

This document constitutes a supplement pursuant to Article 10, paragraph 1, and Article 23, paragraph 5, of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017, as amended (the "**Prospectus Regulation**").



2nd Supplement dated 19 April 2022

(the "**Supplement**")

to the Registration Document dated 20 December 2021 of

UniCredit S.p.A.

approved by the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* (the "**CSSF**")

(the "**Registration Document**")

This Supplement is to be read and construed in conjunction with any information already supplemented by the 1st Supplement dated 2 February 2022 to the Registration Document in accordance with Article 12(1) of the Prospectus Regulation.

The Registration Document, as approved by the CSSF and as supplemented, is a constituent part of the following prospectuses:

- the Base Prospectus for the issuance of Single Underlying and Multi Underlying Securities (without capital protection) dated 20 December 2021 of UniCredit S.p.A.,
- the Base Prospectus for the issuance of Single Underlying and Multi Underlying Securities (with partial capital protection) dated 20 December 2021 of UniCredit S.p.A.,
- the Base Prospectus for the issuance of Securities with Single Underlying and Multi Underlying (with partial capital protection) dated 19 April 2022 of UniCredit S.p.A.,
- the Base Prospectus for the issuance of Securities with Single Underlying and Multi Underlying (without capital protection) dated 19 April 2022 of UniCredit S.p.A.,

as approved by the CSSF and as supplemented from time to time (the “**Base Prospectuses**”). The terms used in this Supplement have the same meaning as the terms used in the Registration Document.

Any reference to the Registration Document are to be read as references to the Registration Document as supplemented.

UniCredit S.p.A. (the “**Issuer**”) accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Supplement and declares that the information contained in this Supplement is, to the best of its knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

Investors who have already agreed to purchase or subscribe for securities before the Supplement is published shall have the right, exercisable within three working days after the publication of the Supplement, to withdraw their acceptances (Article 23, paragraph 2a, of the Prospectus Regulation). Investors may therefore exercise the right of withdrawal up until 22 April 2022, contacting the relevant distributors as specified in the relevant final terms.

This Supplement, the Registration Document as well as any further supplements to the Registration Document, and the Base Prospectuses are published on the following website of the Issuer: <https://www.investimenti.unicredit.it/it/info/documentazione.html#programmi-di-emissione-unicredit-spa>. Furthermore, this Supplement and the documents incorporated by reference into the Registration Document by virtue of this Supplement will be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu).

This Supplement has been approved by the CSSF in its capacity as competent authority under the Prospectus Regulation.

Purpose of the Supplement of the Issuer

This Supplement serves as update to the Registration Document in connection with the publication of the annual financial statements for the financial year ended on 31 December 2021.

In particular, the purpose of the submission of this Supplement is to update the information included into the following sections of the Registration Document:

- a. "RISK FACTORS";
- b. "PERSONS RESPONSIBLE, THIRD PARTY INFORMATION, EXPERTS' REPORTS AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY APPROVAL";
- c. "STATUTORY AUDITORS";
- d. "INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISSUER";
- e. "BUSINESS OVERVIEW";

- f. "TREND INFORMATION";
- g. "ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT, AND SUPERVISORY BODIES";
- h. "MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS";
- i. "FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER'S ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FINANCIAL POSITION AND PROFITS AND LOSSES";
- j. "ADDITIONAL INFORMATION".

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1. Changes to the Registration Document

- 1.1. The "Section I - Risk Factors", on page 3 et seq. of the Registration Document, shall be deleted in its entirety and the following new section shall be inserted:

"Section I - Risk Factors

The following is a disclosure of risk factors (the "Risk Factors") that are material with respect to the ability of UniCredit to fulfill its obligations under securities issued by it.

1.1 Risks related to the financial situation of the Issuer and of the Group

1.1.1. Risks associated with the impact of current macroeconomic uncertainties and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak

The financial markets and the macroeconomic and political environment of the countries in which UniCredit operates were impacted by the viral pneumonia known as "Coronavirus" (COVID-19) outbreak and this has had and could continue to have a negative impact on the performance of the Group. Moreover, the valuation of certain assets has become complex and uncertain as a result of the lockdown measures and other restrictive measures put in place by governments for the containment of COVID 19 pandemic. Expectations regarding the performance of the global economy remain still uncertain in both the short and medium term, also considering the recent geopolitical tensions with Russia. The macroeconomic context in which the Group functioned in 2021 was characterized by the encouraging signs of recovery compared with the prior year, supported by the governmental measures sustaining the economy, by vaccination campaigns and by the progressive slowing-down of the lockdown measures. The current environment continues to be characterized by highly uncertain elements, such as geopolitical tensions with Russia, with the possibility that the slowdown of the economy could generate a worsening of the loan portfolio quality, followed by an increase of the non-performing loans and the necessity to increase the provisions to be charged to the income statement. On 9 December 2021 UniCredit presented to the financial community its new Strategic Plan, which included a set of strategic and financial objectives that considered the underlying scenario and resulted from the assessment performed in the previous months.

The macro assumptions underlying the Strategic Plan exclude¹ unexpected materially adverse developments such as the worsening of the COVID-19 pandemic, a situation that UniCredit is monitoring closely.

The evaluations processes, such as Deferred Tax Assets, whose recoverable amount depends on cash flows projections, might be subject to a change not foreseeable at the moment and from which could derive possible negative effects, including significant ones, on the bank's financial and economic situation.

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The macroeconomic context in which the Group functioned in 2021 was characterized by the encouraging signs of recovery compared with the prior year, supported by the governmental measures sustaining the economy, by vaccination campaigns and by the progressive slowing-down of the lockdown measures.

The current environment continues to be characterized by highly uncertain elements, such as geopolitical tensions with Russia, with the possibility that the slowdown of the economy could generate a worsening of the loan portfolio quality, followed by an increase of the non-performing loans and the necessity to increase the provisions to be charged to the income statement. The adequate operative answer and the prudential management ensured by the Group during 2020 to face the crisis emerging from the Covid-19 pandemic, allowed in 2021 to reach a performance improvement. In fact the Group recorded a Euro 822 million increase in revenues to Euro 17,954

¹ Macro assumptions consider the recent and still existing impacts of COVID with a gradual normalisation over the upcoming years. The scenario does not assume that the current COVID situation will develop in a particularly negative way in the upcoming years.

million for the year ended 31 December 2021 from Euro 17,132 million for the corresponding period of 2020, sustained mainly by higher commissions and trading profit.

UniCredit's Loan Loss Provisions ("LLPs") decreased by Euro 3,362 million to Euro 1,634 million as at 31 December 2021 from Euro 4,996 million as at 31 December 2020. Therefore, the cost of risk in the 2021 was 37 bps, decreased compared to the past year (105 bps).

Revenues were up 4,8 per cent Y/Y to Euro 17,9 bn in FY21 with fees (+12,1 per cent Y/Y), trading income up +16 per cent Y/Y and Dividends and other income from equity investments + 25,2 per cent, more than offsetting lower NII (*i.e.* net interest income) (-4 per cent Y/Y).

In details: NII was down 4 per cent Y/Y to Euro 9,1 bn, as a result of lower loans volumes and customer rates; fees were at Euro 6.7 bn, up 12.1 per cent FY/FY, mainly due to investment fees. FY21 trading income was up 16.0 per cent FY/FY at Euro 1.6 bn, of which Euro 1.3 bn is customer driven, increasing thanks to Valuation adjustments (XVA²) and Fair Value (FV) valuation. Also dividends were up, +25.2 per cent FY/FY to Euro 520 m, with higher contribution from Yapi Kredi (+Euro 18 m FY/FY).

For further information in relation to the net write-downs on loans, please see the consolidated financial statements of UniCredit as at 31 December 2021.

Furthermore, the evaluation processes, such as Deferred Tax Assets, whose recoverable amount depends on expected cash flows projections, might be subject to a change not foreseeable as of the date of this Registration Document and which may have negative effects, including significant ones, on the bank's financial and economic situation.

In addition, as a result of the current elements of high uncertainty, ESMA requires that particular attention is dedicated to assets evaluation. In particular ESMA believes that Covid-19 pandemic is an indicator for performing an impairment test with particular attention given to the evaluation of cash flows used and the possible use of alternative scenarios. Coherently with such recommendations and considering that UniCredit's macro assumptions in the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan called "*UniCredit Unlocked*" (the "**Strategic Plan**" or "**Plan**") consider that the recent and still existing impacts of COVID-19 will gradually normalize over the coming years and, as such, the scenario does not assume that the current Covid-19 situation will develop in a particularly negative way in the upcoming years. In the context of persisting uncertainty explained above and considering the aforementioned ESMA communication, UniCredit group has defined different macro-economic scenarios, to be used for the purposes of the evaluation processes of 2021 Consolidated reports.

In particular, in addition to the "Baseline" scenario, which reflects the expectations considered most likely concerning macro-economic trends, alternative scenarios have been outlined that assume different trends in the main macro-economic parameters (e.g. gross domestic product, interest rates); in this respect:

- with reference to the sustainability test of deferred tax assets, a worst-case scenario ("Downturn") was defined, reflecting a downward forecast of the expected profitability of the business;
- with reference to the valuation of credit exposures (IFRS9), two alternative scenarios ("Positive" and "Negative" vis-à-vis the "Baseline" scenario) were defined; such alternative scenarios provide for different assessments regarding the expected trend of the parameters that can influence the assessment of the prospective credit risk.

With specific reference to goodwill, as at 31 December 2021 no goodwill is present on the balance sheet therefore there is no risk of impairment. While evaluations have been made on the basis of assumptions deemed to be reasonable as at 31 December 2021, existing uncertainties related to evolution of the pandemic, when lockdown measures and other restrictive measures will be completely lifted and the extent and speed of the economic recovery, will further affect the valuation processes. Therefore, the information and parameters used for the update of the IFRS-9 macro-economic scenario for the calculation of Expected Credit Loss ("ECL") could develop in different ways to those envisaged, with possible further negative effects on our assets and operations, balance sheet and/or income statement.

² Valuation adjustments (XVA) include: Debt/Credit Value Adjustment (DVA/CVA), Funding Valuation Adjustments (FuVA) and Hedging desk.

On 9 December 2021 UniCredit presented to the financial community its new Strategic Plan, which included a set of strategic and financial objectives that considered the underlying scenario and resulted from the assessment performed in the previous months.

The macro assumptions underlying the Strategic Plan exclude¹ unexpected materially adverse developments such as the worsening of the COVID-19 pandemic, a situation that UniCredit is monitoring closely.

For further information on the risks associated with the Strategic Plan, see Risk 1.1.2 “*Risks connected with the Strategic Plan 2022 – 2024*”.

Material adverse effects on the business and profitability of the Group may also result from further developments of the monetary policies and additional events occurring on an extraordinary basis (such as political instability, terrorism and any other similar event occurring in the countries where the Group operates and, as recently experienced, a pandemic emergency). Furthermore, the economic and geopolitical uncertainty has also introduced a considerable volatility and uncertainty in the financial markets, potentially impacting on credit spreads/cost of funding and therefore on the values the Group can realize from sales of financial assets.

The outlook of the pandemic normalization path in terms of its timeline and further evolution remains highly uncertain, as well as the magnitude of the economic downturn. The Global economic downturn can be further impacted by the potential new rounds of restrictions that might be introduced by some countries across the world, with the risk of further slowing down the expected recovery.

In particular, besides the impact on global growth and individual countries due to Covid-19, the current macroeconomic situation is characterized by high levels of uncertainty, mainly due to: (i) the risk of increasing inflation; (ii) future developments in the European Central Bank (the ECB) and Federal Reserve (FED) monetary policies; (iii) the sustainability of the sovereign debt of certain countries and the related, repeated shocks to the financial markets; and (iv) the tensions between Russia and Ukraine and related potential implications.

1.1.2 Risks connected with the Strategic Plan 2022 – 2024

On 9th December 2021, UniCredit presented to the financial community in Milan the 2022-2024 Strategic Plan called “*UniCredit Unlocked*” (the “**Strategic Plan**” or “**Plan**”) which contains a number of strategic, capital and financial objectives (the “**Strategic Objectives**”). “*UniCredit Unlocked*” delivers strategic imperatives and financial ambitions based on six pillars. Such strategic imperatives and financial ambitions regard: (i) the growth in its regions and the development of its client franchise, changing its business model and how its people operate; (ii) the delivery of economies of scale from its footprint of banks, transforming the technology leveraging Digital & Data and embedding sustainability in all that UniCredit does; (iii) driving financial performance via three interconnecting levers mentioned above. UniCredit’s ability to meet the strategic objectives and all forward-looking statements relies on a number of assumptions, expectations, projections and provisional data concerning future events and is subject to a number of uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside the control of UniCredit. Macro assumptions exclude¹ unexpected materially adverse developments such as the worsening of the COVID-19 pandemic, a situation that UniCredit is monitoring closely. The six pillars are: (i) optimise, through the improvement of operational and capital efficiency; (ii) invest, with targeted growth initiatives, including ESG; (iii) grow net revenues; (iv) return; (v) strengthen thanks to revised CET1 ratio target and decrease of Gross NPE ratio; and (vi) distribute consistently with organic capital generation. For all these reasons, investors are cautioned against making their investment decisions based exclusively on the forecast data included in the strategic objectives. Any failure to implement the strategic objective or meet the strategic objectives may have a material adverse effect on UniCredit’s business, financial condition or results of operations.

The Issuer evaluates that the materiality of such risk shall be high.

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Sustainability is embedded in the Plan and UniCredit commits to deliver on ESG global policies. Specifically UniCredit: has established an ESG advisory model for Corporates and Individuals; is financing innovation for environmental transition; and is partnering with key players to enrich and improve ESG offerings across-sectors.

New business model allows for strong organic capital generation³ with materially increased and growing shareholder distributions⁴, consisting in cash dividends and share buybacks, while maintaining a robust CET1 ratio.

Although the Plan is based primarily through management actions, thanks to its geographical positioning UniCredit: (i) over the three years, assumes a conservative interest rate scenario based on a broadly stable Euribor 3 month rate; (ii) the combination of its countries is expected to deliver GDP growth⁵ above the eurozone average over the course of the Plan, helped by its Central and Eastern European positioning.

Macro assumptions exclude¹ unexpected materially adverse developments such as the worsening of the COVID-19 pandemic, a situation that UniCredit is monitoring closely.

The Plan is based on six pillars:

- **Optimise:** improving operational and capital efficiency, with gross cost savings, considering also Digital & Data, and a contribution to CET1 ratio from active portfolio management; expect RWA to decrease over the course of the Plan as active portfolio management more than offsets impact of organic growth and expected regulatory headwinds;
- **Invest:** cash investments in Digital & Data, new hires in Business and Digital & Data, targeted growth initiatives including ESG; gross integration costs impact from: Team23 acceleration, technology benefit and simplification & streamlining;
- **Grow:** increasing net revenues in the period 2021-2024, net of all the optimisation the Bank is undertaking, with underlying growth substantially higher;
- **Return:** increasing in 2024;
- **Strengthen:** thanks to revised CET1 ratio target, decrease in gross NPE ratio and stable net NPE ratio in 2024;
- **Distribute:** consistently with organic capital generation⁶ from net profit and RWA evolution.

UniCredit's ability to meet the Strategic Objectives and all forward-looking statements relies on a number of assumptions, expectations, projections and provisional data concerning future events and is subject to a number of uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside the control of UniCredit. There are a variety of factors that may cause actual results and performance to be materially different from the explicit or implicit contents of any forward-looking statements and thus, such forward-looking statements are not a reliable indicator of future performances.

Moreover, the future financial results could be influenced by the dynamics of the COVID-19, which were not foreseeable at the date of the Strategic Plan presentation, and which are still uncertain.

In particular, Eurozone's GDP expanded by 5.2% in 2021 Y/Y, with a rebound vs. 2020 significantly impacted by Covid-19 related containment measures. Among the largest eurozone economies, France and Italy experienced greatest growth, respectively +7% and +6.5% (Germany +2.8%, Austria +4.8%).

For this reason, UniCredit has updated the macroeconomic assumptions connected with the determination of LLPs in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards 9 ("IFRS9").

For the 2021 financial year, even considering the forecasting difficulties due to the current unpredictable situation, the cost of risk is 37 basis points in line with guidance. Cost of risk is expected in the 30 to 35 basis points range over the plan period.

Any failure by the Group to implement the revised 2022-2024 Strategic Plan or meet the Strategic Objectives may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. Assumptions by their nature are inherently subjective and the assumptions underlying the Strategic Objectives could turn out to be inaccurate, in whole or in part, which may mean that UniCredit is not able to fulfil the Strategic Plan. If this were

³ Organic capital generation means CET1 evolution deriving from (i) stated net profit excluding DTA from tax loss carry forward contribution and (ii) RWA dynamic net of regulatory headwind.

⁴ Shareholder distribution subject to supervisory & shareholder approvals and inorganic options.

⁵ Average of yearly changes.

to occur, the actual results may differ significantly from those set forth in the Strategic Objectives, which could have a material adverse effect on UniCredit's business, results of operations, financial condition or capital position.

The Strategic Objectives are also based on certain assumptions which include actions that management should undertake over the course of the new Strategic Plan, including:

- over the three years, UniCredit assumes a conservative interest rate scenario based on a broadly stable Euribor 3 month rate;
- the combination of the countries is expected to deliver GDP growth that is above the eurozone average over the course of the Plan. This is helped by UniCredit's Central and Eastern European positioning;
- Central and Eastern Europe loan growth is expected at a multiple of GDP due to the relatively low maturity of the market;
- Recovery and Resilience Fund allocation: the countries have access to approximately 50 per cent of the overall fund disbursement.

Given that the realization of these initiatives is, as of the date hereof, uncertain, should UniCredit fails to generate the expected benefits of actions taken to support future income, the Bank may not reach its Strategic Objectives, its results may differ significantly from those set in the new Strategic Plan which, in turn, could have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition and results of operations.

Furthermore, should any of the assumptions turn out to be inaccurate and/or the circumstances envisaged not be fulfilled, or fulfilled only in part or in a different way to that assumed, the ability to meet the Strategic Objectives may be negatively impacted. For example, the focus set out in the new Strategic Plan on delivering enhanced capital returns for shareholders through, among other things, share buy-backs and cash dividends, could be reasonably influenced by the dynamics of the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak.

Given the inherent uncertainty surrounding any future event, both in terms of the event's occurrence as well as eventual timing, the differences between the actual values and the Strategic Objectives could be significant.

For all these reasons, investors are cautioned against making their investment decisions based exclusively on the forecast data included in the strategic objective. Any failure to implement the strategic objective or meet the strategic objective may have a material adverse effect on UniCredit's business, financial condition or results of operations.

1.1.3 Credit risk and risk of credit quality deterioration

The activity, financial and capital strength and profitability of the UniCredit Group depend, among other things, on the creditworthiness of its customers. In carrying out its credit activities, the Group is exposed to the risk that an unexpected change in the creditworthiness of a counterparty may generate a corresponding change in the value of the associated credit exposure and give rise to the partial or total write-down thereof. The current environment continues to be characterised by highly uncertain elements, with the possibility that the slowdown of the economy, jointly with the termination of the safeguard measures, such as the customer loans moratorium, generates a worsening of the loan portfolio quality, followed by an increase of the non-performing loans and the necessity to increase the provisions to be charged in the income statement.

UniCredit's Loan Loss Provisions ("LLPs") decreased by Euro 3,362 million to Euro 1,634 million as at 31 December 2021 from Euro 4,996 million as at 31 December 2020. Therefore, the cost of risk in the 2021 was 37 bps, decreased compared to the past year (105 bps). As at 31 December 2021, Group gross NPE ratio was equal to 3.6 per cent, decreasing compared to 30 September 2021 in which the gross NPE ratio was equal to 4.5%. As at 31 December 2021 Group Net NPE ratio decreasing compared to 30 September 2021 and is equal to 1.7%.

In the context of credit activities, this risk involves, among other things, the possibility that the Group's contractual counterparties may not fulfil their payment obligations, as well as the possibility that Group companies may, based on incomplete, untrue or incorrect information, grant credit that otherwise would not have been granted or that would have been granted under different conditions.

Other banking activities, besides the traditional lending and deposit activities, can also expose the Group to credit risks. "Non-traditional" credit risk can, for example, arise from: (i) entering derivative contracts; (ii) buying and selling securities currencies or goods; and (iii) holding third-party securities. The counterparties of said

transactions or the issuers of securities held by Group entities could fail to comply due to insolvency, political or economic events, a lack of liquidity, operating deficiencies, or other reasons.

The Group has adopted procedures, rules and principles aimed at monitoring and managing credit risk at both individual counterparty and portfolio level. However, there is the risk that, despite these credit risk monitoring and management activities, the Group's credit exposure may exceed predetermined risk's levels pursuant to the procedures, rules and principles it has adopted.

The Issuer evaluates that the materiality of both the credit risk and the risk of credit quality deterioration shall be medium-high.

The credit risk inherent in the traditional activity of providing credit is material, regardless of the form it takes (cash loan or endorsement loan, secured or unsecured, etc.).

With regard to "non-traditional" credit risk, the UniCredit Group negotiates derivative contracts and repos on a wide range of products, such as interest rates, exchange rates, share prices/indices, commodities (precious metals, base metals, oil and energy materials), both with institutional counterparties, including brokers and dealers, central counterparties, central governments and banks, commercial banks, investment banks, funds and other institutional customers, and with non-institutional Group customers. These operations expose the UniCredit Group to the risk of counterparty, which is the risk that the counterparty may become insolvent before the contract matures, not being able to fulfil its obligations towards to the Issuer or one of the other Group companies.

As at 31 December 2021 Group gross NPEs were down by 23.4 per cent Y/Y and 21.3 per cent Q/Q to Euro 16.3 bn in 4Q21 (while as at 30 September 2021 they were equal to Euro 20.7 billion) with an improved gross NPE ratio of 3.6% (-0.9 p.p. Y/Y, -0.9 p.p. Q/Q), while as at 30 September 2021 the gross NPE ratio was equal to 4.5%.

As at 31 December 2021 Group Net NPEs stood at Euro 7.5 billion decreased compared to 30 September 2021 which attested at Euro 8.9 bn (Group Net NPE ratio decreased compared to 30 September 2021 and is equal to 1.7%).

As at 31 December 2021, the Group excluding Non Core gross NPEs decreased to Euro 15.6 bn (-13.0 p.p. Q/Q, -10.8 p.p. Y/Y) while as at 30 September 2021 they were equal to 18.0 bn, while Group excluding Non Core Net NPEs were decreased to Euro 7.3 billion.

For more information on European legislative initiatives on Non-Performing Loans, please see section headed "*Information about the Issuer*", paragraph 4.1.4 (*The domicile and legal form of the Issuer, the legislation under which the Issuer operates, its country of incorporation, the address, telephone number of its registered office (or principal place of business if different from its registered office) and website of the Issuer*) of this Registration Document.

Furthermore, since 2014 the Italian market has seen an increase in the number of disposals of non-performing loans, characterised by sale prices that are lower than the relative book values, with discounts greater than those applied in other European Union countries. In this context, the UniCredit Group has launched a structured activity to reduce the amount of non-performing loans on its books, while simultaneously seeking to maximise its profitability and strengthen its capital structure.

In the last years, also in accordance with the EBA Guidelines of 31 October 2018 on management of non-performing and forborne exposures for credit institutions with a gross NPL ratio greater than 5%, the Group has adopted a strategic plan to reduce Non-Performing Exposures (NPE) and operational and governance systems to support it.

Starting from the year 2015 the overall reduction of the Group NPE amounted to about Euro 61 billion, moving from Euro 77.8 billion of 2015 to Euro 16.3 billion of 4Q21 (Euro 21.2 billion of 2020). This amount includes the loans disposed of through Project Fino in July 2017 and IFRS 5 positions if any.

According to the new Strategic Plan 2022-2024, the Group will continue to manage NPEs proactively to optimise value and capital.

The current environment continues to be characterised by highly uncertain elements, with the possibility that the slowdown of the economy, jointly with the termination of the safeguard measures, such as the customer loans

moratorium, generates a worsening of the loan portfolio quality, followed by an increase of the non-performing loans and the necessity to increase the provisions to be charged to the income statement.

In order to mitigate the negative consequences caused by the restrictive measures adopted to contain the COVID-19 outbreak, several countries in which the Group operates have enacted national provisions to postpone the payment of the instalments upon request of customers or automatically (the so-called "moratoria").

In accordance with ESMA statements of 25 March 2020, which clarified that it is unlikely that the contractual changes resulting from these moratoria can be considered as substantial, the Group has not derecognised credit exposures that were subject to such moratoria.

UniCredit's Loan Loss Provisions ("LLPs") decreased by Euro 3,362 million to Euro 1,634 million as at 31 December 2021 from Euro 4,996 million as at 31 December 2020. Therefore, the cost of risk in the 2021 was 37 bps, decreased compared to the past year (105 bps).

In order to cope with the extraordinary contingency of COVID-19 and the peculiar dynamic of default risk observed in the course of 2021 as a consequence of supporting measures and the potential emerging of a cliff-effect in 2022 when the measures will expire, an upward corrective factor has been applied on both the 2021 default rate and the 2022 forecast underlying the updated calibration of IFRS models for the 31 December 2021 figures and likely postponement of part of default risk in 2022.

It is worth pointing out that the measurement is affected by the already mentioned degree of uncertainty on the evolution of the pandemic, the effect of the relief measures and, ultimately, the existence and degree of economic recovery. The evolution of these factors may, indeed, require in future financial years the classification of additional credit exposures as non-performing thus determining the recognition of additional loan loss provisions related to both these exposures as well as performing exposures following the update in credit parameters. In this context it will be relevant, among other factors, the ability of the customers to service their debt once moratoria measures adopted by the Governments of the countries where the Group operates or voluntarily adopted by the Group's banks themselves, will expire. The Group delivered underlying net profit of Euro 3,900 million for FY21, increased compared to the underlying net profit of Euro 1,264 million delivered for FY20.

For further information in relation to the net write-downs on loans, please see the consolidated financial statements of UniCredit as at 31 December 2021.

1.1.4 Risks associated with the Group's exposure to sovereign debt

As at 31 December 2021, the Group's sovereign exposures in debt amounts to Euro 114,690 million (as at 31 December 2020 it amounted to Euro 110,542 million), of which over 84 per cent concentrated in eight countries. In particular, the Group's exposure to Italian sovereign debt in debt securities amounts to Euro 43,121 million (at 31 December 2020 it amounted to Euro 42,638 million) and represents, respectively, about 38 per cent of the Group's total sovereign exposure represented by debt securities (about 39 per cent at 31 December 2020) and about 5 per cent of the Group total assets (unchanged from 31 December 2020). Increased financial instability and the volatility of the market, with particular reference to the increase of credit spread, or the rating downgrade of sovereign debt, as well as the rating downgrade of Italian sovereign debt, or forecasts that such downgrades may occur, could negatively impact the financial position of UniCredit and/or the Group considering their exposure to sovereign debt.

Sovereign exposures are bonds issued by and loans given to central and local governments and governmental bodies. For the purposes of the current risk exposure, positions held through Asset Backed Securities (ABS) are not included.

With reference to the Group's sovereign exposures in debt, the book value of sovereign debts securities as at 31 December 2021 amounted to Euro 114,690 million (as at 31 December 2020 it amounted to Euro 110,542 million), of which over the 84 per cent was concentrated in eight countries, including: Italy with Euro 43,121 million (at 31 December 2020 it amounted to Euro 42,638 million), representing about 38 per cent of the total (about 39 per cent at 31 December 2020) and about 5 per cent of the Group total assets (unchanged from 31 December 2020); Spain with Euro 17,222 million; Germany with Euro 11,075 million; Japan with Euro 10,462 million; United States of America with Euro 4,318 million; Austria with Euro 4,171 million; France with Euro 3,783 million and Romania with Euro 2,417 million.

As at 31 December 2021, the remaining 16 per cent of the total sovereign exposures in debt securities, equal to Euro 18,121 million as recorded at the book value, was divided between 35 countries, including: Bulgaria (Euro 2,228 million), Croatia (Euro 1,778 million), Hungary (Euro 1,696 million), Portugal (Euro 1,636 million), Czech Republic (Euro 1,136 million), Russia (Euro 1,087 million), Ireland (Euro 1,087 million), Serbia (Euro 969 million), China (Euro 770 million), Poland (Euro 739 million) and Israel (Euro 535 million). The exposures in sovereign debt securities relating to Greece are immaterial.

As at 31 December 2021, there is no evidence of default of the exposures in question.

Note that the aforementioned remainder of the sovereign exposures held as at 31 December 2021 also included debt securities relating to supranational organisations, such as the European Union, the European Financial Stability Facility and the European Stability Mechanism, worth Euro 2,680 million (as at 31 December 2020 it amounted to Euro 2,275 million).

In addition to the Group's sovereign exposure in debt securities, there were also loans issued to central and local governments and government bodies, amounting to Euro 31,068 million as at 31 December 2021 (as at 31 December 2020 it amounted to Euro 26,414 million).

1.1.5 Risks relating to deferred taxes

As at 31 December 2021, Deferred Tax Assets (DTAs) amounted in aggregate to Euro 11,598 million, of which Euro 6,239 million may be converted into tax credits pursuant to Law No. 214 of 22 December 2011 (Law 214/2011). As of 31 December 2020, DTAs totally amounted to Euro 11,361 million, of which Euro 7,491 million available for conversion to tax credits pursuant to Law 214/2011.

The above mentioned amounts are the ones resulting from the sustainability test provided for IAS12, that takes into account the economic projections foreseeable for future years and the peculiarities of the fiscal legislations of each country, in order to check whether there are future taxable incomes against which tax loss carry forward ("TLCF") can be offset.

If, for whatever reason, significant changes in the current tax legislation may occur, not foreseeable at present, such as the rate change, or the updating of the income statement estimates with the latest available official projections should lead to lower taxable future income than those estimated in the sustainability test, and therefore not sufficient to guarantee the reabsorption of the DTAs in question, negative and even significant effects on the activities and on the economic, equity and / or financial situation of the Issuer and / or the Group could occur.

The Law Decree No.73 of 25 May 2021 (LD 73/2021) extended to 2021 the incentives, introduced in 2020, for Non-Performing Exposures (NPE) disposals provided by Art.44-bis Law Decree No.34/2019. Therefore, also for 2021 the NPE disposals to companies not belonging to UniCredit Group completed by 31 December 2021 allowed the transformation in Tax Credits (TC) of Deferred Tax Assets ("DTAs") deriving from (i) tax losses and (ii) ACE (so-called *Aiuto alla Crescita Economica*) surpluses, under the same conditions applied to the benefit in 2020. As of 31 December 2021, Euro 110 million of DTAs were recognised into tax credits, with a correspondent positive impact on the income statement.

DTA's and liabilities are recognized in the consolidated financial statements according to accounting principle IAS 12. As of 31 December 2021, DTAs amounted in aggregate to Euro 11,598 million, of which Euro 6,239 million may be converted into tax credits pursuant to Law No. 214 of 22 December 2011 ("Law 214/2011"). As of 31 December 2020, DTAs totally amounted to Euro 11,361 million, of which Euro 7,491 million available for conversion to tax credits pursuant to Law 214/2011. Under Law 214/2011, DTAs related to loan impairments and loan losses, or to goodwill and certain other intangible assets, may be converted into tax credits if the company has a full-year loss in its non-consolidated accounts relating to convertible DTAs (to which such convertible DTAs relate) ("Convertible DTAs"). Under the conversion into tax credits, Convertible DTAs recognized in the accounts of the company with the non-consolidated full-year loss, and a proportion of the deferred tax credits are converted in accordance with a ratio between the amount of the full-year loss and the company's shareholders' equity.

Law 214/2011 also provides for the conversion of Convertible DTAs if there is a tax loss on a non-consolidated basis. In such circumstances, the conversion of the Convertible DTAs is recognized in the financial statements against the tax loss, limited to the loss generated from the deduction of the same categories of negative income components (loan impairments and loan losses, or related to goodwill and other intangible assets).

As at 31 December 2021, the remaining Deferred Tax Assets (*i.e.*, DTAs non-convertible into tax credits) are related to costs and write-offs deductible in future years, for Euro 3,097 million (net of related deferred tax liabilities), and to tax losses carried forward (“**TLCF**”) for Euro 2,262 million (of which Euro 2,067 million DTAs on TLCF and Euro 195 million tax credit IRAP deriving from the conversion of the ACE benefit). DTAs on TLCF are mainly related to UniCredit S.p.A., also as Italian Tax Group Parent Company, for Euro 2,002 million, to UniCredit Bank Austria AG for Euro 185 million, and to UniCredit Bank AG for Euro 17 million.

The above mentioned amounts are the ones resulting from the sustainability test provided for IAS12, that takes into account the economic projections foreseeable for future years and the peculiarities of the fiscal legislations of each country, in order to check whether there are future taxable incomes against which TLCF can be offset.

At Group level total not recognized DTAs TLCF are equal to Euro 2,702 million mainly referred to UniCredit S.p.A. for Euro 2,072 million, to Sub-groups UniCredit Bank AG for Euro 331 million and UniCredit Bank Austria AG for Euro 270 million.

If, for whatever reason, significant changes in the current tax legislation may occur, not foreseeable at present, such as the rate change, or the updating of the income statement estimates with the latest available official projections should lead to lower taxable future income than those estimated in the sustainability test, and therefore not sufficient to guarantee the reabsorption of the DTAs in question, negative and even significant effects on the activities and on the economic, equity and/or financial situation of the Issuer and/or the Group could occur.

1.2 Risks related to the business activities and industry of the Issuer and of the Group

1.2.1 Liquidity Risk

*The main indicators used by the UniCredit Group to assess its liquidity profile are (i) the Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR), which represents an indicator of short-term liquidity subject to a minimum regulatory requirement of 100% from 2018 and which was equal to 182% in December 2021, whereas at 31 December 2020 was equal to 171% (calculated as the average of the 12 latest end of month ratios), and (ii) the Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR), which represents the indicator of structural liquidity and which in December 2021 was above the internal limit set at 102%, whereas at 31 December 2020 was above the internal limit set at 101% within the risk appetite framework. Liquidity risk refers to the possibility that the UniCredit Group may find itself unable to meet its current and future, anticipated and unforeseen cash payment and delivery obligations without impairing its day-to-day operations or financial position. The activity of the UniCredit Group is subject in particular to funding liquidity risk, market liquidity risk, mismatch risk and contingency risk. The most relevant risks that the Group may face are: i) an exceptionally high usage of the committed and uncommitted lines granted to corporate customers; ii) an unusual withdrawal of sight deposits by UniCredit’s retail and corporate customers; iii) the decline in the market value of the securities in which UniCredit invests its liquidity buffer; iv) the capacity to roll over the expiring wholesale funding and the potential cash or collateral outflows the Group may suffer in case of rating downgrades of both the banks or the sovereign debt in the geographies in which it operates. In addition to this, some risks may arise from the limitations applied to the cross-border lending among banks. Due to the financial market crisis, followed also by the reduced liquidity available to operators in the sector, the ECB has implemented important interventions in monetary policy, such as the "Targeted Longer-Term Refinancing Operation" (**TLTRO**) introduced in 2014 and the **TLTRO II** introduced in 2016.*

It is not possible to predict the duration and the amounts with which these liquidity support operations can be repeated in the future, with the result that it is not possible to exclude a reduction or even the cancellation of this support. This would result in the need for banks to seek alternative sources of borrowing, without ruling out the difficulties of obtaining such alternative funding as well as the risk that the related costs could be higher. Such a situation could therefore adversely affect UniCredit's business, operating results and the economic and financial position of UniCredit and/or the Group.

Funding liquidity risk refers to the risk that the Issuer may not be able to meet its payment obligations, including financing commitments, when these become due. In light of this, the availability of the liquidity needed to carry out the Group’s various activities and the ability to fund long-term loans are essential for the Group to be able to

meet its anticipated and unforeseen cash payment and delivery obligations, so as not to impair its day-to-day operations or financial position.

In order to assess the liquidity profile of the UniCredit Group, the following principal indicators are also used:

- the short-term indicator Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR), which expresses the ratio between the amount of available assets readily monetizable (cash and the readily liquidable securities held by UniCredit) and the net cash imbalance accumulated over a 30-day stress period; the indicator is subject to a minimum regulatory requirement of 100%; and
- the 12-month structural liquidity indicator Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR), which corresponds to the ratio between the available amount of stable funding and the required amount of stable funding.

As of December 2021, the LCR of the Group was equal to 182%, whereas at 31 December 2020 was equal to 171% (calculated as the average of the 12 latest end of month ratios). As of December 2021, the NSFR was above the internal limit of 102%, whereas at 31 December 2020 was above the internal limit set at 101% set in the risk appetite framework.

The Group's access to liquidity could be damaged by the inability of the Issuer and/or the Group companies to access the debt market, including also the forms of borrowing from retail customers, thus compromising the compliance with prospective regulatory requirements, with consequent negative effects on the operating results and capital and/or financial position of the Issuer and/or of the Group.

As regards market liquidity, the effects of the highly liquid nature of the assets held are considered as a cash reserve. Sudden changes in market conditions (interest rates and creditworthiness in particular) can have significant effects on the time to sell, including for high-quality assets, typically represented by government securities. The "dimensional scale" factor plays an important role for the Group, insofar as it is plausible that significant liquidity deficits, and the consequent need to liquidate high-quality assets in large volumes, may change market conditions. In addition to this, the consequences of a possible decline of the price of the securities held and of a change in the criteria applied by the counterparties in repos operations could make it difficult to ensure that the securities can be easily liquidated under favorable economic terms.

In addition to risks closely connected to funding risk and market liquidity risk, a risk that could impact the day-to-day liquidity management is the differences in the amounts or maturities of incoming and outgoing cash flows (mismatch risk) and the risk that (potentially unexpected) future requirements (i.e. use of credit lines, withdrawal of deposits, increase in guarantees offered as collateral) may use a greater amount of liquidity than that considered necessary for day-to-day activities (contingency risk).

The slowdown in economic activity caused by lockdowns across Europe and the measures the Governments have taken to face the effects of the current health and economic emergency impacted the Group operations in the different countries of its perimeter. The business continuity management plans were activated in order to ensure the regular execution of Treasury activities and the proper information flows to the senior management and the Supervisors. Despite the overall liquidity situation of the Group is safe and under constant control, some risks may materialize in the coming months, depending on the possibility that new lockdown measures might be taken and expected economic recovery.

An important mitigating factor to these risks are the contingency management policies in place in the Group system of rules and the measures announced by the ECB, which have granted a higher flexibility in the management of the current liquidity situation by leveraging on the available liquidity buffers.

As of 31 December 2021, the total debt of the UniCredit Group with the ECB through TLTRO III was Euro 106.8 billion, with a timetable of maturities scheduled for June 2023 and June 2022. In relation to the second one, in March 2022, the bank decided to set the repayment date to the original maturity of March 2024. As of 31 December 2021 UniCredit Group had other minor refinancing operation in place other than TLTRO III in the subsidiaries in Eastern Europe.

Please find below the details of the TLTRO III participations of the Group with ECB:

TLTRO III

Effect from	Maturity	Amounts (Euro -billion)
24 June 2020	28 June 2023	94.2
24 March 2021	27 March 2024	12.6
Total		106.8

1.2.2 Risk related to the property market trends

The UniCredit Group is exposed to risks relating to the property market as a result of its significant property portfolio (both in Italy and abroad), as well as due to loans granted to companies operating in the commercial real estate market, whose cash flow is generated mainly by the rental or sale of commercial properties, and loans to individuals secured by real property. A downturn in property prices, also in light of COVID-19 pandemics, may cause to the UniCredit Group to have to recognize reduction in the value of the property owned where book value is higher than market value, with possible material adverse effects on our business, capital and results of operations.

Furthermore, the UniCredit Group has outstanding a significant amount of loans to individuals secured by residential property. Should property prices, which represents most of the collateral securing our loans, fall, the value of the collateral securing such loans would decline.

In this regard, starting from 31 December 2019 financial statements, the Group has decided to change the evaluation criterion of the Group's real estate portfolio, in particular for the properties used in business (ruled by IAS16 "Property, plant and equipment") providing for the transition from the cost model to the revaluation model for the measurement subsequent to initial recognition while for the properties held for investment (ruled by IAS40 "Investment property") providing for the transition from the cost model to the fair value model.

The Group has considered that the possibility of measuring real estate assets at current values (and no longer at cost) allows, in line with the provisions of IAS8 concerning changes in accounting principles, to provide reliable and more relevant information on the effects of business management as well as the Group's financial position and economic result.

As at 31 December 2021 fair value of both properties held for investment and properties used in business was re-determined through external appraisals.

The update of appraisals has led to an overall positive balance sheet effect of Euro 138 million gross of tax: (i) for real estate assets used in business, the recognition of an increase in the specific valuation reserve for an amount of Euro 157 million gross of tax effect. In addition to this increase, net losses for Euro 35 million were recognized in the income statement gross of the tax effect; and (ii) for real estate assets held for investment, the recognition of an income statement result equal to Euro 16 million gross of the tax effect.

The valuation of properties at current values implies a possible risk of volatility as well as an increase of the so-called real estate risk. By reference to the real estate units held as at 31 December 2021 and their corresponding market value overall equal to Euro 5,955 million, has been estimated a sensitivity to the increase/decrease in real estate values of +/-1% equal to approximately Euro 60 million corresponding to approximately +/-2 basis point of CET1 ratio.

The measurement of inventories of property, plant and equipment, to the lower between cost and net realizable value, has determined the recognition of a net write-down for Euro 16 million.

For further information, please see the consolidated financial statements of UniCredit as at 31 December 2021, *Part B – Consolidated balance sheet – Assets – Section 9 – Property, plant and equipment – Item 90.*

Furthermore, the UniCredit Group has outstanding a significant amount of loans to individuals secured by residential property. Should property prices, which represents most of the collateral securing our loans, fall, the value of the collateral securing such loans would decline.

1.2.3 Risks connected with the UniCredit Group's activities in different geographical areas

The UniCredit Group operates in different countries and, therefore, the UniCredit Group's activities are affected by the macroeconomic context of the markets in which it operates. Italy accounted for 46% of the UniCredit Group's total revenue during 2021⁶ and is the Group's primary market. The UniCredit Group operates and has a significant presence also in Germany (which accounted for 25% of our total revenues in 2021), as well as in Central Europe (17% including Austria, Czech Rep, Hungary and Slovenia) and in Eastern Europe countries (Russia, Croatia, Bulgari, Romania, Bosnia and Serbia representing 13% of our total revenues in 2021). A deterioration in the macroeconomic conditions in Western Europe, also considering the potential impact of the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine, an increase in the volatility of their capital markets, a significant increase in the cost of funding, the end of the current period of ready availability of liquidity in the respective markets or an increase in political instability could create a difficult operating environment and have a negative impact on UniCredit's profitability, as well as our assets and operations, balance sheet and/or income statement.

The Group's business is closely connected to the Italian economy and could, therefore, be negatively impacted by any changes in the macroeconomic environment considering the recent geopolitical developments, energy crisis, and inflation increase.

The UniCredit Group operates and has a significant presence also in Germany (which accounted for 25% of our total revenues in 2021), as well as in Central Europe (17% including Austria, Czech Rep, Hungary and Slovenia) and in Eastern Europe countries (Russia, Croatia, Bulgari, Romania, Bosnia and Serbia representing 13% of our total revenues in 2021). The risks and uncertainties to which UniCredit is exposed are of a different nature and magnitude depending on the country, and whether or not the country belongs to the European Union, which is one of the main factors taken into consideration when evaluating these risks and uncertainties.

A deterioration in the macroeconomic conditions in Western Europe, an increase in the volatility of their capital markets, a significant increase in the cost of funding, the end of the current period of ready availability of liquidity in the respective markets or an increase in political instability could create a difficult operating environment and have a negative impact on UniCredit's profitability, as well as our assets and operations, balance sheet and/or income statement.

CE & EE countries have also historically featured volatile capital and foreign exchange markets, as well as a certain degree of political, economic and financial instability (which for certain countries might increase due to spillover effects of the Russia Ukraine conflict). In some cases, CE & EE countries have a less developed political, financial and legal system, when compared to Western European countries. In countries where there is greater political instability, there is the risk of political or economic events affecting the transferability and/or limiting the operations of one or more of the UniCredit Group companies, as well as the risk that local governments could implement nationalization policies or introduce similar restrictions or other measures, which could directly affect Group companies and/or which could have negative consequences on our assets and operations, balance sheet and/or income statement.

In addition, UniCredit geographic presence implies risks related to negative effects of Russia Ukraine conflict. In the extreme scenario, where the entirety of our maximum exposure is non-recoverable and zeroed, UniCredit capital position would allow to absorb such impact while still having a solid capital position. Whilst UniCredit does not consider this extreme scenario as base case, it is closely monitoring the developments in the country, in full cooperation with regulators, and with dedicated cross expert teams which defined robust and tested contingency plans, and it is taking a prudent and sustainable approach to distributions. UniCredit continues to dynamically manage its risk exposure, whilst constantly assessing the potential impact of the conflict on global GDP and public policies.

1.2.4 Market risks

The UniCredit Group is exposed to Market Risk. Market risk derives from the effect that changes in market variables (interest rates, securities prices, exchange rates, etc.) can cause to the economic value of the Group's portfolio, including the assets held both in the Trading Book, as well as those posted in the Banking Book, both

⁶ Based on regional view

on the operations characteristically involved in commercial banking and in the choice of strategic investments. As at 31 December 2021 RWA (Risk-Weighted Assets) for Market Risk (excluding credit valuation adjustments - CVA Risk) amounted to Euro 6.58 billion out of a total of Euro 322 billion of Total Group RWA. Total Market Risk RWA (excluding CVA Risk) are split between the part calculated under the internal model (Euro 5.68 billion) and the standardised approach (Euro 0.84 billion) and settlement risk (Euro 0.06 billion). In addition, starting from December 2019 an additional capital requirement has been added, amounting to 336.74 million as of 31 December 2021.

Therefore it is not possible to exclude, considering the trend of the market variables, possible negative effects on the activities and the economic, capital and/or financial situation of the Issuer and/or the Group.

Specifically, the Trading book is defined as all positions in financial instruments and commodities held either with trading intent, or in order to hedge positions held with trading intent. Books held with trading intent are composed of:

- positions arising from client servicing and market making;
- positions intended to be resold in the short term;
- positions intended to benefit from actual or expected short-term price differences between buying and selling prices or from other price or interest rate variations.

In addition, Trading book may include internal or intra-group hedging derivatives transferring risk from Banking book into Trading book, entitled to manage the relevant risk and having access to the derivatives market. The essential requirement for the Regulatory Trading book assignment is a clear "trading intent" which the trader has to commit to and has to confirm on an ongoing basis. Additionally, the so called "tradability", "marketability" and "hedge-ability" requirements have to be assessed in order to evaluate the appropriateness for the Trading book assignment. The financial instruments (an asset or a liability, cash or derivative) held by the Group are exposed to changes over time driven by moves of market risk factors. The market risk factors are classified in the following five standard market risk asset classes:

- Credit risk: the risk that the value of the instrument decreases due to credit spreads changes, issuer correlation and recovery rates;
- Equity risk: the risk that the value of the instrument decreases due to increase/decrease of index/stock prices, equity volatilities, implied correlation;
- Interest rate risk: the risk that the value of the instrument decreases due to interest rates changes, basis risk, interest rates volatility;
- Currency risk: the risk that the value of the instrument decreases due to foreign exchange rates changes, foreign exchange rates volatility;
- Commodity risk: the risk that the value of the instrument decreases due to changes of the commodity prices, for example gold, crude oil, commodity prices volatility.

Market risk in UniCredit group is measured and limited mainly through two sets of metrics: Broad Market Risk measures and Granular Market Risk measures.

As at 31 December 2021 RWA (Risk-Weighted Assets) for Market Risk (excluding credit valuation adjustments - CVA Risk) amounted to Euro 6.58 billion out of a total of Euro 322 billion of Total Group RWA. Total Market Risk RWA (excluding CVA Risk) are split between the part calculated under the internal model (Euro 5.68 billion) and the standardised approach (Euro 0.84 billion) and settlement risk (Euro 0.06 billion). In addition, starting from December 2019 an additional capital requirement has been added, amounting to 336.74 million as of 31 December 2021.

1.2.5 Interest rate fluctuation and exchange rate risk

The interest rate banking book, earnings and economic value are exposed to: changes in interest rates that may have a major negative impact in the value of the assets and liabilities held by the Group; changes in the behavioural models; changes in the basis of Interest rate curves tenors and changes of the Interest rate volatilities.

The UniCredit Group implements also a hedging policy of risks related to the fluctuation of interest rates. Such hedges are based on estimates of behavioural models and interest rate scenarios which could have an impact on the activity, operating results and capital and financial position of the Group.

The Market Risk impact on the Group is low, in coherence with the mission of the Group and it is tracked by an ad hoc Key Performance Indicator (KPI) on the Ratio between Market Risk-Weighted Assets (RWA) and Overall RWA.

For further information, please see the consolidated financial statements of UniCredit as at 31 December 2021, Part E – Information on risks and hedging policies, incorporated by reference herein.

1.2.6 Operational risk

The UniCredit Group is exposed to operational risk, namely the risk of suffering losses due to errors, violations, interruptions, damages caused by internal processes, personnel, strikes, systems (including IT systems on which the UniCredit Group depends to a great extent) or caused by external, unforeseen events, entirely or partly out of the control of the UniCredit Group (including, for example, fraud, deception or losses resulting from the disloyalty of employees and/or from the violation of control procedures, IT virus/cyber attacks or the malfunction of electronic and/or communication services, possible terrorist attacks). The realisation of one or more of these risks could have significant negative effects on the activity, operating results and capital and financial position of the Issuer and/or the Group.

The complexity and geographical distribution of the UniCredit Group's activities requires a capacity to carry out a large number of transactions efficiently and accurately, in compliance with the various different regulations applicable.

Operational risk also includes legal risk and compliance risk, but not strategic risk and reputational risk. The main sources of operational risk statistically include the instability of operating processes, poor IT security, excessive concentration of the number of suppliers, changes in strategy, fraud, errors, recruitment, staff training and loyalty and, lastly, social and environmental impacts. It is not possible to identify one consistent predominant source of operating risk.

The UniCredit Group has a framework for managing operational risks, comprising a collection of policies and procedures for controlling, measuring and mitigating Group operational risks. These measures could prove to be inadequate to deal with all the types of risk that could occur and one or more of these risks could occur in the future as a result of unforeseen events, entirely or partly out of our control (including, for example, non-compliance of suppliers with their contractual obligations, fraud, deception or losses resulting from the disloyalty of employees and/or from the violation of control procedures, IT virus attacks or the malfunction of electronic and/or communication services, possible terrorist attacks). The realization of one or more of these risks could have material adverse effects on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Referring to operational risks' effects arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, analysis were carried out in order to identify risks arising from process changes adopted time by time to protect the health of employees and customers.

With reference to the operational risks identified, the effectiveness of the risk mitigation measures was then assessed also through a comparative analysis between different Group Legal Entities. In addition, specific second-level controls were activated to oversee those areas that were subject to the most significant changes: the outcome of these checks did not highlight any significant criticality. A specific monitoring of operational incidents linked, even indirectly, to the entire COVID-19 pandemic has been created in order to promptly intercept potential process criticalities or inappropriate behaviors.

Moreover, in the context of its operation, the UniCredit Group outsources the execution of certain services to third companies, regarding, *inter alia*, banking and financial activities, and supervises outsourced activities according to policies and regulations adopted by the Group. The failure by the outsourcers to comply with the minimum level of service as determined in the relevant agreements might cause adverse effects for the operation of the Group.

The UniCredit Group has always invested a lot of efforts and resources in upgrading its IT systems and improving its defence and monitoring systems. Based also on the Strategic Plan 2022-2024, digitalisation is at the heart of Bank's strategy and its ultimate ambition is to be a truly digital bank. Operational risk remains a significant focus for the Group, with reinforced controls of business and governance process across all legal entities and with a permanent optimisation of work process. However, possible risks remain with regards to the reliability of the system, the quality, integrity and confidentiality of the data managed, increasing of digital exposure and the continuously evolving threats landscape to which IT systems are subject, as well as physiological risks related to the management of software changes (change management), which could have negative effects on the operations of the UniCredit Group, as well as on the capital and financial position of the Issuer and/or the Group.

Some of the more serious risks relating to the management of IT systems that the UniCredit Group has to deal with are possible violations of its systems due to unauthorised access to its corporate network, or IT resources,

the introduction of viruses into computers or any other form of abuse committed via digital channel. Similar attempts have become more frequent over the years throughout the world and therefore can threaten the protection of information relating to the Group and its customers and can have negative effects on the integrity of the Group's IT systems, as well as on the confidence of its customers and on the actual reputation of the Group, with possible negative effects on the capital and financial position of the Issuer and/or the Group.

UniCredit Group is subject to the regulations governing the protection, collection and processing of personal data in the jurisdictions in which it operates. While the Group maintains internal procedures that are compliant with applicable regulation, it remains exposed to the risk that the data could be damaged or lost, or removed, disclosed or processed (data breach) for purposes other than those authorized by the customer, including by unauthorized parties (such as third parties or Group employees) or with insufficient lawful basis (e.g. Standard Contractual Clauses to be signed in case of transfer of personal data outside EEA as per European Court of Justice decision of July 2020⁷). Examples of data processed for purposes other than those for which they were collected or by unauthorised parties may be: the viewing of data by employees outside their work duties or for clients of other branches/portfolios of other managers; the employee of a supplier, appointed as Data Processor, processing the data with procedures/methods or for purposes other than those stated in the Data Processing Agreement.

With reference to the insufficient lawful basis, the European Court of Justice, in the aforementioned decision, confirmed the validity of Standard Contract Clauses as an instrument of transfer/lawful basis, but added the responsibility, on the "exporter" of the personal data, to assess whether the country of destination of the data offers a level of protection of the rights and freedoms of the data subject equivalent to the one guaranteed in Europe, by Regulation (EU) 2016/679. Moreover, the European Data Protection Board has stated, in documents released after the decision, that even simple access to the data (i.e. by an employee of the third company engaged for IT platform maintenance activities) may constitute a transfer of personal data. Thus, the potential risk is that personal data may be processed by third parties, appointed as Data Processor, from countries outside the European Economic Area without the presence of Standard Contract Clauses and/or without an adequate assessment by the data controller of the privacy rules in the destination country.

Over the past few years, has been subject to cyber-attacks which led, even though only in a few limited cases, to the theft of personal data. In this regard, taking into account the type of risks detected, UniCredit, in addition to strengthening the protection measures already in place, carried out a wide and in-depth assessment of the effects that may derive also for financial statements purposes.

In this regard it should be noted that on 5 February 2020, the Italian Personal Data Protection Authority notified UniCredit S.p.A. of the start of sanctioning proceedings regarding a violation of customers' personal data following a Cyber-attack (data breach) occurred in October 2018, communicated through its Group website on 22 October 2018. It is currently not possible to define the timeline and outcome of the proceedings.

In addition, the investment made by the UniCredit Group in software development further increases the risk that when one or more of the above-mentioned circumstances occurs, the Group may suffer financial losses if the software is destroyed or seriously damaged, or will incur repair costs for the violated IT systems, as well as being exposed to regulatory sanctions.

Starting from 2018, the UniCredit Group has subscribed a Cyber Insurance Policy with European Insurance Companies with adequate rating and with reasonably high limits, to cover damages, in compliance with the current local legislation, caused by Data Breach and other cyber-attacks on the IT systems, except for compensation for sanctions where national law does not allow it.

1.2.7 Risks connected with legal proceedings in progress

1.2.7.1 Risks connected with legal proceedings in progress

As at the date of this Registration Document, UniCredit S.p.A. and other UniCredit Group companies are named as defendants in several legal proceedings. In particular, as at 31 December 2021, UniCredit and other UniCredit Group companies were named as defendants in about 55,900 legal proceedings of which approx. 8,500 involving UniCredit (excluding labour law cases, tax cases and credit recovery actions in which counterclaims were asserted or objections raised with regard to the credit claims of Group companies). Moreover, from time to time,

⁷ Judgment in Case C-311/18, Data Protection Commissioner v Facebook Ireland and Maximilian Schrems, that invalidated the adequacy decision of personal data protection provided by the "EU-US Data Protection Shield"

past and present directors, officers and employees may be involved in civil and/or criminal proceedings, the details of which the UniCredit Group may not lawfully know about or communicate.

Risk arising from legal pending proceedings consists in the possibility for UniCredit to bear claims for damages in case of unfavourable outcome of such proceedings.

In many of these cases, there is substantial uncertainty regarding the outcomes of the proceedings and the amount of possible losses. These cases include criminal proceedings, administrative proceedings brought by supervisory or prosecution authorities and/or claims in which the claimed damages and/or potential liabilities of the Group is not and cannot be determined, either because of how the claims is presented and/or because of the nature of the legal proceeding. In such cases, until the time when it will be possible to estimate reliably the potential outcome, no provisions are made. Instead, where it is possible to estimate reliably the amount of possible losses and loss is considered likely, provisions have been made in the financial statements to the extent the parent company UniCredit S.p.A., or any of the Group companies involved, deemed appropriate based on the circumstances and in accordance with IAS.

To provide for possible liabilities and costs that may result from pending legal proceedings (excluding labour law and tax cases), as of 31 December 2021, the UniCredit Group set aside a provision for risks and charges of Euro 688.4 million, of which Euro 428.1 million for the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. As of 31 December 2021, the total amount of claimed damages relating to judicial proceedings other than labour, tax and debt collections proceedings was Euro 9.8 billion, of which approximately Euro 6.4 billion for the proceedings involving the parent company UniCredit S.p.A.. This figure is affected by both the heterogeneous nature of the pending proceedings and the number of involved jurisdictions and their corresponding characteristics in which UniCredit Group companies are named as defendants.

It is also necessary for the Group to comply in the most appropriate way with the various legal and regulatory requirements in relation to the different aspects of the activity such as the rules on the subject of conflict of interest, ethical questions, anti-money laundering, EU, US and international sanctions, customers' assets, rules governing competition, privacy and security of information and other regulations.

For further information in relation to the single legal and arbitration proceedings please see Paragraph 11.4 headed “*Legal and arbitration proceedings*” of this Registration Document.

1.2.7.2 Risks arising from tax disputes

At the date of this Registration Document, there are various tax-related proceedings pending with regard to UniCredit and other companies belonging to the UniCredit Group, as well as tax inspections by the competent authorities in the various countries in which the Group operates. In consideration of the uncertainty that defines the tax proceedings in which the Group is involved, there is the risk that an unfavourable outcome and/or the emergence of new proceedings could lead to an increase in risks of a tax nature for UniCredit and/or for the Group, with the consequent need to make further provisions and/or outlays, with possible negative effects on the operating results and capital and/or financial position of UniCredit and/or the Group.

As of 31 December 2020, the total amount of provisions for tax risks related to legal proceedings, inspections, and tax credits amounted to Euro 180.8 million, of which Euro 6.4 million for legal expenses. As of 31 December 2021, the total amount of provisions amounted to Euro 182.45 million, of which Euro 2.92 million for legal expenses.

As far as the tax inspections and tax disputes are concerned, in relation to 31 December 2021, reference is made to Paragraph 11.4 headed “*Legal and arbitration proceedings*” of this Registration Document.

Finally, it should be pointed out that in the event of a failure to comply with or a presumed breach of the tax law in force in the various countries, the UniCredit Group could see its tax-related risks increase, potentially resulting in an increase in tax disputes and possible reputational damage.

For further information in relation to the tax proceedings please see Paragraph 11.4 headed “*Legal and arbitration proceedings*” of this Registration Document.

1.3 Risks connected with the legal and regulatory framework

1.3.1 Basel III and Bank Capital Adequacy

*The Issuer shall comply with the revised global regulatory standards (**Basel III**) on bank capital adequacy and liquidity, which impose requirements for, inter alia, higher and better-quality capital, better risk coverage, measures to promote the build-up of capital that can be drawn down in periods of stress and the introduction of a leverage ratio as a backstop to the risk-based requirement as well as two global liquidity standards. In terms of banking prudential regulations, the Issuer is also subject to the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive 2014/59/EU of 15 May 2014 (**BRRD**), implemented in Italy with the Legislative Decree. 180 and 181 of 16 November 2015 - as amended by the Directive (EU) 2019/879, the “BRRDII” (implemented in Italy by the Legislative Decree No. 193 of November 8, 2021) on the recovery and resolution of credit institutions, as well as the relevant technical standards and guidelines from EU regulatory bodies (i.e. the European Banking Authority (EBA)), which, inter alia, provide for capital/ Minimum Requirement for Own Funds and Eligible Liabilities (MREL) requirements for credit institutions, recovery and resolution mechanisms.*

Should UniCredit not be able to meet the capital/MREL requirements imposed by the applicable laws and regulations, it may be required to maintain higher levels of capital which could potentially impact its credit ratings, and funding conditions and which could limit UniCredit's growth opportunities.

Having regard to the assessments made in relation to the probability of the occurrence of such risk and the extent of any negative impact, the Issuer evaluates that the materiality of such risk shall be medium-high.

The Basel III framework has been implemented in the EU through new banking requirements: Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms (the **CRD IV Directive**) and the Regulation 2013/575/EU (the **CRR**, together with the CRD IV Directive, the **CRD IV Package**) subsequently updated in the Regulation No. 876/2019 and Directive (EU) No. 2019/878 (the **Banking Reform Package** with CRR II and CRD V). In addition to the capital requirements under CRD IV, the BRRD introduces requirements for banks to maintain at all times a sufficient aggregate amount of own funds and eligible liabilities (the **Minimum Requirement for Own Funds and Eligible Liabilities, MREL**). The Issuer has to meet MREL requirements on a consolidated basis, as well as the total loss absorbing capacity requirement for globally systemically important institutions (TLAC), as established by the CRR II. The MREL and TLAC requirements involve similar risks. They constrain the structure of liabilities and require the use of subordinated debt, which have an impact on cost and potentially on the Issuer's financing capacity.

From 1 January 2022, the Issuer shall comply, on a consolidated basis, with an intermediate MREL equal to the maximum between 20.73 percent of Risk Weighted Assets (RWA) - plus the Combined Buffer Requirement (CBR) applicable at any point in time - and a 5.90 percent of leverage ratio exposures (LRE). Similarly, the Issuer has to comply with a subordinated MREL, i.e. to be met with subordinated instruments, equal to the maximum between 11.79 percent RWA - plus the applicable CBR - and 5.68 percent LRE. From 1 January 2024, the consolidated MREL will become "fully loaded". Moreover, the Issuer shall comply with a TLAC requirement from 1 January 2022 equal to the maximum between 18 percent of RWA – plus the applicable CBR – and 6.75 percent of Total Exposure Measure. For more information on the capital adequacy legislation applicable to the Issuer, please see Section headed “*Information about the Issuer*”, paragraph 4.1.4 (*The domicile and legal form of the Issuer, the legislation under which the Issuer operates, its country of incorporation, the address, telephone number of its registered office (or principal place of business if different from its registered office) and website of the Issuer*) of this Registration Document.

Capital Adequacy requirements

The ECB is required under the Council Regulation (EU) No. 1024/2013 (the SSM Regulation establishing the Single Supervisory Mechanism (**SSM**)) to carry out a Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process (SREP) at least on an annual basis. The key purpose of the SREP is to ensure that institutions have adequate arrangements as well as capital and liquidity to ensure sound management and coverage of the risks to which they are or might be exposed, including those revealed by stress testing, as well as risks the institution may pose to the financial system.

In February 2022 UniCredit has been informed by the ECB of its final decision concerning capital requirements following the results of its annual SREP. With its decision the Single Supervisor left unchanged, compared to the SREP decision of 2019⁸, the Pillar 2 capital requirement at 175 basis points (to be held in the form of 56.25% of

⁸ In light of the Covid-19 situation, in 2020 the ECB did not issue a formal SREP decision: on 12 May 2020, ECB Banking Supervision announced it had adjusted its SREP approach for 2020 in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The EBA also published on 23 July Guidelines for competent authorities for the special procedure for the SREP 2020, identifying how flexibility and pragmatism could be exercised in relation to the SREP framework in the context of this pandemic. The 2020 SREP cycle focused on the ability of the supervised entities to handle the challenges of the COVID-19 crisis and its impact on their current and prospective risk profile.

CET1 capital and 75% of Tier 1 capital, as a minimum), applicable from 1 March 2022. As a consequence, UniCredit has been required to meet the following overall capital requirements on a consolidated basis from 1 March 2022 (the following capital requirements were the same required to meet from 31 December 2021)⁹:

- Common Equity Tier 1 ratio: 9.03%;
- Tier 1 ratio: 10.86%;
- Total Capital ratio: 13.30%.

Furthermore, the SREP 2021 letter includes qualitative measures regarding the management of non-performing loans. Following the ECB's request to banks in countries with relatively high levels of non-performing loans, the Issuer has been requested to:

- provide the ECB by 31 March 2022 with an update of the three-year strategic and operational plan for the management of NPEs, including clear quantitative targets aimed at reducing the high level of NPEs;
- provide the ECB, by 31 August 2022 and based on data as at 30 June 2022, with information on the status of implementation of the strategic and operational plan for the management of NPEs;
- provide the ECB, by 28 February 2023 and based on data as at 31 December 2022, with information on the status of implementation of the strategic and operational plan for the management of NPEs.

The Pillar 2 requirement (P2R) shall be held in the form of 56.25% of CET1 capital and 75% of Tier 1 capital, as a minimum. UniCredit is allowed to partially use Additional Tier 1 or Tier 2 instruments in order to comply with the Pillar 2 Requirements (P2R) instead of Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital, in line with the latest revision of the Capital Requirements Directive (CRD V).

As of 31 December 2021, the consolidated capital ratios (CET1 Capital, Tier 1 and Total Capital Transitional ratios) were equal to, respectively, 15.82%, 17.94% and 20.14% with an excess of CET1 with respect to the requirement which the Group shall comply with of 678 bps (so called MDA buffer).

As of 31 December, 2021 the CET1 Fully Loaded, i.e. calculated without considering the benefit arising from IFRS 9 Transitional arrangements ratio of the Group was equal to 15.03% exceeding by 599 bps the requirement (so called MDA buffer).

It should be noted that from 30 June 2020 the Group has adopted the so-called transitional phase-in regarding the application of the IFRS9 accounting principle, that implies a difference between the CET1 ratio Transitional (relevant for the respect of capital requirements) and the CET1 ratio Fully Loaded. As of 31 December 2021, the CET1 Fully Loaded of the Group was equal to 15.14% exceeding by 611 bps the fully loaded minimum capital requirements for CET1 ratio.

As of 31 December 2021, the fully loaded leverage ratio was 5.35%, while the transitional leverage ratio stood at 5.71%.

UniCredit is participating in the 2022 stress test conducted by the ECB on "Climate Risk", launched on 27 January 2022. Such test is a learning exercise for banks and supervisors alike; aiming to identify vulnerabilities, best practices and challenges banks face when managing climate-related risk. Importantly, this is not a pass or fail exercise, nor does it have direct implications for banks' capital levels. The outcome will feed into the Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process (SREP) from a qualitative point of view: this means that this stress test could indirectly impact Pillar 2 requirements through the SREP scores but will not directly impact capital through Pillar

The ECB in fact announced that only in exceptional cases it would have updated the banks' current requirements and that it would not issue SREP decisions for the 2020 SREP cycle. The 2019 SREP decisions therefore would not be superseded nor amended and would remain in force (as amended by the March 2020 ECB Decisions changing the P2R compositions). An operational letter from the ECB on 24 November 2020 confirmed this approach for UniCredit and the ECB did not make a formal 2020 SREP decision.

After adjusting its SREP approach for 2020, the ECB Banking Supervision returned to its regular SREP methodology for 2021.

⁹ Assuming the Countercyclical Capital Buffer equal to the 2021 year-end value. The Countercyclical Capital Buffer (CCyB) depends on the credit exposures of UniCredit to countries where countercyclical capital ratios have been or will be set and on the respective requirements set by the relevant national authorities, and may therefore vary on a quarterly basis over the reporting period.

2 guidance (P2G). No individual results will be published by the ECB, instead only aggregate results will be published and are expected in July 2022.

UniCredit was also subject to the 2021 EU-wide stress test conducted by the European Banking Authority (EBA), in cooperation with the Single Supervisory Mechanism (SSM), the European Central Bank (ECB), and the European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB). The 2021 EU-wide stress test did not contain a pass/fail threshold as it is instead designed to be used as an important source of information for the purposes of the SREP. The results assist Competent Authorities in assessing UniCredit's ability to meet applicable prudential requirements under stressed scenarios. The results for the single banks were published on 30 July 2021 and the outcome has been considered in the SREP 2021. UniCredit's results are summarized below:

- Baseline scenario:
 - 2023 fully loaded CET1r at 15.66% corresponding to 52bps higher than fully loaded CET1r as of December 2020; and
 - 2023 transitional CET1r at 15.80% corresponding to 16bps lower than transitional CET1r as of December 2020
- Adverse scenario:
 - 2023 fully loaded CET1r at 9.22% corresponding to 592bps lower than fully loaded CET1r as of December 2020; and
 - 2023 transitional CET1r at 9.59%, corresponding to 637bps lower than transitional CET1r as of December 2020.

Furthermore, during the fourth quarter of 2021, EBA performed the annual EU-wide transparency exercise to provide updated information as of September 2020, December 2020, March 2021 and June 2021 on banks' exposures and asset quality to financial operators; EBA published the results on 3 December 2021.

UniCredit, on 9th December 2021, presenting its 2022-2024 Strategic Plan “UniCredit Unlocked”, announced the aim to ensure a materially increased and growing remuneration in favour of the Shareholders over the course of the Plan, also by means of programmes for the purchase of ordinary shares of UniCredit.

As part of the activities envisaged in this announcement, the Shareholders Meeting called on 8 April 2022, for the financial year ended on 31 December 2021, substantially in line with “UniCredit Unlocked”, has approved a distribution of approximately Euro 3.75 bn, composed of:

- a cash dividend Euro 0.5380 for each share outstanding and entitled to dividend at payment date, for a maximum amount of Euro 1.170 bn from the allocation of profit for the year 2021, corresponding to approximately 30% of the so-called “underlying consolidated net profit” (i.e. Net Profit adjusted for non-operating items);
- purchases of UniCredit ordinary shares corresponding to a maximum total expenditure up to ca. Euro 2.580 bn and, in any case, not exceeding no. 215 mn of UniCredit ordinary shares (equal to 9.87% of the share capital of UniCredit at 9 March 2022, to be carried out, in one or more transactions, within the earliest of: (i) the date which will fall after 18 (eighteen) months from the date of the authorisation of the Shareholders' Meeting; and (ii) the date of the shareholders' meeting which will be called to approve the financial statements for the year ending on 31 December 2022, respectively pursuant to Article 2357 of the Italian Civil Code and Article 132 of Legislative Decree 58/1998 (“Italian Consolidated Financial Act”) and the relevant implementing regulations, and Article 2357-ter of the Italian Civil Code.. The ordinary shares thus purchased will be subsequently subject to cancellation.

Without prejudice to the above, UniCredit has specified that any purchase made under the Shareholders Meeting authorisation will be made in compliance with the purposes set out in the laws and regulations in force and applicable from time to time and with any indications given by the relevant Supervisory Authorities. The execution of the share buy-back programme will also be assessed taking a prudent and sustainable approach to distributions. In particular, the abovementioned execution will be subject to UniCredit's CET1 ratio proforma 2021 remaining above 13.0%; it is hereby therefore specified that the share buy-back programme that is the subject of this request for authorisation may not be executed or may be only partially executed.

1.3.2. Evolution of banking prudential regulation

The Group and the Issuer operate in a stringent and detailed regulatory context and are subject to the supervision by the competent supervisory authorities (i.e. European Central Bank, Bank of Italy, CONSOB). Either the regulatory framework and the supervision activity are subject to ongoing changes in the law and ongoing developments respectively. Moreover, being a listed issuer, the Issuer shall comply with all the further provisions enacted by CONSOB. Together with all these laws and regulations, the Issuer shall also comply with, by way of example but not limited to, anti-money laundering, usury and consumer protections legislations.

Notwithstanding the Issuer undertakes to comply with all the applicable statutory provisions, the risk of non-compliance with different legal and regulatory requirements, could lead to additional legal risk and financial losses, as a result of regulatory fines or reprimands, litigations, or reputational damage, and in extreme scenarios, to the suspension of operations or even withdrawal of authorization to pursue business.

The banking and financial regulatory framework to which the Group is subject is extremely stringent and detailed. The Issuer is also subject to the supervision by the competent supervisory authorities, including European Central Bank, Bank of Italy and CONSOB.

Failure to observe any of the legal and regulatory provisions currently in force or any changes relating to the interpretation of the applicable legislation by the competent authorities could negatively impact the operating results and capital and financial position of UniCredit.

For more information on legislation applicable to the Issuer, please see section headed “*Information about the Issuer*”, paragraph 4.1.4 (*The domicile and legal form of the Issuer, the legislation under which the Issuer operates, its country of incorporation, the address, telephone number of its registered office (or principal place of business if different from its registered office) and website of the Issuer*) of this Registration Document.

1.3.3 Risks connected with ordinary and extraordinary contributions to funds established under the scope of the banking crisis rules

The Issuer and the Group shall comply with the contribution obligations required by the bank resolution legislation. Should the amount of ordinary contributions requested to Group companies increase, the Group's profitability would decrease and the level of capital resources of the Issuer and the Group would be negatively affected; should extraordinary contributions be requested to the Group, this could have a negative impact, even significant, on financial position and economic results of the Group.

Following the crisis that affected many financial institutions from 2008, various risk-reducing measures have been introduced, both at European level and at individual Member State level. Their implementation involves significant outlays by individual financial institutions in support of the banking system.

The ordinary contribution obligations contribute to reducing profitability and have a negative impact on the Group's capital resources. It is not possible to rule out that the level of ordinary contributions required from the Group banks will increase in the future in relation to the development of the amount related to protected deposits and/or the risk relating to Group banks compared with the total number of banks committed to paying said contributions.

In addition, it is not possible to rule out that, even in future, as a result of events that cannot be controlled or predetermined, the Deposit Guarantee Scheme (**DGS**), the Single Resolution Fund (**SRF**), the National Resolution Fund (**NRF**) and/or the Fondo Interbancario di tutela dei depositi (**FITD**), do not find themselves in a situation of having to ask for more, new extraordinary contributions. This would involve the need to record further extraordinary expenses with impacts, including significant ones, on the capital and financial position of UniCredit.

For further information in relation to the above-mentioned ordinary and extraordinary contributions, please see the Issuer's audited consolidated annual financial report at 31 December 2021, incorporated by reference herein.

1.3.4 Risks connected with the entry into force of new accounting principles and changes to applicable accounting principles

The UniCredit Group is exposed, like other companies operating in the banking sector, to the effects of the entry into force and subsequent application of new accounting principles or standards and regulations and/or changes to them (including those resulting from IFRS as endorsed and adopted into European law). In particular, in the

future, the UniCredit Group may need to revise the accounting and regulatory treatment of some existing assets and liabilities and transactions (and related income and expense), with possible negative effects, including significant ones, on the estimates made in financial plans for future years and this could lead to restatements of financial data previously published.

In 2021 the following standards, amendments or interpretations came into force:

- Amendments to IFRS9, IAS39, IFRS7, IFRS4 and IFRS16 Interest Rate Benchmark Reform - Phase 2 (EU Regulation 2021/25);
- Amendments to IFRS4 Insurance Contracts - deferral of IFRS9 (EU Regulation 2020/2097);
- Amendments to IFRS16 Leases: Covid-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021 (EU Regulation 2021/1421);

whose adoption has not determined substantial effects on the amounts recognised in balance sheet or income statement.

As at December 31, 2021, the following documents have been endorsed by the European Commission:

- Amendments to IFRS3 Business Combinations; IAS16 Property, Plant and Equipment; IAS37 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets; and Annual Improvements 2018-2020” (EU Regulation 2021/1080) applicable to reporting starting from January 1, 2022; and
- IFRS17 Insurance Contracts; including Amendments to IFRS17 (EU Regulation 2021/2036) applicable to reporting starting from 1 January 2023.

As at December 31, 2021 the IASB issued the following accounting standards whose application is subject to completion of the endorsement process by the competent bodies of the European Commission, which is still ongoing:

- Amendments to IAS1 Presentation of Financial Statements: Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current and Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current - Deferral of Effective Date (January 2020 and July 2020 respectively);
- Amendments to IAS1 Presentation of Financial Statements and IFRS Practice Statement 2: Disclosure of Accounting policies (February 2021);
- Amendments to IAS8 Accounting policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors: Definition of Accounting Estimates (February 2021);
- Amendments to IAS12 Income Taxes: Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction (May 2021); and
- Amendments to IFRS17 Insurance contracts: Initial Application of IFRS17 and IFRS9 - Comparative Information (December 2021).

As a result, following the adoption of the new accounting principles, comparisons of our financial results prior to such adoption may be difficult. Prospective investors are therefore cautioned against placing undue reliance on such comparisons.”

1.2. The "Section II - Persons responsible, third party information, experts' reports and competent authority approval", on page 27 of the Registration Document, shall be amended as follows:

1.2.1. The subsection "Experts' reports", on page 27 of the Registration Document, shall be deleted and replaced as follows:

"2.3 Experts' reports

No statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in this Registration Document, except for the reports of the external auditors of the Issuer who have audited the consolidated financial statements of the UniCredit Group and the financial statements of the Issuer as at 31 December 2021, 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019 and who have carried out the review of the condensed interim consolidated financial statements of UniCredit Group as at 30 June 2021.

For further information please see Section 3 and Sections 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3 below."

1.3. The "Section III - Statutory Auditors", on page 28 of the Registration Document, shall be amended as follows:

1.3.1. The subsection "Information concerning the resignation, revocation or non-renewal of an audit engagement" on page 28 of the Registration Document, shall be deleted and replaced as follows:

"3.2 Information concerning the resignation, revocation or non-renewal of an audit engagement

No auditors have resigned, have been removed or have not been re-appointed during the financial statements 2020 and 2021."

1.4. The "Section IV - Information about the Issuer", on page 29 et seq. of the Registration Document, shall be amended as follows:

1.4.1. In subsection "History and development of the Issuer", on page 29 et seq. of the Registration Document, the "History and development of the Issuer" paragraph, on pages 29 - 31 of the Registration Document, shall be amended as follows:

"4.1 History and development of the Issuer

Recent Developments

“[...]”

- On 8 March 2022, UniCredit has announced that it has been present in Russia since 2005 and has experience in adapting to, and fully complying with, sanctions. UniCredit closely monitoring the developments in the country, in full cooperation with regulators, and with dedicated cross expert teams which defined robust and tested contingency plans to protect its people on the ground, its clients in all Europe and its shareholders.

UniCredit Bank Russia has a self-funded loan position at 2021 year end of EUR 7.8bn, RWA of EUR 9.4bn and equity of EUR 2.5bn. Net of FX hedges, UniCredit's direct exposure to UniCredit Bank Russia ("UCBR") is reduced to around EUR1.9bn.

Russian client cross border exposure¹⁰ is currently around EUR 4.5bn, net of guarantees of around EUR 1bn by non-Russian State Export Agencies, and accounts for around EUR 3bn RWA. The exposure is almost entirely to leading Russian multinational corporations and mostly in EUR and USD currencies, with contracts governed by international laws and subject to international courts of law. Counterparties impacted by sanctions currently in place represent less than 5% of the total cross border exposure. The main sector exposures of the portfolio are around 30% to oil & gas, around 20% each to transport, and machinery & metals, around 10% to chemicals, around 8% to financial institutions and with the balance to a mix of other sectors. UniCredit has a current mark-to-market derivative exposure to Russian banks of around EUR 300m, net of collateral received. The maximum potential loss in the event that the RUB would tend to zero is around EUR 1bn. In the extreme scenario, where the entirety of its maximum exposure described above is non-recoverable and zeroed, the impact on UniCredit's 2021 year end CET1 ratio (15.03% inclusive of EUR1.2 bn accrued dividend) would be around 200bps. Its strong capital position would allow UniCredit to absorb such impact without falling below 13% CET1. Whilst UniCredit does not consider this extreme scenario as its base case, it is taking a prudent and sustainable approach to its distributions. As such, UniCredit is confirming its 2021 proposed cash dividend of EUR 1.2bn, maintaining a 2021 CET1 ratio pro-forma above 13% even in the extreme scenario. Furthermore, UniCredit confirms its intention to execute the share buyback up to the previously agreed amount of EUR2.58 bn^{11,12} subject to its pro-forma 2021 year end CET1 remaining above 13.0%. An ultimate capital impact from Russian exposures lower than 200bps will enable UniCredit to use up to an equivalent amount for the share buyback. UniCredit will provide market updates on the development of the 200bps exposure on a quarterly basis unless the improvement is more than 25bps at which point UniCredit will provide an ad hoc update. UniCredit's target CET1 capital ratio remains within the range of 12.5-13.0%. UniCredit continues to dynamically manage its risk exposure, whilst constantly assessing the potential impact of the conflict on global GDP and public policies.

- On 1 April 2022, following the communication of 8 November 2021, UniCredit S.p.A. announced that it has completed the sale of its stake corresponding to 18% of the issued share capital of Yapı ve Kredi Bankası A.Ş. (YKB) to Koc Holding A.S. The closing of the transaction is expected to have a mid-high single digit positive impact on the UniCredit consolidated CET1 ratio, in the 2nd quarter 2022. Following the completion of the transaction, UniCredit S.p.A. is no longer a shareholder of YKB.
- On 8 April 2022, UniCredit S.p.A. has moved the date of the Board of Directors approving the first quarter 2022 results to 4 May 2022, instead of 27 April 2022, in order to allow for incremental time to further manage its cross border exposure to Russia. The 1Q22 Group Results Presentation (publication

¹⁰ Exposure at Default including Russian counterparts/Groups not directly booked in UniCredit Bank Russia and Russian counterparts/Groups with country of incorporation outside of Russia. Managerial Data.

¹¹ Legally capped at 10% of share capital.

¹² Subject to regulatory, and shareholder approval at the Annual Meeting on April 8, 2022.

and conference call) will be on 5 May 2022 instead of 28 April 2022. The updated 2022 financial calendar is available on the website: <https://www.unicreditgroup.eu/en>."

1.4.2. The subsection "The domicile and legal form of the Issuer, the legislation under which the Issuer operates, its country of incorporation, the address, telephone number of its registered office (or principal place of business if different from its registered office) and website of the Issuer", on page 32 et seq. of the Registration Document, shall be deleted in its entirety and the following new section shall be inserted:

"4.1.4 The domicile and legal form of the Issuer, the legislation under which the Issuer operates, its country of incorporation, the address, telephone number of its registered office (or principal place of business if different from its registered office) and website of the Issuer

UniCredit S.p.A. is a joint stock company established in Italy and operating under Italian law. The Registered and Head Offices of the Issuer are located in Milan, Piazza Gae Aulenti, 3 — Tower A. UniCredit's telephone number is +39 02 88 621, and UniCredit's website is www.unicreditgroup.eu. The information on the website of the Issuer does not form part of this Registration Document unless that information is incorporated by reference into this Registration Document.

UniCredit, in carrying out its activities, is subject to both the Italian provisions (e.g. to the provisions on anti-money laundering, transparency and fairness in customer relations, usury, consumer protection, labour law, safety at the workplace and privacy laws) and European provisions as well as to the supervision of various Authorities, each for their respective areas of competence. In particular, UniCredit is subject to the provisions contained in the Supervisory Regulations issued by the Bank of Italy and, as a significant bank, to the direct prudential supervision of the European Central Bank.

BRRD and SRMR

With regard to the regulatory framework applicable to the Issuer, it is noted the Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive 2014/59/EU of 15 May 2014 implemented in Italy with the Legislative Decree 180 and 181 of 16 November 2015 (BRRD) as amended by the Directive (EU) 2019/879, the "BRRD II" and implemented in Italy by the Legislative Decree No. 193 of November 8, 2021 (published in the Gazzetta Ufficiale on 30 November 2021). The Issuer is also subject to the Regulation (EU) No 806/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2014 (**Single Resolution Mechanism Regulation** or **SRM Regulation** as amended by the Regulation (EU) 2019/877 of 20 May 2019, published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 7 June 2019 ("SRMR II") and applying from 28 December 2020) which sets out uniform rules and procedures for the resolution of credit institutions and certain investment firms under the Single Resolution Mechanism (**SRM**) and the Single Resolution Fund. The SRM and BRRD enable a range of resolution tools and powers to be used in relation to credit institutions and investment firms considered to be at risk of failing.

Such instruments and powers include the possibility of applying the "bail-in", *i.e.* the power to reduce, with the possibility of cancellation, the nominal value of shares and the write-down of receivables due from the bank with their conversion into shares. The aim of the bail-in is to absorb losses and recapitalize the failing bank in order to ensure the continuity of its critical economic functions, protecting financial stability and minimizing losses to the taxpayer, while still ensuring that no creditor suffers greater losses than if the bank had been liquidated under normal insolvency proceedings.

In the context of the bail-in, losses may be transferred, following a priority order and net of the exclusions provided for by the regulations, to shareholders, holders of subordinated debt securities, holders of senior non preferred securities, holders of not subordinated and unsecured debt securities, other unsecured creditors and, finally, depositors for the portion exceeding the guaranteed portion, *i.e.* for the portion exceeding Euro 100,000.00 per depositor.

Furthermore, if the conditions are met, the Authorities may request the use of the Single Resolution Fund referred to in the SRMR, financed by contributions paid by banks.

In the framework of the SRMR and BRRD, the centralized decision-making power for resolution is entrusted to the Single Resolution Board (**SRB**), whose powers are attributed to the latter. In addition, the SRB cooperates closely with the national resolution authorities of Member States that are parties to the Banking Union. The national resolution authorities of Member States are empowered to implement the resolution programmes adopted by the SRB. In such a context, it is worth to mention the process to review - started by the European Commission

– the Crisis Management and Deposit Insurance (**CMDI**) framework. Following this revision, new and different legal and regulatory requirements may apply to the Group, in particular the activity of the European legislator is aimed at amending the BRRD, the SRMR and the Deposit Guarantee Schemes Directive (**DGSD**).

The BRRD also introduces requirements for banks to maintain at all times a sufficient aggregate amount of own funds and eligible liabilities (the Minimum Requirement for Own Funds and Eligible Liabilities, **MREL**). From 1 January 2022, the Issuer has to comply on a consolidated basis with intermediate MREL (including a subordinated component i.e. to be met with subordinated instruments) received by the Single Resolution Board and the Bank of Italy. From 1 January 2024, the consolidated MREL will become "fully loaded". The Issuer has to comply also with the standard on total loss absorbing capacity (**TLAC**).

CRR and CRD

The Issuer shall comply with the revised global regulatory standards (Basel III) on bank capital adequacy and liquidity. The Basel III framework has been implemented in the EU through new banking requirements: Directive 2013/36/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on access to the activity of credit institutions and the prudential supervision of credit institutions and investment firms (the CRD IV Directive) and the Regulation 2013/575/EU (the CRR, together with the CRD IV Directive, the CRD IV Package) subsequently updated in the Regulation No. 876/2019 and Directive (EU) No. 2019/878 (the Banking Reform Package with CRR II and CRD V). According to Article 92 of the CRR, institutions shall at all times satisfy the following Own Funds requirements: (i) a CET1 Capital ratio of 4.5 per cent.; (ii) a Tier 1 Capital ratio of 6 per cent.; and (iii) a Total Capital ratio of 8 per cent. According to Articles from 129 to 134 of the CRD, these minimum ratios are complemented by the following capital buffers to be met with CET1 Capital: *Capital conservation buffer*, *institution-specific countercyclical capital buffer*, *capital buffers for globally systemically important institutions (G-SIIs)* and *Capital buffers for other systemically important institutions (O-SIIs)*, *Systemic risk buffer*.

In October 2013, the Council of the European Union adopted regulations establishing the single supervisory mechanism (the Single Supervisory Mechanism or SSM) for all banks in the Euro area, which have, beginning in November 2014, given the ECB, in conjunction with the national competent authorities of the eurozone States, direct supervisory responsibility over "significant banks" in the Banking Union as well as their subsidiaries in a participating non-euro area Member State. The ECB has fully assumed its new supervisory responsibilities of UniCredit and the UniCredit Group.

On 7 June 2019, the legal acts "Risk Reduction Measures Package" regarding the banking sector have been published on the EU Official Journal. Such measures include, together with the amendments to the BRRD and to SRMR, (i) the Regulation (EU) 2019/876 of the European Parliament and of the Council (**CRR II**) amending the CRR as regards the leverage ratio, the net stable funding ratio, requirements for own funds and eligible liabilities, counterparty credit risk, market risk, exposures to central counterparties, exposures to collective investment undertakings, large exposures, reporting and disclosure requirements, and (ii) the Directive (EU) 2019/878 of the European Parliament and of the Council (**CRD V**) amending the CRD IV as regards exempted entities, financial holding companies, mixed financial holding companies, remuneration, supervisory measures and powers and capital conservation measures. The revisions better align the current regulatory framework to international developments in order to promote consistency and comparability among jurisdictions.

Such measures entered into force on 27 June 2019, while a) the CRR II is applicable from 28 June 2021, excluding some provisions with a different date of application (early or subsequent), b) the CRD V was to be implemented into national law by 28 December 2020 excluding some provisions which will be applicable subsequently. Directive (EU) 2019/878 (**CRD V Directive**) has been implemented in Italy by the Legislative Decree No. 182/2021. Directive 2019/879 (**BRRD II**) has been implemented in Italy by the Legislative Decree No. 193/2021, which provides for, among other measures:

- the determination of a minimum unit value for bonds and debt securities (Article 12-ter TUB) issued by credit institutions and investment firms:
 1. Euro 200,000 for subordinated bonds and other subordinated securities;
 2. Euro 150,000 for Senior Non Preferred debt instruments ("*strumenti di debito chirografario di secondo livello*");
- the nullity of contracts entered into with non-professional investors (relating to investment services having as their object the instruments referred to in Article 12-ter of the Italian Banking Act issued after 1 December 2021 (or equivalent instruments when issued by subjects having their registered office in a

third country, under certain conditions) that do not respect the minimum unit value (Article 25-quater of the Financial Services Act);

- the elimination of the ban on the placement of Senior Non-Preferred debt instruments with non-qualified investors (Article 5 of Legislative Decree No. 193/2021), subject to the abovementioned provisions.

Moreover, it is worth mentioning that the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (**BCBS**) concluded the review process of the models (for credit risk, counterparty risk, operational risk and market risk) for the calculation of minimum capital requirements, including constraints on the use of internal models and introducing the so-called "output floor" (setting a minimum level of capital requirements calculated on the basis of internal models equal, when fully implemented, to 72.5% of those calculated on the basis of the standardised methods). The main purpose is to enhance consistency and comparability among banks. The new framework was finalised for market risk in 2016 and finally revised in January 2019. The new framework for credit risk and operational risk was completed in December 2017. Prior to becoming binding on the European banking system, the European Commission, which conducted a public consultation (closed on 5 January 2020), assessed the potential impacts on the European economy.

Furthermore, in August 2020 the Commission required the EBA to update its assessment in the light of COVID-19, which was published in December 2020. The legislative proposal (**CRR III/CRD VI**), which incorporates these new standards into EU legislation as well as foresees some new provisions in relations to Environmental, Social and Governance (**ESG**) Risks has been published by the European Commission on 27 October 2021. Once agreed on the final text between the various stakeholders involved in the legislative process (European Commission, European Parliament and Council of the EU) and once implemented in the Union, these regulatory changes will impact the entire banking system and consequently could determine changes in the capital calculation and increase capital requirements.

The analysis carried out by the European Banking Authority (EBA), published in December 2019 upon request of the European Commission, shows that the adoption of the new Basel III criteria would require banks to increase minimum capital requirements (**MCR**) by 23.6%, resulting in a capital deficit of Euro 124 billion. The above-mentioned updated analysis by EBA published in December 2020, show an increase of MCR of 18.5% and a capital deficit of over Euro 52 billion (the December 2019 outcome for a comparable sample would have been respectively 24.1% and Euro 109.5 billion).

The impact assessment that accompanied instead the EU Commission's proposal published at the end of October 2021, states the expectation of a weighted average increase in institutions' minimum capital requirements of 6.4% to 8.4% in the long term (by 2030), after the envisaged transitional period. The Commission's proposal foresees that most of the provisions in the CRR III shall apply from 1 January 2025. The Member States shall adopt and publish the CRD VI by 18 months from the date of entry into force (**TBC**) of the amending Directive and they shall apply those provisions from one day after its transposition date.

Regulatory and supervisory framework on non-performing exposures

Among the measures adopted at European level in order to reduce non-performing exposures within adequate levels, worth mentioning are the followings:

Guidance to banks on non-performing loans published by ECB on 20 March 2017 and Addendum to the Guidance to banks on non-performing loans published by ECB on 15 March 2018: the NPL guidance contains recommendations and lays out the bank's approach, processes and objectives regarding the effective management of the exposures. The guidance addresses all non-performing exposures (NPEs), as well as foreclosed assets, and also touches on performing exposures with an elevated risk of turning non-performing, such as "watch-list" exposures and performing forborne exposures. According to the guidance, the banks need to establish a strategy to optimize their management of NPLs based on a self-assessment of the internal capabilities to effectively manage NPLs; the external conditions and operating environment; and the impaired portfolios specifications.

On 15 March 2018, the ECB published the Addendum to the Guidance on NPL which sets out supervisory expectations for the provisioning of exposures reclassified from performing to NPEs after 1 April 2018 (the **ECB Addendum**). In addition, the ECB's supervisory expectations for individual banks for the provisioning of the stock of NPLs (before 31 March 2018), was set out in its 2018 supervisory review and evaluation process (**SREP**) letters and the ECB will discuss any divergences from these prudential provisioning expectations with institutions as part of future SREP exercises.

On 22 August 2019, the ECB has decided to revise its supervisory expectations for prudential provisioning of new non-performing exposures. The decision was made after taking into account the adoption of the new EU regulation of that Banking Reform Package which makes further changes to the Pillar I treatment for NPEs (in revisions to the Capital Requirements Regulation known as **CRR II**).

The initiatives that originate from the ECB are strictly supervisory (**Pillar II**) in nature. In contrast, the European Commission's requirement is legally binding (**Pillar I**). The above-mentioned guidelines result in three "buckets" of NPEs based on the date of the exposure's origination and the date of NPE's classification:

- NPEs classified before 1 April 2018 (Pillar II - Stock): 2/7 years vintage buckets for unsecured/secured NPEs, subject to supervisory coverage recommendations and phase-in paths as communicated in SREP letters;
- NPEs originated before 26 April 2019 (Pillar II – ECB Flows): 3/7/9 years vintage buckets for unsecured/secured other than by immovable property/secured by immovable property, progressive path to 100%; and
- NPEs originated on or after 26 April 2019 (Pillar I – CRR Flows): 3/7/9 years vintage buckets for unsecured/secured other than by immovable property/secured by immovable property, progressive path to 100%.

Action plan to address the problem of non-performing loans in the European banking sector published by the European Council on 11 July 2017: the action plan outlines an approach based on a mix of four policy actions: the bank supervision; the reform of insolvency and debt recovery frameworks; the development of secondary markets for NPLs; promotion of the banking industry restructuring.

Guidelines on management of non-performing and forborne exposures published by EBA on 31 October 2018: the Guidelines aim to ensure that credit institutions have adequate tools and frameworks in place to manage effectively their NPEs and to substantially reduce the presence of NPEs on the balance sheet. Only for credit institutions with a gross NPL ratio above 5%, EBA asked to introduce strategies, in order to achieve a reduction of NPEs, and governance and operational requirements to support them.

Guidelines on disclosure of non-performing and forborne exposures published by EBA on 17 December 2018: in force since 31 December 2019, the Guidelines set enhanced disclosure requirements and uniform disclosure formats applicable to credit institutions' public disclosure of information regarding non-performing exposures, forborne exposures and foreclosed assets.

Regulation (EU) 2019/630 amending CRR as regards minimum loss coverage for non-performing exposures: the Regulation establishes, in the context of Pillar I, the prudential treatment of the non-performing exposures where the exposure was originated prior to 26 April 2019, requiring a deduction from own funds where NPEs are not sufficiently covered by provisions or other adjustments. The Regulation purpose is to encourage a timely and proactive management of the NPEs. The prudential treatment is applicable to: (i) unsecured exposures from the third year after the classification as NPE, (ii) exposures secured by immovable collateral and residential loans guaranteed by an eligible protection provider as defined in CRR, from the ninth year after the classification as NPE; and (iii) secured exposures, from the seventh year after the classification as NPE. The Regulation outlines the convergence process to its full application to secured and unsecured exposures classified as NPEs for less than 3/7/9 years.

Directive on credit servicers, credit purchasers and the recovery of collateral (COM/2018/0135): On 20 October, the European Parliament's plenary approved the final text of the Directive aimed at achieving the development of secondary markets for NPLs in the EU's markets standardizing the regulatory regime for credit servicers and credit purchasers. The second part of the Directive aimed at a better management of NPLs by increasing the efficiency of debt recovery procedures through the availability of a distinct common accelerated extrajudicial collateral enforcement procedure (AECE) is still put on hold.

Opinion on the regulatory treatment of non-performing exposure securitisations published by EBA on 23 October 2019: the Opinion recommends adapting the CRR and the Regulation (EU) 2017/2401 (**Securitisation Regulation**) to the particular characteristics of NPEs by removing certain constraints imposed by the regulatory framework on credit institutions using securitisation technology to dispose of NPE holdings. In preparing its proposal to the Commission, EBA outlines the fact that the securitisations can be used to enhance the overall market capacity to absorb NPEs at a faster pace and larger rate than otherwise possible through bilateral sales

only, as a consequence of securitisations' structure in tranches of notes with various risk profiles and returns, which may attract a more diverse investor pool with a different risk appetite.

On July 24, 2020, as part of the Capital Markets Recovery Package, the European Commission presented amendments to review, *inter alia*, some regulatory constraints in order to facilitate the securitisation of non-performing loans (*i.e.* increasing the risk sensitivity for NPE securitisations by assigning different risk weights to senior tranche) in order to promote the economic recovery after the COVID-19 crisis. The new measures - through the Regulation (EU) 2021/557 amending the Securitisation Regulation and the Regulation (EU) 2021/558 amending the Regulation (EU) 2013/575 (**CRR**) - entered into force on 9 April 2021.

In addition, the European Commission published in December 2020 a new Action plan on tackling NPLs. More in detail, in order to prevent a renewed build-up of NPLs on banks' balance sheets, the Commission proposed a series of actions with four main goals: (i) further develop secondary markets for distressed assets (in particular call for finalization of the Directive on credit servicers, credit purchasers and the recovery of collateral; establishing a data hub at European level; reviewing EBA templates to be used during the disposal of NPLs); (ii) Reform the EU's corporate insolvency and debt recovery legislation; (iii) Support the establishment and cooperation of national asset management companies at EU level; (iv) Introduce precautionary public support measures, where needed, to ensure the continued funding of the real economy under the EU's Bank Recovery and Resolution Directive and State aid frameworks.

Measures to counter the impact of "COVID-19"

European and national authorities have undertaken several measures to support the banking and financial market to counter the economic effects of COVID-19.

On 10 March 2020, through an addendum to the 2019 credit agreement between ABI and the Business Associations, the possibility of requesting suspension or extension was extended to loans granted until 31 January 2020. The moratorium refers to loans to micro, small and medium-sized companies affected by the COVID-19 outbreak. The capital portion of loan repayment instalments may be requested to be suspended for up to one year, later extended until 30 June 2021. The suspension is applicable to medium/long-term loans (mortgages), including those concluded through the issue of agricultural loans, and to property or business assets leasing transactions. In the latter case, the suspension concerns the implicit capital instalments of the leasing. On 21 April 2020, through an agreement entered into with the consumer associations, the moratorium was extended to credit to households, including the suspension of the principal portion of mortgage-backed loans and unsecured loans repayable in instalments.

On 11 March 2020, ESMA, considering the spread of COVID-19 and its impact on the EU economy, issued four recommendations in the following areas: (1) business continuity planning, (2) market disclosure, (3) financial reporting and (4) fund management.

1. **Business Continuity Planning:** ESMA has recommended all financial market participants to be ready to apply their contingency plans to ensure operational continuity in line with regulatory obligations.
2. **Market disclosure:** issuers should disclose as soon as possible any relevant significant information concerning the impacts of COVID-19 on their fundamentals, prospects or financial situation in accordance with their transparency obligations under the Regulation (EU) No. 596/2014 (**MAR**), as a disclosure obligation contained in Article 17, paragraph 1 of the MAR, pursuant to which issuers are required to disclose to the public without delay any inside information directly concerning them.
3. **Financial reporting:** ESMA has recommended issuers to provide transparency on the actual and potential impacts of COVID-19, to the extent possible based on both a qualitative and quantitative assessment on their business activities, financial situation and economic performance in their 2019 year-end financial report if these have not yet been finalised or otherwise in their interim financial reporting disclosures.
4. **Fund Management:** ESMA has encouraged fund managers to continue to apply the requirements on risk management and to react accordingly.

The European Central Bank (ECB), at its monetary policy meeting held on 12 March 2020, decided to adopt a comprehensive set of monetary policy measures, consisting of three key elements: first, safeguarding liquidity conditions in the banking system through a series of favourably-priced longer-term refinancing operations (**LTROs**); second, protecting the continued flow of credit to the real economy through a fundamental recalibration

of targeted longer-term refinancing operations (**TLTROs**); and, third, preventing tightening of financing conditions for the economy in a pro-cyclical way via an increase in the asset purchase programme (**APP**).

With regard to the above, on 17 December 2021, the ECB published its decision not to extend beyond December 2021 the liquidity relief measure that allowed banks to operate with a liquidity coverage ratio below 100%.

Furthermore, on 10 February 2022 the ECB issued the decision that it will not extend capital and leverage relief for banks beyond December 2022 and beyond March 2022. Although there is still some uncertainty regarding the impact of the pandemic, the ECB considers banks under its direct supervision to have ample headroom above their capital requirements and above the leverage ratio requirement and sees no need to allow banks to operate below the level of capital defined by their Pillar 2 Guidance (P2G) beyond December 2022, nor to extend beyond March 2022 the supervisory measure that allows them to exclude central bank exposures from their leverage ratios.

As regards TLTRO, the Governing Council decided to apply considerably more favourable terms during the period from June 2020 to June 2021 to all TLTRO III operations outstanding during that time. Throughout this period, the interest rate on these TLTRO III operations will be 25 basis points below the average rate applied in the Euro-system's main refinancing operations.

The Governing Council also decided to add a temporary envelope of additional net asset purchases of Euro 120 billion until the end of the year, ensuring a strong contribution from the private sector purchase programmes. On 18 March 2020 this was followed by the announcement of the Euro 750 billion Pandemic Emergency Purchase Program (**PEPP**), increased with a further Euro 600 billion on 4 June 2020.

Among the various measures adopted by the Italian government to address the epidemiological emergency due to the COVID-19 outbreak, on 17 March 2020 Law Decree No. 18 ("**Cura Italia**" Decree) was adopted. The "**Cura Italia**" Decree introduced special measures derogating from the ordinary proceeding of the Guarantee Fund for SMEs in order to simplify the requirements for access to the guarantee and strengthen the intervention of the Guarantee Fund for SMEs itself, as well as the possibility of transforming the DTA relating to losses that can be carried forward but not yet deducted and to the amount of the ACE notional return exceeding the total net income, to the extent of 20% of the impaired loans sold by 31 December 2020.

On 20 March 2020, the ECB announced additional measures (on top of those already undertaken on 12 March 2020 on temporary capital and operational relief for banks) to ensure that its directly supervised banks could continue to fulfil their role to fund households and corporations amid the coronavirus-related economic shock to the global economy. In particular, the ECB recommended to:

- give banks further flexibility in prudential treatment of loans backed by public support measures;
- encourage banks to avoid excessive procyclical effects when applying the IFRS 9 international accounting standard; and
- activate capital and operational relief measures announced on 12 March 2020.

On 25 March 2020, EBA published a statement to explain the functioning of the prudential framework in relation to the exposures in default, the identification of forborne exposures and impaired exposures in accordance with IFRS 9. In particular, EBA has clarified some additional aspects of the operation of the prudential framework concerning:

- (i) the classification of exposures in default;
- (ii) the identification of forborne exposures; and
- (iii) the accounting treatment of the aforesaid exposures.

Specifically, the Authority repeats the concept of flexibility in the application of the prudential framework, clarifying that an exposure should not be automatically reclassified as (i) exposure in default, (ii) forborne exposure, or (iii) impaired exposure under International Financial Reporting Standard - IFRS9, in case of adoption of credit tolerance measures (such as debt moratorium) by national governments.

On 25 March 2020, ESMA provided clarifications on the accounting implications of the economic support and relief measures adopted by EU Member States in response to COVID-19. In particular, the statement provides guidance to issuers and auditors on the application of IFRS 9 (Financial Instruments) with regard to the calculation of expected losses and related disclosure requirements. This concerns, in particular, the suspension (or deferral) of payments established for credit agreements (e.g. moratorium on debt) that impact the calculation of Expected Credit Loss (ECL) under the principles set forth in IFRS 9.

On 27 March 2020, the Basel Committee's oversight body, the Group of Central Bank Governors and Heads of Supervision (GHOS), has deferred Basel III implementation to increase operational capacity of banks and supervisors to respond to the immediate financial stability priorities resulting from the impact of the COVID-19 on the global banking system.

The measures endorsed by the GHOS comprise the following changes to the implementation timeline of the outstanding Basel III standards:

- the implementation date of the Basel III standards finalised in December 2017 has been deferred by one year to 1 January 2023. The accompanying transitional arrangements for the output floor has also been extended by one year to 1 January 2028;
- the implementation date of the revised market risk framework finalised in January 2019 has been deferred by one year to 1 January 2023; and
- the implementation date of the revised Pillar 3 disclosure requirements finalised in December 2018 has been deferred by one year to 1 January 2023.

On 27 March 2020, the ECB published a recommendation addressed to significant banks to refrain from paying dividends and from share buy-backs aimed at remunerating shareholders for the duration of the economic shock related to COVID-19; this recommendation was then extended to January 2021 on 28 July 2020.

On 15 December 2020, the ECB recommended that banks exercise extreme prudence on dividends and share buy-backs (SBB). To this end, the ECB asked all banks to consider not distributing any cash dividends or conducting share buy-backs, or to limit such distributions, until 30 September 2021. Given the persisting uncertainty over the economic impact of COVID-19 pandemic, the ECB expects dividends and SBB to remain below 15% of the cumulated profit for 2019-2020 and not higher than 20 basis points of the Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) ratio. Banks that intend to pay dividends or buy back shares need to be profitable and have robust capital trajectories. They are expected to contact their Joint Supervisory Team to discuss whether the level of intended distribution is prudent. The recommendation is related to the current exceptional circumstances and will remain valid until the end of September 2021; at that time, in the absence of materially adverse developments, the ECB intends to repeal the recommendation and return to assessing banks' capital and distribution plans based on the outcome of the normal supervisory cycle.

On 23 July 2021 the ECB has published a statement with its decision to not extend beyond September 2021 its recommendation that all banks limit dividends. Instead, the capital and distribution plans of each bank will be assessed by supervisors as part of the regular supervisory process. At the same time the ECB has emphasized that banks should remain prudent and not underestimate risks when deciding on dividends and share buy-backs while carefully considering the sustainability of their business model.

On 2 April 2020, the EBA issued Guidelines on the treatment of legislative and non-legislative moratoria applied before 30 June 2020: clarified which legislative and non-legislative payment moratoria could trigger forbearance classification; in particular, the guidelines supplemented the EBA Guidelines on the application of the definition of default as regards the treatment of distressed restructuring (they clarified that the payment moratoria, if based on the application of national laws, or on initiatives agreed at industry / private sector level, where widely applied by the relevant credit institutions, do not trigger forbearance classification and it is not necessary to verify the existence of the requirements for tracing between the distressed restructuring).

On 18 June 2020, EBA has extended the deadline for the application of its Guidelines on payment moratoria to 30 September 2020, after which they expired. Adjusted Guidelines have been reactivated on 2 December 2020, though restricting the scope of application to a maximum of 9 months from the granting of the moratoriums, a limit which however does not apply to those agreed before of 31 September 2020 which continue to benefit from the flexibility granted by the guidelines until their expiry, even if it exceeds 9 months.

On 29 January 2021, the EBA published the "Report on the implementation of selected COVID-19 policies", which contains a series of clarifications in the form of questions and answers (Q&A) on the interpretation of the EBA Guidelines, in particular with regard to the overall duration of the deferred payment to fall within the scope of the EBA Guidelines on moratoriums. However, the clarifications did not concern the hypothesis in which the moratorium pursuant to law, even if granted before 31 September, was extended for more than 9 months due to a subsequent law.

In continuity with the Cura Italia Decree, Law Decree No. 23 of 8 April 2020 (**Liquidity Decree**) was issued, a further measure deemed necessary to support Italian entrepreneurship. The Liquidity Decree, in addition to providing an additional guarantee managed by SACE Simest (**SACE**), a company of the Cassa Depositi e Prestiti group, aims to further strengthen the Guarantee Fund for SMEs by redrawing its rules for accessing, by including also companies with no more than 499 employees and professionals, as well as increasing the guarantee coverage percentages already provided by Article 49 of the Cura Italia Decree (provision that is repealed). In the wake of the latter provision, the Liquidity Decree makes further exceptions to the ordinary rules of the Guarantee Fund for SMEs, which have been applicable until 31 December 2020 and extended until 30 June 2022 by Budget Law 2022 (formerly 31 December 2021 - see below).

On 28 April 2020, the EU Commission published a proposal to amend the CRR Regulation ("quick fix") in order to reduce certain regulatory requirements and facilitate the provision of bank credit to households and enterprises across the EU with the aim of ensuring that banks can continue to lend money to support the economy and help mitigate the significant economic impact of the COVID-19.

The measures, both temporary and exceptional, have been promoted to mitigate the immediate impact of coronavirus-related developments and they imply:

- the reintroduction of prudential filters to manage the current situations of strong turbulence in the markets and to neutralize the effects of losses and gains on the value of debt securities held in the portfolio available for sale as if the securities were valued at cost instead of at fair value;
- a temporary approach to market risk in order to allow supervisors to implement appropriate measures to avoid automatic increases in the quantitative addendum (in particular over the period January 2020 and December 2021);
- more favourable treatment of government guarantees granted during the crisis, aligning the calendar provisioning applied to positions with government guarantees with the calendar provisioning applied to credits guaranteed by Export Credit Agencies;
- early application of certain measures provided for in CRR II: i) extension of the SME Supporting Factor; ii) introduction of the Infrastructure Supporting Factor; iii) improved weighting calibration for loans guaranteed by salary/pension share disposals; iv) improved prudential treatment of software;
- an adaptation of the timeline of the application of international accounting standards to banks' capital (IFRS9 phase-in arrangements);
- the postponement of the date of application of the additional reserve requirement for the leverage ratio of systemic banks ("**G-SIB buffer**");
- a change in the way of excluding certain exposures from the calculation of the leverage ratio; and
- the introduction of a transitional regime for EU Sovereign exposures in the currency of another EU Member State.

Following the positive vote of the plenary session of the European Parliament (19 June 2020), the "CRR Quick Fix" has been published in the European Official Journal on 26 June 2020 and has entered into force the following day (27 June 2020).

On 19 May 2020, the Law Decree No. 34 of 19 May 2020 (the so-called "*Decreto Rilancio*") was published in the Official Journal, introducing urgent measures in the areas of healthcare, work and economic support, as well as social policies, related to the epidemiological emergency caused by COVID-19.

Such decree has been signed in the Law No. 77/2020. It introduced some provisions (valid until 31 December 2020) which are aimed at strengthening SME's capital, thus preventing their insolvency risk. Particular reference is made to two public tools: "Patrimonio PMI" fund, which is aimed at subscribing new bonds issued by SME corporates with Euro 10 million turnover, which have been impacted by COVID-19 a turnover reduction of 33% in April and May 2020 (two tax credits are granted to other investors <20% of the investment> in such corporates, and to the corporates above indicated which have suffered losses <50% of the losses which exceed the 10% of the Net worth, but in the limit of the 30% of the capital increase>); and the so called "Patrimonio rilancio" (Dedicated assets within CDP) which is aimed at subscribing new bonds (mainly convertible bonds) and shares in order to support real economy.

In August 2020 the Government approved the Law Decree "August" (Law Decree 14 August 2020, No. 104, converted into Law 13 October 2020, No. 126) containing several urgent measures in support of health, work and economy, linked to the COVID-19 emergency. The measures introduced by the Law regard the extension of the moratorium for SME until 31 December 2021 (formerly 30 January 2021). Such prorogation operates automatically, unless expressly waived by the beneficiary company. They also provide technical changes to the possibility (Article 55, Law Decree Cura Italia No. 18/2020) to convert the DTAs into tax credits (application to special regimes, such as consolidated and transparency). The decree above mentioned also widens the scope of the public guarantee, too, extending the FCG guarantee scope to companies which already got a prorogation of the guarantee due to temporary difficulties of the beneficiary and including financial intermediation and holding financial assets activities in the 30k guaranteed loans. It also extends SACE guarantee scope also to companies admitted to the arrangement procedure with business continuity (or certified plans and restructuring agreements) if their exposures are not classifiable as non-performing exposures (at the date of submission of the application), they don't present amounts in arrears and the lender can reasonably assume the full repayment of the exposure at maturity.

In October and November 2020, the Council of Ministers approved the "Relieves" Law Decree (Law Decree 28 October 2020, No. 137) and the "Relieves 2" law decree (Law Decree 9 November 2020, No. 149) which provides further urgent measure regarding health protection, support to workers and production sectors, justice and safety linked to COVID-19 epidemic. Main measures introduced by the Law are a non refundable aid for enterprises whose sectors have been restricted and the prorogation of "rental" Tax credit to October-December period and extension to enterprises with turnover exceeding Euro 5 million and which have had a 50% reduction of turnover.

The Law 30 December 2020, No. 178 (the **2021 Budget Law**) extended the "SACE Guarantee" until 30 June 2021 and provided for Mid Cap (companies with a number of employees not exceeding 499) to access the SACE Guarantee from 1 March 2021 to 30 June 2021 at the same favorable conditions offered to these companies by the Guarantee Fund for SMEs. The extraordinary measures relating to the Guarantee Fund for SMEs and the extraordinary moratorium for micro-enterprises and SMEs (Art. 56 Cura Italia Decree) have also been extended until 30 June 2021. Finally, the operation of the "Patrimonio PMI" fund was extended until 30 June 2021 (Art. 26 *Decreto Rilancio*).

In March 2021 the Council of Ministers approved the "Support" law decree (Law Decree 22 March 2021, No. 41) which provides further urgent measure regarding health protection, support to workers and production sectors linked to COVID-19 pandemic. Such decree introduces a new non refundable aid for enterprises and professionals which have had a 30 per cent. reduction of turnover.

The Law Decree 25 May 2021, No. 73 (the "**Sostegni-bis**" **Decree Law**, converted into law by Law 23 July 2021 No. 106) further extended the extraordinary public guarantees issued by SACE and the Guarantee Fund for SMEs until 31 December 2021 (including the possibility for Mid Cap to access the SACE Guarantee under the same conditions offered by the Guarantee Fund for SMEs). The possibility of extending the duration of the loan against the payment of a commission has also been provided for operations with SACE guarantee, while for operations with guarantee issued by the Guarantee Fund for SMEs, the extension is possible against a reduction of the guarantee percentages.

The extraordinary moratorium for micro-enterprises and SMEs was also extended until 31 December 2021, limited to the principal amount. The additional measures contained in the decree: the strengthening of the ACE for 2021 by applying the percentage rate of 15% and the extension of the temporal effectiveness of the measures on the transformation of DTAs into tax credits in the event of business combinations.

The Law 30 December 2021 n. 234 (the **Budget Law 2022**) further extended the extraordinary public guarantees issued by SACE and the Guarantee Fund for SMEs (FCG) until 30 June 2022 (including the possibility for Mid

Cap to access the SACE Guarantee under the same conditions offered by the Guarantee Fund for SMEs). From 1 April 2022 the FCG Guarantee is granted against payment of a fee.

The extraordinary regulation ends on 30 June 2022. From 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022, some specific measures continue to apply, such as: the maximum amount guaranteed by the FCG Fund per company is equal to Euro 5 million and the guarantee is granted by applying the Fund's valuation model.

Finally, among the measures adopted in response to the COVID-19 emergency, the Capital Markets Recovery Package (so-called “Quick Fix”) can be also recalled, it included targeted amendments to the MiFID, the Prospectus Regulation as well as the Securitization Regulation. The package aimed to provide European economies with some relief to face the crisis emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic. As to MiFID2, the proposal included targeted amendments in particular in the field of investor protection. As to Prospectus Regulation, a new type of short-form prospectus to facilitate the raising of capital in public markets was introduced. As to Securitization Regulation, in addition to a review of the regulatory constraints to the securitisation of NPEs, the amendments also extended the preferential treatment to all synthetic on-balance sheet securitisation that fulfil the simple, standardised and transparent (STS) criteria. Amendments to Prospectus Regulations entered into force in March 2021, the MiFID amendments, as being part of a Directive, needed to be transposed into national laws by November 2021. Amendments to the securitisation Regime entered into force on 9 April 2021.

SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

Finally, it is worth mentioning the developments in the Sustainable Finance area. The banking system needs to be able to collect high quality data on companies' sustainable activities and projects to contribute to the radical transformation towards climate neutrality and sustainability, which are the basis for green finance decision-making and necessary to ensure that the banks shall comply with the regulations on the disclosure of financial and non-financial information.

In May 2018, the European Commission published a package of legislative measures in order to promote a sustainable finance based on three building blocks that included: i) a classification system, or “sustainable taxonomy”, ii) a disclosure framework relating to sustainable risks and iii) investment tools, including benchmarks, standards and labels.

Taxonomy. The final text of the Taxonomy Regulation has been adopted by the European Parliament and Council and was subsequently published in the OJ in 2020. The Taxonomy Regulation is a classification system intended to address greenwashing and provide a tool to direct finance towards sustainable investments. The regulatory framework outlines definitions and specific criteria (technical screening criteria) to determine whether an economic activity can be classified as environmentally sustainable.

The level II timeline to determine the specific technical screening criteria is progressing with criteria for the first two environmental objectives (climate change mitigation and adaptation) now adopted and applicable from 1 January 2022. The remaining four objectives – sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, transition to circular economy, pollution prevention and control, and the protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems – are to be adopted in spring 2022 and will enter into force on January 1, 2023.

On 2 February 2022, the Commission formally adopted the Taxonomy Complementary Delegated Act covering gas and nuclear related activities which is now subject to scrutiny by the European Parliament and the Council which will have four months (extendable by two additional months) to object to it. If not objected, the Delegated Act will be applicable from 1 January 2023.

Taxonomy Extension. In July 2021, the Platform on Sustainable Finance published a consultation paper on ‘Taxonomy extension options linked to environmental objectives’; and a draft report on ‘Social Taxonomy’. The consultation paper asked feedback on the possibility to extend the EU Taxonomy to significantly harmful (SH) activities and no significant impact (NSI) activities and if this would fall within the overall framework of EU sustainable finance. The final report on a Social Taxonomy which looks at how to implement a social Taxonomy as well as how to make the two Taxonomies (social and environmental) work together was formally published by the Platform on 28 February 2022. The Finale Report on the extension of the Taxonomy to significantly harmful (SH) activities, intermediate activities and no significant impact (NSI) activities was published on 28 March. Commission is expected to assess the two reports in due time and decide whether to put forward a legislative proposal on both Social and Extended Taxonomy.

Furthermore, the Platform on Sustainable Finance published its final report and annex (containing the list of activities) with recommendations on technical screening criteria (TSC) for the four remaining environmental objectives under the EU Taxonomy. The four objectives are: sustainable use of water and marine resources; protecting and restoring biodiversity and ecosystems, transitioning to a circular economy, preventing and controlling pollution. The EC will review the report and put forward a legislative proposal for a second Taxonomy Delegated Act by the end of the year. The Delegated Act on four remaining objectives should be applicable from 1 January 2023.

On 9 December 2019 has been published Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector (the **Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation** or **SFDR**), which lays down harmonised rules for financial market participants and financial advisers on transparency. The SFDR entered into force from March 2021, but EC was mandated to adopt regulatory technical standards regarding the ESG disclosure requirements. The three ESAs (EBA, EIOPA and ESMA) published their report in February 2021 which was finally adopted by the EC in April 2022 and will be applicable from January 2023.

The Corporate Sustainable Reporting Directive (CSRD), published by the Commission on 21 April 2021, and currently under negotiations by the Co-Legislators, will review the existing Non-Financial Reporting Directive (NFRD) to reinforce disclosure obligations through mandatory reporting standards while broadening the application scope. Particularly the proposed Directive includes:

- an extension of scope to additional firms including all large and all listed companies (including firms not established in the EU but listed on EU regulated markets) except for listed micro-undertakings).
- The requirement to specify in greater detail the information that companies should report_(e.g., information about their strategy, targets, the role of the board and management, principal adverse impacts of the undertaking, intangibles)
- The requirement to report against mandatory EU sustainability reporting standards.
- The requirement for an EU-wide audit (assurance) requirement for reported sustainability information.
- The requirement to ensure all information is published as part of the firm’s management report and is disclosed in a digital, machine-readable format.

According to the Commission’s proposal the CSRD’s new sustainability reporting obligations will apply to financial years starting with January 1, 2023. The timeline is currently being discussed both at EU Council and European Parliament level.

On 21 April 2021, the European Commission published a package of measures on Sustainable Finance, which included proposals for inclusion of ESG into the existing MiFID 2 Regulation. The financial advisors are required to gather information about ESG preferences of clients and take them into consideration when providing advice or propose financial products. Additionally, the financial institutions are requested to integrate sustainability factors, risks and preferences into organizational and operational processes.

On 6 July 2021, the Commission published its communication on the “Strategy for Financing the Transition to a Sustainable Economy” (the Renewed Strategy), which is a complementary strategy to the 2018 Sustainable Finance Action Plan. The Renewed Strategy focusses on management of financial risk by the financial sector, including a focus on taxonomy and disclosures. It identifies four main areas where additional actions are needed for the financial system to fully support the transition of the economy towards sustainability namely: i) financing the transition to sustainability (adoption of the Intermediate Taxonomy as well as the establishment of “significant harmful” and “non-significant impact” taxonomies), ii) inclusiveness (extension of Taxonomy to social objectives. Publication of the Sustainable Corporate Governance and definition of green retail loans and green mortgages), iii) financial sector resilience and contribution to sustainability (incorporate ESG risk in the Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process; regular climate change stress tests) and iv) global ambition. Alongside the Renewed Strategy the Commission published also a proposal for a regulation for a voluntary EU Green Bond Standard (EuGBs) with an aim to scale up and raise the environmental ambitions of the green bond market.

Green Bond Standard. The Commission published its proposal for an EU Green Bond Standard (EU GBS) on 6 July 2021. The Regulation lays down the foundation for a common framework of rules regarding the use and designation of EU GBS for bonds that pursue environmentally sustainable objectives within the meaning of Taxonomy Regulation. The Regulation is mainly aimed at issuers who wish to use the voluntary EU GB standard.

The Regulation also sets up a system for registering and supervising companies that act as external reviewers for green bonds aligned with this framework. The negotiations are ongoing both in the European Parliament and in the Council. The expect the Regulation to be finalized by the end of 2022. On 6 July 2021, the European Commission adopted the Delegated Act on Article 8 under the EU Taxonomy Regulation which requires entities covered by the EU Non-Financial Reporting Directive (NFRD) to publish information on how and to what extent their activities are associated with economic activities that qualify as “environmentally sustainable” under the EU Taxonomy Regulation. The application of the delegated act for financial institutions is limited in 2022 and 2023 to certain elements, while the remaining provision will apply from 1 January 2024 (e.g. the Green Asset Ratio). The disclosure of the information related with banks’ trading book exposures and fees and commissions for other commercial services will apply from 1 January 2026.

On 25 November 2021, as part of the CMU Action Plan, the Commission published the legislative proposal for the establishment of the European Single Access Point (ESAP), aimed to ensure public and free access to financial and sustainability-related information across the single market with a view to meet investors’ demand. The scope of data accessible via the ESAP will include information published by entities under existing EU financial services legislation, with a phased approach from 2024 till 2026. The ESAP will enable any entity, in particular SMEs, to file relevant information voluntarily. Entities are expected to file the information only once to a collection body (for instance the Officially Appointed Mechanisms or an existing authority, at national or at European level). All the collection points will enable the ESAP to access that information via application programming interfaces (APIs). The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) will be in charge of building, operating and governing the ESAP. The information will be available for free and in data extraction format, with an increasing amount of information made machine-readable in the long run. The ESAP proposal will undergo the legislative process in the course of 2022.

On 24 January 2022, the European Banking Authority (EBA) published their final drafts on the implementing technical standards (ITS) on Pillar 3 disclosures of ESG risks in accordance with Article 449a of the CRR. In defining the ITS, the EBA took into consideration the sequential approach followed by the European Commission (EC) for the disclosure obligations requested by Article 8 of the EU Taxonomy and proposed the disclosure of a Green Asset Ratio (GAR) for the exposures related to the NFRD companies starting from 2024, while it introduced a transition period until June 2024 for the disclosure of the Banking Book Taxonomy alignment Ratio (BTAR - dedicated to exposures towards SMEs and non-EU counterparties) and for the banks’ scope 3 emissions. EBA confirmed that will review the disclosure requirements in 2024 to extend them to the other 4 environmental objectives and to the trading book. The EC has four months within which must decide whether to adopt the ITS and publish them in the Official Journal in order to enter into force by 28 June 2022 as requested by CRR.

DIGITAL FINANCE

On 24 September 2020, the European Commission published a Digital Finance Package with the main aim to support the EU digital transformation of finance in the coming years while regulating its risks. Four broad priorities will guide the EU’s initiatives to promote digital transformation until 2024 with associated actions (legislative and non-legislative) that the Commission would like to put forward in the next four years.

1. Removing fragmentation in the Digital Single Market: in June 2021, the Commission proposed to harmonise rules on customer onboarding building on the review of the e-IDAS (electronic IDentification Authentication and Signature) Regulation to implement an interoperable cross-border framework for digital identities.
2. Adapting the EU regulatory framework to facilitate digital innovation: in September 2020, the Commission proposed for the first time new legislation on crypto-assets, the so called “Markets in Crypto Assets” (MiCA) regulation to ensure clarity and legal certainty for issuers and providers of crypto assets that are not currently covered by current EU legislation. Safeguards include capital requirements. Issuers of significant crypto-assets (the so-called global “stablecoins”) will be subject to stricter requirements (e.g. in terms of capital, investor rights and supervision). The Commission also proposed a pilot regime, which allows temporary derogations from existing rules, for market infrastructures interested in trade and settle transactions in financial instruments in crypto-asset form. In April 2021, to facilitate digital innovation, the Commission also presented a proposal for a regulatory framework on Artificial Intelligence (AI) aimed both at promoting its development but also at managing its potential risks.
3. Promoting data-driven innovation in finance: In coordination with the PSD2’s review and building on initiatives in the data strategy (Data Governance, Data Act and the Digital Markets Act as well the Digital

Services Act), the EC will likely present a legislative proposal for a broader open finance framework by mid-2022 (date to be confirmed).

4. Addressing the challenges and risks associated with digital transformation: in September 2020, the Commission proposed a Digital Operational Resilience Act (**DORA**) to prevent and mitigate cyber threats and enhance oversight of outsourced services. The proposed legislation will require all interested firms to ensure that they can withstand all types of ICT related disruptions and threats and also introduces an oversight framework for ICT providers, such as cloud computing service providers.

OTHER RECENT SECURITIES MARKETS RELATED REGULATIONS

On November 25, 2021, the Commission presented its official proposal for a Markets and Financial Instruments Regulation (MiFIR) review as part of a Capital Market Package including other legislative proposals (i.e., the creation of the European Single Access Point (ESAP) – see above - and a review of the European Long-Term Investment Funds (ELTIFs) Regulation). The EC MiFIR review aims at improving transparency and making the EU market infrastructure more competitive. The review is mainly focused on the establishment of an EU Consolidated Tape (CT) – a centralized database meant to provide a comprehensive view of market data - namely prices and volumes of traded securities across trading venues in the EU. With an ordinary legislative procedure, the proposal will be now discussed by the EU Parliament and EU Council likely over 2022/2023."

- 1.4.3. The subsection "Information on the material changes in the Issuer's borrowing and funding structure since the last financial year", on page 44 of the Registration Document, shall be deleted and replaced as follows:**

"4.1.7 Information on the material changes in the Issuer's borrowing and funding structure since the last financial year

There are no material changes in the Issuer's borrowing and funding structure since the last financial year ended on 31 December 2021."

- 1.4.4. The subsection "Description of the expected financing of the Issuer's activities", on pages 44 of the Registration Document, shall be deleted and replaced as follows:**

"4.1.8 Description of the expected financing of the Issuer's activities

As at 31 December 2021, the loans to deposits ratio (LDR), a ratio between the customer loans and deposits, including the repo activity, is equal to 87.4%. Such ratio improves compared to 31 December 2020, equal to 90.4%, mostly due to the loans' reduction, mainly driven by the reverse repo dynamic.

However the Group's liquidity is always well above the minimum regulatory requirements – liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) and Net Stable Funding Ratio (NSFR) – as provided by EU 2013/575 Regulation and EU/36/2013 Directive.

As at 31 December 2021, the liquidity buffer is equal to Euro 201.8 billions (Euro 167.4 billions at 31 December 2020).

As at 31 December 2021, the TLTRO participations of the Group is equal to Euro 106.8 billions (compared to Euro 94.3 billions at the end of 2020)."

1.5. The "Section V - Business Overview", on page 45 of the Registration Document, shall be amended as follows:

1.5.1. The subsection "Principal activities", on pages 45 of the Registration Document, shall be deleted and replaced as follows:

"5.1.1. A description of the Issuer's principal activities, including the main categories of products sold and/or services performed, an indication of any significant new products or activities, and the principal markets in which the Issuer competes

UniCredit is a pan-European Commercial Bank with a unique service offering in Italy, Germany, Central and Eastern Europe. UniCredit's purpose is to empower communities to progress, delivering the high quality services, unlocking the potential of its clients and its people across Europe. UniCredit serves over 15 million customers worldwide. UniCredit is organized in four core regions and two product factories, Corporate and Individual Solutions. This allows the Bank to be close to its clients and use the scale of the entire Group for developing and offering the best products across all its markets.

UniCredit is one of the leading banks in Italy and in many of the CE and EE countries in which it operate in terms of total assets.

As of the date of this Registration Document the Group is structured by geographic area as follows, according to organizational changes announced during May 2021:

- Italy as a standalone geography reflecting the critical importance of the country;
- Germany still focused on developing and growing business in the country;
- Central Europe (including Austria, Czech Republic and Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia);
- Eastern Europe (including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania, Serbia, Russia).

This organization ensures Country and local Banks autonomy on specific activities granting proximity to the customers (for all client segment, Retail and Corporate) and efficient decisional processes. All standalone geographies of the Group have dedicated support functions such as: People and Culture, Finance, Digital & Information Office, and Operations. In addition, Compliance, Legal and Risk have established specific regional departments.

Alongside the new 4 business division there are:

- a Group Corporate Centre with the objective to lead, control and support the management of the assets and related risks of the Group as a whole and of the single Group companies in their respective areas of competence; it also includes the Group's Legal Entities that are going to be dismissed
- the Non-Core segment, including non-strategic Italian assets and those with a poor fit to the Group's risk-adjusted return framework; it is reported until full year 2021, date of its complete runoff."

- 1.6. The "Section VII - Trend Information", on page 50 of of the Registration Document, shall be deleted in its entirety and the following new section shall be inserted:**

"Section VII – Trend Information

7.1 Material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer and significant change in the financial performance of the Group

The current market environment is still characterized by uncertainties due to the Russia/Ukraine conflict and by the persisting COVID-19 pandemic that could have potential effects also on the financial markets, the unexpected materially adverse impact of which on the profitability of the Issuer, in particular in terms of operating income and cost of risk, cannot be finally assessed as at the date of this Registration Document. Except for the possible impact of the Russia/Ukraine conflict and COVID-19 crisis indicated above, there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer since the date of its last published audited financial statements as at 31 December 2021.

There has been no significant change in the financial performance of the Group since 31 December 2021 to the date of this Registration Document.

7.2 Information on any known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the Issuer’s prospects for at least the current financial year

The current market environment is still characterized by uncertainties due to the Russia/Ukraine conflict and by the persisting COVID-19 pandemic that could have potential effects also on the financial markets, whose unexpected materially adverse impact on Group's profitability, in particular in terms of operating income and cost of risk, and on the macro scenario and the sector underlying the Strategic Plan 2022-2024, cannot yet be finally assessed as at the date of this Registration Document. Except what aforementioned, the Issuer is not aware about any other known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitments or events that are reasonably likely to have a material effect on the Issuer’s prospects for at least the current financial year."

- 1.7. The "Section IX - Administrative, management, and supervisory bodies", on page 52 et seq. of the Registration Document, shall be deleted in its entirety and the following new section shall be inserted:

"Section IX – Administrative, management, and supervisory bodies

9.1 Names, business addresses and functions of the members of the Board of Directors and Board of Statutory Auditors and an indication of the principal activities performed by them outside of the Issuer where these are significant with respect to the Issuer

The board of directors (the **Board** or the **Board of Directors**) is elected by UniCredit shareholders at a general meeting for a three financial year term, unless a shorter term is established upon their appointment, and Directors may be re-elected. Under UniCredit Articles of Association, the Board is composed of between a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 24 members.

The Board of Directors currently in office was appointed by the UniCredit Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting on 15 April 2021 for a term of three financial years and is composed of 13 members. The term in office of the current members of the Board will expire on the date of the Shareholders' Meeting called to approve the financial statements for the financial year ending 31 December 2023. The members of the Board of Directors have been appointed on the basis of a proportional representation mechanism ("voto di lista") and in compliance with the provisions on gender balance.

The following table sets forth the current members of UniCredit's Board of Directors as at the date of this Registration Document.

Name	Position
Pietro Carlo Padoan ¹⁻³	Chairman
Lamberto Andreotti ¹⁻²⁻³	Deputy Vice Chairman
Andrea Orcel	Chief Executive Officer*
Vincenzo Cariello ¹⁻²⁻³	Director
Elena Carletti ¹⁻²⁻³	Director
Jayne-Anne Gadhia ¹⁻²⁻³	Director
Jeffrey Alan Hedberg ¹⁻²⁻³	Director
Beatriz Lara Bartolomé ¹⁻²⁻³	Director
Luca Molinari ¹⁻²⁻³	Director
Maria Pierdicchi ¹⁻²⁻³	Director
Francesca Tondi ¹⁻²⁻³	Director
Renate Wagner ¹⁻²	Director
Alexander Wolfgring ¹⁻²⁻³	Director

Notes:

(1) Director that meets the independence requirements pursuant to Section 148 of the Financial Services Act.

- (2) Director that meets the independence requirements pursuant to section 13 of the Treasury Decree no. 169 dated November 23, 2020.
- (3) Director that meets the independence requirements pursuant to Section 2, recommendation 7, of the Italian Corporate Governance Code.

* Also elected as General Manager by the Board of Directors on 15 April 2021.

The information on the Board of Directors and its updates is available on the UniCredit website without prejudice to the obligations arising from Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation in relation to the drafting of a supplement.

The business address for each of the foregoing Directors is in Milan, 20154, Piazza Gae Aulenti 3, Tower A.

Other principal activities performed by the members of the Board which are significant with respect to UniCredit are listed below:

Pietro Carlo Padoan

- Member of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of ABI – Italian Banking Association
- Chairman of the Capital Markets Union technical Committee of ABI - Italian Banking Association
- Member of the European Financial Roundtable (EFR)
- Member of the European Banking Group (EBG)
- Member of the Executive Committee of FeBAF (Italian Banking, Insurance and Finance Federation)
- Member of the Executive Committee of Assonime
- Member of the Committee of Market Operators and Investors (COMI)
- Member of the Governing Council of the School for Economic and Social Politics (AISES)
- Member of the "Comitato Scientifico Osservatorio Banca Impresa 2030"
- Member of the Board of Directors of International Monetary Conference
- Member of the Board of "Istituto Luigi Einaudi per gli Studi bancari, finanziari e assicurativi"
- Member of the Corporate Governance Committee of Borsa Italiana
- Member of the Board of the Institute of International Finance (IIF)
- Vice Chairman of IAI – Istituto Affari Internazionali
- Senior Fellow and member of the Scientific Council of SEP – School of European Political Economy, LUISS University
- Honorary Board Member of Scope Foundation

Lamberto Andreotti

- Member of the Board of Directors of Corteva Agriscience
- Senior Advisor of EW Healthcare
- Member of the Board of Directors of American Italian Cancer Foundation

- Member of the Board of Directors of Salzburg Festival Society

Andrea Orcel

- Non-executive Director of EIS

Vincenzo Cariello

- Founding and Name Partner Studio Legale Professor Cariello
- Member of the Board of Directors of A2A S.p.A.

Elena Carletti

- Full Professor of Finance, Bocconi University, Department of Finance
- Vice Chairperson of the European Finance Association (EFA)
- Research Professor, Bundesbank
- Scientific Director, European University Institute, Florence School of Banking and Finance (FBF)
- Member of the Advisory Scientific Committee, European Systemic Risk Board (ESRB) - European System of Financial Supervision
- Member of Expert Panel on banking supervision, European Parliament
- Member of the Scientific Committee "Paolo Baffi Lecture", Bank of Italy
- Member of the Scientific Committee, Bruegel

Jayne-Anne Gadhia

- Founder and Executive Chair of Snoop
- Chair of HMRC (Non-Commercial role)
- Non-Executive Chair (Advisory) of Goldacre
- Senior Independent Director/Chair of Audit Committee and Finance and Operations Committee (Non-Commercial role) of Tate Board of Trustees
- Member of Lloyds Culture Advisory Group
- Mayor of London - Member of Business Advisory Board
- Member of Financial Inclusion Policy Forum

Jeffrey Alan Hedberg

- Member of the Board of Directors of Wind Tre S.p.A.
- Member of the Board of Directors of Wind Tre Italia S.p.A.
- Member of the Board of Directors of 3lettronica Industriale S.p.A.
- Chairman and CEO of Wind Tre Retail S.r.l.

- Vice Chairman of ASSTEL
- Advisory Board Member - SDA Bocconi

Beatriz Lara Bartolomé

- Sole Administrator of AHAOW
- Innovation & Digital Transformation Board at PROSEGUR
- Seed Investor & Strategic Advisor at ZELEROS Hyperloop
- Financial Investor & Senior Advisor at OPINNO
- Mentor at Startup Lab, International MBA, IE Business School

Luca Molinari

- Head of Financial Services at Mubadala Investment Company
- Non-Executive Director at Sanad Group

Maria Pierdicchi

- Non-Executive Board Member and Chair of Human Resources Committee of Autogrill S.p.A.
- Chairwoman and Board Member of NED COMMUNITY
- Board Member of PBI S.p.A.

Francesca Tondi

- Member of the Advisory Board of Angel Academe
- Member of the Board of Directors of Angel Academe Nominee
- Member of the Selection Committee, Mentor of Fintech Circle
- Member of “Women supporting Women” of “Princess Trust” Foundation
- Member of the Board of Directors of Coleherne Court Freehold Limited
- Member of the Board of Directors of Coleherne Court Company Limited

Renate Wagner

- Member of the Board of Management Allianz SE
- Member of the Board of Management Allianz Deutschland AG

Alexander Wolfgring

- Member of the Board of Directors (Executive Director) of Privatstiftung zur Verwaltung von Anteilsrechten
- Member of the Board of Directors of AVZ GmbH
- Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Österreichisches Verkehrsbüro AG

- Member of the Board of Directors of AVB Holding GmbH
- Member of the Board of Directors of API Besitz, GmbH
- Member of the Board of Directors of Mischek Privatstiftung

Board of Statutory Auditors

Pursuant to the provisions of the UniCredit Articles of Association, the board of statutory auditors (the **Board of Statutory Auditors**) consists of five permanent statutory auditors, including a Chairman, and four stand-in statutory auditors.

The Board of Statutory Auditors currently in office was appointed by the UniCredit Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting on 8 April 2022 for a term of three financial years and its members may be re-elected.

The term in office of the current members of the Board of Statutory Auditors will expire on the date of the Shareholders' Meeting called to approve the financial statements for the financial year ending 31 December 2024. The members of the Board of Statutory Auditors have been appointed on the basis of a proportional representation mechanism (“voto di lista”) and in compliance with the provisions on gender balance.

The following table sets out the current members of UniCredit Board of Statutory Auditors as at the date of this Registration Document:

Name	Position
Marco Rigotti	Chairman
Claudio Cacciamani	Statutory Auditor
Benedetta Navarra	Statutory Auditor
Guido Paolucci	Statutory Auditor
Antonella Bientinesi	Statutory Auditor

The information on the Board of Statutory Auditors and its updates are available on the UniCredit website, without prejudice to the obligations arising from Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation in relation to the drafting of a supplement.

All of the members of the Board of Statutory Auditors in office are enrolled with the Register of Chartered Accounting Auditors of the Italian Ministry of Economy and Finance. The business address for each of the members of the Board of Statutory Auditors is in Milan, 20154, Piazza Gae Aulenti 3, Tower A.

Other principal activities performed by the Statutory Auditors of UniCredit which are significant for UniCredit are listed below:

Marco Rigotti

- Chairman of the Board of Directors of Alisarda S.p.A.

Claudio Cacciamani

- Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Confidi Parma S.C.p.A.
- Non-executive Director of Alicanto Capital SGR S.p.A.
- Non-executive Director of Carlyle Real Estate Società di Gestione del Risparmio S.p.A.
- Non-executive Director of CBRE Investment Management SGR S.p.A.

- Non-executive Director of Consultinvest S.p.A.
- Member of the Supervisory Committee of Banca Popolare di Garanzia in compulsory liquidation

Benedetta Navarra

- Member of Audit Committee of UniCredit Bulbank A.D.
- Member of the Board of Directors of A.S. Roma S.p.A.
- Chairman of the Supervisory Body pursuant to Legislative Decree 231/2001 of Equitalia Giustizia S.p.A.
- Statutory Auditor of Italo S.p.A.
- Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Guala Closures S.p.A.
- Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of D.M.O. Pet Care S.r.l.
- Member of the Supervisory Body pursuant to Legislative Decree 231/2001 of Confcommercio imprese per l'Italia Provincia di Roma Capitale
- Member of the Supervisory Body pursuant to Legislative Decree 231/2001 of Promo.Ter Roma

Guido Paolucci

- Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Ecofuel S.p.A.
- Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Raffineria di Gela S.p.A.
- Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Telecom Italia San Marino S.p.A.
- Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Telefonia Mobile Sammarinese S.p.A.
- Statutory Auditor of Nuova Compagnia di Partecipazioni S.p.A.
- Statutory Auditor of Consorzio CONOU
- Statutory Auditor of Società Gemelli Molise S.p.A.
- Statutory Auditor of Società HYLE Capital Partners SGR S.p.A.
- Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Fondazione "Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza"

Antonella Bientinesi

- Chair of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Cerved Group S.p.A.
- Chair of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Anas S.p.A.
- Statutory Auditor of ACER Sede S.p.A.
- Statutory Auditor of Enel Energia S.p.A.
- Statutory Auditor of Enel Green Power Solar Metehara S.p.A.
- Statutory Auditor of Enel Green Power Solar Ngonye S.p.A.

- Statutory Auditor of CESI S.p.A.
- Sole Auditor of EGP Matimba Newco 1 S.r.l.
- Statutory Auditor of Fondo Ambiente Italiano – FAI.

9.2 Conflicts of Interest

As at the date of this Registration Document, and to the best of UniCredit's knowledge, with regard to the members of the UniCredit Board of Directors and Board of Statutory Auditors there are no conflicts of interest between any duties to the Issuer, arising from the office or position held within UniCredit, and their private interests and/or other duties, except for those that may concern operations put before the relevant bodies of UniCredit, in accordance with the applicable procedures and in strict compliance with existing laws and regulations. Members of the UniCredit Board of Directors and Board of Statutory Auditors must indeed comply with the following provisions aimed at regulating instances where there exists a specific interest concerning the implementation of an operation:

- Article 53 paragraph 4, of the Italian Banking Act, without prejudice to the obligations envisaged by paragraph 1 of Article 2391 of the Italian Civil Code, hereinafter quoted, sets forth the duty to abstain from voting for the Directors having a conflicting interest, on their own behalf or on behalf of a third party;
- Article 136 of the Italian Banking Act, which requires a special authorisation procedure (a unanimous decision by the supervisory body with the exclusion of the concerned officers' vote and the favourable vote of all members of the controlling body) should a bank enter into obligations of any kind or enter, directly or indirectly, into purchase or sale agreements with its corporate officers;
- Article 2391 of the Italian Civil Code, which obliges directors to notify fellow directors and the Board of Statutory Auditors of any interest, on their own behalf or on behalf of a third party, that they may have, in a specific company transaction, with the concerned member of the Board of Directors having to abstain from carrying out the transaction if he/she is also the CEO; and
- Article 2391-*bis* of the Italian Civil Code, CONSOB Regulation No. 17221 dated 12 March 2010 (and subsequent updates) concerning transactions with related parties and the relevant communication no. 10078683 dated 24 September 2010, as well as the provisions of the Bank of Italy Circular no 285 dated 17 December 2013 (Part III - Chapter 11) concerning risk activities and conflicts of interest of banks and banking groups with associated persons (Supervisory Regulations for the banks).

In accordance with the said latest provisions, UniCredit has adopted specific policies and procedures in order to ensure, between the others, the transparency and the material and procedural correctness of the transactions with related parties or with associated persons, directly or through controlled companies. For information on related-party transactions, please see Part H of the Notes to the consolidated financial statements of UniCredit as at 31 December 2021, incorporated by reference herein.

Notwithstanding the obligations of Article 2391 of the Italian Civil Code, UniCredit and its corporate bodies have adopted measures and procedures to ensure compliance with the provisions relating to transactions with its corporate officers, as well as transactions with related parties and associated persons."

1.8. The "Section X - Major Shareholders", on page 59 of the Registration Document, shall be amended as follows:

1.8.1 The subsection "Information related to the shareholder structured of the Issuer", on page 59 of the Registration Document, shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

"10.1 Information related to the shareholder structured of the Issuer

No individual or entity controls UniCredit within the meaning provided for in Article 93 of the Financial Services Act.

As at 25 March 2022 the main shareholders holding, directly or indirectly, a relevant participation in UniCredit, pursuant to Article 120 of the Financial Services Act, were:

Major Shareholders	Ordinary Shares	% owned⁽¹⁾
Capital Research and Management Company	139,949,297	6.407 ⁽²⁾
- <i>of which on behalf of EuroPacific Growth Fund</i>	<i>114,212,817</i>	<i>5.229</i>
BlackRock Group	114,907,383	5.260 ⁽³⁾
Allianz Group	69,622,203	3.187

(1) figures updated based on the last communications received according to current legislation published on Consob website on 7 December 2021 and on share capital updated on 25 March 2022

(2) discretionary asset management

(3) non-discretionary asset management

The updated information concerning the major shareholders will be available from time to time on the Issuer's website without prejudice to the obligations arising from Article 23 of the Prospectus Regulation in relation to the drafting of a supplement."

1.9. The "Section XI - Financial Information concerning the Issuer's assets and liabilities, financial position and profits and losses", on page 60 et seq. of the Registration Document, save for the 2019 and 2020 consolidated accounts of UniCredit Group and non consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer, already incorporated by reference in the Registration Document, shall be amended as follows:

1.9.1 The subsection "Historical financial information", on page 60 of the Registration Document, shall be amended as follows:

“11.1 Historical financial information

[...]

The consolidated annual financial statements of the UniCredit Group and the non consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer for the financial year ended on 31 December 2021 are available to the public on the Issuer's website at the following link: <https://www.unicreditgroup.eu/content/dam/unicreditgroup-eu/documents/en/investors/financial-reports/2021/4Q21/2021-Annual-Reports-and-Accounts.pdf>.

The audited annual financial statements ended on 31 December 2021 have been approved by the ordinary shareholders' meeting on 8 April 2022.

Details in relation to the consolidated annual financial statements of the UniCredit Group and to the non consolidated annual financial statements of the Issuer ended on 31 December 2021 are provided below.

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[...]"

1.9.2 The subsection "Auditing of historical annual financial information", on page 64 of the Registration Document, shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

“11.3 Auditing of historical annual financial information

11.3.1 Deloitte & Touche S.p.A. has audited and issued unqualified audit opinions – incorporated by reference in this Registration Document - on the consolidated financial statements of the UniCredit Group and on the financial statements of the Issuer for the year ended on 31 December 2021, 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019.

11.3.2 Except for the financial information contained in the consolidated financial statements of the UniCredit Group and in the financial statements of the Issuer for the year ended on 31 December 2021, 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019 and in the interim consolidated financial statements ended on 30 June 2021, no other financial information has been verified by the auditors."

1.9.3 The subsection "Legal and arbitration proceedings", on page 64 of the Registration Document, shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

“11.4 Legal and arbitration proceedings

11.4.1 The risks connected with pending legal proceedings have been duly examined by the Parent Company and each of the involved Subsidiaries (the “**Companies**”). Assuming the possibility of outlays in reference of some of the aforementioned proceedings, whether carrying out the related estimates for potential disbursement is feasible, as at 30 June 2021 the Companies decided to set aside appropriate provisions for risks and charges for EUR 690.8 million, of which EUR 345.8 million for the Parent Company UniCredit S.p.A.

As at 31 December 2021, the Companies were named as defendants in about 55,900 legal proceedings, of which approx. 8,500 involving the Parent Company UniCredit S.p.A. (excluding labor law cases, tax cases and credit recovery actions in which counterclaims were asserted or objections raised with regard to the credit claims of Group Companies). As at 31 December 2021, the total amount of claimed damages relating to the relevant judicial proceedings (excluding labor law cases, tax cases and debt collection proceedings) is equal to EUR 9.8 billion, of which approximately EUR 6.4 billion for the proceedings involving the Parent Company UniCredit S.p.A..

In a greater detail, it mainly deals with:

Madoff

The parent company UniCredit S.p.A. and several of its direct and indirect subsidiaries (the “**Companies**”) have been sued in the wake of a Ponzi scheme perpetrated by Bernard L. Madoff through his company Bernard L. Madoff Investments Securities LLC (“BLMIS”), which was exposed in December 2008. The Companies were principally connected with Madoff as investment manager and/or investment adviser for the Primeo Fund Ltd (now in liquidation) and other non-US funds of funds that had invested in other non-US funds with accounts at BLMIS.

Specifically, the Companies (together with a variety of other entities) were named as defendants in a variety of proceedings (both in the US and in non-US jurisdictions), for a total damage compensation claims of over \$6 billion (to be later determined over the course of the proceedings). At present, most of the claims brought before US Courts and referring to the Companies have been rejected without any possibility of appeal or dismissal. However, the bankruptcy administrator of BLMIS (the “SIPA Trustee”) responsible for the Madoff’s company liquidation continues to pursue claims related to transfers of money made by BLMIS pre-bankruptcy to an affiliated company, BA Worldwide Fund Management Ltd (“BAWFM”), and other similarly situated parties. The potential claim for damages against BAWFM is non-material and, therefore, there are no specific risk profiles for the Companies.

In addition, certain current or formerly affiliated persons named as defendants in a proceeding in the United States may seek indemnification from the Companies and its affiliated entities.

As at 31 December 2021, there were several pending civil proceedings against UniCredit Bank Austria AG (“UCB Austria”) for the total claimed damages amount of €5 million. While a large majority of the judgments have been favourable to UCB Austria, the impact of the remaining cases cannot be predicted with certainty, as the related future rulings may be adverse to UCB Austria. UCB Austria has made adequate provisions related to the Madoff’s matter.

Proceedings arising out of the purchase of UniCredit Bank AG (“UCB AG”) by the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. and the related Group reorganisation

Squeeze-out of UCB AG minority shareholders (Appraisal Proceeding)

In 2008, approximately 300 former minority shareholders of UCB AG filed a request before the District Court of Munich to have a review of the price paid to them by the parent company UniCredit S.p.A., equal to €38.26 per share, in the context of the squeeze out of minority shareholders (Appraisal Proceeding). The dispute mainly concerns the valuation of UCB AG, which is the basis for the calculation of the price to be paid to the former minority shareholders. At present the proceeding is pending in the first instance.

Squeeze-out of UCB Austria’s minority shareholders (Appraisal Proceeding)

In 2008, approximately 70 former minority shareholders of UCB Austria commenced proceedings before the Commercial Court of Vienna claiming that the squeeze-out price paid to them, equal to €129.4 per share, was inadequate, and asking the court to review the adequacy of the amount paid (Appraisal Proceeding). At present the proceeding is pending in the first instance. In parallel, five contentious proceedings in which plaintiffs claim damages have been initiated, involving however only insignificant amounts in dispute.

Financial sanctions matters

Following the settlement in April 2019, the U.S. and New York Authorities require an annual external review regarding the evolution of the process implementation. In light of the request, in 2020 the Group appointed an external independent consultant. Following the interaction with the independent consultant and also considering the mandatory commitments towards the Authorities, the parent company UniCredit S.p.A., UCB AG and UCB Austria AG have implemented additional requirements and controls, about which the banks make periodic reports to the Authorities.

Euro-denominated bonds issued by EU countries

On 31 January 2019, the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. and UCB AG received a Statement of Objections from the European Commission referring to the investigation by the European Commission of a suspected violation of antitrust rules in relation to European government bonds. The subject matter of the investigation extended to certain periods from 2007 to 2011 and included activities by UCB AG between September and November 2011.

The European Commission concluded its investigation by issuance of its decision on 20 May 2021. The decision provides for the imposition of a fine of €69.4 million on the parent company UniCredit S.p.A and UCB AG. UniCredit S.p.A. and UCB AG contest the European Commission's findings and brought an action for the annulment of its decision before the General Court of the European Union on 30 July 2021.

On 11 June 2019, UCB AG and UniCredit Capital Markets LLC were named, among other financial institutions, as defendants in a putative class action already pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The third amended class action complaint, filed on 3 December 2019, alleges a conspiracy among dealers of Euro-denominated bonds issued by European central banks to fix and manipulate the prices of those bonds, among other things by widening the bid-ask spreads they quoted to customers.

The putative class consists of those who purchased or sold Euro-denominated bonds issued by European central banks in the US between 2007 and 2012. On 23 July 2020, the court granted motions to dismiss the third amended complaint by certain defendants, including UCB AG and UniCredit Capital Markets LLC, without prejudice. Plaintiffs filed their fourth amended class action complaint on 9 February 2021, repleading their claim against UCB AG and UniCredit Capital Markets LLC and other financial institutions. Like earlier pleadings, the fourth amended class action complaint does not include a quantification of damages claimed. Exchange of correspondence concerning motions to dismiss the fourth amended complaint has been completed, and in June 2021 defendants have requested a pre-motion conference with the court.

Proceedings related to claims for Withholding Tax Credits

On 31 July 2014, the Supervisory Board of UCB AG concluded its internal investigation into the so-called “cum-ex” transactions (the short selling of equities around dividend dates and claims for withholding tax credits on German share dividends) at UCB AG. In this context, criminal investigations have been conducted against current or former employees of UCB AG and UCB AG itself as an ancillary party by the Prosecutors in Frankfurt am Main, Cologne and Munich. With respect to UCB AG, all proceedings originally initiated by the aforesaid prosecution offices were finally closed with payment of a fine or the payment of a forfeiture.

In December 2018, in connection with an ongoing investigation against other financial institutions and former bank employees, the Cologne prosecutor informed UCB AG of the initiation of a new investigation in connection with an administrative offence regarding “cum-ex” transactions involving Exchange Traded Funds (“ETF”). In April 2019, these investigations were extended to so called Ex/Ex-transactions, in which an involvement of the bank in the sourcing of cum/ex transactions of other market participants on the ex-day is suspected. The facts are being examined internally. UCB AG is cooperating with the Authorities.

On 28 July 2021 the Federal Criminal Court (BGH) rendered a decision through which the principle criminal liability of cum/ex structures had been determined the first time. UCB AG is monitoring the development.

The Munich tax authorities are currently performing a regular field audit of UCB AG for the years 2013 to 2016, which includes, among other things, a review of transactions in equities around the dividend record date (so called cum/cum transactions). During these years, UCB AG performed, among other things, securities-lending transactions with different domestic counterparties which include, but are not limited to, different types of cum/cum transactions. It remains to be clarified whether, and under what circumstances, tax credits can be obtained or taxes refunded with regard to different types of transactions carried out close to the dividend record dates, and what the further consequences for the bank will be in the event of different tax treatment. It cannot be ruled out that UCB AG might be exposed to tax-claims in this respect by relevant tax-offices or third party claims under civil law. UCB AG is in constant communication with relevant regulatory authorities and the competent tax authorities regarding these matters. In this context, UCB AG is considering the latest view of the German Tax Authorities.

UCB AG has made provisions.

Proceedings relating to certain forms of banking transactions.

The UniCredit group is named as a defendant in several proceedings in matters connected to its operations with clients, which are not specific to UniCredit group, rather affect the financial sector in general.

In this regard, as at 31 December 2021 (i) proceedings against the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. pertaining to compound interest, typical of the Italian market, had a total claimed amount of €1.1 billion, mediations included; (ii) proceedings pertaining to derivative products, mainly affecting the Italian market (for which the claimed

amount against the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. was Euro 692 million, mediations included) and the German market (for which the claimed amount against UCB AG was €28 million); and (iii) proceedings relating to foreign currency loans, mainly affecting the CE&EE countries (for which the claimed amount was around Euro 162 million).

The proceedings pertaining to compound interest mainly involve damages requests from clients arising from the alleged unlawfulness of the calculation methods of the amount of interest payable in connection with certain banking contracts. At present, the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. has made provisions that it deems appropriate for the risks associated with these claims.

With regard to the litigation connected to derivative products, several financial institutions, including UniCredit group companies, entered into a number of derivative contracts, both with institutional and non-institutional investors. In Germany and in Italy there are a number of pending proceedings against certain Group companies that relate to derivative contracts concluded by both institutional and non-institutional investors. The filing of such litigations affects the financial sector generally and is not specific to the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. and its Group companies. At present, the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. and the involved Group companies have made provisions deemed appropriate based on the best estimate of the impact which might derive from such proceedings.

With respect to proceedings relating to foreign currency (“FX”) loans, in the last decade, a significant number of customers in the Central and Eastern Europe area took out these types of loans and mortgages denominated in a foreign currency. In a number of instances customers, or consumer associations acting on their behalf, have sought to renegotiate the terms of such FX loans and mortgages, including having the loan principal and associated interest payments redenominated in the local currency at the time that the loan was taken out, and floating rates retrospectively changed to fixed rates. In addition, in a number of countries legislation that impacts FX loans was proposed or implemented. These developments resulted in litigation against subsidiaries of the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. in a number of CE&EE countries including Croatia, Slovenia and Serbia.

In 2015, the Republic of Croatia enacted amendments to the Consumer Lending Act and Credit Institutions Act mandating the conversion with retroactive effect of Swiss franc (CHF)-linked loans into Euro-linked (the “Conversion Amendments”).

In September 2016, UCB Austria and Zagrebačka Banka (“Zaba”) initiated a claim against the Republic of Croatia under the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Austria and the Government of the Republic of Croatia for the promotion and protection of investments in order to recover the losses suffered as a result of the Conversion Amendments. In the interim, Zaba complied with the provisions of the new law and adjusted accordingly all the respective contracts where the customers requested so. The Government of the Republic of Croatia reached an agreement with six local banks, including ZABA and UCB Austria, as a result of which on 30 June 2021 the parties have jointly requested the arbitral tribunal to discontinue the proceedings.

In 2019, the Supreme Court of the Republic of Croatia ruled that the CHF currency clause contained in certain loan and mortgage documentation was invalid. Accordingly, in the course of 2019, court decisions, recent court practice related to FX matters along with the expiration of the statute of limitation for filing individual lawsuits in respect of the invalidity of the interest rate clause, led to a significant increase in the number of new lawsuits against Zaba. In March 2020, the Supreme Court ruled that agreements entered into following the Conversion Amendments whereby customers converted their CHF mortgages and/or loans into EUR are valid and accordingly no additional payments are due. In October 2020 the Supreme Court, as well as one additional lower court, approached the European Court of Justice with a request for preliminary ruling asking for an interpretation on the applicability of the Directive on unfair terms in consumer contracts and consequently whether a consumer who converted its loan in accordance with the terms of the of the Conversion Amendments is entitled to additional payments. The Supreme Court withdrew its request, while the other case is still pending. In March 2021 the Constitutional Court rejected Zaba’s application related to the invalidity of the Swiss franc currency clause. In light of the above, provisions have been booked which are deemed appropriate.

VIP 4 Medienfonds

Various investors in Film & Entertainment VIP Medienfonds 4 GmbH & Co. KG to whom UCB AG issued loans to finance their participation, brought legal proceedings against UCB AG. In the context of the conclusion of the loan agreements, the plaintiffs claim that the Bank provided inadequate disclosure about the fund structure and the related tax consequences. A settlement was reached with the vast majority of the plaintiffs. An outstanding

final decision with respect to the question of UCB AG's liability for the prospectus in the proceeding pursuant to the Capital Markets Test Case Act (Kapitalanleger-Musterverfahrensgesetz) which is pending at Munich Higher Regional Court, will affect only a few pending cases.

Claims in relation to a syndicated loan

UCB AG, together with several other financial institutions, has been named as a defendant in complaints filed by the judicial administrator and foreign representative of a Brazilian oil and gas conglomerate in July 2021 in the United States before the District of New York court claiming damages in connection with the repayment of a syndicated loan for two oil drilling rigs UCB AG participated in that defendants are alleged to have unlawfully obtained.

Vanderbilt related litigations

Claims brought or threatened by or on behalf of the State of New Mexico or any of its agencies or funds

Vanderbilt Financial LLC (“VCA”) related litigations, where Pioneer Investment Management USA Inc., Pioneer Global Asset Management S.p.A. (“PGAM”), at the time controlled by UniCredit S.p.A. and incorporated by the latter in 2017, and the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. (the “Defendants”) were named as additional defendants by virtue of their corporate affiliation with VCA, including in legal proceedings brought by a former employee of the State of New Mexico (the “Public Authority”), who claimed to act as representative of the Public Authority for the losses suffered by the State of New Mexico during the 2006-08 market downturn on investments managed by VCA (mainly CDOs). The total amount of losses claimed in those proceedings is approximately \$365 million. In 2012, the Defendants reached a settlement agreement for an amount of \$24.25 million and the settlement amount was deposited into escrow at the beginning of 2013.

The settlement is contingent on the Court's approval, but that process was temporarily delayed pending the determination by the New Mexico Supreme Court of a legal matter in a separate lawsuit brought against a different set of defendants in other proceedings. The New Mexico Supreme Court issued its ruling on the awaited legal matter in June 2015 and in December 2015 the Defendants and the State of New Mexico renewed their request for Court approval of the settlement. The Court held a hearing in April 2016 and in June 2017 approved the settlement and directed that the claims against VCA and the Defendants be dismissed. A judgment to that effect was entered in September 2017 and a motion by the former State employee seeking to set aside that judgment was denied by the Court in October 2017. Appeals from the judgment and the subsequent order were taken in October and November 2017 and in June 2020, the New Mexico Court of Appeals affirmed that judgment. A motion for rehearing was subsequently denied. In October 2020 the New Mexico Supreme Court declined to hear a further appeal, but the former State employee subsequently petitioned for rehearing, and that motion remains pending. The settlement cannot be effectuated while the appeal remains pending. If the judgment continues to be upheld on appeal, the escrowed amount will be paid over to the State of New Mexico and the Defendants, including UniCredit S.p.A., will all be released from all the claims that were or could have been brought by or on behalf of the State or any of its agencies or funds.

Alpine Holding GmbH

Legal proceedings against UCB Austria arose from bondholders' claims commenced in June/July 2013. The claims stemmed from the insolvency of Alpine Holding GmbH, as UCB Austria acted as joint lead manager, together with another bank, for the undertaking of Alpine Holding GmbH bond issues in 2010 and 2011. Bondholders' claims are mainly referred to prospectus liability of the joint lead manager, whereas a minority of the cases is based on misselling due to allegedly unlawful investment advice. The damage claims amount to €20.21 million. These proceedings are mainly pending in the first instance and may be adverse to UCB Austria.

Most recently, the expert appointed by the Court in the majority of the civil proceedings has issued a report largely in favour of UCB Austria and the other issuing banks. Investors have a different reading of the report and have requested that the expert answers supplementary questions, as did the issuing banks. The processing of the supplementary questions is pending at the date of this Registration Document. Therefore, the final outcome of the expert report cannot be assessed as of the date of this Registration Document.

In addition to the ongoing proceedings against UCB Austria stemming from the Alpine insolvency, additional Alpine-related actions have been threatened and may be filed in the future. The pending or future actions may have negative consequences for UCB Austria. Despite the favourable expert opinion mentioned above, at the

moment it is impossible to estimate reliably the timing and results of the various actions, nor determine the level of liability, if any.

Valauret S.A.

Civil claim filed in 2004 by Valauret S.A. and Hughes de Lasteyrie du Saillant for losses resulting from the drop in the share price, between 2002 and 2003, including allegations on alleged fraudulent actions by members of the company's Board of directors and others. UCB Austria (as successor to Creditanstalt) was joined as the fourteenth defendant in 2007 based on the fact that it was banker to one of the defendants. The total claimed amount is equal to €129.86 million (plus costs €4.39 million). Furthermore, in 2006, before the action was extended to UCB Austria, the civil proceedings were suspended following the opening of criminal proceedings by the French State that are underway. In December 2008, the civil proceedings were also suspended against UCB Austria. UCB Austria has been informed by the Paris Commercial Court that the case was removed from the Court's register on June 17, 2021, at Valauret's request. Valauret's claim is likely time-barred.

Bitminer Litigation in the Republic of Srpska, Bosnia and Herzegovina

In 2019, a local customer, Bitminer Factory d.o.o. Gradiška ("**Bitminer**"), filed a lawsuit before the District Commercial Court in Banja Luka claiming damages for unjustified termination of its current bank accounts by UniCredit Bank a.d. Banja Luka ("**UCBL**"), a subsidiary of the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Srpska. Bitminer alleged that termination of the accounts obstructed its initial coin offering (ICO) relating to a start-up renewable-energy-powered cryptocurrency mining project in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

On 30 December 2021, the first instance court adopted most of Bitminer's claims and ordered UCBL to pay damages in the amount of BAM 256,326,152 (approx. Euro 131.2million). The appeal was filed in January 2022. The first instance court decision is not final, binding and enforceable. The ultimate liability of UCBL, if any, will be determined only after all ordinary legal remedies have been exhausted, and in any case not before the final and binding decision of the appellate court.

Divania S.r.l.

In 2007, Divania S.r.l. (now in bankruptcy) ("**Divania**") filed a lawsuit in the Court of Bari against UniCredit Banca d'Impresa S.p.A. (then UniCredit Corporate Banking S.p.A. and now UniCredit S.p.A.) alleging violations of law relating, inter alia, to financial products in relation to certain rate and currency derivative transactions entered into between January 2000 and May 2005 first by Credito Italiano S.p.A. and subsequently by UniCredit Banca d'Impresa S.p.A. (now UniCredit S.p.A.), demanding damages in the amount of €276.6 million, legal fees and interest. Divania also seeks the nullification of a 2005 settlement reached by the parties in which Divania had agreed to waive any claims in respect of the transactions. In 2017, the Court of Bari ordered the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. to pay approximately €7.6 million plus interests and part of the expenses in favour of Divania's bankruptcy trustee and found that it did not have jurisdiction to rule on certain of Divania's claims. The parent company UniCredit S.p.A. appealed.

Divania filed two additional lawsuits before the Court of Bari: (i) one for €68.9 million in 2009 (subsequently increased to €80.5 million), essentially mirroring the claims brought in its lawsuit filed in 2007; and (ii) a second one for €1.6 million in 2006. With respect to the first lawsuit, in May 2016, the Court of Bari ordered the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. to pay approximately €12.6 million plus costs. The parent company UniCredit S.p.A. appealed. With respect to the second lawsuit, in 2015, the Court of Bari rejected Divania's original claim and the judgment has res judicata effect. The two proceedings still pending were consolidated and in September 2021 the Court of Appeal of Bari reversed the judgment in the case commenced by Divania in 2007 – ordering the latter to return the sum awarded by the first-instance Court plus costs (for a total of €9.3 million) to us – and confirmed the judgment in the case commenced in 2009 by Divania (which had ordered us to pay an amount of €13.3 million). The judgment of the Court of Appeal became final between us and Divania; however, Divania's guarantor may still appeal to the Supreme Court.

I Viaggi del Ventaglio Group (IVV)

In 2011, IVV DE MEXICO S.A., TONLE S.A. and the bankruptcy trustee of IVV INTERNATIONAL S.A. filed a lawsuit against the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. in the Court of Milan demanding approximately €68 million in damages. In 2014, the bankruptcy trustees of IVV Holding S.r.l. and IVV S.p.A. filed two additional

lawsuits against the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. in the Court of Milan demanding €48 million and €170 million, respectively, in damages. In October 2019, the bankruptcy trustee of I Viaggi del Ventaglio Resorts Ventaglio Real Estate S.r.l. filed an additional lawsuit in the Court of Milan against the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. demanding a total of €12.8 million in damages.

The four lawsuits – two of which were settled – pertain to allegedly unlawful conduct with regard to certain loans and certain derivative transactions. At present, (i) the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. won the first case both in the first-instance and on appeal and the case has been settled; (ii) the Bankruptcy Trustee and the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. reached a settlement agreement approved by the Court for the second case; (iii) the third case is pending in the first-instance and in July 2020 the bankruptcy trustee and the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. reached a settlement agreement by which the bankruptcy trustee waived its claims against the Bank; the case will continue between the parent company UniCredit S.p.A., on one side, and the former statutory auditors and guarantors of the plaintiff, on the other, in light of the contribution claims raised by the latter against UniCredit S.p.A. in the context of the same proceedings; and (iv) the fourth case is in its conclusive phase. The settlement of the first two cases led to a reduction of the overall claimed amount to €13.5 million.

Lawsuit brought by “Paolo Bolici”

In May 2014, the company wholly owned by Paolo Bolici sued the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. in the Court of Rome asking for the return of approximately €12 million for compound interest (including alleged usury component) and €400 million for damages. The company then went bankrupt. The parent company UniCredit S.p.A. won the case in the first instance and the appeal is pending.

On 31 July 2020, Mr. Bolici’s business partner sued the parent company UniCredit S.p.A., seeking damages based on analogous facts to those alleged in the 2014 proceedings. The Court ruled in favour of UniCredit. The appeal filed by the other party is pending.

Mazza

In 2005 the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. filed a criminal complaint against a Notary, Mr. Mazza, representatives of certain companies and disloyal employees of the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. in relation to unlawful lending transactions in favour of certain clients for approximately €84 million. The criminal court of first instance acquitted the defendants.

This decision was reversed by the Court of Appeal of Rome, which found all the defendants guilty. Following a further appeal, while stating that some accusations were time-barred, the Supreme Court confirmed the court of Appeal’s findings on the civil law requests raised by the Bank.

Following the acquittal in the first-instance criminal proceedings, Mr. Mazza and other persons involved in the criminal proceedings filed two lawsuits for compensation claims against the parent company UniCredit S.p.A.: (i) the first (commenced by Mr. Mazza with a claimed amount of approximately €15 million) was won by the Bank at first-instance and the judgment is now final; (ii) in the second (commenced by Como S.r.l. and Mr. Colella with a claimed amount of approximately Euro 379 million) case the Court of Rome ruled in favour of the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. and the plaintiffs have appealed. In the view of the parent company UniCredit S.p.A., these lawsuits currently appear to be unfounded, in particular in light of the criminal judgment by the Court of Appeal of Rome and the civil judgment by the Court of Rome.

So.De.Co. - Nuova Compagnia di Partecipazioni S.p.A.

As part of a restructuring, in 2014, Ludoil Energy S.r.l. (“Ludoil”) acquired the “oil” business from Nuova Compagnia di Partecipazione S.p.A. (“NCP”). In March 2016, So.De.Co., a wholly owned subsidiary of Ludoil, filed a lawsuit in the Court of Rome against its former directors, NCP, the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. (in its capacity as holding company of NCP) and the external auditors (PricewaterhouseCoopers S.p.A. and Deloitte & Touche S.p.A.) claiming damages of approximately €94 million for allegedly failing to provision properly for supposed environmental risks and thereby causing the inflation of the sale price paid by Ludoil. In November 2019, the Court rejected So.De.Co.’s claims in their entirety and ordered it to pay costs in favour of the defendants. So.De.Co. appealed the judgment and reduced its claim to approximately €17 million. The appeal is pending. In November 2017, So.De.Co. filed a separate lawsuit against NCP and its former directors. The case is ongoing. In February 2019, NCP commenced an arbitral proceeding against Ludoil (So.De.Co.’s sole shareholder). The proceedings are ongoing.

Criminal proceedings

Certain entities within UniCredit group and certain of its representatives (including those no longer in office), are involved in various criminal proceedings and/or, as far as the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. is aware, are under investigation by the competent authorities with regard to various cases linked to banking transactions, including, specifically, in Italy, the offence pursuant to Art. 644 (usury) of the Italian Criminal Code.

At present, these criminal proceedings have had no significant negative impact on the operating results and capital and financial position of the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. and/or the Group, however there is a risk that, if the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. and/or other UniCredit group entities or their representatives (including those no longer in office) were to be convicted, these events could have an impact on the reputation of the parent company UniCredit S.p.A. and/or UniCredit group.

In relation to the criminal proceedings relating to the diamond offer, see the following paragraph "Diamond offer".

Labour-related litigation

UniCredit S.p.A. is party to a number of employment law disputes. In general, all employment law disputes are supported by provisions made to meet any disbursements incurred and, in any case, UniCredit does not believe that any liabilities related to the outcome of the pending proceedings could have a significant impact on its economic and/or financial condition.

Lawsuits filed against UniCredit S.p.A. by members of the former Cassa di Risparmio di Roma Fund

Lawsuits have been brought against UniCredit S.p.A. by members of the former Cassa di Risparmio di Roma Fund. These lawsuits are now pending before the Italian Supreme Court (*Corte di Cassazione*) after two degree decisions favourable to UniCredit S.p.A.. The main claim is a request that the funding levels of the former Cassa di Risparmio di Roma Fund be restored and that the individual social security accounts of each member be assessed and quantified. With reference to the main claim, the relief sought is estimated at €384 million.

No provisions were made as these actions are considered to be unfounded.

Diamond offer

Over the years, within the diversification of investments to which the available assets are addressed and also considering in this context those investments with the characteristics of the so-called "safe haven" with a long-term horizon, several UniCredit S.p.A.'s customers have historically invested in diamonds through a specialised intermediary company, with which the Bank has stipulated, since 1998, a collaboration agreement as "Introducer", in order to regulate the "reporting" methods of the offer of diamonds by the same company to UniCredit customers.

Since the end of 2016, the liquidity available on the market to meet the requests of customers who intended to divest their diamond assets has contracted to a certain extent until it became nil, with the suspension of the service by the brokerage company.

In 2017 UniCredit S.p.A. started a "customer care" initiative which envisaged the availability of the Bank to intervene for the acknowledgement towards the customer of the original cost incurred for the purchase of precious items and the consequent withdrawal of the stones, upon certain conditions.

The initiative has been adopted assessing the absence of responsibility for its role as "Introducer"; nevertheless, the AGCM ascertained UniCredit's responsibility for unfair commercial practice (confirmed in appeal by the Administrative Regional Court in the second half of 2018), imposing, in 2017, a fine of €4 million paid in the same year. Following the appeal filed by UniCredit against such ruling, the Administrative Tribunal in second instance reduced the fine imposed on UniCredit to € 2.8 million.

On 8 March 2018, a specific communication was issued from Banca d'Italia concerning the "Related activities exercisable by banks", in which large attention was given to the reporting at the bank branches of operations, purchase and sale of diamonds by specialised third-party companies.

As at 31 December 2021, UniCredit S.p.A. received reimbursement requests for a total amount of about €409 million (cost originally incurred by the Clients) from No.12,233 Customers; according to a preliminary analysis, such requests fulfill the requirements envisaged by the "customer care" initiative; the finalization of the reimbursement requests is currently carried out, aimed at assessing their effective compliance with the "customer care" initiative, and then proceed with the settlement where conditions recur; with reference to the scope outlined above (€409 million), reimbursed No.11,076 customers for about €387 million (equivalent value of original purchases), equal to about 95% of the reimbursement requests said above.

In order to cope with the probable risks of loss related to the repurchases of diamonds, a dedicated Provision for risks and charges was set up; its quantification was also based on the outcome of an independent study (commissioned to a primary third company) aiming at evaluating the diamonds' value. Finally, in line with a strategy that envisages its disposal in the short term, the gems purchased are recognised for about €52 million in item "120. Other assets" of the balance sheet.

On 19 February 2019, the judge in charge of the preliminary investigation at the Court of Milan issued an interim seizure directed to UniCredit and other financial institutions aimed at: (i) direct confiscation of the amount of Euro 33 million against UniCredit for the offence of aggravated fraud and (ii) indirect as well as direct confiscation of the amount of Euro 72 thousand for the offence of self-laundering against UniCredit. From the seizure order it emerges that investigations for the administrative offence under art.25-*octies* of Legislative Decree No.231/2001 are pending against UniCredit for the crime of self-laundering.

On 2 October 2019, the Bank and certain individuals received the notice of conclusion of the investigations pursuant to art. 415-*bis* of the Italian Code of criminal procedure. The notice confirmed the involvement of certain current and former employees for the offence of aggravated fraud and self-laundering. With regard to the latter, self-laundering serves as a predicate crime for the administrative liability of the Bank under Legislative Decree No. 231/2001.

In September 2020, a new notice pursuant to art. 415-*bis* of the Italian code of criminal procedure was served on certain individuals already involved in the proceedings. The allegations against the UniCredit individuals only pertain to the offence of fraud. Such new allegations do not modify the overall investigative framework as per the notice served in the autumn of 2019. In June 2021 the public prosecutor issued the formal request of indictment against certain current and former employees and the preliminary hearing has commenced.

Proceedings related to Tax matters

Pending cases arising during the period

In June 2021 UniCredit S.p.A. (as incorporating entity of UniCredit Banca di Roma S.p.A.) filed claims with the Civil Court of Milan (competent for the matter), challenging the payment injunctions for COSAP (fee for the occupation of public areas) notified by the Municipality of Milan with reference to the fiscal years 2009, 2010 to 2012 and 2014. By means of that claims the bank objected that the requests made by the Tax Authority for the years subject to assessment became time-barred. Total contested amount Euro 0.12 million.

In March 2021, UniCredit S.p.A. challenged before the first-degree Tax Court No.4 payment notices and penalty assessment notices issued by the Salerno Customs Office, notified in February 2021 to UniCredit S.p.A., in its capacity as alleged domiciliary in Italy of a German bank for EU transit of goods and jointly liable party, concerning excise duties and related VAT for the fiscal year 2018, plus interest and penalties for a total amount of Euro 1.24 million. An application was recently submitted to combine these proceedings with other proceedings already started by UniCredit S.p.A., regarding similar payment notices served at the end of 2019, for a total value of Euro 0.10 million.

With regard to two notices of assessment for mortgage tax and stamp duty on renewal of mortgages issued by Istituto Neurotraumatologico Italiano S.p.A. ("INI S.p.A.") in favour of UniCredit S.p.A. (formerly Banca di Roma S.p.A.) on two building complexes securing INI S.p.A.'s overall debt to Banca di Roma, both notices were appealed by UniCredit S.p.A. to the first-degree Tax Court. On a preliminary basis, the bank claimed that the deeds are null and void as the Tax Authority's assessment powers have expired, and, subsequently, that the payment request is illegitimate. At present, the judgment is pending. Total contested value Euro 0.28 million.

As of 30 June 2021 UniCredit S.p.A. raised the following litigation: filed a claim, in September 2020, against a partial denial of an IRES tax refund for the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 following a partial refund in July 2020.

The amount of the litigation is €1.9 million, equal to the amount of the credit registered in the accounting books of the bank. The claim aims at receiving the repayment of a share of principal and higher interests accrued on the principal already paid as well as on the share of principal still to be paid. The dispute ended the first-degree Tax Court with an unfavourable decision. UniCredit will appeal the decision in terms of law.

Updates on pending disputes and tax audits

With reference to the year ended 31 December 2021, the following information is reported.

- With regard to the dispute brought by former Banco di Sicilia S.p.A. for denial of a refund request for IRPEG 1984 credit, total value Euro 56.72 million, of which Euro 21.13 million for taxes, receivables accounted in the financial statements for the same amount, in April 2021, the second-degree Tax Court, as the referring Court, following the ruling of the Supreme Court No. 18412/2017, that had overturned the appealed decision with referral to the second-degree Tax Court (“*cassazione con rinvio*”), issued decision No. 3401/12/2021 which rejects the Bank's appeal and confirms the first instance judgement stating the denial of the tax refund request. In June 2021 the Bank appealed the latter judgement to the Supreme Court. As requested by IAS37 and taking into account the ruling of the second-degree Tax Court the virtual certainty of the receivables related to refund request for IRPEG 1984 of former Banco di Sicilia S.p.A. was re-assessed leading to their entire derecognition. At the same time, also considering other recent sentences by the Supreme Court about specific and similar topics, an overall re-assessment of main active and passive tax claims was conducted with no material impact on income statement;
- With regard to a set of litigations brought by former Banca Popolare del Molise, regarding a denial of a refund request for IRPEG - ILOR credits, fiscal years 1983, 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1988, as a result of the proceedings brought by UniCredit S.p.A. before the Supreme Court against five decisions of the second-degree Tax Court that upheld the Tax Authority's appeal, the Supreme Court acknowledged that the limitation period for the bank's claim had not expired at the time of the refund request and, consequently, overturned the appealed decisions and referred the case back to the second-degree Tax Court. The proceedings will be brought before the second-degree Tax Court within the time period provided by law. Total contested amount Euro 1.86 million;
- With regard to the dispute started by UniCredit S.p.A. for the denial of a refund request for IRES fiscal years 2007, 2008 and 2009 ended the first-degree Tax Court with an unfavourable decision. UniCredit will appeal the decision in terms of law. Total contested amount Euro 1,9 million;
- With regard to the dispute started by former Cassa di Risparmio di Torino against the reject of a refund request for IRPEG and ILOR fiscal year 1984, the Supreme Court with a decision dated 5 November 2021, accepted the appeal by Avvocatura dello Stato providing the referral of the dispute at the second-degree Tax Court in Turin; Total contested amount Euro 3,4 million;
- With regard to the dispute concerning a notice of assessment for VAT (former UniCredit Banca S.p.A.) related to operating costs of business conventions was discussed in the second-degree Tax Court Emilia Romagna; UniCredit is waiting for the issue of decision. Total contested amount Euro 2,3 million;
- With regard to the dispute started by former Banco di Sicilia S.p.A. against the reject of a refund request for further interest - compared to what refunded by the Tax Authority – for ILOR tax credit year 1993 (capital quote was refunded), the second-degree Tax Court in Palermo, who reassumed the litigation after the statement of the Supreme Court, with a decision dated 6 December 2021 postponed the case; Total contested amount Euro 3,5 million;
- With regard to the dispute started by former Gruppo Bancario Credito Romagnolo S.p.A. against the reject on refund request for IRPEG and ILOR tax years 1979 concluded with the Supreme Court final decision without referral dated 13 December 2021, upheld the appeal by Avvocatura dello Stato setting the extinction of the case and the foreclosure for UniCredit S.p.A. to obtain the refund. Total amount Euro 1,8 million;
- With regard to the dispute against the silent-reject Tax Authority Agrigento for tax credit from 770 tax form for year 1986 former Cassa Rurale di Palma di Montechiaro concluded with the Supreme Court definitive decision dated 9 December 2021 rejecting the appeal by Avvocatura dello Stato and confirming definitely the UniCredit's refund right. Total amount Euro 0,11 million.

With reference to the settlement of tax litigations, the following information is reported:

- as to a notice of assessment, served to UniCredit S.p.A. (as incorporating entity of Capitalia S.p.A.), for the registration tax allegedly due at a proportional rate on a civil judgement, the Supreme Court, with the definitive decision No. 16783/2021, overturned the appealed decision without referral to the second-degree Tax Court, upholding the claim of the bank and acknowledging as due the registration tax on a fixed basis. The decision was notified to the Tax Authority in order to achieve the refund of the improperly paid tax. Total contested amount Euro 1.68 million;
- the Supreme Court, with the definitive decision No. 16204/21, rejected, without referral to the second degree Tax Court, the appeal of the Tax Authority against a decision of the second-degree Tax Court that had declared null and void a notice of assessment requesting the registration tax at a proportional rate on several deeds entered into between UniCredit and SocGen, through its subsidiary SGSS, that have been requalified by the Tax Authority, jointly, according to art. 20, D.P.R. No. 131/1986, in terms of transfer of a business unit. The decision of the Supreme Court will be notified to the Tax Authority in order to achieve the refund of the tax paid and no longer due following the cancellation of the tax assessment. Total contested amount: Euro 4.88 million;
- UniCredit S.p.A. filed claims with the first-degree Tax Court against No.4 notices of assessment served in December 2020 by the Municipality of Palermo for municipal property tax (“IMU”), fiscal years 2015-2018, challenging that the higher tax requested is unlawful, total contested amount Euro 1.74 million, of which Euro 1.32 million for taxes. The litigations, for all the contested fiscal years, have been settled out-of-court on May 25, 2021, by the payment of the lower total amount of Euro 0.19 million, of which Euro 0.15 million referred to taxes;
- with regard to a notice of assessment by which the Tax Authority requested the registration tax on an agreement entered into between UniCredit Private Banking S.p.A. and UniCredito Italiano S.p.A. in 2003 relating to the compulsory minimum reserves for credit institutions, provided for at regulatory level by the ECB, the Supreme Court, with the definitive decision No. 17486/21, rejected without referral the claim raised by the Tax Authority against the decision of the second-degree Tax Court that had found that the registration tax was not due on the grounds of lack of taxable income. Total contested amount Euro 0.13 million;
- as to a set of litigations pertaining to the registration tax allegedly due for the registration of the rulings that had settled a number of opposition proceedings regarding the liability status of the companies of the “Costanzo Group”, that have been mentioned in the financial statements of previous years, a dispute for a total value of Euro 4.09 million is now definitive following a decision of the Supreme Court in favour of the position of the bank, according to which the guarantees mentioned in the civil judgement, on which the registration tax is levied, are free from the latter tax (as provided for by Art.15 of D.P.R. No. 601/1973) and rejected without referral the appeal of the Tax Authority.

With regard to a set of No. 6 litigations concerning tax refund claims filed by Banca Farmafactoring S.p.A. and referred to UniCredit S.p.A. following the exercise by Banca Farmafactoring of the right to transfer back the receivables previously transferred to it by UniCredit S.p.A., the following is reported:

- denial of refund request for IRPEG 1989 submitted by former Cassa di Risparmio Reggio Emilia, for an amount of Euro 1.89 million for IRPEG tax and Euro 1.82 for interests: the second-degree Tax Court with a decision issued on 3 January 2022 rejected the Tax Authority appeal confirming the right of UniCredit to obtain Euro 1,9 million refund. The terms of law for appealing the sentence by Tax Authority at the Supreme Court are ongoing;
- denial of refund request for IRPEG 1997 submitted by former Banca di Roma, for a total amount of Euro 43.5 million (the receivables accounted in the financial statements are equal to Euro 25.30 million), that was mentioned in the financial statements as at 31 December 2020: at present, the proceeding before the second-degree Tax Court is ongoing;
- denial of refund IRPEG tax credit years 1994-1997 and ILOR year 1996 former Banca Mediterranea – total value Euro 31,00 million: the second-degree Tax Court Basilicata during the hearing on 21 October 2021, ordered the Tax Authority to deposit the reports on the bases of which the assessment was notified and related to the disputing tax period, and postponed the case;
- denial of higher interests refund request for an amount equal to Euro 0.31 million accrued on the IRPEG 1990 credit of former Cassa di Risparmio di Reggio Emilia, in April 2021, the first-degree Tax Court issued a decision that declared the bank’s claim not admissible, arguing that the appealed deed is not

challengeable. Given that the Tax Court did not issue a decision specifically on the bank's right to be refunded, the bank decided not to appeal said decision before the second-degree Tax Court as the time period provided by law for submitting a renewal of the refund request is still pending.

With regard to the other disputes concerning the same matter, UniCredit S.p.A. became a party in the proceedings and, at the same time, requested the exclusion of Banca Farmafactoring according to art. 111, Code of Civil Procedure.

In relation to the tax audit carried out by the Italian Tax Police ("Guardia di Finanza") on UniCredit Leasing S.p.A. for VAT for the fiscal years from 2014 to 2017, that has been mentioned in the financial statements as at 31 December 2020, with specific reference to the fiscal year 2016, in March 2021, the company was served with a tax audit report. The remarks raised concern alleged VAT infringements in relation to nautical leasing contracts while, for IRES purposes, any violation was found. At present, the company has not been notified with a notice of assessment. As to the fiscal year 2017, the tax audit is ongoing.

Proceedings connected with Supervisory Authority Measures

UniCredit Group is subject to complex regulation and supervision by, *inter alia*, the Bank of Italy, CONSOB, the EBA, the ECB within the European System of Central Banks (ESCB), as well as other supervisory authorities. In this context, the UniCredit Group is subject to normal supervision by the competent authorities. Some supervisory actions have resulted in investigations and charges of alleged irregularities that are in progress as at the date of this Registration Document. The Group has acted to prove the regularity of its operations and does not believe that these proceedings could have relevant effects on the financial situation or profitability of the Issuer and/or the UniCredit Group.

In this regard it should be noted that on 5 February 2020, the Italian Personal Data Protection Authority notified UniCredit S.p.A. of the start of sanctioning proceedings regarding a violation of customers' personal data following a Cyber-attack (data breach) occurred in October 2018, communicated through its Group website on 22 October 2018. As required by the "Italian personal data protection Code" (Art. 166, paragraph 6, of Legislative Decree 196/03) the Bank has presented its statement of defence on the matter and requested a hearing with the Authority to explain its arguments, held in the end of September 2020. It is currently not possible to define the timeline and outcome of the proceedings."

1.9.4 The subsection "Significant change in the Issuer's financial position", on page 75 of the Registration Document, shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

"11.5 Significant change in the Issuer's financial position

The current market environment is still characterized by uncertainties due to the Russia/Ukraine conflict and by the persisting COVID-19 pandemic that could have potential effects also on the financial markets, the unexpected materially adverse impact of which on the profitability of the Group, in particular in terms of operating income and cost of risk, cannot be finally assessed as at the date of this Registration Document. Except for the possible impact of the Russia/Ukraine conflict and COVID-19 crisis indicated above, there has been no significant changes in the financial position of the Group which has occurred since 31 December 2021."

1.10. The "Section XII - Additional Information", on page 76 of the Registration Document, shall be deleted in its entirety and the following new section shall be inserted:

"Section XII – Additional information

12.1 Share capital

As at the date of this Registration Document, UniCredit's share capital, fully subscribed and paid-up, amounted to €21,220,169,840.48, comprising 2,184,404,611 ordinary shares without nominal value.

12.2 Memorandum and articles of association

The Issuer was established in Genoa, Italy by way of a private deed dated 28 April 1870.

The Issuer is registered with the Company Register of Milan-Monza-Brianza-Lodi under registration number, fiscal code and VAT number no. 00348170101.

The current Articles of Association was registered with the Company Register of Milan-Monza-Brianza-Lodi on 25 March 2022.

Pursuant to Clause 4 of the Articles of Association, the purpose of the Issuer is to engage in deposit-taking and lending in its various forms, in Italy and abroad, operating wherever in accordance with prevailing provisions and practice. It may execute, while complying with prevailing legal requirements, all permitted transactions and services of a banking and financial nature. In order to achieve its corporate purpose as efficiently as possible, the Issuer may engage in any activity that is instrumental or in any case related to the above. The Issuer, in compliance with current legal provisions, may issue bonds and acquire shareholdings in Italy and abroad."