment percentage, which would be a percentage based on the payor's U.S. assets divided by its total assets. However, the final FATCA regulations did not adopt this approach and the definition of the term foreign passthru payments is currently reserved.

In general, the new withholding regime will be phased in beginning 1 July 2014 for withholdable payments and may also apply to foreign passthru payments, but in no event earlier than 1 January 2017. FATCA withholding will potentially be required unless the withholding agent can reliably associate the payment with applicable documentation requirements certifying that the payee is exempt from FATCA withholding (e.g., Forms W-8 and W-9 or other suitable or successor forms). Additionally, no amount is required to be withheld on instruments that are "grandfathered obligations" even if payments are made on that instrument after 30 June 2014. Grandfathered obligations include (i) any obligation that is outstanding on 1 July 2014 and, (ii) solely for purposes of a foreign passthru payment, any obligation that is executed on or before the date that is six (6) months after the date on which final regulations defining the term foreign passthru payment are filed with the Federal Register. In this paragraph, the term "obligation" includes instruments treated as indebtedness for U.S. Federal income tax purposes, but does not include instruments treated as equity for U.S. Federal income tax purposes. If an obligation is materially modified on or after the grandfathering date and is deemed to be reissued under certain income tax regulations issued by the IRS, the previously discussed exemptions relating to grandfathered obligations would not apply.

The United States and a number of other jurisdictions (such as France) have announced their intention to negotiate intergovernmental agreements ("IGAs") to facilitate the implementation of FATCA. Pursuant to FATCA and the "Model 1" and "Model 2" IGAs released by the United States, an FFI in an IGA signatory country could be treated as a "Reporting FI" not subject to withholding under FATCA on any payments it receives. Further, an FFI in a Model 1 IGA jurisdiction generally would not be required to withhold under FATCA or an IGA (or any law implementing an IGA) from payments it makes (unless it has agreed to do so under the U.S. "qualified intermediary", "withholding foreign partnership" or "withholding foreign trust" regimes). The Model 2 IGA leaves open the possibility that a Reporting FI might in the future be required to withhold as a participating FFI on payments made to recalcitrant account holders in certain instances and on foreign passthru payments. A Reporting FI governed by a Model 2 IGA may also have to withhold on payments made to noncompliant (or "non-participating FFIs"). Under each Model IGA, a Reporting FI would still be required to report certain information in respect of its account holders and investors to its home government or to the IRS. Pursuant to an anti-abuse rule in the case of significant non-compliance by a Reporting FI, the United States reserves the right to deny the benefits of an IGA to that institution. The United States and France have signed an agreement (the "US-France IGA") based largely on the Model 1 IGA.

The Issuer expects to be treated as a Reporting FI pursuant to the US-France IGA and does not anticipate being required to deduct amounts in respect of FATCA withholding on payments it makes. However, there can be no assurance that the Issuer will be treated as a Reporting FI, or that it would in the future be exempt from FATCA withholding on payments it makes. For example, the Issuer and financial institutions through which payments on the International Covered Bonds are made could potentially be subject to FATCA withholding if (i) the

payments are deemed to be from U.S. sources; (ii) one financial institution in the chain of payments is a FATCA withholding agent (e.g., a participating FFI); and (iii) any subsequent FFI through or to which payment on such International Covered Bonds is made is not a participating FFI, a Reporting FI, or otherwise exempt from or in deemed compliance with FATCA (*i.e.* not exempt from FATCA withholding) or an investor is a Recalcitrant Holder. If an amount in respect of FATCA withholding were to be deducted or withheld from interest, principal or other payments made in respect of the International Covered Bonds, neither the Issuer nor any paying agent nor any other person would, pursuant to the conditions of the International Covered Bonds, be required to pay additional amounts as a result of the deduction or withholding. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected.

FATCA is particularly complex and its application is uncertain at this time. The above discussion is based in part on existing regulations and other forms of guidance, all of which are subject to change. Bondholders should consult their own tax advisor to obtain a detailed explanation of FATCA and to learn how this legislation might affect their investment in their particular circumstances.

#### SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

Subject to the terms and on the conditions contained in an amended and restated dealer agreement dated 24 July 2015 between the Issuer, the Arranger and the Permanent Dealers (as supplemented and amended from time to time, the "Dealer Agreement"), the International Covered Bonds will be offered by the Issuer to the Permanent Dealers. However, the Issuer has reserved the right to sell International Covered Bonds directly on its own behalf to Dealers that are not Permanent Dealers. The International Covered Bonds may be resold at prevailing market prices, or at prices related thereto, at the time of such resale, as determined by the relevant Dealer(s). The International Covered Bonds may also be sold by the Issuer through the Dealers, acting as agents of the Issuer. The Dealer Agreement also provides for International Covered Bonds to be issued in syndicated Tranches that are jointly and severally underwritten by two (2) or more Dealers.

The Issuer will pay each relevant Dealer a commission as agreed between them in respect of International Covered Bonds subscribed by it. The Issuer has agreed to reimburse the Arranger for its expenses incurred in connection with the International Programme and the Dealers for certain of their activities in connection with the International Programme.

The Issuer has agreed to indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities in connection with the offer and sale of the International Covered Bonds. The Dealers have agreed to indemnify the Issuer against certain liabilities in connection with the offer and sale of the International Covered Bonds. The Dealer Agreement entitles the Dealers to terminate any agreement that they make to subscribe International Covered Bonds in certain circumstances prior to payment for such International Covered Bonds being made to the Issuer.

#### 1. General

These selling restrictions may be modified by the agreement of the Issuer and the Dealers in particular following a change in a relevant law, regulation or directive. Any such modification will be set out in a supplement to this Base Prospectus.

Each Dealer has agreed that it will comply, to the best of its knowledge, with all relevant laws, regulations and directives in each jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers International Covered Bonds or has in its possession or distributes this Base Prospectus, any other offering material or any Final Terms and neither the Issuer nor any other Dealer shall have responsibility therefore.

# 2. Jurisdictions outside the EEA

# United States of America

The International Covered Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and subject to certain exceptions, may not be offered or sold within the United States of America or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. Persons except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act.

Each Dealer has represented and agreed that it will not offer or sell the International Covered Bonds of any identifiable Tranche within the United States of America (i) as part of their distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until forty (40) calendar days after completion of the distribution of any identifiable Tranche, as determined and certified to the Issuer by the Fiscal Agent, or in the case of International Covered Bonds issued on a syndicated basis, the Lead Manager, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. Persons, and it will have sent to each Dealer to which it sells International Covered Bonds during the distribution compliance period a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the International Covered Bonds within the United States or to, or for the account of, U.S. Persons. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S.

Materialised Covered Bonds having a maturity of more than one (1) year are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States of America or its possessions or to a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and regulations thereunder.

In addition, until forty (40) calendar days after the commencement of the offering of any identifiable Tranche, an offer or sale of International Covered Bonds within the United States of America by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act if such offer or sale is made otherwise than in accordance with an available exemption from registration under the Securities Act.

This Base Prospectus has been prepared by the Issuer for use in connection with the offer and sale of the International Covered Bonds outside the United States of America. The Issuer and the Dealers reserve the right to reject any offer to purchase the International Covered Bonds, in whole or in part, for any reason. This Base

Prospectus does not constitute an offer to any person in the United States. Distribution of this Base Prospectus by any non-U.S. Person (as defined in Regulation S) outside the United States of America to any U.S. Person or to any other person within the United States of America is unauthorised and any disclosure without the prior written consent of the Issuer of any of its contents to any such U.S. Person or other person within the United States of America is prohibited.

# Japan

The International Covered Bonds have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948, as amended, the "FIEL"). Accordingly, each of the Dealers has represented and agreed that it has not, directly or indirectly, offered or sold and will not, directly or indirectly, offer or sell any International Covered Bonds in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, a resident of Japan, or to others for reoffering 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 FIEL and any other relevant laws, regulations and guidelines in force in Japan. As used in this paragraph, "resident of Japan" means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organised under the laws of Japan.

#### **Switzerland**

Each Dealer has agreed that it will comply with any laws, regulations or guidelines in Switzerland from time to time, including, but not limited to, any regulations made by the Swiss National Bank, in relation to the offer, sale, delivery or transfer of the International Covered Bonds or the distribution of any offering material in respect of such International Covered Bonds.

#### Australia

No prospectus or other disclosure document (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 of Australia, as amended (the "Australian Corporations Act")) in relation to the International Programme or any International Covered Bonds has been, or will be, lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission ("ASIC"). This Base Prospectus is neither a prospectus nor a disclosure document for the purposes of the Australian Corporations Act. Each Dealer has represented and agreed that unless the relevant Final Terms (or another supplement to any Base Prospectus) otherwise provides, it:

- (a) has not made or invited, and will not make or invite, an offer of the International Covered Bonds for issue or sale in Australia (including an offer or invitation which is received by a person in Australia); and
- (b) has not distributed or published, and will not distribute or publish, any Base Prospectus or any other offering material or advertisement relating to any International Covered Bonds in Australia,

# unless:

- (i) the aggregate consideration payable by each offeree is at least A\$500,000 (or its equivalent in an alternative currency, in either case, disregarding moneys lent by the offeror or its associates) or the offer or invitation does not otherwise require disclosure to investors under Parts 6D.2 or 7.9 of the Australian Corporations Act;
- (ii) the offer or invitation does not constitute an offer to a "**retail client**" as defined for the purposes of section 761G of the Australian Corporations Act;
- (iv) such action complies with:
  - (A) Banking (Exemption) Order No. 82 of 23 September 1996 promulgated by the Assistant Treasurer of Australia as if it applied to the Issuer *mutatis mutandis* (and which requires all offers and transfers to be for a minimum principal amount of at least A\$500,000); and
  - (B) any other applicable laws, regulations or directives in Australia; and
- such action does not require any document to be lodged with ASIC or any other regulatory authority in Australia.

## 3. Jurisdictions within the EEA

#### France

Each of the Dealers and the Issuer has represented and agreed that:

(a) Offer to the public in France

it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, International Covered Bonds 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, the Base Prospectus, the relevant Final Terms or any other offering material relating to the International Covered Bonds, except in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified for such purpose in the Final Terms relating to such International Covered Bonds and provided that the Final Terms have been duly published and specify that offers may be made to the public in France, all in accordance with the Prospectus Directive (as defined below), the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) and the *Règlement Général* of the Autorité des marchés financiers; or

# (b) Private placement in France

it has not offered, sold or otherwise transferred and will not offer, sell or otherwise transfer directly or indirectly, any International Covered Bonds 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 Base Prospectus, the relevant Final Terms or any other offering material relating to the International Covered Bonds and such offers, sales, transfers and distributions have been and will be made in France only to (i) providers of 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 (ii) qualified investors (investisseurs qualifiés) acting for their own account, all as defined in, and in accordance with, articles L.411-1, L.411-2 and D.411-1 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (Code monétaire et financier).

# **United Kingdom**

Each Dealer has represented and agreed that:

- (a) in relation to any International Covered Bonds which have a maturity of less than one (1) year, (i) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and (ii) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any International Covered Bonds other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the International Covered Bonds would otherwise constitute a contravention of section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended (the "FSMA") by the Issuer;
- (b) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any International Covered Bonds in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer; and
- (c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any International Covered Bonds in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

# The Netherlands

Each Dealer has represented and agreed that it has not made nor will it make any offers of International Covered Bonds to the public in The Netherlands in reliance on article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive unless:

- (a) such offer is made exclusively to legal entities which are qualified investors in The Netherlands as defined in the Dutch Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financiael toezicht*, the "**DFSA**"); or
- (b) standard exemption wording is disclosed as required by article 5:20(5) of the DFSA; or
- (c) such offer is otherwise made in circumstances in which article 5:20(5) of the DFSA is not applicable,

provided that no such offer of International Covered Bonds shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

#### Italy

This Base Prospectus has not been, nor will be, published in the Republic of Italy in connection with the offering of International Covered Bonds and such offering of International Covered Bonds has not been registered with the *Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa* ("Consob") in the Republic of Italy pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998 as amended (the "Financial Services Act") and to Consob Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as amended (the "Issuers' Regulation") and, accordingly, no International Covered Bond may be offered, sold or delivered, and will not, be offered, sold or delivered, directly or indirectly, in the Republic of Italy in an offer to the public, nor may, or will, copies of this Base Prospectus or of any other document relating to the International Covered Bonds be distributed in the Republic of Italy, except:

- (a) to qualified investors (*investitori qualificati*), as defined in article 34-ter, paragraph 1(b) of the Issuers' Regulation; or
- (b) in other circumstances which are exempted from the rules on offers to the public pursuant to, and in compliance with, the conditions set out in article 100 of the Financial Services Act and its implementing regulations, including article 34-ter, first paragraph, of the Issuers' Regulation.

Any offer, sale or delivery of International Covered Bonds or distribution of copies of this Base Prospectus or any other document relating to the International Covered Bonds in the Republic of Italy under (a) or (b) above must, and will, be effected in accordance with all relevant Italian securities, tax and exchange control and other applicable laws and regulations and, in particular, will be made:

- (a) by an investment firm, bank or financial intermediary permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with the Financial Services Act, Consob Regulation No. 16190 of 29 October 2007 (as amended from time to time) and Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1 September 1993, as amended; and
- (b) in compliance with any other applicable laws and regulations or requirement and limitation which may be, from time to time, imposed by Consob, the Bank of Italy and/or any other Italian authority.

Any investor purchasing International Covered Bonds in the offering is solely responsible for ensuring that any offer or resale of International Covered Bonds it purchased in the offering occurs in compliance with applicable Italian laws and regulations. No person resident or located in the Republic of Italy other than the original addressees of this Base Prospectus may rely on this Base Prospectus or its content.

# Federal Republic of Germany

No action has been or will be taken in any jurisdiction by the Issuer or any Dealer that would permit an offer of the German Law Covered Bonds to the public, or possession or distribution of this Base Prospectus or any other offering material, in any country (including Germany) or jurisdiction where such further action for that purpose is required.

This Base Prospectus has not been, and will not be, filed with the German Financial Supervisory Authority.

In particular, the German law Covered Bonds may not be offered, sold or publicly promoted or advertised in Germany other than in compliance with the provisions of the German Asset Investment Act (*Vermögensanlagengesetz*) exempting such offering, sale or public promotion from the requirement to publish a prospectus, or any laws replacing the *Vermögensanlagengesetz* or any other laws applicable in Germany governing the issue, offering and sale of registered bonds (*Namensschuldverschreibungen*).

# European Economic Area

Each Dealer has represented and agreed that it has not made and will not make an offer of International Covered Bonds which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the relevant Final Terms to the public in a Member State of the European Economic Area (each a "Member State") except that it may make an offer of such International Covered Bonds to the public in that Member State:

- (a) if the Final Terms in relation to the International Covered Bonds specify that an offer of those International Covered Bonds may be made other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in that Member State (a "Non-exempt Offer"), following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such International Covered Bonds which has been approved by the competent authority in that Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Member State, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by the Final Terms contemplating such Non-exempt Offer, in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such prospectus or Final Terms, as applicable;
- (b) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined under the Prospectus Directive;
- (c) at any time to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (d) at any time in any other circumstances falling within article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of International Covered Bonds referred to in paragraphs (b) to (d) above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "offer of International Covered Bonds to the public" in relation to any International Covered Bonds in any Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the International Covered Bonds to be offered

so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the International Covered Bonds, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression "**Prospectus Directive**" means Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003, as amended and includes any relevant implementing measure in each relevant Member State.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

- (1) Application has been made for the AMF to approve this document as a base prospectus and this Base Prospectus has received visa no. 15-406 on 24 July 2015. Application will be made in certain circumstances to list and admit the French Law Covered Bonds on Euronext Paris and application may be made for the listing and admission to trading of French Law Covered Bonds on any other Regulated Market or any other stock exchange in a Member State of the EEA.
- (2) The Issuer has obtained all necessary corporate and other consents, approvals and authorisations in France in connection with the update of the International Programme.
  - Any issuance of International Covered Bonds under the International Programme, to the extent that such International Covered Bonds constitute *obligations* or *instruments financiers équivalents de droit étranger* under French law, requires the prior authorisation of the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*) of the Issuer, which may delegate its power to any other member of the board of directors (*conseil d'administration*), to the managing director (*directeur général*), or with the latter's agreement to any of the deputy managing director (*directeur général délégué*), or to any other person.
  - On 10 December 2014, the Board of Directors (*conseil d'administration*) of the Issuer has authorised the issue of Covered Bonds under the International Programme and the U.S. Programme for a maximum nominal amount of €10,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) for a period of one year and delegated the power to issue such Covered Bonds, notably to Christian Klein, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Issuer, and Christian Ander, chief executive officer of the Issuer, each acting separately.
- (3) Save as disclosed in this Base Prospectus, there has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Issuer since 31 December 2014.
- (4) Save as disclosed in this Base Prospectus, there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer since 31 December 2014.
- (5) As of the date of this Base Prospectus, the Issuer is not and has not been involved in any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceeding which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware) during the last twelve (12) months which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the financial position or profitability of the Issuer.
- (6) Save as disclosed in this Base Prospectus, there are no material contracts that are not entered into the ordinary course of the Issuer's business which could result in any member of the Group being under an obligation or entitlement that is material to the Issuer's ability to meet its obligation to International Bondholders in respect of the International Covered Bonds being issued.
- (7) Application may be made for French Law Covered Bonds to be accepted for clearance through Euroclear France (66, rue de la Victoire, 75009 Paris, France) and/or Euroclear (boulevard du Roi Albert II, 1210 Bruxelles, Belgique) and Clearstream, Luxembourg (42 avenue JF Kennedy, L-1855 Luxembourg, Luxembourg). The Common Code and the International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) or the identification number for any other relevant clearing system for each Series of French Law Covered Bonds will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.
- (8) PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit (63, rue de Villiers, 92208 Neuilly-sur-Seine Cedex, France) and Ernst & Young et Autres (1/2, place des Saisons, 92400 Courbevoie Paris-La Défense 1, France) (both entities regulated by the *Haut Conseil du Commissariat aux Comptes* and duly authorised as *Commissaires aux comptes*) have been appointed as *Commissaires aux comptes* to the Issuer as from 16 April 2007 and have audited and rendered unqualified audit reports on the non-consolidated financial statements of the Issuer for the fiscal years ended 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2014. PricewaterhouseCoopers Audit and Ernst & Young et Autres are registered with the *Compagnie Régionale des Commissaires aux Comptes de Versailles*.
- (9) The specific controller (*Contrôleur spécifique*) of the Issuer is FIDES AUDIT (52, avenue de la Boétie, 75008 Paris, France), represented by Mr. Stéphane Massa.
- (10) The Issuer does not intend to provide post-issuance transaction information regarding the International Covered Bonds to be admitted to trading and the performance of the underlying collateral, except if required by any applicable laws and regulations.
- (11) In relation to any Tranche of fixed rate International Covered Bonds, an indication of the yield of such International Covered Bonds will be specified in the relevant Final Terms. The yield is calculated at the Issue Date of the fixed rate International Covered Bonds on the basis of the relevant Issue Price. It will not be an indication of future yield.

- (12) This Base Prospectus, any supplement thereto that may be published from time to time and, so long as French Law Covered Bonds are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market and/or offered to the public in a Member State of the EEA in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, the Final Terms relating to such French Law Covered Bonds will be published on the websites of the AMF (www.amf-france.org) and of the Issuer (www.creditmutuelcic-sfh.com).
  - In addition, should the French Law Covered Bonds be admitted to trading on a Regulated Market other than Euronext Paris in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, the Final Terms related to those French Law Covered Bonds will provide whether this Base Prospectus and the relevant Final Terms will be published on the website of (x) the Regulated Market of the Member State of the EEA where the French Law Covered Bonds have been admitted to trading or (y) the competent authority of the Member State of the EEA where the French Law Covered Bonds have been admitted to trading.
- (13) For so long as International Covered Bonds may be issued pursuant to this Base Prospectus, copies of the following documents will, when published, be available upon request and free of charge during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted), at the registered office of the Issuer and at the specified office of the Paying Agent(s):
  - (a) the by-laws (statuts) of the Issuer;
  - (b) the audited non-consolidated financial statements of the Issuer in respect of the financial years ended 31 December 2013 and 31 December 2014;
  - (c) the Agency Agreement (which includes the form of the *lettre comptable*, the Temporary Global Certificate, the Definitive Materialised Covered Bonds, the Coupons, the Talons, the Receipts and the Terms and Conditions of the German Law Covered Bonds);
  - (d) the Final Terms for French Law Covered Bonds that are admitted to trading on Euronext Paris or on any other Regulated Market and/or offered to the public in any Member State of the EEA;
  - (e) a copy of this Base Prospectus together with any supplement thereto that may be published from time to time or further base prospectus and any document incorporated by reference therein; and
  - (f) all reports, letters and other documents, historical financial information, valuations and statements prepared by any expert at the Issuer's request any part of which is included or referred to in this Base Prospectus.
- (14) So long as Australian Law Covered Bonds are outstanding, documents referred to in paragraphs 13(a), (b), (c), (e) and (f) above, together with copies of the Deed Poll and the Australian Agency Agreement are available for inspection during normal business hours at the specified office of the Issuer and the Australian Registrar.
- (15) So long as German Law Covered Bonds are outstanding, documents referred to in paragraphs 13(a), (b), (c), (e) and (f) above are available for inspection during normal business hours at the specified office of the Issuer and the German Fiscal Agent.

# RESPONSIBILITY AND VISA FROM THE AUTORITE DES MARCHES FINANCIERS

# 1. Person responsible for the information contained in the Base Prospectus

# Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH

6, avenue de Provence 75452 Paris Cedex 9 France

# 2. Responsibility statement

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

Paris, 24 July 2015

Mr. Christian Ander, Directeur général

# Crédit Mutuel-CIC Home Loan SFH

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#### 3. Visa from the Autorité des marchés financiers



In accordance with articles L.412-1 and L.621-8 of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*) and with the *Règlement général* of the AMF, in particular articles 212-31 to 212-33, the AMF has granted to this Base Prospectus its visa no. 15-406 on 24 July 2015. This document may be used for the purposes of a financial transaction only if it is supplemented by final terms. It was prepared by the Issuer and its signatories assume responsibility for it. In accordance with article L.621-8-1-I of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*), the visa was granted following an examination by the AMF of "whether the document is complete and understandable, and whether the information it contains is consistent". It does not imply that the AMF has verified the accounting and financial data set out herein. This visa has been granted subject to the publication of final terms in accordance with article 212-32 of the AMF's *Règlement général*, setting out the terms and conditions of the securities to be issued.

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