# DESCRIPTION OF HVB VERMÖGENSDEPOT WACHSTUM FLEX INDEX III

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The following Index Description outlines the key data for the "HVB Vermögensdepot Wachstum Flex Index III" (the "**HVB Vermögensdepot Wachstum Flex Index III**") compiled by UniCredit Bank AG. This description is subject to amendments or adjustments from time to time.

The HVB Vermögensdepot Wachstum Flex Index III (WKN A163YC / ISIN DE000A163YC2) (the "Index") is an index developed and designed by UniCredit Bank AG, Munich, Germany, or any successor thereto (the "Index Sponsor") and calculated by UniCredit Bank AG, Munich, Germany, or any successor determined by the Index Sponsor (the "Index Calculation Agent") in euro (the "Index Currency") in accordance with the index rules set out below (the "Index Rules") whose objective is to participate in the performance of the Reference Fund, while aiming to control the frequency and degree of variation in the value (volatility) of the Reference Portfolio (the "Objective of the Index").

### Section A. - Definitions, general information

### I. Definitions

For the purposes of this description (the "Index Description"), the following terms have the following meanings:

Definitions regarding the Index:

"**Banking Day**" means each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which the principal domestic clearance system customarily used to settle trades regarding the Index Components and the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer System (TARGET2) are open.

"**Debt Securities**" means all outstanding debt securities of a company affiliated with the Index Sponsor (Section 15 of the German Stock Corporation Act (*Aktiengesetz*)) at a given time for which payment of principal and/or interest depends on the performance of the Index.

"**Fund Event**" means any event defined as a Fund Event in Section *D. - I. General Extraordinary Adjustments* of this Index Description.

"Hedging Party" means the Index Sponsor (as at the Index Start Date). The Index Sponsor is entitled at any time to appoint another person or company to act as Hedging Party (the "Successor Hedging Party"). The appointment of a Successor Hedging Party will be published in accordance with Section *F. - Publication* of this Index Description.

"Hedging Transactions" means one or more trades, transactions or investments (especially securities (including Fund Shares), options, futures, derivatives and foreign currency transactions, repos or securities lending transactions or other instruments or measures) which are required for an Issuer and/or any Hedging Party to hedge price risks or other risks at standalone or portfolio basis arising from obligations with regard to the Index or with regard to Debt Securities or other financial instruments linked to the Index (i.e. financial instruments whose payments are linked to the performance of the Index). The Index Sponsor will determine in its reasonable discretion (§ 315 of the German Civil Code (*Bürgerliches Gesetzbuch*; "**BGB**")) whether any such Hedging Transactions are required.

"**Hypothetical Investor**" means, in relation to any Fund Shares, a hypothetical investor holding such Fund Shares which (i) has the legal form of a company incorporated in Germany and is a credit institution licensed under Section 32 of the German Banking Act (*Kreditwesengesetz*, KWG) and (ii) is deemed, with respect to the rights and obligations, to have the position of an investor in Fund Shares on the relevant Index Valuation Date, as determined in the Fund Documents, and (iii) is deemed to have the possibilities of such an investor in relation to the subscription and redemption of Fund Shares as at the relevant Index Valuation Date.

"Index Components" means the Fund Shares and the Reference Index included in the Index at any given time.

"Index Event" means any event defined as an Index Event in Section D. - I. General Extraordinary Adjustments of this Index Description.

"Index Initial Value" means 100.00.

"Index Start Date" means 24 August 2015.

"Index Valuation Date" means any Banking Day that is a Reference Index Calculation Date and on which it is actually possible to issue and redeem Fund Shares as described in the Fund Documents.

"Index Value" means the value (expressed in Euro) of the Index on any given Index Valuation Date as calculated by the Index Calculation Agent.

"Index( $t_j$ )" means the Index Value at Index Valuation Date  $t_j$ . Index ( $t_j$ ) is calculated by the Index Calculation Agent for every Index Valuation Date  $t_j$  in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section *C*. - *Calculation of the Index* of this Index Description.

"Issuer" means an issuer of Debt Securities.

"Money Market Investment" means a hypothetical investment in cash and money market instruments from the European single currency monetary area. The performance of this investment is reflected by the Reference Index.

"**Reference Portfolio**" means a hypothetical portfolio of the Hypothetical Investor which contains both Fund Shares and the Money Market Investment in variable weightings. The Reference Portfolio has a value at the Index Start Date equal to the Index Initial Value (expressed in euro).

" $t_j$ " means the j-th Index Valuation Date. The Index Start Date is labelled with t<sub>0</sub>, previous Index Valuation Dates are labelled with negative indices and subsequent Index Valuation Dates are labelled with positive indices, resulting in (..., t<sub>-2</sub>, t<sub>1</sub>, t<sub>0</sub>, t<sub>1</sub>, t<sub>2</sub>, ...).

"t<sub>j-p</sub>" is the p-th Index Valuation Date prior to the Index Valuation Date t<sub>j</sub>.

" $t_{j\cdot p-2}$ " is the second Index Valuation Date prior to the Index Valuation Date  $t_{j\cdot p}$ .

" $t_{j-p-3}$ " is the third Index Valuation Date prior to the Index Valuation Date  $t_{j-p}$ .

" $t^*_j$ " or "**Reinvestment Date**" means, in relation to a Distribution, the second Index Valuation Date immediately following the relevant Distribution Payment Date.

#### Definitions regarding the Reference Fund:

"Auditor" means PricewaterhouseCoopers GmbH and/or any other auditing firm appointed by the Management Company to audit the Reference Fund and its annual financial statements.

"**Custodian Bank**" means CACEIS Bank S.A., Germany Branch and/or any other company appointed by the Management Company to perform depository, accounting, settlement or similar services for the Reference Fund.

" $\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{t}_j)$ " means either (i)  $\mathbf{d}(t^*_j)$  on each Index Valuation Date  $t_j$  between any Ex-Date (inclusive) and the corresponding Reinvestment Date  $t^*_j$  (exclusive) or (ii) zero on any other Index Valuation Date  $t_j$ .

" $\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{t}^*_{\mathbf{j}})$ " means the value (in Euro) of the relevant Distribution (less costs and taxes, if any, incurred by the Hypothetical Investor in relation to the Distribution) as at the Ex-Date immediately preceding the relevant Reinvestment Date  $t^*_{\mathbf{j}}$ .

"**Distribution**" means a cash distribution with Ex-date after 14 November 2018 which the Reference Fund would pay per Fund Share to the Hypothetical Investor on a Distribution Payment Date.

"**Distribution Payment Date**" means, in relation to a Distribution, the day on which such Distribution would be received by the Hypothetical Investor.

"**Ex-Date**" means, in relation to a Distribution, the first day on which the Net Asset Value is published by the Management Company, having been reduced by that Distribution.

"**Fund Documents**" means the annual report and the half-yearly report, the prospectus (including the management regulations, terms and conditions), the key investor information and all other documents of the Reference Fund which specify the terms and conditions of the Reference Fund and the Fund Shares, in each case in the respective valid version. The Fund Documents, in the respective valid version, are available on the website www.amundi.de (or any successor site). The information contained

therein is also available free of charge at UniCredit Bank AG, LCD6L3, Arabellastraße 14, 81925 Munich, Germany, during normal business hours.

"Fund Management" means the persons responsible for portfolio management and/or risk management of the Reference Fund.

"Fund Service Providers" are the Auditor, the Investment Advisor, the Custodian Bank and the Management Company.

"Fund Share" or "Fund Shares" means a unit or share or units or shares in the Reference Fund (WKN A0M035 / ISIN DE000A0M0358 / Bloomberg HVBPRWP GR Equity).

"**Investment Adviser**" means UniCredit Bank AG (at the Index Start Date). The Management Company may appoint a different person or company to act as Investment Adviser for the Reference Fund at any time.

"**Management Company**" means Amundi Deutschland GmbH (formerly: Pioneer Investments Kapitalanlagegesellschaft mbH), which manages the Reference Fund.

" $\mathbf{n}(\mathbf{t_j})$ " means the distribution factor for the Index Valuation Date  $t_j$ . On the Index Start Date  $t_0$ , a value of 1.00 is set for the distribution factor  $(\mathbf{n}(t_0))$ . Thereafter, the distribution factor is recalculated by the Index Calculation Agent on each Reinvestment Date  $t^*_j$  in accordance with the provisions set out in Section *C. - II. Adjustment of the Distribution Factor* of this Index Description. On Valuation Dates where no recalculation of the distribution factor takes place, the distribution factor is given by the distribution factor of the immediately preceeding Index Valuation Date.

" $\mathbf{\tilde{n}}(\mathbf{t}_{i}^{*})$ " means the distribution factor  $\mathbf{n}(t_{i})$  immediately prior to the Reinvestment Date  $t_{i}^{*}$ .

"NAV $(t_i)$ " means the Net Asset Value of a Fund Share on Index Valuation Date  $t_i$ .

"NAV $(t_{j-1})$ " means the Net Asset Value of a Fund Share on Index Valuation Date  $t_{j-1}$ .

"NAV $(t_i)$ " means the Net Asset Value of a Fund Share on Reinvestment Date  $t_i$ .

" $NAV^{A}(t_{j})$ " means the Net Asset Value of a Fund Share on Index Valuation Date  $t_{j}$ , after taking into account all Distributions made and reinvested since 14 November 2018, if applicable, up to such Index Valuation Date  $t_{j}$ , which is calculated by the Index Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in Section *C. - I. Calculation of the Index Value* of this Index Description.

"NAV<sup>A</sup>( $t_{j-1}$ )" means the Net Asset Value of a Fund Share on Index Valuation Date  $t_{j-1}$ , after taking into account all Distributions made and reinvested since 14 November 2018, if applicable, up to such Index Valuation Date  $t_{j-1}$ , which is calculated by the Index Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in Section *C. - I. Calculation of the Index Value* of this Index Description.

"NAV<sup>A</sup>( $t_{j-p-2}$ )" means the Net Asset Value of a Fund Share on Index Valuation Date  $t_{j-p-2}$ , after taking into account all Distributions made and reinvested since 14 November 2018, if applicable, up to such Index Valuation Date  $t_{j-p-2}$ , which is calculated by the Index Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in Section *C. - I. Calculation of the Index Value* of this Index Description.

"**NAV**<sup>A</sup>( $t_{j-p-3}$ )" means the Net Asset Value of a Fund Share on Index Valuation Date  $t_{j-p-3}$ , after taking into account all Distributions made and reinvested since 14 November 2018, if applicable, up to such Index Valuation Date  $t_{j-p-3}$ , which is calculated by the Index Calculation Agent in accordance with the formula specified in Section *C. - I. Calculation of the Index Value* of this Index Description.

"**Net Asset Value**" or "**NAV**" means the official net asset value for a Fund Share, as published by the Management Company and at which it is actually possible to issue and redeem Fund Shares.

"**Reference Fund**" means Vermögensdepot privat 70 (formerly: HVB Vermögensdepot privat Wachstum PI).

Definitions regarding the Reference Index:

"Reference Index Calculation Agent" means UniCredit Bank AG, Munich, Germany.

"**Reference Index Calculation Date**" means each day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which the Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross settlement Express Transfer System (TARGET2) is open.

"**Reference Index Description**" means the description of the Reference Index. The respective valid version of the Reference Index Description is published on the website www.onemarkets.de (or any successor site).

"Reference Index Structuring Fee" or " $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{RI}}$ " means a rate by which the performance of the Reference Index is reduced. The Reference Index Structuring Fee is 1.47% per annum ( $\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{RI}} = 1.47\%$ ).

"**Reference Index Value**" means the value (expressed in Euro) of the Reference Index calculated by the Reference Index Calculation Agent on the basis of the method described in the Reference Index Description at any Reference Index Calculation Date.

"**Reference Index**" means the HVB 3 Months Rolling Euribor Index (WKN A0QZBZ / ISIN DE000A0QZBZ6 / Reuters .HVB3MRE / Bloomberg HVB3MRE Index), as determined and calculated by UniCredit Bank AG (the "**Reference Index Sponsor**").

"**RIV**( $t_i$ )" means the Reference Index Value on Index Valuation Date  $t_i$ .

"**RIV**( $\mathbf{t}_{j-1}$ )" means the Reference Index Value on Index Valuation Date  $\mathbf{t}_{j-1}$ .

### II. General information, Disclaimer

The information regarding the Reference Fund included in this Index Description is intended solely to inform investors intending to buy Debt Securities and does not constitute a solicitation to buy Fund Shares. Each investor must make its own assessment of the merits of the Reference Fund. When calculating the Index Value, the Index Calculation Agent must rely upon statements, confirmations, computations, assurances and other information provided by third parties, the correctness and reliability of which it largely does not verify and for the correctness of which it accepts no responsibility. Any inaccuracies contained in such information may have an impact on the calculation of the Index Value without any fault attaching to the Index Calculation Agent. Neither the Index Sponsor nor the Index Calculation Agent has any obligation to verify this information independently.

The Index exists exclusively in the form of sets of data records and does not convey any direct or indirect legal or beneficial interest or ownership in the Index Components. Each of the allocations described herein within the Reference Portfolio is only carried out hypothetically by modifying such records. Neither the Index Sponsor nor the Index Calculation Agent, any Issuer or the Hedging Party is under any obligation to directly or indirectly acquire the Index Components. Fees or rebates, if any, received by the Index Sponsor in its capacity as Hedging Party from the Management Company in relation to holdings in the Reference Fund or fees that the Index Sponsor receives in its capacity as Investment Adviser from the Management Company will not be distributed to the holders of Debt Securities or reinvested in the Index, but will be taken into account by the Index Sponsor in its capacity as Hedging Party in its internal pricing models by means of lower costs for the earnings mechanism. Distributions made by the Reference Fund will not be distributed to the holders of Debt Securities.

## Section B. - General information regarding the Index

## I. Objective of the Index

The Index reflects the performance of the Reference Portfolio.

In order to pursue the Objective of the Index, the participation in the Reference Fund will be reduced partially or completely if the Reference Fund (adjusted for distributions) exhibits a high volatility (volatility is an indicator of the frequency and degree of variation in value), and the participation in the Money Market Investment will be increased accordingly. Conversely, the participation in the Money Market Investment will be reduced partially or completely if the Reference Fund shows a low volatility, and the participation in the Reference Fund will be increased accordingly.

However, there is no guarantee that the Reference Portfolio and hence the Index will achieve the objectives described here.

## II. Index Sponsor and Index Calculation Agent

The Index Sponsor creates the Index by selecting the Index Components and by determining the method used to calculate and publish the Index Value (the "**Index Concept**"). The Index Sponsor will make any decisions, determinations and specifications with regard to the Index in its reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB).

The Index Calculation Agent conducts all calculations with regard to the Index in accordance with this Index Description, and monitors and maintains certain index data for this purpose. The Index Calculation Agent will act with the due care of a prudent businessman (*Sorgfalt eines ordentlichen Kaufmannes*) in performing its duties in accordance with this Index Description. The Index Sponsor and the Index Calculation Agent accept no liability except in the event of wilful misconduct or gross negligence.

The Index Calculation Agent may at any time seek advice from third parties with regard to its obligations described herein. The Index Calculation Agent may resign at any time, provided that, for as long as Debt Securities are still outstanding, the resignation will take effect only if (i) a successor Index Calculation Agent is appointed by the Index Sponsor, (ii) such successor Index Calculation Agent accepts the appointment, and (iii) the successor Index Calculation Agent assumes the rights and obligations of the Index Calculation Agent. Such replacement of the Index Calculation Agent will be published in accordance with Section *F. - Publication* of this Index Description.

Neither the Index Sponsor nor any other person related to the Index acts in any fiduciary or advisory capacity for any holder of Debt Securities.

#### Section C. - Calculation of the Index

#### I. Calculation of the Index Value

The Index Value (Index( $t_j$ )) is calculated by the Index Calculation Agent for each Index Valuation Date  $t_i$  (where j = 1, 2, ...) after the Index Start Date in accordance with the following formula:

 $Index(t_j) = Index(t_{j-1}) \times [1 + w(t_{j-1}) \times Return_1(t_j) + (1 - w(t_{j-1})) \times Return_2(t_j)]$ 

where the return of the Reference Fund since the previous Index Valuation Date (referred to as  $\text{Return}_1(t_j)$ ) is calculated as follows:

$$Return_{1}(t_{j}) = \frac{NAV^{A}(t_{j}) - NAV^{A}(t_{j-1})}{NAV^{A}(t_{j-1})}$$

with

$$NAV^{A}(t_{j}) = n(t_{j}) \times (NAV(t_{j}) + d(t_{j})),$$

and the return of the Money Market Investment is calculated on the basis of the Reference Index and reduced by the proportionate Reference Index Structuring Fee since the previous Index Valuation Date  $t_{j-1}$  (referred to as Return<sub>2</sub>( $t_j$ )), as follows:

$$Return_{2}(t_{j}) = \frac{RIV(t_{j}) - RIV(t_{j-1})}{RIV(t_{j-1})} - \frac{F_{RI}}{360} \ge \Delta(t_{j-1}, t_{j})$$

where

" $\mathbf{w}(\mathbf{t}_{j-1})$ " denotes the weighting of the Reference Fund (as defined in Section *C. - III. Dynamic Allocation Rules* below), calculated for the Index Valuation Date  $t_{j-1}$ ;

" $\Delta(t_{j-1}, t_j)$ " denotes the number of calendar days from Index Valuation Date  $t_{j-1}$  (exclusive) to Index Valuation Date  $t_j$  (inclusive).

Under normal circumstances, the Index Value at an Index Valuation Date is calculated on the following Banking Day (each an "**Index Calculation Date**") after the Index Calculation Agent has received the relevant Net Asset Value of the Reference Fund.

#### II. Adjustment of the Distribution Factor

On each Reinvestment Date  $t^*_{j}$ , the distribution factor  $n(t^*_{j})$  is recalculated by the Index Calculation Agent in a way so that it notionally equals a reinvestment of the present value (in Euro) of the related Distribution (less costs and taxes, if any, incurred by the Hypothetical Investor) in Fund Shares. Expressed as a formula, this means:

$$n(t^*_j) = \tilde{n}(t^*_j) + \frac{\tilde{n}(t^*_j) \times d(t^*_j)}{NAV(t^*_j)}.$$

### III. Dynamic Allocation Rules

The weighting of the Index Components in the Reference Portfolio is redetermined on each Index Valuation Date  $t_j$  (where j = 0, 1, 2,...) as follows ("**Dynamic Allocation**"):

Firstly, the Index Calculation Agent calculates the realised degree of variation (realised volatility) of the Reference Fund (adjusted for distributions) ( $\sigma_R(t_j)$ ), using the continuous daily returns of the Reference Fund over a period of twenty consecutive Index Valuation Dates which is normalised to an annual figure for the volatility. The period observed (the "**Volatility Period**") commences with the 21st Index Valuation Date prior to the relevant Index Valuation Date  $t_j$  and ends with the second Index Valuation Date prior to the relevant Index Valuation Date  $t_j$ . Continuous daily return means the logarithm of the change in the Net Asset Value between two consecutive Index Valuation Dates.

The realised volatility of the Reference Fund on each Index Valuation Date  $t_j$  (where j = 0, 1, 2, ...) is calculated as follows:

$$\sigma_{R}(t_{j}) = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{p=0}^{19} \left( Ln \left[ \frac{NAV^{A}(t_{j:p-2})}{NAV^{A}(t_{j:p-3})} \right] \right)^{2} - \frac{1}{20} \times \left( \sum_{p=0}^{19} Ln \left[ \frac{NAV^{A}(t_{j:p-2})}{NAV^{A}(t_{j:p-3})} \right] \right)^{2}}{19} \times \sqrt{252}$$

where

"**Ln**[*x*]" denotes the natural logarithm of a value *x*.

Next, the Index Calculation Agent determines the weighting of the Reference Fund for the corresponding Index Valuation Date  $t_j$  (w( $t_j$ )) using the following Allocation Table and the realised volatility of the Reference Fund calculated in accordance with the formula described above. The greater the realised volatility of the Reference Fund, the lower the weighting of the Reference Fund and vice versa.

Realised volatility of the Reference Fund $\sigma_R(t_j)$	Weighting w(t <sub>j</sub> )
$\sigma_R(t_j) < 6.00\%$	100%
$6.00\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 6.25\%$	96%
$6.25\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 6.50\%$	92%
$6.50\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 6.75\%$	88%
$6.75\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 7.00\%$	84%
$7.00\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 7.25\%$	82%
$7.25\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 7.50\%$	80%
$7.50\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 7.75\%$	78%
$7.75\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 8.00\%$	76%
$8.00\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 8.25\%$	74%
$8.25\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 8.50\%$	72%
$8.50\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 8.75\%$	70%
$8.75\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 9.00\%$	68%

#### "Allocation Table":

$9.00\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 9.25\%$	66%
$9.25\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 9.50\%$	63%
$9.50\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 10.00\%$	60%
$10.00\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 10.50\%$	57%
$10.50\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 11.00\%$	54%
$11.00\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 11.50\%$	51%
$11.50\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 12.00\%$	48%
$12.00\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 12.50\%$	45%
$12.50\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 13.00\%$	42%
$13.00\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 14.00\%$	39%
$14.00\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 15.00\%$	36%
$15.00\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 16.00\%$	32%
$16.00\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 17.00\%$	28%
$17.00\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 18.00\%$	24%
$18.00\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 20.00\%$	20%
$20.00\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 22.00\%$	15%
$22.00\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 24.00\%$	10%
$24.00\% \le \sigma_R(t_j) < 26.00\%$	5%
$26.00\% \le \sigma_R(t_j)$	0%

When performing the Dynamic Allocation, the Index Calculation Agent will take into account the possibilities of the Hypothetical Investor to subscribe or redeem Fund Shares (where appropriate taking into consideration subscription and redemption periods of the Reference Fund or if the Reference Fund makes use of provisions which result in a partial execution of subscription or redemption requests). This may result in a delayed or gradual implementation of Dynamic Allocation.

The Index Calculation Agent carries out its obligations described herein on the relevant Banking Days. Where it is necessary to carry out one of the obligations described herein on a different Banking Day, the Index Calculation Agent will postpone the relevant obligation to this other Banking Day. The Index Sponsor will determine in its reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB) whether this is necessary.

### Section D. - Extraordinary Adjustments and Market Disruptions

## I. General Extraordinary Adjustments

### Adjustments with regard to the Reference Fund

If the Index Sponsor determines the occurrence of one or more Fund Events, then it will, if necessary, adjust the Index Concept in such a way that the economic position of the Hypothetical Investor remains unchanged to the greatest extent possible (the "**Reference Fund Adjustment**"). The Index

Sponsor will determine the type and scope of any measures required for this purpose in its reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB).

In the context of such Reference Fund Adjustment, the Index Sponsor may specifically:

- a. replace the Reference Fund and the Fund Shares, in full or in part, with a fund and fund units or shares with commercially equivalent liquidity, distribution policy and investment strategy (the "Successor Reference Fund", and its units or shares the "Successor Fund Shares") in the amount of the liquidation proceeds of the Reference Fund that the Hypothetical Investor would have received within ten Banking Days of the day on which the liquidation proceeds would have been received in part or in full by the Hypothetical Investor. In this event, each reference to the Reference Fund or the Fund Shares will be deemed to refer to the Successor Reference Fund or the Successor Fund Shares, as applicable;
- b. replace the Reference Fund with an index having a commercially equivalent investment strategy (the "**Successor Index**") in the amount of the liquidation proceeds of the Reference Fund that the Hypothetical Investor would have received within ten Banking Days of the day on which the liquidation proceeds would have been received in part or in full by the Hypothetical Investor. In this event, each reference to the Reference Fund or the Fund Shares will be deemed to refer to the Successor Index, each reference to the Net Asset Value will be deemed to refer to the official closing price of the Successor Index, and each reference to the Management Company will be deemed to refer to the index sponsor of the Successor Index; or
- c. adjust any provision of the Index Concept, the adjustment of which is appropriate to account for the economic effect of the Fund Event;

(where necessary also adjusting the weighting of the Index Components now included in the Index). Any such Reference Fund Adjustment will be published in accordance with Section F. - *Publication* of this Index Description.

Should the Reference Fund be replaced in accordance with a. or b. resulting in the loss or the reduction of the remunerations received by the Index Sponsor in its function as Hedging Party from the Management Company in relation to any holdings in the Reference Fund or in its capacity as Investment Adviser, the Index Calculation Agent will introduce a structuring fee on the return of the Fund Shares, i.e. the Return<sub>1</sub> (as defined in Section *C. - I. Calculation of the Index Value* of this Index Description) is reduced by this structuring fee, the structuring fee being expressed as an annual percentage, on a daily basis in the same way as Return<sub>2</sub> is calculated. This structuring fee (i) amounts to 1.47% p.a. in the case of a Successor Index, or (ii) in the case of a Successor Reference Fund, is calculated as the difference between 1.47% p.a. and the expected reduced management fee rebate for holdings of the Successor Reference Fund expressed as an annual percentage. The structuring fee will not exceed 1.47% p.a. The introduction of such a structuring fee and its level will be published in accordance with Section *F. - Publication* of this Index Description.

"Fund Event" means any of the following events:

- a. changes are made in any of the Fund Documents without the consent of the Index Sponsor which affect the ability of the Hedging Party to maintain its Hedging Transactions, in particular changes with respect to (i) the risk profile of the Reference Fund, (ii) the investment objectives or investment strategy or investment restrictions of the Reference Fund, (iii) the currency of the Fund Shares, (iv) the method of calculating the Net Asset Value, or (v) the timetable for the subscription, issue, redemption and/or transfer of Fund Shares; the Index Sponsor will determine in its reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB) whether any such change has occurred;
- b. requests for the redemption, subscription or transfer of Fund Shares are not or only partially executed;
- c. fees, premiums, discounts, charges, commissions, taxes or similar fees are levied for the issue or redemption of Fund Shares (other than such fees, premiums, discounts, charges, commissions, taxes or similar fees existing at the date the Reference Fund was included in the Index);
- d. the Reference Fund or the Management Company or the Fund Service Provider appointed for this purpose by the Reference Fund or the Management Company fails to publish the Net Asset Value as scheduled or in accordance with normal practice or as specified in the Fund Documents;

- e. a change in the legal form of the Reference Fund;
- f. a change of key persons in key positions of the Management Company or the Fund Management;
- g. (i) any change in the legal, accounting, tax or regulatory treatment of the Reference Fund or the Management Company; or (ii) the suspension, cancellation, revocation or absence of the authorisation or registration of the Reference Fund or the Management Company; or (iii) the suspension, cancellation, revocation or absence of a distribution authorisation for the Reference Fund or the Management Company by the competent authority; or (iv) the initiation of investigatory proceedings by supervisory authorities, conviction by a court or an order by a competent authority relating to the activities of the Reference Fund, the Management Company, a Fund Service Provider, or of individuals in key positions as a result of misconduct, a violation of the law or for similar reasons;
- h. a material breach by the Reference Fund or the Management Company of the investment objectives, the investment strategy or the investment restrictions of the Reference Fund (as defined in the Fund Documents) and a breach by the Reference Fund or the Management Company of statutory or regulatory provisions; the Index Sponsor will determine in its reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB) whether any such breach has occurred;
- i. a change in laws or regulations or in their implementation or interpretation (whether formally or informally) which requires the Hedging Party, in relation to the subscription, redemption or holding of Fund Shares, (i) to create a reserve or provision, or (ii) to increase the amount of regulatory capital to be held by the Hedging Party with respect to its Hedging Transactions to an extent that is significant in comparison with the conditions applying on the Index Start Date; the Index Sponsor will determine in its reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB) whether any such change has occurred;
- j. a change in laws or regulations or in their implementation or interpretation (whether formally or informally) which would make it unlawful or impracticable for the Hedging Party to maintain its Hedging Transactions or which would result in significantly increased costs; the Index Sponsor will determine in its reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB) whether any such change has occurred;
- k. the proportion of the volume held by the Hedging Party alone or together with a third party with which the Hedging Party in turn enters into Hedging Transactions is more than 20% of the outstanding Fund Shares of the Reference Fund;
- 1. the Hedging Party is required to consolidate the Reference Fund as a result of accounting or other regulations;
- m. the sale or redemption of Fund Shares for mandatory reasons for the Hedging Party, provided that this is not solely for the purpose of entering into or unwinding Hedging Transactions;
- n. an event or circumstance that has or could have the following effects: (i) the suspension of the issuance of additional Fund Shares or of the redemption of existing Fund Shares, (ii) the reduction of the number of Fund Shares of an investor in the Reference Fund for reasons outside the control of that investor, (iii) the subdivision, consolidation or reclassification of the Fund Shares or any other measure that has a diluting or concentrative effect on the theoretical value of a Fund Share, (iv) payments in respect of a redemption of Fund Shares being made partly or wholly by means of a distribution in kind instead of for cash, or (v) the creation of so-called side pockets for segregated assets of the Reference Fund;
- the Management Company or a Fund Service Provider discontinues its services for the Reference Fund or loses its licence, registration, approval or authorisation and is not immediately replaced by another service provider which in the reasonable discretion of the Index Sponsor (§ 315 BGB) is of similarly good standing;
- p. (i) an order or valid resolution for a winding-up, dissolution, termination, liquidation or an event with similar effects in relation to the Reference Fund or the Fund Shares, (ii) the initiation of settlement, bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings, a demerger or spin-off, a reclassification or consolidation, such as a change in the share class of the Reference Fund or the mer-

ger of the Reference Fund into or with another fund, (iii) a requirement to transfer all the Fund Shares to a trustee, liquidator, insolvency administrator or similar office-holder, or (iv) the legal prohibition of transfers of the Fund Shares by investors;

- q. the initiation of settlement, bankruptcy, insolvency, dissolution or comparable proceedings with respect to the Management Company;
- r. the Index Sponsor loses the right to use the Reference Fund as the basis for the calculation, determination and publication of the Index;
- s. the aggregate net assets under management of the Reference Fund fall below a value of EUR 500 million;
- t. a change in the tax laws and regulations or in their implementation or interpretation which has negative consequences for an Issuer or the Hedging Party in the reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB) of the Index Sponsor;
- u. no notification is given of the bases of taxation for the Reference Fund in accordance with the applicable provisions of the German Investment Tax Act (*Investmentsteuergesetz*; "**InvStG**") or any successor legislation or the Reference Fund or the Management Company has announced that no notification of the bases of taxation will be given in accordance with the applicable provisions of the InvStG or any successor legislation in the future;
- v. changes in the investment or distribution policy of the Reference Fund which could have a substantial negative effect on the amount of the Reference Fund's distributions or distributions that diverge significantly from the Reference Fund's normal distribution policy to date;
- w. the Reference Fund or the Management Company or a company affiliated with it breaches the agreement entered into with the Index Sponsor, an Issuer or the Hedging Party in relation to the terms and conditions for the subscription or redemption of Fund Shares or any fees agreed in connection with any holdings of Fund Shares held by the Index Sponsor in its capacity as Hedging Party in a significant respect or terminates that agreement;
- x. the Reference Fund or the Management Company, contrary to normal practice to date, fails to provide the Index Sponsor with information that the latter reasonably considers necessary to enable it to monitor the Reference Fund's compliance with the Reference Fund's investment guidelines or restrictions in a timely manner;
- y. the Reference Fund or the Management Company fails to provide the Index Sponsor with the audited annual report and, where relevant, the half-yearly report as soon as possible after receiving a corresponding request;
- z. any other event that could have a noticeable adverse effect on the Net Asset Value of the Reference Fund or the ability of the Hedging Party to hedge its obligations under the Hedging Transactions on more than a temporary basis;

to the extent that the financial position of a Hypothetical Investor or of the Hedging Party or of the holders of Debt Securities suffers a significant adverse change as a result, as determined by the Index Sponsor in its reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB).

Neither the Index Sponsor nor the Index Calculation Agent is under any obligation to monitor whether or not one of the events referred to above has occurred. The determination of a Fund Event will be published in accordance with Section *F. - Publication* of this Index Description.

### Adjustments with regard to the Reference Index

If the Index Sponsor determines the occurrence of one or more Index Events, it will, if necessary, adjust the Index Concept in such a way that the economic position of the Hypothetical Investor remains unchanged to the greatest extent possible (the "**Reference Index Adjustment**"). The Index Sponsor will determine the type and scope of any measures required for this purpose in its reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB).

In the context of such Reference Index Adjustment, the Index Sponsor may specifically:

a. replace the Reference Index with a new index (the "**Successor Reference Index**") that has a methodology that is economically equivalent to the greatest extent possible (including in par-

ticular the tracking of a money market investment, using rolling money market returns). However, the Successor Reference Index may use differing tenors for the Reference Rates and differing rolling intervals. In this event, each reference to the Reference Index will be deemed to refer to the Successor Reference Index;

b. adjust any provision of the Index Concept, the adjustment of which is appropriate to account for the economic effect of the Index Event;

(where necessary also adjusting the weighting of the Index Components now included in the Index).

"Index Event" means any of the following events occurring on or after the Index Start Date:

- a. changes or modifications are made to the method of calculation, determination and publication of the Reference Index, as described in the Reference Index Description, without the consent of the Index Sponsor which affect the ability of the Hedging Party to hedge its obligations under the Hedging Transactions (in particular changes with respect to (i) the risk profile of the Reference Index, or (ii) the Reference Index is no longer calculated in euro); the Index Sponsor will determine in its reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB) whether any such change or modification has occurred;
- b. the historic 30-day volatility of the Reference Index exceeds a volatility level of 2.5%; where  $\sigma_{EI}(t_j)$  means the annualised volatility calculated on the basis of the daily logarithmic changes in the value of the Reference Index over the immediately preceding 30 Reference Index Calculation Dates of the Reference Index on a Banking Day (t).  $\sigma_{EI}(t_j)$  is calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\sigma_{EI}(t_{j}) = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{p=0}^{29} \left( Ln \left[ \frac{RIV(t_{j-p})}{RIV(t_{j-p-1})} \right] \right)^{2} - \frac{1}{30} \times \left( \sum_{p=0}^{29} Ln \left[ \frac{RIV(t_{j-p})}{RIV(t_{j-p-1})} \right] \right)^{2}}{29} \times \sqrt{252}$$

Where:

"**Ln**[*x*]" denotes the natural logarithm of a value *x*;

 $"RIV(t_{j\cdot q})"$  means the Reference Index Value on the q-th Index Valuation Date prior to the Index Valuation Date  $t_{j}$ .

- c. the calculation or publication of the Reference Index is discontinued;
- d. the Reference Index no longer corresponds to the objective of a low-risk investment that is free of currency risk for the Hypothetical Investor. The Index Sponsor will determine in its reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB) whether this is the case;
- e. any other event that, in the reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB) of the Index Sponsor, could have a noticeable adverse effect on the Reference Index Value or the ability of the Hedging Party to hedge its obligations under the Hedging Transactions on more than a temporary basis.

Neither the Index Sponsor nor the Index Calculation Agent is under any obligation to monitor whether or not one of the events referred to above has occurred. The determination of an Index Event will be published in accordance with Section F. - *Publication* of this Index Description.

### Termination of the Index

The Index Sponsor has the right to temporarily suspend the calculation of the Index following the occurrence of one or more Fund Events and/or one or more Index Events.

Should an adjustment of the Index Concept not be possible or not be reasonable for the Hypothetical Investor or the investors in any Debt Securities, the Index Sponsor has the right to permanently discontinue the calculation of the Index at any time; the Index Sponsor will determine in its reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB) whether the relevant requirements are met.

### II. Adjustment of the Net Asset Value

In the following cases, the Index Sponsor will, for the purposes of calculating the Index Value, adjust the Net Asset Value of the Reference Fund published by the Management Company:

- a. charges or fees are levied in connection with the issue or redemption of Fund Shares;
- b. a Hypothetical Investor would not have received the full proceeds from the redemption of Fund Shares within the usual period or the period specified in the Fund Documents; or
- c. in the event of (i) the publication of an incorrect Net Asset Value, or (ii) if a Net Asset Value determined and published by the Management Company, as used by the Index Calculation Agent as the basis for the calculation, determination and publication of the Index, is subsequently corrected.

In cases a. and b., the Index Sponsor will adjust the relevant Net Asset Value to replicate the economic effects of the relevant events on the Index; in case c. (i), the Index Sponsor will adjust the relevant Net Asset Value to account for the economic effects of the relevant events on the Index; and in case c. (ii), the Index Calculation Agent will, where necessary, again determine the relevant Net Asset Value (the "**Corrected Net Asset Value**") and recalculate the Index Value on the basis of the Corrected Net Asset Value, taking into account the situation of a Hypothetical Investor.

The Index Sponsor will determine the type and extent of any necessary adjustments to the Net Asset Value in its reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB). When adjusting the Net Asset Value, the Index Sponsor will take into account the fact that proceeds from the reduction of a Reference Fund may only be allocated to the Reference Index (and vice versa) after the Hypothetical Investor would have received the respective proceeds from the disposal of the Reference Fund or the Money Market Investment.

## **III.** Adjustment of the value of the Reference Index

In the following cases, the Index Calculation Agent will, for the purposes of calculating the Index Value, adjust the Reference Index Value of the Reference Index published by the Reference Index Calculation Agent of the Reference Index to account for the economic effects of the relevant events on the Index:

- a. in the event of an error in the calculation of the Reference Index Value identified by the Index Sponsor or the Index Calculation Agent;
- b. in the event of the publication of an incorrect Reference Index Value; or
- c. if a Reference Index Value determined and published by the Reference Index Sponsor, as used by the Index Calculation Agent as the basis for the calculation of the Index, is subsequently corrected.

The Index Sponsor will determine the type and extent of any necessary adjustments to the Reference Index Value in its reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB). In case c., the Index Calculation Agent will, where necessary, again determine the relevant Reference Index Value (the "**Corrected Reference Index Value**") and recalculate the Index Value on the basis of the Corrected Reference Index Value.

## IV. Adjustment of the Distribution

In case that the data in relation to a Distribution (amount of the Distribution, Distribution Payment Date, Ex-Date) is not available via the data provider system Bloomberg at the latest on the Index Valuation Date immediately preceding the relevant Ex-Date, then the Index Calculation Agent will redetermine the Index Value and the adjustment of the distribution factor pursuant to the relevant formulas after the data has been published. The dynamic allocation rules will only be applied to such extend that the Index Calculation Agent takes into account only the information that would be available via Bloomberg to the Hypothetical Investor at the time at which the Hypothetical Investor would have been required to submit subscription or redemption order for Fund Shares in order to replicate a real-location of the Reference Portfolio taking into account, as the case may be, subscription and redemption notice periods, respectively.

# V. Market Disruption Events

a. If the Hypothetical Investor is not able to subscribe for or redeem Fund Shares on an Index Valuation Date, whether because the subscription or redemption of Fund Shares has been suspended or no Net Asset Value has been published for the Reference Fund or such publication will be delayed (a "**Reference Fund Market Disruption Event**"), the Index Calculation Agent will postpone the calculation, determination and publication of the Index (specifically

including the realisation of the Dynamic Allocation) until such time as the Reference Fund Market Disruption Event ends. The Index Sponsor will determine in its reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB) whether the relevant requirements are met.

If the Reference Fund Market Disruption Event continues for more than thirty Banking Days, the Index Calculation Agent will make an estimate of the Net Asset Value taking into account the then prevailing market conditions and the possibilities of the Hypothetical Investor to sell Fund Shares in the market, in order to calculate the Index (specifically including the realisation of the Dynamic Allocation), provided that a data basis is available which is sufficient for the purposes of such estimate. The Index Sponsor will determine in its reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB) whether a sufficient data basis is available. The estimate will be based on a commercially reasonable assessment.

b. If a Reference Index Value that is required for the calculation, determination and publication of the Index has not been published on an Index Valuation Date, or such publication will be delayed, the Index Calculation Agent will, in order to calculate the required price of the Reference Index, apply the calculation method described in the description of the Reference Index taking into account the most recently available value of the Reference Index.

### **Section E. - Corrections**

The Index Sponsor may correct or amend contradictory or incomplete provisions in the Index Description in accordance with the provisions applicable to the relevant Debt Securities.

#### Section F. - Publication

The Index Value is published by the Index Calculation Agent on the website www.onemarkets.de, the Reuters page .UCGRVDW3 and on Bloomberg under the ticker UCGRVDW3 Index.

All determinations made by the Index Sponsor or the Index Calculation Agent in their reasonable discretion (§ 315 BGB) will be published in accordance with the terms and conditions of the relevant Debt Securities.

#### Section G. - Governing law

This Index Description is governed by German law.