

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATES:

AT0000489778 (Index/Participation Certificate Long Brent Crude Oil Future)  
AT0000A0CV71 (Index/Participation Certificate Long Brent Crude Oil Future)  
AT0000A0WJH0 (Factor Certificate Long Brent Crude Oil Future Open End)

Due to changes in the regulatory framework, Raiffeisen Centrobank AG ("RCB") takes measures affecting past and future issues in order to comply with its legal obligations and reduce the operational burden on investors and business partners.

### Legal background

The new EU Directive 2014/65/EU ("MiFID II") and accompanying EU Regulation 600/2014 ("MiFIR") will enter into force **on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018** and will result in fundamental regulatory changes of the entire EU financial and securities markets.

A part of these substantial regulatory amendments is the introduction of a mandatory position reporting of commodity derivatives traded on EU trading venue as of January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018:

Pursuant to Art 58 (1) MiFID II all operators of trading venues within the EU (such as stock exchanges) will be required to report a complete breakdown of the individual positions held by all persons in all commodity derivatives traded on their respective trading venues to their respective supervisory authorities.

In order to comply with the reporting obligation incumbent onto them, the operators of all EU trading venues on which such commodity derivatives are being traded will on their turn be obliged to request a daily detailed report on all positions of held in each such commodity derivatives from each of their participants/members and from each individual clients' of their respective participants/members.

The European Securities Market Authority ("ESMA") considers securitized derivatives with commodity underlyings that are traded on an EU trading venue to also constitute "commodity derivatives" within the definition of Art 58 MiFID II (ESMA Q&A on MiFID II and MiFIR commodity derivatives topics as of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 / ESMA 70-872942901-28, Part II, Question 7).

The reporting obligations of Art 58 MiFID II will apply to all securitized derivatives that are traded on EU trading venues regardless of their respective issue date (hence, regardless whether such instruments have been they have been issued prior or after January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018).

However, only securitized derivatives traded on EU trading venues with a total number of securities in issue exceeding 2.5 million will be in scope of the MiFID II position reporting obligation (ESMA Q&A on MiFID II and MiFIR commodity derivatives topics as of 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 / ESMA 70-872942901-28, Part IV, Question 9). As a consequence, securitized derivatives with commodity underlyings traded on EU trading venues with a total number of **securities in issue up to 2.5 million are explicitly exempt** from the position reporting obligation of Art 58 MiFID II.

### References

- **Directive 2014/65/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014**  
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32014L0065>
- **Regulation (EU) No 600/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014**  
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32014R0600>
- **ESMA Questions and Answers On MiFID II and MiFIR commodity derivatives topics of 4 October 2017**  
[https://www.esma.europa.eu/sites/default/files/library/esma70-872942901-28\\_cdtf\\_gas.pdf](https://www.esma.europa.eu/sites/default/files/library/esma70-872942901-28_cdtf_gas.pdf)

### **Planned measures by RCB for its commodity certificates**

RCB is dedicated to ensure that its commodity certificates impose the least possible operational burden on its investors and its business partners and has decided on the following strategy:

#### **Future issues**

In future RCB will only issue and list on EU trading venues certificates with commodity underlyings that have a maximum total number of securities in issue of no more than 2.5 million. This will assure that future investing in these listed instruments will not trigger the new extensive commodity derivatives position reporting obligations under MiFID II.

#### **Past issues**

In order to avoid the application of Art 58 MiFID for already issued certificates, RCB has carefully analysed all certificates with a commodity underlying it has issued so far and that have been listed on EU trading venues. Based on this analysis, RCB has identified three certificates, which require additional measures to avoid position reporting obligations:

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For those certificates, RCB will before the end of 2017 either

- a) Determine a maturity and redeem the certificate,
- or
- b) delist the certificate from all EU trading venues.

In any case, RCB will voluntarily grant to all investors in such certificates additional redemption/exercise rights, in order to facilitate trading of the certificates.

Detailed information regarding each certificate about the measures taken by RCB and the options available to investors can be found on the following pages.

#### **Further information**

In addition, further general information on this matter may be obtained from RCB's product centre:

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**Note:** Attention is drawn to the fact that neither RCB nor its employees are able to assess the individual financial or fiscal situation and risk appetite of the individual investor. No representation or warranty as to the suitability or appropriateness of any options set out below for the individual investor can therefore be given by RCB and/or its employees. Hence **nothing in this communication should be deemed a recommendation, tax advice or investment advice** from RCB or/and its employees. **It remains the sole responsibility of any investor to decide which option he/she should take in response to the measures of RCB in relation to the certificates.** Investors are advised to consult with their investment and tax advisors before taking a special action.

**Detailed information regarding AT0000489778**  
**(Index/Participation Certificate Long Brent Crude Oil Future)**

As of this writing, the certificates have a total number of securities in issue exceeding 2.5 million and are listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange, Budapest Stock Exchange, Frankfurt Stock Exchange, Prague Stock Exchange, Stuttgart Stock Exchange and Warsaw Stock Exchange.

**Measures by RCB**

Delisting	RCB will delist the certificate from all trading venues by 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017. After delisting, trading in the certificate will only be possible over-the-counter, which may restrict the trading possibilities of the investors.
Granting of extraordinary rights	In addition to the redemption rights granted in the section "Premature redemption/termination of open-end securities" of the relevant base prospectus, RCB voluntarily grants the holders of the certificate the additional right to exercise their redemption rights for any positive whole number of structured securities <sup>1</sup> .

**Possible options for investors<sup>2</sup>**

Holding the certificates	Investors may decide to keep the certificates, but should keep in mind the potential limited trading possibility after the delisting of the certificates. After delisting, the certificates may only be traded over-the-counter.
Selling the certificates	Before 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017, the certificates can be sold either (i) on any trading venue on which the certificates are listed and which provides sufficient liquidity, or (ii) over-the-counter. Starting on 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017, the certificates can only be sold over-the-counter.
Premature redemption	Investors may exercise their ordinary and extraordinary right to premature redemption/termination of the certificates on the first business day of each month. In order to do so, investors have to deliver to RCB a duly completed Notice of Termination <sup>1</sup> at or before 12.00 noon Vienna local time. Details on the necessary procedure can be found in the relevant base prospectus and the respective notice <sup>1</sup> .
Reinvesting	Investors, which want to stay invested, but prefer to avoid the potential limited trading possibility after the delisting of the certificates, may consider exercising/selling the certificates prior delisting and reinvesting in certificates in line with their market expectation and risk appetite. Certificates of the same type and on the same or similar underlying as the concerned certificates are, amongst others, identified by one of the following ISINs: AT0000A1J2P8 (EUR), AT0000A1WBW4 (EUR), AT0000A1YEF9 (CZK), AT0000A1YEG7 (PLN), AT0000A1YEH5 (HUF) and AT0000A1YEJ1 (RON). For the avoidance of doubts: these certificates may not be viewed as exact substitutes of the certificates concerned and investors should consider the relevant security terms.

<sup>1</sup> The legally binding notice with all details about the additional granted rights and a form of the Notice of Termination can be found on the website of RCB under <https://www.rcb.at/produkt/?ISIN=AT0000489778>.

<sup>2</sup> Investors should pay attention to the note on page 2.

**Detailed information regarding AT0000A0CV71**  
**(Index/Participation Certificate Long Brent Crude Oil Future)**

As of this writing, the certificates have a total number of securities in issue exceeding 2.5 million and are listed on the Vienna Stock Exchange, Bucharest Stock Exchange, Frankfurt Stock Exchange and Stuttgart Stock Exchange.

**Measures by RCB**

Delisting	RCB will delist the certificate from all trading venues by 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017. After delisting, trading in the certificate will only be possible over-the-counter, which may restrict the trading possibilities of the investors.
Granting of extraordinary rights	In addition to the redemption rights granted in the section "Premature redemption/termination of open-end securities" of the relevant base prospectus, RCB voluntarily grants the holders of the certificate the additional right to exercise their redemption rights for any positive whole number of structured securities <sup>3</sup> .

**Possible options for investors<sup>4</sup>**

Holding the certificates	Investors may decide to keep the certificates, but should keep in mind the potential limited trading possibility after the delisting of the certificates. After delisting, the certificates may only be traded over-the-counter.
Selling the certificates	Before 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017, the certificates can be sold either (i) on any trading venue on which the certificates are listed and which provides sufficient liquidity, or (ii) over-the-counter. Starting on 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017, the certificates can only be sold over-the-counter.
Premature redemption	Investors may exercise their ordinary and extraordinary right to premature redemption/termination of the certificates on the first business day of each month. In order to do so, investors have to deliver to RCB a duly completed Notice of Termination <sup>3</sup> at or before 12.00 noon Vienna local time. Details on the necessary procedure can be found in the relevant base prospectus and the respective notice <sup>3</sup> .
Reinvesting	Investors, which want to stay invested, but prefer to avoid the potential limited trading possibility after the delisting of the certificates, may consider exercising/selling the certificates prior to delisting and reinvesting in certificates in line with their market expectation and risk appetite. Certificates of the same type and on the same or similar underlying as the concerned certificates are, amongst others, identified by one of the following ISINs: AT0000A1J2P8 (EUR), AT0000A1WBW4 (EUR), AT0000A1YEF9 (CZK), AT0000A1YEG7 (PLN), AT0000A1YEH5 (HUF) and AT0000A1YEJ1 (RON). For the avoidance of doubts: these certificates may not be viewed as exact substitutes of the certificates concerned and investors should consider the relevant security terms.

<sup>3</sup> The legally binding notice with all details about the additional granted rights and a form of the Notice of Termination can be found on the website of RCB under <https://www.rcb.at/produkt/?ISIN=AT0000A0CV71>.

<sup>4</sup> Investors should pay attention to the note on page 2.



**Detailed information regarding AT0000A0WJH0**  
**(Factor Certificate Long Brent Crude Oil Future Open End)**

As of this writing, the certificates have a total number of securities in issue exceeding 2.5 million and are listed on the Warsaw Stock Exchange.

**Measures by RCB**

Determination of maturity	RCB will determine the Maturity Date as 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 and the Final Valuation Date as 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2017. The certificates will therefore be redeemed on 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2017. The last trading day is to be expected to be the 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2017.
Granting of extraordinary rights	In addition to the exercise rights granted in the §5 of the General Terms and Conditions of the relevant base prospectus, RCB voluntarily grants the holders of the certificate the additional right to exercise the certificates <sup>5</sup> on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2017 and 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2017.

**Possible options for investors<sup>6</sup>**

Selling the certificates	The certificates can be sold latest on 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 on any trading venue on which the certificates are listed and which provides sufficient liquidity.
Exercising the certificates	Investors may exert their extraordinary right to exercise the certificates on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2017 and 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2017. In order to do so, investors have to deliver to RCB a duly completed Exercise Notice <sup>5</sup> at or before 10.00 a.m. Vienna local time. Details on the necessary procedure can be found in the relevant base prospectus and the respective notice <sup>5</sup> .
Holding the certificates until maturity	Investors may decide to keep the certificates until maturity, at which the certificates will be redeemed regularly.
Reinvesting	Investors, which want to stay invested, may either (i) hold the certificates until maturity, or (ii) exercise/sell the certificates prior to maturity, and subsequently reinvest the proceeds in certificates in line with their market expectation and risk appetite. Certificates of the same type and on the same or similar underlying as the concerned certificates are, amongst others, identified by one of the following ISINs: AT0000A1J456 (PLN) and AT0000A1WBC6 (PLN). For the avoidance of doubts: these certificates may not be viewed as exact substitutes of the certificates concerned and investors should consider the relevant security terms.

<sup>5</sup> The legally binding notice with all details about the additional granted rights and a form of the Exercise Notice can be found on the website of RCB under <https://www.rcb.at/produkt/?ISIN=AT0000A0WJH0>.

<sup>6</sup> Investors should pay attention to the note on page 2.