

PRICING SUPPLEMENT

Singapore SFA Product Classification: In connection with Section 309B of the Securities and Futures Act (Chapter 289) of Singapore (the "SFA") and the Securities and Futures (Capital Markets Products) Regulations 2018 of Singapore (the "CMP Regulations 2018") the Issuer has determined, and hereby notifies all relevant persons (as defined in Section 309A(1) of the SFA), that the Notes are capital markets products other than prescribed capital markets products (as defined in the CMP Regulations 2018) and are Specified Investment Products (as defined in MAS Notice SFA 04-N12: Notice on the Sale of Investment Products and MAS Notice FAA-N16: Notice on Recommendation on Investment Products).

Pricing Supplement dated 12 March 2020



HSBC France

Legal Entity Identifier (LEI): F0HUI1NY1AZMJMD8LP67

Issue of USD 10,000,000 Notes linked to Eukairos Investments Ltd Preference Shares Series 1702

Programme for the issue of Structured Notes and Certificates

Issue Price: 100 %

HSBC Bank Plc

PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

This document constitutes the pricing supplement ("**Pricing Supplement**") relating to the issue of the Tranche of Notes described herein for the purposes of listing on the Official List of Euronext Dublin and must be read in conjunction with the Offering Memorandum dated 13 November 2019 as supplemented from time to time (the "**Offering Memorandum**") which, together with this Pricing Supplement, constitute listing particulars for the purposes of listing on the Global Exchange Market. Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the terms and conditions of the Notes (the "**Conditions**") set forth in such Offering Memorandum.

Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of this Pricing Supplement and the Offering Memorandum. The Offering Memorandum is available for viewing on the website of HSBC France (<http://www.about.hsbc.fr/investor-relations/debt-issuance>) and copies may be obtained from HSBC France, 103 avenue des Champs Elysées, 75008 Paris, France.

PRIIPs REGULATION - PROHIBITION OF SALES TO EEA RETAIL INVESTORS - The Notes are not intended to be offered, sold or otherwise made available to and should not be offered, sold or otherwise made available to any retail investor in the European Economic Area ("EEA"). For these purposes, a retail investor means a person who is one (or more) of: (i) a retail client as defined in point (11) of Article 4(1) of Directive 2014/65/EU, as amended ("MiFID II"); (ii) a customer within the meaning of Directive 2002/92/EC ("IMD"), where that customer would not qualify as a professional client as defined in point (10) of Article 4(1) of MiFID II; or (iii) not a qualified investor as defined in the Prospectus Directive. Consequently no key information document required by Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 (the "PRIIPs Regulation") for offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to retail investors in the EEA has been prepared and therefore offering or selling the Notes or otherwise making them available to any retail investor in the EEA may be unlawful under the PRIIPs Regulation.

The Offering Memorandum does not comprise (i) a prospectus for the purposes of Part VI of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended) or (ii) a base prospectus for the purposes of Regulation (EU) 2017/1129, as amended (the "Prospectus Regulation"). The Offering Memorandum has been prepared solely with regard to Notes that are (i) not to be admitted to listing or trading on any regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2014/65/EU and not to be offered to the public in a Member State (other than pursuant to one or more of the exemptions set out in Article 3.2 of the Prospectus Regulation).

1.	Issuer:	HSBC France
2.	(a) Series Number:	Not applicable
	(b) Tranche Number:	1
	(c) Date on which the Notes become fungible	Not applicable
3.	Specified Currency or Currencies:	United States Dollar (“USD”)
4.	Aggregate Nominal Amount:	
	(a) Series:	USD 10,000,000
	(b) Tranche:	USD 10,000,000
5.	Issue Price:	100 % of the Aggregate Nominal Amount
6.	Specified Denomination(s):	USD 1,000
7.	(a) Issue Date:	13 March 2020
	(b) Interest Commencement Date (if different from the Issue Date):	Not Applicable
	(c) Trade Date:	28 February 2020
8.	Minimum Trading Size:	Not applicable
9.	Maturity Date:	<p>Means (1) if the Preference Shares become subject to the auto-call provisions contained in the terms and conditions of the Preference Shares and redemption occurs (or would have become subject to such redemption but for the delay of the date for valuation or determination of the underlying asset or reference basis (or any part thereof) for the Preference Shares on or about such date) :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. In the year 2021, the 14 June 2021 ii. In the year 2021, the 15 September 2021 iii. In the year 2021, the 13 December 2021 iv. In the year 2022, the 14 March 2022 v. In the year 2022 , the 14 June 2022 vi. In the year 2022 , the 14 September 2022 vii. In the year 2022 , the 12 December 2022

- iii. In the year 2023 , the 14 March 2023
- ix. In the year 2023 , the 13 June 2023
- x. In the year 2023 , the 13 September 2023
- xi. In the year 2023 , the 12 December 2023
- cii. In the year 2024 , the 13 March 2024
- iii. In the year 2024 , the 11 June 2024
- iv. In the year 2024 , the 12 September 2024
- cv. In the year 2024 , the 13 December 2024

Or (2) otherwise 14 March 2025, or in each case and if later, 2 (two) Business Days following the Valuation Date.

- 10. **Interest Basis:** Not Applicable
- 11. **Redemption/Payment Basis** Redemption linked to a Preference Share
(further particulars indicated below)

(Condition 6):

- 12. **Change of Interest Basis or Redemption/Payment Basis:** Not Applicable
- 13. **Put/Call Options:** Not Applicable
- 14. (a) Status of Notes: Non-subordinated
- (b) Date of Board approval for issuance of Notes 26 July 2019
- 15. **Method of distribution:** Non-syndicated

PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST PAYABLE (IF APPLICABLE)

- 16. **Provisions relating to Fixed Rate Notes:** Not Applicable
- 17. **Provisions relating to Floating Rate Notes:** Not Applicable
- 18. **Provisions relating to Zero Coupon Notes:** Not Applicable
- 19. **Provisions relating to Notes with a Coupon Linked to an Equity, Equity Basket, Index, Index Basket,** Not Applicable

ETF, ETF Basket, ADR/GDR or ADR/GDR Basket:

- | | | |
|-----|---|----------------|
| 20. | Provisions relating to Notes with a Coupon linked to a Fund or Fund Basket | Not Applicable |
| 21. | Provisions relating to Dual Currency Notes: | Not Applicable |
| 22. | Provisions relating to Physical Delivery Notes | Not Applicable |

PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

- | | | |
|-----|--|--|
| 23. | Redemption at the option of the Issuer: (<i>Condition 6.3</i>) | Not Applicable |
| 24. | Redemption at the option of the Noteholders: (<i>Condition 6.4</i>) | Not Applicable |
| 25. | Redemption by Instalments: | Not Applicable |
| 26. | Final Redemption Amount of each Note: | USD 1,000 per note of USD 1,000 Specified Denomination |

In cases where the Final Redemption Amount is linked to an Equity, Equity Basket, Index, Index Basket, ETF, ETF Basket, ADR/GDR, ADR/GDR Basket or any other variable

Not Applicable

In cases where the Final Redemption Amount is linked to a Fund or Fund Basket:

Not Applicable

In cases where the Final Redemption Amount is linked to the credit of a reference entity/obligation or a basket of reference entities/obligations:

Not Applicable

In cases where the Final Redemption Amount is linked to a Preference Share:

Applicable

Final Redemption Amount of each Note:

USD 1,000

$$x \frac{\textit{Share Value}_{final}}{\textit{Share Value}_{initial}}$$

per Specified Denomination

Where:

"**Share Value_{final}**" means the Preference Share Value on the Valuation Date; and

"Share Value_{initial}" means the Preference Share Value on the Initial Valuation Date.

27. **Early Redemption Amount:**

In cases where the Early Redemption Amount is linked to an Equity, Equity Basket, Index, Index Basket, ETF, ETF Basket, ADR/GDR, ADR/GDR Basket or any other variable:

Not Applicable

In cases where the Early Redemption Amount is linked to a Fund or Fund Basket:

Not Applicable

In cases where the Early Redemption Amount is linked to the credit of a reference entity/obligation or a basket of reference entities/obligations:

Not Applicable

In cases where the Early Redemption Amount is linked to a Preference Share:

Applicable

Early Redemption Amount (upon redemption for taxation reasons, following redemption at the option of the Issuer, following the occurrence of an event of default, following the occurrence of a Preference Share Early Redemption Event, an Extraordinary Event or Additional Disruption Event):

Per Specified Denomination, an amount in USD calculated by the Calculation Agent on the same basis as the Final Redemption Amount except that the definition of Share Value_{final} shall be the Preference Share Value on the day falling two Business Days before the due date for early redemption of the Notes.

Other redemption provisions: Not Applicable

28. **Automatic Early Redemption:** Not Applicable

29. **Calculation Agent for the requirements of Condition 5.3(i):** Not Applicable

30. **Credit Linked Redemption:** Not Applicable

GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE SECURITIES

31. **Form of Notes:** Dematerialised Notes

(a) Form of Dematerialised Notes: Bearer form

(b) Registration Agent: Not Applicable

(c) Temporary Global Certificate: Not Applicable

32. **Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to Payment Dates for the purposes of Condition 7(g):** New York

33.	Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Materialised Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature):	Not Applicable
34.	Payment of Alternative Currency Equivalent:	Not Applicable
35.	Underlying Currency Pair Provisions:	Not Applicable
36.	Price Source Disruption:	Not Applicable
37.	Provisions relating to Partly Paid Notes: amount of each payment comprising the Issue Price and date on which each payment is to be made and consequences (if any) of failure to pay, including any right of the Issuer to forfeit the Notes and interest due on late payment:	Not Applicable
38.	Provisions relating to Instalment Notes: amount of each instalment, date on which each payment is to be made:	Not Applicable
39.	Redenomination, redenominalisation and reconventioning provisions:	Not Applicable
40.	Provisions relating to consolidation:	Not Applicable
41.	Masse	Name and address of the Representative : DIIS GROUP 12 rue Vivienne 75002 Paris Adresse mail : rmo@diisgroup.com
42.	Other terms:	Not Applicable

PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO SECURITIES LINKED TO AN EQUITY, EQUITY BASKET, INDEX, INDEX BASKET, ETF, ETF BASKET, ADR/GDR, ADR/GDR BASKET AND PREFERENCE SHARE

43.	Delivery of Securities (Equity Linked Notes only)	Not Applicable
44.	Provisions relating to Equity Linked Notes, ADR/GDR Linked Notes and ETF Linked Notes:	Not Applicable
45.	Additional provisions relating to Equity Linked Notes:	Not Applicable
46.	Provisions relating to Index-Linked Notes:	Not Applicable
47.	Provisions for Fund-Linked Notes	Not Applicable
48.	Provisions for Preference Share-Linked Notes:	Applicable
(a)	Preference Shares:	Eukairos Investments Ltd Preference Shares Series 1702

- (b) Preference Share Issuer: Eukairos Investments Ltd
- (c) Initial Valuation Date: The Issue Date
- (d) Preference Share Valuation Date: means (1) if the Preference shares become subject to the Auto-call provisions contained in the terms of the Preference Shares (or would have become subject to such provisions but for a Preference Share valuation delay, as referred to below):
- i. In the year 2021, the 28 May 2021
 - ii. In the year 2021, the 31 August 2021
 - iii. In the year 2021, the 29 November 2021
 - iv. In the year 2022, the 28 February 2022
 - v. In the year 2022 , the 31 May 2022
 - vi. In the year 2022 , the 30 August 2022
 - vii. In the year 2022 , the 28 November 2022
 - viii. In the year 2023 , 28 February 2023
 - ix. In the year 2023 , the 30 May 2023
 - x. In the year 2023 , the 29 August 2023
 - xi. In the year 2023 , the 28 November 2023
 - xii. In the year 2024 , the 28 February 2024
 - xiii. In the year 2024 , the 28 May 2024
 - xiv. In the year 2024 , the 28 August 2024
 - xv. In the year 2024 , the 29 November 2024
- Or (2) otherwise 28 February 2025 or, in each case, if such date for valuation of or any determination of the underlying asset or reference basis (or any part thereof) for the Preference Shares falling on or about such day is to be delayed in accordance with the terms of the Preference Shares by reason of a disruption or adjustment event, the Preference Share Valuation Date shall be such delayed valuation or determination date, all as determined by the Calculation Agent.
- (e) Valuation Time: 5 pm New York time

(f)	Extraordinary Event:	Condition 20.3 applies.
(g)	Additional Disruption Event:	Condition 20.4 applies. The following Additional Disruption Events apply: Change in Law and Insolvency Filing.
(h)	Additional provisions for Preference Share-Linked Notes:	Not Applicable
49.	Valuation Date(s)	Means the 8 th (eighth) Business Day following the Preference Share Valuation Date.
50.	Valuation Time:	5 pm New York time
51.	Averaging Dates:	Not Applicable
	Averaging Date in the event of Market Disruption:	
52.	Reference Prices:	No
53.	Other Provisions relating to Index-Linked Notes, Equity Linked Notes, ETF Linked Notes, Fund-Linked Notes and Preference Share Notes:	Not Applicable
54.	Provisions relating to Inflation Rate-Linked Notes:	Not Applicable

DISTRIBUTION

55.	If syndicated, names and addresses of the Managers and the underwriting commitments:	Not Applicable
56.	Total Commission and concession:	Not Applicable
57.	Prohibition of Sales to EEA Retail Investors:	Applicable
58.	Additional selling restrictions:	Not applicable
59.	U.S. Selling Restrictions:	The Issuer is Category 2 for the purposes of Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended. TEFRA rules applies.
60.	U.S. Tax Considerations:	Not Applicable
61.	GENERAL	
	The aggregate principal amount of Notes issued has been translated into euro at the rate of [●] producing a sum of (solely for Notes not denominated in euro): [●]	Not Applicable

RESPONSIBILITY

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Pricing Supplement.

Signed on behalf of the Issuer:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. ...', written over a light grey horizontal line.

By:

Duly authorised

**PART B
OTHER INFORMATION**

1. **ISSUE-SPECIFIC RISK FACTORS**

Not Applicable

2. **LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING:**

- (a) Listing: Application has been made to admit the Notes to listing on the Official List of Euronext Dublin on or around the Issue Date. No assurance can be given as to whether or not, or when, such application will be granted.
- (b) Admission to trading: Application has been made for the Notes to be admitted to trading on the Global Exchange Market with effect from the Issue Date. No assurance can be given as to whether or not, or when, such application will be granted.
- (c) Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading: EUR 1,000

3. **RATINGS**

Ratings: The Notes have not been rated.

4. **INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE**

Save as indicated in the "Subscription and Sale" section, so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has an interest material to the offer.

5. **REASONS FOR THE OFFER, ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS AND TOTAL EXPENSES**

- (a) Reasons for the offer: Profit making and/or hedging activities
- (b) Estimated net proceeds: Information not provided
- (c) Estimated total expenses: Information not provided

6. ***Fixed Rate Notes only – Yield***

Yield: Not Applicable

***Floating Rate Notes - INFORMATION ON
FLOATING RATE NOTES*** Not Applicable

7. ***Index-Linked or Other Variable-Linked Notes only*** – PERFORMANCE OF INDEX/FORMULA/OTHER VARIABLE, EXPLANATION OF ITS EFFECT ON THE VALUE OF THE INVESTMENT AND THE ASSOCIATED RISKS AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING

Not Applicable

8. ***Fund-Linked Interest Notes only*** – PERFORMANCE OF REFERENCE FUND/FORMULA AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING

Not Applicable

9. ***Dual Currency Notes only*** – PERFORMANCE OF EXCHANGE RATE[S] AND EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON THE VALUE OF THE INVESTMENT

Not Applicable

10. ***Derivative instruments only*** – EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON THE VALUE OF THE INVESTMENT, THE YIELD ON THE DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS AND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING

EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON THE VALUE OF THE INVESTMENT

Not Applicable

11. **SETTLEMENT PROCEDURE FOR DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS**

Not Applicable

12. **YIELD ON DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS**

Not Applicable

13. **INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING**

Not Applicable

OTHER

Name and address of Calculation Agent: **HSBC Bank Plc**
8 Canada Square
London E14 5HQ
United Kingdom

Information on taxes on the income from the Notes withheld at source in the country where admission to trading (other than in Luxembourg and France) is sought: Not Applicable

14. ***Derivative instruments only*** – POST ISSUANCE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING

Not Applicable

15. **OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

ISIN Code: FR0013492758

Common Code: Available from the Euroclear Bank website - www.euroclear.com/site/public/EB/

Depositories:

(a) Euroclear France to act as Central Depository: Yes

(b) Common Depository for Euroclear Bank and Clearstream Banking, S.A.: Yes

Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank and Clearstream Banking, S.A. and the corresponding identification number(s): Not Applicable

Delivery: Delivery against payment

Names and addresses of initial Paying Agents designated for the Notes: **BNP Paribas Securities Services**
3-5-7 rue General Compans
ACI-CPC03A2
93500 Pantin
France

Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): Not Applicable

16. **PERFORMANCE OF THE PREFERENCE SHARES AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PREFERENCE SHARES AND THE PREFERENCE SHARE UNDERLYING**

The Preference Share Linked Notes relate to the preference shares 1702 of the Preference Share Issuer. The Preference Share Value will be published on the following publicly available website <https://www.hsbcnet.com/gbm/structured-investments/united-kingdom/investment-managers.html>

The performance of the Preference Shares depends on the performance of the relevant underlying assets or basis of reference to which the Preference Shares are linked (the "**Preference Share Underlying**"). The Preference Share Underlying are FTSE 100 Index, S&P 100 Index ,Nikkei225 Information on the Preference Share Underlying (including past and future performance and volatility) is published on the website of FTSE International Limited, Standard & Poor's Corporation , Nikon Keizai Shinbun, Inc.

17. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER**

CONDITIONS, OFFER STATISTICS, EXPECTED TIMETABLE AND ACTION REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR THE OFFER

Not Applicable

18. **PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION AND ALLOTMENT**

Not Applicable

19. **PRICING**

Not Applicable

20. **PLACING AND UNDERWRITING**

Not Applicable

Annex 1

(This Annex forms part of the Pricing Supplement to which it is attached)

Index Disclaimers

STATEMENTS REGARDING THE FTSE® 100 INDEX

The Preference Shares (the "**Products**") have been developed solely by the Company. The Products are not in any way connected to or sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by the London Stock Exchange Group plc and its group undertakings (collectively, the "**LSE Group**"). FTSE Russell is a trading name of certain of the LSE Group companies.

All rights in the FTSE® 100 Index (the "**Index**") vest in the relevant LSE Group company which owns the Index. FTSE®, Russell® and FTSE Russell® are trade marks of the relevant LSE Group company and are used by any other LSE Group company under license.

The Index is calculated by or on behalf of FTSE International Limited or its affiliate, agent or partner. The LSE Group does not accept any liability whatsoever to any person arising out of (a) the use of, reliance on or any error in the Index or (b) investment in or operation of the Products. The LSE Group makes no claim, prediction, warranty or representation either as to the results to be obtained from the Products or the suitability of the Index for the purpose to which it is being put by HSBC Bank plc or the Company.

STATEMENTS REGARDING THE STANDARD & POOR'S 500® INDEX (THE "S&P 500 INDEX")

The "S&P 500 Index" is a product of S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC, a division of S&P Global, or its affiliates ("SPDJI"), and has been licensed for use by HSBC Bank plc. Standard & Poor's® and S&P® are registered trademarks of Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, a division of S&P Global ("S&P"); Dow Jones® is a registered trademark of Dow Jones Trademark Holdings LLC ("Dow Jones"); and these trademarks have been licensed for use by SPDJI and sublicensed for certain purposes by HSBC Bank plc. It is not possible to invest directly in an index. The Preference Shares are not sponsored, endorsed, sold or promoted by SPDJI, Dow Jones, S&P, any of their respective affiliates (collectively, "S&P Dow Jones Indices"). S&P Dow Jones Indices makes no representation or warranty, express or implied, to the owners of the Preference Shares or any member of the public regarding the advisability of investing in securities generally or in the Preference Shares particularly or the ability of the S&P 500 Index to track general market performance. Past performance of an index is not an indication or guarantee of future results. S&P Dow Jones Indices' only relationship to HSBC and the Company, with respect to the S&P 500 Index, is the licensing of the Index and certain trademarks, service marks and/or trade names of S&P Dow Jones Indices and/or its licensors. The S&P 500 Index is determined, composed and calculated by S&P Dow Jones Indices without regard to HSBC, the Company or the Preference Shares. S&P Dow Jones Indices have no obligation to take the needs of HSBC, the Company or the owners of the Preference Shares into consideration in determining, composing or calculating the S&P 500 Index. S&P Dow Jones Indices are not responsible for and have not participated in the determination of the prices, and amount of the Preference Shares or the timing of the issuance or sale of the Preference Shares or in the determination or calculation of the equation by which the

Preference Shares are to be converted into cash, surrendered or redeemed, as the case may be. S&P Dow Jones Indices has no obligation or liability in connection with the administration, marketing or trading of the Preference Shares. There is no assurance that investment products based on the S&P 500 Index will accurately track index performance or provide positive investment returns. S&P Dow Jones Indices LLC is not an investment or tax advisor. A tax advisor should be consulted to evaluate the impact of any tax-exempt securities on portfolios and the tax consequences of making any particular investment decision. Inclusion of a security within an index is not a recommendation by S&P Dow Jones Indices to buy, sell, or hold such security, nor is it considered to be investment advice.

S&P DOW JONES INDICES DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE ADEQUACY, ACCURACY, TIMELINESS AND/OR THE COMPLETENESS OF THE S&P 500 INDEX OR ANY DATA RELATED THERETO OR ANY COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ORAL OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATION (INCLUDING ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS) WITH RESPECT THERETO. S&P DOW JONES INDICES SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANY DAMAGES OR LIABILITY FOR ANY ERRORS, OMISSIONS, OR DELAYS THEREIN. S&P DOW JONES INDICES MAKES NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES, OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR USE OR AS TO RESULTS TO BE OBTAINED BY HSBC, THE COMPANY, OWNERS OF THE PREFERENCE SHARES, OR ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY FROM THE USE OF THE S&P 500 INDEX OR WITH RESPECT TO ANY DATA RELATED THERETO. WITHOUT LIMITING ANY OF THE FOREGOING, IN NO EVENT WHATSOEVER SHALL S&P DOW JONES INDICES BE LIABLE FOR ANY INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LOSS OF PROFITS, TRADING LOSSES, LOST TIME OR GOODWILL, EVEN IF THEY HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF THE POSSIBILITY OF SUCH DAMAGES, WHETHER IN CONTRACT, TORT, STRICT LIABILITY, OR OTHERWISE. THERE ARE NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES OF ANY AGREEMENTS OR ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN S&P DOW JONES INDICES AND HSBC BANK PLC, OTHER THAN THE LICENSORS OF S&P DOW JONES INDICES.

STATEMENTS REGARDING THE NIKKEI INDEX

The Nikkei Stock Average (the "Index") is the intellectual property of Nikkei Inc. (the "Index Sponsor"). "Nikkei", "Nikkei Stock Average", and "Nikkei 225" are the service marks of Nikkei Inc. Nikkei Inc. reserves all the rights, including copyright, to the Index.

The Preference Shares are not in any way sponsored, endorsed or promoted by the Index Sponsor. The Index Sponsor does not make any warranty or representation whatsoever, express or implied, either as to the results to be obtained as to the use of the Index or the figure at which the Index stands at any particular day or otherwise. The Index is compiled and calculated solely by the Index Sponsor. However, the Index Sponsor shall not be liable to any person for any error in the Index and the Index Sponsor shall not be under any obligation to advise any person, including a purchaser or holder of the Preference Shares, of any error therein.

In addition, the Index Sponsor gives no assurance regarding any modification or change in any methodology used in calculating the Index and is under no obligation to continue the calculation, publication and dissemination of the Index