

Public Offer for the Subscription of the Bonds

**"EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT CALLABLE BONDS LINKED TO CMS RATES DUE 2017"**

FOR A MAXIMUM NOMINAL AMOUNT OF EURO 200,000,000  
PRINCIPAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BONDS

<p><i>Issuer:</i> European Bank for Reconstruction and Development</p> <p><i>Rating of the Issuer:</i> AAA - Standard &amp; Poor's Rating Services, Aaa - Moody's Investor Services Ltd and AAA - Fitch Ratings Ltd.</p> <p><i>ISIN Code:</i> IT0006589987</p> <p><i>Nominal Amount:</i> unit: Euro 1,000</p> <p><i>Issue Price:</i> at par (100% of the nominal value).</p> <p><i>Due date:</i> 23 May 2005</p> <p><i>Interest:</i> The bonds will accrue gross interest on the nominal value and will be paid on the 23 May of each year in which the debt is still standing (the "Payment Date"), starting on 23 May 2006.</p> <p>The above mentioned interest rates will be equal to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4% gross per annum for the first, second and third coupon payable respectively on 23 May 2006, 23 May 2007 and 23 May 2008 (the "Fixed Coupons");</li> <li>- an amount calculated on the basis of the following formula for all the other coupons, payable starting from 23 May 2009 (the "Floating Coupons"):</li> </ul> $3 * (\text{CMS } 10 - \text{CMS } 2)$ <p>where:</p> <p>"CMS 10" means the annual swap rate for Euro swap transactions with a maturity of 10 years, expressed as a percentage, which appears on the Reuters screen ISDAFIX2 Page (or such other page as may replace that page on such service) under the heading "EURIBOR BASIS - EUR" and above the caption "11:00 AM Frankfurt" as of 11:00 am Frankfurt time, on the day that is 5 TARGET Business Days preceding the beginning of each calculation period; and</p> <p>"CMS 2" means the annual swap rate for Euro swap transactions with a maturity of 2 years, expressed as a percentage, which appears on the</p>	<p>The Floating Coupons cannot in any case be less than 1.00% gross per annum.</p> <p>The interest on the bonds will be calculated on an Actual/Actual - ISMA basis.</p> <p><i>Redemption:</i> in a single payment on 23 May 2017 ("Redemption Date") at par (100% of the nominal value).</p> <p><i>Early Redemption:</i> The issuer will be able to early redeem the bonds at par at each Date of Early Redemption by giving prior notice to the bondholders, not later than 10 Business Days before the Date of Early Redemption.</p> <p>"Date of Early Redemption" means any Payment Date prior to the Redemption Date, from 23 May 2008 inclusive.</p> <p><i>Clearing System:</i> The payment of interest and the redemption of the bonds will be done by the dematerialised securities clearing system managed by Monte Titoli S.p.A., through its authorised intermediaries.</p> <p><i>Tax Regime:</i> pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 239 of 1 April 1996, as subsequently amended and integrated, interest and other income deriving from the bonds are subject to a tax withheld at source at the current rate of 12.50%, in the circumstances and manner and within the time limits set forth therein. Capital gains or losses in respect of the bonds are subject to the regime provided by art. 67 and 68 of the Italian Income Tax Act and by Legislative Decree No. 461 of 21 November 1997 as subsequently amended and integrated.</p> <p><i>Listing:</i> A request will be filed for the listing of the bonds on the <i>Mercato Telematico delle Obbligazioni e Titoli di Stato</i> (M.O.T.), organised and managed by <i>Borsa Italiana S.p.A.</i></p>
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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PLACEMENT

The bonds are offered by a pool of managers lead by Morgan Stanley & Co. International Limited and Banca Akros S.p.A.- Gruppo Banca Popolare di Milano.

The bonds are offered indistinctly to the public and to professional investors in Italy: the bonds shall be offered for subscription from 9 May 2005 to 18 May 2005 - unless the closing date is brought forward with no prior notice - and shall be satisfied to the extent that such bonds are available by each of the following entities appointed for the placement (*Soggetti Incaricati del collocamento*):

Banca Akros S.p.A.	Morgan Stanley & Co. International Limited	
Banca Popolare di Sondrio Scarl	Centrosim SpA	
Iccrea Banca SpA	Simetica SIM SpA	
Banca Mediolanum SpA	Banca di Cividale SpA	
Bancaperta SpA	Banca Antonventa SpA	
Cassa di Risparmio di Ferrara SpA	Banca Popolare di Milano Scarl	Banca di Legnano SpA

The bonds will be paid with the value dated 23 May 2005 to the entities appointed for the placement. The bonds will be held by Monte Titoli S.p.A.

This notice is only an advertising message for promotional purposes. Potential investors should refer to the *Foglio Informativo*, *Nota Integrativa* and to the *Regolamento* for a detailed description of the terms and conditions and risk factors of the bonds which the entities appointed for the placement shall make freely available at the request of any such potential investor.

Until the issue date, the Issuer reserves the right to withdraw the offer (in such case any booking for subscription of the bonds will be considered null and void) and to close it in advance by giving prompt notice thereof.

This offer involves risk factors of the bonds indexed to the yield of swap.

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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

***(REGOLAMENTO)***

**"EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT  
CALLABLE BONDS LINKED TO CMS RATES DUE 2017"**

**(ISIN CODE IT0006589987)**

#### Article 1- **AMOUNT, DENOMINATION AND TYPE OF BONDS**

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development bonds denominated "European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Callable Bonds Linked to CMS Rates Due 2017" for a maximum nominal amount of up to Euro 200 million consist of a maximum of 200,000 bonds with a denomination of Euro 1,000 each (the "**Bonds**").

The Bonds shall be admitted to the dematerialised securities clearing system managed by Monte Titoli S.p.A. pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 213 of 24 June 1998.

#### Article 2 - **ISSUE PRICE**

The Bonds are issued at par at the price of Euro 1,000 each (the "**Denomination**").

#### Article 3 - **ENTITLEMENT**

The Bonds entitlement shall be on 23 May 2005 ("**Issue Date**").

#### Article 4 - **DURATION, ISSUE DATE AND REDEMPTION**

Subject to article 6, the Bonds will be redeemed in twelve years. The Bonds will be issued on 23 May 2005 and will be redeemed on 23 May 2017 (the "**Redemption Date**").

#### Article 5 - **INTEREST**

The Bonds will accrue gross interest on each Denomination, which will be paid to bondholders pursuant to the terms and conditions provided in article 8 below, on the 23 May of each year in which the debt is still outstanding (the "**Payment Date**"), subject to the Following Business Day Convention, as such term is defined in article 8 below, starting on 23 May 2006.

The above mentioned interest rates will be equal to:

- 4.00% gross per annum for the first, second and third coupon, payable respectively on 23 May 2006, 23 May 2007 and 23 May 2008 (the "**Fixed Coupons**"); and

- an amount calculated on the basis of the following formula for all the other coupons, payable starting from 23 May 2009 (the "**Floating Coupons**");

$$3*(CMS 10 - CMS 2)$$

where:

"CMS 10" means the annual swap rate for Euro swap transactions with a maturity of 10 years, expressed as a percentage, which appears on the Reuters screen ISDAFIX2 Page (or such other page as may replace that page on such service) under the heading "EURIBOR BASIS - EUR" and above the caption "11:00 AM Frankfurt" as of 11:00 am Frankfurt time on the Determination Date (as defined below); and

"CMS 2" means the annual swap rate for Euro swap transactions with a maturity of 2 years, expressed as a percentage, which appears on the Reuters screen ISDAFIX2 Page (or such other page as may replace that page on such service) under the heading "EURIBOR BASIS - EUR"

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and above the caption "11:00 AM Frankfurt" as of 11:00 am Frankfurt time on the Determination Date (as defined below).

"Determination Date" means the day that is five (5) TARGET Business Days preceding the beginning of each Calculation Period.

"TARGET Business Day" means a day in which the Trans-European Automated Real Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer is operating.

Where CMS 10 and/or CMS 2 does not appear on Reuters Screen ISDAFIX2 Page (or any successor or other relevant page) on 11 AM Frankfurt time on the Determination Date for any Calculation Period, the Determination Agent (as defined in art. 12 below) may fix a substitute value for such unavailable rate by requesting five major market operators selected by the Determination Agent to provide such a rate, and on the basis of the following: (i) if at least three quotations are provided, the rate for that Calculation Period will be the arithmetic mean of the quotations, eliminating the highest quotation (or, in the event of equality, one of the highest) and the lowest quotation (or, in the event of equality, one of the lowest) and (ii) if less than three quotations are provided, the rate for that Calculation Period will be fixed at the reasonable discretion of the Determination Agent, acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner.

The Floating Coupons cannot in any case be less than 1.00% gross per annum.

The interest on the Bonds will be calculated on an Actual/Actual - ISMA basis.

"Actual/Actual - ISMA" means the number of days from and including the date on which interest begins to accrue during the relevant Calculation Period to but excluding the date on which it actually falls due, divided by the actual number of days in the relevant Calculation Period.

"Calculation Period" means the period starting from and including 23 March in each year to but excluding 23 March in the following year. For the avoidance of doubt, the first Calculation Period commences on 23 March 2005.

#### Article 6 - **REDEMPTION**

The Bonds will be redeemed at par, in a single payment, by the authorised intermediaries parties to the dematerialised securities clearing system managed by Monte Titoli S.p.A..

The issuer will be able to early redeem the Bonds at par by giving prior notice to the bondholders, if in accordance with article 13 and not later than 10 Business Days preceding the Date of Early Redemption.

"Business Day" means a TARGET Business Day and a London Business Day.

"London Business Day" means a day on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments and are open for general business (including dealings in foreign exchange and foreign currency deposits) in London.

"Date of Early Redemption" means any Payment Date prior to the Redemption Date, from 23 May 2008 inclusive.

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The Bonds will cease to accrue interest from the Redemption Date or, where applicable, any Early Redemption Date.

#### Article 7 - **TAX REGIME**

Tax treatment of income: according to the provisions of Legislative Decree No. 239 of 1 April 1996, as subsequently amended and integrated, the interest and other income deriving from the Bonds are subject to a tax withheld at source, referred to as *imposta sostitutiva*, levied at the current rate of 12.50%.

Taxation of capital gains: capital gains, other than those obtained in carrying out commercial activities, in connection with the transfer against consideration or redemption of the bonds (Article 67 of the d.P.R. 22 December 1986, n.917, as amended and supplemented ("Italian Income Tax Act")), are subject to a tax withheld at source, referred to as *imposta sostitutiva*, levied at the current rate of 12.50%.

Capital gains and capital loss are determined in accordance with the criteria set out in Article 68 of the Italian Income Tax Act and subject to the tax regime pursuant to the ordinary regime referred to in Article 5 ("*Regime della dichiarazione*") or pursuant the optional regimes referred to in Article 6 ("*Risparmio amministrato*") and Article 7 ("*Risparmio gestito*") of Legislative Decree 21 November 1997, N. 461.

The relevant payments of the Bonds are subject to any application laws and tax provisions.

The issuer and/or the paying agent will not be required to make any additional payments where any deductions or payments have to be made in relation to the Bonds. In no case will the issuer and/or paying agent be liable before the bondholders or to any other person for any commission, costs, losses or expenses related to or resulting from such deductions or payments.

#### Article 8 - **CLEARING SYSTEM**

The payment of interest and the redemption of the Bonds will be done by the dematerialised securities clearing system managed by Monte Titoli S.p.A., through its authorised intermediaries. If any payment relating to the Bonds does not fall on a Business Day, then such payment will be paid on the Business Day immediately thereafter (the "Following Business Day Convention"), provided that the following scheduled payment date will not be subject to any change and without giving any right to the payment of interest for any additional days.

#### Article 9 - **PRESCRIPTION**

In relation to the interest, the rights of the bondholders will expire after five years from the payment date of the coupons and, in respect to the principal, after ten years from the redemption date of the Bonds.

#### Article 10 - **LISTING**

An application will be filed for the listing of the Bonds on the *Mercato Telematico delle obbligazioni e titoli di Stato (M.O.T.)*, organised and managed by *Borsa Italiana S.p.A.*.

#### Article 11 - **CALCULATION AGENT**

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Citibank N.A. shall act as Calculation Agent.

#### Article 12 **DETERMINATION AGENT**

BNP Paribas shall act as Determination Agent.

#### Article 13 - **MISCELLANEOUS**

Any notice from the issuer shall be made, unless otherwise provided by law, through an announcement published in a daily newspaper having national circulation or in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Italy (*Gazzetta Ufficiale della Repubblica Italiana*).

The holding of Bonds entails the full acceptance of any condition established herein.

The Bonds are subject to the laws of Italy.

Any dispute between the bondholders and the Issuer shall be settled by the Courts of Rome, save as provided in Article 1469 *bis* of the Italian Civil Code.

### **INFORMATION SHEET ( *Foglio Informativo* )**

**prepared in accordance with the Transparency Rules for banking transactions and services**

**"European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Callable Bonds Linked to CMS Rates due 2017" Cod. ISIN IT 0006589987**

*The investor should only make his investment in the security subject of this present offer after having understood the nature and extent of the risk involved. The contents of this Information Sheet should therefore be read with due attention. To obtain information on the performance of the security, paragraphs 10 and 11 of Section II of this Information Sheet and the illustration provided in Section III should be read carefully.*

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*The information documents regarding the security complies with the Guidelines for information to be provided to the underwriter and with the prevailing legislation. The present Information Sheet should be read together with the attached “Legenda”.*

*It should be note that the maturity of the bonds hereunder may be different due to the early redemption mechanism as described in paragraph 15, Section II of this Information Sheet.*

*The terms and conditions relating to the securities described in this Information Sheet are only included for information purposes and the only terms and conditions binding on the Issuer are the ones contained in the Terms and Conditions (Regolamento del Prestito).*

*The securities to which the present issue relates are structured securities; it is recommended that the definition of these in the Glossary attached to the Information Sheet be read carefully. Terms stated in bold type and underlined are of a technical financial nature for which reference should be made to the “Glossary for the investor in subordinated structured securities” attached to the present Information Sheet. If the term cannot be found there, reference should be made to the attached “Legenda”.*

## **I. INFORMATION REGARDING THE ISSUING BANK**

### **Name and legal form**

The issuer is the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and it is a supranational organization established pursuant to the agreement entered into in Paris on 29 May 1990, which was implemented by Law No. 53 of 11 February 1991 (the "Issuer").

### **Administrative office**

The Issuer has its administrative office at One Exchange Square, EC2A 2JN London, United Kingdom.

### **Number in the Register of Banks held by the Bank of Italy**

The Issuer is not entered in any Register of Banks.

### **Banking Group**

The Issuer does not belong to any Italian or non-Italian banking group

### **Number Companies' Register**

The Issuer is not entered in any register of Companies or any equivalent register.

### **Share capital and reserves reported in the most recent approved financial statements**

Euro 20,000,000,000

### **Conflict of interest**

Not applicable

### **Rating of the Issuer**

The Issuer has obtained the following ratings:

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Moody's Investors Services Ltd: Aaa

Standard & Poor's Rating Services: AAA

Fitch Ratings Ltd: AAA

**Competent Supervisory Authority**

Not applicable

**II. INFORMATION AS TO THE NATURE OF THE ISSUE**

**Name of the Bond and centralized administration of the Bonds**

The bond are called "*European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Callable Bonds Linked to CMS Rates due 2017*" (the "**Bonds**"). The Bonds will cleared by Monte Titoli S.p.A. and will be in the dematerialised form (*forma dematerializzata*) pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 213 of 24 June 1998.

**Number of securities and minimum denomination**

Up to 200,000 Bonds, each of denomination Euro 1,000.

**Currency of the Bonds**

Euro.

**Denomination and total nominal amount of the Bonds**

The denomination of each Bond is Euro 1,000. The nominal total amount of the Bonds is up to Euro 200 million.

**Issue price and redemption price**

The Bonds will be issued at par (100%) i.e. at a price of Euro 1,000 each. The Bonds will be redeemed at par (100%).

The table below shows the bond component and the derivative component concerning the issue price of the Bonds. It must be noted that the Issuer has not provided the following data and it has not carried out the calculation in relation to the components mentioned below.

Bond Component	85.70%
Derivative Component	11.30%
Commissions	3.00%
Total	100%

**Placement and underwriting commissions**

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Placement and underwriting commissions of 3.00% of the denomination of the Bonds will be payable.

### **Date of opening and closing of the placement. Option of early closing of the offer period**

Booking orders will be accepted starting from 9 May 2005 to 18 May 2005 (the "**Offer Period**") – unless closed in advance and without notice – and will be satisfied within the limits of the securities available at each of the banks of the syndicate group.

### **Issue date and due date**

The Bonds are issued on 23 May 2005 (the "**Due Date**").

### **Maturity of the Bonds**

Subject to paragraph 15 below, the maturity of the Bonds is twelve years. The Bonds are issued on 23 May 2005 and will all be redeemed with a single payment on 23 May 2017 (the "**Redemption Date**").

### **Interest**

The Bonds in the first, second and third years of duration bear interest calculated at a gross annual rate of 4.00% on their denomination calculated on an Actual/Actual - ISMA *unadjusted* basis and subject to the tax regime described in paragraph 21 below. Such interest will become payable on 23 May 2006, 23 May 2007 and 23 May 2008 ("**Fixed Coupon Payment Date**") respectively, subject to the Following Business Day Convention, as defined in paragraph 12 below. Starting from the fourth year, and for each subsequent year until maturity, the annual interest will be calculated per denomination as follows:

- A factor of 3.00 multiplied by the difference between CMS 10 and CMS 2, where:

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"CMS 2" means the annual swap rate for Euro swap transactions with a maturity of 2 years, expressed as a percentage, which appears on the Reuters screen ISDAFIX2 Page (or such other page as may replace that page on such service) under the heading "EURIBOR BASIS - EUR" and above the caption "11:00 AM Frankfurt" as of 11:00 am Frankfurt time on the Determination Date (as defined below).

Where CMS 10 and/or CMS 2 does not appear on Reuters Screen ISDAFIX2 Page (or any successor or other relevant page) on 11 AM Frankfurt time on the Determination Date (as defined below) for any Calculation Period, the Determination Agent (as defined in paragraph 28 below) may fix a substitute value for such unavailable rate by requesting five major market operators selected by the Determination Agent to provide such a rate, and on the basis of the following: (i) if at least three quotations are provided, the rate for that Calculation Period will be the arithmetic mean of the quotations, eliminating the highest quotation (or, in the event of equality, one of the highest) and the lowest quotation (or, in the event of equality, one of the

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lowest) and (ii) if less than three quotations are provided, the rate for that Calculation Period will be fixed at the reasonable discretion of the Determination Agent, acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner.

There will be a minimum guaranteed gross annual rate of 1.00%.

Interest will be subject to the tax regime described in paragraph 21 below and payable on 23 May of each year starting from 2009 up to 23 May 2017 ("**Floating Coupon Payment Date**" and together with the Fixed Coupon Payment Date, the "**Payment Date**"), subject to the Following Business Day Convention as defined at paragraph 12 below.

"Determination Date" means the day that is five (5) TARGET Business Days (as defined below) preceding the beginning of each Calculation Period.

"Calculation Period" means the period starting from and including 23 May in each year to but excluding 23 May in the following year. For the avoidance of doubt, the first Calculation Period commences on 23 May 2005.

"Actual/Actual - ISMA" means the number of days from and including the date on which interest begins to accrue during the relevant Calculation Period to but excluding the date on which it actually falls due, divided by the actual number of days in that Calculation Period.

"TARGET Business Day" means a day in which the *Trans-European Automated Real Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System* is open.

The tables below show the relevant yield for guaranteed coupons and for possible coupons.

*Guaranteed Coupons*

Years 1 - 3	4.00%
Years 4 - 12	1.00%

*Possible Coupons*

Years 4 - 12	3.00 * (CMS 10 - CMS 2)
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**Actual rate of yield and method of calculation**

The actual yield is fixed for the first three years and floating for the following years as during the floating period, the performance is linked to the CMS 10 and CMS 2, and will be calculated for each denomination by applying the following formula:

$$3.00 * (\text{CMS } 10 - \text{CMS } 2)$$

**Terms and Conditions of payment of interest**

Interest will be paid within the *Monte Titoli S.p.A.* system, through authorized intermediaries who are members of *Monte Titoli S.p.A.*. If the maturity date of any amount due in respect of the

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present bond does not fall on a Business Day, then such payment will be made on the first Business Day ("**Following Business Day Convention**") immediately following, without having any effect on the subsequent Payment Dates and without giving right to the payment of interest for that additional day.

"Business Day" means a TARGET Business Day and a London Business Day.

"London Business Day" means a day on which: (i) banks are open in London for their ordinary commercial activities, including payments and deposits in foreign exchange and Euro; e (ii) the foreign exchange markets are open in London for settling payments in Euro.

### **Rights and benefits connected to the Bonds**

The Bonds include all those rights and benefits provided under prevailing legislation with reference to securities of the same type.

### **Bond redemption procedures**

Subject to paragraph 15 below, the Bonds will be redeemed in a single payment on 23 May 2017 through authorized intermediaries of *Monte Titoli S.p.A.*. The principal will be redeemed at par (100%), with no deductions for expenses. The Bonds will cease to bear interest on the date determined for their redemption.

### **Early redemption**

The Issuer may redeem the Bonds at par starting from the Payment Date falling on 23 May 2008 and on each following Payment Date, with not less than 10 Business Days'notice prior to such Payment Date.

### **Deferment clauses of the rights pertaining to the Bonds**

None.

### **Guarantees and commitments undertaken to ensure a successful outcome of the Bonds**

None.

### **[Redemption premiums and/or any other elements contributing to the determination of the Bonds' yield](#)**

None

### **Prescription of interest, capital and related rights**

The rights of Bondholders to interests will be prescribed after five years from the date of payment of the interest coupon; capital rights will be prescribed after ten years from the date on which the bond became redeemable.

### **Distribution criteria**

Any distribution and assignment will be done separately in connection with the book orders received.

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In the event that the book orders received during the Offer Period are more than the Bonds to be offered by the Issuer, the syndicate group shall distribute and assign such Bonds proportionally to the Bonds in demand (but not satisfied) by each of them. Such assignment will be rounded off to the lowest figure.

### **Tax regime**

*The following is intended to be a summary of the tax regime applicable to Bonds and to certain investors resident in Italy who hold such Bonds not in connection with any commercial activity (the "Investors").*

*Investors resident in Italy must consult their advisors in relation to the tax regime provided for buying, owing and selling the Bonds.*

Income from capital: a substitute tax in lieu of income tax is payable on the bond interest and any other earnings from the Bonds at 12.50%, applied in accordance with the means and terms of Legislative Decree No. 239 of 1 April 1996, as amended and supplemented.

Capital gains tax: any gains which differ from those realized by commercial companies in carrying out their activities and which are earned through the sale with consideration or repayment of securities (article 67 of d.P.R. of 22 December 1986, No. 917 as amended and supplemented (hereinafter "T.U.I.R.") are subject to a substitute tax in lieu of income tax at 12.50%. Capital gains and losses are determined using the criteria provided in article 68 of T.U.I.R. and are subject to the ordinary regime described in article 5 (Regime of the tax return) or to the optional regimes described in article 6 (Administration of savings funds) and article 7 (Management of savings funds) of the same Legislative Decree 21 November 1997, No. 461.

### **Restrictions imposed by the conditions of issue on the free trading of the Bonds**

None.

### **Third parties engaged for services connected with the issue**

None.

### **Markets on which it is expected that the Bonds will be traded**

Once all the formalities of current legislation have been satisfied and after verifying that the requirements of the "Regulations of Markets Organized and Managed by *Borsa Italiana S.p.A.*" as to circulation and the amount involved, an application will be filed with *Borsa Italiana S.p.A.* for an official listing of the Bonds on the Telematic Market of Bonds and Government Securities (*Mercato Telematico delle Obbligazioni e dei titoli di Stato* (M.O.T.) organized and administered by *Borsa Italiana S.p.A.*). Clearing will also take place indirectly through the Euroclear and Clearstream systems.

### **Bank Syndicate Group (*Soggetti Incaricati del collocamento*)**

The Bonds are offered through a bank syndicate group headed by Morgan Stanley & Co. International Limited, whose head offices are at 25 Cabot Square, London E14 4QA, United Kingdom and Banca Akros S.p.A.- *Gruppo Banca Popolare di Milano* - whose registered head offices are at Viale Eginardo, 29, 20149, Milan, Italy.

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### **Communications**

All communications to bondholders will be considered to have been effectively made, unless otherwise stated by law, if carried out through a notice to be published in a daily newspaper having a national circulation or in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Italy (*Gazzetta Ufficiale della Repubblica Italiana*).

### **Calculation Agent**

The calculating agent is Citibank N.A..

### **Determination Agent**

The determination agent in relation to the present bonds is BNP Paribas as swap counterparty with the Issuer.

### **Applicable Law and Jurisdiction**

The bonds shall be governed by Italian law. Any dispute connected with the bonds or the present regulations will be governed exclusively by the Court of Rome, without prejudice to the provisions of article 1469 *bis* of the Italian Civil Code.

The holding of Bonds implies the full acceptance of all the conditions established in the present Information Sheet.

## **III. INFORMATION REGARDING THE RISKS OF THE TRANSACTION**

### **Types of risk in relation to the investment in the securities**

The structured bond "*European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Callable Bonds Linked to CMS Rates due 2017*" provides the underwriter with a fixed gross annual interest of 4.00% for the first three years of the life of the bonds and a guarantee as to the redemption of the capital invested. Such interests will be payable on 23 May 2006, 23 May 2007 and 23 May 2008 and subject to the tax regime described under Section II, paragraph 21 above. Starting from the fourth year and for subsequent years, interest is linked to a floating rate determined in the following way: a factor of 3.00 multiplied by the difference between the CMS 10 and CMS 2.

A gross annual minimum rate of 1.00% is guaranteed.

Such interests are payable on 23 May of each year, starting from 2009 and ending in 2017, subject to the tax regime described under Section II paragraph 21 above. Interest is calculated for each bond by applying the formula described in Section II paragraph 11 above.

### **Notes on the risks pertaining to the investment**

The Bonds may be split from a financial point of view into a bond component and an embedded derivative component. Moreover, the investor must take into account the normal elements of risk typically found in an investment in bonds (the so-called "Financial Risks").

### **Bond component**

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The bond component is represented by a fixed-interest security with an annual coupon for the first three years of the bond (in this case equal to 4.00% of the denomination) equal to 85.70% of the notional amount (as mentioned in the Table at Section II paragraph 5). In subsequent years, the annual coupon cannot be lower than 1.00%. Full redemption of the capital invested is guaranteed on maturity.

### **Derivative component**

The embedded derivative component of the security is represented by the exposure of the security to the slope of the Euro rates curve (in the case in question, the differential between the CMS 10 and CMS 2), which may be evaluated as 11.30% of the notional amount (as mentioned in the Table at Section II paragraph 5). The gross annual effective return of the above-mentioned bond component to the investor in the security, net of the derivative component, amounts to 1.81%.

### **Financial risks**

#### **Interest rate risk**

This risk is connected with the variations in interest rates: an increase in the market rate of interest leads to a decrease in the market value of the Bond. If the CMS 2 rises faster than CMS 10, the Bonds will underperform relative traditional floating rate securities.

#### **Price risk**

The trend in interest rates may have an impact on the market price of the security, leading to fluctuations over the life of the Bond. If the investor wishes, however, to sell the security prior to its natural maturity of 12 years, its value could as a result also be lower than the issue price (100% of denomination). The fact that the investor is guaranteed the full redemption of capital on maturity enables him, however, to recover the whole amount of his capital, whatever the trend in interest rates may be.

#### **Liquidity risk**

This risk is represented by the impossibility or difficulty for the investor to be able to liquidate his investment prior to maturity. A listing on the M.O.T. held by *Borsa Italiana S.p.A.* is expected to take place.

#### **Issuer risk**

The underwriter of the **structured** bond denominated "*European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Callable Bonds Linked to CMS Rates due 2017*" becomes a lender to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and thereby acquires the right to the repayment of his capital invested. If, however, the Issuer is unable for financial reasons to make this repayment, such right could be prejudiced.

### **Illustration of the performance of the securities being issued**

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**Favourable scenario**

On the assumption that there is a significant slope of Euro rates (e.g. the difference between the CMS 10 and the CMS 2 is 200 **basis points** until the Redemption Date) from the start, (i) if the Bonds are redeemed on the Redemption Date they will have accrued interest of 4.00% for the first three years and  $3.00 * 200$  **basis points** of capital for the following nine years, leading to a gross annual return of 5.38%; and (ii) if the Bonds are redeemed on 23 May 2008, they will accrued interest of 4.00% for the first three years, leading to a gross annual return of 4.00%.

**Intermediate scenario**

On the assumption that there is a moderate flattening of the slope of Euro rates (e.g. the difference between the CMS 10 and the CMS 2 is 100 **basis points** until the Redemption Date), (i) if the Bonds are redeemed on the Redemption Date they will have accrued interest of 4.00% for the first three years and  $3.00 * 100$  **basis points** of capital for the following nine years, leading to a gross annual return of 3.29%; and (ii) if the Bonds are redeemed on 23 May 2008, they will accrued interest of 4.00% for the first three years, leading to a gross annual return of 4.00%.

**Less favourable scenario**

On the assumption that there is a significant flattening of the slope of Euro rates (zero or negative slope) until the Redemption Date, the Bonds: (i) for the years from year four onwards will be equal to 1.00% and the Bonds on the Redemption Date will have a gross annual return of 1.81%; and (ii) if the Bonds are redeemed on 23 May 2008, they will accrued interest of 4.00% for the first three years, leading to a gross annual return of 4.00%.

**Guarantee**

The Bonds are not covered by the guarantee of the **Fondo Interbancario di Tutela dei depositi** (Interbank Fund for the Protection of Deposits).

**DECLARATION OF DELIVERY TO INVESTOR OF THE PRESENT INFORMATION SHEET AND OF THE TERM AND CONDITIONS OF THE BONDS**

I, ..... hereby declare to have received and read the present Information Sheet before signing the relevant subscription agreement of the Bonds described herein.

In witness whereof,

.....

[the Subscriber]

Date .....

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**NOTA INTEGRATIVA**

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**BOND ISSUE**

**" EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT CALLABLE BONDS LINKED TO CMS RATES DUE 2017"**

**COD. ISIN IT0006589987**

**1. GENERAL WARNINGS**

The structured Bonds subject of this bond issue are made by a bond component and by one or more derivative components. This derivative component is essentially the purchase or sale, of one or more derivative instrument by the underwriter of the bond the value of which is determined by the performance of financial instruments and/or parameters linked (securities, indexes, currencies, swap rates, etc.).

Given the above features, structured bonds are instruments which are characterized by an intrinsic complexity which makes them hard to be evaluated in terms of risk either when they are purchased and subsequently after.

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Investors are recommended to underwrite these type of securities only when they have fully understood their nature and their degree of risk.

**2. SPECIFIC WARNINGS**

This bond has the same risks of securities linked to swap indexes: although the bonds are principal guaranteed, the performance of these securities can not be calculated in advance and it has the same risks of an investment linked to the performance of the swap rates.

During the negotiation on the secondary market, such investment has, on one side, the risk factors of any other fixed rate bond (see interest risk definition in the Legenda), and, on the other side, the risk factors of a floating rate bonds linked to the fluctuation of the performance of the swap rates.

The investor is recommended to read Section III (Information on the risks of the transaction) contained in the Information Sheet (*Foglio Informativo*) by referring to the Legenda of the Italian Banking Association which will be available at the branch of the Bank.

**3. OUTLINE OF THE RISK AND PERFORMANCE OF THE BOND AND OF ANOTHER FINANCIAL LOW RISK FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT (BUONI ORDINARI DEL TESORO) GOVERNEMENT BONDS WITH SIMILAR MATURITY**

*Please note that the issuer has not provided the basis for the calculation set out in the following table nor it has made the calculation set out in the following table*

**Date of calculation 21/4/2005 (on the basis of data available at the same date)**

	<b>BTP 5.25% IT0003242747</b>	<b>"European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Callable Bonds Linked to CMS Rates due 2017" COD. ISIN IT0006589987</b>
Maturity	1/8/2017	23/05/2017
<b>VAR Risk (**)</b>	4.21%	7.41%
<b>Gross Performance</b>	3.74% annual gross	5.38% - 3.29% - 1.81% annual gross (calculated in the scenario provided by Section III - Risk Information on the Transaction, Paragraph 4, Esemplification of the Performance of the Bonds)

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**(\*\*) The "VAR" of the bond subject of the Information Sheet (*Foglio Informativo*) is a risk measure which provides the maximum lost for the investor in terms of its investment, in a one day time, with a probability of 99%. The potential lost is calculated on the basis of statistic estimates, starting from the volatility of the risk factors (interest rates, price of the underlying securities).**

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## **INFORMATION SHEET ( *Foglio Informativo* )**

**prepared in accordance with the Transparency Rules for banking transactions and services**

**"European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Callable Bonds Linked to CMS Rates due 2017" Cod. ISIN IT 0006589987**

*The investor should only make his investment in the security subject of this present offer after having understood the nature and extent of the risk involved. The contents of this Information Sheet should therefore be read with due attention. To obtain information on the performance of the security, paragraphs 10 and 11 of Section II of this Information Sheet and the illustration provided in Section III should be read carefully.*

*The information documents regarding the security complies with the Guidelines for information to be provided to the underwriter and with the prevailing legislation. The present Information Sheet should be read together with the attached "Legenda".*

*It should be note that the maturity of the bonds hereunder may be different due to the early redemption mechanism as described in paragraph 15, Section II of this Information Sheet.*

*The terms and conditions relating to the securities described in this Information Sheet are only included for information purposes and the only terms and conditions binding on the Issuer are the ones contained in the Terms and Conditions (Regolamento del Prestito).*

*The securities to which the present issue relates are **structured securities**; it is recommended that the definition of these in the Glossary attached to the Information Sheet be read carefully. Terms stated in bold type and underlined are of a technical financial nature for which reference should be made to the "Glossary for the investor in subordinated structured securities" attached to the present Information Sheet. If the term cannot be found there, reference should be made to the attached "Legenda".*

#### **IV. INFORMATION REGARDING THE ISSUING BANK**

##### **Name and legal form**

The issuer is the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and it is a supranational organization established pursuant to the agreement entered into in Paris on 29 May 1990, which was implemented by Law No. 53 of 11 February 1991 (the "Issuer").

##### **Administrative office**

The Issuer has its administrative office at One Exchange Square, EC2A 2JN London, United Kingdom.

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**Number in the Register of Banks held by the Bank of Italy**

The Issuer is not entered in any Register of Banks.

**Banking Group**

[The Issuer does not belong to any Italian or non-Italian banking group](#)

**Number Companies' Register**

The Issuer is not entered in any register of Companies or any equivalent register.

**Share capital and reserves reported in the most recent approved financial statements**

Euro 20,000,000,000

**Conflict of interest**

Not applicable

**Rating of the Issuer**

The Issuer has obtained the following **ratings**:

Moody's Investors Services Ltd: Aaa

Standard & Poor's Rating Services: AAA

Fitch Ratings Ltd: AAA

**Competent Supervisory Authority**

Not applicable

**V. INFORMATION AS TO THE NATURE OF THE ISSUE**

**Name of the Bond and centralized administration of the Bonds**

The bond are called "*European Bank for Reconstruction and Development Callable Bonds Linked to CMS Rates due 2017*" (the "**Bonds**"). The Bonds will cleared by Monte Titoli S.p.A. and will be in the dematerialised form (*forma dematerializzata*) pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 213 of 24 June 1998.

**Number of securities and minimum denomination**

Up to 200,000 Bonds, each of denomination Euro 1,000.

**Currency of the Bonds**

Euro.

**Denomination and total nominal amount of the Bonds**

The denomination of each Bond is Euro 1,000. The nominal total amount of the Bonds is up to Euro 200 million.

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### **Issue price and redemption price**

The Bonds will be issued at par (100%) i.e. at a price of Euro 1,000 each. The Bonds will be redeemed at par (100%).

The table below shows the bond component and the derivative component concerning the issue price of the Bonds. It must be noted that the Issuer has not provided the following data and it has not carried out the calculation in relation to the components mentioned below.

Bond Component	85.70%
Derivative Component	11.30%
Commissions	3.00%
Total	100%

### **Placement and underwriting commissions**

Placement and underwriting commissions of 3.00% of the denomination of the Bonds will be payable.

### **Date of opening and closing of the placement. Option of early closing of the offer period**

Booking orders will be accepted starting from 9 May 2005 to 18 May 2005 (the "**Offer Period**") – unless closed in advance and without notice – and will be satisfied within the limits of the securities available at each of the banks of the syndicate group.

### **Issue date and due date**

The Bonds are issued on 23 May 2005 (the "**Due Date**").

### **Maturity of the Bonds**

Subject to paragraph 15 below, the maturity of the Bonds is twelve years. The Bonds are issued on 23 May 2005 and will all be redeemed with a single payment on 23 May 2017 (the "**Redemption Date**").

### **Interest**

The Bonds in the first, second and third years of duration bear interest calculated at a gross annual rate of 4.00% on their denomination calculated on an Actual/Actual - ISMA *unadjusted* basis and subject to the tax regime described in paragraph 21 below. Such interest will become payable on 23 May 2006, 23 May 2007 and 23 May 2008 ("**Fixed Coupon Payment Date**") respectively, subject to the Following Business Day Convention, as defined in paragraph 12 below. Starting from the fourth year, and for each subsequent year until maturity, the annual interest will be calculated per denomination as follows:

- A factor of 3.00 multiplied by the difference between CMS 10 and CMS 2, where:

"CMS 10" means the annual swap rate for Euro swap transactions with a maturity of 10 years, expressed as a percentage, which appears on the Reuters screen ISDAFIX2 Page (or

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such other page as may replace that page on such service) under the heading "EURIBOR BASIS - EUR" and above the caption "11:00 AM Frankfurt" as of 11:00 am Frankfurt time on the Determination Date (as defined below); and

"CMS 2" means the annual swap rate for Euro swap transactions with a maturity of 2 years, expressed as a percentage, which appears on the Reuters screen ISDAFIX2 Page (or such other page as may replace that page on such service) under the heading "EURIBOR BASIS - EUR" and above the caption "11:00 AM Frankfurt" as of 11:00 am Frankfurt time on the Determination Date (as defined below).

Where CMS 10 and/or CMS 2 does not appear on Reuters Screen ISDAFIX2 Page (or any successor or other relevant page) on 11 AM Frankfurt time on the Determination Date (as defined below) for any Calculation Period, the Determination Agent (as defined in paragraph 28 below) may fix a substitute value for such unavailable rate by requesting five major market operators selected by the Determination Agent to provide such a rate, and on the basis of the following: (i) if at least three quotations are provided, the rate for that Calculation Period will be the arithmetic mean of the quotations, eliminating the highest quotation (or, in the event of equality, one of the highest) and the lowest quotation (or, in the event of equality, one of the lowest) and (ii) if less than three quotations are provided, the rate for that Calculation Period will be fixed at the reasonable discretion of the Determination Agent, acting in good faith and in a commercially reasonable manner.

There will be a minimum guaranteed gross annual rate of 1.00%.

Interest will be subject to the tax regime described in paragraph 21 below and payable on 23 May of each year starting from 2009 up to 23 May 2017 ("**Floating Coupon Payment Date**") and together with the Fixed Coupon Payment Date, the "**Payment Date**"), subject to the Following Business Day Convention as defined at paragraph 12 below.

"Determination Date" means the day that is five (5) TARGET Business Days (as defined below) preceding the beginning of each Calculation Period.

"Calculation Period" means the period starting from and including 23 May in each year to but excluding 23 May in the following year. For the avoidance of doubt, the first Calculation Period commences on 23 May 2005.

"Actual/Actual - ISMA" means the number of days from and including the date on which interest begins to accrue during the relevant Calculation Period to but excluding the date on which it actually falls due, divided by the actual number of days in that Calculation Period.

"TARGET Business Day" means a day in which the *Trans-European Automated Real Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer System* is open.

The tables below show the relevant yield for guaranteed coupons and for possible coupons.

*Guaranteed Coupons*

Years 1 - 3	4.00%
Years 4 - 12	1.00%

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### *Possible Coupons*

Years 4 - 12	3.00 * (CMS 10 - CMS 2)
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### **Actual rate of yield and method of calculation**

The actual yield is fixed for the first three years and floating for the following years as during the floating period, the performance is linked to the CMS 10 and CMS 2, and will be calculated for each denomination by applying the following formula:

$$3.00 * (CMS 10 - CMS 2)$$

### **Terms and Conditions of payment of interest**

Interest will be paid within the *Monte Titoli S.p.A.* system, through authorized intermediaries who are members of *Monte Titoli S.p.A.*. If the maturity date of any amount due in respect of the present bond does not fall on a Business Day, then such payment will be made on the first Business Day ("**Following Business Day Convention**") immediately following, without having any effect on the subsequent Payment Dates and without giving right to the payment of interest for that additional day.

"Business Day" means a TARGET Business Day and a London Business Day.

"London Business Day" means a day on which: (i) banks are open in London for their ordinary commercial activities, including payments and deposits in foreign exchange and Euro; e (ii) the foreign exchange markets are open in London for settling payments in Euro.

### **Rights and benefits connected to the Bonds**

The Bonds include all those rights and benefits provided under prevailing legislation with reference to securities of the same type.

### **Bond redemption procedures**

Subject to paragraph 15 below, the Bonds will be redeemed in a single payment on 23 May 2017 through authorized intermediaries of *Monte Titoli S.p.A.*. The principal will be redeemed at par (100%), with no deductions for expenses. The Bonds will cease to bear interest on the date determined for their redemption.

### **Early redemption**

The Issuer may redeem the Bonds at par starting from the Payment Date falling on 23 May 2008 and on each following Payment Date, with not less than 10 Business Days'notice prior to such Payment Date.

### **Deferment clauses of the rights pertaining to the Bonds**

None.

### **Guarantees and commitments undertaken to ensure a successful outcome of the Bonds**

None.

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**Redemption premiums and/or any other elements contributing to the determination of the Bonds' yield**

None

**Prescription of interest, capital and related rights**

The rights of Bondholders to interests will be prescribed after five years from the date of payment of the interest coupon; capital rights will be prescribed after ten years from the date on which the bond became redeemable.

**Distribution criteria**

Any distribution and assignment will be done separately in connection with the book orders received.

In the event that the book orders received during the Offer Period are more than the Bonds to be offered by the Issuer, the syndicate group shall distribute and assign such Bonds proportionally to the Bonds in demand (but not satisfied) by each of them. Such assignment will be rounded off to the lowest figure.

**Tax regime**

*The following is intended to be a summary of the tax regime applicable to Bonds and to certain investors resident in Italy who hold such Bonds not in connection with any commercial activity (the "Investors").*

*Investors resident in Italy must consult their advisors in relation to the tax regime provided for buying, owing and selling the Bonds.*

**Income from capital:** a substitute tax in lieu of income tax is payable on the bond interest and any other earnings from the Bonds at 12.50%, applied in accordance with the means and terms of Legislative Decree No. 239 of 1 April 1996, as amended and supplemented.

**Capital gains tax:** any gains which differ from those realized by commercial companies in carrying out their activities and which are earned through the sale with consideration or repayment of securities (article 67 of d.P.R. of 22 December 1986, No. 917 as amended and supplemented (hereinafter "T.U.I.R.") are subject to a substitute tax in lieu of income tax at 12.50%. Capital gains and losses are determined using the criteria provided in article 68 of T.U.I.R. and are subject to the ordinary regime described in article 5 (Regime of the tax return) or to the optional regimes described in article 6 (Administration of savings funds) and article 7 (Management of savings funds) of the same Legislative Decree 21 November 1997, No. 461.

**Restrictions imposed by the conditions of issue on the free trading of the Bonds**

None.

**Third parties engaged for services connected with the issue**

None.

**Markets on which it is expected that the Bonds will be traded**

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Once all the formalities of current legislation have been satisfied and after verifying that the requirements of the "Regulations of Markets Organized and Managed by *Borsa Italiana S.p.A.*" as to circulation and the amount involved, an application will be filed with *Borsa Italiana S.p.A.* for an official listing of the Bonds on the Telematic Market of Bonds and Government Securities (*Mercato Telematico delle Obbligazioni e dei titoli di Stato* (M.O.T.) organized and administered by *Borsa Italiana S.p.A.*). Clearing will also take place indirectly through the Euroclear and Clearstream systems.

### **Bank Syndicate Group (*Soggetti Incaricati del collocamento*)**

The Bonds are offered through a bank syndicate group headed by Morgan Stanley & Co. International Limited, whose head offices are at 25 Cabot Square, London E14 4QA, United Kingdom and Banca Akros S.p.A.- *Gruppo Banca Popolare di Milano* - whose registered head offices are at Viale Eginardo, 29, 20149, Milan, Italy.

### **Communications**

All communications to bondholders will be considered to have been effectively made, unless otherwise stated by law, if carried out through a notice to be published in a daily newspaper having a national circulation or in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Italy (*Gazzetta Ufficiale della Repubblica Italiana*).

### **Calculation Agent**

The calculating agent is Citibank N.A..

### **Determination Agent**

The determination agent in relation to the present bonds is BNP Paribas as swap counterparty with the Issuer.

### **Applicable Law and Jurisdiction**

The bonds shall be governed by Italian law. Any dispute connected with the bonds or the present regulations will be governed exclusively by the Court of Rome, without prejudice to the provisions of article 1469 *bis* of the Italian Civil Code.

The holding of Bonds implies the full acceptance of all the conditions established in the present Information Sheet.

## **VI. INFORMATION REGARDING THE RISKS OF THE TRANSACTION**

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#### **Bond component**

The bond component is represented by a fixed-interest security with an annual coupon for the first three years of the bond (in this case equal to 4.00% of the denomination) equal to 85.70% of the notional amount (as mentioned in the Table at Section II paragraph 5). In subsequent years, the annual coupon cannot be lower than 1.00%. Full redemption of the capital invested is guaranteed on maturity.

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The embedded derivative component of the security is represented by the exposure of the security to the slope of the Euro rates curve (in the case in question, the differential between the CMS 10 and CMS 2), which may be evaluated as 11.30% of the notional amount (as mentioned in the Table at Section II paragraph 5). The gross annual effective return of the above-mentioned bond component to the investor in the security, net of the derivative component, amounts to 1.81%.

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#### **Interest rate risk**

This risk is connected with the variations in interest rates: an increase in the market rate of interest leads to a decrease in the market value of the Bond. If the CMS 2 rises faster than CMS 10, the Bonds will underperform relative traditional floating rate securities.

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The trend in interest rates may have an impact on the market price of the security, leading to fluctuations over the life of the Bond. If the investor wishes, however, to sell the security prior to its natural maturity of 12 years, its value could as a result also be lower than the issue price (100% of denomination). The fact that the investor is guaranteed the full redemption of capital on maturity enables him, however, to recover the whole amount of his capital, whatever the trend in interest rates may be.

#### **Liquidity risk**

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#### **Favourable scenario**

On the assumption that there is a significant slope of Euro rates (e.g. the difference between the CMS 10 and the CMS 2 is 200 **basis points** until the Redemption Date) from the start, (i) if the Bonds are redeemed on the Redemption Date they will have accrued interest of 4.00% for the first three years and  $3.00 * 200$  **basis points** of capital for the following nine years, leading to a gross annual return of 5.38%; and (ii) if the Bonds are redeemed on 23 May 2008, they will accrued interest of 4.00% for the first three years, leading to a gross annual return of 4.00%.

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