



# € 8,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme

Under the €8,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the "Programme") described in this document (the "Base Prospectus"), Groupe Auchan S.A. ("Groupe Auchan" or an "Issuer") and Banque Accord S.A. ("Banque Accord" or an "Issuer" and, together with Groupe Auchan, the "Issuers"), subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, may from time to time issue Euro Medium Term Notes (the "Notes"). The aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding under this Programme will not at any time exceed €8,000,000,000 (or the equivalent in any other currency).

For the avoidance of doubt, any Notes issued under the Programme on or after the date of this Base Prospectus are issued subject to the provisions described herein. This does not affect any Notes already issued.

Application has been made to the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* (the "CSSF") in Luxembourg for approval of this Base Prospectus, in its capacity as competent authority pursuant to article 7 of the *loi relative aux prospectus pour valeurs mobilières* dated July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005 which implements the Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament, the Council of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003 on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading as amended by the Directive 2010/73/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 ("2010 PD Amending Directive"). The expression "Prospectus Directive" means the Directive 2003/71/EC as amended by the 2010 PD Amending Directive and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State. In line with the provision of article 7(7) of the Luxembourg Law on prospectus for securities dated July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005 the CSSF assumes no responsibility as to the economic and financial soundness of the transaction and the quality or solvency of the Issuer.

Application may be made (i) to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange during a period of twelve (12) months after the date of this Base Prospectus for Notes issued under the Programme to be listed on the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and/or (ii) to the competent authority of any other Member State of the European Economic Area ("EEA") for Notes issued under the Programme to be listed and admitted to trading on a Regulated Market (as defined below) in such Member State. The regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange is a regulated market for the purposes of the Market in Financial Instruments Directive no. 2004/39/EC (a "Regulated Market"). However, Notes which are neither listed nor admitted to trading on any Regulated Market may also be issued pursuant to the Programme. The relevant final terms (the "Final Terms") (the substantial form of which is contained herein) in respect of the issue of any Notes will specify whether or not such Notes will be listed and admitted to trading on any Regulated Market, and, if so, the relevant Regulated Market in the EEA.

Notes may be issued either in dematerialised form ("Dematerialised Notes") or in materialised form ("Materialised Notes"), as more fully described herein.

Dematerialised Notes will at all times be in book entry form in compliance with Article L.211-3 et seq. of the French Code monétaire et financier. No physical documents of title will be issued in respect of the Dematerialised Notes. Dematerialised Notes may, at the option of the Issuer, be in bearer form (au porteur) inscribed as from the issue date in the books of Euroclear France ("Euroclear France") (acting as central depositary) which shall credit the accounts of Account Holders (as defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes – Form, Denomination, Title and Method of Issue") including Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("Euroclear") and the depositary bank for Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg") or in registered form (au nominatif) and, in such latter case, at the option of the relevant Noteholder (as defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes – Form, Denomination, Title and Method of Issue"), in either fully registered form (au nominatif pur), in which case they will be inscribed in an account maintained by the Issuer or by the registration agent (designated in the relevant Final Terms) for the Issuer, or in administered registered form (au nominatif administré) in which case they will be inscribed in the accounts of the Account Holders designated by the relevant Noteholders.

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

Banque Accord and Groupe Auchan are rated respectively A with negative outlook and A with negative outlook by Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services France S.A.S. ("Standard & Poor's"). As of the date of this Base Prospectus, Standard & Poor's is a credit rating agency established in the European Union, registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 of the European Parliament and the Council of 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies, as amended (the "CRA Regulation") and included in the list of registered credit rating agencies published on the website of the European Securities and Markets Authority (http://www.esma.europa.eu/page/List-registered-and-certified-CRAs) in accordance with the CRA Regulation. Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. The rating, if any, will be specified in the relevant Final Terms. Credit ratings are subject to revision, suspension or withdrawal at any time by the relevant credit rating agencies. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, change or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

See "Risk factors" below for certain information relevant to an investment in the Notes to be issued under the Programme.

ARRANGER
NATIXIS
PERMANENT DEALERS

BANCA IMI
CITIGROUP
DEUTSCHE BANK
NATIXIS
SOCIETE GENERALE CORPORATE & INVESTMENT BANKING

BNP PARIBAS
CRÉDIT AGRICOLE CORPORATE AND INVESTMENT BANK
HSBC
SANTANDER GLOBAL BANKING & MARKETS
THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND

This document (together with all supplements thereto from time to time) constitutes two base prospectuses for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive: (i) the base prospectus for Groupe Auchan and (ii) the base prospectus for Banque Accord (together, the "Base Prospectus") for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Issuers and their consolidated subsidiaries taken as a whole and the Notes which, according to the particular nature of the Issuers and the Notes, is necessary to enable investors to make an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profit and losses and prospects of the Issuers.

The final terms of the relevant Notes will be determined at the time of the offering of each Tranche based on then prevailing market conditions and will be set out in the relevant Final Terms. In relation to each Tranche of Notes, the Base Prospectus must be read with the applicable Final Terms.

This Base Prospectus is to be read in conjunction with all documents which are either incorporated herein by reference or directly included in the prospectus in accordance with Article 15 of the Loi relative aux prospectus pour valeurs mobilières dated 10 July 2005 and Article 28 of the European Commission Regulation n°809/2004 dated 29 April 2004 (see "Documents Incorporated by Reference" below).

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

For the purposes of this Base Prospectus, the "Auchan Group" means the Issuers and any legal person within each of the Issuers' scope of consolidation which is directly or indirectly under the control of the Issuers within the meaning of Article L.233-3 of the French Commercial Code.

The distribution of this Base Prospectus and of any final terms under the Programme, and the offering or sale of the Notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this Base Prospectus comes are required by Groupe Auchan, Banque Accord, the Arranger and the Dealers to inform themselves about and to observe any such restriction. The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States, and the Notes may include Materialised Notes in bearer form that are subject to U.S. federal income tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, Notes may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or to the account or benefit of U.S. persons. The Notes are being offered and sold outside the United States of America to non-U.S. persons in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act. For a description of these and certain further restrictions on offers and sales of Notes and on distribution of this Base Prospectus, see "Subscription and Sale".

This Base Prospectus does not constitute an offer of, or an invitation by or on behalf of Groupe Auchan, Banque Accord, the Arranger or the Dealers to subscribe for, or purchase, any Notes.

The Arranger and the Dealers have not separately verified the information contained in this Base Prospectus. None of the Arranger or the Dealers makes any representation, express or implied, or accepts any responsibility, with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any of the information in this Base Prospectus. Neither this Base Prospectus nor any other information incorporated by reference are intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation and should not be

considered as a recommendation by any of Groupe Auchan, Banque Accord, the Arranger or the Dealers that any recipient of this Base Prospectus or any other information incorporated by reference should purchase the Notes. Each potential purchaser of Notes should determine for itself the relevance of the information contained in this Base Prospectus and its purchase of Notes should be based upon such investigation as it deems necessary. None of the Arranger or the Dealers undertakes to review the financial condition or affairs of Groupe Auchan, Banque Accord or the Auchan Group during the life of the arrangements contemplated by this Base Prospectus nor to advise any investor or potential investor in the Notes of any information coming to the attention of any of the Arranger or the Dealers.

In connection with the issue of any Tranche (as defined in Condition 1(e) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes), the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the stabilising manager(s) (the "Stabilising Manager(s)") (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in the applicable Final Terms 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(s)) will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the Final Terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of thirty (30) days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche and sixty (60) days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

In this Base Prospectus, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, references to "€", "Euro", "EUR" or "euro" are to the lawful currency of the participating member states of the European Economic and Monetary Union which was introduced on 1 January 1999; references to "£", "pounds sterling", "GBP" and "Sterling" are to the lawful currency of the United Kingdom; references to "\$", "USD" and "U.S. Dollars" are to the lawful currency of the United States of America; references to "¥", "JPY", "Japanese yen" and "Yen" are to the lawful currency of Japan and references to "CHF" and "Swiss francs" are to the lawful currency of Switzerland.

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# PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE BASE PROSPECTUS

To the best knowledge of Groupe Auchan and Banque Accord (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Base Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import. The Issuers accept responsibility accordingly.

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#### GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

The following general description of the Programme 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. The Notes will be issued on such terms as shall be agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) and will be subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes set out in this Base Prospectus.

Words and expressions defined in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes below shall have the same meanings in this general description.

**Issuers:** Groupe Auchan

Banque Accord.

Arranger: Natixis.

**Dealers:** Banca IMI S.p.A.,

Banco Santander, S.A.,

BNP Paribas,

Citigroup Global Markets Limited,

Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank,

Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch,

HSBC Bank plc,

Natixis,

Société Générale,

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc.

The Issuers may from time to time terminate the appointment of any Dealer under the Programme or appoint additional dealers either in respect of one or more Tranches or in respect of the whole Programme. References in this Base Prospectus to "Permanent Dealers" are to the persons referred above as Dealers and to such additional persons that are appointed as dealers in respect of the whole Programme (and whose appointment has not been terminated) and references to "Dealers" are to the Permanent Dealers and all persons appointed as a dealer in respect of one or more Tranches..

**Description:** 

Under the Euro Medium Term Note Programme (the "**Programme**"), the Issuers, subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, may from time to time issue notes (the "**Notes**").

**Programme Limit:** 

Up to €8,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies at the date of the issue) aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding at any one time.

Pursuant to their corporate authorisations, the Issuers can issue Notes up to a maximum aggregate nominal amount of €8,000,000,000.

The maximum aggregate principal amount of Notes which may be outstanding under the Programme may be increased from time to time, subject to compliance with the relevant provisions of the amended and restated dealer agreement entered into between the Issuers, the Arranger and the Permanent Dealers. Fiscal Agent and Principal BNP Paribas Securities Services.

**Paying Agent:** 

Method of Issue: The Notes will be issued on a syndicated or non-syndicated

basis.

Maturities: Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and

directives, any maturity from seven (7) days from the date of

original issue.

Currencies: Euro, U.S. Dollar, Japanese yen, Swiss franc, Sterling and any

other currency specified in the relevant Final Terms.

Commercial terms of the Notes (price, amount,

interest rate, etc.): The commercial terms and conditions of the Notes of each Series

of Notes will be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

**Denomination(s):** Notes shall be issued in the Specified Denomination(s) set out in

the relevant Final Terms, save that the Notes admitted to trading on a Regulated Market in a Member State of the European Economic Area in circumstances which require the publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive (given that any exemption regime, as set out in the Prospectus Directive, could apply in contemplation of the relevant issue) shall have a minimum denomination of €100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency), or such higher amount as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant monetary authority or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency.

In addition, Notes (including Notes denominated in Sterling) which have a maturity of less than one year and in respect of which the issue proceeds are to be accepted by the Issuer in the United Kingdom or whose issue otherwise constitutes a contravention of section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA") will have a minimum denomination of £100,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies).

Dematerialised Notes will be issued in one denomination only.

**Status of Notes:** Unsubordinated or Subordinated Notes.

**Form of Notes:** Dematerialised Notes or Materialised Notes.

Dematerialised Notes may be issued in bearer dematerialised form (au porteur) or in registered dematerialised form (au

nominatif).

Materialised Notes will be in bearer form only.

Negative Pledge: There will be a negative pledge in respect of Unsubordinated

Notes.

**Events of Default:** 

(including cross default)

There will be events of default and a cross-default in respect of

Unsubordinated Notes; Subordinated Notes will be repayable in

the event of the liquidation of the relevant Issuer only.

**Redemption:** The relevant Final Terms will specify the provisions applicable to

the redemption of the Notes and whether such Notes may be

redeemed prior to their stated maturity at the option of the Noteholder or the relevant Issuer. Unless permitted by then current laws and regulations, Notes (including Notes denominated in sterling) in respect of which the issue proceeds are to be accepted by the Issuer in the United Kingdom or whose issue otherwise constitutes a contravention of section 19 of the FSMA must have a minimum redemption amount of £100,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies), unless such Notes may not be redeemed until the first anniversary of their date of issue.

**Optional Redemption:** 

The Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Notes shall state whether such Notes may be redeemed prior to their stated maturity at the option of the Issuer (either in whole or in part) and/or the Noteholders and, if so, the terms applicable to such redemption.

Redemption by instalments:

The Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Notes that are redeemable in two or more instalments shall set out the dates on which, and the amounts in which, such Notes may be redeemed.

**Taxation Redemption:** 

The Notes will be subject to redemption at the option of the relevant Issuer for taxation reasons.

**Taxation (Withhoding tax):** 

- 1. All payments of principal and interest by or on behalf of Groupe Auchan or Banque Accord in their capacity as Issuers in respect of the Notes shall be made free and clear of, and without withholding or deduction for, any taxes, duties, assessments of governmental charges of whatever nature imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by or within France or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, unless such withholding or deduction is required by law.
- 2. If French law should require that payments of principal or interest in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon be subject to deduction or withholding in respect of any present or future taxes or duties whatsoever levied by the Republic of France, the relevant Issuer, to the fullest extent then permitted by law, shall pay such additional amounts as shall result in receipt by the Noteholders or, if applicable, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, as the case may be, of such amounts as would have been received by them had no such withholding or deduction been required, subject to certain exceptions described in Condition 8 entitled "Taxation" of the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" section of the Base Prospectus.
- 3. Notes issued under the Programme (except Notes that are issued on or after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and which are to be consolidated (assimilables for the purpose of French law) with Notes issued before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 having the benefit of Article 131 quater of the French Code Général des Impôts) fall under the new French withholding tax regime pursuant to the French loi de finances rectificative pour 2009 n°3 (n°2009-1674 dated December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009) applicable as from March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 (hereinafter referred to as the "Law"),

as interpreted by the French tax authorities in their official doctrine (BOI-RPPM-RCM-30-10-20-50-20120912, No. 70 – hereinafter referred to as the "**Administrative Doctrine**").

Payment of interest and other revenues made by the Issuers on Notes will not be subject to the withholding tax set out under Article 125 A III of the French Code Général des Impôts unless such payments are made outside France in a non-cooperative State or territory (Etat ou territoire non coopératif also referred to as ETNC) within the meaning of Article 238-0 A of the French Code Général des Impôts (hereinafter referred to as a "Non-Cooperative State").

If such payments under the Notes are made in a Non-Cooperative State, a fifty per cent. (50%) withholding tax will be applicable (subject to certain exceptions described below and the more favourable provisions of any applicable double tax treaty) by virtue of Article 125 A III of the *French Code Général des Impôts*.

In furtherance of the foregoing, according to Article 238 A of the French Code Général des Impôts interest and other revenues on such Notes will no longer be deductible from the Issuers' taxable income, as from the fiscal year starting on or after January 1st, 2011, if they are paid or accrued to persons established in a Non-Cooperative State or paid in such Non-Cooperative State. Under certain conditions, any such non-deductible interest and other revenues may be recharacterised as constructive dividends pursuant to Article 109 of the French Code Général des Impôts, in which case such non-deductible interest and other revenues may be subject to the withholding tax set out under Article 119 bis 2 of the French Code Général des Impôts, at a rate of thirty per cent. (30%) or fifty five per cent. (55%) (subject to the more favourable provisions of any applicable double tax treaty).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Law provides that neither the fifty per cent (50%) withholding tax set out under Article 125 A III of the French Code Général des Impôts nor, to the extent the relevant interest or other revenues relate to actual operations and are not in an abnormal or exaggerated amount, the non-deductibility will apply if the relevant Issuer can prove that the principal purpose and effect of a particular issue of Notes was not that of allowing the payments of interest or other revenues to be made in a Non-Cooperative State (such situation being hereinafter referred to as the "Exception"). Pursuant to the Administrative Doctrine, an issue of Notes will benefit from the Exception without the Issuers having to provide any proof of the purpose and effect of such issue of Notes, if such Notes are:

(i) offered by means of a public offer within the meaning of Article L.411-1 of the French *Code Monétaire et Financier* or pursuant to an equivalent offer in a State other than a Non-Cooperative State. For this purpose, an "equivalent offer" means any offer requiring the registration or submission of an offer document by or with a foreign securities market authority; or

- (ii) admitted to trading on a regulated market or on a French or foreign multilateral securities trading system provided that such market or system is not located in a Non-Cooperative State, and the operation of such market is carried out by a market operator or an investment service provider, or by such other similar foreign entity, provided further that such market operator, investment services provider or entity is not located in a Non-Cooperative State; or
- (iii) admitted, at the time of the issue, to the operations of a central depository or of a securities clearing and delivery payment systems operator within the meaning of Article L.561-2 of the French Code Monétaire et Financier, or of one or more similar foreign depositaries or operator provided that such depositary or operator is not located in a Non-Cooperative State.
- 4. Interest and other revenues on notes issued after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and which are to be consolidated (assimilables for the purpose of French law) and form a single series with Notes issued (or deemed issued) outside France before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 having the benefit of Article 131 quater of the French Code Général des Impôts will continue to be exempt from the withholding tax set out under Article 125 A III of the French Code Général des Impôts.

In addition, interest and other revenues paid by the Issuers on Notes issued after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and which are to be consolidated (assimilables for the purpose of French law) and form a single series with Notes issued before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 will not be subject neither to the non-deductibility set out under Article 238 A of the French Code General des Impôts nor to the withholding tax set out under Article 119 bis 2 of the French Code Général des Impôts solely on the account of their being paid in a Non-Cooperative State or accrued or paid to persons established or domiciled in a Non-Cooperative State.

For the avoidance of doubt, Notes issued before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 but which maturity is extended on or after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 would fall under the new French withholding tax regime pursuant to the Law from their initial maturity date.

Investors should carefully review the "Taxation" section of the Base Prospectus and Condition 8 entitled "Taxation" of the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" section in the Base Prospectus.

Noteholder, Couponholder, Receiptholder and/or prospective holder or beneficial owner of the Notes must inform itself and/or

consult its tax advisor regarding the new French withholding tax regime pursuant to the Law, together with the Administrative

Doctrine.

**Central Depositary:** Euroclear France in respect of Dematerialised Notes.

**Clearing Systems:** Euroclear France, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear.

Listing and Admission to Trading:

Listing may be sought on the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admission to trading may be sought on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or as otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms. As specified in the relevant Final Terms, a Series of Notes may also be neither listed nor admitted to trading.

Offer to the public: The Notes shall not be offered to the public in Luxembourg and/or in any Member State of the European Economic Area.

Method of Publication of the Base Prospectus and Final Terms:

Rating:

**Selling Restrictions:** 

The Base Prospectus and the Final Terms related to Notes listed and admitted to trading on any Regulated Market will always be published on the websites of (a) the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu) and (b) the relevant Issuer (http://www.groupeauchan.com/nos-resultats/informations-aux-obligataires/ respect of Groupe Auchan and http://www.oney-banqueaccord.com/index.php?id=84 in respect of Banque Accord) or through any other means in accordance with the terms of Article 14 of the Prospectus Directive. In addition, if the Notes are listed and admitted to trading on a Regulated Market other than the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, the relevant Final Terms will provide whether additional methods of publication are required and what they consist of.

Notes issued under the Programme may be rated or unrated. Where a Tranche of Notes is rated, such rating will not necessarily be the same as the rating(s) assigned to the Programme.

The offer and sale of Notes will be subject to selling restrictions in various jurisdictions, in particular, those of the United States of America, those of the European Economic Area including France, and the United Kingdom.

**Governing Law:** French law.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

The following sets out certain aspects of the offering of the Notes of which prospective investors should be aware and which may affect the Issuers' ability to fulfil their obligations under the Notes. Prior to making an investment decision, prospective investors should consider carefully all of the information set out in this Base Prospectus, including in particular the following risk factors detailed below. This overview is not intended to be exhaustive and prospective investors should make their own independent evaluation of all risk factors and should also read the detailed information set out elsewhere in this Base Prospectus (including any documents deemed to be incorporated by reference herein as further described in "Documents incorporated by reference" below) and reach their own views prior to making any investment decision. There may be other risks which are not known to the Issuer or which may not be material now but could turn out to be material.

The Issuers believe that the following factors may affect their ability to fulfil their obligations under Notes issued under the Programme. All of these factors are contingencies which may or may not occur and the Issuers are not in a position to express a view on the likelihood of any such contingency occurring.

In addition, factors which the Issuers believe are material for the purpose of assessing the market risks associated with Notes issued under the Programme are also described below.

#### I. RISK FACTORS RELATING TO THE ISSUERS

#### 1. Risk factors in connection with Groupe Auchan

Risk factors in connection with Groupe Auchan are set out in details:

- on pages 6 to 7 of the 2012 half-yearly financial report (see section 4 "Risks and Uncertainties").
- on pages 5 to 6 (see section 5 "Financial Risk Management") and pages 56 to 65 (see notes 36 of the "Notes to the consolidated financial statements") of the 2011 financial report; and
- on pages 4 and 5 (see section 5 "Financial Risk Management") and pages 55 to 62 (see notes 35.2 to 35.7 of the "Notes to the consolidated financial statements") of the 2010 financial report;

which are incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus.

There are no more recent risk factors relating to Groupe Auchan.

# 2. Risk factors in connection with Banque Accord

Regarding the 2012 half yearly financial report and the 2011 financial report, pages' numbers mentioned below refer to the page's number of the pdf version of the document available on Banque Accord's website (http://www.oney-banque-accord.com/index.php?id=68). For the avoidance of doubt, pages' numbers do not refer to the numbers mentioned on the bottom of the pages of the 2012 half yearly financial report and the 2011 financial report.

Risk factors in connection with Banque Accord are set out in details:

- on pages 4 to 5 ("Principal risks to which Banque Accord is exposed"); pages 27 of the 2012 half-yearly financial report (see note 26 "Risks exposure and management").
- on pages 4 to 5 (" Main risks to which Banque Accord is exposed") and pages 46 to 50 ("Exposure and management of risks") of the 2011 financial report;

• on pages 8 to 9 ("Main risks to which Oney Banque Accord is subject") and pages 46 to 52 ("see note 31 "Exposure and management of risks") of the 2010 Financial Results:

which are incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus.

#### U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Withholding

Banque Accord and other financial institutions through which payments on the Notes are made may be required to withhold U.S. tax at a rate of thirty per cent. (30%) on all, or a portion of, payments made after December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 in respect of any Notes issued or materially modified after December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012 (and any Notes which are treated as equity for U.S. federal income tax purposes, whenever issued) pursuant to the U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act ("FATCA"). This withholding tax may apply to such payments if (i) Banque Accord is a foreign financial institution (a ("FFI") (as defined in FACTA) and if it agrees to provide certain information concerning its account holders to the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (making the Issuer a "Participating FFI"), (ii) Banque Accord has a positive "passthru payment percentage" (as defined in FATCA) and (iii) either a Noteholder does not provide information sufficient for the relevant Participating FFI (i.e. Banque Accord or any other financial institution through which payments on the Notes are made and which are Participating FFIs) to determine whether the holder is subject to withholding under FATCA, or any FFI that is an investor, or through which payment on the Notes is made, is not a Participating FFI.

However, the application of FATCA to the Notes, and to any interest, principal or other amounts paid with respect to the Notes, is presently unclear. If an amount in respect of U.S. withholding tax were to be deducted or withheld from interest, principal or other payments on the Notes as a result of FATCA, none of Banque Accord, any paying agent or any other person would, pursuant to the applicable terms and conditions of the Notes be required to pay additional amounts as a result of the deduction or withholding of such tax. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than otherwise expected. Noteholders should consult their own tax advisers concerning how these rules may apply to payments they receive under the Notes.

The attention of investors is drawn to the fact that FATCA is particularly complex and its application to Banque Accord is uncertain at this time. Each Noteholder should therefore consult its own tax advisor to obtain a more detailed explanation of FATCA and to learn how this legislation might affect each Noteholder in light of its particular circumstances.

There are no more recent risk factors relating to Banque Accord.

# II. RISK FACTORS RELATING TO THE NOTES

#### 1. General Risks Relating to the Notes

# 1.1 Independent Review and Advice

Each prospective investor of Notes must determine, based on its own independent review and such professional advice as it deems appropriate under the circumstances, that its acquisition of the Notes is fully consistent with its financial needs, objectives and condition, complies and is fully consistent with all investment policies, guidelines and restrictions applicable to it and is a fit, proper and suitable investment for it, notwithstanding the clear and substantial risks inherent in investing in or holding the Notes.

A prospective investor may not rely on the Issuers or the Dealer(s) or any of their respective affiliates in connection with its determination as to the legality of its acquisition of the Notes or as to the other matters referred to above.

# 1.2 The Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors

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

- (a) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the Notes and the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus or any applicable supplement;
- (b) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its own financial situation, an investment in the Notes and the impact that any such investment will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear the risks of an investment in the Notes, including any currency exchange risk due to the fact that the potential investor's currency is not Euro;
- (d) understand thoroughly the terms of the Notes and be familiar with the behaviour of the financial markets and any relevant indices;
- (e) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the risks of such investment; and
- (f) consult its own advisers as to legal, tax and related aspects of an investment in the Notes.

#### 1.3 Modification, waivers and substitution

The Terms and Conditions of the Notes contain provisions for calling General 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 General Meeting and Noteholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority in accordance with Article L.228-65 of the French *Code de Commerce*.

# 1.4 No active Secondary/Trading Market for the Notes

Notes issued under the Programme will be new securities which may not be widely distributed and for which there may be no active trading market (unless in the case of any particular Tranche, such Tranche is to be consolidated with and forms 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 relevant Issuer. Although in relation to Notes to be listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and/or any other Regulated Market in the European Economic Area, the Final Terms of the Notes will be filed with the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier in Luxembourg and/or with the competent authority of the Regulated Market of the European Economic Area where the Notes will be listed and admitted to trading, there is no assurance that such filings will be accepted, that any particular Tranche of Notes will be so listed and 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.

# 1.5 Provision of Information

None of the Issuers, the Dealer(s) or any of their respective affiliates makes any representation as to an index. Any of such persons may have acquired, or during the term of the Notes may acquire, non-public information with respect to an index that is or may be material in the context of index-linked Notes. The issue of index-linked Notes will not create any obligation on the part

of any such persons to disclose to the Noteholders or any other party such information (whether or not confidential).

#### 1.6 Potential Conflicts of Interest

Each of the Issuers, the Dealer(s) or their respective affiliates may deal with and engage generally in any kind of commercial or investment banking or other business with any issuer of the securities taken up in an index, their respective affiliates or any guarantor or any other person or entities having obligations relating to any issuer of the securities taken up in an index or their respective affiliates or any guarantor in the same manner as if any index-linked Notes issued under the Programme did not exist, regardless of whether any such action might have an adverse effect on an issuer of the securities taken up in the index, any of their respective affiliates or any guarantor. For the avoidance of doubt, in this paragraph, the term "affiliates" includes also parent companies.

Each of the Issuers may from time to time be engaged in transactions involving an index or related derivatives which may affect the market price, liquidity or value of the Notes and which could be deemed to be adverse to the interests of the Noteholders.

Potential conflicts of interest may arise between the calculation agent, if any, for a Tranche of Notes and the Noteholders, including with respect to certain discretionary determinations and judgements that such calculation agent may make pursuant to the Terms and Conditions that may influence the amount receivable upon redemption of the Notes.

# 1.7 Exchange Rates

Prospective investors of the Notes should be aware that an investment in the Notes may involve exchange rate risks. The reference assets or the Notes may be denominated in a currency other than the currency of the purchaser's home jurisdiction; and/or the reference assets or the Notes may be denominated in a currency other than the currency in which a purchaser wishes to receive funds. Exchange rates between currencies are determined by factors of supply and demand in the international currency markets which are influenced by macro economic factors, speculation and central bank and government intervention (including the imposition of currency controls and restrictions). Fluctuations in exchange rates may affect the value of the Notes or the reference assets.

#### 1.8 Legality of Purchase

Neither the Issuers, the Dealer(s) nor any of their respective affiliates has or assumes responsibility for the lawfulness of the acquisition of the Notes by a prospective investor of the Notes, whether under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or the jurisdiction in which it operates (if different), or for compliance by that prospective investor with any law, regulation or regulatory policy applicable to it.

# 1.9 Credit ratings may not reflect all risks

One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign credit ratings to the Notes. The 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.

#### 1.10 Taxation

Potential purchasers and sellers of the Notes should be aware that they may be required to pay taxes or other documentary charges or duties in accordance with the laws and practices of the country where the Notes are transferred or other jurisdictions. In some jurisdictions, no official statements of the tax authorities or court decisions may be available for innovative financial notes such as the Notes. Potential investors are advised not to rely upon the tax overview

contained in this Base Prospectus but to ask for their own tax adviser's advice on their individual taxation with respect to the acquisition, holding, sale and redemption of the Notes. Only these advisors are in a position to duly consider the specific situation of the potential investor. This investment consideration has to be read in connection with the taxation sections of this Base Prospectus.

#### 1.11 EU Savings Directive

The EC Council Directive 2003/48/EC of 3 June 2003 on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments (the "**Directive**") requires each Member State as from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005, subject to a number of conditions being met, to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest and other similar income within the meaning of the Directive made by a paying agent within its jurisdiction to (or under circumstances to the benefit of) an individual resident in that other Member State, except that Austria and Luxembourg will instead withhold an amount on interest payments unless the relevant beneficial owner of interest payment elects otherwise and authorises the paying agent to disclose the above information.

If a payment were to be made or collected through a Member State which has opted for a withholding system and an amount of, or in respect of tax were to be withheld from that payment, neither the relevant Issuer nor any Paying Agent nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Note as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax.

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the European Commission issued a report to the Council of the European Union on the operation of the Directive, which included the European Commission's advice on the need for changes to the Directive. On November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the European Commission published a more detailed proposal for amendments to the Directive, which included a number of suggested changes. The European Parliament has adopted an amended version of this proposal on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009. If any of those proposed changes are implemented in relation to the Directive, they may amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above. Investors who are in any doubt as to their position should consult their professional advisers.

#### 1.12 Market Value of the Notes

The market value of the Notes will be affected by the creditworthiness of the relevant Issuer and a number of additional factors, including the value of the reference assets or an index, including, but not limited to, the volatility of the reference assets or an index, or the dividend on the securities taken up in the index, market interest and yield rates and the time remaining to the maturity date.

The value of the Notes, the reference assets or the index depends on a number of interrelated factors, including economic, financial and political events in France or elsewhere, including factors affecting capital markets generally and the stock exchanges on which the Notes, the reference assets, the securities taken up in the index, or the index are traded. The price at which a Noteholder will be able to sell the Notes prior to maturity may be at a discount, which could be substantial, from the issue price or the purchase price paid by such purchaser. The historical market prices of the reference assets or an index should not be taken as an indication of the reference assets' or an index's future performance during the term of any Note.

# 1.13 Change of Law

The Terms and Conditions of the Notes are based on French law in effect as at the date of this Base Prospectus. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change in French law or the official application or interpretation of French law after the date of this Base Prospectus.

#### 1.14 French Insolvency Law

Under French insolvency law as amended by ordinance n°2008-1345 dated December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and by law n°2010-1249 dated October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 applicable as from March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, holders of debt securities are automatically grouped into a single assembly of holders (the "**Assembly**") in order to defend their common interests if a safeguard procedure (*procédure de sauvegarde*), accelerated safeguard procedure (*procédure de sauvegarde accélérée*) or a judicial reorganization procedure (*procédure de redressement judiciaire*) is opened in France with respect to the Issuers.

The Assembly comprises holders of all debt securities issued by the Issuer (including the Notes), whether or not under a debt issuance programme (such as a Euro Medium Term Note programme) and regardless of their governing law.

The Assembly deliberates on the draft safeguard plan (*projet de plan de sauvegarde*), draft accelerated financial safeguard plan (*projet de plan de sauvegarde* financière accélérée) or draft judicial reorganization plan (*projet de plan de redressement*) applicable to the Issuers and may further agree to:

- increase the liabilities (charges) of holders of debt securities (including the Noteholders)
   by rescheduling due payments and/or partially or totally writing-off receivables in the form of debt securities;
- establish an unequal treatment between holders of debt securities (including the Noteholders) as appropriate under the circumstances; and/or
- decide to convert debt securities (including the Notes) into securities that give or may give rights to share capital.

Decisions of the Assembly will be taken by a two-third majority (calculated as a proportion of the debt securities held by the holders attending such Assembly or represented thereat). No quorum is required.

For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions relating to the Meetings of the Noteholders described in the Terms and Conditions of the Notes set out in this Base Prospectus will not be applicable to the extent they are not in compliance with compulsory insolvency law provisions that apply in these circumstances.

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

The Programme allows for different types of Notes to be issued. Accordingly, each Tranche of Notes may carry varying risks for potential investors depending on the specific features of such Notes such as, *inter alia*, the provisions for computation of periodic interest payments, if any, redemption and issue price.

#### 2.1 Notes subject to optional redemption by the Issuer

In the event that the relevant 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 the country of domicile (or residence for tax purposes) by the relevant Issuer, or on behalf of France, or any political subdivision thereof or any authority therein or thereof having power to tax, the relevant Issuer may redeem all outstanding Notes in accordance with the Terms and Conditions.

In addition, if in the case of any particular Tranche of Notes the relevant Final Terms specifies that the Notes are redeemable at the Issuer's option in certain other circumstances the Issuer may choose to redeem the Notes at times when prevailing interest rates may be relatively low.

During a period when the Issuer may elect, or has elected, to redeem Notes, such Notes may feature a market value not substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed.

In such circumstances an investor may not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds in a comparable security at an effective interest rate as high as that of the relevant Notes.

#### 2.2 Fixed Rate Notes

Investment in Notes which bear interest at a fixed rate involves the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of the relevant Tranche of Notes.

# 2.3 Floating Rate Notes

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

#### 2.4 Inverse Floating Rate Notes

Investment in Notes which bear interest at an inverse floating rate comprise (i) a fixed base rate minus (ii) a reference rate. The market value of such Notes typically is more volatile than the market value of floating rate Notes based on the same reference rate (and with otherwise comparable terms). Inverse floating rate Notes are more volatile because an increase in the reference rate not only decreases the interest rate of the Notes, but may also reflect an increase in prevailing interest rates, which further adversely affects the market value of these Notes.

# 2.5 Fixed to Floating Rate Notes

Fixed to floating rate Notes may bear interest at a rate that the Issuer may elect to convert from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. The relevant Issuer's ability to convert the interest rate 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 relevant Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, the spread on the fixed to 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, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing rates on its Notes.

#### 2.6 Notes issued at a substantial discount or premium

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

# 2.7 Variable rate Notes with a multiplier or other leverage factor

Notes with variable interest rates can be volatile investments. If they are structured to include multipliers or other leverage factors, or caps or floors, or any combination of those features, their market values may be even more volatile than those for securities that do not include those features.

# 2.8 Subordinated Notes

In the event of any insolvency or liquidation of the relevant Issuer, holders of Subordinated Notes would receive payments on any outstanding Subordinated Notes only after senior Noteholders and other senior creditors have been repaid in full, if and to the extent that there is still cash available for those payments. Thus, holders of Subordinated Notes generally face a higher performance risk than holders of senior Notes.

#### **DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

This Base Prospectus should be read and construed in conjunction with:

- the 2012 half year condensed consolidated financial reports of Groupe Auchan and the 2012 half year condensed consolidated financial reports of Banque Accord
- the audited consolidated financial reports of Groupe Auchan and the audited consolidated financial reports of Banque Accord for the financial years ended on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011
- the audited consolidated financial reports of Groupe Auchan and the audited consolidated financial reports of Banque Accord for the financial years ended on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010

which have previously been published and have been filed with the *Commission de surveillance du secteur financier* in Luxembourg and shall be incorporated by reference in, and form part of, this Base Prospectus, save that any statement contained in these documents which are incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purpose of this Base Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein modifies or supersedes such earlier statement (whether expressly, by implication or otherwise).

The information incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus shall be read in connection with the cross-reference list as set out in the section "Cross-Reference List". All information contained in the documents incorporated by reference but not mentioned in the cross-reference list are given for information purposes only.

# CROSS-REFERENCE LIST IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE FIRST HALF YEAR 2012 AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011 AND 2010 IN RESPECT OF GROUPE AUCHAN

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	11.2. Financial Statements			

Own or consolidated financial statements (if both are prepared, at least the consolidated financial statements) for the latest two financial years	Page 8 to 12	Page 8 to page 12	Page 7 to page 11
11.3. Auditing/reviewing of historical annual/half year financial information			
Statement indicating that the historical financial information has been audited	Page 37	Page 75	Page 71
Statement indicating that the historical financial information has been reviewed	Page 37		

All documents incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus will be available on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu).

The aforementioned documents incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus and the Base Prospectus itself are available without charge on request at the registered office of the Issuer and may be consulted on the Issuer's website (http://www.groupe-auchan.com/nos-resultats/rapports-annuels/).

# CROSS-REFERENCE LIST IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE FIRST HALF YEAR 2012 AND FOR THE YEARS ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2011 AND 2010 IN RESPECT OF BANQUE ACCORD

Regarding the 2012 half yearly financial report and the 2011 financial report, pages' numbers mentioned below refer to the page's number of the pdf version of the document available on Banque Accord's website (http://www.oney-banque-accord.com/index.php?id=68). For the avoidance of doubt, pages' numbers do not refer to the numbers mentioned on the bottom of the pages of the 2012 half yearly financial report and the 2011 financial report.

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3. Risk Factors	3.1. Prominent disclosure of risk factors that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the securities to investors	Page 4 to 6 and Page 27 to 33 (note 6)	Pages 4 to 6 and pages 46 to 50	Pages 8 to 9 and pages 46 to 51
Information about the Issuer	4.1.5. Recent events particular to the Issuer	Page 13. (note 2)	Pages 2 to 4 and pages 15 to 16	Pages 4, 5 and 7 pages 17 to 78
Organisational Structure	6.1. Description of the group of which the Issuer is part and of the issuer's position within it.	Page 13. (note 1)	Page 14	Page 16
11. Financial information concerning the	11.1 Historical Financial Information			
issuer's assets and liabilities, financial position and profits and losses	Audited historical financial information	Pages 6 to 10	Pages 16 to 29	Page 10 to page 14
	Audit reports		Page 53 to 56	Page 53 to page 57
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_	Annex XI in respect of nque Accord	Half-yearly Financial report 2012	Financial Report 2011	Financial Report 2010
	Balance sheet	Pages 6 to 8	Pages 7 to 8	Pages 10 to 11
	Income statement	Pages 9	Pages 8 to 9	Page 12
	Statement of changes in consolidated equity	Pages 20 to 21	Pages 37 to 38	Pages 37 to 38
	Accounting policies	Pages 14 to 16	Page 16 to 29	Page 18 to page 30
	Explanatory notes	Pages 12 to 33	Pages 13 to 51	Page 16 to page 52
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	11.2 Financial Statements		,	
	Own or consolidated financial statements (if both are prepared, at least the consolidated financial statements) for the latest two financial years	Page 6 to 10	Page 7 to page 11	Page 10 to page 14
	11.3 Auditing/reviewing of historical annual/half year financial information			
	Statement indicating that the historical financial information has been audited	Pages 34 to 36	Pages 51 to 56	Pages 53 to 57
	Statement indicating that the historical financial information has been reviewed		Pages 8 to 9	Page 12

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# SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS

If at any time Groupe Auchan or Banque Accord shall be required to prepare a supplement to this Base Prospectus pursuant to the provisions of Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

Groupe Auchan and/or Banque Accord will prepare and make available an appropriate supplement to this Base Prospectus or a restated Base Prospectus, which in respect of any subsequent issue of Notes to be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or on a Regulated Market of a Member State of the European Economic Area, shall constitute a supplement to the Base Prospectus for the purpose of the relevant provisions of the Prospectus Directive.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

The following is the text of the terms and conditions that, as completed by the relevant Final Terms, shall be applicable to the Notes. In the case of Dematerialised Notes, the text of the terms and conditions will not be endorsed on physical documents of title but will be constituted by the following text as completed by the relevant Final Terms. In the case of Materialised Notes, either (i) the full text of these terms and conditions together with the relevant provisions of the Final Terms or (ii) these terms and conditions as so completed (in each case subject to simplification by the deletion of non-applicable provisions), shall be endorsed on Materialised Notes. All capitalised terms that are not defined in these Conditions will have the meanings given to them in the relevant Final Terms. References in the Conditions to "Notes" are to the Notes of one Series only, not to all Notes that may be issued under the Programme.

The Notes are issued by Banque Accord ("Banque Accord" or an "Issuer") and Groupe Auchan ("Groupe Auchan" or an "Issuer" and, together with Banque Accord, the "Issuers") with the benefit of an amended and restated agency agreement dated 4 December 2012 entered into between the Issuers and BNP Paribas Securities Services (as amended and supplemented from time to time, the "Agency Agreement"). The fiscal agent, the paying agents and the calculation agent(s) for the time being (if any) are referred to below respectively as the "Fiscal Agent", the "Paying Agents" (which expression shall include the Fiscal Agent) and the "Calculation Agent(s)". The specific terms of each issue of Notes will be set out in the final terms to this Base Prospectus (the "Final Terms"). The holders of the interest coupons (the "Coupons") relating to interest bearing Materialised Notes and, where applicable in the case of such Notes, talons (the "Talons") for further Coupons and the holders of the receipts for the payment of instalments of principal (the "Receipts") relating to Materialised Notes of which the principal is redeemable in instalments are respectively referred to below as the "Couponholders" and the "Receiptholders".

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

For the purpose of these Terms and Conditions, "Regulated Market" means any regulated market situated in a Member State of the European Economic Area ("EEA") as defined in the Market in Financial Instruments Directive no. 2004/39/EC.

# 1. Form, Denomination(s), Title and Method of Issue

- (a) **Form:** Notes may be issued either in dematerialised form ("**Dematerialised Notes**") or in materialised form ("**Materialised Notes**"), as specified in the relevant Final Terms.
  - (i) Title to Dematerialised Notes will be evidenced in accordance with Articles L.211-3 et seq. and R.211-1 et seq. of the French Code monétaire et financier by book entries (inscriptions en compte). No physical document of title (including certificats représentatifs pursuant to Article R.211-7 of the French Code monétaire et financier) will be issued in respect of the Dematerialised Notes.

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

For the purpose of these Conditions, "Account Holder" means any authorised

financial intermediary institution entitled, either directly or indirectly, to hold accounts on behalf of its customers with Euroclear France, and includes the depositary bank for Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("Clearstream, Luxembourg") and Euroclear Bank S.A. / N.V. ("Euroclear").

(ii) Materialised Notes are issued in bearer form only. Materialised Notes in definitive form ("Definitive Materialised Notes") are serially numbered and are issued with Coupons (and, where appropriate, a Talon) attached, save in the case of Zero Coupon Notes in which case references to interest (other than in relation to interest due after the Maturity Date), Coupons and Talons in these Conditions are not applicable. "Instalment Notes" are issued with one or more Receipts attached.

In accordance with Article L.211-3 of the Code, securities (such as Notes constituting obligations under French law) which are governed by French law and are in materialised form must be issued outside the French territory.

(b) **Denomination(s):** Notes shall be issued in the specified denomination(s) as set out in the relevant Final Terms (the "**Specified Denomination(s)**") save that the minimum denomination of each Note admitted to trading on a Regulated Market in circumstances which require the publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive will be €100,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency), or such higher amount as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant monetary authority or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency. Dematerialised Notes shall be issued in one Specified Denomination only.

# (c) Title:

- (i) Title to Dematerialised Notes in bearer form (au porteur) and in administered registered form (au nominatif administré) shall pass upon, and transfer of such Notes may only be effected through, registration of the transfer in the accounts of Account Holders. Title to Dematerialised Notes in fully registered form (au nominatif pur) shall pass upon, and transfer of such Notes may only be effected through, registration of the transfer in the accounts of the relevant Issuer or of the Registration Agent.
- (ii) Title to Definitive Materialised Notes including, where appropriate, Coupons, Receipt(s) and/or a Talon attached, shall pass by delivery.
- (iii) Except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, the holder of any Note (as defined below), Receipt, Coupon or Talon shall be deemed to be and may be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes, whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, or an interest in it, any writing on it (or on the Certificate representing it) or its theft or loss (or that of its related Certificate) and no person shall be liable for so treating the holder.
- (iv) In these Conditions, "holder of Notes", "holder of any Note" or "Noteholder" means (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, the person whose name appears in the account of the relevant Account Holder or the relevant Issuer or the Registration Agent (as the case may be) as being entitled to such Notes and (ii) in the case of Definitive Materialised Notes, the bearer of any Definitive Materialised Note and the Receipts, Coupons, or Talon relating to it, and capitalised terms have the meanings given to them in the relevant Final Terms, the absence of any such meaning indicating that such term is not applicable to the Notes.
- (d) Method of Issue: The Notes will be issued on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis. The Notes will be issued in series (each a "Series") having one or more issue dates and on terms otherwise identical (or identical other than in respect of the first payment of

interest), the Notes of each Series being intended to be interchangeable with all other Notes of that Series. Each Series may be issued in tranches (each a "**Tranche**") on the same or different issue dates. The specific terms of each Tranche (which will be completed, where necessary, with supplemental terms and conditions and, save in respect of the issue date, issue price, first payment of interest and nominal amount of the Tranche, will be identical to the terms of other Tranches of the same Series) will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of the issue and will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

# 2. Conversion and Exchanges of Notes

#### (a) **Dematerialised Notes:**

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

#### (b) Materialised Notes:

Materialised Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Materialised Notes of another Specified Denomination.

#### 3. Status

The obligations of each Issuer under the Notes may be either unsubordinated ("**Unsubordinated Notes**") or subordinated ("**Subordinated Notes**"), as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

# (a) Status of Unsubordinated Notes:

The Unsubordinated Notes and, where applicable, any Receipts and Coupons relating to them constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and (subject to the provisions of Condition 4) unsecured obligations of the relevant Issuer and rank and will at all times rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves and (subject to such exceptions as are from time to time mandatory under French law) equally and rateably with all other present or future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the relevant Issuer.

#### (b) Status of Subordinated Notes:

# (i) Subordination:

Payments of principal in respect of Subordinated Notes (which term shall include both Subordinated Notes with a specified maturity date ("**Dated Subordinated Notes**") and Subordinated Notes without a specified maturity date ("**Undated Subordinated Notes**") are direct, unsecured, unconditional and subordinated obligations of the relevant Issuer and rank and will rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves and *pari passu* with any other present or future direct, unsecured,

unconditional and subordinated obligations of the relevant Issuer with the exception of the *prêts participatifs* granted to the relevant Issuer. If any judgement is rendered by any competent court declaring the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) of the relevant Issuer or if the relevant Issuer is liquidated for any other reason, the rights of payment of the holders of Subordinated Notes shall be subordinated to the payment in full of unsubordinated creditors and, subject to such payment in full, the holders of Subordinated Notes shall be paid in priority to any *prêts participatifs* granted to the relevant Issuer. In the event of incomplete payment of unsubordinated creditors, the obligations of the relevant Issuer in connection with the Subordinated Notes will be terminated. The holders of Subordinated Notes shall take all steps necessary for the orderly accomplishment of any collective proceedings or voluntary liquidation.

#### (ii) Dated Subordinated Notes:

Payments of interest relating to Dated Subordinated Notes constitute obligations which rank equally with the obligations of the relevant Issuer in respect of Unsubordinated Notes issued by the relevant Issuer in accordance with Condition 3(a).

# (iii) Undated Subordinated Notes:

Payments of interest relating to Undated Subordinated Notes may be deferred in accordance with the provisions of Condition 5(h). The use of the proceeds of issues of Undated Subordinated Notes will be set out in the applicable Final Terms.

# 4. Negative Pledge

So long as any of the Unsubordinated Notes or, if applicable, any Receipts or Coupons relating to them, remain outstanding (as defined below), the relevant Issuer will not, and will ensure that none of its Principal Subsidiaries (as defined below) will, create or permit to subsist any mortgage, charge, pledge or other Security Interest other than a Permitted Security Interest upon any of its or their respective assets or revenues, present or future, to secure any Relevant Indebtedness (all as defined below) or any guarantee in respect of any Relevant Indebtedness (whether before or after the issue of Unsubordinated Notes) unless such relevant Issuer's obligations under the Unsubordinated Notes, Receipts and Coupons are equally and rateably secured therewith.

For the purposes of this Condition:

- (i) "outstanding" means, in relation to the Notes of any Series, all the Notes issued other than
  - (a) those that have been redeemed in accordance with the Conditions,
  - (b) those in respect of which the date for redemption has occurred and the redemption moneys (including all interest accrued on such Notes to the date for such redemption, Arrears of Interest, as the case may be, and any interest payable after such date) have been duly paid
    - (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes in bearer form and in administered registered form, to the relevant Account Holders on behalf of the Noteholder as provided in Condition 7(a),
    - (ii) in the case of Dematerialised Notes in fully registered form, to the account of the Noteholder as provided in Condition 7(a) and
    - (iii) in the case of Materialised Notes, to the Fiscal Agent as provided in this Agreement and remain available for payment against presentation and

surrender of Materialised Notes, Receipts and/or Coupons, as the case may be,

- (c) those which have become void or in respect of which claims have become prescribed,
- (d) those which have been purchased and cancelled as provided in the Conditions,
- (e) in the case of Materialised Notes
  - (i) those mutilated or defaced Materialised Notes that have been surrendered in exchange for replacement Materialised Notes,
  - (ii) (for the purpose only of determining how many such Materialised Notes are outstanding and without prejudice to their status for any other purpose) those Materialised Notes alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed and in respect of which replacement Materialised Notes have been issued and
  - (iii) any Temporary Global Certificate to the extent that it shall have been exchanged for one or more Definitive Materialised Notes, pursuant to its provisions;
- (ii) "Principal Subsidiary" means at any relevant time a Subsidiary:
  - (a) of Groupe Auchan, whose total net assets or net sales (or, where the Subsidiary in question prepares consolidated accounts, whose total consolidated net assets or consolidated net sales, as the case may be) attributable to Groupe Auchan represent not less than 10 per cent. of the total consolidated net assets or the consolidated net sales of Groupe Auchan, as the case may be, all as calculated by reference to the then latest audited accounts (or consolidated accounts, as the case may be) of such Subsidiary and the then latest audited consolidated accounts of Groupe Auchan and its consolidated subsidiaries; or
  - (b) of Banque Accord, whose total net assets or operating income (or, where the Subsidiary in question prepares consolidated accounts, whose total consolidated net assets or consolidated operating income, as the case may be) attributable to Banque Accord represent not less than 10 per cent. of the total consolidated net assets or the consolidated operating income of Banque Accord, as the case may be, all as calculated by reference to the then latest audited accounts (or consolidated accounts, as the case may be) of such Subsidiary and the then latest audited consolidated accounts of Banque Accord and its consolidated subsidiaries; or
  - (c) of any of the Issuers, to which is transferred all or substantially all the assets and undertakings of a Subsidiary which immediately prior to such transfer is a Principal Subsidiary;
- (iii) "Permitted Security Interest" means a security interest granted to holders of debt securities over an asset and required to finance its purchase only;
- (iv) "Security Interest" means any mortgage, lien, charge, pledge or other form of security interest (sûreté réelle);
- (v) "Subsidiary" means, in relation to any person or entity at any time, any other person or entity (whether or not now existing) as defined in Article L.233-1 of the French Code de Commerce or any other person or entity controlling directly or indirectly such person or entity within the meaning of Article L.233-3 of the French Code de Commerce, except for any person or entity controlled by such other person or entity (the "Controlling Party") severally with a third party (through any arrangement such as a joint-venture)

- agreement) so that such Controlling Party is not in a position to exercise such control solely by itself;
- (vi) "Relevant Indebtedness" means any indebtedness for borrowed money, represented by notes (obligations) or other assimilated debt securities with a maturity of more than one year which are for the time being, or are capable of being, quoted, listed and admitted to trading or ordinarily dealt in on any stock exchange, over-the-countermarket or other securities market. For the avoidance of doubt, such Relevant Indebtedness does not include indebtedness for borrowed money arising under loan or credit facility agreements.

This Condition 4 shall not apply to Subordinated Notes.

#### 5. Interest and other Calculations

(a) **Definitions:** In these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, the following defined terms shall have the meanings set out below:

# "Business Day" means:

- (i) in the case of euro, a day on which the Trans European Automated Real Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer system (known as TARGET 2) or any successor thereto (the "TARGET System") is operating (a "TARGET Business Day"); and/or
- (ii) in the case of a Specified Currency other than euro, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the principal financial centre for such currency; and/or
- (iii) in the case of a Specified Currency and/or one or more additional business centre(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms (the "Business Centre(s)") a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in such currency in the Business Centre(s) or, if no currency is indicated, generally in each of the Business Centres so specified;

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

- (i) if "Actual/365", "Actual/365 FBF" or "Actual/Actual ISDA" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Calculation Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365);
- (ii) if "Actual/Actual ICMA" is specified in the relevant Final Terms:
  - (A) if the Calculation Period is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which it falls, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year; and
  - (B) if the Calculation Period is longer than one Determination Period, the sum of: the number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the Determination Period in which it begins divided by the product of (1) the number of days in

such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year; and

the number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year

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

"Determination Date" means the date specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, the Interest Payment Date;

- (iii) if "Actual/365 (Fixed)" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365;
- (iv) if "**Actual/360**" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360;
- (v) if "30/360", "360/360" or "Bond Basis" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with twelve (12) 30-day months (unless (a) the last day of the Calculation Period is the 31<sup>st</sup> day of a month but the first day of the Calculation Period is a day other than the 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (b) the last day of the Calculation Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30-day month));
- (vi) if "30/360 FBF" or "Actual 30A/360 (American Bond Basis)" is specified in the relevant Final Terms

in respect of each Calculation Period, the fraction whose denominator is 360 and whose numerator is the number of days calculated as for 30E/360, subject to the following exception:

where the last day of the Calculation Period is the 31<sup>st</sup> and the first day is neither the 30<sup>th</sup> nor the 31<sup>st</sup>, the last month of the Calculation Period shall be deemed to be a month of thirty-one (31) days, using the same abbreviations as for 30E/360, the fraction is:

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

1/360 x [(yy2 - yy1) x 360 + (mm2 - mm1) x 30 + (dd2 - dd1)]

or

1/360 x [(yy2 - yy1) x 360 + (mm2 - mm1) x 30 + Min (dd2 , 30) - Min (dd1 , 30)];
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(vii) if "30E/360" or "Eurobond Basis" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, in respect of each Calculation Period, the fraction whose denominator is 360 and whose numerator is the number of days elapsed during such period, calculated on the basis of a year comprising twelve (12) months of thirty (30) days, subject to the following the exception:

if the last day of the Calculation Period is the last day of the month of February, the number of days elapsed during such month shall be the actual number of days,

where:

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

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

the fraction is:

 $1/360 \times [(yy2 - yy1) \times 360 + (mm2 - mm1) \times 30 + Min (dd2, 30) - Min (dd1, 30)];$ 

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

"Euro-zone" means the region comprised of member states of the European Union that adopt the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended;

"FBF Definitions" means the definitions set out in the 2007 FBF Master Agreement relating to Transactions on Forward Financial Instruments as supplemented by the then applicable Interest and Currency Technical Annex (*Echange de conditions d'Intérêt ou de Devises - Additif Technique*) published by the *Fédération Bancaire Française* (www.fbf.fr), as the case may be ("FBF") (together the "FBF Master Agreement");

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

"Interest Amount" means the amount of interest payable, and in the case of Fixed Rate Notes, means the Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount, as the case may be;

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

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

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

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

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

"ISDA Definitions" means the 2006 ISDA Definitions as published (www.isda.org) by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. and amended from time to time;

"Page" means such page, section, caption, column or other part of a particular information service (including, but not limited to, Reuters Markets 3000 ("Reuters")) as

may be specified for the purpose of providing a Relevant Rate, or such other page, section, caption, column or other part as may replace it on that information service or on such other information service, in each case as may be nominated by the person or organisation providing or sponsoring the information appearing there for the purpose of displaying rates or prices comparable to that Relevant Rate;

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

"Reference Banks" means the institutions specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none, four major banks selected by the Calculation Agent in the interbank market (or, if appropriate, money, swap or over-the-counter index options market) that is most closely connected with the Benchmark (which, if EURIBOR is the relevant Benchmark, shall be the Euro-zone) following agreement with the relevant Issuer;

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

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

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

"Relevant Time" means, with respect to any Interest Determination Date, the local time in the Relevant Financial Centre specified in the relevant Final Terms or, if no time is specified, the local time in the Relevant Financial Centre at which it is customary to determine bid and offered rates in respect of deposits in the Specified Currency in the interbank market in the Relevant Financial Centre or, if no such customary local time exists, 11.00 am in the Relevant Financial Centre and for the purpose of this definition, "local time" means, with respect to Europe and the Euro-zone as a Relevant Financial Centre, Brussels time;

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

"Specified Currency" means the currency specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, the currency in which the Notes are denominated; and

"Specified Duration" means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined in accordance with a Screen Rate Determination on an Interest Determination Date, the duration specified in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, a period of time equal to the relative Interest Accrual Period, ignoring any adjustment pursuant to Condition 5(c)(ii).

(b) Interest on Fixed Rate Notes: Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount from the Interest Commencement Date at the rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Rate of Interest, such interest being payable annually, semi-annually, quarterly or monthly in arrears or not on each Interest Payment Date (as specified in the relevant Final Terms).

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

#### (c) Interest on Floating Rate Notes:

- (i) Interest Payment Dates: Each Floating Rate Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount from the Interest Commencement Date at the rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Rate of Interest, such interest being payable annually, semi-annually, quarterly or monthly in arrears or not on each Interest Payment Date (as specified in the relevant Final Terms). Such Interest Payment Date(s) is/are either shown in the relevant Final Terms as Specified Interest Payment Dates or, if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are shown in the relevant Final Terms, Interest Payment Date shall mean each date which falls the number of months or other period shown in the relevant Final Terms as the Interest Period after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.
- (ii) Business Day Convention: If any date referred to in these Conditions that is specified to be subject to adjustment in accordance with a Business Day Convention would otherwise fall on a day that is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is
  - (A) the Floating Rate Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (x) such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (y) each subsequent such date shall be the last Business Day of the month in which such date would have fallen had it not been subject to adjustment,
  - (B) the Following Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day,
  - (C) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day or
  - (D) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the applicable Final Terms specify that the relevant Business Day Convention is to be applied on an "unadjusted" basis, the Interest Amount payable on any date shall not be affected by the application of that Business Day Convention.

(iii) Rate of Interest for Floating Rate Notes: The Rate of Interest in respect of Floating Rate Notes for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined in the manner specified in the provisions below relating to either FBF Determination, ISDA

Determination or Screen Rate Determination, depending upon which is specified in the relevant Final Terms.

#### (A) FBF Determination for Floating Rate Notes:

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

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

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), "Floating Rate", "Agent", "Floating Rate Determination Date" are translations of the French terms "Taux Variable", "Agent" and "Date de Détermination du Taux Variable", respectively, which have the meanings given to those terms in the FBF Definitions.

#### (B) ISDA Determination for Floating Rate Notes:

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

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

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

#### (C) Screen Rate Determination and Rate of Interest for Floating Rate Notes:

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

- (a) if the Primary Source for Floating Rate is a Page, subject as provided below, the Rate of Interest shall be:
  - (i) the Relevant Rate (where such Relevant Rate on such Page is a composite quotation or is customarily supplied by one entity) or
  - (ii) the arithmetic mean of the Relevant Rates of the persons whose Relevant Rates appear on that Page,

in each case appearing on such Page at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date as specified in the relevant Final Terms, plus or minus (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms) the Margin (if any);

- (b) if the Primary Source for the Floating Rate is Reference Banks or if sub-paragraph (a)(i) applies and no Relevant Rate appears on the Page at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date or if sub-paragraph (a)(ii) applies and fewer than two Relevant Rates appear on the Page at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date, subject as provided below, the Rate of Interest shall be the arithmetic mean of the Relevant Rates that each of the Reference Banks is quoting to leading banks in the Relevant Financial Centre at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date, as determined by the Calculation Agent plus or minus (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms) the Margin (if any); and
- (c) if paragraph (b) above applies and the Calculation Agent determines that fewer than two Reference Banks are so quoting Relevant Rates, subject as provided below, the Rate of Interest shall be the arithmetic mean of the rates per annum (expressed as a percentage) that the Calculation Agent determines to be the rates (being the nearest equivalent to the Benchmark) in respect of a Representative Amount of the Specified Currency that at least two out of five leading banks selected by the Calculation Agent in the principal financial centre of the country of the Specified Currency or, if the Specified Currency is euro, in the euro-zone as selected by the Calculation Agent (the "Principal Financial Centre") are quoting at or about the Relevant Time on the date on which such banks would customarily quote such rates for a period commencing on the Effective Date for a period equivalent to the Specified Duration (x) to leading banks carrying on business in Europe, or (if the Calculation Agent determines that fewer than two of such banks are so quoting to leading banks in Europe) (y) to leading banks carrying on business in the Principal Financial Centre; except that, if fewer than two of such banks are so quoting to leading banks in the Principal Financial Centre, the Rate of Interest shall be the Rate of Interest determined on the previous Interest Determination Date (after readjustment for any difference between any Margin, or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest applicable to the preceding Interest Accrual Period and to the relevant Interest Accrual Period).
- (d) Zero Coupon Notes: Where a Note the Interest Basis of which is specified to be Zero Coupon is repayable prior to the Maturity Date and is not paid when due, the amount due and payable prior to the Maturity Date shall be the Early Redemption Amount of such Note. As from the Maturity Date, the Rate of Interest for any overdue principal of such a Note shall be a rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Amortisation Yield (as described in Condition 6(e)(i)(B)).
- (e) Accrual of Interest: Interest shall cease to accrue on each Note on the due date for

redemption unless (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, on such due date or (ii) in the case of Materialised Notes, upon due presentation, payment is improperly withheld or refused, in which event interest shall continue to accrue (as well after as before judgement) at the Rate of Interest in the manner provided in this Condition 5 to the Relevant Date.

(f) **Deferral of interest:** In respect of Banque Accord, payment of interest on Undated Subordinated Notes may be postponed in accordance with applicable French banking laws and regulations and in particular Article 4(c) of Regulation no. 90-02 dated 23 February 1990 of the CRBF as amended from time to time.

In the case of Undated Subordinated Notes issued by any of the Issuers, interest shall be payable on each Compulsory Interest Payment Date (as defined below) in respect of the interest accrued in the Interest Period ending on the day immediately preceding such date. On any Optional Interest Payment Date (as defined below) there may be paid (if the relevant Issuer so elects) the interest accrued in the Interest Period ending on the day immediately preceding such date but the relevant Issuer shall not have any obligation to make such payment and any such failure to pay shall not constitute a default under the Notes or for any other purpose. Notice of any Optional Interest Payment Date shall (so long as the rules of the relevant Regulated Market(s) so require) be given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15 and to the relevant Regulated Market(s) on which the Notes are admitted to trading, as the case may be. Such notice shall be given at least seven (7) days prior to the relevant Optional Interest Payment Date(s). Any interest not paid on an Optional Interest Payment Date shall, so long as the same remains unpaid, constitute "Arrears of Interest" which term shall include interest on such unpaid interest as referred to below. Arrears of Interest may, at the option of the relevant Issuer, be paid in whole or in part at any time upon the expiration of not less than seven (7) days' notice to such effect given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15 provided that all Arrears of Interest on all Undated Subordinated Notes outstanding shall become due in full on whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the Interest Payment Date immediately following the date upon which the Assemblée Générale passed a resolution to pay a dividend on the ordinary share capital of the Issuer,
- (ii) the commencement of a liquidation or dissolution of the relevant Issuer, and
- (iii) any redemption date under the relevant Notes

If notice is given by the relevant Issuer of its intention to pay the whole or part of Arrears of Interest, the relevant Issuer shall be obliged to do so upon the expiration of such notice. When Arrears of Interest are paid in part, each such payment shall be applied in or towards satisfaction of the full amount of the Arrears of Interest accrued in respect of the earliest Interest Period in respect of which Arrears of Interest have accrued and have not been paid in full. Arrears of Interest shall (to the extent permitted by law) bear interest accruing (but only, in accordance with Article 1154 of the Civil Code, after such interest has accrued for a period of one (1) year) and compounding on the basis of the exact number of days which have elapsed at the prevailing rate of interest on the Undated Subordinated Notes in respect of each relevant Interest Period. For these purposes the following expressions have the following meanings:

"Compulsory Interest Payment Date" means any Interest Payment Date unless at the Assemblée Générale of the shareholders of the relevant Issuer immediately preceding such date which was required to approve the annual accounts of the Issuer for the fiscal year ended prior to such Assemblée Générale, no resolution was passed to pay a dividend on the ordinary share capital of the Issuer in respect of such previous fiscal year.

"Optional Interest Payment Date" means any Interest Payment Date, as the case may be, other than a Compulsory Interest Payment Date.

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

- (i) If any Margin is specified in the relevant Final Terms (either (x) generally, or (y) in relation to one or more Interest Accrual Periods), an adjustment shall be made to all Rates of Interest, in the case of (x), or the Rates of Interest for the specified Interest Accrual Periods, in the case of (y), calculated in accordance with Condition 5(c) above by adding (if a positive number) or subtracting the absolute value (if a negative number) of such Margin, subject always to the next paragraph;
- (ii) If any Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount is specified in the relevant Final Terms, then any Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount shall be subject to such maximum or minimum, as the case may be;
- (iii) For the purposes of any calculations required pursuant to these Conditions (unless otherwise specified), (x) all percentages resulting from such calculations shall be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest one hundred-thousandth of a percentage point (with halves being rounded up), (y) all figures shall be rounded to seven significant figures (with halves being rounded up) and (z) all currency amounts that fall due and payable shall be rounded to the nearest unit of such currency (with halves being rounded up), save in the case of yen, which shall be rounded down to the nearest yen. For these purposes "unit" means the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country(ies) of such currency.
- (h) Calculations: The amount of interest payable in respect of any Note for any period shall be calculated by multiplying the product of the Rate of Interest and the outstanding nominal amount of such Note by the Day Count Fraction, unless an Interest Amount (or a formula for its calculation) is specified in respect of such period, in which case the amount of interest payable in respect of such Note for such period shall equal such Interest Amount (or be calculated in accordance with such formula). Where any Interest Period comprises two or more Interest Accrual Periods, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Interest Period shall be the sum of the amounts of interest payable in respect of each of those Interest Accrual Periods.
- Determination and Publication of Rates of Interest, Interest Amounts, Final (i) Redemption Amounts, Optional Redemption Amounts, Early Redemption Amounts and Instalment Amounts: As soon as practicable after the relevant time on such date as the Calculation Agent may be required to calculate any rate or amount, obtain any quotation or make any determination or calculation, it shall determine such rate and calculate the Interest Amounts in respect of each Specified Denomination of the Notes for the relevant Interest Accrual Period, calculate the Final Redemption Amount, Optional Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount or Instalment Amount, obtain such quotation or make such determination or calculation, as the case may be, and cause the Rate of Interest and the Interest Amounts for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date and, if required to be calculated, the Final Redemption Amount, Optional Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount or any Instalment Amount, to be notified to the Fiscal Agent, the relevant Issuer, each of the Paying Agents, the Noteholders, any other Calculation Agent appointed in respect of the Notes that is to make a further calculation upon receipt of such information and, if the Notes are listed and admitted to trading on a Regulated Market and the rules of such Regulated Market so require, such Regulated Market as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than (i) the commencement of the relevant

Interest Period, if determined prior to such time, in the case of notification to such Regulated Market of a Rate of Interest and Interest Amount, or (ii) in all other cases, the fourth Business Day after such determination. Where any Interest Payment Date or Interest Period Date is subject to adjustment pursuant to Condition 5(c)(ii), the Interest Amounts and the Interest Payment Date so published may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. If the Notes become due and payable under Condition 9, the accrued interest and the Rate of Interest payable in respect of the Notes shall nevertheless continue to be calculated as previously in accordance with this Condition but no publication of the Rate of Interest or the Interest Amount so calculated need be made. The determination of any rate or amount, the obtaining of each quotation and the making of each determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent(s) shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding upon all parties.

Calculation Agent and Reference Banks: The relevant Issuer shall procure that there (j) shall at all times be four Reference Banks (or such other number as may be required) with offices in the Relevant Financial Centre and one or more Calculation Agents if provision is made for them in the relevant Final Terms and for so long as any Note is outstanding (as defined above). If any Reference Bank (acting through its relevant office) is unable or unwilling to continue to act as a Reference Bank, then the relevant Issuer shall appoint another Reference Bank with an office in the Relevant Financial Centre to act as such in its place. Where more than one Calculation Agent is appointed in respect of the Notes, references in these Conditions to the Calculation Agent shall be construed as each Calculation Agent performing its respective duties under the Conditions. If the Calculation Agent is unable or unwilling to act as such or if the Calculation Agent fails duly to establish the Rate of Interest for an Interest Period or Interest Accrual Period or to calculate any Interest Amount, Instalment Amount, Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount or Optional Redemption Amount, as the case may be, or to comply with any other requirement, the relevant Issuer shall appoint a leading bank or investment banking firm engaged in the interbank market (or, if appropriate, money, swap or over-the-counter index options market) that is most closely connected with the calculation or determination to be made by the Calculation Agent (acting through its principal office or any other office actively involved in such market) to act as such in its place. The Calculation Agent may not resign its duties without a successor having been appointed as aforesaid. So long as the Notes are listed and admitted to trading on any Regulated Market and the rules of, or applicable to, that Regulated Market so require, notice of any change of Calculation Agent shall be given in accordance with Condition 15.

## 6. Redemption, Purchase and Options

(a) Final Redemption: Unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled as provided below or its maturity is extended pursuant to any option provided by the relevant Final Terms including any Issuer's option in accordance with Condition 6(e), each Note shall be finally redeemed on the Maturity Date specified in the relevant Final Terms at its Final Redemption Amount (which, unless otherwise provided, is its nominal amount) or, in the case of a Note falling within Condition 6(b) below, its final Instalment Amount. Subordinated Notes issued by Banque Accord, the proceeds of which constitute Upper Tier 2 Capital, shall be Undated Subordinated Notes. The Maturity Date in relation to Subordinated Notes issued by Banque Accord the proceeds of which constitute Lower Tier 2 Capital will not be less than five (5) years from the Issue Date and the Maturity Date in relation to Subordinated Notes issued by Banque Accord the proceeds of which

constitute Tier 3 Capital will not be less than two (2) years from the Issue Date or, in each case, such other minimum maturity as required from time to time by applicable legal and/or regulatory requirements.

- (b) Redemption by Instalments: Unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled as provided in this Condition 6 or the relevant Instalment Date (being one of the dates so specified in the relevant Final Terms) is extended pursuant to any Issuer's or Noteholder's option in accordance with Condition 6(c) or 6(e), each Note that provides for Instalment Dates and Instalment Amounts shall be partially redeemed on each Instalment Date at the related Instalment Amount specified in the relevant Final Terms. The outstanding nominal amount of each such Note shall be reduced by the Instalment Amount (or, if such Instalment Amount is calculated by reference to a proportion of the nominal amount of such Note, such proportion) for all purposes with effect from the related Instalment Date, unless payment of the Instalment Amount is improperly withheld or refused (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, on the due date for such payment or (ii) in the case of Materialised Notes, on presentation of the related Receipt, in which case, such amount shall remain outstanding until the Relevant Date relating to such Instalment Amount.
- (c) Redemption at the Option of the Issuer, Exercise of Issuer's Options and Partial Redemption: If a Call Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the relevant Issuer may, subject, if such relevant Issuer is Banque Accord, to the prior approval of the Secrétariat Général of the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel in the case of Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which constitute Tier 2 Capital or Tier 3 Capital and subject to compliance by such relevant Issuer with all the relevant laws, regulations and directives and on giving not less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) days' irrevocable notice in accordance with Condition 15 to the Noteholders (or such other notice period as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms) redeem, or exercise any Issuer's option (as may be described) in relation to, all or, if so provided, some, of the Notes on any Optional Redemption Date or Option Exercise Date, as the case may be. Any such redemption of Notes shall be at their Optional Redemption Amount together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption (including, where applicable, any Arrears of Interest), if any. Any such redemption or exercise must relate to Notes of a nominal amount at least equal to the Minimum Redemption Amount to be redeemed as specified in the relevant Final Terms and no greater than the Maximum Redemption Amount to be redeemed as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

All Notes in respect of which any such notice is given shall be redeemed, or the relevant Issuer's option shall be exercised, on the date specified in such notice in accordance with this Condition.

In the case of a partial redemption or a partial exercise of an Issuer's option in respect of Materialised Notes, the notice to holders of such Materialised Notes shall also contain the numbers of the Definitive Materialised Notes to be redeemed or in respect of which such option has been exercised, which shall have been drawn in such place and in such manner as may be fair and reasonable in the circumstances, taking account of prevailing market practices, subject to compliance with any applicable laws and requirements of the Regulated Market on which the Notes are listed and admitted to trading.

In the case of a partial redemption of or a partial exercise of an Issuer's option in respect of Dematerialised Notes of any Series, the redemption may be effected, at the option of the relevant Issuer, either (i) by reducing the nominal amount of all such Dematerialised Notes in proportion to the aggregate nominal amount redeemed or (ii) by redeeming in full some only of such Dematerialised Notes and, in such latter case, the choice between those Dematerialised Notes that will be fully redeemed and those

Dematerialised Notes that will not be redeemed shall be made in accordance with Article R.213-16 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*, subject to compliance with any other applicable laws and requirements of the Regulated Market on which the Notes are listed and admitted to trading.

So long as the Notes are listed and admitted to trading on a Regulated Market, the relevant Issuer shall, each time there has been a partial redemption of the Notes, cause to be published (i) as long as such Notes are admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and the rules of such Stock Exchange so permit, on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu) or (ii) in a leading newspaper with general circulation in the city where the Regulated Market on which such Notes are listed and admitted to trading is located, which in the case of the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange is expected to be the Luxemburger Wort, a notice specifying the aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding and, in the case of Materialised Notes, a list of any Definitive Materialised Notes drawn for redemption but not surrendered.

- (d) Redemption at the Option of the Issuer following a Rate of Interest Increase Event: Upon the first occurrence of a Rate of Interest Increase Event, the Issuer may, subject to having given not more than thirty (30) nor less than fifteen (15) days' prior notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15 (which notice shall be irrevocable), redeem the relevant Notes (either in whole or in part) on any date falling not more than forty-five (45) days after the Rate of Interest Increase Date (the "Optional Redemption Date") at the optional redemption amount equal to the nominal amount to be redeemed specified in the relevant Final Terms (the "Optional Redemption Amount") plus any interest accrued up to and including the Optional Redemption Date (including, where applicable, any Arrears of Interest).
- (e) Redemption at the Option of Noteholders and Exercise of Noteholders' Options: If a Put Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms, and provided, if the relevant Issuer is Banque Accord, that the relevant Note is not a Subordinated Note the proceeds of which constitute Tier 2 Capital or Tier 3 Capital, the relevant Issuer shall, at the option of the Noteholder, upon the Noteholder giving not less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) days' notice to the relevant Issuer (or such other notice period as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms) redeem such Note on the Optional Redemption Date(s) at its Optional Redemption Amount together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption including, where applicable, any Arrears of Interest.

To exercise such option or any other Noteholders' option that may be set out in the relevant Final Terms (which must be exercised on an Option Exercise Date) the Noteholder must deposit with a Paying Agent at its specified office a duly completed option exercise notice (the "Exercise Notice") in the form obtained from any Paying Agent, within the notice period. In the case of Materialised Notes, the Exercise Notice shall have attached to it the relevant Notes (together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons). In the case of Dematerialised Notes, the Noteholder shall transfer, or cause to be transferred, the Dematerialised Notes to be redeemed to the account of the Principal Paying Agent as specified in the Exercise Notice. No option so exercised and, where applicable, no Note so deposited or transferred, may be withdrawn without the prior consent of the relevant Issuer.

# (f) Early Redemption:

- (i) Zero Coupon Notes:
  - (A) The Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note, the Early Redemption Amount of which is not linked to an index and/or a formula, upon redemption of such Note pursuant to Condition 6(g) or

Condition 6(k) or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 9 shall be the Amortised Nominal Amount (calculated as provided below) of such Note.

- (B) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (C) below, the Amortised Nominal Amount of any such Zero Coupon Note shall be the scheduled Final Redemption Amount of such Note on the Maturity Date discounted at a rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Amortisation Yield (which, if none is shown in the relevant Final Terms, shall be such rate as would produce an Amortised Nominal Amount equal to the issue price of the Notes if they were discounted back to their issue price on the Issue Date) compounded annually.
- (C) If the Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any such Note upon its redemption pursuant to Condition 6(g) or Condition 6(k) or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 9 is not paid when due, the Early Redemption Amount due and payable in respect of such Note shall be the Amortised Nominal Amount of such Note as defined in sub-paragraph (B) above, except that such sub-paragraph shall have effect as though the date on which the Amortised Nominal Amount becomes due and payable was the Relevant Date. The calculation of the Amortised Nominal Amount in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall continue to be made (both before and after judgement) until the Relevant Date, unless the Relevant Date falls on or after the Maturity Date, in which case the amount due and payable shall be the scheduled Final Redemption Amount of such Note on the Maturity Date together with any interest that may accrue in accordance with Condition 5(d).

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

(ii) Other Notes: The Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Note (other than Notes described in (i) above), upon redemption of such Note pursuant to Condition 6(g) or Condition 6(h), or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 9 shall be the Final Redemption Amount together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption (including, where applicable, any Arrears of Interest).

# (g) Redemption for Taxation Reasons:

(i) If, by reason of any change in, or any change in the official application or interpretation of, French law, becoming effective after the Issue Date, the relevant Issuer would on the occasion of the next payment of principal or interest due in respect of the Notes, not be able to make such payment without having to pay additional amounts as specified under Condition 8 below, the relevant Issuer may, at its option, on any Interest Payment Date or, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, at any time, subject to having given not more than forty-five (45) nor less than thirty (30) days' notice to the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), in accordance with Condition 15, and, in the case of Subordinated Notes issued by Banque Accord the proceeds of which constitute Tier 2 Capital or Tier 3 Capital, subject to the prior approval of the Secrétariat Général of the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes at their Early Redemption Amount together with, unless otherwise specified in the Final Terms, any interest accrued to the date set for redemption (including, where applicable, any Arrears of Interest) provided that the due date for redemption of which notice

- may be given shall be no earlier than the latest practicable date on which the relevant Issuer could make payment of principal and interest without withholding for such French taxes.
- (ii) If the relevant Issuer would, on the next payment of principal or interest in respect of the Notes, be prevented by French law from making payment to the Noteholders or, if applicable, Couponholders of the full amounts then due and payable, notwithstanding the undertaking to pay additional amounts contained in Condition 8 below, then the relevant Issuer, shall forthwith give notice of such fact to the Fiscal Agent and the relevant Issuer shall upon giving not less than seven (7) days' prior notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15, and, in the case of Subordinated Notes issued by Banque Accord the proceeds of which constitute Tier 2 Capital or Tier 3 Capital, subject to the prior approval of the Secrétariat Général of the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes then outstanding at their Early Redemption Amount together with, unless otherwise specified in the Final Terms, any interest accrued to the date set for redemption (including, where applicable, any Arrears of Interest) on
  - (A) the latest practicable Interest Payment Date on which the relevant Issuer could make payment of the full amount then due and payable in respect of the Notes, provided that if such notice would expire after such Interest Payment Date the date for redemption pursuant to such notice of Noteholders shall be the later of (i) the latest practicable date on which the relevant Issuer could make payment of the full amount then due and payable in respect of the Notes and (ii) fourteen (14) days after giving notice to the Fiscal Agent as aforesaid or
  - (B) if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, at any time, provided that the due date for redemption of which notice hereunder shall be given shall be the latest practicable date at which the relevant Issuer could make payment of the full amount payable in respect of the Notes, or, if applicable, Receipts or Coupons or, if that date is passed, as soon as practicable thereafter.
- (h) **Purchases:** The relevant Issuer shall have the right at all times to purchase Notes (provided that, in the case of Materialised Notes, all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons relating thereto are attached thereto or surrendered therewith) in the open market or otherwise at any price, subject to applicable laws and/or regulations. The Final Terms will specify whether Notes so purchased by the relevant Issuer may be held and resold in accordance with Articles L.213-1 A and D.213-1 A of the *Code monétaire et financier* for the purpose of enhancing the liquidity of the Notes. In the case of Subordinated Notes issued by Banque Accord, any such purchase will be subject to the prior approval of the *Secrétariat Général* of the *Autorité de contrôle prudentiel* (i) if it relates (individually or when aggregated with any previous purchase(s)) to 10 per cent. or more of the principal amount of the Notes or (ii) if such purchase is made in the context of an *Offre Publique d'Achat* (OPA) (a public purchase offer) or an *Offre Publique d'Echange* (OPE) (a public exchange offer).
- (i) Cancellation: All Notes purchased by or on behalf of the relevant Issuer for cancellation must be cancelled, in the case of Dematerialised Notes, by transfer to an account in accordance with the rules and procedures of Euroclear France and, in the case of Materialised Notes, by surrendering the relevant Temporary Global Certificate or the Definitive Materialised Notes in question together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and all unexchanged Talons, if applicable, to the Fiscal Agent and, in each case, if so transferred or surrendered, shall, together with all Notes redeemed by the relevant Issuer, be cancelled forthwith (together with, in the case of Dematerialised Notes, all rights relating to payment of interest and other amounts relating to such

Dematerialised Notes and, in the case of Definitive Materialised Notes, all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith). Any Notes so cancelled or, where applicable, transferred or surrendered for cancellation may not be reissued or resold and the obligations of the relevant Issuer in respect of any such Notes shall be discharged.

(j) **Illegality:** If, by reason of any change in French law, or any change in the official application or interpretation of such law, becoming effective after the Issue Date, it would become unlawful for the relevant Issuer to perform or comply with one or more of its obligations under the Notes, the relevant Issuer will, subject to having given not more than forty-five (45) nor less than thirty (30) days' notice to the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), in accordance with Condition 15, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes at their Early Redemption Amount together with any interest accrued to the date set for redemption (including, where applicable, any Arrears of Interest).

# 7. Payments and Talons

- (a) **Dematerialised Notes:** Payments of principal and interest (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Arrears of Interest, where applicable) in respect of Dematerialised Notes shall be made (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes in bearer form or administered registered form, by transfer to the account denominated in the relevant currency of the relevant Account Holders for the benefit of the Noteholders and (ii) in the case of Dematerialised Notes in fully registered form, to an account denominated in the relevant currency with a Bank (as defined below) designated by the Noteholders. All payments validly made to such Account Holders or Bank will constitute an effective discharge of the relevant Issuer in respect of such payments.
- (b) **Materialised Notes:** Payments of principal and interest (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Arrears of Interest, where applicable) in respect of Materialised Notes shall, subject as mentioned below, be made against presentation and surrender of the relevant Receipts (in the case of payments of Instalment Amounts other than on the due date for redemption and provided that the Receipt is presented for payment together with its relative Note), Materialised Notes (in the case of all other payments of principal and, in the case of interest, as specified in Condition 7(f)(vi)) or Coupons (in the case of interest, save as specified in Condition 7(f)(vi)), as the case may be, at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States by a cheque payable in the relevant currency drawn on, or, at the option of the Noteholder, by transfer to an account denominated in such currency with, a Bank and in compliance with applicable U.S. Treasury regulations.

"Bank" means a bank in the principal financial centre for such currency or, in the case of euro, in a city in which banks have access to the TARGET System.

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

- (d) **Payments subject to Fiscal Laws:** All payments are subject in all cases to any applicable fiscal or other laws, regulations and directives in the place of payment but without prejudice to the provisions of Condition 8. No commission or expenses shall be charged to the Noteholders or Couponholders in respect of such payments.
- Appointment of Agents: the Fiscal Agent, the Paying Agent and the Calculation Agent (e) initially appointed under the Agency Agreement and their respective specified offices are listed below. The Fiscal Agent, the Paying Agents and the Registration Agent act solely as agents of each Issuer and the Calculation Agent(s) act(s) as independent expert(s) and, in each case such, do not assume any obligation or relationship of agency for any Noteholder or Couponholder. The Issuers reserve the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the Fiscal Agent, any other Paying Agent, the Registration Agent or the Calculation Agent(s) and to appoint additional or other Paying Agents, provided that the Issuers shall at all times maintain (i) a Fiscal Agent, (ii) one or more Calculation Agent(s) where the Conditions so require, (iii) Paying Agents having specified offices in at least two major European cities (including Luxembourg so long as the Notes are listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and, so long as the Notes are admitted to trading on any other Regulated Market, such other city where the Notes are admitted to trading), (iv) in the case of Dematerialised Notes in fully registered form, a Registration Agent, (v) a Paying Agent with a specified office in a European Union member state that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any European Union Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council meeting of 26-27 November 2000 on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive and (vi) such other agents as may be required by the rules of any other Regulated Market on which the Notes may be listed and admitted to trading.

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

Notice of any such change or any change of any specified office shall promptly be given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15.

# (f) Unmatured Coupons and Receipts and unexchanged Talons:

(i) Unless Materialised Notes provide that the relative Coupons are to become void upon the due date for redemption of those Notes, Materialised Notes should be surrendered for payment together with all unmatured Coupons (if any) relating thereto, failing which an amount equal to the face value of each missing unmatured Coupon (together, where applicable, with the amount of any Arrears of Interest corresponding to such Coupon) (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, that proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon (together, where applicable, with the amount of any Arrears of Interest corresponding to such Coupon) that the sum of principal so paid bears to the total principal due) shall be deducted from the Final Redemption Amount, Amortised Nominal Amount, Early Redemption Amount or Optional Redemption Amount, as the case may be, due for payment. Any amount so deducted shall be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of such missing Coupon within a period of ten (10) years from the Relevant Date for the payment of such principal (whether or not such Coupon has become void pursuant to Condition 10).

- (ii) If Materialised Notes so provide, upon the due date for redemption of any such Materialised Note, unmatured Coupons relating to such Note (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect of them.
- (iii) Upon the due date for redemption of any Materialised Note, any unexchanged Talon relating to such Note (whether or not attached) shall become void and no Coupon shall be delivered in respect of such Talon.
- (iv) Upon the due date for redemption of any Materialised Note that is redeemable in instalments, all Receipts relating to such Materialised Note having an Instalment Date falling on or after such due date (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment shall be made in respect of them.
- (v) Where any Materialised Note that provides that the relative unmatured Coupons are to become void upon the due date for redemption of those Notes is presented for redemption without all unmatured Coupons, and where any such Note is presented for redemption without any unexchanged Talon relating to it, redemption shall be made only against the provision of such indemnity as the Issuer may require.
- (vi) If the due date for redemption of any Materialised Note is not a due date for payment of interest, interest accrued from the preceding due date for payment of interest or the Interest Commencement Date, as the case may be, (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Arrears of Interest if applicable) shall only be payable against presentation (and surrender if appropriate) of the relevant Definitive Materialised Note. Interest accrued on a Materialised Note that only bears interest after its Maturity Date shall be payable on redemption of such Note against presentation of the relevant Materialised Notes.
- (g) Talons: On or after the Interest Payment Date for the final Coupon forming part of a Coupon sheet issued in respect of any Materialised Note, the Talon forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet (and if necessary another Talon for a further Coupon sheet) (but excluding any Coupons that may have become void pursuant to Condition 10), provided that, in respect of Notes listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, such exchange shall always take place at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent or of the Paying Agent, as a case may be, in Luxembourg.
- (h) Non-Business Days: If any date for payment in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon is not a business day, the Noteholder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following business day, nor to any interest or other sum in respect of such postponed payment. In this paragraph, "business day" means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) (A) (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, on which Euroclear France is open for business or (ii) in the case of Materialised Notes, on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in the relevant place of presentation, (B) in such jurisdictions as shall be specified as "Financial Centre(s)" in the relevant Final Terms and (C) (i) in the case of a payment in a currency other than euro, where payment is to be made by transfer to an account maintained with a bank in the relevant currency, on which foreign exchange transactions may be carried on in the relevant currency in the principal financial centre of the country of such currency or (ii) in the case of a payment in euro, which is a TARGET Business Day.

## 8. Taxation

## (a) Tax exemption:

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

- (b) Additional amounts: If French law should require that payments of principal or interest in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon be subject to deduction or withholding in respect of any present or future taxes or duties whatsoever levied by the Republic of France, the relevant Issuer, to the fullest extent then permitted by law, shall pay such additional amounts as shall result in receipt by the Noteholders or, if applicable, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, as the case may be, of such amounts as would have been received by them had no such withholding or deduction been required, except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon, as the case may be:
  - (i) Other connection: to, or to a third party on behalf of, a Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder (including a beneficial owner (ayant droit)), who is liable to such taxes or duties by reason of his having some connection with the Republic of France other than the mere holding of the Note, Receipt or Coupon; or
  - (ii) Presentation more than thirty (30) days after the Relevant Date: in the case of Materialised Notes, more than thirty (30) days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder, as the case may be, would have been entitled to such additional amounts on presenting it for payment on the thirtieth such day; or
  - (iii) Payment to individuals: where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to Directive 2003/48/EC or any other European Union Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council Meeting of 26 and 27 November 2000 on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; or
  - (iv) Payment by another Paying Agent: Definitive Materialised Notes presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union.

References in these Conditions to (i) "principal" shall be deemed to include any premium payable in respect of the Notes, all Instalment Amounts, Final Redemption Amounts, Early Redemption Amounts, Optional Redemption Amounts, Amortised Nominal Amounts and all other amounts in the nature of principal payable pursuant to Condition 6 or any amendment or supplement to it, (ii) "interest" shall be deemed to include all Interest Amounts and all other amounts (including, for the avoidance of doubt, all arrears of interest) payable pursuant to Condition 6 or any amendment or supplement to it and (iii) "principal" and/or "interest" shall be deemed to include any additional amounts that may be payable under this Condition.

## 9. Events of Default

The Representative (as defined under Condition 11(b)), upon request of any Noteholder, may,

upon written notice to the relevant Issuer and the Fiscal Agent given before all defaults shall have been remedied, cause all the Notes held by such Noteholder to become immediately due and payable, whereupon such Notes shall become immediately due and payable at their principal amount, plus accrued interest, without any other formality, if any of the following events (each an "Event of Default") shall occur:

## (a) Unsubordinated Notes: In the case of Unsubordinated Notes:

- (i) the relevant Issuer is in default for more than fifteen (15) days for the payment of principal of, or interest on, any Note (including the payment of any additional amounts in accordance with Condition 8 (b)), when the same shall become due and payable; or
- (ii) the relevant Issuer is in default in the performance of, or compliance with, any of its other obligations under the Notes and such default has not been cured within thirty (30) days after the receipt by the Fiscal Agent of the written notice of such default by a Noteholder; or
- (iii) if Relevant Indebtedness (as defined in Article 4 ("Negative Pledge")) of the relevant Issuer, for borrowed money in excess of Euro 75,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) shall become due and payable prior to its stated maturity as a result of a default thereunder, or any such Relevant Indebtedness shall not be paid when due or, as the case may be, within any applicable grace period (as originally agreed) therefore or any steps shall have been taken to enforce any security in respect of any such Relevant Indebtedness or any guarantee or indemnity given by the relevant Issuer for, or in respect of, any such Relevant Indebtedness of others shall not be honoured when due and called upon; or
- (iv) if the relevant Issuer, makes any proposal for a general moratorium in relation to its debt or has applied to enter into a conciliation procedure (*procédure de conciliation*) or into a safeguard procedure (*procédure de sauvegarde*), or a judgement is issued for reorganisation proceedings (*plan de redressement judiciaire*) or for the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*).
- (b) Subordinated Notes: In the case of Subordinated Notes and in accordance with Condition 3(b), if any judgement shall be issued for the judicial liquidation (liquidation judiciaire) of the relevant Issuer or if the relevant Issuer is liquidated for any other reason then the Subordinated Notes shall become immediately due and payable, in accordance with Condition 4(b), at their principal amount together with any accrued interest to the date of payment without any further formality.

# 10. Prescription

Claims against the relevant Issuer for payment in respect of the Notes, Receipts and Coupons (which for this purpose shall not include Talons) shall be prescribed and become void unless made within five (5) years (in the case of principal and interest) from the appropriate Relevant Date in respect of them.

# 11. Representation of Noteholders

Noteholders will, in respect of all Tranches in any Series, be grouped automatically for the defence of their common interests in a masse (in each case, the "Masse").

Except if the relevant Final Terms specify that the Masse will be governed by the full provisions of the French *Code de commerce* applicable to the Masse, the Masse will be governed by the provisions of the French *Code de commerce* applicable to the Masse with the

exception of Articles L.228-48, L.228-59, R.228-63, R.228-67 and R.228-69 of the French *Code de commerce* and subject to the following provisions:

# (a) Legal Personality

The Masse will be a separate legal entity and will act in part through a representative (the "Representative") and in part through a general meeting of the Noteholders (the "General Meeting").

The Masse alone, to the exclusion of all individual Noteholders, shall exercise the common rights, actions and benefits which now or in the future may accrue respectively with respect to the Notes.

# (b) Representative

The office of Representative may be conferred on a person of any nationality who agrees to perform such function. However, the following persons may not be chosen as Representatives:

- (i) the relevant Issuer, the members of its Board of Directors (Conseil d'administration), its general managers (directeurs généraux), its statutory auditors, or its employees as well as their ascendants, descendants and spouses; or
- (ii) companies guaranteeing all or part of the obligations of the relevant Issuer, their respective managers (gérants), general managers (directeurs généraux), members of their Board of Directors (Conseil d'administration), their statutory auditors, or employees as well as their ascendants, descendants and spouse; or
- (iii) companies holding 10 per cent. or more of the share capital of the relevant Issuer or companies having 10 per cent. or more of their share capital held by the relevant Issuer; or
- (iv) persons to whom the practice of banker is forbidden or who have been deprived of the right of directing, administering or managing an enterprise in whatever capacity.

The names and addresses of the initial Representative of the Masse and its alternate will be set out in the relevant Final Terms. The Representative appointed in respect of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes will be the Representative of the single Masse of all Tranches in such Series.

The Representative will be entitled to such remuneration in connection with its functions or duties as set out in the relevant Final Terms.

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

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

## (c) Powers of the Representative

The Representative shall (in the absence of any decision to the contrary of the General Meeting) have the power to take all acts of management necessary in order to defend the common interests of the Noteholders.

All legal proceedings against the Noteholders or initiated by them, must be brought by or against the Representative.

The Representative may not interfere in the management of the affairs of the Issuer.

## (d) General Meeting

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

Notice of the date, time, place and agenda of any General Meeting will be published as provided under Condition 15.

Each Noteholder has the right to participate in a General Meeting in person or by proxy. Each Note carries the right to one vote or, in the case of Notes issued with more than one Specified Denomination, one vote in respect of each multiple of the lowest Specified Denomination comprised in the principal amount of the Specified Denomination of such Note.

In accordance with Article R.228-71 of the French *Code de commerce*, the rights of each holder of a Note to participate in a General Meeting must be evidenced by entries in the books of the relevant Account Holder of the name of such holder of a Note on the third business day in Paris preceding the date set for the relevant General Meeting at 0.00, Paris time.

# (e) Powers of the General Meetings

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

The General Meeting may further deliberate on any proposal relating to the modification of the Conditions including any proposal, whether for arbitration or settlement, relating to rights in controversy or which were the subject of judicial decisions, it being specified, however, that the General Meeting may not increase amounts payable to Noteholders, nor authorise or accept a postponement of the date of payment of interest on or a modification of the terms of repayment of or the rate of interest on the Notes nor establish any unequal treatment between the Noteholders, nor to decide to convert Notes into shares and that no amendment to the status of Subordinated Notes issued by Banque Accord the proceeds of which constitute Tier 2 Capital or Tier 3 Capital may be approved until the consent of the Secrétariat Général of the Autorité de contrôle prudentiel has been obtained in relation to such amendment.

General Meetings may deliberate validly on first convocation only if Noteholders present or represented hold at least a fifth of the principal amount of the Notes then outstanding. On second convocation, no quorum shall be required. Decisions at meetings shall be taken by a two-third majority of votes cast by Noteholders attending such General Meetings or represented thereat.

Decisions of General Meetings must be published in accordance with the provisions set forth in Condition 15.

# (f) Information to Noteholders

Each Noteholder or Representative thereof will have the right, during the 15-day period preceding the holding of each General Meeting, to consult or make a copy of the text of

the resolutions which will be proposed and of the reports which will be presented at the General Meeting, all of which will be available for inspection by the relevant Noteholders at the registered office of the relevant Issuer, at the specified offices of any of the Paying Agents and at any other place specified in the notice of the General Meeting.

# (g) Expenses

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

# (h) Single Masse

The holders of Notes of the same Series, and the holders of Notes of any other Series which have been assimilated with the Notes of such first mentioned Series in accordance with Condition 13, shall, for the defence of their respective common interests, be grouped in a single Masse. The Representative appointed in respect of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes will be the Representative of the single Masse of all such Series.

## 12. Replacement of definitive Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons

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

# 13. Further Issues

The relevant Issuer may, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders create and issue further Notes to be assimilated (assimilées) and form a single series with the Notes provided such Notes and the further Notes carry rights identical in all respects (or in all respects save for the first payment of interest specified in the relevant Final Terms) and that the terms of such further Notes provide for such assimilation; and references in these Conditions to "Notes" shall be construed accordingly.

# 14. Change of Control

If Condition 14 is specified as being applicable in the relevant Final Terms, the following provisions shall apply.

(a) Increase of the applicable Rate of Interest following a Rating Downgrade resulting from a Change of Control: Each year while any Note remains outstanding and no later than two weeks after the filing of its annual accounts with the Registrar of the Court of Commerce, the Issuer shall notify the Representative in writing (the "Annual Notification") of any Change of Control that may have occurred in the previous twelve months.

A "Change of Control" shall be deemed to occur if (whether or not approved by the Board of Directors of the relevant Issuer) any person or any group of persons acting in concert belonging to (i) the *Association Familiale Mulliez* and/or (ii) one or more entities whose interests or shares are owned, directly or indirectly, by any member of the *Association Familiale Mulliez* cease to hold together, directly or indirectly, at least 50.1 per cent. of the total voting rights or of the issued ordinary share capital of the relevant Issuer (or in the event of a merger or an acquisition, its successor company).

# (b) Rate of Interest Increase Event

In the event that

- (i) a Rating Downgrade occurs at any time during the 90 days following the Annual Notification, and
- (ii) the relevant Rating Agency publicly announces, or confirms in writing to the Issuer, that such Rating Downgrade results, in whole or in part, from the Change of Control that has occurred,
- ((i) and (ii) together, a "Rate of Interest Increase Event"), then, the Rate of Interest will be increased in accordance with the table set out in the relevant Final Terms.

Such increased Rate of Interest shall apply as from and including the date (the "Rate of Interest Increase Date") that is the later of:

- (i) the date of the Change of Control; and
- (ii) the date of announcement of such Rating Downgrade,

for the remainder of the Interest Period in which the Rate of Interest Increase Date occurs and following this announcement (the interest payable in respect of such Interest Period being calculated on a pro rata basis by applying the Day Count Fraction) and for all subsequent Interest Periods until the redemption of such Note.

The Issuer shall forthwith give notice to the Fiscal Agent of such increase in the Rate of Interest and shall notify the Noteholders thereof immediately in accordance with Condition 15.

The Rate of Interest payable on the Notes will only be subject to adjustment as provided in this Condition upon the first occurrence of a Change of Control or Rating Downgrade and there shall be no further adjustments to the Rate of Interest upon the occurrence of any subsequent upwards or downwards change in rating.

A "Rating Downgrade" shall be deemed to have occurred in respect of a Change of Control if the rating previously assigned to the Notes by any Rating Agency is (i) withdrawn or (ii) changed from an investment grade rating (BBB-/Baa3, or their respective equivalents for the time being, or better) to a non-investment grade rating (BB+/Ba1, or their respective equivalents for the time being, or worse) or (iii) if the rating previously assigned to the Notes by any Rating Agency was below an investment grade rating (as described above), lowered by at least one full rating notch (for example, from BB+/Ba1 to BB/Ba2 or their respective equivalents), provided that a Rating Downgrade otherwise arising by virtue of a particular change in rating shall be deemed not to have occurred in respect of a particular Change of Control if the Rating Agency making the change in rating does not publicly announce or confirm that the reduction was the result, in whole or part, of any event or circumstance comprised in or arising as a result of, or in respect of, the applicable Change of Control.

In the event that the Notes are rated by more than one Rating Agency, the rating to be taken into account to determine if a Rating Downgrade has occurred shall be the lower rating assigned by any of such Rating Agencies.

If any rating of the Issuer's Notes is assigned by any Rating Agency or Rating Agencies other than or in addition to S&P, the ratings in the table set out in the relevant Final Terms shall be construed as if it referred to the equivalent ratings of such other or additional Rating Agency or Rating Agencies.

In the event that the Issuer's Notes cease at any time to have a rating assigned to them by at least one Rating Agency, the Issuer shall use its best endeavours to obtain a rating of its Notes from a Rating Agency as soon as practicable.

"Rating Agency" means S&P, as the case may be, or any rating organisation generally recognised by banks, securities houses and investors in the euro-markets, provided that references herein to a Rating Agency shall only be to such Rating Agency as shall have been appointed by or on behalf of the Issuer to maintain a Rating and shall not extend to any such Rating Agency providing rating on an unsolicited basis

"S&P's" means Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. and its successors or affiliates.

#### 15. Notices

- (a) Notices to the holders of Dematerialised Notes in registered form (au nominatif) shall be valid if either, (i) they are mailed to them at their respective addresses, in which case they will be deemed to have been given on the fourth weekday (being a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday) after the mailing or (ii) they are published in a leading daily newspaper of general circulation in Europe (which is expected to be the *Financial Times*) or, so long as such Notes are listed and admitted to trading on any Regulated Market(s) and the rules of such Regulated Market so require, in a leading daily newspaper with general circulation in the city/ies where the Regulated Market(s) on which such Notes are listed and admitted to trading is/are located, which in the case of the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange is expected to be the *Luxemburger Wort*, or (iii) so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, they are published on the website of the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu).
- (b) Notices to the holders of Materialised Notes and Dematerialised Notes in bearer form (au porteur) shall be valid if published (i) in a leading daily newspaper of general circulation in Europe (which is expected to be the *Financial Times*) or (ii) so long as such Notes are listed and admitted to trading on any Regulated Market(s), in a leading daily newspaper with general circulation in the city/ies where the Regulated Market(s) on which such Notes are listed and admitted to trading is/are located, which, in the case of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, is expected to be the *Luxemburger Wort*, or (iii) so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market and the rules of such Regulated Market so permit, on the website of the Regulated Market on which such Notes are admitted to trading, which in the case of the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange is expected to be the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu).
- (c) If any such publication is not practicable, notice shall be validly given if published in another leading daily English language newspaper with general circulation in Europe. Any notice given by publication shall be deemed to have been given on the date of such publication or, if published more than once or on different dates, on the date of the first publication as provided above. Couponholders shall be deemed for all purposes to have

- notice of the contents of any notice given to the holders of Materialised Notes in accordance with this Condition.
- (d) Notices required to be given to the holders of Dematerialised Notes (whether in registered or in bearer form) (au porteur or au nominatif) pursuant to these Conditions may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear France, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and any other clearing system through which the Notes are for the time being cleared in substitution for the mailing and publication as required by Conditions 15(a), (b) et (c) above: provided that (i) so long as such Notes are listed and admitted to trading on any Regulated Market(s) and the rules of that Regulated Market so require, notices shall also be published in a leading daily newspaper with general circulation in the city/ies where the Regulated Market(s) on which such Notes are listed and admitted to trading is located, which in the case of the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange is expected to be the Luxemburger Wort, or (ii) so long as such Notes are listed and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, notices shall also be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu). Notices relating to the convocation and decision(s) of the General Meetings pursuant to Condition 11 shall also be published in a leading newspaper with general circulation in Europe.

# 16. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

- (a) **Governing Law:** The Notes and, where applicable, the Receipts, the Coupons and the Talons are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, French law.
- (b) Jurisdiction: Any claim against the relevant Issuer in connection with any Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons may be brought before any competent court in Paris.

# TEMPORARY GLOBAL CERTIFICATES ISSUED IN RESPECT OF MATERIALISED NOTES

# **Temporary Global Certificate**

A Temporary Global Certificate, without interest Coupons, will initially be issued in connection with Materialised Notes. Upon the initial deposit of such Temporary Global Certificate with a common depositary for Euroclear and for Clearstream, Luxembourg (the "Common Depositary"). Euroclear or Clearstream, Luxembourg will credit each subscriber with a nominal amount of Notes equal to the nominal amount thereof for which it has subscribed and paid.

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

## **Exchange**

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

- (i) if the relevant Final Terms indicates that such Temporary Global Certificate is issued in compliance with the C Rules or in a transaction to which TEFRA is not applicable (as to which, see "General Description of the Programme – Selling Restrictions"), in whole, but not in part, for Definitive Materialised Notes; and
- (ii) otherwise, in whole but not in part, upon certification if required under U.S. Treasury regulation section 1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D)(3) as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership (a form of which shall be available at the specified offices of any of the Paying Agents) for Definitive Materialised Notes.

# **Delivery of Definitive Materialised Notes**

On or after its Exchange Date, the holder of the Temporary Global Certificate must surrender such Temporary Global Certificate to or to the order of the Fiscal Agent. In exchange for the Temporary Global Certificate so surrendered, the Issuer will deliver, or procure the delivery of, an equal aggregate nominal amount of duly executed and authenticated Definitive Materialised Notes.

"Definitive Materialised Notes" means, in relation to any Temporary Global Certificate, the Definitive Materialised Notes for which such Temporary Global Certificate may be exchanged (if appropriate, having attached to them all Coupons and Receipts in respect of interest or Instalment Amounts that have not already been paid on the Temporary Global Certificate and a Talon). Definitive Materialised Notes will be security printed in accordance with any applicable legal and requirements of the Regulated Market. Forms of such Definitive Materialised Notes shall be available at the specified offices of any of the Paying Agents.

# **Exchange Date**

"Exchange Date" means, in relation to a Temporary Global Certificate in respect of any Materialised Notes, the day falling after the expiry of forty (40) days after its issue date, provided that, in the event any further Materialised Notes which are to be assimilated with such first mentioned Materialised Notes are issued prior to such day pursuant to Condition 13, the Exchange Date may, at the option of the Issuer, be postponed to the day falling after the expiry of forty (40) days after the issue date of such further Materialised Notes.

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

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

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds of the issue of the Notes are expected to be used for general corporate purposes in the case of Notes issued by Groupe Auchan, and for general corporate purposes in the case of Notes issued by Banque Accord.

# DESCRIPTION AND BUSINESS OVERVIEW OF GROUPE AUCHAN AND BANQUE ACCORD

# I. History and development of the Issuers

Groupe Auchan, Banque Accord and their respective consolidated subsidiaries and affiliates as a whole are hereafter referred to as the "**Auchan Group**".

# **Overview of the Auchan Group**

The Auchan Group is the twelfth largest food retailer in the world operating through hypermarkets and supermarkets in 12 countries and employed 269,000 people at the end of 2011.

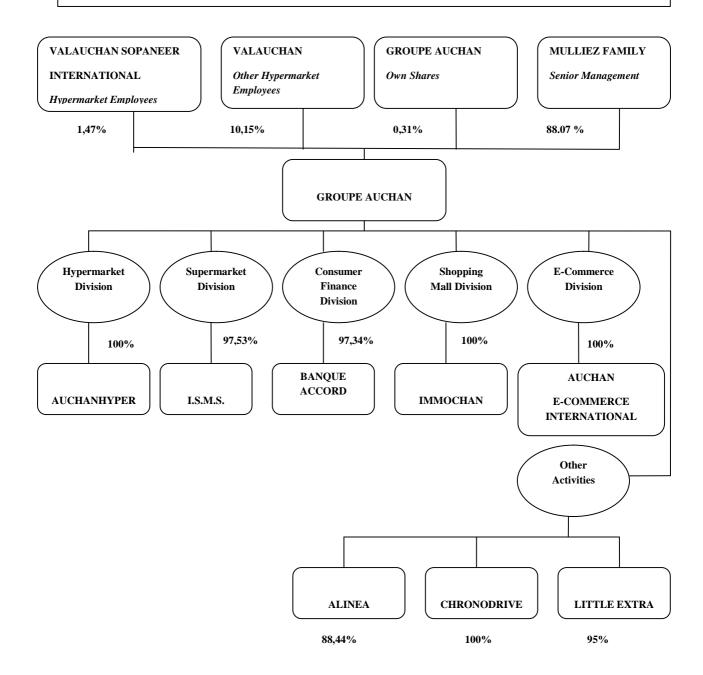
The Auchan Group has a strong market position in the French and Southern European food retail markets and significant international market positions in the other countries. The Auchan Group has developed specific activities to support its core business, such as shopping centre management, through Immochan, financial services, through Banque Accord as well as certain less significant activities such as home furnishing and appliances, cybermarket on website and distance shopping.

# **Overview of Banque Accord**

Banque Accord is specialised in consumer credit, electronic payments, and payment card management and has a portfolio of 7.1 million customers. It is 97.90% held by Groupe Auchan S.A.

# SIMPLIFIED GROUP ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AS OF DECEMBER 04th, 2012

(All percentages are relating to voting rights)



## A. General information about Groupe Auchan

Groupe Auchan is a French *société anonyme à conseil d'administration* with an issued share capital of € 633 088 320 (divided into 4 665 preferred shares and 31,649,751 ordinary shares of €20 each), registered with the *Registre du Commerce et des Sociétés* of Roubaix – Tourcoing under number 476 180 625. Its registered office is located at 40 avenue de Flandre, 59170 Croix, France, (telephone number: + 33.3.20.81.68.00) (hereafter "**Groupe Auchan**"). Groupe Auchan was incorporated in France on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 1961 for a term expiring on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2060. It is governed in particular with the French *Code de Commerce* and *Code monétaire et financier*.

The corporate object of Groupe Auchan, as defined in clause 3 of its articles of association, is to carry out the following activities in any country:

- retail trade of all items, in particular food, household articles and clothing,
- wholesale trade of all items,
- activity as forwarding agent and purchase agent,
- and any commercial, industrial, financial or real estate transactions directly or indirectly relating to the main object of Groupe Auchan, and easing such object.

Groupe Auchan may act either on its own behalf or on behalf of any third party as representative, broker or commission agent.

## B. Principal activities of Groupe Auchan

Groupe Auchan S.A is the parent company of the Auchan group, the activity of which is divided into four core businesses: hypermarkets, supermarkets, retail real estate and banking.

## a. Hypermarket division.

The Auchan Group's primary strength and experience lies in its ability to manage large hypermarkets which sales area are up to 20,000m<sup>2</sup> with a broad range of products.

The hypermarket activity, which represented 79,7% of group revenue in 2011, brought together 636 hypermarkets in 12 countries with 57% of the store network outside Western Europe.

The Auchan Group's hypermarkets are located in major shopping centers where international and national powerful specialized retailers are located, with the view to attracting customers flows.

All hypermarkets are usually operated under the trade-name Auchan except in countries where a local well established trade-name has been either acquired or created. This is the case for the Alcampo hypermarkets in Spain, the Jumbo hypermarkets in Portugal or the RT Mart hypermarkets in Taiwan.

# b. Supermarket division

A further strength and experience of the Auchan Group lies in its ability to manage supermarkets, which are located in urban trade centres or in small cities for neighbourhood retail activities.

Expansion of the supermarkets activity concerned mainly central and eastern Europe with 7 openings. In 2011 in France, a new convenience store format offering 4,000 to 5,500 products listings in an optimised retail space of less of 500m2 named "A2Pas" has been open.

Supermarkets bring together 763 fully-consolidated stores.

# c. Retail real estate division

The retail real estate division is responsible for the management and development of the

Auchan Group's shopping centres and retail properties. The Auchan Group's world-wide strategy is to build major shopping centres, with a view to increase the customer flow in hypermarkets. In 2011, Immochan gave the priory to maintain and enhance the attractiveness of its shopping center. Currently 328 shopping centres with shopping malls and retail parks are managed by Immochan.

## d. banking division

The banking division of the Auchan group is described below (see hereafter "Principal activities of Banque Accord").

## C. Recent events particular to Groupe Auchan.

Recent events particular to Groupe Auchan are set out in details on page 3 (Significant events and main changes in the consolidation scope during the first half of 2012), page 6 note 3 ("Events after the reporting period") and page 15 note 2 ("Significant events and main changes in the consolidation scope") of the 2012 mid-year financial results report which are incorporated by reference in this Prospectus.

Notably, the hypermarket network increased by twenty units:

- fourteen store opening (one in Spain and Romania, two in Russia and ten in China)
- seven stores were acquired in Hungary
- one store was closed in Portugal
- on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Groupe Auchan reached an agreement with its partner, Simon Property, to acquire, in 2012, the latter's 49% stake in their jointly-owned subsidiary GCI. After approval of the Italian competition authority, the final acquisition agreement was signed on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 on which Groupe Auchan acquired the exclusive control of GCI.
- in Hungary, the Group signed an agreement on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 with Louis Delhaise group to acquire full ownership of 7 hypermarkets and 7 shopping malls.
- on August 9<sup>th</sup> 2012, Group Auchan signed a franchise agreement with Max Hypermarket, a company owned by the Bangalore-based Landmark Group and one of the leading retailers in India.

Max Hypermarket owns 13 Hypermarkets in India operating under the Spar banner. They will be converted to the Auchan banner by the end of 2012.

- On November 30th 2012, Groupe Auchan S.A. entered into a sale and purchase agreement with Metro Group pursuant to which Groupe Auchan S.A. agreed to purchase 91 hypermarkets Real in Russia, Ukraine, Romania and Poland and 13 related real estate properties in Russia and Romania for an amount of EUR 1.1 billion. This transaction will be effective as of the authorizations of the competition authorities.
- On December 3rd 2012, Groupe Auchan S.A. received binding commitment from several banks to enter into a EUR 800 million credit facility in order to finance this acquisition. Legal documentation of the Credit facility is expected to be signed before year end. Groupe Auchan S.A. will refinance this credit facility by issuing long-term notes.

## D. Management of Groupe Auchan

# Board of Directors (Conseil d'administration) of Groupe Auchan

Principal Occupation (and principal activities outside Groupe Auchan that are significant with respect to Groupe Auchan):

Vianney MULLIEZ Chairman (*Président du Conseil d'administration*)

AUSSPAR S.A.S. Member, represented by Arnaud MULLIEZ

Daniel BACROT Member

Jean-Louis CLAVEL Member

Christophe DUBRULLE Member

Bertrand LECLERCQ Member

Louis MULLIEZ Member

Muriel VAN DER WEES Member

With respect to Groupe Auchan, all members of the Board of Directors have their business address at Groupe Auchan's address.

There is no known potential conflict of interests between any duties to Groupe Auchan of the members of the Board of Directors and their private interests and/or other duties.

## **Audit committee**

The audit committee consists of:

Christophe DUBRULLE Member

Jean-Louis CLAVEL Member

# **Executive Committee**

The executive committee consists of:

Vianney MULLIEZ Chairman

Philippe BAROUK Member

Patrick BODIN Member

Xavier DELOM DE Member

**MEZERAC** 

Jérôme GUILLEMARDMemberPhilippe GRACIAMember

Benoît LHEUREUX Member

Philippe SAUDE Member

With respect to Groupe Auchan, all members of the Executive Committee have their business address at Groupe Auchan's address.

There is no known potential conflict of interests between any duties to Groupe Auchan of the members of the Executive Committee and their private interests and/or other duties.

# 2. Outside Activities

The outside activities of the members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

BACROT Daniel	Director	GROUPE	France
		AUCHAN SA	
	Director	ISMS SA	France
	Director	AUCHANHYPER SA	France
	Manager	SCI Méline	France
	Manager	SCI Célanie	France
	Manager	SARL Bacrot- Desvergnes	France
CLAVEL Jean- Louis	Director	GROUPE AUCHAN SA	France
	Director	ISMS SA	France
	Director	AUCHANHYPER SA	France
DUBRULLE Christophe	Director	GROUPE AUCHAN SA	France
	Director	AUCHANHYPER SA	France
	Director	SUN ART RETAIL GROUP LTD	Hong Kong
	Chairman of the board	ART RETAIL HOLDINDS	China
	Permanent representative of the company MONICOLE, Director	RT MART INTERNATIONAL LTD	Taiwan
	Director	ISMS SA	France
	Chairman of the Board	GROUPE ADEO SA	France
	Director	GROUPE ADEO SA	France
Bertrand	Chairman and	SAS CREHOL	France
LECLERCQ	Director		
	Chairman and Director	SAS LEBRICO	France
	Chairman and	SAS	France

	Director	SURCREHOL	
	Chairman and Director	SAS SURLEBRICO	France
	Manager	SCA ACANTHE	France
	Manager	SCA CIMOFAT	France
	Manager	SCA VALOREST	France
	Manager	SC SODEREC	France
	Manager	SC BERAF	France
	Manager	SC MELCHIOR	France
	Manager	SC GABRIEL	France
	Director	SA AUCHAN France	France
	Director	SA GROUPE AUCHAN	France
	Director	SAISMS	France
	Director	SA AUCHANHYPER	France
	Director	SAS BOLEM	France
	Director	SAS MAJORELLE	France
	Director	SAS MUFIL	France
	Director	SAS FIPAR	France
	Director	SAS SURMAJORELLE	France
	Director	SAS SURFIPAR	France
	Director	SAS SURAMAC	France
	Director	SAS SURBOLEM	France
	Director	SAS SURMUFIL	France
	Member of the supervisory board	SAS MOBILIS	France
	Member of the Executive Committee	SA ENTREPRISE PROMOTION	France
MULLIEZ Arnaud	Permanent representative of AUSSPAR company, Director	GROUPE AUCHAN SA	France
	Chairman of the Board of Directors	AUCHAN France SA	France

	Director	AUCHAN France SA	France
	Permanent representative of AUSSPAR company, Director	ISMS SA	France
	Permanent representative of AUSSPAR company, Director	AUCHANHYPER SA	France
	Director	FONDATION BOULANGER	France
	Chairman of the Board of Directors	AUCHAN E COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL SA	France
	Permanent representative of GROUPE AUCHAN, Chairman	AUCHAN E COMMERCE France SAS	France
	Manager	SOCIETE CIVILE IMMOB-ALHUMA	France
	Manager	BOISSE SCI	France
	Manager	LE DAMIER Société civile	France
MULLIEZ Louis	Director	GROUPE AUCHAN SA	France
_	Director	ALCAMPO SA	Spain
_	Vice-Chairman	PAO DE ACUCAR SA	Portugal
	Director	ISMS SA	France
	Director	AUCHANHYPER SA	France
	Manager	SOCIETE CIVILE LOUDIE	France
	Director	AUCHAN PORTUGAL	Portugal
	Director	CPDH	Portugal
	Chairman	CIMODIN SL	Spain
MULLIEZ Vianney	Chairman of the Board of Directors	GROUPE AUCHAN SA	France
	Chief Executive	GROUPE	France

Officer	AUCHAN SA
Director	GROUPE France AUCHAN SA
Director	E-DRIVE SA France
Chairman of the Board of Directors	he ISMS SA France
Director	ISMS SA France
Chairman of Board of Directors	he AUCHANHYPER France SA
Director	AUCHANHYPER France SA
Liquidator	FONCIERE DU France CHATEAU ROUGE SCIM
Permanent representative GROUPE AUCHA Manager	of FINANCES SNC
Permanent representative GROUPE AUCHA Chairman	DAI GROUPE France of SAS
Permanent representative GROUPE AUCHA	LA CERISAY SAS France of N,
Permanent representative of GROUPE AUCHA	
Permanent representative of GROUPE AUCHA	
Permanent representative of GROUPE AUCHA Chairman	
Manager	SOCIETE CIVILE France DAMIM
Manager	SOCIETE CIVILE France AGAM
Manager	VIMZ Société France Civile
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	Manager	SOCIETE CIVILE ALEXAM	France
VAN DER WEES Muriel	Director	GROUPE AUCHAN SA	France
	Director	ISMS SA	France
	Director	AUCHANHYPER SA	France
	Manager	FIMWESS Société Civile	France

# E. <u>Trend information</u>

There has been no material adverse change in the prospect of Groupe Auchan since 31 December 2011.

No trends, uncertainties, demands, commitment or events Groupe Auchan is aware of as at the date of this Base Prospectus are reasonably likely to have any material effect on Groupe Auchan's prospects for the current financial year.

## 2. DESCRIPTION AND BUSINESS OVERVIEW OF BANQUE ACCORD

## A. General information about Banque Accord

Banque Accord is a French *société anonyme* with an issued share capital €28 888 200,00 (divided into 1 444 410 ordinary shares of €20 each), registered with the *Registre du Commerce et des Sociétés* of Roubaix – Tourcoing under number 546 380 197. Its registered office is located at 40 avenue de Flandre, 59170 Croix, France (telephone number: + 33.3.28.38.58.00) and its principal place of business is located at 4/6, rue Jeanne Maillotte, 59110 La Madeleine, France (telephone number: + 33 3 28 38 58 00). Banque Accord was incorporated in France on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1988 for a term expiring on 31 December 2100. Banque Accord is a subsidiary of Groupe Auchan which holds 97,34 % of its shares.

Banque Accord is a company duly licensed as a bank by the French « *Autorité de contrôle prudentiel*» pursuant to the provisions of the French *Code monétaire et financier*. It is governed in particular by the French *Code de Commerce* and *Code monétaire et financier*.

## B. Principal activities.

Banque Accord's business is divided into four main activities: (i) the issuance and the management of payment cards (private label payment cards, credit cards, gift cards), (ii) the distribution of financial services (consumer credits, insurance, saving) and of non financial services (such as special offers on magazine subscription), (iii) the electronic management of banking payment transactions, the management of authorization system for such transactions, the management of electronic payment terminals and of the integrated cash desks, the managements of fuel dispensers as well as of cash dispensers and (iv) insurance brokerage.

Banque Accord offers to its customers a complete range of financing services, such as term loans redeemable by instalments and revolving credit facilities, primarily through the issuance and management of the private label cards and payment and credit cards. In addition, Banque Accord offers its financial services, such as personal loans, savings as well as insurance services. The services of Banque Accord are proposed primarily through the stores of the Auchan Group or the stores operated by other retailers with which Banque Accord has entered into a partnership. Since 2004, Banque Accord's has been operating its activities through its commercial offices and the call centres of Banque Accord. Banque Accord has already developed and managed an extensive and detailed client database, which allows it to set up and tailor customer loyalty programmes through exclusive commercial offers designed for holders of the cards issued by Banque Accord.

Since its creation as a core business unit of the Auchan Group, Banque Accord is also involved in the management of all non-cash transactions in France, namely all payments made by any kind of credit cards or Accord network cards in any stores of the Auchan Group located in France.

# C. Recent events particular to Banque Accord

Recent events particular to Banque Accord are set out in details on pages 13, note 2("Key Events, changes in scope, and other information) of the 2012 half-yearly Financial report which is incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus.

## D. Management of Banque Accord

# Board of Directors (Conseil d'administration) of Banque Accord

Principal Occupation (and principal activities outside Banque Accord that are significant with respect to Banque Accord):

Member

Jérome GUILLEMARD Chairman
Régis DEGELCKE Member,
Xavier DELOM de MEZERAC Member
Henri MATHIAS Member
Gérard MULLIEZ Member

## **Chief Executive Officer**

John ROCHE

Jean-Pierre VIBOUD Chief Executive Officer

With respect to Banque Accord, all members of the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer have their business address at Banque Accord's address.

The Directors of Banque Accord act in the best interest of the company. Each Director is likely to preserve his independence of analyse, judgment, decision and action in all circumstance. The Directors shall inform the Board of any real or potential conflict of interest to which he may be exposed. There exists no known potential conflict of interests between any duties to Banque Accord of its Directors and their private interests and/or other duties.

## 2. Outside Activities

The outside activities of the members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

	de	Director	BANQUE ACCORD SA	France
MEZERAC Xavier	=	Cost Controller	SERVICIMMOG GIE	France
	-	Director	SUN ART RETAIL GROUP Ltd	Hong Kong
	-	Director	AUCHAN CHINA HONG KONG CO LTD	Hong Kong
		Permanent representative of Monicole company, Director	RT MART INTERNATIONAL LTD	Taiwan
	-	Chairman of the Board	GESARE SA	Luxembourg
	•	Director	GESARE SA	Luxembourg
		Permanent representative of Groupe Auchan, Chairman	SOFINEX SAS	France
		Chairman of the Board	AUCHAN COORDINATION SERVICES SA	Belgium

	Director	AUCHAN COORDINATION SERVICES SA	Belgium
	Permanent representative of Sofinex company, Manager	SODIVRAC SAS	France
	Manager	SCI DU ROY	France
	Chaiman of the Board – Director	PATINVEST	Luxembourg
	Chairman of the Board – Director	LUNARD PARTICIPATIONS S.A	Luxembourg
	Permanent Representative of Groupe Auchan, Chairman	Auchan Finances International SAS	France
	Director of the Board	Concord champion international Co LTD	China
	Manager	A-RT RETAIL HOLDING	Hong Kong
	Manager	GROUPEMENT FONCIER AGRICOLE DES TERRES DE CANON	France
	Director	SOPARCAMPO SA	Spain
	Director	CONCORD CHAMPION INTERNATIONAL LTD	China
	Director	AUCHAN II HOLDING	Ukraine
	Director	IMMOCHAN II HOLDING	Ukraine
GUILLEMARD Jérôme	Chairman of the Board	BANQUE ACCORD SA	France
Jerome	Director	BANQUE ACCORD SA	France
	Director	ACCORD CONSULTING COMPANY CO LTD	China
	Director	ONEY INSURANCE LIMITED CLS SA	Ireland
	Director	ONEY LIFE LIMITED CLS SA	Ireland
	Chairman	GEFIRUS SAS	France
	Chairman/ Director	ONEY INSURANCE	Malta
	Chairman/Director	ONEY LIFE LIMITED	Malta
	Manager	SCI Cadrisocha	France
	Director	Auchan Coordination Services	Belgium
	Chairman/Director	ONEY HOLDING LIMITED	Malta

MATHIAS Henri	Director	BANQUE ACCORD SA	France
	Vice-Chairman	AUCHAN France SA	France
	Director	AUCHAN France SA	France
	Permanent Representative of GROUPE AUCHAN, Chairman	LITTLE EXTRA SAS	France
	Chairman of the supervisory Board	AUCHAN MAGYAR KFT	Hungary
MULLIEZ Gérard	Director	BANQUE ACCORD SA	France
	Manager	SOCIETE CIVILE PAFIL	France
	Manager	SOCIETE CIVILE FONTAINE 2003	France
	Manager	SOCIETE CIVILE IMMOBILIERE DULE 01	France
	Manager	SOCIETE CIVILE AMFIL	France
	Manager	SOCIETE CIVILE IMMOBILIERE FONTAINE	France
	Manager	LE TERRAIN DU DOME société civile	France
	Manager	SOCIETE CIVILE ARFIL	France
	Manager	SOCIETE CIVILE IMMOBILIERE DU CHATEAU DE LA FONTAINE	France
	Chairman	AUSSPAR SAS	France
	Manager	SC LES ETANGS société civile	France
	Manager	RECUEIL 2007 SCI	France
	Director	MACO PHARMA SA	France
	Member of the Supervisory Board	MACO PRODUCTIONS SAS	France
	Permanent Representative of AUSSPAR company, member of the Supervisory Board	VALTAO	France
	Manager	SC LES BOIS	France
	Director	CONSOBIS	France
	Permanent Representative of AUSSPAR company, A level Director	ACADIE	France

	Permanent representative of AUSSPAR, Director	VAL TOP OFFICE	France
	Manager	SCI VACQUERIE 2011	France
ROCHE John	Director	BANQUE ACCORD SA	France
	Manager	ETIMA Société CIVILE	France
VIBOUD Jean-Pierre	Chief executive officer	BANQUE ACCORD SA	France
	Chairman of the Supervisory Board	ARMONEY GIE	France
	Chairman	ACCORDFIN ESPANA SA	Spain
	Permanent Representative of Banque Accord company, Director	NATURAL SECURITY	France
	Director	ONEY SA	Portugal
	Director	ACCORD CONSULTING COMPANY CO LTD	China
	Chairman	NATURAL SECURITY SAS	France
	Director	GROUPE ACTICALL	Luxembourg
Régis DEGELCKE	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	GROUPE ADEO SA	France
	Chairman	SOCIETE DE RECHERCHES DE SYNERGIES SAS	France
	Manager	MAROBE Société Civile	France
	Manager	SCI LE ROCHER	France
	Director	BRICOMAN SA	France
	Director	BANQUE ACCORD SA	France

# E. Trend information

There has been no material adverse change in the prospect of Banque Accord since 31 December 2011.

No known trends, uncertainties, demands, commitment or events are reasonably likely to have any material effect on Banque Accord's prospects for the current financial year.

## **TAXATION**

The statement herein regarding taxation are based on the laws in force in the European Union, the Republic of France and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg as of the date of this Base Prospectus as supplemented from time to time and are subject to any changes in law. The following overview does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the tax considerations which may be relevant to a decision to purchase, own or dispose of the Notes. Each prospective holder or beneficial owner of Notes should consult its tax advisor as to the tax consequences of any investment in or ownership and disposition of the Notes under the laws of the European Union, the Republic of France, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and/or any other jurisdiction.

# All prospective holders should seek independent advice as to their tax positions.

## **EU Savings Directive**

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003, the Council of the European Union ("EU") adopted directive 2003/48/EC on taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments (hereinafter referred to as the "EU Savings Directive"). The EU Savings Directive is, in principle, applied by Member States as from July 1st, 2005 and has been implemented in Luxembourg by the laws of June 21st, 2005 (the "Laws of June 21st, 2005"). Under the EU Savings Directive, each Member State is required to provide to the tax authorities of another Member State details of payments of interest or other similar income within the meaning of the EU Savings Directive paid by a paying agent within the meaning of the EU Savings Directive established within such Member State, to an individual resident or certain types of entities called "residual entities" (hereinafter referred to as the "Residual Entities"), within the meaning of the EU Savings Directive (i.e. entities without legal personality whose profits are not taxed under the general arrangements for the business taxation and that are not, or have not opted to be considered as, a UCITS (standing for "Undertakings for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities") recognized in accordance with EC Directive 85/611/EEC) established in that other Member State (or certain dependent or associated territories). For a transitional period, however, Austria and Luxembourg are permitted to apply an optional information reporting system whereby if a beneficial owner, within the meaning of the EU Savings Directive, does not comply with one of two procedures for information reporting, the relevant Member State will levy a withholding tax on payments to such beneficial owner. The current withholding is thirty-five per cent (35%).

The transitional period is to terminate at the end of the first full fiscal year following the later of (i) the date of entry into force of an agreement between the European Community, following unanimous decision of the European Council, and the last of Switzerland, Liechtenstein, San Marino, Monao and Andorra, providing for the exchange of information upon request as defined in the OECD Model Agreement on Exchange of Information on Tax Matters released on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002 (the "OECD Model Agreement") with respect to interest payments within the meaning of the Directive, in addition to the simultaneous application by those same countries of a withholding tax on such payments at the rate applicable for the corresponding periods mentioned above and (ii) the date on which the European Council unanimously agrees that the United States of America is committed to exchange information upon request as defined in the OECD Model Agreement with respect to interest payments within the meaning of the EU Savings Directive.

Also with effect from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005, a number of non-EU countries and certain dependent or associated territories have agreed to adopt similar measures (either provision of information or transitional withholding) in relation to payments made by a paying agent (within the meaning of the EU Savings Directive) established within such countries or territories to, or collected by such a paying agent for, an individual resident or a Residual Entity established in a Member State. In addition, Luxembourg and some other Member States have entered into reciprocal provision of information or

transitional withholding agreements (the "Agreements") with certain of the dependent or associated territories (Aruba, British Virgin Islands, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey, Montserrat, and Netherlands Antilles) in relation to payments made by a paying agent established in a Member State to, or collected by such a paying agent for, an individual resident or a Residual Entity established in one of those territories.

On September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the European Commission issued a report to the Council of the European Union on the operation of the Directive, which included the European Commission's advice on the need for changes to the Directive. On November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 the European Commission published a more detailed proposal for amendments to the Directive, which included a number of suggested changes. The European Parliament has adopted an amended version of this proposal on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009. If any of those proposed changes are implemented in relation to the Directive, they may amend or broaden the scope of the requirements described above.

For French tax purposes, this Directive has been implemented into French law under Article 242 *ter* of the French *Code Général des Impôts* and 49 I *ter* to 49 I *sexies* of the Schedule III to the French *Code Général des Impôts* (General tax code).

## **France**

## EU Savings Directive

The EU Savings Directive was implemented into French law under article 242 *ter* of the French *Code Général des Impôts*, which imposes on paying agents based in France an obligation to report to the French tax authorities certain information with respect to interest payments made to beneficial owners domiciled in another Member State, including, among other things, the identity and address of the beneficial owner and a detailed list of the different categories of interest paid to that beneficial owner. These reporting obligations have entered into force with respect to interest payments made on or after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005.

New withholding tax rules from March 1st, 2010

Following the introduction of the French *loi de finances rectificative pour 2009 n*°3 (n° 2009-1674 dated December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009) (hereinafter referred to the "Law"), as interpreted by the French tax authorities in their official doctrine (BOI-RPPM-RCM-30-10-20-50-20120912, No. 70 – hereinafter referred to as the "Administrative Doctrine"), payments of interest and other revenues made by the Issuers with respect to Notes (other than Notes (as described below) which are consolidated (*assimilables* for the purpose of French law) and form a single series with Notes issued before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 having the benefit of Article 131 *quater* of the French *Code Général des Impôts*) will not be subject to the withholding tax set out under Article 125 A III of the French *Code Général des Impôts* unless such payments are made outside France in a non-cooperative State or territory (*Etat ou territoire non-coopératif* or "ETNC"). If such payments under the Notes are made in a Non-cooperative State, a fifty per cent (50%) withholding tax will be applicable (subject to certain exceptions and to the more favourable provisions of any applicable double tax treaty) by virtue of Article 125 A III of the French *Code Général des Impôts*.

In furtherance of the foregoing, according to Article 238 A of the French *Code Général des Impôts* interest and other revenues on such Notes will no longer be deductible from the Issuers' taxable income, as from the fiscal year starting on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, if they are paid or accrued to persons established in a Non-Cooperative State or paid in such Non-Cooperative State. Under certain conditions, any such non-deductible interest and other revenues may be recharacterised as constructive dividends pursuant to Article 109 of the French Code Général des Impôts, in which case such non-deductible interest and other revenues may be subject to the withholding tax set out under Article 119 bis 2 of the French Code Général des Impôts, at a rate of thirty per cent (30%) or fifty-five per cent (55%) (subject to the more favourable provisions of any applicable double tax treaty).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Law provides that neither the fifty per cent (50%) withholding tax set out under Article 125 A III of the French Code Général des Impôts nor, to the extent the relevant

interest or other revenues relate to actual operations and are not in an abnormal or exaggerated amount, the non-deductibility will apply if the Issuers can prove that the principal purpose and effect of a particular issue of Notes was not that of allowing the payments of interest or other revenues to be made in a Non-Cooperative State (such situation being hereinafter referred to as the "**Exception**"). Pursuant to the Administrative Doctrine, an issue of Notes will benefit from the Exception without the Issuers having to provide any proof of the purpose and effect of such issue of Notes, if such Notes are:

- (i) offered by means of a public offer within the meaning of Article L.411-1 of the French Code Monétaire et Financier or pursuant to an equivalent offer in a State other than a Non-Cooperative State. For this purpose, an "equivalent offer" means any offer requiring the registration or submission of an offer document by or with a foreign securities market authority; or
- (ii) admitted to trading on a regulated market or on a French or foreign multilateral securities trading system provided that such market or system is not located in a Non-Cooperative State, and the operation of such market is carried out by a market operator or an investment service provider, or by such other similar foreign entity, provided further that such market operator, investment services provider or entity is not located in a Non-Cooperative State; or
- (iii) admitted, at the time of the issue, to the operations of a central depository or of a securities clearing and delivery payment systems operator within the meaning of Article L.561-2 of the French Code Monétaire et Financier, or of one or more similar foreign depositaries or operator provided that such depositary or operator is not located in a Non-Cooperative State.

Payment of interest and other revenues with respect to Notes that are issued on or after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and which are consolidated (*assimilables* for the purpose of French law) and form a single series with Notes issued (or deemed issued) outside France before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 having the benefit of Article 131 quater of the French *Code Général des Impôts*, will continue to be exempt from the withholding tax set out under article 125 A III of the French *Code Général des Impôts*.

Such Notes issued before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, whether denominated in Euro or in any other currency, and constituting *obligations* under French law or *titres de créances négociables* within the meaning of the official doctrine of the French tax authorities (BOI-RPPM-RCM-30-10-30-30-20120912), No. 100 or other debt securities issued under French or foreign law and considered by the French tax authorities as falling into similar categories, are deemed to be issued outside the Republic of France for the purpose of Article 131 *quater* of the French *Code Général des Impôts*, in accordance with the abovementioned official doctrine of the French tax authorities (BOI-RPPM-RCM-30-10-30-30-20120912).

In addition, interests and other revenues paid by the Issuers on Notes issued on or after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and which are to be consolidated (assimilables for the purpose of French law) and form a single series with Notes issued before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 will not be subject to the withholding tax set out in Article 119 *bis* of the French *Code Général des Impôts* solely on account of their being paid in a Non-Cooperative State or accrued or paid to persons established or domiciled in a Non-Cooperative State.

For the avoidance of doubt, Notes issued before March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 but which maturity is extended on or after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 would fall under the new French withholding tax regime pursuant to the Law from their initial maturity date.

Noteholder, Couponholder, Receiptholder and/or prospective holder or beneficial owner of the Notes must inform itself and/or consult its tax advisor regarding the new French withholding tax regime provided by the Law, as interpreted by the Administrative Doctrine.

## Luxembourg

The following is a general description of certain Luxembourg 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 Luxembourg or elsewhere. Prospective purchasers of the Notes should consult their own tax advisers

as to which countries tax laws could be relevant to acquiring, holding and disposing of the 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 Luxembourg. This overview is based upon the law as in effect on the date of this Base Prospectus. The information contained within this section is limited to withholding tax issues, and prospective investors should not apply any information set out below to other areas, including (but not limited to) the legality of transactions involving the Notes.

# Withholding tax

All payments of interest and principal by the Issuers in the context of the holding, disposal, redemption or repurchase of the Notes can be made free and clear of any withholding or deduction for or on account of any taxes of whatsoever nature imposed, levied, withheld, or assessed by Luxembourg or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein, in accordance with the applicable Luxembourg law, subject however to:

- (i) the application of the Luxembourg laws of June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005 implementing the EU Savings Directive as well as several agreements concluded between Luxembourg and certain dependent or associated territories of the European Union ("EU") and providing for the possible application of a withholding tax (of thirty-five per cent (35%) as from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011) on interest paid to certain Luxembourg non resident investors (individuals and Residual Entities) (see, paragraph "EU Savings Directive" above, which may be applicable in the event of the Issuer appointing a paying agent in Luxembourg within the meaning of the EU Savings Directive or Agreements);
- the application as regards Luxembourg resident individuals of the Luxembourg law of December (ii) 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 which has introduced a ten per cent (10%) withholding tax on certain interest payments (i.e. with certain exemptions, interest payments within the meaning of the Luxembourg Laws of June 21st, 2005 implementing the EU Savings Directive and the Agreements). This law applies to interest payments accrued as from July 1st, 2005 and paid as from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. Further and pursuant to the Luxembourg law of July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Luxembourg resident individuals who are the beneficial owners of interest payments and other similar income made by a paying agent established outside Luxembourg in a Member State of the European Union or of the European Economic Area or in a jurisdiction having concluded an agreement with Luxembourg in connection with the EU Savings Directive, may also opt for a ten per cent (10%) levy. In such case, the ten per cent (10%) levy is calculated on the same amounts as for the payments made by Luxembourg resident paying agents. The option for the ten per cent (10%) levy must cover all interest payments made by the paying agent to the Luxembourg resident beneficial owner during the entire civil year. For Luxembourg resident individuals acting in the course of the management of their private wealth, the ten per cent (10%) levy is final whether such withholding tax is levied on a mandatory basis by a Luxembourg paying agent or levied at the option of such Luxembourg resident individual.

Responsibility for the withholding of tax in application of the above-mentioned Luxembourg laws of June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005 and the law of December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 is assumed by the Luxembourg paying agent within the meaning of these laws.

<u>U.S. Taxation</u>: The discussion above does not address the tax consequences of the purchase, ownership or disposition of an interest in the Notes under United States federal, state or local tax law. Each prospective purchaser should consult its own tax adviser regarding such tax consequences.

Investors should carefully review Condition 8 entitled "Taxation" of the "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" section in the Base prospectus.

## SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

# **Summary of Dealer Agreement**

Subject to the terms and on the conditions contained in an amended and restated dealer agreement entered into between the Issuers, the Arranger and the Permanent Dealers on 4 December 2012 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "**Dealer Agreement**"), the Notes will be offered on a continuous basis to the Permanent Dealers. However, each Issuer has reserved the right to sell Notes directly on its own behalf to Dealers that are not Permanent Dealers. The Notes may be resold at prevailing market prices, or at prices related thereto, at the time of such resale, as determined by the relevant Dealer. The Notes may also be sold by the relevant Issuer through the Dealers, acting as agents of such Issuer. The Dealer Agreement also provides for Notes to be issued in syndicated Tranches that are jointly and severally underwritten by two or more Dealers.

The relevant Issuer will pay each relevant Dealer a commission as agreed between them in respect of Notes subscribed by it unless otherwise agreed. Groupe Auchan and Banque Accord have agreed to reimburse the Dealers as agreed between the relevant Issuer and the Dealers in the Dealer Agreement

Groupe Auchan and Banque Accord have agreed to indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes. The Dealers have agreed to indemnify the Issuer against certain liabilities in connection with the offer and the sales of the Notes. The Dealer Agreement entitles the Dealers to terminate any agreement that they make to subscribe Notes in certain circumstances prior to payment for such Notes being made to the relevant Issuer.

## **Selling Restrictions**

# **France**

Each of the Dealers and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme has represented and agreed, that it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, any Notes to the public in France and it has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in France, the Base Prospectus, the relevant Final Terms or any other offering material relating to the Notes and such offers, sales and distributions have been and will be made in France only to (i) providers of investment services relating to portfolio management for the account of third parties (*personnes fournissant le service d'investissement de gestion de portefeuille pour compte de tiers*) and/or (ii) qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*), investing for their own account, all as defined in, and in accordance with, articles L.411-1, L. 411-2, D. 411-1 to D. 411-3, D. 734-1, D 744-1, D. 754-1 and D. 764-1 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*.

This Base Prospectus, prepared in connection with the Notes to be issued under the Programme, has not been submitted to the clearance procedure of the French financial markets authority (*Autorité des Marchés Financiers*).

# European Economic Area (Public Offer Selling Restrictions under the Prospectus Directive)

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "Relevant Member State"), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the "Relevant Implementation Date") it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Base Prospectus as completed by the relevant Final Terms to the public in that Relevant Member State except that it may,

with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of such Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) at any time to any legal entity which is a qualified investor as defined under the Prospectus Directive;
- (b) at any time to fewer than 100, or if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the 2010 PD Amending Directive, 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (c) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of Notes referred to in (a) to (c) above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "offer of Notes to the public" in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State.

The Public Offer Selling Restriction under the Prospectus Directive selling restriction is in addition to any other selling restriction set out below.

## **United States**

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933 as amended. Under U.S. regulations, the Notes may not be offered or sold directly or indirectly within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by Regulation S under the Securities Act ("Regulation S").

Materialised Notes having a maturity of more than one (1) year are subject to U.S. federal income 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 U.S. Internal Revenue Code and regulations thereunder.

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, in the case of Materialised Notes, deliver the Notes of any identifiable Tranche, (i) as part of their distribution at any time or (ii) otherwise until forty (40) days after completion of the distribution of such Tranche as determined, and certified to the relevant Issuer, by the Fiscal Agent, or in the case of Notes issued on a syndicated basis, the Lead Manager, within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons, and it will have sent to each Dealer to which it sells Notes during the distribution compliance period 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.

The Notes are being offered and sold outside the United States to non-U.S. persons in reliance on Regulation S.

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

This Base Prospectus has been prepared by the Issuer for use in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes outside the United States. The Issuer and the Dealers reserve the right to reject any offer to purchase the Notes, in whole or in part, for any reason. This Base Prospectus does not constitute an offer to any person in the United States. Distribution of this Base Prospectus by any non-U.S. person outside the United States to any U.S. person or to any other person within the United States is unauthorised and any disclosure without prior written consent of the Issuer of any of its contents to any such U.S. person or other person within the United States, is prohibited.

# **United Kingdom**

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

- (i) in relation to any Notes which have a maturity of less than one (1) year, (a) 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 (b) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes in the United Kingdom other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the Notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of Section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "FSMA") by the relevant Issuer;
- (ii) 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 relevant Issuer; and
- (iii) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to such Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

## Japan

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948, as amended) (the "Financial Instruments and Exchange Law"). Accordingly, each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that it has not, directly or indirectly, offered or sold and will not, directly or indirectly, offer or sell any Notes in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, a resident of Japan, or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan or to, or for the benefit of, a resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law and other relevant laws and regulations of Japan. As used in this paragraph, "resident of Japan" shall be read and construed according to the definition given under article 6.1(v) of the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law.

## Republic of Italy

The offering of the Notes has not been registered pursuant to Italian securities legislation and, accordingly, no Notes may be offered, sold or delivered, nor may copies of this Base Prospectus or of any other document relating to the Notes be distributed in the Republic of Italy, except: (i) to qualified investors (*investitori qualificati*), as defined pursuant to Article 100 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24th February, 1998, as amended (the "**Financial Services Act**") and Article 34-*ter*, first paragraph, letter (b) of CONSOB Regulation No. 11971 of 14 May, 1999, as amended from time to time ("**Regulation**")

**No. 11971**"); or (ii) in other circumstances which are exempted from the rules on public offerings pursuant to Article 100 of the Financial Services Act and Regulation No. 11971.

Any offer, sale or delivery of the Notes or distribution of copies of this Base Prospectus or any other document relating to the Notes in the Republic of Italy under (i) or (ii) above must be: (a) made by an investment firm, bank or financial intermediary permitted to conduct such activities in the Republic of Italy in accordance with the Financial Services Act, CONSOB Regulation No. 16190 of 29th October, 2007 (as amended from time to time) and Legislative Decree No. 385 of 1st September, 1993, as amended (the "Banking Act"); and (b) in compliance with the Banking Act, as amended, and the implementing guidelines of the Bank of Italy, as amended from time to time, pursuant to which the Bank of Italy may request information on the issue or the offer of securities in the Republic of Italy; and (c) in compliance with any other applicable laws and regulations or requirement imposed by CONSOB or any other Italian authority.

Please note that in accordance with Article 100-bis of the Financial Services Act, where no exemption from the rules on public offerings applies under (i) and (ii) above, the subsequent distribution of the Notes on the secondary market in Italy must be made in compliance with the public offer and the prospectus requirement rules provided under the Financial Services Act and Regulation No. 11971. Failure to comply with such rules may result in the sale of such Notes being declared null and void and in the liability of the intermediary transferring the financial instruments for any damages suffered by the investors.

## General

These selling restrictions may be modified by the Issuers, with reasonable prior opportunity given to the Dealers to comment any such modification in particular following a change in a relevant law, regulation or directive. Any such modification or supplement will be set out in a supplement to this Base Prospectus.

No action has been taken in any jurisdiction that would permit an offer to the public of any of the Notes, or possession or distribution of the Base Prospectus or any other offering material or any Final Terms, in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required.

Each Dealer has agreed that it will, to the best of its knowledge, comply with all relevant laws, regulations and directives in each jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or has in its possession or distributes the Base Prospectus, any other offering material or any Final Terms and obtain any consent, approval or permission required for the purchase, offer or sale of Notes under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction in which it makes such purchase, offer or sale and neither any of the Issuers nor any other Dealer shall have responsibility therefore.

Each of the Dealers and the Issuers has represented and agreed that Materialised Notes may only be issued outside France.

## FORM OF FINAL TERMS

Final Terms dated [•]

[Logo, if document is printed]

Groupe Auchan/ Banque Accord

Euro 8,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme for the issue of Notes

SERIES NO: [•]
TRANCHE NO: [•]

[Brief description and Amount of Notes]
Issued by: [Groupe Auchan/ Banque Accord (the "Issuer")]

Issue Price: [●] per cent.

[Name(s) of Dealer(s)]

# PART A - CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 4 December 2012 [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [•]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament, the Council of November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003 on the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading as amended by the Directive 2010/73/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of the November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 ("2010 PD Amending Directive"). The expression "Prospectus Directive" means the Directive 2003/71/EC as amended by the 2010 PD Amending Directive and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State.

This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with such Base Prospectus [as so supplemented]. 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 [as so supplemented]. The Base Prospectus [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] and the relevant Final Terms [is]/[are] available for viewing on the websites of (a) the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu) and (b) the relevant Issuer (http://www.groupe-auchan.com/nos-resultats/informations-aux-obligataires/ in respect of Groupe Auchan and http://www.oney-banque-accord.com/index.php?id=84 in respect of Banque Accord) (and copies may be obtained from [Groupe Auchan, 40 avenue de Flandre, 59170 Croix, France]/[Banque Accord, 4/6 rue Jeanne Maillote, 59110 La Madeleine, France], [and] during normal business hours at the specified office of the Paying Agent(s) where copies may be obtained.

[In addition<sup>1</sup>, the Base Prospectus [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] [is] [are] available for viewing [at/on] [•]].

The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under a Base Prospectus with an earlier date.

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the "Conditions") set forth in the Base Prospectus dated [original date] [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [•]]. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated [current date] [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [•]], which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive, save in respect of the Conditions which are extracted from the Base Prospectus dated [original date] [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] dated [•]] and are attached hereto. 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 [original date] and the Base Prospectus dated [current date] [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [•]]. The Base Prospectus [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] [is]/[are] available for viewing on the websites of (a) the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu) and (b) the relevant Issuer (www.groupe-auchan.com in respect of Groupe Auchan and www.oney-banque-accord.com in respect of Banque Accord) and copies may be obtained from [Groupe Auchan, 40 avenue de Flandre, 59170 Croix, France]/[Banque Accord, 4/6 rue Jeanne Maillote, 59110 La Madeleine, France], [and] during normal business hours at the specified office of the Paying Agent(s) where copies may be obtained. [In addition<sup>2</sup>, the Base Prospectus [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] [is]/[are] available for viewing [at/on] [•]].

[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as "Not Applicable" (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if "Not Applicable" is indicated for individual paragraphs or subparagraphs. Italics denote guidance for completing the Final Terms.]

1	[/i\]	Series	Number:	[•]
	11111	OCI ICO	Nullinel.	LJ

[(ii) Tranche Number: [•]]

2. Specified Currency: [•]

# 3. Aggregate Nominal Amount of Notes:

(i) Series: [•]

(ii) Tranche: [•]

4. Issue Price: [•] per cent of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus

accrued interest from [insert date] (if applicable)]

5. Specified Denomination(s): [•]<sup>3</sup>

if the Notes are admitted to trading on a regulated market other than the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> if the Notes are admitted to trading on a Regulated Market other than the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

Notes (including Notes denominated in sterling) in respect of which the issue proceeds are to be accepted by the Issuer in the United Kingdom or whose issue otherwise constitutes a contravention of section 19 of the FSMA and having a maturity of less than one year must have a minimum denomination of £100,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies).

(one denomination only for Dematerialised Notes) (Not less than €100,000 or its equivalent in other currency at the Issue Date)

6. (i) Issue Date: [•]

(ii) Interest Commencement Date:

[Issue Date/Not Applicable]

7. Maturity Date: [•]

8. Interest Basis: [[•] % Fixed Rate]

[[specify reference rate] +/- [•] % Floating Rate]

[Zero Coupon]

9. Redemption/Payment Basis: [Redemption at par]

[Instalment]

**10.** Change of Interest or Redemption/ Payment Basis:

[Specify details of any provision for convertibility of Notes into another interest or redemption/payment basis / Not

Applicable]

11. Put/Call Options: [Investor Put]

[Issuer Call]

**12.** (i) Status of the Notes: [Dated Subordinated/Undated

Subordinated/Unsubordinated Notes]

(ii) Dates of the corporate authorisations for

issuance of the Notes:

[Decision of the *Conseil d'administration* of Groupe Auchan dated [•] [and of [•] [function] dated [•]]]<sup>1</sup>/[Decision of the *Conseil d'administration* of Banque Accord dated [•] [and of

[•] [function] dated [•]]/[Decision of [•] [function] dated [•]]<sup>2</sup>

**13. Method of distribution:** [Syndicated/Non-syndicated]

# PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

**14. Fixed Rate Note Provisions** [Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of

this paragraph)

(i) Rate(s) of Interest: [•] per cent. per annum [payable [annually/semi-

annually/quarterly/monthly/other ([•])] in arrears/other ([•])]

(ii) Interest Payment Date(s): [•] in each year [adjusted in accordance with [specify

Business Day Convention and any applicable Business Centre(s) for the definition of "Business Day"]/unadjusted]

(iii) Fixed Coupon [•] per Specified Denomination

(iv) Broken Amount(s): [[•] per Specified Denomination /Not Applicable]

(v) Day Count Fraction: [Actual/365 / Actual/365 – FBF / Actual/Actual – ISDA

Actual/Actual - ICMA

Amount[(s)]:

Only relevant for issues of Notes not constituting *obligations* under French law.

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Relevant for issues of Notes constituting *obligations* under French law.

Actual/365 (Fixed)

Actual/360

30/360 / 360/360 / Bond Basis

30/360 - FBF / Actual 30A/360 (American Bond Basis)

30E/360 / Eurobond Basis]

(vi) Determination Dates: [•] in each year

(insert regular Interest Payment Dates, ignoring Issue Date or Final Maturity Date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon. N.B. only relevant where Day Count Fraction

is Actual/Actual (ICMA))

15. Floating Rate Note Provisions

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of

this paragraph)

(i) Interest Period(s) [•]

(ii) Specified Interest Payment Dates:

(iii) First Interest Payment Date:

[•]

[•]

(iv) Business Day
Convention:

[Floating Rate Business Day Convention/ Following Business Day Convention/ Modified Following Business Day Convention/ Preceding Business Day Convention]

[Insert "unadjusted" if the application of the relevant business day convention is not intended to affect the

Interest Amount]

(v) Business Centre(s): [•]

(vi) Manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/FBF Determination/ISDA

e Determination]

(vii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and Interest Amount(s) (if not the Calculation Agent):

[•] / [Not Applicable]

(viii) Screen Rate

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

Determination:

– Relevant Time: [•]

Interest Determination

[•]

Date(s):

- Primary Source: [Specify relevant Page or "Reference Banks"]

 Reference Banks (if Primary Source is "Reference Banks"): [Specify four]

		<ul><li>Relevant Financial</li><li>Centre:</li></ul>	[•]
		- Benchmark:	[EURIBOR, LIBOR, LIBID, LIMEAN, [•]]
		– Representative Amount:	[•] / [Not Applicable]
		- Effective Date:	[•] / [Not Applicable]
		<ul><li>Specified Duration:</li></ul>	[•] / [Not Applicable]
	(ix)	FBF Determination	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
		<ul><li>Floating Rate (<i>Taux</i> Variable):</li></ul>	[•]
		- Floating Rate Determination Date (Date de Détermination du Taux Variable):	[•]
	(x)	ISDA Determination:	[Applicable/Not Applicable]
		- Floating Rate Option:	[•]
		- Designated Maturity:	[•]
		- Reset Date:	[•]
	(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:	[Actual/365 / Actual/365 – FBF / Actual/Actual – ISDA Actual/Actual - ICMA Actual/365 (Fixed) Actual/360 30/360 / 360/360 / Bond Basis 30/360 – FBF / Actual 30A/360 (American Bond Basis) 30E/360 / Eurobond Basis]
16.		o Coupon Note Provisions	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)
	(i)	Amortisation Yield:	[•] per cent per annum
	(ii)	Day Count Fraction:	[Actual/365 / Actual/365 – FBF / Actual/Actual – ISDA Actual/Actual - ICMA Actual/365 (Fixed) Actual/360 30/360 / 360/360 / Bond Basis 30/360 – FBF / Actual 30A/360 (American Bond Basis)

30E/360 / Eurobond Basis]

# 17. Change of Control

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

(Condition 14)

[If Applicable, specify the applicable Rate of Interest:

Rate of Interest on the Rate of Interest Increase Event:

Rating Downgrade Rate of Interest to Ba1 + [•] per cent. per annum to Ba2 + [•] per cent. per annum to Ba3 + [•] per cent. per annum to B1 + [•] per cent. per annum to B2 + [•] per cent. per annum

## PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

18. Call Option

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this

+ [•] per cent. per annum]

paragraph)

to B3 or lower

Optional Redemption (i) Date(s):

[•]

(ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such

[•] per Specified Denomination

(iii) If redeemable in part:

amount(s):

(a) Minimum Redemption Amount:

[•]

(b) Maximum Redemption Amount:

[•]

19. Put Option

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this

paragraph)

Optional Redemption (i) Date(s):

[•]

(ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note: [•] per Specified Denomination

20. Final Redemption Amount of each Note

[•] per Specified Denomination

21. Early Redemption Amount

Early Redemption Amount(s) [•] of each Note payable on redemption for taxation

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reasons, for illegality, or on event of default) or other early redemption:

Redemption for Taxation Reasons:

(i) Early Redemption
Amount to be increased
with any accrued interest
to the date set for
redemption (Condition
6(g)):

[Yes/No]

(ii) Redemption on a date other than an Interest Payment Date (Condition 6(g)(ii)):

[Yes/No]

22. Notes purchased may be held and resold (Condition 6(h)):

Notes:

[Yes/No]

(Specify whether Notes purchased by the Issuer may be held and resold)

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES**

**23. Form of Notes:** [Dematerialised Notes/Materialised Notes] [Delete as

appropriate]

(i) Form of Dematerialised [Not Applicable/Bearer form (au porteur)/Registered form (au

nominatif)]

(ii) Registration Agent: [Not Applicable/Applicable ([•])]

(iii) Temporary Global [Not Applicable/Temporary Global Certificate exchangeable Certificate: for Definitive Materialised Notes on [•] (the "Exchange

for Definitive Materialised Notes on [•] (the "Exchange Date"), being forty (40) days after the Issue Date subject to postponement as provided in the Temporary Global

Certificate]

24. Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to Payment Dates:

[Not Applicable/[•].]

25. Talons for future Coupons or [Yes ([•])/No/Not Applicable.] (Only applicable to the Receipts to be attached to Materialised Notes).

Definitive Notes (and dates

**26.** Details relating to Instalment Notes:

which

mature):

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

(i) Instalment Date(s): [•]

such

**Talons** 

	(ii)	Instalment Amount(s) of each Note:	[•] per Specified Denomination
27.	Mas	sse:	[Condition 11/Condition 11 replaced by the full provisions of French Code de commerce relating to the Masse] (Note that in respect of any Tranche of Notes issued inside France, Condition 11 shall be replaced in its entirely by the provisions of French Code de commerce relating to the Masse.
	(i)	Representative:	[•] (specify name and address)
	(ii)	Alternate Representative:	[•] (specify name and address)
	(iii)	Remuneration of the Representative:	[Applicable/Not Applicable] (if applicable, specify the amount)
DIS	TRIB	UTION	
28.	(i) I	f syndicated, names of Managers:	[Not Applicable/ <b>[●]</b> ]
	(ii)	Stabilising Manager(s) (if any):	[Not Applicable/ <b>[●]</b> ]
	lf n Deal	on-syndicated, name of er:	[Not Applicable/ <b>[●]</b> ]
30.	U.S	. selling restrictions:	[Reg. S Compliance Category; TEFRA C/ TEFRA D/ TEFRA Not Applicable]
			(TEFRA are not applicable to Dematerialised Notes)
[RESPONSIBILITY			
such ascer	infoi tain	rmation has been accurately from information published	been extracted from [specify source]. The Issuer confirms that y reproduced and that, so far as it is aware, and is able to by [specify source], no facts have been omitted which would curate or misleading in any material respect.]
Signe	ed on	behalf of [Groupe Auchan] [	Banque Accord]:
Duly	repre	esented by:	

## **PART B - OTHER INFORMATION**

#### 1. LISTING AND ADMISSION TO TRADING

(i) Listing: [The official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange]/[[ ● ] with effect from [ ● ]]/[Not Applicable]]

(ii) Admission to trading: [Application [has been/ 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 Luxembourg Stock

**Exchange**] with effect from [●]./Not Applicable.]

(when documenting a fungible issue, need to indicate that

original Notes are already admitted to trading)

(iii) Estimate of total expenses related to listing and admission to trading:

[●]

#### 2. RATINGS

Ratings: [The Notes have been allocated the following rating(s):]

[Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services France S.A.S.:

**[●]**]

(and as the case may be)

[Moody's France S.A.S.: [●]]

[[Other]: [ ● ]

[•] [is/are] credit rating agency[ies] established in the European Union, registered under Regulation (EC) No. 1060/2009 of the European Parliament and the Council of 16 September 2009 on credit rating agencies, as amended (the "CRA Regulation") and included in the list of registered credit rating agencies published on the website of the European Securities and Markets Authority (http://www.esma.europa.eu/page/List-registered-and-certified-CRAs) in accordance with the CRA Regulation.]

## 3. [NOTIFICATION

The Commission de surveillance du secteur financier in Luxembourg [has been requested to provide/has provided - include first alternative for an issue which is contemporaneous with the update of the Programme and the second alternative for subsequent issues] the [include names of competent authorities of host Member States] with a certificate of approval attesting that the Base Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive.]

# 4. [INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE [ISSUE/OFFER]

Need to include a description of any interest, including conflicting ones, that is material to the issue/offer, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest. May be satisfied by the inclusion of the following statement:

"So far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has an interest material to the offer."]/ $[\bullet]$ ]

# 5. [STATEMENT BY EXPERTS AND DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTEREST

Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in respect of the relevant Issuer or the Notes provide such person's name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the relevant Issuer. If the report has been produced at the relevant Issuer's request a statement to that effect that such statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of that person who has authorised the contents of that part in respect of the relevant Issuer or the Notes.]

0.	[ <i>Fix</i> ed	Rate Notes only – FIELD	
	Indica	ation of yield:	[•]
7.	OPERATIONAL INFORMATION		
	ISIN (	Code:	[•]
	Comr	mon Code:	[•]
	Depo	sitaries:	
	(i)	Euroclear France to act as Central Depositary:	[Yes/No]
	(ii)	Common Depositary for Euroclear and Clearstream Luxembourg:	[Yes/No]
	and	clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Clearstream, Luxembourg and the ant identification number(s):	[Not Applicable/give name(s) and number(s) and address(es)]
	Delive	ery:	Delivery [against/free of] payment
		e and addresses of additional Paying t(s) (if any):	[Not Applicable/[•]]

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- (1) Application has been made to the CSSF, as competent authority in Luxembourg for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive, for approval of the Base Prospectus.
  - In compliance with Article 18 of the Prospectus Directive, application may also be made for the notification of certificate of approval to any competent authority of any member State of the EEA.
- (2) Each of Groupe Auchan and Banque Accord has obtained all necessary corporate and other consents, approvals and authorisations in the Republic of France in connection with the update of the Programme.

Any issue of Notes by Groupe Auchan under the Programme, to the extent that such Notes constitute *obligations*, requires the prior authorisation of (i) the *Conseil d'Administration* of Groupe Auchan, which may delegate its powers to its *Président* or to any other member of the *Conseil d'Administration*; or (ii) the Ordinary General Meeting of Groupe Auchan's shareholders if (a) the *statuts* of Groupe Auchan so require (at the date hereof the *statuts* of Groupe Auchan do not require a resolution of the Ordinary General Meeting) or (b) the shareholders at an Ordinary General Meeting decide to authorise an issue of *obligations*, all pursuant to Article L.228-40 of the French *Code de commerce*. Any issue of Notes, to the extent that such Notes do not constitute *obligations*, will fall within the general powers of the *Président* of the *Conseil d'Administration* or a *Directeur général* of Groupe Auchan.

For this purpose, on October 18th 2012 the *Conseil d'Administration* of Groupe Auchan has authorised issues of Notes constituting obligations up to an outstanding maximum aggregate amount of €2,500,000,000, which authority will, unless previously cancelled, expire on October 17th 2013 provided that the outstanding maximum aggregate amount of Notes under the Programme shall not exceed €6,000,000,000, and has authorised member of the *Conseil d'Administration* and the *Directeur général*, to issue Notes within the limits set out by the *Conseil d'Administration* mentionned above.

Any issue of Notes by Banque Accord under the Programme, to the extent that such Notes constitute *obligations*, requires the prior authorisation of (i) the *Conseil d'Administration* of Banque Accord, which may delegate its powers to its *Président* or to any other member of the *Conseil d'Administration*; or (ii) the Ordinary General Meeting of Banque Accord's shareholders if (a) the *statuts* of Banque Accord so require (at the date hereof the *statuts* of Banque Accord do not require a resolution of the Ordinary General Meeting) or (b) the shareholders at an Ordinary General Meeting decide to authorise an issue of *obligations*, all pursuant to Article L.228-40 of the French *Code de commerce*. Any issue of Notes, to the extent that such Notes do not constitute *obligations*, will fall within the general powers of the *Président* of the *Conseil d'Administration* or a *Directeur général* of Banque Accord.

For this purpose, on October 19<sup>th</sup> 2012 the *Conseil d'administration* of Banque Accord has authorised issues of Notes constituting *obligations* up to an outstanding maximum aggregate amount of €1,500,000,000 which authority will, unless previously cancelled, expire on October 18<sup>th</sup> 2012 provided that the outstanding maximum aggregate amount of Notes under the Programme shall not exceed €2,000,000,000, and has authorised each member of the *Conseil d'Administration* and the *Directeur général*, acting jointly or separately, to issue Notes within the limits set out by the *Conseil d'administration* mentioned above.

Accordingly, pursuant to the resolutions of the Issuers mentioned above, the outstanding maximum aggregate amount of Notes issued by the Issuers under the Programme shall not at any time exceed €8,000,000,000.

(3) There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of the Issuers or of the Auchan Group since the last financial report dated June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

- (4) There has been no material adverse change in the financial position or prospects of the Issuers or of the Auchan Group since December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.
- (5) Neither Groupe Auchan nor Banque Accord nor any of their respective Subsidiaries is or has been involved in any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceeding which are pending or threatened of which Groupe Auchan or Banque Accord is aware), during a period covering at least the previous twelve (12) months which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the financial position or profitability of either Groupe Auchan or Banque Accord or Auchan Group.
- (6) So long as Notes may be issued pursuant to this Base Prospectus, copies of the following documents will be available, free of charge, during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays and public holidays excepted), for inspection at the office at the registered office of the Issuers:
  - (i) the *statuts* of the Issuers;
  - (ii) the interim financial statements ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 of the Issuers as well as the published annual report and consolidated accounts (in French and, where available, in English) of each of the Issuers financial years ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011;
  - (iii) the Final Terms for Notes that are listed on the official list of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or any other Regulated Market in the EEA;
  - (iv) a copy of this Base Prospectus together with any supplement to this Base Prospectus; and
  - (v) all reports, letters and other documents, historical financial information, valuations and statements prepared by any expert at the relevant Issuer's request any part of which is included or referred to in this Base Prospectus.
- (7) For so long as Notes may be issued pursuant to this Base Prospectus, the following documents will be available, on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu):
  - (i) the Final Terms for Notes that are listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or any other Regulated Market in the EEA;
  - (ii) this Base Prospectus together with any supplement to this Base Prospectus; and
  - (iii) the documents incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus.
- (8) Copies of the latest annual report and annual non-consolidated and consolidated accounts of Groupe Auchan (in French and, where available, in English) (in each case as soon as they are published) and copies of the latest annual report, annual non-consolidated and consolidated accounts of Banque Accord (in French and, where available, in English) (in each case as soon as they are published) may be obtained at the registered office of the Issuers and may be consulted on the Issuers' website (http://www.groupe-auchan.com/nos-resultats/rapports-annuels/ and http://www.oney-banque-accord.com/index.php?id=68).
- (9) In respect of Groupe Auchan, KPMG SA at 3 Cours du Triangle, Immeuble le Palatin, 92939 Paris La Défense Cedex, France and aCéa at 28 Rue du Carrousel, 59560 Villeneuve d'Ascq, France, respectively (both entities regulated by the *Haut Conseil du Commissariat aux Comptes* and duly authorised as *Commissaires aux comptes*), have audited and rendered audit reports on the consolidated financial statements of Groupe Auchan for the years ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union.

(10) In respect of Banque Accord, KPMG SA at 3 Cours du Triangle, Immeuble le Palatin, 92939 Paris La Défense Cedex, France and aCéa at 28 Rue du Carrousel, 59560 Villeneuve d'Ascq, France, respectively (both entities regulated by the *Haut Conseil du Commissariat aux Comptes* and duly authorised as *Commissaires aux comptes*), have audited and rendered audit reports on the consolidated financial statements of Banque Accord for the years ended December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union.

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