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# **Non-collateralised Structured Products**

# Launch Announcement for Derivative Warrants ("Warrants") to be issued by

# BNP PARIBAS ARBITRAGE ISSUANCE B.V.

(incorporated in the Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam)

# unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by

# BNP PARIBAS ("Guarantor")

(incorporated in France)

# **Sponsor**

## **BNP Paribas Securities (Asia) Limited**

# **Particulars of Warrants**

We intend to issue the following Warrants:

Warrants				
Stock code(s)	21749	21750	21751	21752
Liquidity Provider broker ID	9691	9692	9692	9691
Issue size	100,000,000 Warrants	100,000,000 Warrants	100,000,000 Warrants	100,000,000 Warrants
Туре	European style cash settled call warrants	European style cash settled call warrants	European style cash settled call warrants	European style cash settled call warrants
Company	Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited	Tencent Holdings Limited	China Life Insurance Company Limited	Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd.
Shares	Existing issued ordinary Shares of the Company	Existing issued ordinary Shares of the Company	Existing issued ordinary H Shares of the Company	Existing issued ordinary H Shares of the Company
Board Lot	10,000 Warrants	10,000 Warrants	10,000 Warrants	5,000 Warrants
Issue Price per Warrant (HK\$)	0.27	0.25	0.25	0.25
Exercise Price (HK\$)	428.00	200.00	46.80	113.00
Launch Date	23 April 2015	23 April 2015	23 April 2015	23 April 2015
Issue Date	29 April 2015	29 April 2015	29 April 2015	29 April 2015
Listing Date	30 April 2015	30 April 2015	30 April 2015	30 April 2015
Expiry Date <sup>x</sup>	2 December 2015	2 June 2016	3 November 2015	5 July 2016
Entitlement	1 Share(s)	1 Share(s)	1 Share(s)	1 Share(s)
Number of Warrant(s) per	· 100 Warrant(s)	100 Warrant(s)	10 Warrant(s)	100 Warrant(s)
Entitlement				
Implied Volatility*	68.00%	54.00%	48.00%	55.00%
Effective Gearing*	3.79x	3.10x	5.18x	2.67x
Gearing*	11.21x	6.54x	15.38x	4.44x
Premium*	50.36%	37.53%	28.22%	24.32%

If such day is a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in Hong Kong, the immediately succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday in Hong Kong.

<sup>\*</sup> This data may not be comparable to similar information provided by other issuers of derivative warrants. Each issuer may use different pricing models.

# How much will you receive on expiry?

You are not required to deliver any exercise notice and the Warrants will be automatically exercised on the Expiry Date. You will receive a Cash Settlement Amount per Board Lot in Hong Kong dollars (net of Exercise Expenses, if any) calculated as follows (if positive):

For a series of call Warrants:

Entitlement x (Average Price - Exercise Price) x one Board Lot

Number of Warrant(s) per Entitlement

For a series of put Warrants:

Entitlement x (Exercise Price - Average Price) x one Board Lot

Number of Warrant(s) per Entitlement

If the Cash Settlement Amount is equal to or less than the Exercise Expenses, no amount is payable by us.

"Average Price" means the arithmetic mean of the closing prices of one Share for each of the five business days immediately preceding the Expiry Date.

"Exercise Expenses" means any charges or expenses including any taxes or duties which are incurred in respect of the exercise of the Warrants.

# Listing of the Warrants

We will make an application to the Stock Exchange for listing of and permission to deal in the Warrants on the Stock Exchange.

# Where do you obtain quotes?

You may request to obtain a quote for the Warrants by calling the following telephone number:

Liquidity Provider: BNP Paribas Securities (Asia) Limited

*Telephone number:* +852 2108 5600

Address: 59th-63rd Floors, Two International Finance Centre, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong

Kong

We do not have any special arrangements in place with any brokers with respect to our Warrants.

## Where can you inspect the relevant documents?

The following documents ("Listing Documents"), each in separate English and Chinese versions, are available for inspection until the Expiry Date at BNP Paribas Securities (Asia) Limited, 59th-63rd Floors, Two International Finance Centre, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong:

- 1 our base listing document dated 31 March 2015; and
- 2 the supplemental listing document for the Warrants to be dated on or about 29 April 2015.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

# Unsecured nature of the Warrants

The issue of the Warrants was authorised by our board of directors on 2 June 2014. The Warrants constitute our general, unsecured and contractual obligations and of no other person, and the Guarantee executed by the Guarantor in respect of the Warrants constitutes the general, unsecured and contractual obligations of the Guarantor and of no other person. The Warrants will rank equally among themselves and with all our other unsecured obligations and all other unsecured obligations of the Guarantor (save for those obligations preferred by law) upon our liquidation. You are relying upon our creditworthiness and the creditworthiness of the Guarantor and have no rights under the Warrants against the Company. If we become insolvent or default on our obligations under the Warrants, or the Guarantor becomes insolvent or defaults on its obligations under the Guarantee, you may not be able to recover all or even part of the amount due under the Warrants (if any).

#### Guarantor

Our obligations in relation to the Warrants will be unconditionally and irrevocably guaranteed by the Guarantor.

#### Credit ratings

The Issuer's long term credit rating is:

Rating agency Rating as of the Launch Date

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The A+(negative outlook)

McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

The Guarantor's long term credit ratings are:

Rating agency Rating as of the Launch Date

Moody's Investors Service, Inc., New York
Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The
A+(negative outlook)

McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

Fitch France S.A.S. A+(stable outlook)

# Are we regulated by any bodies referred to in Rule 15A.13(2) or (3)?

We are not regulated by any of the bodies referred to in Rule 15A.13(2) or (3) of the Rules Governing the Listing of the Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. The Guarantor is regulated by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority. The Guarantor is also regulated by Comité des Etablissements de Crédit et des Entreprises d'Investissement.

# Selling restriction

The Warrants have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and will not be offered, sold, delivered or traded, at any time, indirectly or directly, in the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, any U.S. person (as defined in the Securities Act).

#### Investment risks

The price of the Warrants may fall in value as rapidly as it may rise and you may sustain a total loss of your investment. If the Cash Settlement Amount is equal to or less than the Exercise Expenses, no amount is payable by us.

We or the Liquidity Provider may be the only market participant for the Warrants. The secondary market for the Warrants may be limited.

# You must:

- carefully study the risk factors set out in the relevant Listing Documents;
- fully understand the potential risks and rewards and independently determine whether the Warrants are appropriate for you given your objectives, experience, financial and operational resources, and other relevant circumstances; and
- consult with such advisers as you deem necessary to assist yourself in making these determinations.