

First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC

UAE Global Markets Risks Disclosure Statement

PART I: INTRODUCTION

This Risks Disclosure Statement is for use by professional clients and market counterparties of First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC (“**FAB**”) in relation to the services referred to in Clause 3 of the UAE Global Markets Terms of Business (the “**Terms**”) only and must not be relied on by anyone else. A reference to any “**Affiliate**” of FAB is to direct or indirect subsidiaries of FAB and the direct or indirect subsidiaries of FAB’s direct or indirect holding companies from time to time, any entity directly or indirectly controlled by FAB and any entity directly or indirectly under common control with FAB and any other connected or associated person, whether or not any such subsidiary, holding company, entity or person exists as at the date of the Terms or is established or acquired after. It cannot disclose all the risks and other significant aspects of the products you may purchase, sell or subscribe for from or through us (“**products**”), but is intended to give you information on and a warning of the risks associated with them so that you are reasonably able to understand the nature and risks of the services and of the specific types of investment being offered and, consequently, to take investment decisions on an informed basis. You should also read any product/transaction specific disclosures that may be included in any product/transaction specific documentation provided to you.

All defined terms used herein shall have the meaning given in the Terms, unless specified otherwise.

You must not rely on the guidance contained in this Risks Disclosure Statement as investment advice based on your personal circumstances, nor as a recommendation to enter into any of the services or invest in any of the products listed below. Where you are unclear as to the meaning of any of the disclosures or warnings described below, we would strongly recommend that you seek independent legal or financial advice.

You should not deal in these or any other products unless you understand the nature of the contract you are entering into and the extent of your exposure to risk. You should also be satisfied that the product and/or service is suitable for you in light of your circumstances and financial position and, where necessary, you should seek appropriate independent advice in advance of any investment decisions.

Risk factors may occur simultaneously and/or may compound each other resulting in an unpredictable effect on the value of any investment. In any of the situations described below, the use of leverage (which has the effect of magnifying potential positive or negative outcomes) may significantly increase the impact on you of any of the risks described.

All financial products carry a certain degree of risk and even low risk investment strategies contain an element of uncertainty. The types of risk that might be of concern will depend on various matters, including how the instrument is created, structured or drafted. The specific risks of a particular product or transaction will depend upon the terms of the product or transaction and the particular circumstances of, and relationships between, the relevant parties involved in such product or transaction. Different instruments involve different levels of exposure to risk and in deciding whether to trade in such instruments or become involved in any financial products you should be aware of the guidance set out below:

PART II: PRODUCTS AND INVESTMENTS

Set out below is an outline of the major categories of risk that may be associated with certain generic types of financial instruments, which should be read in conjunction with Parts III and IV.

1. MONEY-MARKET INSTRUMENTS

A money-market instrument is a borrowing of cash for a period, generally no longer than six months, but occasionally up to one year, in which the lender takes a deposit from the money markets in order to lend (or advance) it to the borrower. Unlike in an overdraft, the borrower must specify the exact amount and the period for which he wishes to borrow. Like other debt instruments (see Clause 2 below), money-market instruments may be exposed to the major risk types in Part III below, in particular credit and interest rate risk.

2. DEBT INSTRUMENTS/BONDS/DEBENTURES

All debt instruments are potentially exposed to the major risk types in Part III below, in particular credit risk and interest rate risk.

Debt securities may be subject to the risk of the issuer's inability to meet principal and /or interest payments on the obligation and may also be subject to price volatility due to such factors as interest rate sensitivity, market perception of the creditworthiness of the issuer, general market liquidity, and other economic factors, amongst other issues. When interest rates rise, the value of corporate debt securities can be expected to decline. Fixed-rate transferable debt securities with longer maturities/lower coupons tend to be more sensitive to interest rate movements than those with shorter maturities/higher coupons.

Prior to their exchange or conversion, the price volatility of exchangeable or convertible bonds may differ from that of non-exchangeable or non-convertible bonds due to the impact of the potential for exchange or conversion into a new instrument. Once exchanged or converted into a new instrument, that new instrument will carry the risks relevant to it.

3. DERIVATIVES, INCLUDING OPTIONS, FUTURES, SWAPS, FORWARD RATE AGREEMENTS, DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS FOR THE TRANSFER OF CREDIT RISK, FINANCIAL CONTRACTS FOR DIFFERENCES

The risks set out in 3.1- 3.5 below may arise in connection with all types of derivative contract, whether it is in the form of a listed instrument, an OTC instrument, or a securitised product such as a note or a certificate.

3.1 Derivatives Generally

A derivative is a financial instrument, the value of which is derived from an underlying asset's value. Rather than trade or exchange the asset itself, an agreement is entered into to exchange money, assets or some other value at some future date based on the underlying asset. A premium may also be payable to acquire the derivative instrument.

There are many types of derivative, but options, futures and swaps are among the most common. An investor in derivatives often assumes a high level of risk, and therefore investments in derivatives should be made with caution, especially for less experienced investors or investors with a limited amount of capital to invest.

If a derivative transaction is particularly large or if the relevant market is illiquid (as may be the case with many privately negotiated off-exchange derivatives), it may not be possible to initiate a transaction or liquidate a position at an advantageous price.

On-exchange derivatives are subject, in addition, to the risks of exchange trading generally, including potentially the requirement to provide margin. Off-exchange derivatives may take the form of unlisted transferable securities or bi-lateral "over the counter" contracts ("**OTC**"). Although these forms of derivatives may be traded differently, both arrangements may be subject to credit risk of the issuer (if transferable securities) or the counterparty (if OTCs) and, like any contract, are subject also to the particular terms of the contract (whether a one-off transferable security or OTC, or a master agreement), as well as the risks identified in Part III below. In particular, with an OTC contract, the counterparty may not be bound to "close out" or liquidate this position, and so it may not be possible to terminate a loss-making contract. Off-exchange derivatives are individually negotiated. As the terms of the transactions are not standardised and no centralised pricing source exists (as exists for exchange traded instruments), the transactions may be difficult to value. Different pricing formulas and financial assumptions may yield different values, and different financial institutions may quote different prices for the same transaction. In addition, the value of an off-exchange derivative will vary over time and is affected by many factors, including the remaining time until maturity, the market price, price volatility and prevailing interest rates.

Derivatives can be used for speculative purposes or as hedges to manage other investment or economic risks. In all cases the suitability of the transaction for the particular investor should be very carefully considered.

You are therefore advised to ask about the terms and conditions of the specific derivatives and associated obligations (e.g. the circumstances under which you may become obligated to make or take delivery of an underlying asset and, in respect of options, expiration dates and restrictions on the time for exercise). Under certain circumstances the specifications of outstanding contracts (including the exercise price of an option) may be modified by the exchange or clearing house to reflect changes in the underlying asset.

Normal pricing relationships between the underlying asset and the derivative may not exist in all cases. This can occur when, for example, the futures contract underlying the option is subject to price limits while the option is not. The absence of an

underlying reference price may make it difficult to assess 'fair' value.

The points set out below in relation to different types of derivative are not only applicable specifically to these derivatives but are also applicable more widely to derivatives generally. All derivatives are potentially subject to the major risk types in Part III below, especially market risk, credit risk and any specific sector risks connected with the underlying asset.

3.2 Futures/Forwards/Forward rate agreements

Transactions in futures or forwards involve the obligation to make, or to take, delivery of the underlying asset of the contract at a future date, or in some cases to settle the position with cash. They carry a high degree of risk. The 'gearing' or 'leverage' often obtainable in futures and forwards trading means that a small deposit or down payment can lead to large losses as well as gains. It also means that a relatively small movement can lead to a proportionately much larger movement in the value of your investment, and this can work against you as well as for you. Futures and forwards transactions have a contingent liability, and you should be aware of the implications of this, in particular margining requirements: these are that, on a daily basis, with all exchange-traded, and most OTC off-exchange, futures and forwards, you will have to pay over in cash losses incurred on a daily basis and if you fail to, the contract may be terminated. See further, 1 and 2 of Part IV below.

3.3 Options

There are many different types of options with different characteristics subject to the following conditions.

Put option: a put option is an option contract that gives the holder (buyer) of the option the right to sell a certain quantity of an underlying security to the writer of the option at a specified price (the strike price) up to a specified date (the expiration date).

Call option: a call option is an option contract that gives the holder (buyer) the right to buy a certain quantity of an underlying security from the writer of the option, at a specified price (the strike price) up to a specified date (the expiration date).

Buying options: Buying options involves less risk than selling options because, if the price of the underlying asset moves against you, you can simply allow the option to lapse. The maximum loss is limited to the premium, plus any commission or other transaction charges. However, if you buy a call option on a futures contract and you later exercise the option, you must acquire the future. This will expose you to the risks described under 'futures' and 'contingent liability investment transactions'. Certain options markets operate on a margined basis, under which buyers do not pay the full premium on their option at the time they purchase it. In this situation you may subsequently be called upon to pay margin on the option up to the level of your premium. If you fail to do so as required, your position may be closed or liquidated in the same way as a futures position.

Writing options: If you write an option, the risk involved is considerably greater than buying options. You may be liable for margin to maintain your position (as explained in 3.2 above) and a loss may be sustained well in excess of the premium received. By writing an option, you accept a legal obligation to purchase or sell the underlying asset if the option is exercised against you, however far the market price has moved away from the exercise price.

If you already own the underlying asset which you have contracted to sell (known as 'covered call options') the risk is reduced. If you do not own the underlying asset (known as 'uncovered call options') the risk can be unlimited. Only experienced persons should contemplate writing uncovered options, and then only after securing full details of the applicable conditions and

potential risk exposure.

Depending on the type of option entered into, there may be increased exposure to market risk (see Part III: Generic Risk types, paragraph 4 -Market Risk below) when compared to other financial products. There are several option styles including (but not limited to) American-, European- and Bermuda- style. An American-style option may be exercised at any time prior to its expiration. A European-style option may only be exercised on a specific date, its expiration date. A Bermuda-style option may be exercised on certain specified dates during the term of the transaction.

If you buy an American-style call option and the relevant market price of the underlying asset never rises above the strike price on the option (or if you fail to exercise the option while such condition exists), the option will expire unexercised and you will have lost the premium you paid for the option. Similarly, if you buy an American-style put option and the relevant market price for the underlying asset does not fall below the option strike price (or if you fail to exercise the option while such condition exists), the option will not be exercised and you will have lost the premium you paid for the put option.

Purchasing European-style or Bermuda-style options may carry additional market risk since the option could be “in-the-money” for part or substantially all of the holding period but not on the exercise date(s). A call option is “in-the- money” if the strike price is lower than the relevant market price for the underlying asset. A put option is “in-the-money” if the strike price is higher than the relevant market price for the underlying asset.

It is even possible for the holder of an exercised, “in-the-money” option to lose money on an option transaction. Such a situation exists whenever the value received under the option fails to exceed the purchaser’s costs of entering into the option transaction (the premium and any other costs and expenses).

If you are a potential writer of an option, you should consider how the type of option affects the timing of your potential payment and delivery obligations thereunder. As the writer of a European-style option, the timing of any payment and delivery obligations is predictable. Absent early termination, no settlements will be necessary prior to the expiration date. As the writer of an American-style option, however, you must be certain that you are prepared to satisfy your potential payment and delivery obligations at any time during the exercise period (possibly quite soon following the sale of the option).

Traditional options: Certain London Stock Exchange member firms under special exchange rules write a particular type of option called a ‘traditional option’. These may involve greater risk than other options. Two-way prices are not usually quoted and there is no exchange market on which to close out an open position or to effect an equal and opposite transaction to reverse an open position. It may be difficult to assess its value or for the seller of such an option to manage his exposure to risk.

3.4 Contracts for differences

Certain derivatives are referred to as contracts for differences. These can be options and futures on any index of an exchange (such as the FTSE 100 index), as well as equity, currency and interest rate swaps, amongst others. However, unlike other futures and options (which may, depending on their terms, be settled in cash or by delivery of the underlying asset), these contracts can only be settled in cash. Investing in a contract for differences carries the same risks as investing in a future or an option as referred to in 3.2 and 3.3 above. Transactions in contracts for differences may also have a contingent liability.

3.5 Swaps

A swap agreement is a derivative where two counterparties exchange one stream of cash flows against another stream, calculated by reference to an “underlying” (such as securities’ indices, bonds currencies, interest rates or commodities, or more intangible items).

A swap agreement may also be combined with an option. Such an option may be structured in two different ways. On the one hand, “swaptions” are transactions that give the purchaser of the swaption the right, against payment of a premium, to exercise or not to exercise, until the agreed maturity date, its right to enter into a pre-agreed swap agreement. On the other hand, “caps”, “floors” and “collars” enable a party, against payment or receipt of a premium, to protect itself against, or to take an exposure on, the variation on the value or level of an underlying.

A major risk of off-exchange derivatives, (including swaps) is known as counterparty risk, whereby a party is exposed to the inability of its counterparty to perform its obligations under the relevant financial instrument. For example if a party, A, wants a fixed interest rate loan and so swaps a variable rate loan with another party, B, thereby swapping payments, this will synthetically create a fixed rate for A. However, if B goes insolvent, A will lose its fixed rate and will be paying a variable rate again. If interest rates have gone up a lot, it is possible that A will struggle to repay.

The swap market has grown substantially in recent years, with a large number of banks and investment banking firms acting both as principals and as agents utilising standardised swap documentation to cover swaps trading over a broad range of underlying assets. As a result, the swap market for certain underlying assets has become more liquid but there can be no assurance that a liquid secondary market will exist at any specified time for any particular swap.

3.6 Commodity derivatives

In addition to the risks outlined for general derivatives, commodity derivatives may be subject to position limits. Competent authorities may be required to impose position limits on the size of net positions persons can hold in commodity derivatives traded on trading venues and economically equivalent OTC contracts. The limits will apply on the basis of all positions held by a person and those held on its behalf at an aggregate group level, including by its parent undertaking. There is a risk that it may be necessary for

FAB, in certain circumstances, to unwind positions in commodity derivatives to avoid a breach of a position limit.

3.7 Exotics and hybrids

Exotic and hybrid derivative instruments typically include non-standard and sometimes complex features. In addition to the general risks outlined above for derivatives, these instruments may contain additional risks depending on the features of the particular instrument.

4. COMBINED INSTRUMENTS / PACKAGE INSTRUMENTS / BASKETS

Any combined instruments, such as a bond with a warrant attached, is exposed to the risk of both those products and so combined products may contain a risk which is greater than those of its components individually, although certain combined instruments may contain risk mitigation features, such as principal protected instruments.

Package transactions are interlinked financial transactions comprising various instruments which firms execute jointly in

order to reduce transaction costs and for risk management purposes. Packages will be exposed to the risks associated with each part of the package, as set out elsewhere in this Statement, and so may contain a risk which is greater than those of its components individually.

The value of a basket of products (such as shares, indices etc.) may be affected by the number and quality of reference assets included in such basket. Generally, the value of a basket that includes reference assets from a number of reference asset issuers or indices will be less affected by changes in the value of any particular reference asset included therein than a basket that includes fewer reference assets, or that gives greater weight to some reference assets included therein. In addition, if the reference assets included in a basket are concentrated in a particular industry, the value of such a basket will be more affected by the economic, financial and other factors affecting that industry than if the reference assets included in the basket are in various industries that are affected by different economic, financial or other factors or are affected by such factors in different ways.

5. STRUCTURED DEPOSITS

A structured deposit is a deposit which is fully repayable at maturity on terms under which interest or a premium will be paid or is at risk, according to a formula involving factors such as an index or combination of indices (excluding variable rate deposits whose return is directly linked to an interest rate index such as SOFR or SONIA), a financial instrument or combination of financial instruments, a commodity or combination of commodities or other physical or non-physical non-fungible assets or a foreign exchange rate or combination of foreign exchange rates.

Structured deposits can be complex and non-standardised and the exact nature of their risk will be subject to the particular terms of the structured deposit contract.

A structured deposit is subject to the counterparty risk of the institution holding the deposit.

Depending on the structure and how the interest or premium is calculated, the interest or premium may be at risk. The risk will depend on the factors used in the specific structured deposit to calculate the interest or premium. For example, where the interest or premium is calculated based on foreign exchange rates, it will be subject to the risk of fluctuations in those foreign exchange rates.

PART III: GENERIC RISK TYPES

1. GENERAL

The price or value of an investment will depend on fluctuations in the financial markets outside of anyone's control. Past performance is no indicator of future performance.

The nature and extent of investment risks varies between countries and from investment to investment. These investment risks will vary with, amongst other things, the type of investment being made, including how the financial products have been created or their terms drafted, the needs and objectives of particular investors, the manner in which a particular investment is made or offered, sold or traded, the location or domicile of the issuer, the diversification or concentration in a portfolio (e.g. the amount invested in any one currency, security, country or issuer), the complexity of the transaction and the use of leverage.

The risk types set out below could have an impact on each type of investment:

2. LIQUIDITY

The liquidity of an instrument is directly affected by the supply and demand for that instrument and also indirectly by other factors, including market disruptions (for example a disruption on the relevant exchange) or infrastructure issues, such as a lack of sophistication or disruption in the securities settlement process. Under certain trading conditions it may be difficult or impossible to liquidate or acquire a position. This may occur, for example, at times of rapid price movement if the price rises or falls to such an extent that under the rules of the relevant exchange trading is suspended or restricted. Placing a stop-loss order will not necessarily limit your losses to intended amounts, but market conditions may make it impossible to execute such an order at the stipulated price. In addition, unless the contract terms so provide, a party may not have to accept early termination of a contract or buy back or redeem the relevant product and there may therefore be zero liquidity in the product. In other cases, early termination, realisation or redemption may result in you receiving substantially less than you paid for the product or, in some cases, nothing at all.

3. CREDIT RISK

Credit risk is the risk of loss caused by borrowers, bond obligors, guarantors, or counterparties failing to fulfil their obligations or the risk of such parties' credit quality deteriorating. Exposure to the credit risk of one or more reference entities is particularly relevant to any credit linked product such as credit linked notes, and the potential losses which may be sustained, and the frequency and likelihood of such losses occurring, when investing in credit linked products may be substantially greater than when investing in an obligation of the reference entity itself.

4. MARKET RISK

4.1 General

The price of investments goes up and down depending on market supply and demand, investor perception and the prices of any underlying or allied investments or, indeed, sector, political and economic factors. These can be totally unpredictable.

4.2 Overseas markets

Any overseas investment or investment with an overseas element can be subject to the risks of overseas markets which may involve different risks from those of the home market of the investor. In some cases the risks will be greater. The potential for profit or loss from transactions on foreign markets or in overseas denominated contracts will be affected by fluctuations in overseas exchange rates.

4.3 Emerging Markets

Price volatility in emerging markets, in particular, can be extreme. Price discrepancies, low trading volumes and wide pricing spreads can be common and unpredictable movements in the market not uncommon. Additionally, as news about a country becomes available, the financial markets may react with dramatic upswings and/or downswings in prices during a very short period of time. Emerging markets generally lack the level of transparency, liquidity, efficiency, market infrastructure, legal certainty and regulation found in more developed markets. For example, these markets might not have regulations governing market or price manipulation and insider trading or other provisions designed to "level the playing field" with respect to the availability of information and the use or misuse thereof in such markets. They may also be affected by sector, economic and political risk. It may be difficult to employ certain risk and legal uncertainty management practices for

emerging markets investments, such as forward currency exchange contracts or derivatives. The impact of the imposition or removal of foreign exchange controls at any time should be considered, as well as potential difficulties in repatriation of assets. The risks associated with nationalisation or expropriation of assets, the imposition of confiscatory or punitive taxation, restrictions on investments by foreigners in an emerging market, sanctions, war and revolution should also be considered.

5. CLEARING HOUSE PROTECTIONS/SETTLEMENT RISK

On many exchanges, the performance of a transaction may be “guaranteed” by the exchange or clearing house. However, this guarantee is usually in favour of the exchange or clearing house member and cannot be enforced by the client who may, therefore, be subject to the credit and insolvency risks of the firm through whom the transaction was executed. There is, typically, no clearing house for off-exchange OTC instruments which are not traded under the rules of an exchange (although unlisted transferable securities may be cleared through a clearing house).

Settlement risk is the risk that a counterparty does not deliver the security (or its value) in accordance with the agreed terms after the other counterparty has already fulfilled its part of the agreement to so deliver. Settlement risk increases where different legs of the transaction settle in different time zones or in different settlement systems where netting is not possible. This risk is particularly acute in foreign exchange transactions and currency swap transactions.

6. INSOLVENCY

The insolvency or default of the firm with whom you are dealing, or of any brokers involved with your transaction, may lead to positions being liquidated or closed out without your consent or, indeed, investments not being returned to you. There is also insolvency risk in relation to the investment itself, for example of the company that issued a share or bond or of the counterparty to off-exchange derivatives (where the risk relates to the derivative itself and to any collateral or margin held by the counterparty).

Banks and other financial institutions may become subject to resolution procedures. In such situations the value of shares and certain debt instruments issued by the bank or financial institution may be written down in whole or in part.

7. CURRENCY RISK

In respect of any foreign exchange transactions and transactions in derivatives and securities that are denominated in a currency other than that in which your account is denominated, a movement in exchange rates may have a favourable or an unfavourable effect on the gain or loss achieved on such transactions.

The weakening of a country’s currency relative to a benchmark currency or the currency of your portfolio will negatively affect the value of an investment denominated in that currency. Currency valuations are linked to a host of economic, social and political factors and can fluctuate greatly, even during intra-day trading. Some countries have foreign exchange controls which may include the suspension of the ability to exchange or transfer currency, or the devaluation of the currency. Hedging can increase or decrease the exposure to any one currency, but may not eliminate completely exposure to changing currency values.

8. INTEREST RATE RISK

Interest rates can rise as well as fall. A risk with interest rates is that the relative value of a security, especially a bond, will

worsen due to an interest rate increase. This could impact negatively on other products. There are additional interest rate related risks in relation to floating rate instruments and fixed rate instruments; interest income on floating rate instruments cannot be anticipated. Due to varying interest income, investors are not able to determine a definite yield of floating rate instruments at the time they purchase them, so that their return on investment cannot be compared with that of investments having longer fixed interest periods. If the terms and conditions of the relevant instruments provide for frequent interest payment dates, investors are exposed to the reinvestment risk if market interest rates decline. That is, investors may reinvest the interest income paid to them only at the relevant lower interest rates then prevailing.

Changes in market interest rates have a substantially stronger impact on the prices of zero coupon bonds than on the prices of ordinary bonds because the discounted issue prices are substantially below par. If market interest rates increase, zero coupon bonds can suffer higher price losses than other bonds having the same maturity and credit rating.

9. COMMODITY RISK

The prices of commodities may be volatile, and, for example, may fluctuate substantially if natural disasters or catastrophes, such as hurricanes, fires or earthquakes, affect the supply or production of such commodities. The prices of commodities may also fluctuate substantially if conflict or war affects the supply or production of such commodities. If any interest and/or the redemption amount payable in respect of any product is linked to the price of a commodity, any change in the price of such commodity may result in the reduction of the amount of interest and/or the redemption amount payable. The reduction in the amount payable on the redemption of an investment may result, in some cases, in you receiving a smaller sum on redemption of a product than the amount originally invested in such product.

10. REGULATORY/LEGAL/STRUCTURAL RISK

All investments could be exposed to regulatory, legal or structural risk.

Returns on all, and particularly new, investments are at risk from regulatory or legal actions and changes which can, amongst other issues, alter the profit potential of an investment. Legal changes could even have the effect that a previously acceptable investment becomes illegal. Changes to related issues such as tax may also occur and could have a large impact on profitability. Such risk is unpredictable and can depend on numerous political, economic and other factors. For this reason, this risk is greater in emerging markets but does apply everywhere. In emerging markets, there is generally less government supervision and regulation of business and industry practices, stock exchanges and over-the-counter markets.

The type of laws and regulations with which investors are familiar in their home jurisdiction may not exist in some places, and where they do, may be subject to inconsistent or arbitrary application or interpretation and may be changed with retroactive effect. Both the independence of judicial systems and their immunity from economic, political or nationalistic influences remain largely untested in many countries. Judges and courts in many countries are generally inexperienced in the areas of business and corporate law. Companies are exposed to the risk that legislatures will revise established law solely in response to economic or political pressure or popular discontent. There is no guarantee that an overseas investor would obtain a satisfactory remedy in local courts in case of a breach of local laws or regulations or a dispute over ownership of assets. An investor may also encounter difficulties in pursuing legal remedies or in obtaining and enforcing judgments in overseas courts.

In the case of many products, there will be no legal or beneficial interest in the obligations or securities of the underlying reference entity but rather an investor will have a contractual relationship with the counterparty only and its rights will

therefore be limited to contractual remedies against the counterparty in accordance with the terms of the relevant product.

In all cases the legal terms and conditions of a product may contain provisions which could operate against your interests. For example, they may permit early redemption or termination at a time which is unfavourable to you, or they may give wide discretion to the issuer of securities to revise the terms applicable to securities. In other cases there may be limits on the amounts in relation to which rights attaching to securities may be exercised and in the event that you hold too many (or too few) securities, your interests may be prejudiced and you should scrutinise these carefully. In some cases, the exercise of rights by others may impact on your investment. For example, a product such as a bond or note may contain provisions for calling meetings of holders of those bonds or notes to consider matters affecting their interests generally (including yours) and may permit defined majorities to bind all holders, including holders who did not attend and vote at the relevant meeting and holders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority. Further, in some cases amendments may be made to the terms and conditions of bonds or notes without the consent of any of the holders in circumstances set out in general conditions attaching to such bonds or notes.

11. OPERATIONAL RISK

Operational risk, such as breakdowns or malfunctioning of essential systems and controls, including IT systems, can impact on all financial products. Business risk, especially the risk that the business is run incompetently or poorly, could also impact on shareholders of, or investors in, such a business. Personnel and organisational changes can severely affect such risks and, in general, operational risk may not be apparent from outside the organisation.

12. CONFLICTS

We maintain a conflicts of interest policy for identifying, preventing and managing conflicts of interest between ourselves (including our managers and employees) or any person directly or indirectly linked to us by control and you, or between you and another client that arise in the course of providing services. In the unlikely circumstance that the organisational or administrative arrangements that are in place in respect of conflicts of interest are not able to ensure, with reasonable confidence, that the risks of damage to you will be prevented, we will make you aware of the possibility of such conflict or material interest as well as the steps taken to mitigate those risks prior to providing services to you and may ask you to consent to us acting notwithstanding such conflict or material interest. We may also decline to act where we believe that there is no other practicable way of treating you (or, where applicable, your principal or principals) and our other clients fairly. If you object to us acting where we have disclosed that we have a conflict or material interest, you should notify your usual contact at FAB in writing. Unless so notified, we will assume that you do not object to our so acting.

In the ordinary course of their respective businesses, FAB and any of its Affiliates will be subject to various actual and potential conflicts of interest which may operate against your interests.

13. LEVERAGE RISK

In addition to the leverage risks outlined above in the specific product and investment section, any leveraged product may be subject to more risk than a non-leveraged product or investment. As a result of leverage, a small movement in the price of an underlying security or benchmark may result in a disproportionately large movement in the price of the leveraged product or instrument. This can lead to sudden and large falls in the value of such products and investments.

In addition, the insolvency (or other similar process) of an issuer of an underlying security may have a disproportionately

large impact on a holder of a leveraged product or investment than it would have on the holder of the underlying security without leverage.

14. VOLATILITY RISK

In addition to the volatility risks outlined above in the specific product and investment section, the price of any instrument or product may be volatile due to a number of factors, including but not limited to there being low liquidity in that instrument or product.

PART IV: TRANSACTION AND SERVICE RISKS

1. CONTINGENT LIABILITY INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Contingent liability investment transactions, which are margined, require you to make a series of payments against the purchase price, instead of paying the whole purchase price immediately.

If you trade in futures, contracts for differences or sell options, you may sustain a total loss of the margin you deposit with us to establish or maintain a position. If the market moves against you, you may be called upon to pay substantial additional margin at short notice to maintain the position. If you fail to do so within the time required, your position may be liquidated at a loss and you must be responsible for the resulting deficit. Even if a transaction is not margined, it may still carry an obligation to make further payments in certain circumstances over and above any amount paid when you entered into the contract.

2. COLLATERAL

If you deposit collateral as security with a firm, the way in which it will be treated will vary according to the type of transaction and where it is traded and the terms of any Product Contract you have entered into with us. There could be significant differences in the treatment of your collateral, depending on whether or not you are trading on a trading venue operated by an authorised person (see 4 below), in accordance with the rules of that venue (and the associated clearing house). Deposited collateral may lose its identity as your property once dealings on your behalf are undertaken. Even if your dealings should ultimately prove profitable, you may not get back the same assets which you deposited, and may have to accept payment in cash. You should ascertain from the firm how your collateral will be dealt with.

2.1 Effect of absolute title transfer

Where we consider it appropriate we may require you to provide collateral by way of title transfer.

Where your collateral is subject to total title transfer to us, you should note that:

- (a) The assets cease to be your assets and you will no longer have a proprietary claim over them. They will not be held subject the rules of a regulator in safe custody (where they are financial instruments) or subject to client money protection rules (where they are cash). The assets become our assets and we can deal with them in our own right;
- (b) You will have an unsecured contractual claim against us for re- transfer of equivalent assets; and

- (c) As a result, the assets will not be subject to a trust or otherwise insulated in our insolvency. And, in such event, you may not receive back everything so transferred to us and you will only rank as a general creditor.

3. SHORT SALES

Selling “short” means to sell financial instruments that you do not own at the time of the sale. The seller has an obligation to deliver the product sold at the settlement date which will generally be a few days later than the trade date, so he will either go into the market to buy the relevant financial instruments for delivery or he will “borrow” the relevant financial instruments under a stock lending arrangement (for further detail on this see 11 below).

Short selling is a technique used by investors who want to try to profit from the falling price of a financial instrument. If the price of the financial instrument drops after the investor has sold short (in other words at the time when he is buying or borrowing the relevant financial instruments for delivery), the investor will make a profit. If however the price of the financial instrument rises after the investor has sold short, the investor will have automatically made a loss, and the loss has the potential to get bigger and bigger if the price of the financial instrument continues to rise before the investor has gone into the market to buy or borrow the financial instrument to settle the short sale.

4. OFF-EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS

Transactions which are traded on exchanges or trading venues other than those recognised or designated by the relevant regulators may be exposed to substantially greater risks.

5. GUARANTEED TRANSACTIONS

Where a product is guaranteed, your protection may be subject to the continuing solvency and ability to pay of the entity providing a guarantee. You should obtain sufficient information about the guarantor and the guarantee to be able to make an assessment of the value of the guarantee.

6. COMMISSIONS/TRANSACTION COSTS

You should carefully consider the costs disclosures that you will be provided with from time to time. Before you begin to trade, you should obtain details of all commissions and other charges for which you must be liable.

When products are purchased or sold, several types of incidental costs (including transaction fees and commissions) are incurred in addition to the current price of the security. These incidental costs may significantly reduce or even exclude the profit potential of the products. For instance, credit institutions as a rule charge their clients for own commissions which are either fixed minimum commissions or pro-rata commissions depending on the order value. To the extent that additional domestic or foreign parties are involved in the execution of an order, including but not limited to domestic dealers or brokers in foreign markets, you must take into account that you may also be charged for the brokerage fees, commissions and other fees and expenses of such parties (third party costs).

In addition to such costs directly related to the purchase of products (direct costs), you must also take into account any follow-up costs (such as custody fees). You should inform yourself about any additional costs incurred in connection with the purchase, custody or sale of an investment before investing. The effect of transaction costs (for example on a new issue of securities) may result in the issue price of such securities falling below the market value when trading starts.

7. SUSPENSIONS OF TRADING AND GREY MARKET INVESTMENTS

Under certain trading conditions it may be difficult or impossible to liquidate a position. This may occur, for example, at times of rapid price movement if the price rises or falls in one trading session to such an extent that under the rules of the relevant exchange trading is suspended or restricted. Placing a stop- loss order will not necessarily limit your losses to the intended amounts, because market conditions may make it impossible to execute such an order at the stipulated price.

Transactions may not be entered into in:

- (a) A security whose listing on an exchange is suspended, or the listing of or dealings in which have been discontinued, or which is subject to an exchange announcement suspending or prohibiting dealings; or
- (b) A grey market security, which is a security for which application has been made for listing or admission to dealings on an exchange where the security's listing or admission has not yet taken place (otherwise than because the application has been rejected) and the security is not already listed or admitted to dealings on another exchange.

There may be insufficient published information on which to base a decision to buy or sell such securities.

8. CASH AND PROPERTY

You should familiarise yourself with the protections accorded to you in respect of money or other property you deposit for domestic and foreign transactions, particularly in the event of a firm insolvency or bankruptcy.

Your securities or money may be held by a third party on our behalf, including banks, OTC counterparties, settlement agents, intermediate brokers, Exchanges, Clearing Systems, sub-custodians, depositories, agents and nominees (each a "Third Party"). Except as specifically provided in the Terms, FAB will not be liable for any acts or omissions of any Third Party.

Where your property or money is held overseas, there may be different legal and regulatory requirements from those in the applicable jurisdiction of incorporation or establishment of FAB and your rights to the property or money may differ from those you would have there.

In the event of insolvency or default of a Third Party, you may not recover all of your property or money. In some jurisdictions compensation schemes may offer protections in connection with investments to certain types of claimants in the event that they suffer a financial loss as a consequence of a person being unable to meet its liabilities. The protections available may be different from the protections afforded to clients under the compensation scheme in the applicable jurisdiction of incorporation or establishment of FAB and the compensation schemes may also have different rules governing qualification for compensation, limits to the level of protection provided and procedures and time limits for making claims for compensation. In some cases overseas compensation schemes may prioritise local investors over non-local investors.

We will, where possible, direct that your property that is deposited with a Third Party is identifiable separately from our property and from those belonging to that Third Party (for instance, by differently titled accounts or other equivalent measures that achieve the same level of protection). However, in some jurisdictions it may not be possible under national law for your property to be separately identifiable from our assets or those of the Third Party. In these circumstances, there is a risk that your property could be withdrawn or used to meet the obligations of the Third Party or lost altogether if the Third Party fails. On our failure (i.e. the appointment of a liquidator, receiver or administrator, or trustee in bankruptcy, or any equivalent

procedure in any relevant jurisdiction), your property may not be protected from claims made on behalf of our general creditors, the Third Party may challenge your rights to any property and you may need to share in a shortfall.

Although property will ordinarily be registered in the name of a nominee where appropriate, we may from time to time (if the property is subject to the law or market practice of a jurisdiction other than the applicable jurisdiction of incorporation or establishment of FAB and it is in your best interests to register in that way or it is not feasible to do otherwise because of the nature of the applicable law or market practice) register or record securities in the name of a Third Party or in our own name. If property is registered in our name, the property in question may not be segregated from our property and in the event of our failure (i.e. the appointment of a liquidator, receiver or administrator or trustee in bankruptcy, or any equivalent procedure in the jurisdiction in question), your property may not be protected from claims made on behalf of our general creditors.

Your property may be held in an omnibus account by a Third Party. Property that is held in an omnibus account may be pooled or comingled with property belonging to our other clients or clients of the Third Party. There is a risk that the property could be withdrawn to meet the obligations of other clients, or that the balance of property does not reconcile with the quantity that we or the Third Party is required to hold. In the event of a shortfall, you may share in that shortfall and as a result may not receive your full entitlement of property.

9. STABILISATION

Transactions may be carried out in securities where the price may have been influenced by measures taken to stabilise it.

Stabilisation enables the market price of a security to be maintained artificially during the period when a new issue of securities is sold to the public. Stabilisation may affect not only the price of the new issue but also the price of other securities relating to it. Regulations allow stabilisation in order to help counter the fact that, when a new issue comes on to the market for the first time, the price can sometimes drop for a time before buyers are found.

Stabilisation is carried out by a 'stabilisation manager' (normally the firm chiefly responsible for bringing a new issue to market). As long as the stabilising manager follows a strict set of rules, he is entitled to buy back securities that were previously sold to investors or allotted to institutions which have decided not to keep them. The effect of this may be to keep the price at a higher level than it would otherwise be during the period of stabilisation.

The fact that a new issue or a related security is being stabilised should not be taken as any indication of the level of interest from investors, nor of the price at which they are prepared to buy the securities.

10. NON-READILY REALISABLE INVESTMENTS

Both exchange listed and traded and off-exchange investments may be non- readily realisable. These are investments in which the market is limited or could become so. Accordingly, it may be difficult to assess their market value and/or to liquidate your position.

11. STOCK LENDING/REPOS

The effect of lending (or 'repo'ing) securities to a third party is to transfer title to them to the borrower (or repo purchaser) for the period that they are lent (or 'repo'ed). At the end of the period, subject to default of the borrower (or 'repo' purchaser), the lender (or 'repo' seller) receives back securities of the same issuer and type. The borrower's (or 'repo'

purchaser's) obligation to transfer equivalent securities is secured against collateral (which is usually transferred by a title transfer mechanism pursuant to market standard agreements). There is, accordingly, credit risk. Lending (or 'repo'ing) securities may affect your tax position.

12. STRATEGIES

Particular investment strategies will carry their own particular risks. For example, certain strategies, such as 'spread' position or a 'straddle', may be as risky as a simple 'long' or 'short' position.