

Termsheet

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# Tracker Certificate on Swissquote Value Rockstars Index

Open End; issued in CHF; listed on SIX Swiss Exchange

ISIN CH1236313198 - Swiss Security Number 123631319 - SIX Symbol STARSQ

Investors should read the section "Significant Risks" below as well as the section "Risk Factors" of the relevant Issuance and Offering Programme, as amended from time to time. By investing in this product (the "Product"), the Investor may put the capital that he invested in this Product at risk and, in addition, transaction costs may incur. Investors may lose some or all of their capital invested in the Product as well as transaction costs. Investors are exposed to the credit risk of the Issuer.

Even though translations into other languages might be available, only the English version of the Final Terms or Pricing Supplement and the relevant Issuance and Offering Programme are legally binding.

#### For Switzerland:

This Product is a derivative instrument according to Swiss law. It does not qualify as unit of a collective investment scheme pursuant to articles 7 et seqq. of the Swiss Federal Act on Collective Investment Schemes ("CISA") and is therefore neither registered nor supervised by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority ("FINMA"). Investors do not benefit from the specific investor protection provided under the CISA.

This document constitutes advertising within the meaning of article 68 of the Swiss Federal Act on Financial Services ("FinSA").

This document is a termsheet prepared in view of the issuance of the Products and neither a prospectus within the meaning of articles 35 et seqq. of the FinSA, nor a private placement documentation, nor a key information document according to articles 58 et seqq. of the FinSA or any equivalent document under the FinSA. The information contained in this document is not complete and is subject to completion and amendment. This document has neither been reviewed nor approved by a reviewing body pursuant to articles 51 et seqq. FinSA. This document does not, and is not intended to, constitute or contain an offer or invitation to sell, and it is not soliciting offers to buy, the Product in any jurisdiction where such offer or sale is not permitted.

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#### **Product Description**

The Tracker Certificate (the "Certificate") replicates the price movements in the Underlying (adjusted by the Units, the Management Fee, the Calculation Agent Fee any expenses and taxes, and, as the case may be, the FX Rate) and is therefore in terms of risk comparable to a direct investment in the Underlying. At the Redemption Date, the Investor will receive a Cash Settlement in the Settlement Currency, as further described under Redemption.

# Index description

The Underlying is a dynamic, actively managed index (the "Index") which is discretionarily managed by the Index Sponsor and calculated by the Index Calculation Agent. The components of the Underlying (the "Components") may – subject to Index Calculation Agent's veto right – be rebalanced by the Index Sponsor on a regular basis. The Index Sponsor determines and is responsible for the composition of the Index and may add, replace or remove Components in accordance with a set of predefined rules set out in the Index Rule Book "Swissquote Value Rockstars Index", Version ID 4EBN6, dated 28/03/2023 (the "Index Rule Book").

Objective: The Swissquote Value Rockstars Index provides an exposure to holdings of investment companies whose names are closely related to some of the most famous "value" investors. Underlying basket only includes stocks owned by the shortlisted investment companies according to their latest SEC Form 13F reports. These stocks are selected among their highest-conviction positions.

Quantitative criteria such as the weight of the holding within the investment company portfolio and the number of the selected investment companies currently buying/selling/holding the position are taken into account.

In addition, stocks have to meet minimum trading criteria such as minimum market capitalization of CHF 100 million and average daily trading volume of approx. CHF 100,000.

The investment strategy does not involve leverage and is implemented in accordance with the investment guidelines. These guidelines provide for a maximum investment degree of 100% and a weighting of the individual basket components between a minimum of 0% and a maximum of 100%. In addition, the number of Basket Components is between a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 60.

Universe: The Index universe consists of eligible Components and may include Cash Instruments, Shares, ETFs, as determined by the Index Sponsor and subject to the restrictions defined in the Index Rule Book.

Distributions: Net distributions with respect to Components (after deduction of any expenses and taxes) will lead to an adjustment of the Index (as specified in the Index Rule Book).

The Index represents a hypothetical portfolio. There is no obligation on the Index Calculation Agent, the Issuer or any other party to purchase and/or hold any Components of the Index and there is no actual portfolio of assets to which any person is entitled or in which any person has any ownership interest. The Index is merely comprised of Components, the performance of which will be used as a reference point for the purposes of calculating the value of the Index. The Issuer shall be free to choose how to invest or further proceed with any proceeds of the issuance of any of the Certificates.

References to any rebalancing of the Index or addition, adjustment, substitution, replacement or removal of Components should not be construed as imposing an obligation on the Issuer, the Index Calculation Agent or any person actually to acquire or dispose of any securities, investments, assets or other property but are references to the change in, and relate solely to the calculation of, the value of the Index, which is relevant for the determination of any amount payable in respect of the Certificate.

Upon request, the Index Rule Book and the latest composition of the Index are available free of charge from the Lead Manager (Leonteq Securities AG, Europaallee 39, 8004 Zurich, Switzerland or termsheet@leonteq.com).

<sup>\*</sup> levels are expressed in percentage of the Initial Fixing Level

| UNDERLYING                       |                    |                            |                    |   |          |  |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---|----------|--|
| Underlying                       | Index Sponsor      | Index Calculation<br>Agent | Units <sub>0</sub> | Initial FX Rate (FX Rate <sub>0</sub> ) | Currency | Initial Fixing Level (100%)* (Index Value <sub>0</sub> ) |
| Swissquote Value Rockstars Index | Swissquote Bank SA | Leonteq Securities AG      | 1.00000            | 1.00000                                 | CHF      | CHF 25.00  |

# PRODUCT DETAILS

 Swiss Security Number
 123631319

 ISIN
 CH1236313198

 SIX Symbol
 STARSQ

 Issue Price
 CHF 25.00

Issue Size 1'000'000 Certificate(s) (can be increased at any time)

Settlement Currency CHF

#### DATES

 Initial Fixing Date
 28/03/2023

 Issue Date
 05/04/2023

Observation Dates Quarterly, from (and including) 30/06/2023; if a specific Observation Date is not a Scheduled Trading Day then the

following Scheduled Trading Day will be deemed to be an Observation Date.

First Exchange Trading Date 05/04/2023 (anticipated)

Last Trading Day/Time Open-end, or in the case of an exercise of the Issuer's Termination Right or the Investor's Termination Right, two

Scheduled Trading Days prior to the Final Fixing Date

Final Fixing Date Open-End or in the case of an exercise of the Issuer's Termination Right, as specified in the Issuer's Termination

Announcement or in case of an exercise of the investor Redemption, the day for which the Paying Agent receives the

duly signed Redemption Notice (subject to Market Disruption Event provisions)

**Redemption Date** Open-End or in the case of an exercise of the Issuer's Termination Right, as specified in the Issuer's Termination Right

or the Investor Redemption the 5th business day following the Final Fixing Date (subject to Settlement Disruption Event

provisions)

#### **FFFS**

**Distribution Fee**No Distribution Fees

Management Fee (MF) 0.55% p.a.

The Management Fee reduces the redemption amount subject to the holding period and has a negative effect on the

secondary market prices. The Management Fee will be paid quarterly on the Observation Dates.

Calculation Agent Fee (CAF) 0.20%

The Calculational Agent Fee reduces the redemption amount subject to the holding period and has a negative effect

on the secondary market prices. The Calculation Agent Fee will be paid quarterly on the Observation Dates.

Rebalancing Fee A Rebalancing Fee is levied by the Index Calculation Agent inside the Index for each Component adjustment within

the Index. The Rebalancing Fee represents a percentage amount of up to 0.10% of the notional volume of each of the transactions in the Components. Component adjustments exceeding a certain number per calendar year may be subject

to increased Rebalancing Fees.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Rebalancing Fee does not apply to changes in  $\mathsf{Units}_\mathsf{t}$  in the  $\mathsf{Underlying}$ . Market charges,

such as e.g. stamp duty or execution costs incurred by a hypothetical hedging entity as determined by the Index

Calculation Agent in its sole discretion, will always be charged in addition to the Rebalancing Fee.

Other fees Additional fees may be charged within individual Components (e.g. structured products) as outlined in the product

documentation of the relevant Component available from the Index Sponsor upon request. Such fees may also be paid

to the Issuer and/or to third parties such as the Index Sponsor.

# REDEMPTION

The Investor is entitled to receive from the Issuer, subject to an Extraordinary Termination, on the Redemption Date per Product a Cash Settlement in the Settlement Currency corresponding to the value of the Underlying on the Final Fixing Date adjusted by the Units, the Management Fee, the Calculation Agent Fee and, as the case may be, the FX Rate. This amount equals Value, on the Final Fixing Date, where Value, is calculated according to the following formula and reasonably determined by the Calculation Agent.

 $Value_t = FX Rate_t X Units_t X Index Value_t - AMF_t - ACAF_t$ 

Index Value<sub>t</sub> Means the official closing price of the Underlying on Scheduled Trading Day t as published by the Index Calculation

Agent, and as reasonable determined by the Calculation Agent.

**FX Rate**t Means the prevailing exchange rate on the Scheduled Trading Day t as reasonably determined by the Calculation Agent. The exchange rate is expressed as units of the Settlement Currency per one unit of currency of the Underlying (if both

currencies are identical then FX  $Rate_t$  is equal to 1.0).

Units<sub>t</sub> Means the notional units of the Underlying per Product on Scheduled Trading Day t. Provided Scheduled Trading Day

t is not an Observation Date:

 $Units_t = Units_{t-1}$ 

If Scheduled Trading Day t is an Observation Date:

 $Units_t = Units_{t-1} - (AMF_t + ACAF_t) / (Index Value_{t*} x FX Rate_t)$ 

Where Index Value, \* means Index Value, of the Underlying on Scheduled Trading Day t, adjusted by any costs incurred by the Issuer or a hedging party thereof for unwinding risk reducing hedging transactions relating to the Issuer's obligations under the Product, as reasonable determined by the Calculation Agent. Units, are rounded in accordance with the Rounding Convention.

Following the adjustment of  $Units_t$  by  $AMF_t$ ,  $AMF_t$  is reset to zero. Following the adjustment of Units, by ACAF, ACAF, is reset to zero.

AMF, Means the accrued management fees on Scheduled Trading Day t and is determined by the Calculation Agent as

 $AMF_t = AMF_{t-1} + Value_{t-1} \times MF \times DayCount_t \text{ and } AMF_0 = 0.00$ 

ACAF, Means the accrued calculation agent fees on Scheduled Trading Day t and is determined by the Calculation Agent as

 $ACAF_t = ACAF_{t-1} + Value_{t-1} \times CAF \times DayCount_t$  and  $ACAF_0 = 0.00$ 

Day Count, Means the actual number of calendar days between (and including) Scheduled Trading Day t-1 to (and excluding) the

current Scheduled Trading Day t divided by 360.

**Initial Fixing Level** (Index Value<sub>0</sub>)

Means the official closing price of the Underlying on the Initial Fixing Date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

**Issuer's Termination Right** 

The Issuer has the right to call all Certificates for early redemption (the "Termination Right") at any time with a 15 Business Days (prior to the respective Final Fixing Date) notice by announcement (the "Termination Announcement") on the Paying Agent's website, all in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions of the Programme. The Termination Announcement will specify the Final Fixing Date and the respective Redemption Date. Following the announcement, the Certificates will be redeemed on the Redemption Date for a value equal to the  $Value_t$  on the Final Fixing Date as determined by the Calculation Agent.

Investor's Termination Right Each Investor has an annual right, on 28/03 for the first time on 28/03/2024 (such day being the Final Fixing Date; Following Business Day Convention will apply) to call the Certificates for redemption (taking into account any Minimum and/or Maximum Redemption Number, if such is applicable as stated under section C. Other information and terms herein), by delivering a duly completed and signed Redemption Notice to the Paying Agent in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions of the Programme (notice to be received by the Paying Agent no later than 07.00 am CET on the 10th Business Day preceding the respective Final Fixing Date). Following such announcement the Certificates will be redeemed on the Redemption Date for a value equal to the Value, on the Final Fixing Date as determined by

**Extraordinary Termination** 

The Issuer has the right to call all Certificates with immediate effect, without prior notice (the "Extraordinary Termination"). Such Extraordinary Termination will prevail any Investor Redemption and/or Issuer's Termination, if applicable.

The Issuer may exercise its right for Extraordinary Termination:

a. based on Hedging Disruption and other provisions as set out in paragraph "Termination and Cancellation due to Illegality, Illiquidity, Impossibility, Increased Cost of Hedging, a Hedging Disruption, Increased or Cost of Collateralization (COSI and TCM) or Changed Secured Financing Ability)" of the Programme; or

b. if the agreement, or any part thereof concerning the Index, between the Index Sponsor and the Issuer and/or the Index Calculation Agent (or an affiliate thereof) is terminated; or

c. if the Index in whole or the calculation of the index value are terminated, as the case may be.

In case of an Extraordinary Termination the Issuer will pay to the Investor a Cash Settlement in the Settlement Currency that shall be the fair market value of the Product, taking into account the event that led to the Extraordinary Termination, less any costs and withholdings levied onto the Issuer and/or any of its affiliates for unwinding its hedge positions, all as determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion. Such amount shall be paid to the Investor 5 Business Days following completion and receipt in full of the proceeds for all disinvestments in all relevant hedge positions, as reasonably determined by the Calculation Agent in its sole discretion.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Lead Manager

**Paying Agent** 

**Calculation Agent** 

Swissquote Bank SA, Gland, Switzerland Issuer

(Rating: n/a, Supervisory Authority: FINMA) Leonteq Securities AG, Zurich, Switzerland Leonteg Securities AG, Zurich, Switzerland Leonteq Securities AG, Zurich, Switzerland

**Index Sponsor** Swissquote Bank SA, Chemin de la Cretaux 33, 1196 Gland, Switzerland. The Index Sponsor is supervised by: FINMA

Swiss Financial Markets Supervisory Authority.

Listing/Exchange SIX Swiss Exchange AG; traded on SIX Swiss Exchange - Structured Products

There is no obligation of the Issuer and/or the Lead Manager or any third party to list the Product or apply for admission to trading at issuance or during the term of the Product. In case of a listed/admitted Product, there is no obligation to

maintain a listing/admission during the term of the Product.

Secondary Market Daily price indications will be available from 09:15 - 17:15 CET on www.swissquote.com, Refinitiv [SIX Symbol]=LEOZ

or [ISIN]=LEOZ and Bloomberg [ISIN] Corp or on LEOZ.

Resale Products may only be sold to a third party with the prior consent of the Lead Manager and only in form of a private

placement. Thus, Investors must contact the Lead Manager before they resell the Products.

**Quotation Type** Secondary market prices are quoted in the Settlement Currency, per Product.

Settlement Type(s) Cash Settlement

Rounding convention Numbers are rounded down to five (5) decimal places.

Means any calendar day on which the Index Calculation Agent is scheduled to publish a value for the Underlying. The Scheduled Trading Day t

Initial Fixing Date corresponds to Scheduled Trading Day 0 and for any subsequent Scheduled Trading Day variable t

is incremented by one (1.0).

Minimum Investment 1 Certificate(s) Minimum Trading Lot 1 Certificate(s) Minimum Redemption 1 Certificate(s)

Maximum Redemption

Number

1 Certificate(s)

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Depository SIX SIS Ltd **Public Offering only in** Switzerland

Private Placement in

Form Uncertificated Securities

Governing Law / Jurisdiction Swiss / Gland

The definition "Issuing Party/Parties" as used herein, means the Issuer, as indicated in section "General Information".

## TAXATION SWITZERLAND

Swiss Federal Stamp Duty Secondary market transactions are not subject to Swiss stamp duty.

tax domicile in Switzerland)

Swiss Federal Income Tax For Swiss income tax purpose, the Product is treated as analogous to a share/unit in an investment fund. Any reinvested (for private investors with dividend and interest income from the Underlying are subject to income tax. The taxable income (if any) earned by the Product is annually reported to the Swiss Federal Tax Administration. For private Investors with tax domicile in Switzerland holding the Product as part of their private property, the reported income (if any) is subject to the Federal Direct Tax.

> In the absence of tax reporting, taxable income is determined based on a fair market return, taking into account the asset classes of the Underlying.

> Any dividend payments are subject to the Federal Direct Tax on the respective payment date. The tax treatment regarding the cantonal and communal income taxes can differ from the tax treatment regarding the Federal Direct Tax. But in general the income tax treatments are corresponding.

**Swiss Withholding Tax** 

The Product is not subject to Swiss withholding tax.

The tax information provided herein is a non-binding summary and only provides a general overview of the potential Swiss tax consequences linked to this Product at the time of issue. Tax laws and tax interpretation may change at any time, possibly with retroactive effect.

Investors and prospective Investors are advised to consult with their tax advisers with respect to the Swiss tax consequences of the purchase, ownership, disposition, lapse or exercise or redemption of a Product in light of their particular circumstances. The Issuing Parties and the Lead Manager hereby expressly exclude any liability in respect of any possible tax implications.

# PRODUCT DOCUMENTATION

It is intended that the Products will be issued under a base prospectus ("Base Prospectus") as per article 45 FinSA approved by SIX Exchange Regulation AG ("SIX Exchange Regulation") in its capacity as Swiss Prospectus Office. Only the Final Terms, which will be available no later than on the Issue Date, together with the Base Prospectus of the relevant Issuance and Offering Programme (the "Programme") dated 03 October 2022 containing all further relevant terms and conditions, shall form the entire and legally binding documentation for this Product ("Product Documentation"). The Final Terms will be registered with SIX Exchange Regulation in its capacity as Swiss Prospectus Office. The Final Terms should always be read together with the Base Prospectus. Definitions used in this Termsheet, but not defined herein, shall have the meaning given to them in the Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. Even though a translation into other languages might be available, only the English version of the Final Terms jointly with the Base Prospectus are legally binding.

The Products may be offered, sold or advertised, directly or indirectly, in Switzerland to retail clients (Privatkundinnen und -kunden) in the meaning of the FinSA ("Retail Clients") in accordance with the FinSA.

A Swiss key information document / key information document in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (the "PRIIPs Regulation") has been prepared in relation to the Products and may be obtained, free of charge, upon request from the Issuer (see the contact details below).

Notices to Investors in connection with this Product shall be validly given in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Programme. In addition, any changes with regard to the terms and conditions of this Product will be published on the relevant Termsheet on www.swissquote.com or, for listed products, in any other form as permitted by the rules and regulations of the relevant Exchange. Notices to Investors relating to the Issuing Parties will be published on www.swissquote.com.

During the whole term of this Product, the Product Documentation can be ordered free of charge from the Issuer at Chemin de la Crétaux 33, 1196 Gland (Switzerland), via telephone (+41 (0)44 825 88 88\*) or via e-mail (structured.products@swissquote.ch). Please note that all calls made to numbers marked with an asterisk (\*) are recorded. By calling such number, your consent to the recording is deemed given.

# SIGNIFICANT RISKS

Prospective Investors should ensure that they fully understand the nature of this Product and the extent of their exposure to risks and they should consider the suitability of this Product as an investment in the light of their own circumstances and financial condition. Products involve a high degree of risk, including the potential risk of expiring worthless. Potential Investors should be prepared in certain circumstances to sustain a total loss of the capital invested to purchase this Product as well as the transaction costs. Prospective Investors shall consider the following important risk factors and read the section "Risk Factors" of the Programme for details on all other risk factors to be considered.

This is a structured product involving derivative components. Investors should make sure that their advisors have verified that this Product is suitable for their portfolio taking into account the investor's financial situation, investment experience and investment objectives.

The terms and conditions of the Product may be subject to adjustments during the lifetime of the Product as set out in the Programme.

**Product Specific Risks**: To the extent that this Product is not capital protected, investors may lose some or all of their investment as well as the transaction costs as they are fully exposed to the performance of the Underlyings. The Product does not confer any claim to receive rights and/or payments of the Underlying, such as dividend payments, unless explicitly stated in the documentation governing the Product. Please refer to the Product Documentation as regards the further Product specific risk factors to be taken into account.

**Issuer Risk**: Investors are exposed to the credit risk of the Issuer. If the Issuer is not able to make a payment or becomes insolvent, investors could lose some or all of their investment.

**Market Risk**: Market risk may have a negative impact on the value of and the return on an investment in the Product. Market risk is the risk associated with the effect of changes in market factors such as interest and foreign exchange rates, equity and commodity prices, credit spreads or implied volatilities, on the value of assets and liabilities held for both the short and long term. Market risk may also lead to an early redemption of the Product (e.g. in the event of a hedging disruption).

**Liquidity Risk**: The Issuer or, as the case may be, a third party appointed by the Issuer, if any, intends to act as market maker in relation to the Product and it will use commercially reasonable efforts to provide indicative bid and offer prices for the Product on a regular basis under normal market conditions. However, such market maker does not have an obligation to provide prices for the Product. Liquidity of the Product in the secondary market may be limited and an active trading market for the Product may not develop. Accordingly, investors may not be able to sell their Product.

**Currency Risk**: If the investor's reference currency is different from the currency, in which the Product is denominated, the investor bears the currency risk between the two currencies. The fluctuations in exchange rates could have an adverse effect on the value of or return on an investment in the Product, even if the redemption amount would otherwise provide for a positive return. If the Underlyings are calculated in a currency different from the Currency of the Product, the conversion into the Currency of the Product will be carried out at the relevant exchange rate.

Early Termination and Reinvestment Risk: The Product may be redeemed prior to its maturity (be it by declaration of the issuer or as a result of certain events specified in the terms of the Product) and investors must consider that in case of such an early redemption, investors will not receive any further coupon payments after the occurrence of the early redemption and the early redemption amount may be significantly below the issue / purchase price paid and the redemption amount payable at maturity. Investors may not be able to reinvest the early redemption amount in a financial instrument with the same profit potential and additional transaction costs may be incurred as a consequence of a reinvestment of the early redemption amount.

**Illiquidity of Underlying**: One or, if applicable, more of the Underlyings might be or become illiquid over the lifetime of the Product. Illiquidity of an Underlying might lead to larger bid/offer spreads of the Product and/or to an extended time period for buying and/or selling the Underlying respective to acquire, unwind or dispose of the hedging transaction(s) or asset(s) or to realise, recover or remit the proceeds of such hedging transaction(s) or asset(s) which might implicate a postponed redemption or delivery and/or a modified redemption amount, as reasonably determined by the Calculation Agent.

#### RISK FACTORS RELATING TO THE PRODUCT

The downside risk of this Product is the same as for the Underlying, i.e. the Investor could lose the total investment if the Underlying value falls to zero. However, the Value of the Product might differ from the Underlying's performance due to fee adjustments (if applicable). Investors may lose a significant part or all of their investment in this Product.

# General

The Product provides exposure to a discretionary Index managed by the Index Sponsor. The Index Sponsor has a significant scope of discretion in terms of the Index' composition and will determine the initial composition of the Index and subsequent adjustments thereof, excluding adjustments and substitutions made by the Index Calculation Agent in accordance with the Index Rule Book or as defined herein and save where a rebalancing request of the Index Sponsor has been declined by the Index Calculation Agent. The performance of the Index and hence of the Product depends, inter alia, on the quality of the Index Sponsor's decisions as regards the composition of the Index (excluding adjustments and substitutions made by Index Calculation Agent in accordance with the Index Rule Book or as defined herein). Investors need to do their own due diligence with respect to the Index Sponsor.

# **Index Success**

Neither the Calculation Agent nor the Index Calculation Agent take any responsibility for the composition of, adjustment (excluding adjustments not due to a Non-Compliance Event and substitutions made by Index Calculation Agent in accordance with the Index Rule Book or as defined herein) to and the success of the Index.

# Diversification of the Index

If there are no minimum diversification criteria for the Index, as defined in the Index Rule Book, the Underlying may comprise of one single Component.

# Foreign Exchange Risk

The Investor in the Product may be exposed to foreign exchange rate risk depending on the composition of the Index.

# Interest Rate Risk

The Investor in the Product may be exposed to interest rate risk depending on the composition of the Index and the Settlement Currency.

# Value Risk

For reasons not necessarily attributable to any of the risk factors set forth herein (for example, supply/demand imbalances or other market forces), the prices of the Components of the Index to which the Product is linked, may decline substantially.

# ADDITIONAL RISK FACTORS

Prospective Investors should ensure that they fully understand the nature of this Product and the extent of their exposure to risks and they should consider the suitability of this Product as an investment in the light of their own circumstances and financial condition. Products involve a high degree of risk, including the potential risk of expiring worthless. Potential Investors should be prepared in certain circumstances to sustain a total loss of the capital invested to purchase this Product as well as the transaction costs. Prospective Investors shall consider the following important risk factors and read the section "Risk Factors" of the Programme for details on all other risk factors to be considered.

This is a structured product involving derivative components. Investors should make sure that their advisors have verified that this Product is suitable for their portfolio taking into account the investor's financial situation, investment experience and investment objectives.

The terms and conditions of the Product may be subject to adjustments during the lifetime of the Product as set out in the Programme.

Investors whose usual currency is not the currency in which the Product is redeemed should be aware of their possible currency risk.

The value of the Product may not correlate with the value of the Underlying(s).

#### Market Risks

The general market performance of securities is dependent, in particular, on the development of the capital markets which, for their part, are influenced by the general global economic situation as well as by the economic and political framework conditions in the respective countries (so-called market risk). Changes to market prices such as interest rates, commodity prices or corresponding volatilities may have a negative effect on the valuation of the Underlying(s) or the Product. There is also the risk of market disruptions (such as trading or stock market interruptions or discontinuation of trading) or other unforeseeable occurrences concerning the respective Underlyings and/or their stock exchanges or markets taking place during the term or upon maturity of the Products. Such occurrences can have an effect on the time of redemption and/or on the value of the Products.

# **Credit Risk of Issuing Parties**

Investors bear the credit risk of the Issuing Parties of the Product. The Products constitute unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the relevant Issuing Party and rank pari passu with each and all other current and future unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the relevant Issuing Party. The insolvency of an Issuing Party may lead to a partial or total loss of the invested capital.

Potential Investors should note that the Issuer is not rated by the credit rating agencies, i.e. there is no credit rating for the Issuer.

## **Secondary Market**

The Issuer and/or the Lead Manager or any third party appointed by the Issuer, as applicable, intends, under normal market conditions, to provide bid and offer prices for the Products on a regular basis in accordance with the SIX Directive on Debt Securities with Specific Structures. However, the Issuer and/or the Lead Manager, as applicable, reserve the right to cease the posting of bid and offer prices upon the occurrence and for the duration of any exceptional market circumstances. In special market situations, where the Issuer and/or the Lead Manager is/are unable to enter into hedging transactions, or where such transactions are very difficult to enter into, the spread between the bid and offer prices may be temporarily expanded, in order to limit the economic risks of the Issuer and/or the Lead Manager.

# ADDITIONAL RISK FACTORS RELATED TO PRODUCTS LINKED TO A REFERENCE ASSET DENOMINATED IN RENMINBI AND RENMINBI-DENOMINATED PRODUCTS.

For the purpose of this Termsheet and where the context requires, "Renminbi" or "CNY" refers to the lawful currency of the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). "CNY" is the official (ISO) code on the currency markets. CNY is not available and not tradable outside of the PRC. Therefore "CNH" has been established as offshore deliverable CNY. CNH is not an official ISO code and is only used as a technical term for differentiation between the currency used/traded in the PRC (CNY) and the respective offshore tradable and deliverable currency (CNH).

Renminbi is subject to PRC exchange control policies and there is limited availability of Renminbi outside the PRC. Renminbi is not freely convertible and is subject to exchange control policies and restrictions of the PRC government. As a result of restrictions imposed by the PRC government on cross-border Renminbi fund flows, the availability of Renminbi outside the PRC is limited, which may adversely affect the liquidity of Renminbi outside the PRC, which in turn may adversely affect the market value, and the potential return, of the Product.

# Risks relating to Renminbi exchange rate and interest rate

The Product will be denominated and settled in Renminbi outside the PRC. The exchange rate of, and interest rate for, Renminbi outside the PRC may be different from the same in the PRC. The value of Renminbi against Hong Kong dollar and other foreign currencies fluctuates and is affected by changes in the PRC and international political, economic and market conditions and by many other factors. There is no guarantee that Renminbi will not depreciate and any devaluation of Renminbi could adversely affect the market value of the Product. In addition, interest rates for Renminbi in the PRC are government controlled. The PRC government may further liberalise the regulation of interest rates for Renminbi in the PRC which may increase interest rate volatility for Renminbi outside the PRC. Any fluctuation in interest rates for Renminbi outside the PRC may adversely affect the market value, and the potential return, of the Product.

# Renminbi payment risk

If the Settlement Currency of the Product is Renminbi, and a FX Disruption Event has occurred and is continuing on, a scheduled date of payment, payment may be made in Successor Currency on the postponed payment date. In such case, there may be a delay in payments under the Product and no interest will be payable for any such delay. Investors may also suffer a loss in the Successor Currency if Renminbi depreciates against the Successor Currency following the occurrence of a FX Disruption Event.

# **China Connect risk**

If the Underlying(s) or Underlying Component(s) are eligible securities listed and traded on the SSE and SZSE ("China Connect Securities") (as in the case of A-Shares as Underlying), foreign investors may invest in such China Connect Securities through China Connect. The respective Hedging Entity may (but is not obliged to) choose to hedge obligations under the Products using China Connect.

Trading through China Connect is subject to a number of restrictions which may restrict or affect an investment in China Connect Securities, including (but not restricted to) the application of PRC law and regulation to investors in China Connect Securities, pre-trade checking to prevent naked short-selling, the application of aggregate and daily RMB quotas and restrictions on the ability of an investor to take up certain types of rights issuances through China Connect. In particular, it should be noted that China Connect is in its initial stages. Further developments are likely and there is no assurance as to whether or how such developments may restrict or affect an investment in China Connect Securities. In addition, the laws and regulations of Hong Kong and the PRC, and the rules, policies or guidelines published or applied by any regulator which regulates China Connect and activities relating to China Connect (including without limitation, the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRS), People's Bank of China (PBOC), State Administration of Foreign Exchange (SAFE), Securities and Futures Commission (SFC), Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) or any other regulator, agency or authority with jurisdiction, authority or responsibility in respect of China Connect), or any exchange, clearing system or other entity which provides services relating to China Connect (including without limitation, the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (SEHK) and any relevant subsidiary, Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company (HKSCC), Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE), Shenzhen Stock Exchange (SZSE) or China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation (CSDCC) from time to time in respect of China Connect or any activities arising from China Connect are new and subject to change, and there may be uncertainty as to their interpretation and/or implementation.

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