### **BASE PROSPECTUS**



# SAMPO PLC

(incorporated with limited liability in Finland)

# EUR 3,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme

This Base Prospectus has been approved by the United Kingdom Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA"), which is the United Kingdom competent authority for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (as defined herein) and relevant implementing measures in the United Kingdom, as a base prospectus issued in compliance with the Prospectus Directive and relevant implementing measures in the United Kingdom for the purpose of giving information with regard to the issue of notes ("Notes") issued under the Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the "Programme") described in this Base Prospectus during the period of twelve months after the date hereof. Applications have been made for such Notes to be admitted during the period of twelve months after the date hereof to listing on the Official List of the FCA and to trading on the Regulated Market of the London Stock Exchange plc (the "London Stock Exchange"). The Regulated Market of the London Stock Exchange is a regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC on markets in financial instruments.

As of the date of this Base Prospectus, Sampo plc (the "Issuer") has been assigned a rating of "Baa2" by Moody's Investors Service Ltd. ("Moody's") and the Programme is expected to also be assigned a rating of "Baa2" by Moody's. Moody's is established in the EU (as defined herein) and registered under Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009, as amended (the "CRA Regulation"). Tranches of Notes (as defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes") to be issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. Where a Tranche of Notes is rated, the applicable rating(s) will be specified in the relevant Final Terms (as defined herein). Such rating will not necessarily be the same as the rating(s) assigned to the Issuer, the Programme or to Notes already issued.

Investing in Notes issued under the Programme involves certain risks. Potential investors in the Notes should ensure that they understand the nature of the relevant Notes and the extent of their exposure to risks and that they understand the nature of the relevant Notes as an investment in light of their own circumstances and financial condition and should consult their own professional advisers in connection therewith. The principal risk factors that may affect the ability of the Issuer to fulfil its obligations under the Notes are discussed under "Risk Factors" below.

Arranger NORDEA

**Dealers** 

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#### **IMPORTANT NOTICES**

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Base Prospectus and the Final Terms for each Tranche of Notes under the Programme and declares that, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, the information contained in this Base Prospectus is, to the best of its knowledge, in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

Each Tranche of Notes will be issued on the terms set out herein under "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" (the "Conditions") as completed by a document specific to such Tranche called final terms (the "Final Terms") or in a separate prospectus specific to such Tranche (the "Drawdown Prospectus") as described under "Final Terms and Drawdown Prospectuses" below. In the case of a Tranche of Notes which is the subject of a Drawdown Prospectus, each reference in this Base Prospectus to information being specified or identified in the relevant Final Terms shall be read and construed as a reference to such information being specified or identified in the relevant Drawdown Prospectus unless the context requires otherwise. This Base Prospectus must be read and construed together with any amendments or supplements hereto and with any information incorporated by reference herein and, in relation to any Tranche of Notes which is the subject of Final Terms, must be read and construed together with the relevant Final Terms.

The Issuer has confirmed to the Dealers named under "Subscription and Sale" below that this Base Prospectus contains all information which is (in the context of the Programme, the issue, offering and sale of the Notes) material; that such information is true and accurate in all material respects and is not misleading in any material respect; that any opinions, predictions or intentions expressed herein are honestly held or made and are not misleading in any material respect; that this Base Prospectus does not omit to state any material fact necessary to make such information, opinions, predictions or intentions (in the context of the Programme, the issue, offering and sale of the Notes) not misleading in any material respect; and that all proper enquiries have been made to verify the foregoing.

No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation not contained in or not consistent with this Base Prospectus or any other document entered into in relation to the Programme or any information supplied by the Issuer or such other information as is in the public domain and, if given or made, such information or representation should not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer or any Dealer.

Neither the Dealers nor any of their respective affiliates have authorised the whole or any part of this Base Prospectus and none of them makes any representation or warranty or accepts any responsibility as to the accuracy or completeness of the information contained in this Base Prospectus. Neither the delivery of this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms nor the offering, sale or delivery of any Note shall, in any circumstances, create any implication that the information contained in this Base Prospectus is true subsequent to the date hereof or the date upon which this Base Prospectus has been most recently amended or supplemented or that there has been no adverse change, or any event reasonably likely to involve any adverse change, in the prospects or financial or trading position of the Issuer since the date thereof or, if later, the date upon which this Base Prospectus has been most recently amended or supplemented or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct at any time subsequent to the date on which it is supplied or, if different, the date indicated in the document containing the same.

The distribution of this Base Prospectus and any Final Terms and the offering, sale and delivery of the Notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms comes are required by the Issuer and the Dealers to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions. For a description of certain restrictions on offers, sales and deliveries of Notes and on the distribution of this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms and other offering material relating to the Notes, see "Subscription and Sale". In particular, Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933 (as amended) (the "Securities Act") and Bearer Notes are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, Notes may not be offered, sold or, in the case of Bearer Notes, delivered within the United States or to U.S. persons.

Neither this Base Prospectus nor any Final Terms constitutes an offer or an invitation to subscribe for or purchase any Notes and should not be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer, the Dealers or any of them that any recipient of this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms should subscribe for or purchase

any Notes. Each recipient of this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms shall be taken to have made its own investigation and appraisal of the condition (financial or otherwise) of the Issuer.

The maximum aggregate principal amount of Notes outstanding at any one time under the Programme will not exceed EUR 3,000,000,000 (and for this purpose, any Notes denominated in another currency shall be translated into euro at the date of the agreement to issue such Notes (calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Dealer Agreement as defined under "Subscription and Sale")). The maximum aggregate principal amount of Notes which may be outstanding at any one time under the Programme may be increased from time to time, subject to compliance with the relevant provisions of the Dealer Agreement.

In this Base Prospectus, unless otherwise specified, references to a "Member State" are references to a Member State of the European Economic Area, references to a "Relevant Member State" are to a Member State which has implemented the Prospectus Directive, references to the "Prospectus Directive" are to Directive 2003/71/EC (as amended, including by Directive 2010/73/EU), and include any relevant implementing measure in the Relevant Member State, references to "EUR" or "euro" are to the currency introduced at the start of the third stage of European economic and monetary union, and as defined in Article 2 of Council Regulation (EC) No 974/98 of 3 May 1998 on the introduction of the euro, as amended, and "SEK" and "Swedish crowns" are to the lawful currency of the Kingdom of Sweden.

Certain figures included in this Base Prospectus have been subject to rounding adjustments; accordingly, figures shown for the same category presented in different tables may vary slightly and figures shown as totals in certain tables may not be an arithmetic aggregation of the figures which precede them.

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

#### **OVERVIEW**

The following overview does not purport to be complete and is taken from, and is qualified in its entirety by, the remainder of this Base Prospectus and, in relation to the terms and conditions of any particular Tranche of Notes, the applicable Final Terms.

This overview constitutes a general description of the Programme for the purposes of Article 22.5(3) of Commission Regulation (EC) No 809/2004 implementing the Prospectus Directive.

Words and expressions defined in the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" below or elsewhere in this Base Prospectus have the same meanings in this overview.

**Issuer:** Sampo plc.

Risk Factors: Investing in Notes issued under the Programme involves certain

risks. The principal risk factors that may affect the ability of the Issuer to fulfil its obligations under the Notes are discussed under "Risk Factors" below and include, inter alia, insurance risk, market

risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and operational risk.

**Arranger:** Nordea Bank Danmark A/S.

Dealers: Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Danske Bank A/S, Deutsche

Bank AG, London Branch, Nordea Bank Danmark A/S, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) and any other Dealer appointed from time to time by the Issuer either generally in respect of the Programme or in relation to a particular Tranche of Notes.

Fiscal Agent: Citibank, N.A., London Branch.

Final Terms or Drawdown

Notes issued under the Programme may be issued either (1) pursuant to this Base Prospectus and relevant Final Terms or (2) pursuant to a

Drawdown Prospectus. The terms and conditions applicable to any particular Tranche of Notes will be the Terms and Conditions of the Notes as completed to the extent described in the relevant Final Terms or, as the case may be, as supplemented, amended and/or replaced to the extent described in the relevant Drawdown

Prospectus.

Listing and Trading: Applications have been made for Notes to be admitted during the

period of twelve months after the date hereof to listing on the Official List of the FCA and to trading on the Regulated Market of

the London Stock Exchange.

Clearing Systems: Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("Euroclear") and/or Clearstream Banking,

société anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg") and/or the VPS.

Initial Programme Amount: Up to EUR 3,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies)

aggregate principal amount of Notes outstanding at any one time.

**Issuance in Series:** Notes will be issued in Series. Each Series may comprise one or

more Tranches issued on different issue dates. The Notes of each Series will all be subject to identical terms, except that the issue date and the amount of the first payment of interest may be different in respect of different Tranches. The Notes of each Tranche will all be subject to identical terms in all respects save that a Tranche may

comprise Notes of different denominations.

Forms of Notes: Notes may be issued in bearer form, in registered form or in

uncertificated book entry form (in the case of VPS Notes).

Each Tranche of Bearer Notes will initially be in the form of either a Temporary Global Note or a Permanent Global Note, in each case as specified in the relevant Final Terms. Each Global Note which is not intended to be issued in new global note form (a "Classic Global Note" or "CGN"), as specified in the relevant Final Terms, will be deposited on or around the relevant issue date with a depositary or a common depositary for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and each Global Note which is intended to be issued in new global note form (a "New Global Note" or "NGN"), as specified in the relevant Final Terms, will be deposited on or around the relevant issue date with a common safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg. Each Temporary Global Note will be exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note or, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, for Definitive Notes. If the TEFRA D Rules are specified in the relevant Final Terms as applicable, certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership will be a condition precedent to any exchange of an interest in a Temporary Global Note or receipt of any payment of interest in respect of a Temporary Global Note. Each Permanent Global Note will be exchangeable for Definitive Notes in accordance with its terms. Definitive Notes will, if interest-bearing, have Coupons attached and, if appropriate, a Talon for further Coupons.

Each Tranche of Registered Notes will be in the form of either Individual Note Certificates or a Global Registered Note, in each case as specified in the relevant Final Terms. Each Global Registered Note will be deposited on or around the relevant issue date with a depositary or a common depositary for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and registered in the name of a nominee for such depositary and will be exchangeable for Individual Note Certificates in accordance with its terms.

VPS Notes will not be evidenced by any physical note or document of title. Entitlements to VPS Notes will be evidenced by the crediting of VPS Notes to accounts with the VPS.

Notes may be denominated in euro or in any other currency or currencies, subject to compliance with all applicable legal and/or regulatory and/or central bank requirements.

Notes will be issued on an unsubordinated basis.

Notes may be issued at any price on a fully paid basis, as specified in the relevant Final Terms. The price and amount of Notes to be issued under the Programme will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions.

Any maturity between 1 month and 30 years, subject, in relation to specific currencies, to compliance with all applicable legal and/or regulatory and/or central bank requirements.

Where Notes have a maturity of less than one year and either (a) the issue proceeds are received by the Issuer in the United Kingdom or (b) the activity of issuing the Notes is carried on from an establishment maintained by the Issuer in the United Kingdom, such Notes must: (i) have a minimum redemption value of £100,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies) and be issued only to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the

**Currencies:** 

**Status of the Notes:** 

**Issue Price:** 

**Maturities:** 

purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses; or (ii) be issued in other circumstances which do not constitute a contravention of section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended (the "FSMA") by the Issuer.

**Redemption:** 

Notes may only be redeemable at par.

**Optional Redemption:** 

Notes may be redeemed before their stated maturity at the option of the Issuer (either in whole or in part) and/or the Noteholders to the extent (if at all) specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**Tax Redemption:** 

Except as described in "Optional Redemption" above, early redemption will only be permitted for tax reasons as described in Condition 9(b) (Redemption and Purchase - Redemption for tax reasons).

**Interest:** 

Notes may be interest-bearing or non-interest bearing. Interest (if any) may accrue at a fixed rate or a floating rate and the method of calculating interest may vary between the issue date and the maturity date of the relevant Series.

**Denominations:** 

No Notes may be issued under the Programme with a minimum denomination of less than EUR 100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency). Subject thereto, Notes will be issued in such denominations as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms, subject to compliance with all applicable legal and/or regulatory and/or central bank requirements.

**Negative Pledge:** 

The Notes will have the benefit of a negative pledge as described in Condition 5 (*Negative Pledge*).

**Cross Default:** 

The Notes will have the benefit of a cross default as described in Condition 14 (*Events of Default*).

**Taxation:** 

All payments in respect of Notes will be made free and clear of withholding taxes of Finland unless the withholding is required by law. In that event, the Issuer will (subject as provided in Condition 13 (*Taxation*)) pay such additional amounts as will result in the Noteholders receiving such amounts as they would have received in respect of such Notes had no such withholding been required.

**Governing Law:** 

English law, except for VPS Notes which are subject to laws of Norway. Further, VPS Notes must comply with the Norwegian Securities Register Act of 5 July 2002 No. 64 (as amended from time to time) and the holders of VPS Notes will be entitled to the rights and subject to the obligations and liabilities which arise under this Act and any related regulations and liabilities.

**Enforcement of Notes in Global Form:** 

In the case of Global Notes, individual investors' rights against the Issuer will be governed by a Deed of Covenant dated 4 April 2013, a copy of which will be available for inspection at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent.

**Ratings:** 

As of the date of this Base Prospectus, the Issuer has been assigned a rating of "Baa2" by Moody's and the Programme is expected to also be assigned a rating of "Baa2" by Moody's. Moody's is established in the EU and registered under the CRA Regulation.

Tranches of Notes to be issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. Where a Tranche of Notes is rated, the applicable rating(s)

will be specified in the relevant Final Terms. Such rating will not necessarily be the same as the rating(s) assigned to Issuer, the Programme or to Notes already issued. Whether or not each credit rating applied for in relation to a relevant Tranche of Notes will be issued by a credit rating agency established in the EU and registered under the CRA Regulation will be disclosed in the Final Terms.

A security rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, reduction or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

**Selling Restrictions:** 

For a description of certain restrictions on offers, sales and deliveries of Notes and on the distribution of offering material in the United States of America, the European Economic Area and the United Kingdom, see "Subscription and Sale" below.

#### RISK FACTORS

Prospective investors should read the entire Base Prospectus. Words and expressions defined in the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" below or elsewhere in this Base Prospectus have the same meanings in this section.

According to the Issuer's assessment, the following factors may affect its ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. All of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and the Issuer is not in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.

In addition, factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme are also described below. According to the Issuer's assessment, the factors described below in this "Risk Factors" section represent all the material/principal risks inherent in investing in Notes issued under the Programme, but the inability of the Issuer to pay interest, principal or other amounts on or in connection with any Notes may occur for other reasons which may not be considered material/principal risks by the Issuer based on information currently available to it or which it may not currently be able to anticipate. Prospective investors should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Base Prospectus and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.

# Factors that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme

# The Issuer is a holding company and is dependent upon its subsidiaries

The Issuer is a holding company and carries out its business through its subsidiaries (together with the Issuer, the "Sampo Group" or "Group"). Accordingly, the Issuer is dependent upon receipt of funds from the other members of the Sampo Group in order to fulfil its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme.

# Claims of Noteholders under the Notes are effectively subordinated to those of certain other creditors and liabilities of the Issuer's subsidiaries

The Notes are unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer. The Notes will rank equally with all of the Issuer's other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness, however, the Notes will be effectively subordinated to the Issuer's secured indebtedness and securitisations, if any, to the extent of the value of the assets securing such transactions, and will be subject to certain preferential obligations under Finnish law.

Generally, lenders and other creditors of the Issuer's subsidiaries are entitled to payment of their claims from the assets of such subsidiaries before these assets are made available for distribution to the Issuer, as direct or indirect shareholder. Any debt that the Issuer's subsidiaries may incur in the future will also rank structurally senior to the Notes.

Sampo Group's business and financial performance have been and will continue to be affected by general economic conditions in Europe and elsewhere and the other adverse developments in the European or global financial markets could cause the Issuer's earnings or profitability to decline

The Issuer is directly and indirectly subject to inherent risks arising from general economic conditions in European and other economies and the state of the global financial markets both generally and as it specifically affects financial institutions.

The global economy and the global financial system has experienced a period of significant turbulence and uncertainty. The very severe dislocation of the financial markets around the world that began in August 2007 and significantly worsened in 2008, has triggered widespread problems at many commercial banks, investment banks, insurance companies, building societies and other financial and related institutions throughout Europe and around the world. The dislocation severely impacted general levels of liquidity, the availability of credit and the terms on which credit is available. This crisis in the financial markets led certain governments to inject liquidity into the financial system and take other forms of action relating to financial institutions aimed at both supporting the sector and providing confidence to the market.

These market dislocations were also accompanied by recessionary conditions and trends in Finland and many economies around the world, including Finland and other Nordic countries. The widespread deterioration in economies throughout Europe and around the world adversely affected, among other things, consumer confidence, levels of unemployment, the state of the housing market, the commercial real estate sector, bond markets, equity markets, counterparty risk, inflation, the availability and cost of credit, transaction volumes, the liquidity of the global financial markets and market interest rates.

Recent developments, particularly in the Eurozone and in the energy sector in general, have demonstrated that there continues to be significant uncertainty in the global economy. From April 2010 to date, financial markets have been periodically negatively impacted by ongoing fears surrounding the large sovereign debts and/or fiscal deficits of several countries in Europe (primarily Greece, Ireland, Italy, Portugal and Spain) and the possibility of one or more defaults on sovereign debt. In 2015 these concerns lessened somewhat mainly due to an expansive monetary policy from the European Central Bank and a general recovery in the region, and while continued uncertainty over the outcome of the European Union ("EU") governments' financial support programmes has decreased, the long term view for public finances in Europe still faces many challenges. Global market conditions have also been, and are likely to continue to be, affected by concerns over increased geopolitical tensions, including those related to the crisis in Eastern Ukraine and the Middle East, and the effects of the recent significant reduction in global oil prices.

The exact nature of the risks that the Sampo Group faces and how, and the extent to which, they ultimately will impact the Sampo Group is difficult to predict and guard against in light of (i) the interrelated nature of the risks involved, (ii) difficulties in predicting whether recoveries will be sustained and at what rate, and (iii) the fact that the risks are totally or partially outside of the Sampo Group's control.

This consequent uncertainty in the operating environment as well as any adverse changes in the financial markets in which the Sampo Group invests could have a material adverse effect on Sampo Group's consolidated financial condition, results and cash flows. This could, in turn, adversely impact the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Notes issued under the Programme.

# Investment returns and financial results of Sampo Group may be affected by fluctuations in the financial markets

Sampo Group has significant investments in equity and debt instruments that are accounted for as "available-for-sale". During 2009, Sampo Group widened its interpretation on impairment of available-for-sale financial assets according to which the decision on whether the impairment is significant or prolonged requires an assessment by the management of the Issuer. The impairment is normally assessed to be significant if the fair value of listed equity or participation decreases below the acquisition cost by 20 per cent. and prolonged when the fair value has been lower than the acquisition cost for more than 12 months. During 2015, Sampo Group made impairments in the amount of EUR 20 million on financial assets available-for-sale (EUR 62 million in 2014). Reported investment income amounted to EUR 998 million as of 31 December 2015 (EUR 898 million as of 31 December 2014). The fair value reserve at the Group level decreased to EUR 932 million in 2015 (EUR 1,017 million as of 31 December 2014).

Investment returns are an important part of determining Sampo Group's overall profitability and thus fluctuations in the financial markets, such as the fixed income, equity and currency markets (each of which is discussed in further detail below), could have a material effect on Sampo Group's consolidated results of operations. Any such material effect on Sampo Group's consolidated results of operations could adversely affect the Issuer's ability to make payments under Notes issued under the Programme. Although Sampo Group has a diversified investment portfolio and its exposure to countries which are having particular fiscal difficulties is currently not material, and although Sampo Group continuously monitors and manages the composition of its investments in relation to the characteristics of its insurance liabilities, market risks may still be realised, which could have a material adverse effect on Sampo Group's business, results of operations and financial condition and jeopardise the Issuer's ability to pay amounts under Notes issued under the Programme.

# Fluctuations in the fixed income market

Interest rate risk is related to the Group's fixed income investments and insurance liabilities. Fluctuations in interest rates may affect returns on fixed income investments and their market value. When market interest rates rise, the balance sheet values of fixed income securities fall and this has an immediate

impact on the Issuer's earnings and equity capital. On the other hand, higher interest rates mean increased interest income for new investments, which gradually improves profitability and the Group's capital position.

Although a decrease in market interest rates causes the balance sheet values of fixed income securities to rise and this has an immediate impact on the Issuer's earnings and equity capital, consistently low market interest rates would result in a reduction in the return on Sampo Group's future fixed income investments and this might jeopardise the Issuer's ability to pay amounts due under the Notes. Generally, investment income may be reduced during sustained periods of lower interest rates as higher yielding fixed income securities are called, mature or are sold and the proceeds are reinvested at lower rates even though prices of fixed income securities tend to rise and gains realised upon their sale tend to increase.

### Fluctuations in the equity market

Equity price risk is the risk of losses due to changes in share prices. Sampo Group is exposed to changes in the prices of equities which are generally subject to greater volatility and hence more risks than fixed income securities. Sampo Group's total investment assets on 31 December 2015 amounted to EUR 19.4 billion (EUR 19.2 billion in 2014), of which 18 per cent. was invested in equities (16 per cent. in 2014) and the equity portfolio amounted to EUR 3.4 billion (EUR 3.1 billion in 2014). General economic conditions and many other factors beyond the control of Sampo Group can adversely affect the equity markets, the Sampo Group and the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations in respect of Notes issued under the Programme.

In addition to the above investment assets, Sampo Group's equity investments include the Issuer's holdings in Nordea Bank AB (publ) ("Nordea"). The Issuer's holdings in Nordea as of 31 December 2015 had a book-value of EUR 7.3 billion and respective market value of EUR 8.7 billion and amounted to 21.2 per cent. of the shares and votes in Nordea. Nordea is treated as an associated company of the Issuer and hence changes in Nordea's market value will not affect Sampo Group. Instead, Nordea's contribution to Sampo Group's profit is the proportion of Nordea's profit corresponding to Sampo Group's shareholding in Nordea. Accordingly, adverse changes in Nordea's profit could have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's results of operations and financial condition. This may, in turn, adversely impact the ability of the Issuer to fund payments in respect of Notes issued under the Programme.

### Fluctuations in the currency market

Currency risk is the risk that Sampo Group will incur losses due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates, which may be particularly volatile in times of global financial crisis. The currency risk of the Issuer consists of translation risk and transaction risk. Sampo Group's consolidated financial statements are denominated in euro. Translation risk arises when entities with another base currency are consolidated into the Group's financial statements. The effect of changes in foreign exchange rates results in translation differences which are recognised in the consolidated comprehensive income statement. As a result of the accounting for operations in currencies other than euro, fluctuations in the relevant value of the euro to other currencies could be significant because, amongst other things, these fluctuations could cause Sampo Group's equity capital to fluctuate. Translation risks arise also within If P&C Insurance Holdings Ltd. (together with its subsidiaries, "If Group", "If" or "If P&C") from their subsidiaries whose base currency is different from that of the respective parent company. The transaction risk refers to the currency risk arising from contractual cash flows related to the insurance or investment operations or from hedges related to these cash flows. The Issuer's transaction risk position is mainly related to SEK-denominated dividends paid by If P&C Insurance Holdings Ltd. and to debt instruments in other currencies than euro. If Sampo Group incurs losses due to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, there may be an adverse effect on Sampo Group's results of operations and financial condition. As a consequence, the ability of the Issuer to fulfil its obligations in respect of Notes issued under the Programme may be adversely impacted.

# Fluctuations in the general creditworthiness of issuers of debt and equity securities

Investment returns are also susceptible to changes in general creditworthiness of the issuers of debt securities and equity securities held in the businesses' portfolios. The value of fixed income securities may be affected by, amongst other things, realised or anticipated changes in the issuer's creditworthiness. This is the spread risk. Sampo Group has a considerable amount of fixed income investments exposed to

spread risk and thus the management of credit and liquidity risks plays a significant role in the Group's risk management processes.

### Fluctuations in the value of real estate

The value of real estate can be affected by, among other things, changes in economic conditions, disposable income and in interest rate levels.

# Financial results may be affected by interest rates

Significant changes in nominal and real interest rates could materially and/or adversely affect Sampo Group's business and financial performance in addition to effects concerning investment assets as described earlier. This may, in turn, adversely impact the ability of the Issuer to meet its obligations in respect of Notes issued under the Programme.

The level of and changes in interest rates (including changes in the difference between the levels of prevailing short-term and long-term rates) can affect Sampo Group's interest payable on debt and economic value of insurance liabilities in insurance subsidiaries. The Issuer's debt financing as of 31 December 2015 amounted to EUR 2,302 million and interest bearing assets including bank accounts to EUR 1,343 million. During 2015 the net debt decreased by EUR 1 million to EUR 959 million (EUR 960 million in 2014).

In the life insurance business, in addition to economic value risk of insurance liabilities, a major interest rate risk is that fixed income investments will not, over a longer period of time, generate a return at least equal to the guaranteed return of technical provisions. The risk increases when market interest rates fall and remain at low levels.

# Sampo Group regulatory compliance and regulatory changes

Sampo Group's insurance business is subject to government regulation in the jurisdictions in which it conducts business. Regulatory agencies - the Finnish and Swedish Financial Supervisory Authorities in particular - have broad jurisdiction over many aspects of the business, which may include capital adequacy, premium rates, marketing and selling practices, governance structures, advertising, licensing agents, policy forms, terms of business and permitted investments.

The European Commission's Solvency II framework directive 2009/138/EC ("Solvency II") was approved by the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union on 22 April 2009 and 10 November 2009, respectively. It was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 17 December 2009 and entered into force 20 days later with the exception of certain provisions that should have entered into force on 1 November 2012 but were amended thereafter. The member states were required to have implemented Solvency II by 1 January 2016, and hence insurance companies have to comply with the requirements as of 1 January 2016.

The Group has been preparing technically over the last few years to comply with the Solvency II requirements, Risk management practices have been fine-tuned and Solvency II reporting has been built. The first Solvency II reports will be submitted in May 2016

Although Sampo Group is well prepared for the solvency requirements, compliance with the requirements cannot be guaranteed and potential non-compliance could have a material adverse effect on its business, results of operations and financial condition. This could, in turn, adversely affect the ability of the Issuer to meet its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme.

In addition to capital requirement framework changes in the insurance industry (Solvency II), the capital requirement framework changes in banking industry (Basel III) are relevant for Sampo Group through the associated company Nordea. Nordea is required to meet the tightening capital requirements (the Basel III framework as well as possible additional capital requirements by the Swedish government) in the future. Although Nordea is well prepared to meet the new capital requirements, compliance with the requirements cannot be guaranteed by Sampo Group and potential non-compliance by Nordea could have a material adverse effect on the business, results of operations and financial condition of Sampo Group, which could adversely impact the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. New capital requirements may also have a negative effect on Nordea's profitability.

All financial services companies face the risk that regulators may find that they have failed to comply with applicable regulations or have not undertaken corrective action as required. Regulatory proceedings could result in adverse publicity for, or negative perceptions regarding, Sampo Group, as well as diverting management's attention away from the day-to-day management of the business. A significant regulatory action against any member of Sampo Group could have a material adverse effect on the business of Sampo Group, its results of operations and/or financial condition. This may affect the ability of the Issuer to meet its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme.

In addition, changes in government policy, legislation or regulatory interpretation applying to the financial services industry in the markets in which Sampo Group operates may adversely affect its product range, distribution channels, capital requirements and, consequently, its results and financing requirements. Consequently, any such impact may affect the ability of the Issuer to meet its obligations under the Notes issued under the Programme.

# Financial results may be affected by insurance claims

The frequency and severity of incurred and reported insurance claims are an important part of Sampo Group's overall profitability and fluctuations in insurance claims can have a material effect on the consolidated results of operations. In addition, any unexpected adverse changes in the rate of claims inflation, cost inflation or in the cost and availability of reinsurance protection could have a material adverse effect on Sampo Group's consolidated financial condition, results of operations and cash flows which may adversely affect the ability of the Issuer to meet its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. Changes in these factors can be very difficult to predict and recent years have been characterised by dramatic weather conditions leading to a significant number of insurance claims.

# Sampo Group is subject to insurance underwriting risks

Insurance underwriting risk can be generally defined as a change in the value of insurance liabilities which is caused by the final costs for full contractual obligations varying from those assumed when these obligations were estimated. Hence, underwriting risk is realised as unexpected liability cash flows or unexpected changes in the value of insurance liabilities when the pricing and provisioning assumptions on claims payments differ from the actual payments.

Underwriting risk is the primary risk in Sampo Group's business and the management of it forms the foundation for insurance operations. Property & Casualty ("P&C") insurance underwriting risks are divided into premium risk, catastrophe risk and reserve risk.

Premium risk relates to future claims resulting from expected insured events which have not occurred by the balance sheet date. The frequency, severity and timing of insured events and hence future claims may differ from those expected. As a result, the claims cost for future claims exceeds the expected level and there is a loss or adverse changes in the value of insurance liabilities.

Catastrophe risk can be seen as an extreme case of premium risk. It is the risk of extreme or exceptional events, such as natural catastrophes, where the pricing and setting of provisioning assumptions include significant uncertainty. These events may lead to significant deviations between actual claims and the total expected claims resulting in a loss or adverse changes in the value of insurance liabilities.

Reserve risk relates to incurred claims resulting from insured events which have occurred at or prior to the balance sheet date. The final amount, frequency and timing of claims payments may differ from those originally expected. As a result, technical provisions are not sufficient to cover the cost for already incurred claims and there is a loss or adverse changes in the value of insurance liabilities.

Insurance underwriting risks in the life insurance business encompass biometric risks, policyholder behaviour risks and expense risk. Biometric risks refer to the risk that Sampo Group has to pay more mortality, disability or morbidity benefits than expected or the Group is obliged to pay pension payments to the pension policyholder for a longer time (longevity risk) than originally expected when pricing the policies. In Life Insurance, catastrophe events include - as in non-life insurance - rare single events, or series of events, usually over a short period of time and, albeit less frequently, longer lasting events. When a low frequency, high severity event or a series of single events leads to a significant deviation in actual benefits and payments from the total expected payments catastrophe risk (i.e., an extreme case of biometric risk) has realised.

Policyholder behaviour risks arise from the uncertainty related to the behaviour of policyholders. Policyholders have a right to cease paying premiums (lapse risk) and a possibility to interrupt their policies (surrender risk).

Expense risk arises from the fact that the timing and/or the amount of expenses incurred differs from those expected at the timing of pricing. As a result expense charges originally assumed may not be enough to cover the realised expenses.

During 2015, Sampo Group's insurance risk profile remained relatively stable. In Mandatum Life Insurance Company (together with its subsidiaries, "Mandatum Life" or "Mandatum Life Group") longevity risk is still the most material biometric risk and most of it arises from Mandatum Life's group pension portfolio. In If P&C the most material insurance risk is reserve risk, which to a large extent is driven by long-tail liability businesses such as workers' compensation and motor third party liability.

Although Sampo Group continuously puts significant efforts into managing and controlling insurance risks related to its business, realisation of risks that are larger than anticipated at the timing of pricing is possible and may have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's business, results of operations and financial condition. This, in turn, may adversely affect the ability of the Issuer to meet its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme.

# Sampo Group is subject to emerging insurance risks

Both the P&C and life insurance businesses are subject to emerging insurance risks. By their very nature these risks are evolving, uncertain and difficult to quantify. In P&C insurance potential emerging insurance risks include, for example, the impact of potential climate change whereas in life insurance these risks may include, for example, risks related to pandemics. Emerging insurance risks are managed by monitoring the developments in these risks on the basis of industry research, assessments and scenario analyses and by incorporating these risks into the provisioning and pricing processes to the extent possible. Due to the difficulty in predicting these risks, potential emerging insurance risks could have a material adverse effect on Sampo Group's business, results of operations and financial condition, which could adversely affect the ability of the Issuer to meet its obligations in respect of Notes issued under the Programme.

# Sampo Group is subject to credit risk

Sampo Group is exposed to credit risk, amongst other things, through holdings of fixed income instruments, derivative contracts, reinsurance agreements and loan advances. Within Sampo Group, credit risk can materialise as market value losses when credit spreads are changing unfavourably (spread risk) or as credit losses when issuers of credit instruments or counterparties of financial derivatives or reinsurance transactions are failing to meet their financial obligations (default risk) or as losses when one party will fail to deliver the terms of a contract with another party at the time of settlement (settlement risk). A failure by an issuer of a security or of a counterparty to a derivative or reinsurance agreement to meet its obligations could have a material impact on Sampo Group's financial position. Sampo Group investments are exposed to the spread risk set out in "Fluctuations in the general creditworthiness of issuers of debt and equity securities" above, which relates mainly to changes in the credit spreads of fixed income investments. The spread and default risks in Sampo Group's investment portfolios mainly arises from investments in the Nordic region although the portion of investments outside the Nordic are are steadily growing. In addition to credit risk related to single issuers, Sampo Group may be exposed to concentration risk when credit investments are affected similarly by economic scenarios or market events. Concentration risk is managed by taking into account Sampo Group's exposures by industry sectors, products and creditworthiness when setting individual issuer-specific limits in the investment policies for the various subsidiaries in the Sampo Group.

Additionally, counterparty default risk related to reinsurers arises through reinsurance receivables and through the reinsurers' portion of outstanding claims. Credit risk related to reinsurance mainly concerns If P&C, as the use of reinsurance in Mandatum Life is relatively limited. Under reinsurance arrangements, other insurers assume a portion of the costs, losses and expenses associated with policy claims and maturities, and reported and unreported losses, in exchange for a portion of the policy premiums. The availability, amount and cost of reinsurance depend on general market conditions and may vary significantly. Any decrease in the amount of reinsurance cover purchased will increase Sampo Group's risk of loss. When reinsurance is obtained, Sampo Group is still liable for those transferred risks if the

reinsurer does not meet its obligations. Therefore, the inability or failure of reinsurers to meet their financial obligations could materially affect Sampo Group's operations and financial condition. Further, counterparty default risk related to OTC-derivatives may arise if the net market value of transactions with the same counterparty is positive. This risk is mitigated by careful selection of counterparties, diversification of counterparties to prevent risk concentrations and by using collateral techniques, e.g. ISDA Master Agreements backed by Credit Support Annexes.

Generally, Sampo Group manages its credit risk by assigning limits and restrictions to maximum exposures towards single issuers and derivative counterparties that are based on internal assessment and external ratings. The credit standing of an issuer, the valuation, structural details and liquidity of an instrument are thoroughly assessed before any limit is established. After that investment can be made and such issuer's credit standing is continuously monitored. A similar kind of procedure is also followed in the case of reinsurers. Despite the significant efforts put on managing credit risks, realisation of these risks is possible and may have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's business, results of operations and financial condition, and, in turn, adversely affect its ability to make payments in respect of Notes issued under the Programme.

# Sampo Group is subject to liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that insurance undertakings are, due to lack of available liquid funds and/or access to relevant markets, unable to conduct their regular business activities in accordance with the strategy, or in extreme cases, are unable to settle their financial obligations when they fall due. Major sources of liquidity risk in Sampo Group are potential illiquidity of investments, large claims and unexpected non-renewal of insurance policies. In addition, the availability and cost of refinancing and the offered price for financial derivatives affect the Group companies' ability to carry out normal business activities.

The sources of liquidity risk are either internal or external by their nature. If the company's rating declines or if the company's solvency otherwise appears jeopardised, its ability to raise funding, buy reinsurance cover or enter into financial derivatives at a reasonable price is endangered. Moreover, policyholders may also not be willing to renew their policies because of the company's financial challenges or in case of reputational issues. If these risks caused by internal reasons occur in conjunction with general market turmoil, which makes selling of investment assets and refinancing of debt difficult, maintaining adequate liquidity can be a challenge. However, liquidity risk is relatively immaterial in Sampo Group's businesses because liability cash flows in most lines of business are fairly stable and predictable and an adequate share of the investment assets are in short-term money market instruments and liquid government bonds.

However, if Sampo Group faces large-scale demands requiring immediate realisation of liquid assets, this could have a material adverse effect on its business, results of operations and financial condition. As a consequence, it could adversely impact the availability of funds to the Issuer to meet its obligations in respect of Notes issued under the Programme.

Sampo Group's refinancing risk is related mainly to the Issuer's debt and to some extent to hybrid instruments issued by its insurance subsidiaries. Sampo Group has a relatively low amount of financial liabilities and thus the Group's respective refinancing risk is relatively minor. However, should the credit rating of the Issuer drop to a level such that the investment guidelines or regulations applicable to key investors prohibit the holding of the Issuer's securities, these investors might be forced to decrease their investments in the Issuer, which, in turn, could lead to the increase in the cost of new funding or restrict the Issuer's ability to obtain new funding.

In Sampo Group, liquidity risk is managed by the legal entities, which are responsible for liquidity planning and maintaining adequate liquidity buffers. Liquidity risk is monitored based on the expected cash flows resulting from assets, liabilities and other business. In the subsidiaries, the adequacy of liquidity buffers is dependent on the insurance cash flows. In the parent company, the adequacy of liquidity buffers is dependent also on potential strategic arrangements.

A default by an institution, or even concerns as to its credit-worthiness, could lead to significant liquidity problems, losses or defaults by other institutions because the stability of many financial institutions may be closely linked to credit, trading, clearing or other relationships between institutions. This risk may adversely affect financial intermediaries, such as clearing agencies, clearing houses, banks, securities firms and exchanges, with which Sampo Group interacts on a daily basis and therefore could adversely

affect Sampo Group. This may, in turn, adversely affect the ability of the Issuer to meet its obligations in respect of the Notes.

### Sampo Group is subject to operational risk

Sampo Group, like all financial services groups, is exposed to many types of operational risk, including the risk of inadequate or failed internal processes, fraud by employees and outsiders, unauthorised transactions by employees or operational errors, including errors resulting from faulty computer or telecommunication systems or from external events (including legal and reputational risk).

Operational risks, as opposed to strategic and business risks, are often event based and they can be traced back to a single place and point in time. In Sampo Group, operational risk management is organised under the subsidiary companies and different business areas therein. The Issuer's main function is to own and control its subsidiaries. The Issuer coordinates capital allocation, risk management, remuneration principles, internal audit, group accounting, investor relations and legal and tax issues within Sampo Group. Furthermore, the Issuer manages its debt portfolio and a liquidity portfolio of short-term interest bearing assets. The size of these portfolios changes during the year based on incoming and outgoing payments. Sampo Group's systems and processes are designed to ensure that the operational risks associated with Sampo Group's activities are appropriately monitored. Any failure or weakness in these systems, however, could adversely affect Sampo Group's financial performance and business activities, and may, in certain scenarios, adversely impact the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. Notwithstanding anything in this risk factor, this risk factor should not be taken as implying that either the Issuer or Sampo Group will be unable to comply with the Issuer's obligations as a company with securities admitted to the Official List of the FCA or as a firm regulated by the Finnish Financial Supervisory Authority.

# Sampo Group may be affected by increased competition and a lack of realisation of growth expectations

If's market position in the Nordic P&C insurance market is very strong and that position is expected to remain solid in the future. Competitive pressure from new sources of competition such as smaller competitors and competition from new distribution channels such as web-based service models may restrict If P&C's market position and adversely affect growth expectations. If If P&C's market position is materially affected for a prolonged period of time, the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations in respect of Notes issued under the Programme could be adversely affected.

In addition, the insurance markets throughout Europe have experienced significant changes in recent years due to the introduction of several laws and regulations as a result of the implementation of a number of insurance directives issued by the EU. As a result, direct marketing of non-life and life insurance may be carried out on a cross-border basis and therefore, for insurance companies, it is much easier to operate outside their home state. The development of a single European market together with the reduction of regulatory restrictions is also facilitating the growth of new distribution systems, partially replacing the traditional reliance on insurance intermediaries such as agents.

# Sampo Group is subject to legal risks

Sampo Group is subject to a wide range of legal obligations in the countries in which it operates. There are a number of legal proceedings against the Sampo Group companies outstanding, arising in the ordinary course of business. However, Sampo Group is currently not involved in any legal disputes that could, in the Issuer's opinion, materially affect its earnings in its financial year ended 31 December 2015. However, an unfavourable outcome of any pending or potential future litigation could have a material adverse effect on the Issuer's business, results of operations and financial condition, and, may, in turn, adversely affect the Issuer's ability to meet its obligations in respect of Notes issued under the Programme.

Insurance is a highly regulated business with formal rules for minimum capital and capital structure. In the Issuer's opinion it complies with the current legal requirements. However, regulation in countries in which Sampo Group operates may change and the Issuer cannot guarantee that it would in such case comply, without material measures, with the requirements of changed regulation, which could have a material adverse effect on Sampo Group's business, results of operations and financial condition. This may, in turn, adversely affect the ability of the Issuer to make payments in respect of Notes issued under

the Programme. For further information, please see "Regulatory compliance and regulatory changes" above.

### Sampo Group is subject to reputational risk

Reputational risk refers to the risk that adverse publicity regarding the company's business practices or associations, whether accurate or not, causes a loss of confidence in the integrity of the institution.

Sampo Group is vulnerable to adverse market perception as it operates in a regulated industry where it must display a high level of integrity and maintain the trust and the confidence of customers. Reputational risks are related to the way the Issuer is perceived from the perspective of different stakeholders (shareholders, customers, debt investors, staff, business partners or the general public) and may arise through realised risks in other risk categories. Reputational risks may arise also through external distribution channels, the risks of which are difficult to control. Mismanagement, fraud or failure to satisfy fiduciary or regulatory responsibilities, or the negative publicity resulting from such activities or the accusation by a third party of such activities associated with Sampo Group or a relevant investment sector generally could have a material adverse effect on Sampo Group's business, results of operations and/or financial condition. This may, in turn, impact the ability of the Issuer to fund payments in respect of Notes issued under the Programme.

# Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Notes

A wide range of Notes, including Notes which are complex financial instruments, may be issued under the Programme. A number of these Notes may have features which contain particular risks for potential investors and each potential investor must determine the suitability of an investment in the Notes in light of its own circumstances. Set out below is a description of the most common such features:

# The Notes may be redeemed prior to maturity if the Issuer is obliged to increase the amounts payable under the Notes due to withholding taxes

In the event that the Issuer would be obliged to increase the amounts payable in respect of any Notes due to any withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or on behalf of Finland or any political subdivision thereof or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax or any change in the application or official interpretation of such law or regulations, the Issuer may redeem all outstanding Notes in accordance with the Conditions.

# If the Issuer has the right to redeem any Notes at its option, this may limit the market value of the Notes concerned and an investor may not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a manner which achieves a similar effective return

An optional redemption feature of Notes is likely to limit their market value. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem Notes, the market value of those Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period. The Issuer may be expected to redeem Notes when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Notes. At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

# Zero Coupon Notes may experience price volatility in response to changes in market interest rates

Zero Coupon Notes do not pay interest but are issued at a discount from their nominal value. Instead of periodic interest payments, the difference between the redemption price and the issue price constitutes interest income until maturity and reflects the market interest rate. A holder of Zero Coupon Notes is exposed to the risk that the price of such Notes falls as a result of changes in the market interest rate. Prices of Zero Coupon Notes are more volatile than the prices of Fixed Rate Notes and are likely to respond to a greater degree to market interest rate changes than interest bearing notes with a similar maturity.

# If the Issuer has the right to convert the interest rate on any Notes from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or vice versa, this may affect the secondary market and the market value of the Notes concerned

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may bear interest at a rate that converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. Where the Issuer has the right to effect such a conversion, this will affect the secondary market and the market value of the Notes since the Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate in such circumstances, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may be less favourable than then prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Notes tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate at any time may be lower than the rates on other Notes. If the Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate in such circumstances, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing rates on its Notes.

# Notes which are issued at a substantial discount or premium may experience price volatility in response to changes in market interest rates

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

### Risks related to Notes generally

Set out below is a brief description of certain risks relating to the Notes generally:

# The conditions of the Notes contain provisions which may permit their modifications without the consent of all investors

The Conditions of the Notes contain provisions for calling meetings of Noteholders to consider matters affecting their interests generally. These provisions permit defined majorities to bind all Noteholders including Noteholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and Noteholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority.

### There is no active trading market for the Notes

Notes issued under the Programme will be new securities which may not be widely distributed and for which there is currently no active trading market (unless in the case of any particular Tranche, such Tranche is to be consolidated with and form a single Series with a Tranche of Notes which is already issued). If the Notes are traded after their initial issuance, they may trade at a discount to their initial offering price, depending upon prevailing interest rates, the market for similar securities, general economic conditions and the financial condition of the Issuer. Although applications have been made for the Notes issued under the Programme to be admitted to listing on the Official List of the FCA and to trading on the Regulated Market of the London Stock Exchange, there is no assurance that such applications will be accepted, that any particular Tranche of Notes will be so admitted or that an active trading market will develop. Accordingly, there is no assurance as to the development or liquidity of any trading market for any particular Tranche of Notes.

# The value of the Notes could be materially adversely impacted by a change in English law, Norwegian law or administrative law

The conditions of the Notes are based on English law in effect as at the date of this Base Prospectus. As for VPS Notes, these are governed by Norwegian law. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to English law, Norwegian law (in the case of VPS Notes) or administrative practice after the date of this Base Prospectus and any such change could materially adversely impact the value of any Notes affected by it.

Investors who purchase bearer Notes in denominations that are not an integral multiple of the Specified denomination may be adversely affected if definitive Notes are subsequently required to be issued

In relation to any issue of bearer Notes which have denominations consisting of a minimum specified denomination plus one or more higher integral multiples of another smaller amount, it is possible that such Notes may be traded in amounts that are not integral multiples of such minimum specified denomination. In such a case a holder who, as a result of trading such amounts, holds an amount which is less than the minimum specified denomination in its account with the relevant clearing system at the relevant time may not receive a definitive bearer Note in respect of such holding (should definitive bearer Notes be printed) and would need to purchase a principal amount of Notes such that its holding amounts to a specified denomination. If such bearer Notes in definitive Form are issued, holders should be aware that definitive bearer Notes which have a denomination that is not an integral multiple of the minimum specified denomination may be illiquid and difficult to trade.

# Risks related to the market generally

Set out below is a brief description of the principal market risks, including liquidity risk, exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk:

An active secondary market in respect of the Notes may never be established or may be illiquid and this would adversely affect the value at which an investor could sell his Notes

Notes may have no established trading market when issued, and one may never develop. If a market does develop, it may not be very liquid. Therefore, investors may not be able to sell their Notes easily or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market. This is particularly the case for Notes that are especially sensitive to interest rate, currency or market risks, are designed for specific investment objectives or strategies or have been structured to meet the investment requirements of limited categories of investors. These types of Notes generally would have a more limited secondary market and more price volatility than conventional debt securities

If an investor holds Notes which are not denominated in the investor's home currency, he will be exposed to movements in exchange rates adversely affecting the value of his holding. In addition, the imposition of exchange controls in relation to any Notes could result in an investor not receiving payments on those Notes

The Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Notes in the Specified Currency. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the "Investor's Currency") other than the Specified Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the Specified Currency would decrease (1) the Investor's Currency equivalent yield on the Notes, (2) the Investor's Currency equivalent value of the principal payable on the Notes and (3) the Investor's Currency equivalent market value of the Notes. Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate or the ability of the Issuer to make payments in respect of Notes. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

# The value of Fixed Rate Notes may be adversely affected by movements in market interest rates

Investment in Fixed Rate Notes involves the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of the Fixed Rate Notes.

Credit ratings assigned to the Issuer or any Notes may not reflect all the risks associated with an investment in those Notes

As of the date of this Base Prospectus, the Issuer has been assigned a rating of "Baa2" by Moody's and the Programme is expected to also be assigned a rating of "Baa2" by Moody's. Tranches of Notes to be issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. Where a Tranche of Notes is rated, the applicable rating(s) will be specified in the relevant Final Terms. Such rating will not necessarily be the same as the rating(s)

assigned to Issuer, the Programme or to Notes already issued. One or more independent credit rating agencies may also assign credit ratings to the Notes, which may not necessarily be the same ratings as the Issuer or Programme rating described above or any rating(s) assigned to Notes already issued. Such ratings may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, additional factors discussed above, and other factors that may affect the value of the Notes. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

In general, European regulated investors are restricted under the CRA Regulation from using credit ratings for regulatory purposes, unless such ratings are issued by a credit rating agency established in the EU and registered under the CRA Regulation (and such registration has not been withdrawn or suspended). Such general restriction will also apply in the case of credit ratings issued by non-EU credit rating agencies, unless the relevant credit ratings are endorsed by an EU-registered credit rating agency or the relevant non-EU rating agency is certified in accordance with the CRA Regulation (and such endorsement action or certification, as the case may be, has not been withdrawn or suspended). The list of registered and certified rating agencies published by the European Securities and Markets Authority ("ESMA") on its website in accordance with the CRA Regulation is not conclusive evidence of the status of the relevant rating agency included in such list, as there may be delays between certain supervisory measures being taken against a relevant rating agency and the publication of the updated ESMA list. Certain information with respect to the credit rating agencies and ratings is set out on the cover of this Base Prospectus.

### INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The following information shall be deemed to be incorporated in, and to form part of, this Base Prospectus:

- (1) The audited consolidated financial statements (including the auditors' report thereon and notes thereto) of the Issuer in respect of the years ended 2015 and 2014 (set out on pages 163 to 275 and 155 to 266, respectively, of the 2015 and 2014 annual reports of the Issuer).
- (2) The Terms and Conditions of the Notes (set out on pages 23 to 47) of the Issuer's Base Prospectus for the Programme dated 8 April 2010.
- (3) The Terms and Conditions of the Notes (set out on pages 26 to 49) of the Issuer's Base Prospectus for the Programme dated 8 April 2011.
- (4) The Terms and Conditions of the Notes (set out on pages 26 to 49) of the Issuer's Base Prospectus for the Programme dated 4 April 2012.
- (5) The Terms and Conditions of the Notes (set out on pages 27 to 51) of the Issuer's Base Prospectus for the Programme dated 4 April 2013.
- (6) The Terms and Conditions of the Notes (set out on pages 28 to 52) of the Issuer's Base Prospectus for the Programme dated 4 April 2014.
- (7) The Terms and Conditions of the Notes (set out on pages 28 to 52) of the Issuer's Base Prospectus for the Programme dated 26 March 2015.

Should any of the documents specified above as containing information incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus themselves incorporate by reference further information, such information does not form part of this Base Prospectus.

Copies of the documents specified above as containing information incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus may be inspected, free of charge, at Fabianinkatu 27, FI-00100 Helsinki, Finland and are available in electronic form at www.sampo.com/ir.

Any information contained in any of the documents specified above which is not incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus is either not relevant to investors or is covered elsewhere in this Base Prospectus.

Except where explicitly incorporated by reference herein, any documents themselves incorporated by reference into the documents listed above shall not form part of this Base Prospectus.

#### FINAL TERMS AND DRAWDOWN PROSPECTUSES

In this section the expression "necessary information" means, in relation to any Tranche of Notes, the information necessary to enable investors to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profits and losses and prospects of the Issuer and of the rights attaching to the Notes. In relation to the different types of Notes which may be issued under the Programme the Issuer has endeavoured to include in this Base Prospectus all of the necessary information except for information relating to the Notes which is not known at the date of this Base Prospectus and which can only be determined at the time of an individual issue of a Tranche of Notes.

Any information relating to the Notes which is not included in this Base Prospectus and which is required in order to complete the necessary information in relation to a Tranche of Notes will be contained either in the relevant Final Terms or in a Drawdown Prospectus. Such information will be contained in the relevant Final Terms unless any of such information constitutes a significant new factor relating to the information contained in this Base Prospectus in which case such information, together with all of the other necessary information in relation to the relevant series of Notes, may be contained in a Drawdown Prospectus.

For a Tranche of Notes which is the subject of Final Terms, those Final Terms will, for the purposes of that Tranche only, complete this Base Prospectus and must be read in conjunction with this Base Prospectus.

In the case of a Tranche of Notes which is the subject of a Drawdown Prospectus, each reference in this Base Prospectus to information being specified or identified in the relevant Final Terms shall be read and construed as a reference to such information being specified or identified in the relevant Drawdown Prospectus unless the context requires otherwise. Each Drawdown Prospectus will be constituted by a single document containing the necessary information relating to the Issuer and the relevant Notes.

#### FORMS OF THE NOTES

#### **Bearer Notes**

Each Tranche of Notes in bearer form ("Bearer Notes") will initially be in the form of either a temporary global note in bearer form (the "Temporary Global Note"), without interest coupons, or a permanent global note in bearer form (the "Permanent Global Note"), without interest coupons, in each case as specified in the relevant Final Terms. Each Temporary Global Note or, as the case may be, Permanent Global Note (each a "Global Note") which is not intended to be issued in new global note ("NGN") form, as specified in the relevant Final Terms, will be deposited on or around the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Notes with a depositary or a common depositary for Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("Euroclear") and/or Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg") and/or any other relevant clearing system and each Global Note which is intended to be issued in NGN form, as specified in the relevant Final Terms, will be deposited on or around the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Notes with a common safekeeper for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg.

On 13 June 2006 the European Central Bank (the "ECB") announced that Notes in NGN form are in compliance with the "Standards for the use of EU securities settlement systems in ESCB credit operations" of the central banking system for the euro (the "Eurosystem"), provided that certain other criteria are fulfilled. At the same time the ECB also announced that arrangements for Notes in NGN form will be offered by Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as of 30 June 2006 and that debt securities in global bearer form issued through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg after 31 December 2006 will only be eligible as collateral for Eurosystem operations if the NGN form is used.

Each Final Terms for Notes in NGN form will indicate whether such Notes are intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility. The designation "yes" means that the Notes are intended upon issue to be deposited with Euroclear or Clearstream. Luxembourg as common safekeeper and does not necessarily mean that the Notes will be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem either upon issue or at any or all times during their life. If the designation is specified as "no" at the Issue Date, should the Eurosystem eligibility criteria be amended in the future such that the Notes are capable of meeting them the Notes may then be deposited with Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg as common safekeeper. Note that this does not necessarily mean that the Notes will then be recognised as eligible collateral for Eurosystem monetary policy and intra-day credit operations by the Eurosystem at any time during their life. In all cases, such recognition will depend upon the European Central Bank being satisfied that Eurosystem eligibility criteria have been met.

In the case of each Tranche of Bearer Notes, the relevant Final Terms will also specify whether United States Treasury Regulation §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (or any successor United States Treasury regulation section, including without limitation, successor regulations issued in accordance with IRS Notice 2012-20 or otherwise in connection with the United States Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act of 2010) (the "TEFRA C Rules") or United States Treasury Regulation §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D) (or any successor United States Treasury regulation section, including without limitation, successor regulations issued in accordance with IRS Notice 2012-20 or otherwise in connection with the United States Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act of 2010) (the "TEFRA D Rules") are applicable in relation to the Notes or, if the Notes do not have a maturity of more than 1 year, that neither the TEFRA C Rules nor the TEFRA D Rules are applicable.

# Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Permanent Global Note

If the relevant Final Terms specifies the form of Notes as being "Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note", then the Notes will initially be in the form of a Temporary Global Note which will be exchangeable, in whole or in part, for interests in a Permanent Global Note, without interest coupons, not earlier than 40 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Notes upon certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership. No payments will be made under the Temporary Global Note unless exchange for interests in the Permanent Global Note is improperly withheld or refused. In addition, interest payments in respect of the Notes cannot be collected without such certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership.

Whenever any interest in the Temporary Global Note is to be exchanged for an interest in a Permanent Global Note, the Issuer shall procure (in the case of first exchange) the delivery of a Permanent Global

Note to the bearer of the Temporary Global Note or (in the case of any subsequent exchange) an increase in the principal amount of the Permanent Global Note in accordance with its terms against:

- (i) presentation and (in the case of final exchange) presentation and surrender of the Temporary Global Note to or to the order of the Fiscal Agent; and
- (ii) receipt by the Fiscal Agent of a certificate or certificates of non-U.S. beneficial ownership.

The principal amount of Notes represented by the Permanent Global Note shall be equal to the aggregate of the principal amounts specified in the certificates of non-U.S. beneficial ownership; **provided**, **however**, **that** in no circumstances shall the principal amount of Notes represented by the Permanent Global Note exceed the initial principal amount of Notes represented by the Temporary Global Note.

If:

- the Permanent Global Note has not been delivered or the principal amount thereof increased by 5.00 p.m. (London time) on the seventh day after the bearer of the Temporary Global Note has requested exchange of an interest in the Temporary Global Note for an interest in a Permanent Global Note; or
- (b) the Temporary Global Note (or any part thereof) has become due and payable in accordance with the Conditions of the Notes or the date for final redemption of the Temporary Global Note has occurred and, in either case, payment in full of the amount of principal falling due with all accrued interest thereon has not been made to the bearer of the Temporary Global Note in accordance with the terms of the Temporary Global Note on the due date for payment,

then the Temporary Global Note (including the obligation to deliver a Permanent Global Note) will become void at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such seventh day (in the case of (a) above) or at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such due date (in the case of (b) above) and the bearer of the Temporary Global Note will have no further rights thereunder (but without prejudice to the rights which the bearer of the Temporary Global Note or others may have under the Deed of Covenant).

The Permanent Global Note will become exchangeable, in whole but not in part only and at the request of the bearer of the Permanent Global Note, for Bearer Notes in definitive form ("**Definitive Notes**"):

- (i) on the expiry of such period of notice as may be specified in the Final Terms; or
- (ii) at any time, if so specified in the Final Terms; or
- (iii) if the Final Terms specifies "in the limited circumstances described in the Permanent Global Note", then if either of the following events occurs;
  - Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of legal holidays) or announces an intention permanently to cease business; or
  - (b) any of the circumstances described in Condition 14 (*Events of Default*) occurs.

Whenever the Permanent Global Note is to be exchanged for Definitive Notes, the Issuer shall procure the prompt delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of such Definitive Notes, duly authenticated and with Coupons and Talons attached (if so specified in the Final Terms), in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of Notes represented by the Permanent Global Note to the bearer of the Permanent Global Note against the surrender of the Permanent Global Note to or to the order of the Fiscal Agent within 30 days of the bearer requesting such exchange.

If:

- (a) Definitive Notes have not been duly delivered by 5.00 p.m. (London time) on the thirtieth day after the bearer has requested exchange of the Permanent Global Note for Definitive Notes; or
- (b) the Permanent Global Note was originally issued in exchange for part only of a Temporary Global Note representing the Notes and such Temporary Global Note becomes void in

accordance with its terms; or

the Permanent Global Note (or any part thereof) has become due and payable in accordance with the Conditions of the Notes or the date for final redemption of the Permanent Global Note has occurred and, in either case, payment in full of the amount of principal falling due with all accrued interest thereon has not been made to the bearer in accordance with the terms of the Permanent Global Note on the due date for payment,

then the Permanent Global Note (including the obligation to deliver Definitive Notes) will become void at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such thirtieth day (in the case of (a) above) or at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on the date on which such Temporary Global Note becomes void (in the case of (b) above) or at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such due date ((c) above) and the bearer of the Permanent Global Note will have no further rights thereunder (but without prejudice to the rights which the bearer of the Permanent Global Note or others may have under the Deed of Covenant).

# Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes

If the relevant Final Terms specifies the form of Notes as being "Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes" and also specifies that the TEFRA C Rules are applicable or that neither the TEFRA C Rules or the TEFRA D Rules are applicable, then the Notes will initially be in the form of a Temporary Global Note which will be exchangeable, in whole but not in part, for Definitive Notes not earlier than 40 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Notes.

If the relevant Final Terms specifies the form of Notes as being "Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes" and also specifies that the TEFRA D Rules are applicable, then the Notes will initially be in the form of a Temporary Global Note which will be exchangeable, in whole or in part, for Definitive Notes not earlier than 40 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche of the Notes upon certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership. Interest payments in respect of the Notes cannot be collected without such certification of non-U.S. beneficial ownership. If the Specified Denomination of the Notes stated in the final terms includes language substantially to the following effect: "[EUR 100,000] and integral multiples of [EUR 1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [EUR 199,000]", the Notes cannot be represented on issue by a Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes.

Whenever the Temporary Global Note is to be exchanged for Definitive Notes, the Issuer shall procure the prompt delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of such Definitive Notes, duly authenticated and with Coupons and - if at the time of exchange into definitive form more than 27 coupon payments are left - Talons attached (if so specified in the relevant Final Terms), in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Temporary Global Note to the bearer of the Temporary Global Note against the surrender of the Temporary Global Note to or to the order of the Fiscal Agent within 30 days of the bearer requesting such exchange.

If:

- (a) Definitive Notes have not been duly delivered by 5.00 p.m. (London time) on the thirtieth day after the bearer has requested exchange of the Temporary Global Note for Definitive Notes; or
- (b) the Temporary Global Note (or any part thereof) has become due and payable in accordance with the Conditions of the Notes or the date for final redemption of the Temporary Global Note has occurred and, in either case, payment in full of the amount of principal falling due with all accrued interest thereon has not been made to the bearer in accordance with the terms of the Temporary Global Note on the due date for payment,

then the Temporary Global Note (including the obligation to deliver Definitive Notes) will become void at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such thirtieth day (in the case of (a) above) or at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such due date (in the case of (b) above) and the bearer of the Temporary Global Note will have no further rights thereunder (but without prejudice to the rights which the bearer of the Temporary Global Note or others may have under the Deed of Covenant).

### Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes

If the relevant Final Terms specifies the form of Notes as being "Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes", then the Notes will initially be in the form of a Permanent Global Note which will be exchangeable in whole, but not in part, for Definitive Notes:

- (i) on the expiry of such period of notice as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms; or
- (ii) at any time, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms; or
- (iii) if the relevant Final Terms specifies "in the limited circumstances described in the Permanent Global Note", then if either of the following events occurs:
  - (a) Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of legal holidays) or announces an intention permanently to cease business; or
  - (b) any of the circumstances described in Condition 14 (Events of Default) occurs.

If the Specified Denomination of the Notes stated in the final terms includes language substantially to the following effect: "[EUR 100,000] and integral multiples of [EUR 1,000] in excess thereof up to and including [EUR 199,000]", the Notes cannot be represented on issue by a Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes.

Whenever the Permanent Global Note is to be exchanged for Definitive Notes, the Issuer shall procure the prompt delivery (free of charge to the bearer) of such Definitive Notes, duly authenticated and with Coupons and - if at the time of exchange into definitive form more than 27 coupon payments are left - Talons attached (if so specified in the Final Terms), in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of Notes represented by the Permanent Global Note to the bearer of the Permanent Global Note against the surrender of the Permanent Global Note to or to the order of the Fiscal Agent within 30 days of the bearer requesting such exchange.

If:

- (a) Definitive Notes have not been duly delivered by 5.00 p.m. (London time) on the thirtieth day after the bearer has requested exchange of the Permanent Global Note for Definitive Notes; or
- (b) the Permanent Global Note (or any part thereof) has become due and payable in accordance with the Conditions of the Notes or the date for final redemption of the Permanent Global Note has occurred and, in either case, payment in full of the amount of principal falling due with all accrued interest thereon has not been made to the bearer in accordance with the terms of the Permanent Global Note on the due date for payment,

then the Permanent Global Note (including the obligation to deliver Definitive Notes) will become void at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such thirtieth day (in the case of (a) above) or at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such due date ((b) above) and the bearer of the Permanent Global Note will have no further rights thereunder (but without prejudice to the rights which the bearer of the Permanent Global Note or others may have under the Deed of Covenant).

### Terms and Conditions applicable to the Notes

The terms and conditions applicable to any Definitive Note will be endorsed on that Note and will consist of the terms and conditions set out under "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" below and the provisions of the relevant Final Terms which complete those terms and conditions.

The terms and conditions applicable to any Note in global form will differ from those terms and conditions which would apply to the Note were it in definitive form to the extent described under "Summary of Provisions Relating to the Notes while in Global Form" below.

#### **VPS** Notes

Each tranche of VPS Notes will be issued in uncertificated and dematerialised book entry form. Legal title to the VPS Notes will be evidenced by book entries in the records of the VPS. On the issue of such VPS Notes, the Issuer will send a letter to the VPS Trustee, with copies sent to the Agent and the VPS Agent (the "VPS Letter"), which will set out the terms of the relevant issue of VPS Notes in the form of a Final Terms supplement attached thereto. On delivery of a copy of such VPS Letter including the relevant Final Terms to the VPS and notification to the VPS of the subscribers and their VPS account details by the relevant Dealer, the VPS Agent acting on behalf of the Issuer will credit each subscribing account holder with the VPS with a nominal amount of VPS Notes equal to the nominal amount thereof for which it has subscribed and paid.

Settlement of sale and purchase transactions in respect of VPS Notes in the VPS will take place two Oslo business days after the date of the relevant transaction. Transfers of interests in the relevant VPS Notes will only take place in accordance with the rules and procedures for the time being of the VPS.

A VPS Trustee might be appointed, and will in such a case, act for the benefit of the holders for the time being of the VPS Notes, in accordance with the provisions of the VPS Trustee Agreement and these Terms and Conditions.

# Legend concerning United States persons

In the case of any Tranche of Bearer Notes having a maturity of more than one year, the Notes in global form, the Notes in definitive form and any Coupons and Talons appertaining thereto will bear a legend to the following effect:

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

# **Registered Notes**

Each Tranche of Registered Notes will be in the form of either individual note certificates in registered form ("Individual Note Certificates") or a global Note in registered form (a "Global Registered Note"), in each case as specified in the relevant Final Terms. Each Global Registered Note will be deposited on or around the relevant issue date with a depositary or a common depositary for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and registered in the name of a nominee for such depositary and will be exchangeable for Individual Note Certificates in accordance with its terms.

If the relevant Final Terms specifies the form of Notes as being "Individual Note Certificates", then the Notes will at all times be in the form of Individual Note Certificates issued to each Noteholder in respect of their respective holdings.

If the relevant Final Terms specifies the form of Notes as being "Global Registered Note exchangeable for Individual Note Certificates", then the Notes will initially be in the form of a Global Registered Note which will be exchangeable in whole, but not in part, for Individual Note Certificates:

- (i) on the expiry of such period of notice as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms; or
- (ii) at any time, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms; or
- (iii) if the relevant Final Terms specifies "in the limited circumstances described in the Global Registered Note", then if either of the following events occurs:
  - (a) Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg or any other relevant clearing system is closed for business for a continuous period of 14 days (other than by reason of legal holidays) or announces an intention permanently to cease business; or
  - (b) any of the circumstances described in Condition 14 (Events of Default) occurs.

Whenever the Global Registered Note is to be exchanged for Individual Note Certificates, the Issuer shall procure that Individual Note Certificates will be issued in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Registered Note within five business days of the delivery, by or on behalf of the registered holder of the Global Registered Note to the Registrar of such information as is required to complete and deliver such Individual Note Certificates (including, without limitation, the names and addresses of the persons in whose names the Individual Note Certificates are to be registered and the principal amount of each such person's holding) against the surrender of the Global Registered Note at the specified office of the Registrar.

Such exchange will be effected in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement and the regulations concerning the transfer and registration of Notes scheduled thereto and, in particular, shall be effected without charge to any holder, but against such indemnity as the Registrar may require in respect of any tax or other duty of whatsoever nature which may be levied or imposed in connection with such exchange.

If:

- (a) Individual Note Certificates have not been delivered by 5.00 p.m. (London time) on the thirtieth day after they are due to be issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the Global Registered Note; or
- (b) any of the Notes represented by a Global Registered Note (or any part of it) has become due and payable in accordance with the Conditions of the Notes or the date for final redemption of the Notes has occurred and, in either case, payment in full of the amount of principal falling due with all accrued interest thereon has not been made to the holder of the Global Registered Note in accordance with the terms of the Global Registered Note on the due date for payment,

then at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such thirtieth day (in the case of (a) above) or at 5.00 p.m. (London time) on such due date (in the case of (b) above) each person shown in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg (or any other relevant clearing system) as being entitled to interest in the Notes (each an "Accountholder") shall acquire under the deed of covenant dated 4 April 2013 (the "Deed of Covenant") rights of enforcement against the Issuer ("Direct Rights") to compel the Issuer to perform its obligations to the Holder of the Global Note Certificate in respect of the Notes represented by the Global Note Certificate, including the obligation of the Issuer to make all payments when due at any time in respect of such Notes in accordance with the Conditions as if such Notes had (where required by the Conditions) been duly presented and surrendered on the due date in accordance with the Conditions.

The Direct Rights shall be without prejudice to the rights which the Holder of the Global Note Certificate may have under the Global Note Certificate or otherwise. Payment to the Holder of the Global Note Certificate in respect of any Notes represented by the Global Note Certificate shall constitute a discharge of the Issuer's obligations under the Notes and the Deed of Covenant to the extent of any such payment and nothing in the Deed of Covenant shall oblige the Issuer to make any payment under the Notes to or to the order of any person other than the Holder of the Global Note Certificate.

As a condition of any exercise of Direct Rights by an Accountholder, such Accountholder shall, as soon as practicable, give notice of such exercise to the Noteholders in the manner provided for in the Conditions or the Global Note Certificate for notices to be given by the Issuer to Noteholders.

# Terms and Conditions applicable to the Notes

The terms and conditions applicable to any Individual Note Certificate will be endorsed on that Individual Note Certificate and will consist of the terms and conditions set out under "*Terms and Conditions of the Notes*" below and the provisions of the relevant Final Terms which complete those terms and conditions.

The terms and conditions applicable to any Global Registered Note will differ from those terms and conditions which would apply to the Note were it in definitive form to the extent described under "Summary of Provisions Relating to the Notes while in Global Form" below.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

The following is the text of the terms and conditions which, as completed by the relevant Final Terms, will be endorsed on each Note in definitive form issued under the Programme. The terms and conditions applicable to any Note in global form will differ from those terms and conditions which would apply to the Note were it in definitive form to the extent described under "Summary of Provisions Relating to the Notes while in Global Form" below.

#### 1. **Introduction**

- (a) *Programme*: Sampo plc (the "**Issuer**") has established a Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the "**Programme**") for the issuance of up to EUR 3,000,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of notes (the "**Notes**").
- (b) Series: Notes issued under the Programme are issued in series (each a "Series") and each Series may comprise one or more tranches (each a "Tranche") of Notes.
- (c) Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus: The terms and conditions applicable to any particular Tranche of Notes are these terms and conditions (the "Conditions"), as completed by a document specific to such Tranche called final terms (the "Final Terms") or as supplemented, amended and/or replaced in a separate prospectus specific to such Tranche (the "Drawdown Prospectus"). In the event of any inconsistency between these Conditions and the relevant Final Terms, the relevant Final Terms or Drawdown Prospectus shall prevail. In the case of a Tranche of Notes which is the subject of a Drawdown Prospectus, each reference in these Conditions to information being specified or identified in the relevant Final Terms shall be read and construed as a reference to such information being specified or identified in the relevant Drawdown Prospectus.
- (d) Agency Agreement: The Notes are the subject of an amended and restated issue and paying agency agreement dated 4 April 2013 (the "Agency Agreement" which expression shall include any amendments or supplements thereto) between the Issuer, Citibank, N.A., London Branch as fiscal agent (the "Fiscal Agent", which expression includes any successor fiscal agent appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes), Citibank, N.A., London Branch as registrar (the "Registrar", which expression includes any successor registrar appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes), the paying agents named therein (together with the Fiscal Agent, the "Paying Agents", which expression includes any successor or additional paying agents appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes) and the transfer agents named therein (together with the Registrar, the "Transfer Agents", which expression includes any successor or additional transfer agents appointed from time to time in connection with the Notes). In these Conditions references to the "Agents" are to the Paying Agents and the Transfer Agents and any reference to an "Agent" is to any one of them.
- (e) Deed of Covenant: The Notes may be issued in bearer form ("**Bearer Notes**"), or in registered form ("**Registered Notes**"). Registered Notes are constituted by a deed of covenant dated 4 April 2013 (the "**Deed of Covenant**" which expression shall include any amendments or supplements thereto) entered into by the Issuer.
- (f) *The Notes*: All subsequent references in these Conditions to "Notes" are to the Notes which are the subject of the relevant Final Terms. Copies of the relevant Final Terms have been published on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html.
- (g) Summaries: Certain provisions of these Conditions are summaries of the Agency Agreement and the Deed of Covenant and are subject to their detailed provisions. Noteholders and the holders of the related interest coupons (the "Couponholders" and the "Coupons", respectively), if any, are entitled to the benefit of but have no obligations in respect of all the provisions of the Agency Agreement and the Deed of Covenant applicable to them. Copies of the Agency Agreement and the Deed of Covenant are available for inspection by Noteholders during normal business hours at the Specified Offices of each of the Agents, the initial Specified Offices of which are set out below.

(h) VPS Notes: VPS Notes are in dematerialised form: any references in these terms and conditions to Coupons and Talons shall not apply to VPS Notes and no global or definitive Notes will be issued in respect thereof. These terms and conditions shall be construed accordingly.

# 2. **Interpretation**

(a) *Definitions*: In these Conditions the following expressions have the following meanings:

"Accrual Yield" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Additional Business Centre(s)" means the city or cities specified as such in the relevant Final Terms;

"Additional Financial Centre(s)" means the city or cities specified as such in the relevant Final Terms:

# "business day" means:

- (i) in relation to any sum payable in euro, a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments generally in each (if any) Additional Business Centre; and
- (ii) in relation to any sum payable in a currency other than euro, a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments generally in London, in the Principal Financial Centre of the relevant currency and in each (if any) Additional Business Centre;

"Business Day Convention", in relation to any particular date, has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms and, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, may have different meanings in relation to different dates and, in this context, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

- (i) "Following Business Day Convention" means that the relevant date shall be postponed to the first following day that is a Business Day;
- (ii) "Modified Following Business Day Convention" or "Modified Business Day Convention" means that the relevant date shall be postponed to the first following day that is a Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month in which case that date will be the first preceding day that is a Business Day;
- (iii) "Preceding Business Day Convention" means that the relevant date shall be brought forward to the first preceding day that is a Business Day;
- (iv) "FRN Convention", "Floating Rate Convention" or "Eurodollar Convention" means that each relevant date shall be the date which numerically corresponds to the preceding such date in the calendar month which is the number of months specified in the relevant Final Terms as the Specified Period after the calendar month in which the preceding such date occurred provided, however, that:
  - (A) if there is no such numerically corresponding day in the calendar month in which any such date should occur, then such date will be the last day which is a Business Day in that calendar month;
  - (B) if any such date would otherwise fall on a day which is not a Business Day, then such date will be the first following day which is a Business Day unless that day falls in the next calendar month, in which case it will be the first preceding day which is a Business Day; and
  - (C) if the preceding such date occurred on the last day in a calendar month which was a Business Day, then all subsequent such dates will be the last day which is a Business Day in the calendar month which is the specified number of months after the calendar month in which the preceding such date occurred; and

(v) "No Adjustment" means that the relevant date shall not be adjusted in accordance with any Business Day Convention;

"Calculation Agent" means the Fiscal Agent or such other Person specified in the relevant Final Terms as the party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and Interest Amount(s) and/or such other amount(s) as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Calculation Amount" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Coupon Sheet" means, in respect of a Note, a coupon sheet relating to the Note;

"Day Count Fraction" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount for any period of time (the "Calculation Period"), such day count fraction as may be specified in these Conditions or the relevant Final Terms and:

- (i) if "Actual/Actual (ICMA)" is so specified, means:
  - (a) where the Calculation Period is equal to or shorter than the Regular Period during which it falls, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by the product of (1) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (2) the number of Regular Periods in any year; and
  - (b) where the Calculation Period is longer than one Regular Period, the sum of:
    - (A) the actual number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the Regular Period in which it begins divided by the product of (1) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (2) the number of Regular Periods in any year; and
    - (B) the actual number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the next Regular Period divided by the product of (a) the actual number of days in such Regular Period and (2) the number of Regular Periods in any year;
- (ii) if "Actual/Actual (ISDA)" is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of the Calculation Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (iii) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365;
- (iv) if "Actual/365 (Sterling)" is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Interest Period divided by 365 or, in case of an Interest Payment Date falling in a leap year, 366;
- (v) if "Actual/360" is so specified, means the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360;
- (vi) if "30/360" is so specified, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows

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

Day Count Fraction =

where:

" $\mathbf{Y_1}$ " is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls:

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

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

" $\mathbf{M_2}$ " is the calendar month, expressed as number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

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

" $D_2$ " is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31 and  $D_1$  is greater than 29, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30;

(vii) if "**30E/360**" or "**Eurobond Basis**" is so specified, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

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

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

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

" $M_2$ " is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

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

" $\mathbf{D_2}$ " is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless such number would be 31, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30; and

(viii) if "30E/360 (ISDA)" is so specified, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360, calculated on a formula basis as follows:

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

where:

" $Y_1$ " is the year, expressed as a number, in which the first day of the Calculation Period falls;

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

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

" $\mathbf{M_2}$ " is the calendar month, expressed as a number, in which the day immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period falls;

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

" $\mathbf{D_2}$ " is the calendar day, expressed as a number, immediately following the last day included in the Calculation Period, unless (i) that day is the last day of February but not the Maturity Date or (ii) such number would be 31, in which case  $D_2$  will be 30,

**provided**, **however**, **that** in each such case the number of days in the Calculation Period is calculated from and including the first day of the Calculation Period to but excluding the last day of the Calculation Period;

"Early Redemption Amount (Tax)" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Early Termination Amount" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in these Conditions or the relevant Final Terms;

"Extraordinary Resolution" has the meaning given in Schedule 2 to the Agency Agreement;

"Final Redemption Amount" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"First Interest Payment Date" means the date specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Fixed Coupon Amount" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Guarantee" means, in relation to any Indebtedness of any Person, any obligation of another Person to pay such Indebtedness including (without limitation):

- (i) any obligation to purchase such Indebtedness;
- (ii) any obligation to lend money, to purchase or subscribe shares or other securities or to purchase assets or services in order to provide funds for the payment of such Indebtedness;
- (iii) any indemnity against the consequences of a default in the payment of such Indebtedness; and
- (iv) any other agreement to be responsible for such Indebtedness;

"Holder", in the case of Bearer Notes, has the meaning given in Condition 3(b) (Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer - Title to Bearer Notes), in the case of Registered Notes, has the meaning given in Condition 3(d) (Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer - Title to Registered Notes) and, in the case of VPS Notes, has the meaning given in Condition 3(k) (Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer - Specific provisions for VPS Notes);

"**Indebtedness**" means any indebtedness of any Person for money borrowed or raised including (without limitation) any indebtedness for or in respect of:

- (i) amounts raised by acceptance under any acceptance credit facility;
- (ii) amounts raised under any note purchase facility;
- (iii) the amount of any liability in respect of leases or hire purchase contracts which would, in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting principles, be treated as finance or capital leases;
- (iv) the amount of any liability in respect of any purchase price for assets or services the payment of which is deferred for a period in excess of 60 days; and

(v) amounts raised under any other transaction (including, without limitation, any forward sale or purchase agreement) having the commercial effect of a borrowing;

"Interest Amount" means, in relation to a Note and an Interest Period, the amount of interest payable in respect of that Note for that Interest Period;

"Interest Commencement Date" means the Issue Date of the Notes or such other date as may be specified as the Interest Commencement Date in the relevant Final Terms;

"Interest Determination Date" shall mean the date specified as such in the Final Terms or if none is so specified:

- (i) if the Reference Rate is the London interbank offered rate ("LIBOR") (other than the Sterling or Euro LIBOR), the second London business day prior to the start of each Interest Period;
- (ii) if the Reference Rate is Sterling LIBOR, the first day of each Interest Period;
- (iii) if the Reference Rate is Euro LIBOR or the Euro-zone interbank offered rate ("EURIBOR"), the second day on which TARGET2 is open prior to the start of each Interest Period;
- (iv) if the Reference Rate is the Norwegian interbank offered rate ("**NIBOR**"), the second Oslo business day prior to the start of each Interest Period; or
- (v) if the Reference Rate is the Stockholm interbank offered rate ("STIBOR"), the second Stockholm business day prior to the start of each Interest Period.

"Interest Payment Date" means the First Interest Payment Date and any date or dates specified as such in the relevant Final Terms and, if a Business Day Convention is specified in the relevant Final Terms:

- (i) as the same may be adjusted in accordance with the relevant Business Day Convention; or
- (ii) if the Business Day Convention is the FRN Convention, Floating Rate Convention or Eurodollar Convention and an interval of a number of calendar months is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being the Specified Period, each of such dates as may occur in accordance with the FRN Convention, Floating Rate Convention or Eurodollar Convention at such Specified Period of calendar months following the Interest Commencement Date (in the case of the first Interest Payment Date) or the previous Interest Payment Date (in any other case);

"Interest Period" means each period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date or any Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the next Interest Payment Date;

"ISDA Definitions" means the 2000 ISDA Definitions (as amended and updated as at the Issue Date of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc.), or, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, the 2006 ISDA Definitions (as amended) and updated as at the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Notes of the relevant Series (as specified in the relevant Final Terms) as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association Inc.);

"Issue Date" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Margin" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

# "Material Subsidiary" means:

(i) on the basis of the most recent audited consolidated accounts of the Issuer, any Subsidiary whose total consolidated assets represent at least 5 per cent. of the total consolidated assets of the Issuer; or

- (ii) whose total consolidated revenues represent at least 5 per cent. of the total consolidated revenues of the Issuer; or
- (iii) any other Subsidiary to which is transferred either (A) all or substantially all of the assets of another Subsidiary which immediately prior to the transfer was a Material Subsidiary or (B) sufficient assets of the Issuer that such Subsidiary would have been a Material Subsidiary had the transfer occurred on or before the date of the most recent audited consolidated accounts of the Issuer, and

a report by the auditors to the Issuer that in their opinion a Subsidiary is or is not or was or was not at any particular time a Material Subsidiary shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive and binding on all parties;

"Maturity Date" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Maximum Redemption Amount" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Minimum Redemption Amount" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Noteholder", in the case of Bearer Notes, has the meaning given in Condition 3(b) (Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer - Title to Bearer Notes), in the case of Registered Notes, has the meaning given in Condition 3(d) (Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer - Title to Registered Notes) and, in the case of VPS Notes, has the meaning given in Condition 3(k) (Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer - Specific provisions for VPS Notes);

"Optional Redemption Amount (Call)" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Optional Redemption Amount (Put)" means, in respect of any Note, its principal amount or such other amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Optional Redemption Date (Call)" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Optional Redemption Date (Put)" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Participating Member State" means a Member State of the European Communities which adopts the euro as its lawful currency in accordance with the Treaty;

# "Payment Business Day" means:

- (i) if the currency of payment is euro, any day which is:
  - (A) a day on which banks in the relevant place of presentation are open for presentation and payment of bearer debt securities and for dealings in foreign currencies; and
  - (B) in the case of payment by transfer to an account, a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre; or
- (ii) if the currency of payment is not euro, any day which is:
  - (A) a day on which banks in the relevant place of presentation are open for presentation and payment of bearer debt securities and for dealings in foreign currencies; and
  - (B) in the case of payment by transfer to an account, a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment and in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre;

"**Person**" means any individual, company, corporation, firm, partnership, joint venture, association, organisation, state or agency of a state or other entity, whether or not having separate legal personality;

"Principal Financial Centre" means, in relation to any currency, the principal financial centre for that currency provided, however, that:

- (i) in relation to euro, it means the principal financial centre of such Member State of the European Communities as is selected (in the case of a payment) by the payee or (in the case of a calculation) by the Calculation Agent; and
- (ii) in relation to New Zealand dollars, it means either Wellington or Auckland is selected (in the case of a payment) by the payee or (in the case of a calculation) by the Calculation Agent;

"Put Option Notice" means a notice which must be delivered to a Paying Agent by any Noteholder wanting to exercise a right to redeem a Note at the option of the Noteholder;

"Put Option Receipt" means a receipt issued by a Paying Agent to a depositing Noteholder upon deposit of a Note with such Paying Agent by any Noteholder wanting to exercise a right to redeem a Note at the option of the Noteholder;

"Rate of Interest" means the rate or rates (expressed as a percentage per annum) of interest payable in respect of the Notes specified in the relevant Final Terms or calculated or determined in accordance with the provisions of these Conditions;

"**Redemption Amount**" means, as appropriate, the Final Redemption Amount, the Early Redemption Amount (Tax), the Optional Redemption Amount (Call), the Optional Redemption Amount (Put), the Early Termination Amount or such other amount in the nature of a redemption amount as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms;

"Reference Banks" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms or, if none, four major banks selected by the Calculation Agent in the market that is most closely connected with the Reference Rate:

"Reference Price" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Reference Rate" shall mean (i) LIBOR, (ii) EURIBOR, (iii) NIBOR, or (iv) STIBOR, in each case for the relevant currency and for the relevant period, as specified in the applicable Final Terms:

# "Regular Period" means:

- (i) in the case of Notes where interest is scheduled to be paid only by means of regular payments, each period from and including the Interest Commencement Date to but excluding the first Interest Payment Date and each successive period from and including one Interest Payment Date to but excluding the next Interest Payment Date;
- (ii) in the case of Notes where, apart from the first Interest Period, interest is scheduled to be paid only by means of regular payments, each period from and including a Regular Date falling in any year to but excluding the next Regular Date, where "Regular Date" means the day and month (but not the year) on which any Interest Payment Date falls; and
- (iii) in the case of Notes where, apart from one Interest Period other than the first Interest Period, interest is scheduled to be paid only by means of regular payments, each period from and including a Regular Date falling in any year to but excluding the next Regular Date, where "Regular Date" means the day and month (but not the year) on which any Interest Payment Date falls other than the Interest Payment Date falling at the end of the irregular Interest Period;

"Relevant Date" means, in relation to any payment, whichever is the later of (a) the date on which the payment in question first becomes due and (b) if the full amount payable has not been received in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment by the Fiscal Agent on or prior to such due date, the date on which (the full amount having been so received) notice to that effect has been given to the Noteholders;

"Relevant Financial Centre" shall mean (i) London, in the case of a determination of LIBOR, (ii) Brussels, in the case of a determination of EURIBOR, (iii) Oslo, in the case of a determination of NIBOR, or (iv) Stockholm, in the case of a determination of STIBOR, as specified in the applicable Final Terms;

"Relevant Indebtedness" means any Indebtedness which is in the form of or represented by any bond, note, debenture, debenture stock, loan stock, certificate or other instrument which is, or is capable of being, listed, quoted or traded on any stock exchange or in any securities market (including, without limitation, any over-the-counter market);

"Relevant Screen Page" means the page, section or other part of a particular information service (including, without limitation, Reuters) specified as the Relevant Screen Page in the relevant Final Terms, or such other page, section or other part as may replace it on that information service or such other information service, in each case, as may be nominated by the Person providing or sponsoring the information appearing there for the purpose of displaying rates or prices comparable to the Reference Rate;

"Relevant Time" shall mean (i) in the case of LIBOR, 11.00 a.m., (ii) in the case of EURIBOR, 11.00 a.m., (iii) in the case of NIBOR, 11.00 a.m., or (iv) in the case of STIBOR, 11.00 a.m., in each case in the Relevant Financial Centre, or such other time, as specified in the applicable Final Terms:

# "Reserved Matter" means any proposal:

- (i) to change any date fixed for payment of principal or interest in respect of the Notes, to reduce the amount of principal or interest payable on any date in respect of the Notes or to alter the method of calculating the amount of any payment in respect of the Notes on redemption or maturity or the date for any such payment;
- (ii) to effect the exchange or substitution of the Notes for, or the conversion of the Notes into, shares, bonds or other obligations or securities of the Issuer or any other person or body corporate formed or to be formed;
- (iii) to change the currency in which amounts due in respect of the Notes are payable;
- (iv) to change the quorum required at any Meeting or the majority required to pass an Extraordinary Resolution; or
- (v) to amend this definition;

"Security Interest" means any mortgage, charge, pledge, lien or other security interest including, without limitation, anything analogous to any of the foregoing under the laws of any jurisdiction;

"Specified Currency" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Specified Denomination(s)" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Specified Office" has the meaning given in the Agency Agreement;

"Specified Period" has the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms;

"Subsidiary" means, in relation to any Person (the "first Person") at any particular time, any other Person (the "second Person"):

- (i) whose affairs and policies the first Person controls or has the power to control, whether by ownership of share capital, contract, the power to appoint or remove members of the governing body of the second Person or otherwise; or
- (ii) whose financial statements are, in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting principles, consolidated with those of the first Person;

<sup>&</sup>quot;Talon" means a talon for further Coupons;

"TARGET2" means the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer payment system which utilises a single shared platform and which was launched on 19 November 2007;

"TARGET Settlement Day" means any day on which TARGET2 is open for the settlement of payments in euro;

"Treaty" means the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, as amended;

"VPS" means the Norwegian Central Securities Depositary Verdipapirsentralen ASA of Fred Olsens gate 1, 0152 Oslo, Norway;

"VPS Agent" means the entity acting as agent of the Issuer in respect of all dealings with the VPS in respect of VPS Notes as detailed in a VPS agency agreement (the "VPS Agency Agreement");

"VPS Notes" means notes issued through VPS;

"VPS Noteholder" has the definition ascribed to it in Condition 3(k) (Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer - Specific provisions for VPS Notes);

"VPS Trustee" means the entity Nordic Trustee ASA (formerly known as Norsk Tillitsmann ASA), which might be appointed to act for the benefit of the holders for the time being of the VPS Notes in accordance with the provisions of a VPS trustee agreement (the "VPS Trustee Agreement") and these Terms and Conditions; and

"Zero Coupon Note" means a Note specified as such in the relevant Final Terms.

- (b) *Interpretation*: In these Conditions:
  - (i) if the Notes are Zero Coupon Notes, references to Coupons and Couponholders are not applicable;
  - (ii) if Talons are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being attached to the Notes at the time of issue, references to Coupons shall be deemed to include references to Talons;
  - (iii) if Talons are not specified in the relevant Final Terms as being attached to the Notes at the time of issue, references to Talons are not applicable;
  - (iv) any reference to principal shall be deemed to include the Redemption Amount, any additional amounts in respect of principal which may be payable under Condition 13 (*Taxation*), any premium payable in respect of a Note and any other amount in the nature of principal payable pursuant to these Conditions;
  - (v) any reference to interest shall be deemed to include any additional amounts in respect of interest which may be payable under Condition 13 (*Taxation*) and any other amount in the nature of interest payable pursuant to these Conditions;
  - (vi) references to Notes being "outstanding" shall be construed in accordance with the Agency Agreement;
  - (vii) if an expression is stated in Condition 2(a) (*Interpretation Definitions*) to have the meaning given in the relevant Final Terms, but the relevant Final Terms gives no such meaning or specifies that such expression is "not applicable" then such expression is not applicable to the Notes; and
  - (viii) any reference to the Agency Agreement shall be construed as a reference to the Agency Agreement as amended and/or supplemented up to and including the Issue Date of the Notes.

## 3. Form, Denomination, Title and Transfer

- (a) *Bearer Notes:* Bearer Notes are in the Specified Denomination(s) with Coupons and, if specified in the relevant Final Terms, Talons attached at the time of issue. In the case of a Series of Bearer Notes with more than one Specified Denomination, Bearer Notes of one Specified Denomination will not be exchangeable for Bearer Notes of another Specified Denomination.
- (b) *Title to Bearer Notes:* Title to Bearer Notes and the Coupons will pass by delivery. In the case of Bearer Notes, "**Holder**" means the holder of such Bearer Note and "**Noteholder**" and "**Couponholder**" shall be construed accordingly.
- (c) Registered Notes: Registered Notes are in the Specified Denomination(s), which may include a minimum denomination specified in the relevant Final Terms and higher integral multiples of a smaller amount specified in the relevant Final Terms.
- (d) Title to Registered Notes: The Registrar will maintain the register in accordance with the provisions of the Agency Agreement. A certificate (each, a "Note Certificate") will be issued to each Holder of Registered Notes in respect of its registered holding. Each Note Certificate will be numbered serially with an identifying number which will be recorded in the Register. In the case of Registered Notes, "Holder" means the person in whose name such Registered Note is for the time being registered in the Register (or, in the case of a joint holding, the first named thereof) and "Noteholder" shall be construed accordingly.
- (e) Ownership: The Holder of any Note or Coupon shall (except as otherwise required by law) be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes (whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, trust or any other interest therein, any writing thereon or, in the case of Registered Notes, on the Note Certificate relating thereto (other than the endorsed form of transfer) or any notice of any previous loss or theft thereof) and no Person shall be liable for so treating such Holder. No person shall have any right to enforce any term or condition of any Note under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999.
- (f) Transfers of Registered Notes: Subject to paragraphs (i) (Closed periods) and (j) (Regulations concerning transfers and registration) below, a Registered Note may be transferred upon surrender of the relevant Note Certificate, with the endorsed form of transfer duly completed, at the Specified Office of the Registrar or any Transfer Agent, together with such evidence as the Registrar or (as the case may be) such Transfer Agent may reasonably require to prove the title of the transferor and the authority of the individuals who have executed the form of transfer; provided, however, that a Registered Note may not be transferred unless the principal amount of Registered Notes transferred and (where not all of the Registered Notes held by a Holder are being transferred) the principal amount of the balance of Registered Notes not transferred are Specified Denominations. Where not all the Registered Notes represented by the surrendered Note Certificate are the subject of the transfer, a new Note Certificate in respect of the balance of the Registered Notes will be issued to the transferor.
- Registration and delivery of Note Certificates: Within five business days of the surrender of a Note Certificate in accordance with paragraph (f) (Transfers of Registered Notes) above, the Registrar will register the transfer in question and deliver a new Note Certificate of a like principal amount to the Registered Notes transferred to each relevant Holder at its Specified Office or (as the case may be) the Specified Office of any Transfer Agent or (at the request and risk of any such relevant Holder) by uninsured first class mail (airmail if overseas) to the address specified for the purpose by such relevant Holder. In this paragraph, "business day" means a day on which commercial banks are open for general business (including dealings in foreign currencies) in the city where the Registrar or (as the case may be) the relevant Transfer Agent has its Specified Office.
- (h) No charge: The transfer of a Registered Note will be effected without charge by or on behalf of the Issuer or the Registrar or any Transfer Agent but against such indemnity as the Registrar or (as the case may be) such Transfer Agent may require in respect of any tax or other duty of whatsoever nature which may be levied or imposed in connection with such transfer.

- (i) Closed periods: Noteholders may not require transfers to be registered during the period of 15 days ending on the due date for any payment of principal or interest in respect of the Registered Notes.
- (j) Regulations concerning transfers and registration: All transfers of Registered Notes and entries on the Register are subject to the detailed regulations concerning the transfer of Registered Notes scheduled to the Agency Agreement. The regulations may be changed by the Issuer with the prior written approval of the Registrar. A copy of the current regulations will be mailed (free of charge) by the Registrar to any Noteholder who requests in writing a copy of such regulations.
- Specific provisions for VPS Notes: Each tranche of VPS Notes will be created and held in (k) uncertificated book entry form in accounts with the VPS. VPS Notes will not be evidenced by any physical note or document of title other than a statement of account made by the VPS. Ownership of VPS Notes will be recorded and transfer effected only through the book entry system and register maintained by the VPS. The holder of a VPS Note (a "VPS Noteholder") will be the person evidenced as such by a book entry in the records of the VPS. The Issuer and the VPS Trustee may rely on a certificate of the VPS or one issued on behalf of the VPS by an account-carrying institution as to a particular person being a VPS Noteholder. Title to the VPS Notes will pass by registration in the VPS between the direct and indirect accountholders at the VPS in accordance with the rules and procedures of the VPS that are in force from time to time. Where a nominee is so evidenced, it shall be treated by the Issuer as the holder of the relevant VPS Note. A VPS Agent will act as an agent of the Issuer in respect of all dealings with the VPS in respect of VPS Notes. A VPS Trustee might be appointed, and will in such a case, act for the benefit of the holders for the time being of the VPS Notes, in accordance with the provisions of the VPS Trustee Agreement and these Terms and Conditions.

#### 4. Status

The Notes constitute direct, general and unconditional obligations of the Issuer which will at all times rank *pari passu* among themselves and at least *pari passu* with all other present and future unsecured obligations of the Issuer, save for such obligations as may be preferred by provisions of law that are both mandatory and of general application.

# 5. **Negative Pledge**

So long as any Note remains outstanding, the Issuer shall not, and the Issuer shall procure that none of its respective Material Subsidiaries will, create or permit to subsist any Security Interest upon the whole or any part of its present or future undertaking, assets or revenues (including uncalled capital) to secure any Relevant Indebtedness or Guarantee of Relevant Indebtedness without (a) at the same time or prior thereto securing the Notes equally and rateably therewith or (b) providing such other security or other arrangement (whether or not it includes the giving of a Security Interest) for the Notes as may be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of Noteholders.

# 6. Fixed Rate Note Provisions

- (a) *Application:* This Condition 6 (*Fixed Rate Note Provisions*) is applicable to the Notes only if the Fixed Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable.
- (b) Accrual of interest: The Notes bear interest from the Interest Commencement Date at the Rate of Interest payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date, subject as provided in Condition 10 (Payments Bearer Notes) and Condition 11 (Payments Registered Notes), as applicable. Each Note will cease to bear interest from the due date for final redemption unless payment of the Redemption Amount is improperly withheld or refused, in which case it will continue to bear interest in accordance with this Condition 6 (as well after as before judgment) until whichever is the earlier of (i) the day on which all sums due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Noteholder and (ii) the day which is seven days after the Fiscal Agent has notified the Noteholders that it has received all sums due in respect of the Notes up to such seventh day (except to the extent that there is any subsequent default in payment).

- (c) Fixed Coupon Amount: The amount of interest payable in respect of each Note for any Interest Period shall be the relevant Fixed Coupon Amount and, if the Notes are in more than one Specified Denomination, shall be the relevant Fixed Coupon Amount in respect of the relevant Specified Denomination.
- (d) Calculation of interest amount: The amount of interest payable in respect of each Note for any period for which a Fixed Coupon Amount is not specified shall be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest to the Calculation Amount, multiplying the product by the relevant Day Count Fraction, rounding the resulting figure to the nearest sub-unit of the Specified Currency (half a sub-unit being rounded upwards) and multiplying such rounded figure by a fraction equal to the Specified Denomination of such Note divided by the Calculation Amount. For this purpose a "sub-unit" means, in the case of any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, in the case of euro, means one cent.

# 7. Floating Rate Note Provisions

- (a) Application: This Condition 7 is applicable to the Notes only if the Floating Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable.
- (b) Accrual of interest: The Notes bear interest from the Interest Commencement Date at the Rate of Interest payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date, subject as provided in Condition 10 (Payments Bearer Notes) and Condition 11 (Payments Registered Notes), as applicable. Each Note will cease to bear interest from the due date for final redemption unless payment of the Redemption Amount is improperly withheld or refused, in which case it will continue to bear interest in accordance with this Condition 7 (as well after as before judgment) until whichever is the earlier of (i) the day on which all sums due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Noteholder and (ii) the day which is seven days after the Fiscal Agent has notified the Noteholders that it has received all sums due in respect of the Notes up to such seventh day (except to the extent that there is any subsequent default in payment).
- (c) Screen Rate Determination: If Screen Rate Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined, the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes for each Interest Period will be determined by the Calculation Agent on the following basis:
  - (i) if the Reference Rate is a composite quotation or customarily supplied by one entity, the Calculation Agent will determine the Reference Rate which appears on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date;
  - (ii) if Linear Interpolation is specified as applicable in respect of an Interest Period in the applicable Final Terms, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be calculated by the Calculation Agent by straight-line linear interpolation by reference to two rates which appear on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date, where:
    - (A) one rate shall be determined as if the relevant Interest Period were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the relevant Interest Period; and
    - (B) the other rate shall be determined as if the relevant Interest Period were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Period; **provided**, **however**, **that** if no rate is available for a period of time next shorter or, as the case may be, next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Period, then the Calculation Agent shall determine such rate at such time and by reference to such sources as it determines appropriate;
  - (iii) in any other case, the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean of the Reference Rates which appear on the Relevant Screen Page as of the Relevant Time on the relevant Interest Determination Date;

- (iv) if, in the case of (i) above, such rate does not appear on that page or, in the case of (ii) above, fewer than two such rates appear on that page or if, in either case, the Relevant Screen Page is unavailable, the Calculation Agent will:
  - (A) request the principal Relevant Financial Centre office of each of the Reference Banks to provide a quotation of the Reference Rate at approximately the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date to prime banks in the Relevant Financial Centre interbank market in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in that market at that time; and
  - (B) determine the arithmetic mean of such quotations; and
- (v) if fewer than two such quotations are provided as requested, the Calculation Agent will determine the arithmetic mean of the rates (being the nearest to the Reference Rate, as determined by the Calculation Agent) quoted by major banks in the Principal Financial Centre of the Specified Currency, selected by the Calculation Agent, at approximately 11.00 a.m. (local time in the Principal Financial Centre of the Specified Currency) on the first day of the relevant Interest Period for loans in the Specified Currency to leading European banks for a period equal to the relevant Interest Period and in an amount that is representative for a single transaction in that market at that time,

and the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be the sum of the Margin and the rate or (as the case may be) the arithmetic mean so determined; **provided**, **however**, **that** if the Calculation Agent is unable to determine a rate or (as the case may be) an arithmetic mean in accordance with the above provisions in relation to any Interest Period, the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes during such Interest Period will be the sum of the Margin and the rate or (as the case may be) the arithmetic mean last determined in relation to the Notes in respect of a preceding Interest Period.

- (d) ISDA Determination: If ISDA Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined, the Rate of Interest applicable to the Notes for each Interest Period will be the sum of the Margin and the relevant ISDA Rate where "ISDA Rate" in relation to any Interest Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) that would be determined by the Calculation Agent under an interest rate swap transaction if the Calculation Agent were acting as Calculation Agent for that interest rate swap transaction under the terms of an agreement incorporating the ISDA Definitions and under which:
  - (i) the Floating Rate Option (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is as specified in the relevant Final Terms;
  - (ii) the Designated Maturity (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is a period specified in the relevant Final Terms;
  - (iii) the relevant Reset Date (as defined in the ISDA Definitions) is the day as specified in the relevant Final Terms; and
  - (iv) if Linear Interpolation is specified as applicable in respect of an Interest Period in the applicable Final Terms, the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period shall be calculated by the Calculation Agent by straight-line linear interpolation by reference to two rates based on the relevant Floating Rate Option, where:
    - (A) one rate shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next shorter than the length of the relevant Interest Period; and
    - (B) the other rate shall be determined as if the Designated Maturity were the period of time for which rates are available next longer than the length of the relevant Interest Period

**provided, however, that** if there is no rate available for a period of time next shorter than the length of the relevant Interest Period or, as the case may be, next longer than

the length of the relevant Interest Period, then the Calculation Agent shall determine such rate at such time and by reference to such sources as it determines appropriate.

- (e) *Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest:* If any Maximum Rate of Interest or Minimum Rate of Interest is specified in the relevant Final Terms, then the Rate of Interest shall in no event be greater than the maximum or be less than the minimum so specified.
- (f) Calculation of Interest Amount: The Calculation Agent will, as soon as practicable after the time at which the Rate of Interest is to be determined in relation to each Interest Period, calculate the Interest Amount payable in respect of each Note for such Interest Period. The Interest Amount will be calculated by applying the Rate of Interest for such Interest Period to the Calculation Amount, multiplying the product by the relevant Day Count Fraction, rounding the resulting figure to the nearest sub-unit of the Specified Currency (half a sub-unit being rounded upwards) and multiplying such rounded figure by a fraction equal to the Specified Denomination of the relevant Note divided by the Calculation Amount. For this purpose a "sub-unit" means, in the case of any currency other than euro, the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency and, in the case of euro, means one cent.
- Publication: The Calculation Agent will cause each Rate of Interest and Interest Amount determined by it, together with the relevant Interest Payment Date, and any other amount(s) required to be determined by it together with any relevant payment date(s) to be notified to the Paying Agents and each competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system (if any) by which the Notes have then been admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation and, in the case of the VPS Notes, the VPS and the VPS Agent, as soon as practicable after such determination but (in the case of each Rate of Interest, Interest Amount and Interest Payment Date) in any event not later than the first day of the relevant Interest Period. Notice thereof shall also promptly be given to the Noteholders. The Calculation Agent will be entitled to recalculate any Interest Amount (on the basis of the foregoing provisions) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the relevant Interest Period. If the Calculation Amount is less than the minimum Specified Denomination the Calculation Agent shall not be obliged to publish each Interest Amount but instead may publish only the Calculation Amount and the Interest Amount in respect of a Note having the minimum Specified Denomination.
- (h) Notifications etc: All notifications, opinions, determinations, certificates, calculations, quotations and decisions given, expressed, made or obtained for the purposes of this Condition by the Calculation Agent will (in the absence of manifest error) be binding on the Issuer, the Paying Agents, the Noteholders and the Couponholders and (subject as aforesaid) no liability to any such Person will attach to the Calculation Agent in connection with the exercise or non-exercise by it of its powers, duties and discretions for such purposes.

### 8. **Zero Coupon Note Provisions**

- (a) *Application:* This Condition 8 is applicable to the Notes only if the Zero Coupon Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable.
- (b) Late payment on Zero Coupon Notes: If the Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note is improperly withheld or refused, the Redemption Amount shall thereafter be an amount equal to the sum of:
  - (i) the Reference Price; and
  - the product of the Accrual Yield (compounded annually) being applied to the Reference Price on the basis of the relevant Day Count Fraction from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) whichever is the earlier of (i) the day on which all sums due in respect of such Note up to that day are received by or on behalf of the relevant Noteholder and (ii) the day which is seven days after the Fiscal Agent has notified the Noteholders that it has received all sums due in respect of the Notes up to such seventh day (except to the extent that there is any subsequent default in payment).

## 9. **Redemption and Purchase**

- (a) Scheduled redemption: Unless previously redeemed, or purchased and cancelled, the Notes will be redeemed at their Final Redemption Amount on the Maturity Date, subject as provided in Condition 10 (Payments Bearer Notes), Condition 11 (Payments Registered Notes) and Condition 12 (Payments VPS Notes).
- (b) Redemption for tax reasons: The Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole, but not in part:
  - (i) at any time (if the Floating Rate Note Provisions are not specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable); or
  - (ii) on any Interest Payment Date (if the Floating Rate Note Provisions are specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable),

on giving not less than the minimum period nor more than the maximum period of notice specified in the relevant Final Terms to the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), at their Early Redemption Amount (Tax), together with interest accrued (if any) to the date fixed for redemption, if:

- (A) the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay additional amounts as provided or referred to in Condition 13 (*Taxation*) as a result of any change in, or amendment to, the laws or regulations of Finland or any political subdivision or any authority thereof or therein having power to tax, or any change in the application or official interpretation of such laws or regulations (including a holding by a court of competent jurisdiction), which change or amendment becomes effective on or after the date of issue of the first Tranche of the Notes; and
- (B) such obligation cannot be avoided by the Issuer taking reasonable measures available to it,

**provided**, **however**, **that** no such notice of redemption shall be given earlier than:

- (1) where the Notes may be redeemed at any time, 90 days prior to the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts if a payment in respect of the Notes were then due; or
- (2) where the Notes may be redeemed only on an Interest Payment Date, 60 days prior to the Interest Payment Date occurring immediately before the earliest date on which the Issuer would be obliged to pay such additional amounts if a payment in respect of the Notes were then due.

Prior to the publication of any notice of redemption pursuant to this paragraph, the Issuer shall deliver to the Fiscal Agent and, in the case of VPS Notes to the VPS Agent, (A) a certificate signed by two directors of the Issuer stating that the Issuer is entitled to effect such redemption and setting forth a statement of facts showing that the conditions precedent to the right of the Issuer so to redeem have occurred and (B) an opinion of independent legal advisers of recognised standing to the effect that the Issuer has or will become obliged to pay such additional amounts as a result of such change or amendment. Upon the expiry of any such notice as is referred to in this Condition 9(b), the Issuer shall be bound to redeem the Notes in accordance with this Condition 9(b).

(c) Redemption at the option of the Issuer: If Call Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms as being applicable, the Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer in whole or, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, in part on any Optional Redemption Date (Call) at the relevant Optional Redemption Amount (Call) on the Issuer's giving not less than the minimum period nor more than the maximum period of notice specified in the relevant Final Terms to the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable and shall oblige the Issuer to redeem the Notes or,

as the case may be, the Notes specified in such notice on the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Call) at the Optional Redemption Amount (Call) plus accrued interest (if any) to such date).

- Partial redemption: If the Notes are to be redeemed in part only on any date in accordance with (d) Condition 9(c) (Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of the Issuer), in the case of Bearer Notes or VPS Notes, the Notes to be redeemed shall be selected by the drawing of lots in such place as the Fiscal Agent approves and in such manner as the Fiscal Agent considers appropriate, subject to compliance with applicable law, the rules of each competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system (if any) by which the Notes have then been admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation and, the rules of the VPS, in case of VPS Notes and the notice to Noteholders referred to in Condition 9(c) (Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of the Issuer) shall specify the serial numbers of the Notes so to be redeemed, and, in the case of Registered Notes, each Note shall be redeemed in part in the proportion which the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes to be redeemed on the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Call) bears to the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes on such date. If any Maximum Redemption Amount or Minimum Redemption Amount is specified in the relevant Final Terms, then the Optional Redemption Amount (Call) shall in no event be greater than the maximum or be less than the minimum so specified.
- Redemption at the option of Noteholders: If Put Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms as (e) being applicable, the Issuer shall, at the option of the Holder of any Note redeem such Note on the Optional Redemption Date (Put) specified in the relevant Put Option Notice at the relevant Optional Redemption Amount (Put) together with interest (if any) accrued to such date. In order to exercise the option contained in this Condition 9(e), the Holder of a Note must, not less than the minimum period nor more than the maximum period specified in the relevant Final Terms before the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Put), deposit with any Paying Agent such Note together with all unmatured Coupons relating thereto and a duly completed Put Option Notice in the form obtainable from any Paying Agent. The Paying Agent with which a Note is so deposited shall deliver a duly completed Put Option Receipt to the depositing Noteholder. No Note, once deposited with a duly completed Put Option Notice in accordance with this Condition 9(e), may be withdrawn; provided, however, that if, prior to the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Put), any such Note becomes immediately due and payable or, upon due presentation of any such Note on the relevant Optional Redemption Date (Put), payment of the redemption moneys is improperly withheld or refused, the relevant Paying Agent shall mail notification thereof to the depositing Noteholder at such address as may have been given by such Noteholder in the relevant Put Option Notice and shall hold such Note at its Specified Office for collection by the depositing Noteholder against surrender of the relevant Put Option Receipt. For so long as any outstanding Note is held by a Paying Agent in accordance with this Condition 9(e), the depositor of such Note and not such Paying Agent shall be deemed to be the Holder of such Note for all purposes.

In the case of VPS Notes, Noteholders must, within the notice period, give notice to the relevant VPS Agent of such exercise in accordance with the standard procedures of the VPS from time to time.

- (f) *No other redemption:* The Issuer shall not be entitled to redeem the Notes otherwise than as provided in paragraphs (a) to (e) above.
- (g) Early redemption of Zero Coupon Notes: Unless an amount is otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Redemption Amount payable on redemption of a Zero Coupon Note at any time before the Maturity Date shall be an amount equal to the sum of:
  - (i) the Reference Price; and
  - the product of the Accrual Yield (compounded annually) being applied to the Reference Price from (and including) the Issue Date to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption or (as the case may be) the date upon which the Note becomes due and payable.

Where such calculation is to be made for a period which is not a whole number of years, the calculation in respect of the period of less than a full year shall be made on the basis of such Day

- Count Fraction as may be specified in the Final Terms for the purposes of this Condition 9(g) or, if none is so specified, a Day Count Fraction of 30E/360.
- (h) *Purchase:* The Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries may at any time purchase Notes in the open market or otherwise and at any price, **provided that** all unmatured Coupons are purchased therewith. Any Notes and unmatured Coupons so purchased by the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries may be held, redeemed, reissued or resold.
- (i) Cancellation: All Notes so redeemed pursuant to this Condition, or purchased by the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to paragraph (h) above and thereupon redeemed, and any unmatured Coupons attached to or surrendered with them shall be cancelled and, in the case of VPS Notes, deleted from the records of VPS, and may not be reissued or resold.

# 10. **Payments - Bearer Notes**

This Condition 10 is only applicable to Bearer Notes.

- (a) Principal: Payments of principal shall be made only against presentation and (**provided that** payment is made in full) surrender of Bearer Notes at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent outside the United States by cheque drawn in the currency in which the payment is due on, or by transfer to an account denominated in that currency (or, if that currency is euro, any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) and maintained by the payee with, a bank in the Principal Financial Centre of that currency.
- (b) *Interest:* Payments of interest shall, subject to paragraph (h) below, be made only against presentation and (**provided that** payment is made in full) surrender of the appropriate Coupons at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent outside the United States in the manner described in paragraph (a) above.
- (c) Payments in New York City: Payments of principal or interest may be made at the Specified Office of a Paying Agent in New York City if (i) the Issuer has appointed Paying Agents outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents will be able to make payment of the full amount of the interest on the Notes in the currency in which the payment is due when due, (ii) payment of the full amount of such interest at the offices of all such Paying Agents is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions and (iii) payment is permitted by applicable United States law.
- (d) Payments subject to fiscal laws: All payments in respect of the Bearer Notes are subject in all cases to (i) any applicable fiscal or other laws and regulations in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 13 (Taxation) and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code") or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto. No commissions or expenses shall be charged to the Noteholders or Couponholders in respect of such payments.
- (e) *Deductions for unmatured Coupons:* If the relevant Final Terms specifies that the Fixed Rate Note Provisions are applicable and a Bearer Note is presented without all unmatured Coupons relating thereto:
  - (i) if the aggregate amount of the missing Coupons is less than or equal to the amount of principal due for payment, a sum equal to the aggregate amount of the missing Coupons will be deducted from the amount of principal due for payment; provided, however, that if the gross amount available for payment is less than the amount of principal due for payment, the sum deducted will be that proportion of the aggregate amount of such missing Coupons which the gross amount actually available for payment bears to the amount of principal due for payment;
  - (ii) if the aggregate amount of the missing Coupons is greater than the amount of principal due for payment:

- (A) so many of such missing Coupons shall become void (in inverse order of maturity) as will result in the aggregate amount of the remainder of such missing Coupons (the "Relevant Coupons") being equal to the amount of principal due for payment; provided, however, that where this sub-paragraph would otherwise require a fraction of a missing Coupon to become void, such missing Coupon shall become void in its entirety; and
- (B) a sum equal to the aggregate amount of the Relevant Coupons (or, if less, the amount of principal due for payment) will be deducted from the amount of principal due for payment; **provided**, **however**, **that**, if the gross amount available for payment is less than the amount of principal due for payment, the sum deducted will be that proportion of the aggregate amount of the Relevant Coupons (or, as the case may be, the amount of principal due for payment) which the gross amount actually available for payment bears to the amount of principal due for payment.

Each sum of principal so deducted shall be paid in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above against presentation and (**provided that** payment is made in full) surrender of the relevant missing Coupons.

- (f) Unmatured Coupons void: If the relevant Final Terms specifies that this Condition 10(f) is applicable or that the Floating Rate Note Provisions are applicable, on the due date for final redemption of any Note or early redemption in whole of such Note pursuant to Condition 9(b) (Redemption and Purchase Redemption for tax reasons), Condition 9(e) (Redemption and Purchase Redemption at the option of Noteholders), Condition 9(c) (Redemption and Purchase Redemption at the option of the Issuer) or Condition 14 (Events of Default), all unmatured Coupons relating thereto (whether or not still attached) shall become void and no payment will be made in respect thereof.
- (g) Payments on business days: If the due date for payment of any amount in respect of any Bearer Note or Coupon is not a Payment Business Day in the place of presentation, the Holder shall not be entitled to payment in such place of the amount due until the next succeeding Payment Business Day in such place and shall not be entitled to any further interest or other payment in respect of any such delay.
- (h) Payments other than in respect of matured Coupons: Payments of interest other than in respect of matured Coupons shall be made only against presentation of the relevant Bearer Notes at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (or in New York City if permitted by paragraph (c) above).
- (i) Partial payments: If a Paying Agent makes a partial payment in respect of any Bearer Note or Coupon presented to it for payment, such Paying Agent will endorse thereon a statement indicating the amount and date of such payment.
- (j) Exchange of Talons: On or after the maturity date of the final Coupon which is (or was at the time of issue) part of a Coupon Sheet relating to the Bearer Notes, the Talon forming part of such Coupon Sheet may be exchanged at the Specified Office of the Fiscal Agent for a further Coupon Sheet (including, if appropriate, a further Talon but excluding any Coupons in respect of which claims have already become void pursuant to Condition 15 (Prescription)). Upon the due date for redemption of any Bearer Note, any unexchanged Talon relating to such Note shall become void and no Coupon will be delivered in respect of such Talon.

# 11. Payments - Registered Notes

This Condition 11 is only applicable to Registered Notes.

(a) Principal: Payments of principal shall be made by cheque drawn in the currency in which the payment is due drawn on, or, upon application by a Holder of a Registered Note to the Specified Office of the Fiscal Agent not later than the fifteenth day before the due date for any such payment, by transfer to an account denominated in that currency (or, if that currency is euro, any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) and maintained by the payee with, a

bank in the Principal Financial Centre of that currency (in the case of a sterling cheque, a town clearing branch of a bank in the City of London) and (in the case of redemption) upon surrender (or, in the case of part payment only, endorsement) of the relevant Note Certificates at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent.

- (b) Interest: Payments of interest shall be made by cheque drawn in the currency in which the payment is due drawn on, or, upon application by a Holder of a Registered Note to the Specified Office of the Fiscal Agent not later than the fifteenth day before the due date for any such payment, by transfer to an account denominated in that currency (or, if that currency is euro, any other account to which euro may be credited or transferred) and maintained by the payee with, a bank in the Principal Financial Centre of that currency (in the case of a sterling cheque, a town clearing branch of a bank in the City of London) and (in the case of interest payable on redemption) upon surrender (or, in the case of part payment only, endorsement) of the relevant Note Certificates at the Specified Office of any Paying Agent.
- (c) Payments subject to fiscal laws: All payments in respect of the Registered Notes are subject in all cases to (i) any applicable fiscal or other laws and regulations in the place of payment, but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 13 (Taxation) and (ii) any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the Code or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto. No commissions or expenses shall be charged to the Noteholders in respect of such payments.
- (d) Payments on business days: Where payment is to be made by transfer to an account, payment instructions (for value the due date, or, if the due date is not Payment Business Day, for value the next succeeding Payment Business Day) will be initiated and, where payment is to be made by cheque, the cheque will be mailed (i) (in the case of payments of principal and interest payable on redemption) on the later of the due date for payment and the day on which the relevant Note Certificate is surrendered (or, in the case of part payment only, endorsed) at the Specified Office of a Paying Agent and (ii) (in the case of payments of interest payable other than on redemption) on the due date for payment. A Holder of a Registered Note shall not be entitled to any interest or other payment in respect of any delay in payment resulting from (A) the due date for a payment not being a Payment Business Day or (B) a cheque mailed in accordance with this Condition 11 arriving after the due date for payment or being lost in the mail.
- (e) Partial payments: If a Paying Agent makes a partial payment in respect of any Registered Note, the Issuer shall procure that the amount and date of such payment are noted on the Register and, in the case of partial payment upon presentation of a Note Certificate, that a statement indicating the amount and the date of such payment is endorsed on the relevant Note Certificate.
- (f) Record date: Each payment in respect of a Registered Note will be made to the person shown as the Holder in the Register at the opening of business in the place of the Registrar's Specified Office on the fifteenth day before the due date for such payment (the "Record Date"). Where payment in respect of a Registered Note is to be made by cheque, the cheque will be mailed to the address shown as the address of the Holder in the Register at the opening of business on the relevant Record Date.

# 12. Payments - VPS Notes

Payments of principal and interest in respect of VPS Notes will be made to the VPS Noteholders shown in the records of the VPS (i) in accordance with and subject to the rules and regulations from time to time regulating the VPS and (ii) subject to any withholding or deduction required pursuant to an agreement described in Section 1471(b) of the Code or otherwise imposed pursuant to Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, any regulations or agreements thereunder, official interpretations thereof, or any law implementing an intergovernmental approach thereto.

#### 13. **Taxation**

All payments of principal and interest in respect of the Notes and the Coupons by or on behalf of the Issuer shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for or on account of, any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or on behalf of Finland, or the jurisdiction in which the Issuer is incorporated or tax resident from time to time, or any political subdivision therein or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, unless the withholding or deduction of such taxes, duties, assessments, or governmental charges is required by law. In that event, the Issuer shall pay such additional amounts as will result in receipt by the Noteholders and the Couponholders after such withholding or deduction of such amounts as would have been received by them had no such withholding or deduction been required, except that no such additional amounts shall be payable in respect of any Note or Coupon:

- (i) held by or on behalf of a Holder which is liable to such taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges in respect of such Note or Coupon by reason of its having some connection with the jurisdiction by which such taxes, duties, assessments or charges have been imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed other than the mere holding of the Note or Coupon; or
- (ii) held by or on behalf of a Holder who would not be liable or subject to the withholding or deduction by making a declaration of non-residence or other similar claim for exemption to the relevant tax authority; or
- (iii) where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, this Directive; or
- (iv) held by or on behalf of a Holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the EU; or
- (v) where the relevant Note or Coupon or Note Certificate is presented or surrendered for payment more than 30 days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the Holder of such Note or Coupon or Note Certificate would have been entitled to such additional amounts on presenting or surrendering such Note or Coupon or Note Certificate for payment on the last day of such period of 30 days.

#### 14. Events of Default

If any of the following events occurs and is continuing:

- (a) *Non-payment:* the Issuer fails to pay any amount of principal in respect of the Notes within 5 days of the due date for payment thereof or fails to pay any amount of interest in respect of the Notes within 7 days of the due date for payment thereof; or
- (b) Breach of other obligations: if the Issuer fails to perform or observe any of its other obligations under or in respect of the Notes and the failure continues for the period of 30 days after notice thereof shall have been given by the holder of any of the Notes to the Issuer or to the Specified Office of the Fiscal Agent; or
- (c) Cross-default of Issuer or Subsidiary:
  - (i) any Indebtedness of the Issuer or any of its respective Material Subsidiaries is not paid when due or (as the case may be) within any originally applicable grace period;
  - (ii) any such Indebtedness becomes (or becomes capable of being declared) due and payable prior to its stated maturity otherwise than at the option of the Issuer or the Material Subsidiary or (**provided that** no event of default, howsoever described, has occurred) any Person entitled to such Indebtedness; or
  - the Issuer or any of its respective Material Subsidiaries fails to pay when due any amount payable by it under any Guarantee of any Indebtedness;

provided that the amount of Indebtedness referred to in sub-paragraph (i) and/or sub-paragraph

- (ii) above and/or the amount payable under any Guarantee referred to in sub-paragraph (iii) above individually or in the aggregate exceeds EUR 10,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies); or
- (d) Unsatisfied judgment: one or more judgment(s) or order(s) for the payment an aggregate amount in excess of EUR 10,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency or currencies) is rendered against the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries and continue(s) unsatisfied and unstayed for a period of 30 days after the date(s) thereof or, if later, the date therein specified for payment; or
- (e) Security enforced: a secured party takes possession, or a receiver, manager or other similar officer is appointed, of the whole or any part of the undertaking, assets and revenues of the Issuer where the value of the undertaking, assets and revenues in question exceeds EUR 10,000,000; or
- (f) Insolvency etc: the Issuer shall be adjudicated or found bankrupt or insolvent, or shall suspend payments, or any order or action shall be made or taken by any competent court or administrative agency, or any resolution shall be passed by the Issuer, to apply for judicial composition proceedings with its creditors or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee or other similar official in insolvency proceedings in relation to the Issuer or a substantial part of its assets, or the Issuer shall be wound up or dissolved; or
- (g) Analogous event: any event occurs which under the laws of Finland has an analogous effect to any of the events referred to in paragraphs (d) to (f) above,

then any Note may, by written notice addressed by the Holder thereof to the Issuer and delivered to the Issuer or to the Specified Office of the Fiscal Agent, be declared immediately due and payable, whereupon it shall become immediately due and payable at its Early Termination Amount together with accrued interest (if any) without further action or formality.

# 15. **Prescription**

Claims for principal in respect of Bearer Notes shall become void unless the relevant Bearer Notes are presented for payment within ten years of the appropriate Relevant Date. Claims for interest in respect of Bearer Notes shall become void unless the relevant Coupons are presented for payment within five years of the appropriate Relevant Date. Claims for principal and interest on redemption in respect of Registered Notes shall become void unless the relevant Note Certificates are surrendered for payment within ten years of the appropriate Relevant Date. VPS Notes will become void unless presented for payment within a period of ten years (in the case of principal) and three years (in the case of interest) after the Relevant Date.

# 16. **Replacement of Notes and Coupons**

If any Note, Note Certificate or Coupon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced at the Specified Office of the Fiscal Agent, in the case of Bearer Notes, or the Registrar, in the case of Registered Notes (and, if the Notes are then admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system which requires the appointment of a Paying Agent or Transfer Agent in any particular place, the Paying Agent or Transfer Agent having its Specified Office in the place required by such competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system), subject to all applicable laws and competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system requirements, upon payment by the claimant of the expenses incurred in connection with such replacement and on such terms as to evidence, security, indemnity and otherwise as the Issuer may reasonably require. Mutilated or defaced Notes, Note Certificates or Coupons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

# 17. Agents

In acting under the Agency Agreement and in connection with the Notes and the Coupons, the Agents act solely as agents of the Issuer and do not assume any obligations towards or relationship of agency or trust for or with any of the Noteholders or Couponholders.

The initial Agents and their initial Specified Offices are listed below. The initial Calculation Agent (if any) is specified in the relevant Final Terms. If any additional Agents are appointed in connection with any Series, the names of such Agents will be specified in Part B of the relevant

Final Terms. The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of any Agent and to appoint a successor fiscal agent or registrar or Calculation Agent and additional or successor paying agents; **provided**, **however**, **that**:

- (a) the Issuer shall at all times maintain a fiscal agent and a registrar; and
- (b) the Issuer shall at all times maintain a paying agent in an EU member state that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC; and
- (c) if a Calculation Agent is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer shall at all times maintain a Calculation Agent; and
- (d) if and for so long as the Notes are admitted to listing, trading and/or quotation by any competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system which requires the appointment of a Paying Agent and/or a Transfer Agent in any particular place, the Issuer shall maintain a Paying Agent and/or a Transfer Agent having its Specified Office in the place required by such competent authority, stock exchange and/or quotation system.

Notice of any change in any of the Agents or in their Specified Offices shall promptly be given to the Noteholders.

# 18. Meetings of Noteholders; Modification and Waiver

Meetings of Noteholders: The Agency Agreement contains provisions for convening meetings of (a) Noteholders to consider matters relating to the Notes, including the modification of any provision of these Conditions. Any such modification may be made if sanctioned by an Extraordinary Resolution. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer and shall be convened by it upon the request in writing of Noteholders holding not less than one-tenth of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes. The quorum at any meeting convened to vote on an Extraordinary Resolution will be one or more Persons holding or representing a clear majority of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes or, at any adjourned meeting, one or more Persons being or representing Noteholders whatever the principal amount of the Notes held or represented; provided, however, that Reserved Matters may only be sanctioned by an Extraordinary Resolution passed at a meeting of Noteholders at which one or more Persons holding or representing not less than three-quarters or, at any adjourned meeting, not less than a clear majority of the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes form a quorum. Any Extraordinary Resolution duly passed at any such meeting shall be binding on all the Noteholders and Couponholders, whether present or not.

In addition, a resolution in writing signed by or on behalf of all Noteholders who for the time being are entitled to receive notice of a meeting of Noteholders will take effect as if it were an Extraordinary Resolution. Such a resolution in writing may be contained in one document or several documents in the same form, each signed by or on behalf of one or more Noteholders.

- (b) *Modification:* The Notes, these Conditions and the Deed of Covenant may be amended without the consent of the Noteholders or the Couponholders to correct a manifest error or if such modification is of a formal, minor or technical nature. In addition, the parties to the Agency Agreement may agree to modify any provision thereof, but the Issuer shall not agree, without the consent of the Noteholders, to any such modification unless it is of a formal, minor or technical nature, it is made to correct a manifest error or it is, in the opinion of such parties, not materially prejudicial to the interests of the Noteholders.
- (c) Provisions with respect to holders of VPS Notes: The VPS Trustee Agreement might contain provisions for convening meetings of the VPS Noteholders to consider any matter affecting their interests, including sanctioning by a majority of two-thirds of votes (as more fully set out in the Agency Agreement) of a modification of the VPS Notes or any of the provisions of the VPS Trustee Agreement or the VPS Trustee Agreement. Such a meeting may be convened by the Issuer, the VPS Trustee, or by VPS Noteholders holding not less than 5 per cent. of the Voting VPS Notes (as defined in the VPS Trustee Agreement). The quorum at any such meeting for

passing a resolution requiring a two-thirds voting majority is one or more persons holding at least one half of the Voting VPS Notes or at any adjourned meeting one or more persons being or representing VPS Noteholders whatever the nominal amount of the VPS Notes so held or represented, except that at any meeting the business of which includes the modification of certain provisions of the VPS Notes, the VPS Trustee Agreement or the VPS Agency Agreement (including modifying the date of maturity of the VPS Notes or any date for payment of interest thereof, reducing or cancelling the amount of principal or the rate of interest payable in respect of the VPS Notes or altering the currency of payment of the VPS Notes), the quorum shall be one or more persons holding or representing not less than two-thirds in aggregate nominal amount of the VPS Notes for the time being outstanding, or at any adjourned such meeting one or more persons holding or representing not less than one-third in aggregate nominal amount of the VPS Notes for the time being outstanding. A resolution passed at any meeting of the VPS Noteholders shall be binding on all the VPS Noteholders, whether or not they are present at such meeting.

#### 19. **Further Issues**

The Issuer may from time to time, without the consent of the Noteholders or the Couponholders, create and issue further notes having the same terms and conditions as the Notes in all respects (or in all respects except for the first payment of interest) so as to form a single series with the Notes.

#### 20. Notices

- (a) Bearer Notes: Notices to the Holders of Bearer Notes shall be valid if published in a leading English language daily newspaper published in London (which is expected to be the Financial Times) or, if such publication is not practicable, in a leading English language daily newspaper having general circulation in Europe. The Issuer shall also ensure that notices are duly published in a manner which complies with the rules and regulations of any stock exchange or other relevant authority on which the Notes are for the time being listed. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date of first publication (or if required to be published in more than one newspaper, on the first date on which publication shall have been made in all the required newspapers). Couponholders shall be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to the Holders of Bearer Notes.
- (b) Registered Notes: Notices to the Holders of Registered Notes shall be sent to them by first class mail (or its equivalent) or (if posted to an overseas address) by airmail at their respective addresses on the Register or, if such publication is not practicable, in a leading English language daily newspaper having general circulation in Europe. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the fourth day after the date of mailing.
- (c) VPS Notes: Notices to the VPS Noteholders shall be valid if the relevant notice is given to the VPS for communication by it to the VPS Noteholders. If in the opinion of the VPS Trustee (if applicable) any such publication is not practicable, notice shall be validly given if published in a leading daily English language newspaper (which is expected to be the Financial Times) with general circulation in Europe. Any such notice shall be deemed to have been given on the date seven days after delivery to the VPS and/or on the date of such publication in a newspaper or, if published more than once or on different dates, on the date of the first publication as provided above.

# 21. Currency Indemnity

If any sum due from the Issuer in respect of the Notes or the Coupons or any order or judgment given or made in relation thereto has to be converted from the currency (the "first currency") in which the same is payable under these Conditions or such order or judgment into another currency (the "second currency") for the purpose of (a) making or filing a claim or proof against the Issuer, (b) obtaining an order or judgment in any court or other tribunal or (c) enforcing any order or judgment given or made in relation to the Notes, the Issuer shall indemnify each Noteholder, on the written demand of such Noteholder addressed to the Issuer and delivered to the Issuer or to the Specified Office of the Fiscal Agent, against any loss suffered as a result of any discrepancy between (i) the rate of exchange used for such purpose to convert the sum in question from the first currency into the second currency and (ii) the rate or rates of exchange at

which such Noteholder may in the ordinary course of business purchase the first currency with the second currency upon receipt of a sum paid to it in satisfaction, in whole or in part, of any such order, judgment, claim or proof.

This indemnity constitutes a separate and independent obligation of the Issuer and shall give rise to a separate and independent cause of action.

#### 22. **Rounding**

For the purposes of any calculations referred to in these Conditions, (a) all percentages resulting from such calculations will be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with 0.000005 per cent. being rounded up to 0.00001 per cent.), (b) all United States dollar amounts used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded to the nearest cent (with one half cent being rounded up), (c) all Japanese Yen amounts used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded downwards to the next lower whole Japanese Yen amount, and (d) all amounts denominated in any other currency used in or resulting from such calculations will be rounded to the nearest two decimal places in such currency, with 0.005 being rounded upwards.

# 23. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

- (a) Governing law: The Notes and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the Notes shall be governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law, except that the VPS Notes and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with the VPS Notes shall be governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, the laws of Norway.
- (b) English courts: The courts of England have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute (a "Dispute") arising out of or in connection with the Notes (including a dispute relating to the existence, validity or termination of the Notes or any non-contractual obligation arising out of or in connection with the Notes) or the consequences of their nullity. In addition, the Issuer agrees, for the exclusive benefit of the VPS Trustee, the VPS Agent and the VPS Noteholders that the courts of Norway are to have jurisdiction to settle any disputes which may arise out of, or in connection with, the VPS Trustee Agreement and the VPS Agency Agreement.
- (c) Appropriate forum: The Issuer agrees that the courts of England are the most appropriate and convenient courts to settle any Dispute and, accordingly, that it will not argue to the contrary.
- (d) Rights of the Noteholders to take proceedings outside England: Condition 23(b) (Governing Law and Jurisdiction English courts) is for the benefit of the Noteholders only. As a result, nothing in this Condition 23 (Governing Law and Jurisdiction) prevents any Noteholder from taking proceedings relating to a Dispute ("Proceedings") in any other courts with jurisdiction. To the extent allowed by law, Noteholders may take concurrent Proceedings in any number of jurisdictions.
- (e) *Process agent*: The Issuer agrees that the documents which start any Proceedings and any other documents required to be served in relation to those Proceedings may be served on it by being delivered to Clifford Chance Secretaries Limited at 10 Upper Bank Street, London E14 5JJ or, if different, its registered office for the time being or at any address of the Issuer in Great Britain at which process may be served on it in accordance with the Companies Act 2006. If such person is not or ceases to be effectively appointed to accept service of process on behalf of the Issuer, the Issuer shall, on the written demand of any Noteholder addressed and delivered to the Issuer or to the Specified Office of the Fiscal Agent appoint a further person in England to accept service of process on its behalf and, failing such appointment within 15 days, any Noteholder shall be entitled to appoint such a person by written notice addressed to the Issuer and delivered to the Issuer or to the Specified Office of the Fiscal Agent. Nothing in this paragraph shall affect the right of any Noteholder to serve process in any other manner permitted by law. This Condition applies to Proceedings in England and to Proceedings elsewhere.

#### FORM OF FINAL TERMS

The Final Terms in respect of each Tranche of Notes will be in the following form, duly completed to reflect the particular terms of the relevant Notes and their issue.

Final Terms dated [
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#### **SAMPO PLC**

Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]

# under the EUR 3,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme

### **PART A - CONTRACTUAL TERMS**

[Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the "Conditions") set forth in the base prospectus dated [date of the current base prospectus] [and the supplemental base prospectus[es] dated [ ] [and [ ]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus (the "Base Prospectus") for the purposes of Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including Directive 2010/73/EU) (the "Prospectus Directive"). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive. These Final Terms contain the final terms of the Notes and must be read in conjunction with such Base Prospectus.

Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes described herein is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus. The Base Prospectus and these Final Terms have been published [on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at <a href="www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news-home.html/[on">www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html/[on">the Issuer's website at <a href="http://www.sampo.com/figures/debt-financing-and-ratings/public-debt">http://www.sampo.com/figures/debt-financing-and-ratings/public-debt</a>].

[Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the "Conditions") set forth in the base prospectus dated [ ] which are incorporated by reference in the base prospectus dated [date of the current base prospectus]. These Final Terms contain the final terms of the Notes and, save in respect of the Conditions, must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated [date of the current base prospectus] [and the supplemental base prospectus[es] dated [ ] [and [ ]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus (the "Base Prospectus") for the purposes of Directive 2003/71/EC (and amendments thereto, including Directive 2010/73/EU) (the "Prospectus Directive"). This document constitutes the Final Terms relating to the issue of Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive.

Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus dated [date of the current base prospectus] [and the supplemental base prospectus[es] dated [ ] and [ ]]. The Base Prospectus and these Final Terms have been published [on the website of the Regulatory News Service operated by the London Stock Exchange at <a href="www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news/market-news-home.html">www.londonstockexchange.com/exchange/news/market-news-home.html</a> [on the Issuer's website at <a href="http://www.sampo.com/figures/debt-financing-and-ratings/public-debt">http://www.sampo.com/figures/debt-financing-and-ratings/public-debt</a>].

1.	(i)	Series Number:	[ ]
	(ii)	Tranche Number:	[ ]
	(iii)	Date on which the Notes will be consolidated and form a single series:	Not Applicable/The Notes shall be consolidated, form a single series and be interchangeable for trading purposes with the [ ] on [[ ]/the Issue Date/exchange of the Temporary Global Note for interests in the Permanent Global Note, as referred to in paragraph [ ] below [which is expected to occur on or about

2.	Specifi	ed Currency or Currencies:	[	1
3.	Aggreg	gate Nominal Amount:	[	1
	(i)	Series:	[	1
	(ii)	Tranche:	[	1
4.	Issue P	rice:		per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount us accrued interest from [
5.	(i)	Specified Denominations:		] [and [ ]] subject to an initial minimum nomination of EUR 100,000 or its equivalent any other currency
	(ii)	Calculation Amount:	[	1
6.	(i)	Issue Date:	[	1
	(ii)	Interest Commencement Date:	[	/Issue Date/Not Applicable]
7.	Maturi	ty Date:	[	1
8.	Interes	t Basis:	[Ze	] per cent. Fixed Rate]  Reference Rate] +/- [ ] per cent. ating Rate] ro Coupon] e paragraph [13/14/15] below)
9.	Redem	ption/Payment Basis:	ear on	oject to any purchase and cancellation or ly redemption, the Notes will be redeemed the Maturity Date at 100 per cent. of their minal amount
10.	Change	e of Interest Basis:	Inte exc for exc	or the period from (and including) the erest Commencement Date, up to (but luding) [ ] paragraph [13]/[14] applies and the period from (and including) [ ] to (but luding) the Maturity Date, paragraph [13/14] blies]/Not Applicable]
11.	Put/Cal	ll Options:	[No	ot Applicable/ Call Option / Put Option]
12.		[Board] approval for issuance	[	1
PROV		es obtained RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY	() PA	AYABLE
13.	Fixed 1	Rate Note Provisions	[Ap	pplicable/Not Applicable]
	(i)	Rate[(s)] of Interest:		] per cent. per annum [payable in arrear] on h Interest Payment Date
	(ii)	Interest Payment Date(s):	] [	] in each year [adjusted in accordance with ]/not adjusted]
	(iii)	Fixed Coupon Amount[(s)]:	[ ]	per Calculation Amount
	(iv)	Broken Amount(s):		] per Calculation Amount, payable on the erest Payment Date falling [in/on] [ ]] / [Not

			Applicable]]
	(v)	Day Count Fraction:	[30/360 / Actual/Actual(ICMA) / Actual/Actual (ISDA) / Actual/365 / Actual/365(Fixed) / Actual/360 / 30E/360 / 30E/360(ISDA) / Actual/365 (Sterling)]
14.	Floati	ng Rate Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
	(i)	Specified Period:	[ ]
	(ii)	Specified Interest Payment Dates:	[ ]
	(iii)	[First Interest Payment Date]:	[ ]
	(iv)	Business Day Convention:	[Floating Rate Convention/Following Business Day Convention/ Modified Following Business Day Convention/ Preceding Business Day Convention/ no adjustment]
	(v)	Additional Business Centre(s):	[Not Applicable/ [ ]]
	(vi)	Manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined:	[Screen Rate Determination/ISDA Determination]
	(vii)	Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and/or Interest Amount(s):	[Fiscal Agent / [ ]]
	(viii)	Screen Rate Determination:	
		• Reference Rate:	[ ] month [LIBOR/EURIBOR/STIBOR/NIBOR]
		• Interest Determination Date(s):	[Second London business day prior to the start of each Interest Period]
			[First day of each Interest Period]
			[Second day on which the TARGET2 System is open prior to the start of each Interest Period]
			[Second Stockholm business day prior to the start of each Interest Period]
			[Second Oslo business day prior to the start of each Interest Period]
		• Relevant Screen Page:	[ ]
		• Relevant Time:	[[ ] in the Relevant Financial Centre]/[as per the Conditions]
		• Relevant Financial Centre:	[London/Brussels/Stockholm/Oslo]
	(ix)	ISDA Determination:	[2000 ISDA Definitions / 2006 ISDA Definitions]
		• Floating Rate Option:	[ ]
		Designated Maturity:	r 1

		• Reset Date:	[ ]	
	(x)	[Linear Interpolation:	Not Applicable / Applicable - the Rate of Interest for the [long/short] [first/last] Interest Period shall be calculated using Linear Interpolation]	
	(xi)	Margin(s):	[+/-] [ ] per cent. per annum	
	(xii)	Minimum Rate of Interest:	[ ] per cent. per annum	
	(xiii)	Maximum Rate of Interest:	[ ] per cent. per annum	
	(xiv)	Day Count Fraction:	[30/360 / Actual/Actual(ICMA) / Actual/Actual (ISDA) / Actual/365 / Actual/365(Fixed) / Actual/360 / 30E/360 / 30E/360(ISDA) / Actual/365 (Sterling)]	
15.	Zero (	Coupon Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable]	
	(i)	Accrual Yield:	[ ] per cent. per annum	
	(ii)	Reference Price:	[ ]	
	(iii)	Day Count Fraction in relation to Early Redemption Amounts:	[30/360] [Actual/360] [Actual/365]	
PRO	VISIONS	S RELATING TO REDEMPTION		
16.		e Periods for Condition 9(b) mption for Tax Reasons)	Minimum period: [ ] days Maximum period: [ ] days	
17.	Call C	Option	[Applicable/Not Applicable]	
	(i)	Optional Redemption Date(s) (Call):	[ ]	
	(ii)	Optional Redemption Amount(s) (Call):	[ ] per Calculation Amount	
	(iii)	If redeemable in part:		
		(a) Minimum Redemption Amount:	[ ] per Calculation Amount	
		(b) Maximum Redemption Amount:	[ ] per Calculation Amount	
	(iv) Notice period:		Minimum period: [ ] days Maximum period: [ ] days	
18.	Put Option		[Applicable/Not Applicable]	
	(i)	Optional Redemption Date(s) (Put):	[ ]	
	(ii)	Optional Redemption Amount(s) (Put):	[ ] per Calculation Amount	
	(iii)	Notice period:	Minimum period: [ ] days Maximum period: [ ] days	
19.	Final	Redemption Amount	[ ] per Calculation Amount	

# 20. **Early Redemption Amount**

Early Redemption Amount(s) per Calculation Amount payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default or other early redemption: [Not Applicable/[ ] per Calculation Amount]

# GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

21.	Form of Notes:	[Bearer Notes]
		[Temporary Global Note exchangeable for a Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes on [ ] days' notice/at any time/in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Note]
		[Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on [ ] days' notice]
		[Permanent Global Note exchangeable for Definitive Notes on [ ] days' notice/at any time/in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Note]
		[Registered Notes]
		[VPS Notes will be issued in uncertificated and dematerialised book entry form]
22.	New Global Note:	Yes/No
23.	Additional Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to payment dates:	Not Applicable/[ ]
24.	Talons for future Coupons to be attached to Definitive Notes in bearer form:	Yes/No
25.	Calculation Agent:	Fiscal Agent/[ ]/Not Applicable
Signed	I on behalf of Sampo plc:	
	uthorised	

# PART B - OTHER INFORMATION

1.	LIST	ING					
	(i)	Listing and admission to trading:	[Application is has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the London Stock Exchange with effect from [ ]. [Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the London Stock Exchange with effect from ].]				
	(ii)	Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading:	[ ]				
2.	RATI	INGS					
		Notes to be issued [have not been rated the Ltd.]].	d]/[have been rated [ ] by [Moody's Investors				
		ody's Investors Service Ltd.] is established ation (EC) No. 1060/2009, as amended.]	ed in the European Union and is registered under				
3.	INTE	INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE					
		[Save as discussed in "Subscription and Sale" in the Base Prospectus, so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has an interest material to the offer.]					
	invest		have engaged, and may in the future engage, in ting transactions with, and may perform other rdinary course of business.				
4.	[Fixed	d Rate Notes only – YIELD					
	Indica	tion of yield:	[ ] / [Not Applicable]]				
5.	[Float	ting Rate Notes only - HISTORIC INTE	CREST RATES				
	Detail	s of historic [LIBOR/EURIBOR/STIBOF	R/NIBOR] rates can be obtained from Reuters.]				
6.	OPEI	RATIONAL INFORMATION					
	(i)	ISIN Code:	[ ]				
	(ii)	Common Code:	[ ]				
	(iii)	Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme and the relevant identification number(s):	[Not Applicable/[ ]]  [Verdipapirsentralen, Norway. VPS identification number: [ ]]				
	(iv)	Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any)	[ ]				
	(v)	Delivery:	Delivery [against/free of] payment				

(vi) Intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility:

[Not Applicable/Yes/No]

# 7. **DISTRIBUTION**

U.S. Selling Restrictions: [Regulation S Category 2;TEFRA C/TEFRA D/TEFRA not applicable]

#### SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE NOTES WHILE IN GLOBAL FORM

## Clearing System Accountholders

In relation to any Tranche of Notes represented by a Global Note in bearer form, references in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes to "Noteholder" are references to the bearer of the relevant Global Note which, for so long as the Global Note is held by a depositary or a common depositary, in the case of a CGN, or a common safekeeper, in the case of an NGN, for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system, will be that depositary or common depositary or, as the case may be, common safekeeper. Special arrangements apply for VPS Notes (see *Terms and Conditions*).

In relation to any Tranche of Notes represented by a Global Registered Note, references in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes to "Noteholder" are references to the person in whose name such Global Registered Note is for the time being registered in the Register which, for so long as the Global Registered Note is held by or on behalf of a depositary or a common depositary for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system, will be that depositary or common depositary or a nominee for that depositary or common depositary.

Each of the persons shown in the records of Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system as being entitled to an interest in a Global Note or a Global Registered Note (each an "Accountholder") must look solely to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or such other relevant clearing system (as the case may be) for such Accountholder's share of each payment made by the Issuer to the holder of such Global Note or Global Registered Note and in relation to all other rights arising under such Global Note or Global Registered Note. The extent to which, and the manner in which, Accountholders may exercise any rights arising under the Global Note or Global Registered Note will be determined by the respective rules and procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and any other relevant clearing system from time to time. For so long as the relevant Notes are represented by a Global Note or Global Registered Note, Accountholders shall have no claim directly against the Issuer in respect of payments due under the Notes and such obligations of the Issuer will be discharged by payment to the holder of such Global Note or Global Registered Note.

# Conditions applicable to Global Notes

Each Global Note and Global Registered Note will contain provisions which modify the Terms and Conditions of the Notes as they apply to the Global Note or Global Registered Note. The following is a summary of certain of those provisions:

Payments: All payments in respect of the Global Note or Global Registered Note which, according to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes, require presentation and/or surrender of a Note, Note Certificate or Coupon will be made against presentation and (in the case of payment of principal in full with all interest accrued thereon) surrender of the Global Note or Global Registered Note to or to the order of any Paying Agent and will be effective to satisfy and discharge the corresponding liabilities of the Issuer in respect of the Notes. On each occasion on which a payment of principal or interest is made in respect of the Global Note, the Issuer shall procure that in respect of a CGN the payment is noted in a schedule thereto and in respect of an NGN the payment is entered *pro rata* in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg.

Payment Business Day: In the case of a Global Note, or a Global Registered Note, shall be, if the currency of payment is euro, any day which is a TARGET Settlement Day and a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre; or if the currency of payment is not euro, any day which is a day on which dealings in foreign currencies may be carried on in the Principal Financial Centre of the currency of payment and in each (if any) Additional Financial Centre.

Payment Record Date: Each payment in respect of a Global Registered Note will be made to the person shown as the Holder in the Register at the close of business (in the relevant clearing system) on the Clearing System Business Day before the due date for such payment (the "Record Date") where "Clearing System Business Day" means a day on which each clearing system for which the Global Registered Note is being held open for business.

Exercise of put option: In order to exercise the option contained in Condition 9(e) (Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of Noteholders) the bearer of the Permanent Global Note or the holder of a Global Registered Note must, within the period specified in the Conditions for the deposit of the relevant Note and put notice, give written notice of such exercise to the Fiscal Agent specifying the principal amount of Notes in respect of which such option is being exercised. Any such notice will be irrevocable and may not be withdrawn.

Partial exercise of call option: In connection with an exercise of the option contained in Condition 9(c) (Redemption and Purchase - Redemption at the option of the Issuer) in relation to some only of the Notes, the Permanent Global Note or Global Registered Note may be redeemed in part in the principal amount specified by the Issuer in accordance with the Conditions and the Notes to be redeemed will not be selected as provided in the Conditions but in accordance with the rules and procedures of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg (to be reflected in the records of Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg as either a pool factor or a reduction in principal amount, at their discretion).

Notices: Notwithstanding Condition 20 (Notices), while all the Notes are represented by a Permanent Global Note (or by a Permanent Global Note and/or a Temporary Global Note) or a Global Registered Note and the Permanent Global Note is (or the Permanent Global Note and/or the Temporary Global Note are), or the Global Registered Note is, deposited with a depositary or a common depositary for Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system or a common safekeeper, notices to Noteholders may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system and, in any case, such notices shall be deemed to have been given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 20 (Notices) on the date of delivery to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or any other relevant clearing system.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUER**

#### Overview

Sampo plc (known as Sampo Oyj in Finland) (the "**Issuer**" and, together with its subsidiaries, "**Sampo Group**" or "**Group**") is the Finnish holding company of Sampo Group. The Issuer is a public limited company incorporated on 5 September 1922 under the laws of Finland with registration number 0142213-3 and has been listed on the Nasdaq Helsinki Ltd. since 1988. The Issuer's principal executive office is located at Fabianinkatu 27, FI-00100 Helsinki, Finland and its telephone number is +358 10 516 0100.

#### **History**

#### Insurance Business

Currently, Sampo Group's main business areas include property and casualty ("P&C") insurance and life insurance. Sampo Group divested its banking business in 2007 by selling the Sampo Bank Group to Danske Bank A/S.

The roots of Sampo Group's P&C insurance business reach back to the 18th century and its life insurance business dates back to the 19th century. At the beginning of 2002, the P&C insurance operations of Sampo Group were combined with If P&C Insurance Holding Ltd. Through this transaction and two other transactions, If P&C Insurance Holding Ltd became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer. During recent years Sampo Group has also increased its shareholdings in the Danish insurer, Topdanmark A/S ("Topdanmark"). In May 2011 Sampo Group's holding in Topdanmark exceeded 20 per cent. and since 16 May 2011 Topdanmark has been recorded as an associated company in If Group's accounts. On 29 February 2016, the Issuer's holding amounts to approximately 33.4 per cent. of Topdanmark votes.

## Ownership in Nordea

During recent years, the Issuer has increased its shareholdings in the Nordic banking group, Nordea Bank AB (publ) ("Nordea"). The Issuer's holding in Nordea exceeded 20 per cent. in December 2009 and 2010 was the first year Nordea was recorded as an associated company in Sampo Group's accounts. On 29 February 2016, the Issuer's holding amounted to 21.2 per cent. of Nordea. The Issuer is the largest shareholder in Nordea.

### **Business overview**

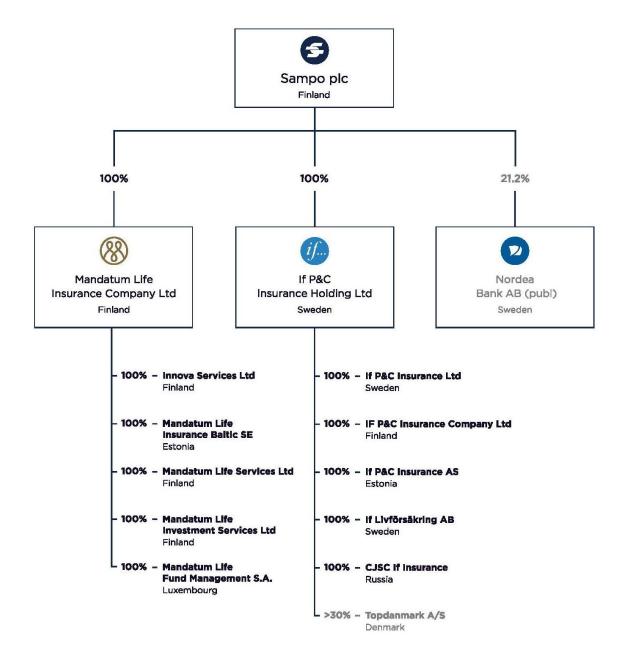
# Organisational structure

Sampo Group's business is divided into two main business areas: P&C insurance and life insurance.

The Issuer owns and administers its insurance subsidiaries and carries out its business through its wholly owned subsidiaries Mandatum Life Insurance Company Limited (together with its subsidiary, "Mandatum Life" or "Mandatum Life Group") and If P&C Insurance Holding Ltd. (together with its subsidiaries, "If", "If P&C" or "If Group"). Mandatum Life is a life insurance company operating in Finland and the Baltic countries with a market share of approximately 18 per cent. in Finland and approximately 8 per cent. in the Baltic countries (2015). Life insurance products are sold under the Mandatum Life brand both in Finland and the Baltic countries. According to the latest available market share information, which is based on national insurance association statistics as of December 2015, If is the largest Nordic P&C insurer with a market share of approximately 17 per cent. and also commands a strong position in the Baltic insurance market. P&C insurance products are sold under the If brand. Motor insurance is also available as car branded cover, for example under the Volvia brand.

Sampo Group is also one of the largest investors in the Nordic countries. As of 31 December 2015, Sampo Group's investment assets totalled approximately EUR 19,373 million.

The following table shows the Sampo Group structure as of 31 December 2015.



#### Mission and Strategy

Sampo Group's mission is to generate value for its shareholders. Value is created through efficient and highly profitable operating units and by investments in situations offering significant upside potential with manageable downside risk. Shareholders benefit from the value creation through a high and stable dividend yield.

If's mission is to offer fairly priced insurance solutions that provide its customers with security and stability in their business operations, housing and daily life. If's vision is to be the leading property and casualty insurance company in the Nordic and Baltic regions with the most satisfied customers, leading-edge insurance expertise and superior profitability. If's strategic goal is to establish better profitability and customer satisfaction in the long run than its competitors, coupled with high creditworthiness. The financial targets are to achieve a combined ratio of less than 95 per cent. and a return on equity ("**RoE**") of 17.5 per cent.

Mandatum Life aims to be the leading life insurance provider in Finland and in the Baltic countries. Mandatum Life's core product areas are unit-linked policies, risk products and group pension schemes. The result of Mandatum Life consists of three components - investment result, risk result and expense result. In Finland the rules regarding profit-sharing between the company and its policy-holders (i.e., the

so-called bonus-system) are more flexible than in some other jurisdictions. This justifies the company seeking higher returns for its investments rather than risk free returns though still taking into account the restrictions of current and forecasted solvency position. For the expense and risk results Mandatum Life seeks growth. Mandatum Life's financial target is to produce an RoE of 17.5 per cent.

#### If and P&C Insurance

P&C insurance operates under the If brand. If is the leading property and casualty insurance company in the Nordic region, with a market share of approximately 17 per cent. and insurance operations that also encompass the Baltic countries. If was established in 1999, when the P&C insurance businesses of Storebrand from Norway and Skandia from Sweden were merged. At the beginning of 2002, Sampo Group's P&C insurance operations were merged into If. In 2004, the Issuer acquired the If holdings of Skandia, Skandia Liv, Storebrand and Varma, as a result of which If became the Issuer's wholly owned subsidiary. The P&C insurance group's parent company, If P&C Insurance Holding Ltd (publ.), is located in Sweden and the If subsidiaries and/or branches provide insurance services in Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark and the Baltic countries. Since July 2009 the three If subsidiaries in the Baltic countries have operated under one company, If P&C Insurance AS with its domicile in Estonia and branches in Latvia and Lithuania.

If is one of the leading insurance companies in Sweden, Norway and Finland with market shares of 18, 22 and 25 per cent. respectively. In the Danish market, which is more fragmented, If is the sixth largest company with a market share of 6 per cent. If also commands a strong position in the Baltic insurance markets with a market share of 14 per cent.

If's operations are divided into four business areas: Private, Commercial, Industrial and Baltic. The Private business area operates as a P&C expert in the Nordic markets, offering its customers comprehensive P&C insurance cover, a high service level and efficient claims handling. It offers its customers home, homeowner, motor and accident insurance, as well as different kinds of supplementary insurance such as travel, boat, forest and pet insurance. If Group also provides travel insurance for Norwegian travellers through Europeiske and motor insurance for Nordic drivers through brands such as Volvia

The Commercial business area, on the other hand, provides flexible and competitive insurance solutions for risk-aware Nordic companies, focusing strongly on the customers and their needs. The customers are companies from different fields with a maximum of 500 employees. The Commercial business area tailors the right insurance services for its customers and offers insurances covering property, liability, cargo, workers' compensation, casualty and motor.

The Industrial business area offers customised insurance services in accordance with customers' specific requirements. Customers are companies with turnover of approximately EUR 50 million and more than 500 employees. If is the leading insurer for industrial customers in the Nordic region and customers include many Nordic companies that operate around the world. In order to provide international services, the Industrial business area also has branch offices in the UK, France, the Netherlands and Germany. In addition, If has a network of international partners. If provides industrial customers with property, liability and cargo insurances as well as workers' compensation, casualty insurances and motor insurances.

The Baltic operations cover both private individuals and corporate customers. If has offered P&C insurances in the Baltic countries since 1992. During 2011 If decided to leave the Russian insurance market for private individuals. In 2015 If decided to stop writing direct insurance in Russia also for Nordic corporate customers and instead offers insurance solutions through its network of international partners.

## Life Insurance

Sampo Group's life insurance operations are carried out under the brand Mandatum Life. Mandatum Life's primary operating area is Finland. In addition, the company has a subsidiary in the Baltic countries. Mandatum Life Insurance Baltic SE (which changed its name from Sampo Life Insurance Baltic SE in 2010) operates throughout the Baltic area and is domiciled in Estonia. It has branch offices in Latvia and Lithuania.

The Baltic subsidiary was established in 2007 when all of Mandatum Life's Baltic subsidiaries were merged together. Sampo Group expanded its life insurance operations outside Finland in 1999 by setting up AS Sampo Elukindlustus in Estonia and acquiring a life insurance company (AAS Sampo Dziviba) in Latvia, which had been established a year earlier by Hansabank. In Lithuania, life insurance operations (UAB Sampo Gyvybes Draudimas) were started in 2001 with the support of a P&C insurance company, as was the case in Estonia and Latvia. From the beginning, Mandatum Life (formerly Sampo Life) has been responsible for steering the operations of the Baltic companies since Mandatum Life acquired the entire stock of the companies from the Issuer in 2004.

Mandatum Life has started an alternative investment fund (AIF) operation in November 2014. Mandatum Life Investment Fund SICAV -Sif (the "Fund") is operated as an umbrella fund under Luxembourg Sif regulations (Specialised Investment Fund). The Fund is managed by Mandatum Life Investment Fund Management S.A., fully owned by the parent company Mandatum Life. The Fund and the management company are domiciled in Luxembourg and regulated under the EU AIF regime. The Fund focuses on international and professional customers in the Nordic/Baltic region.

As a result of the regulatory limitations concerning the scope of the life insurance licence, Mandatum Life reorganised its operations in Finland in April 2014 by transferring its unit-linked portfolio management unit to a new Finnish investment services company, Mandatum Life Investment Services Ltd, which provides portfolio management services to Mandatum Life's unit-linked insurance business and to the Luxembourg fund operation. At the same time, the majority of the support functions were transferred from Mandatum Life to a new services company, Mandatum Life Services Ltd, which provides various intra-group services to other group companies.

The Mandatum Life group provides its customers with a variety of services, including pensions, wealth management, investments, savings, personal risk insurance as well as incentive and reward solutions. The company's market share in 2015 in unit-linked insurance in Finland was 17 per cent. In direct business, the company's overall market share in Finland was 18 per cent, and in the Baltics the company enjoyed a 13 per cent. share of the market in 2014. Its country-specific unit-linked share is 14 per cent. in Estonia, 12 per cent. in Lithuania and 14 per cent. in Latvia.

Mandatum Life's range of life insurance products and services include all voluntary life and pension insurance needs for both private and corporate customers. The products offered can be categorised into unit-linked policies, with-profit policies and risk policies, although new sales are focused on unit-linked insurance and risk products. Slightly over 50 per cent. of the technical reserves relate to unit-linked policies. Mandatum Life's Baltic subsidiary focuses on unit-linked insurance and pure life and disability insurance.

Unit-linked policies allow the customer to invest insurance premiums in a variety of investment alternatives and ultimately to bear the risks related to the investments. With-profit insurance policies allow the customer to receive a guaranteed interest rate plus a possible bonus and consequently Mandatum Life bears the investment risks.

In 2008 the life insurance company began using the marketing brand of Mandatum Life and extended its business model to 'asset management under insurance wrapper'. The concept is based on launching savings and investment solutions linked to insurance and capital redemption policies. This Wealth Management function is the fastest-growing unit of Mandatum Life.

# Risk Management

The overall risk management and internal control principles as well as divisions of responsibilities of the insurance subsidiaries are defined on the Sampo Group level. The insurance subsidiaries organise their operations according to these principles while taking into account the specific characteristics of the respective business area.

Risk is an essential and inherent element of Sampo Group's business activities and operating environment. A high quality risk management process is a prerequisite for running the business. The core competence in Sampo Group's businesses is the pricing of risks and the proper management of the arising risk exposures.

In Sampo Group the key objectives for risk management are:

# Balance between risks, capital and earnings

- (i) to ensure that risks affecting profitability as well as other material risks are identified, assessed and analysed;
- (ii) to ensure that capitalisation is adequate in terms of current risks inherent in business activities and strategic risks, taking into account the expected profitability of the businesses;
- (iii) to ensure that risk-bearing capacity is allocated into different business areas in accordance with the strategy; and
- (iv) to ensure that underwriting risks are priced reflecting their inherent risk levels, and that expected returns of investment activities are in balance with their risks and consequential risks are mitigated sufficiently.

# Cost efficient and high quality processes

- (i) to ensure that client service processes and internal operative processes are cost efficient and of high quality;
- (ii) to ensure that decision making is based on accurate, adequate and timely information; and
- (iii) to ensure continuity of operations and fast and comprehensive recovery in case of discontinuity events.

### Strategic and operational flexibility

- (i) to ensure that external risk drivers and potential strategic risks are identified and the company is in a good position, in terms of capital structure and management skills, to react to changes in business environment; and
- (ii) to ensure that corporate structure, knowledge and processes in companies facilitate effective implementation of changes.

When the above targets are met, risk management is contributing positively on return on equity and mitigating the yearly fluctuations in profitability. The risk management process is therefore considered to be one of the contributors in creating value for the stakeholders of the Issuer.

Sampo Group's major risks, excluding Nordea, arise from the insurance activities and investment portfolios. Risk management related to these areas is seen as core competence and is therefore under continuous development. Like all companies, Sampo Group is exposed to operational risks and risks related to the business environment. Sampo Group is continuously working at improving internal control, core processes and systems, business continuity planning as well as monitoring and analysing impacts from changes in the Sampo Group's external operating environment to reduce the impact of operational and business risks. See "Risk Factors" above for discussion of the main risks to which Sampo Group is exposed.

# The Insurance Sector in the Nordic Countries, the Baltic Countries and Russia

#### Life Insurance

The Finnish life insurance market is dominated by the three biggest players, covering roughly 82 per cent. of the whole market (2014). The proportion of unit-linked policies' volume is continuously increasing and currently (2015) represents approximately 88 per cent. of the annual premium income. Due to structural changes in the taxation of private persons' long-term savings which became effective on 1 January 2010 and the subsequent introduction of new competition in the long-term savings business, the new sales of life companies' retail pension business collapsed. Also, the volumes of new long-term savings were lower than expected.

The Baltic life insurance market grew by approximately 8 per cent. during 2015. It is estimated that unit-linked products will also in the future be the leading products in the Baltic markets.

#### P&C Insurance

The Nordic insurance market is consolidated. The five largest companies have approximately 53 per cent. of the market.

Competition in the Nordic insurance market has been intense over the past few years. For example, several players have displayed high levels of activity in strengthening their distribution capability via alliance partners and the internet. The market has also seen banks expanding their P&C insurance product range, in some cases as actual insurers. In addition, some new small entrants have gained market share, particularly in Norway. The financial crisis and the subsequent economic slowdown have also affected the P&C insurance industry. The P&C market as a whole, based on premiums earned, has been stable even though growth in certain product areas has significantly slowed down owing to lower economic activity. Volatile financial markets are expected to increase the demand on insurance companies to run healthy, efficient businesses. During the last few years natural catastrophes have also affected the Nordic insurance market. Low interest rates have had an impact on insurance companies due to lower return on investments, which are predominantly in interest bearing instruments. As a result, the industry's focus on profitability in insurance operations continued during the past year.

#### Regulation in Finland

The Issuer is a Finnish parent company of a financial and insurance conglomerate subject to a comprehensive regulatory scheme determined by Finnish laws and regulations and supplemented by guidelines issued by the Finnish Financial Supervisory Authority. The Issuer and its operating subsidiaries comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

The key laws and regulations relating to the Issuer and its operating subsidiaries' business include:

- the Finnish Insurance Companies Act (521/2008, as amended) including provisions on, for example the granting of a licence, underwriting reserves and solvency requirements;
- various regulations and guidelines issued by the Finnish Financial Supervisory Authority;
- the Finnish Insurance Contracts Act (543/1994, as amended); and
- the Finnish Act on the Supervision of Financial and Insurance Conglomerates (699/2004, as amended).

In addition to Finnish regulation, Sampo Group is subject to local regulation in other countries in which it operates.

# Significant Subsidiaries

The following is a list of Sampo Group's significant subsidiaries as of 31 December 2015:

Company	Country of incorporation	Sampo Ownership Interest %	Voting Interest
Mandatum Life Insurance Company Limited	Finland	100	100
Mandatum Life Insurance Baltic SE	Estonia	100	100
Mandatum Life Services Ltd	Finland	100	100
Mandatum Life Investment Services Ltd	Finland	100	100
Mandatum Life Fund Management S.A	Luxembourg	100	100
Innova Services Ltd	Finland	100	100
SAKA Hallikiinteistöt GP Ltd	Finland	100	100
If P&C Insurance Ltd	Sweden	100	100
If P&C Insurance Company Ltd	Finland	100	100
If P&C Insurance AS	Estonia	100	100
CJSC If Insurance <sup>1</sup>	Russia	100	100
If Livförsäkring AB	Sweden	100	100

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In the process of being liquidated

In addition to the above significant subsidiaries, Nordea (21.2 per cent. of voting rights) and Topdanmark (approximately 33.4 per cent. of voting rights) are recorded as associated companies in Sampo Group's accounts.

## **Shares and Ownership Structure**

On 29 February 2016, the Issuer had 560,000,000 shares, divided into 558,800,000 A shares and 1,200,000 B shares. Each A share entitles the holder to one vote and each B share to five votes at the General Meeting of Shareholders. Sampo A shares have been quoted on the main list of NASDAQ Helsinki Ltd. since 1988. All the B shares are held by Kaleva Mutual Insurance Company. B shares can be converted into A shares at the request of the holder. The Issuer's share capital amounted to EUR 98,113,837.97 on 29 February 2016. On 29 February 2016, the Issuer and the other companies in Sampo Group held no shares in the Issuer.

The table below sets forth details of the Issuer's ten largest registered shareholders (including both A and B shares) and their respective holdings on 29 February 2016:

	Number of	
Shareholder	shares	%
Solidium Oy*	66,657,360	11.90
Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company	35,548,420	6.35
Wahlroos Björn Arne Christer	11,764,687	2.10
Ilmarinen Mutual Pension Insurance Company	7,741,000	0.85
Kaleva Mutual Insurance Company	4,370,870	0.78
The State Pension Fund	3,860,000	0.69
Schweizerische Nationalbank	2,961,585	0.53
Keva	1,957,993	0.35
Elo Pension Company	1,950,000	0.35
Folketrygdfondet	1,943,265	0.35
10 largest owners total	135,755,180	23.55

<sup>\*</sup> Solidium Oy is entirely owned by the Finnish government.

On 29 February 2016, nominee-registered investors held 331,705,401 shares, corresponding to 59.23 per cent. of all the shares and voting rights in the Issuer.

As far as the Issuer is aware, the Issuer is not directly or indirectly owned or controlled by any corporation or by any government. There are, to the Issuer's knowledge, no arrangements that may result in a change of control of the Issuer.

#### **Recent Events**

On 10 February 2016, the Issuer's Board of Directors (the "**Board of Directors**") gave notice to the Annual General Meeting to be held on 21 April 2016. The Board of Directors of the Issuer proposes for the Annual General Meeting a dividend of EUR 2.15 per share (i.e., a total of EUR 1,204,000,000). The Board of Directors further proposes that the Annual General Meeting authorise the Board to decide on the repurchase of a maximum of 50,000,000 Sampo A shares (corresponding to 8.9 per cent. of all A shares) using funds available for profit distribution.

# **Financial Development in 2015**

Sampo Group has prepared the consolidated financial statements for 2015 in compliance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union. Sampo Group's profit before taxes for 2015 amounted to EUR 1,888 million (EUR 1,759 million in 2014).

Sampo Group's total investment assets on 31 December 2015 amounted to EUR 19.4 billion (EUR 19.2 billion in 2014), of which 77 per cent. was invested in fixed income instruments and related derivatives (78 per cent. in 2014), 18 per cent. in equities (16 per cent. in 2014), and 5 per cent. in other assets (6 per cent. in 2014). Reported investment income was EUR 998 million (EUR 898 million in 2014).

Sampo Group's balance sheet total on 31 December 2015 amounted to EUR 35,639 million (EUR 34,750 million in 2014). On the asset side the total amount of financial assets increased from EUR 16,930 million to EUR 17,189 million.

Sampo Group's equity on 31 December 2015 amounted to EUR 11,411 million (EUR 10,924 million in 2014). Equity was strengthened mainly by the comprehensive result for the year of EUR 1,564 million. The largest reduction was the dividends of EUR 1,092 million.

The Sampo Group solvency is based on the consolidation method defined in Chapter 3 of the Act on the Supervision of Financial and Insurance Conglomerates (2004/699). At the end of 2015, Sampo Group's own funds exceeded the minimum solvency requirements by EUR 4,616 million (EUR 4,282 million at the end of 2014) and the solvency ratio (Sampo Group's solvency as a percentage of the minimum solvency requirements) was 192.6 per cent. (187.4 per cent. at the end of 2014).

## **Directors, Senior Management and Employees**

The Issuer's Board of Directors is responsible for the management of the company in compliance with laws and regulations, the Issuer's Articles of Association and the decisions of the Shareholders' Meetings. The Board of Directors elects the Group CEO and President, the members of the Group Executive Committee and the Group Chief Audit Executive, releases them from their duties, and decides on the terms and conditions of their employment and on other compensation.

The Issuer has a Managing Director who is simultaneously the Group CEO and President of Sampo Group. The Board of Directors elects and releases the Group CEO and decides on the terms of employment and other compensation. The Managing Director of the Issuer and the CEO and President of Sampo Group is Kari Stadigh as of 8 April 2009.

#### **Board of Directors**

The current members of the Issuer's Board of Directors were elected at the Annual General Meeting on 15 April 2015 in accordance with the proposal of the Nomination and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. At their first meeting following the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors annually elects a Chairman and Vice Chairman from its members. At the Annual General Meeting of 2015, the following members were re-elected to the Board of Directors: Anne Brunila, Adine Grate Axén, Jannica Fagerholm Veli-Matti Mattila, Eira Palin-Lehtinen, Per Arthur Sørlie and Björn Wahlroos. Risto Murto was elected a new Board member.

The Issuer's next Annual General Meeting will be held on 21 April 2016. The Nomination and Compensation Committee has proposed for the Annual General Meeting that all current members, except for Anne Brunila, will be re-elected as members of the Board of Directors for a term continuing until the close of the following Annual General Meeting, and that Christian Clausen will be elected as a new Board member. The Nomination and Compensation Committee has further proposed that the Board of Directors re-elect Björn Wahlroos as the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The members of the Board of Directors are annually elected by a simple majority of the shareholders' votes represented at the Annual General Meeting for a one-year term ending at the following Annual General Meeting.

The current and proposed members of the Board of Directors are set forth below.

Chairman Björn Wahlroos, b. 1952

Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Issuer since 2009. Board member since 2001.

Group CEO and President and Managing Director of the Issuer (2001 to 2009). Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sampo Bank Plc (2005 to 2007) and of Mandatum Bank plc (1998 to 2000). Holder of various executive positions of Mandatum & Co Ltd (1992 to 1998) and of the Union Bank of Finland (1985 to 1992). Visiting Associate Professor of Managerial Economics and Decision Sciences at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois (1983 to 1984). Visiting Assistant Professor

of Economics at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island (1980 to 1981). Assistant Professor and Lecturer in Finance (1974 to 1979) and Professor of Economics (1979 to 1985) at Swedish School of Economics and Business Administration (Helsinki).

Chairman of the Boards of Directors of UPM-Kymmene Corporation, the Swedish School of Economics and Nordea Bank AB (publ). Member of the Boards of Directors of the Finnish Business and Policy Forum EVA, the Research Institute of the Finnish Economy ETLA and the Mannerheim Foundation.

Vice Chairman Eira Palin-Lehtinen, b. 1950

Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors since 2015. Board member since 2008

Holder of various executive positions at Nordea Bank AB (publ) (formerly MeritaNordbanken Plc, Merita Bank Ltd) and Merita Ltd (formerly Merita Bank Ltd, Union Bank of Finland Ltd) (1993 to 2007). Holder of various managerial positions at the Union Bank of Finland Ltd and its London Branch (1985 to 1993). Associate Lawyer and partner at Procopé & Hornborg law firm (1975 to 1984).

Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Finnish Foundation for Share Promotion (Pörssisäätiö). Deputy member of the Board of Directors and member of the Finance Committee of Sigrid Jusélius Foundation. Member of the Investment Committee of the Society of Swedish Literature in Finland.

Anne Brunila, b. 1957

Professor of Practice, Hanken School of Economics. Board member since 2003.

Executive Vice President, Corporate Relations and Strategy of Fortum Corporation (2009-2013). President of the Finnish Forest Industries Federation (2006 to 2009). Holder of various executive positions within the Ministry of Finance (2002 to 2005). Adviser to the Board of Directors of the Bank of Finland (2002). Adviser to the Economic and Financial Affairs Directorate General at the European Commission (2000 to 2001). Holder of various managerial positions at the Bank of Finland (1992 to 2000). Senior researcher at the Labour Institute for Economic Research (1990 to 1992). Researcher and Economics Lecturer at the Helsinki School of Business (1982 to 1989 and 1993).

Member of the Boards of Directors of the Research Institute of the Finnish Economy ETLA, the Finnish Business and Policy Forum EVA, Kone Corporation, Sanoma Corporation and Stora Enso Oyj. Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce, Finland, Vice Chairman of the Aalto University Foundation.

Ms. Anne Brunila has announced that she is not available for re-election in the Annual General Meeting to be held on 21 April 2016.

Jannica Fagerholm, b. 1961

Managing Director of Signe and Ane Gyllenberg Foundation, Board member since 2013.

Managing Director and Head of Private Banking at SEB

Gyllenberg Private Bank (1999 to 2010) and holder of various other positions in SEB Gyllenberg Private Bank and SEB Finland (1999 to 2010). Head of life insurance business in Finland in Handelsbanken Liv (1998 to 1999). Various positions in Sampo Insurance Group and its investment management unit (1990 to 1998).

Member of the Board of Directors of Teleste Corporation. Member of the Board in Kelonia Private Equity holding company. Member of the Supervisory Board in Veritas Pension Company. Member of the Board in Swedish School of Economics and Chairman of the Investment Committee. Member of the Board of Directors of the Swedish Society of Literature.

Adine Grate Axén, b. 1961

CEO of Adine Grate AB, Board member since 2011.

Executive Vice President and Managing Director (1999 to 2007) and holder of various other managerial positions (1994 to 2007) of Investor AB (IAB), Sweden. Team leader and adviser for traditional corporate finance projects in Gota Group and Hägglöf&Ponsbach, Sweden (1986 to 1994).

Adviser and Executive Board member of 3 Scandinavia, Sweden. Chairman of the Swedish Listing Committee of NASDAQ OMX, Sweden. Member of the Board of Directors and member of the Audit Committee of Sobi (Swedish Orphan Biovitrum). Member of the Board of Directors of Swedavia, Sweden. Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of AP 7, Sweden. Member of the Board of Directors of Madrague Capital Partners AB, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Alhanko & Johnson AB (BASE23), Member of the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee of Sky PLC.

Veli-Matti Mattila, b. 1961

President and CEO of Elisa Corporation. Board member since 2009.

CEO of Ericsson Finland (1997 to 2003). Holder of various positions in Ericsson Finland (1990 to 2001). Expert adviser of Ascom Hasler AG (Switzerland) (1989 to 1990).

Member of the Supervisory Board of the Finnish Fair Association. Member of the Board of Directors and Representative Assembly of the Confederation of Finnish Industries EK. Member of the Board of Directors of the National Emergency Supply Council. Chairman of the Board of Directors of FiCom ry. Chairman of the Board of Directors of Service Sector Employers PALTA.

Risto Murto, b. 1963

CEO and President of Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company. Board member since 2015.

Executive Vice President of Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company (2010 to 2013). Senior Vice President, CIO of Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company (2006 to 2010). President of Opstock Ltd. (2000 to 2005), Head of Equities and Research (1997 to 2000). Head of Research of Erik Selin Ltd. (1993 to 1997). Economist in Bank of Finland (1992 to 1993). Research Fellow in ETLA, the Research Institute of the Finnish Economy (1987 to 1992).

Member of the Boards of Directors of Wärtsilä Corporation, Federation of Finnish Financial Services. Chairman of the Board of Directors of University of Oulu.

Per Arthur Sørlie, b. 1957

President and CEO of Borregaard ASA. Board member since 2012.

President and CEO (1999) and holder of various other managerial positions (1990 to 1999) of Orkla/Borregaard. Vice president Finance at Nora Industrier, Bjølsen Valsemølle (1988 to 1990). Vice President Finance and holder of various other positions at Hafslund Nycomed (1982 to 1988). Finance Consultant at Norwegian Petroleum Consultants (1981 to 1982).

Chairman of the Board in Umkomaas Lignin (Pty) Ltd (50/50 JV between SAPPI Saiccor/Brgd). Member of the Board in Inspiria Science Center.

Christian Clausen, b. 1955

Proposed new Board member

Senior Advisor, Nordea Bank AB (publ). President and Group CEO of Nordea Bank AB (publ) (2007 to 2015). Head of Nordea Asset Management & Life (2000 to 2007). Member of Executive Board of Unibank (1998 to 2000). Managing Director and Chief Executive of Unibank Markets (1996 to 1998). Managing Director and Chief Executive of Unibørs Securities (1990 to 1996). Managing Director of Privatbørsen (1988 to 1990).

Member of the Board of Directors of International Monetary Conference (IMC).

The business address of the persons mentioned above is Fabianinkatu 27, FI-00100 Helsinki, Finland.

To the best of the Issuer's knowledge, there are no conflicts of interest between any of the Directors' duties to the Issuer and their private interests or duties.

### Group Executive Committee

Sampo Group has a Group Executive Committee (the "Sampo Group Executive Committee"), the members of which are appointed by the Issuer's Board of Directors. The Sampo Group Executive Committee supports the Group CEO in the preparation of strategic issues relating to Sampo Group, in the handling of operating matters that are significant or involve questions of principle, and in ensuring a good internal flow of information. The Issuer's Board of Directors has further appointed a Group MD Committee to the Executive Committee, which supports the Group CEO in preparing matters to be handled by the Group Executive Committee. The Group MD Committee comprises: Kari Stadigh (chairman), Peter Johansson, Torbjörn Magnusson, Patrick Lapveteläinen, Petri Niemisvirta and Ricard Wennerklint.

The current members of the Sampo Group Executive Committee are set forth below.

Kari Stadigh, b. 1955

Group CEO and President. Sampo Group Executive Committee member since 2001.

Deputy CEO of the Issuer (2001 to 2009). President of Sampo Life Insurance Company Limited (1999 to 2000). President of Nova Life Insurance Company Ltd (1996 to 1998). President and COO of Jaakko Pöyry Group (1991 to 1996). President of JP-Finance Oy (1985 to 1991). Vice

President Marketing of Sanoma Corporation (1978 to 1985).

Member of the Boards of Directors of Nordea Bank AB (publ) Nokia Corporation, the Federation of Finnish Financial Services and Waypoint Group Holdings Limited. Chairman of the Boards of Directors of If P&C Insurance Holding Ltd (publ) and Mandatum Life Insurance Company Limited.

Knut-Arne Alsaker, b. 1973

Group Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of If P&C Insurance. Sampo Group Executive Committee member since 2014.

Financial Analyst of Storebrand ASA (1997 to 1998) Investor Relations Manager and Assistant Treasurer of Storebrand ASA (1998 to 2000). Deputy Treasurer of If P&C Insurance (2000 to 2002). Treasurer and Head of M&A of If P&C Insurance (2002 to 2004). Head of Corporate Finance and Financial Risk Management of If P&C Insurance (2004 to 2005). Chief Risk Officer of If P&C Insurance (2005 to 2009). Sampo Group Chief Risk Officer (2007 to 2009). Head of Reinsurance of If P&C Insurance (2009 to 2011).

Member of the Boards of Directors of CJSC If Insurance (Russia), If P&C Insurance AS (Baltic). If Livförsäkring AB, If P&C Insurance Company Ltd (Finland) and If P&C Insurance Ltd (Sweden).

Group CFO. Sampo Group Executive Committee member since 2001.

Director of corporate planning, information management, financial and risk control of Leonia plc (1998 to 2001). Holder of various managerial positions in Postipankki Oyj (1985 to 1998). Researcher in the Bank of Finland (1983 to 1985).

Member of the Board of Directors of If P&C Insurance Holding AB (publ). Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Mandatum Life Insurance Company Limited.

Group CIO. Sampo Group Executive Committee member since 2001.

Administrative officer of the Issuer (2001 to 2002). Deputy Managing Director and member of the Board of Directors of Mandatum Bank Plc (2000 to 2001). Director and member of the Board of Directors of Mandatum Bank Plc (1998 to 2000). Holder of various positions in Interbank Ltd (1989 to 1998).

Member of the Boards of Directors of If P&C Holding AB (publ) and Mandatum Life Insurance Company Limited.

President and CEO of If P&C Insurance Ltd. Sampo Group Executive Committee member since 2004.

Head of Commercial Business Area of If P&C Insurance Ltd (2001 to 2002). Head of Commercial Product Business Unit of If P&C Insurance Ltd. (publ.) (1999 to 2001). Head of P&C Support and Chief Actuary of Skandia P&C (1998).

Peter Johansson, b. 1957

Patrick Lapveteläinen, b. 1966

Torbjörn Magnusson, b. 1963

to 1999). Chief Controller of Skandia P&C (1996 to 1997). Chief Non-Life Actuary of Mercantile & General Re, London (1995 to 1996). Deputy Actuary of Mercantile & General Re, London (1994 to 1995). Non-Life Actuary of Skandia International (1990 to 1993). Information systems consultant of Arthur Andersen & Co (1988 to 1989).

Chairman of the Boards of Directors of If P&C Insurance Ltd (Sweden) and If P&C Insurance Company Ltd (Finland). Chairman of the Swedish Insurance Federation. Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors of Topdanmark A/S. Member of the Boards of Directors of Swedish Insurance Employer Association and AcadeMedia Aktiebolag. Vice President of Insurance Europe.

Group Executive Vice President and Head of Business Area Commercial of If P&C Insurance. Sampo Group Executive Committee member since 2005.

Head of Commercial Product & Underwriting of If P&C Insurance (2001 to 2003). Head of Commercial Property Product & Underwriting of If P&C Insurance (2000 to 2001). Head of Commercial & Industrial Property Product and Underwriting & Claims handling of Storebrand (1998 to 2000). Head of Commercial & Industrial Property Product of Storebrand (1997 to 1998). Holder of various managerial positions in Storebrand (UNI) (1986 to 1997).

Member of the Board of Directors of the Norwegian Financial Services Association (FNO).

Managing Director of Mandatum Life Insurance Company Limited and Head of Life Insurance of the Issuer. Sampo Group Executive Committee member since 2001.

Managing Director of Evli Life Ltd (2000 to 2001). Product Manager (unit-linked insurance) of Sampo Life Insurance Company Limited (1999 to 2000). Life Insurance Sales Manager of Kaleva Mutual Insurance Company/Sampo Life Insurance Company Limited (1995 to 1999).

Chairman of the Board of Directors of Kaleva Mutual Insurance Company, Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of Alma Media Corporation. Member of the Boards of Directors of Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company, Silta Oy and BenCo Insurance Holding B.V. (Netherlands). Chairman of the Life Insurance Executive Committee of the Federation of Finnish Financial Services.

Group Executive Vice President and Head of Business Area Private of If P&C Insurance. Sampo Group Executive Committee member since 2006.

Head of Business Area Industrial of If P&C (2006 to 2012). Head of Industrial Underwriting and Claims of If P&C Insurance (2004 to 2005). Head of Corporate Strategy of If P&C Insurance (2002 to 2004). Holder of various managerial positions in McKinsey & Company, Inc. Norway/Europe (1999 to 2002).

Chairman of the Board of Urzus Group AS. Member of the

Ivar Martinsen, b. 1961

Petri Niemisvirta, b. 1970

Morten Thorsrud, b. 1971

Boards of Directors of Watercircles Denmark A/S, Watercircles Norway AS and Watercircles Scandinavia AS. Member of the Executive Committee of P6C Insurance of the Norwegian Financial Services Association (FNO).

Timo Vuorinen, b. 1964

Group Executive Vice President, Head of Business Area Baltic of If P&C Insurance. Managing Director of If P&C Insurance Company (Finland). Sampo Group Executive Committee member since 2009.

Head of Business Area Baltic and Russia (2007 to 2011) and Head of Business Development, Business Area Commercial (2003 to 2005) of If P&C Insurance Ltd. (publ.). Country manager (Poland) and Development Director of Sampo Life (2000 to 2002). Vice President in Sampo Group Client Financing Unit, Collections Manager in Sampo Group Investments Unit and Credit Insurance Manager in Sampo Group Investments Unit of the Issuer (1994 to 2000). Credit Insurance Manager and Customer Financing Manager in Kansa Group Investments Unit of Kansa (1989 to 1994).

Chairman of the Board of Directors of If P&C Insurance AS (Baltic). Member of the Board of Directors of Kaleva Mutual Insurance Company. Member of the Non-Life Executive Committee of the Federation of the Finnish Financial Services.

Deputy Managing Director of If P&C Insurance Holding Ltd, Managing Director of If P&C Insurance. Sampo Group Executive Committee member since 2005.

CFO of If P&C Insurance Ltd (2002 to 2008). Senior Vice President, Head of Business and Financial Control and Business Area Commercial of If P&C Insurance Ltd (1999 to 2001). Head of Control, Strategic Business Unit Property & Casualty of Skandia P&C (1997 to 1999). Head of Financial Control, Major Customer Division of Trygg-Hansa (1996 to 1997). Financial Controller and Project Manager, Business Unit Commercial of Trygg-Hansa (1994 to 1996).

Member of the Boards of Directors of If P&C Insurance Company Ltd (Finland), If P&C Insurance AS (Estonia) and CJSC If Insurance (Russia). Member of the Board of Directors of Nobia AB.

The business address of the persons mentioned above is Fabianinkatu 27, FI-00100 Helsinki, Finland.

To the best of the Issuer's knowledge, there are no conflicts of interest between any of the Sampo Group Executive Committee members' duties to the Issuer and their private interests or duties.

### **Employees**

On 31 December 2015, Sampo Group employed 6,782 people, compared with 6,723 employees on 31 December 2014. Approximately 91.4 per cent. of Sampo Group's personnel work in P&C insurance. Life insurance employs 7.7 per cent. of the personnel and the Issuer, less than one per cent. of the personnel.

Ricard Wennerklint, b. 1969

## Selected Financial Information relating to the Issuer

The following tables set out in summary form balance sheet and income statement information relating to the Issuer. Such information is extracted without material adjustment from the audited consolidated financial statements of the Issuer as at and for the years ended 2015 and 2014. The financial statements of the Issuer are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, as adopted by the commission of the EU. Such financial statements, together with the reports of Ernst & Young Oy and the accompanying notes, are incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus. The financial information presented below should be read in conjunction with such financial statements, reports and the notes thereto.

## **Consolidated Comprehensive Income Statement**

EUR million	1-12/2015	1-12/2014
Insurance premiums written	5,522	5,544
Net income from investments	998	898
Other operating income	46	32
Claims incurred	-3,917	-3,771
Change in liabilities for insurance and investment contracts	-502	-489
Staff costs	-438	-603
Other operating expenses	-545	-558
Finance costs	-68	-29
Share of associates' profit/loss	793	735
Profit before taxes	1,888	1,759
Taxes	-232	-220
Profit for the period	1,656	1,540
Other comprehensive income for the period		
Items classifiable to profit and loss		
Exchange differences	-35	-174
Available-for-sale financial assets	-106	72
Share of other comprehensive income of associates	16	-168
Taxes	21	-15
Total items reclassifiable to profit or loss, net of tax	-103	-285
Items not reclassifiable to profit or loss		
Actuarial gains and losses from defined pension plans	14	-101
Taxes	-3	26
Total items not reclassifiable to profit or loss, net of tax	11	-76
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	1,564	1,179
Basic earnings per share (EUR)	2.96	2.75

# **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

EUR million	1-12/2015	1-12/2014
Assets		_
Property, plant and equipment	26	24
Investment property	191	195
Intangible assets	724	715
Investments in associates	7,679	7,447
Financial assets	17,189	16,930
Investments related to unit-linked insurance contracts	5,847	5,259
Tax assets	36	86
Reinsurers' share of insurance liabilities	242	240
Other assets	1,708	1,718
Cash and cash equivalents	1,997	2,074
Total assets	35,639	34,750
Liabilities		
Liabilities for insurance and investment contracts	14,447	14,248
Liabilities for unit-linked insurance and investment contracts	5,841	5,289
Financial liabilities	2,375	2,423
Tax liabilities	468	504
Provisions	51	63
Employee benefits.	90	265
Other liabilities	957	1,035
Total liabilities	24,228	23,827
Equity		
Share capital	98	98
Reserves	1,531	1,531
Retained earnings	9,325	8,655
Other components of equity	457	639
Equity attributable to owners of the parent	11,411	10,924
Non-controlling interests.	-	-
Total equity	11,411	10, 924
Total equity and liabilities	35,639	34,750

#### **TAXATION**

The following is a general description of certain Finnish tax considerations relating to the Notes. It does not purport to be a complete analysis of all tax considerations relating to the Notes, whether in Finland or elsewhere. Prospective purchasers of Notes should consult their own tax advisers as to which countries' tax laws could be relevant to acquiring, holding and disposing of Notes and receiving payments of interest, principal and/or other amounts under the Notes and the consequences of such actions under the tax laws of those countries. This summary is based upon the law as in effect on the date of this Base Prospectus and is subject to any change in law that may take effect after such date.

## The Republic of Finland

The comments below are of a general nature based on the Issuer's understanding of current law and practice in Finland. They relate only to the position of persons who are the absolute beneficial owners of the Notes and who are not resident in Finland for tax purposes. They may not apply to certain classes of person such as dealers. Prospective holders of the Notes who are not resident in Finland for tax purposes and are in any doubt as to their personal tax position or who may be subject to tax in any other jurisdiction should consult their professional advisers. It should be noted that the tax laws of Finland may be amended with retrospective application.

## Taxation of payments in respect of the Notes

Under present Finnish domestic tax law, payments in respect of the Notes will be exempt from all taxes, duties, fees and imports of whatever nature, imposed or levied by or within the Republic of Finland or by any municipality or other political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, except in the case of a holder of any Note which is liable to such taxes, duties, fees and imports in respect of such Note or Coupon by reason of such holder being connected with the Republic of Finland other than based on the mere holding of such Note or the receipt of income therefrom (i.e. in case the holder is resident in Finland for tax purposes or has a permanent establishment in Finland for tax purposes).

## Finnish capital gains taxes

Holders of Notes who are not resident in Finland for tax purposes and who do not engage in trade or business through a permanent establishment or a fixed place of business in Finland will not be subject to Finnish taxes or duties on gains realised on the sale or redemption of the Notes.

## **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act**

Pursuant to certain provisions of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, commonly known as FATCA, a foreign financial institution (as defined by FATCA) may be required to withhold on certain payments it makes (foreign passthru payments) to persons that fail to meet certain certification, reporting or related requirements. The Issuer may be a foreign financial institution for these purposes. A number of jurisdictions (including Finland) have entered into, or have agreed in substance to, intergovernmental agreements with the United States to implement FATCA (IGAs), which modify the way in which FATCA applies in their jurisdictions. Under the provisions of IGAs as currently in effect, a foreign financial institution in an IGA jurisdiction would generally not be required to withhold under FATCA or an IGA from payments that it makes. Certain aspects of the application of the FATCA provisions and IGAs to instruments such as the Notes, including whether withholding would ever be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on instruments such as Notes, are uncertain and may be subject to change. Even if withholding would be required pursuant to FATCA or an IGA with respect to payments on instruments such as Notes, such withholding would not apply prior to 1 January 2019 and Notes issued on or prior to the date that is six months after the date on which final regulations defining foreign passthru payments are filed with the U.S. Federal Register generally would be grandfathered for purposes of FATCA withholding unless materially modified after such date, However if additional Notes (as described under "Terms and Conditions of the Notes - Further Issues") that are not distinguishable from previously issued Notes are issued after the expiration of the grandfathering period and are subject to withholding under FATCA, then withholding agents may treat all Notes, including the Notes offered prior to the expiration of the grandfathering period, as subject to withholding under FATCA. Holders should consult their own tax advisers regarding how these rules may apply to their investment in the Notes.

## The proposed financial transaction tax ("FTT")

On 14 February 2013, the European Commission published a proposal (the "Commission's Proposal") for a Directive for a common FTT in Belgium, Germany, Estonia, Greece, Spain, France, Italy, Austria, Portugal, Slovenia and Slovakia (the "participating Member States"). However, Estonia has since stated that it will not participate.

The Commission's Proposal has very broad scope and could, if introduced, apply to certain dealings in Notes (including secondary market transactions) in certain circumstances. The issuance and subscription of Notes should, however, be exempt.

Under the Commission's Proposal the FTT could apply in certain circumstances to persons both within and outside of the participating Member States. Generally, it would apply to certain dealings in Notes where at least one party is a financial institution, and at least one party is established in a participating Member State. A financial institution may be, or be deemed to be, "established" in a participating Member State in a broad range of circumstances, including (a) by transacting with a person established in a participating Member State or (b) where the financial instrument which is subject to the dealings is issued in a participating Member State.

However, the FTT proposal remains subject to negotiation between the participating Member States. It may therefore be altered prior to any implementation, the timing of which remains unclear. Additional EU Member States may decide to participate.

Prospective holders of Notes are advised to seek their own professional advice in relation to the FTT.

#### SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

Notes may be sold from time to time by the Issuer to any one or more of Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Danske Bank A/S, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, Nordea Bank Danmark A/S, and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken AB (publ) (the "Dealers"). The arrangements under which Notes may from time to time be agreed to be sold by the Issuer to, and purchased by, Dealers are set out in an amended and restated dealer agreement dated 4 April 2013, as may be modified and/or supplemented and/or restated from time to time (the "Dealer Agreement") and made between the Issuer and the Dealers. Any such agreement will, *inter alia*, make provision for the form and terms and conditions of the relevant Notes, the price at which such Notes will be purchased by the Dealers and the commissions or other agreed deductibles (if any) payable or allowable by the Issuer in respect of such purchase. The Dealer Agreement makes provision for the resignation or termination of appointment of existing Dealers and for the appointment of additional or other Dealers either generally in respect of the Programme or in relation to a particular Tranche of Notes.

**United States of America**: Regulation S Category 2; TEFRA D or TEFRA C as specified in the relevant Final Terms or neither if TEFRA is specified as not applicable in the relevant Final Terms.

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S.

The Notes are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. Treasury regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the Code and U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder. The applicable Final Terms will identify whether TEFRA C rules or TEFRA D rules apply or whether TEFRA is not applicable.

Each Dealer has agreed and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree that, except as permitted by the Dealer Agreement, it will not offer, sell or deliver Notes, (i) as part of their distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until 40 days after the later of the commencement of the offering and the completion of the distribution of the Notes comprising the relevant Tranche, as determined and certified to the Agent or the Issuer by such Dealer (or, in the case of a sale of a Tranche of Notes to or through more than one Dealer, by each of such Dealers as to the Notes of such Tranche purchased by or through it, in which case the Agent or the Issuer shall notify each such Dealer when all such Dealers have so certified) within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, and such Dealer will have sent to each dealer to which it sells Notes during the distribution compliance period relating thereto a confirmation or other notice setting forth the restrictions on offers and sales of the Notes within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S.

In addition, until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of Notes comprising any Tranche, any offer or sale of Notes within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

## Selling Restrictions Addressing Additional United Kingdom Securities Laws

Each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed that and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent, warrant and agree that:

- (a) No deposit-taking: in relation to any Notes having a maturity of less than one year:
  - (i) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business; and:
  - (ii) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes other than to persons:
    - (A) whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses; or

(B) who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses,

where the issue of the Notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of Section 19 of the FSMA by the Issuer;

- (b) *Financial promotion:* it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer; and
- (c) General compliance: it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

#### General

Each Dealer has represented, warranted and agreed that and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent, warrant and agree that it has complied and will comply with all applicable laws and regulations in each country or jurisdiction in or from which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or possesses, distributes or publishes this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms or any related offering material, in all cases at its own expense. Other persons into whose hands this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms comes are required by the Issuer and the Dealers to comply with all applicable laws and regulations in each country or jurisdiction in or from which they purchase, offer, sell or deliver Notes or possess, distribute or publish this Base Prospectus or any Final Terms or any related offering material, in all cases at their own expense.

The Dealer Agreement provides that the Dealers shall not be bound by any of the restrictions relating to any specific jurisdiction (set out above) to the extent that such restrictions shall, as a result of change(s) or change(s) in official interpretation, after the date hereof, of applicable laws and regulations, no longer be applicable but without prejudice to the obligations of the Dealers described in the paragraph headed "General" above.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### Authorisation

1. The establishment and the update of the Programme have been authorised by resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Issuer passed on 20 March 2009 and on 14 March 2012. The Issuer has obtained or will obtain from time to time all necessary consents, approvals and authorisations in connection with the issue and performance of the Notes.

## **Legal and Arbitration Proceedings**

2. There are no governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings, (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened, of which the Issuer is aware), which may have, or have had during the 12 months prior to the date of this Base Prospectus, a significant effect on the financial position or profitability of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries.

## Significant/Material Change

3. Since 31 December 2015, there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer or the Issuer and its Subsidiaries nor any significant change in the financial or trading position of the Issuer or the Issuer and its Subsidiaries.

#### **Auditors**

4. The consolidated financial statements of the Issuer have been audited without qualification for the years ended 2015 and 2014 by Ernst & Young Oy, Elielinaukio 5 B, FI-00100, Helsinki, Finland, members of the Finnish Institute of Authorised Public Accountants.

### **Documents on Display**

- 5. Copies of the following documents (together with English translations thereof) may be inspected during normal business hours at the offices of the Issuer at Fabianinkatu 27, FI-00100 Helsinki, Finland and the Fiscal Agent at Citigroup Centre, 25 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5LB, United Kingdom for 12 months from the date of this Base Prospectus:
  - (a) the extract from the trade register of the Finnish National Board of Patents and Registration and Articles of Association of the Issuer;
  - (b) the audited consolidated financial statements of the Issuer for the years ended 2015 and 2014;
  - (c) the Agency Agreement;
  - (d) the Deed of Covenant;
  - (e) the Programme Manual (which contains the forms of the Notes in global and definitive form); and
  - (f) the Issuer-ICSDs Agreement.

Each translation referred to above constitutes a direct and accurate translation of the original Finnish language text. The English language information has been provided for information purposes only and, in the event of a discrepancy, the Finnish version shall prevail.

## **Material Contracts**

6. There are no contracts having been entered into outside the ordinary course of any of the Issuer's or a member of the Group's businesses, which are, or may be, material and contain provisions under which the Issuer or any member of the Group has an obligation or entitlement which is, or may be, material to the ability of the Issuer to meet its obligations in respect of the Notes.

## **Clearing of the Notes**

7. The Notes have been accepted for clearance through Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and/or the VPS. The appropriate common code and the International Securities Identification Number in relation to the Notes of each Tranche will be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

## **Use of Proceeds**

8. The net proceeds of the issue of each Tranche of Notes will be used by the Issuer for the general corporate and financing purposes of Sampo Group.

## Yield

9. The yield to maturity of each Tranche of Notes bearing interest at a fixed rate as set out in the relevant Final Terms will be calculated as of the relevant issue date on a frequency commensurate with the frequency of interest payments as specified in the relevant Final Terms using the relevant issue price. It is not an indication of future yield.

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