

Negotiable commercial paper

(Negotiable European Commercial Paper - NEU CP-)¹

Not guaranteed programme

Information Memorandum (IM)	
Name of the programme	HELABA (LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE), NEU CP
Name of the issuer	LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE
Type of programme	NEU CP
Programme size	EUR 6,000,000,000
Guarantor(s)	None
Rating(s) of the programme	Rated by Moody's Investors Service Ltd and by Fitch Ratings
Arranger(s)	SOCIETE GENERALE
Issuing and paying agent(s) (IPA)	SOCIETE GENERALE
Dealer(s)	BNP PARIBAS CREDIT AGRICOLE CORPORATE & INVESTMENT BANK ING Bank NV LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE SOCIETE GENERALE
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MIFID II product governance / Professional investors and Eligible Counterparties only target market – Solely for the purposes of the Issuer's product approval process in respect of a particular Commercial Paper issue, the target market assessment in respect of any of the Commercial Paper to be issued off this Programme has led to the conclusion that: (i) the target market for the Commercial Paper is eligible counterparties and professional clients only, each as defined in MiFID II; and (ii) all channels for distribution of the Commercial Paper to eligible counterparties and professional clients are appropriate. Any person subsequently offering, selling or recommending the Commercial Paper (a "**distributor**") should take into consideration the Issuer's target market assessment; however, a

¹ Trade name of the notes defined in article D.213-1 of the French monetary and financial code

distributor subject to MiFID II is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the Commercial Paper (by either adopting or refining the Issuer's target market assessment) and determining appropriate distribution channels.

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUANCE PROGRAMME		
Articles D. 213-9, 1° and D 213-11 of the French monetary and financial code and Article 6 of the Order of 30 May 2016 and subsequent amendments		
1.1	Name of the programme	HELABA (LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE), NEU CP
1.2	Type of programme	NEU CP
1.3	Name of the issuer	HELABA (LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE)
1.4	Type of issuer	Monetary financial institution
1.5	Purpose of the programme	In order to meet the general funding needs of HELABA (LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE) (the " Issuer " or the " Bank ") and its subsidiaries, the Issuer will issue from time to time NEU CP, in accordance with Articles L. 213-1 A to L. 213-4-1 and D. 213-1 to D. 213-14 of the French monetary and financial code and all applicable regulations.
1.6	Programme size (maximum outstanding amount) in Euro	The maximum outstanding amount of NEU CP issued under the Programme shall be Euro 6,000,000,000 or its equivalent value in any other authorized currencies by applicable laws and regulations in force in France at the time of the issue.
1.7	Form of the notes	Notes of the Programme are issued in bearer form and recorded in the books of authorized intermediaries (book entry system) in accordance with French laws and regulations"
1.8	Yield basis	<p>Remuneration is unrestricted.</p> <p>However, if the Issuer issues NEU CP with remuneration linked to an index or an index clause, the Issuer shall only issue NEU CP with remuneration linked to usual money market indexes, such as but not restricted to: EURIBOR, LIBOR or EONIA.</p> <p>Such remuneration formulas shall not result in a below par capital redemption.</p> <p>The Issuer may not issue NEU CP with potentially variable principal payments.</p> <p>In the case of an issue of NEU CP embedding an option of extension or repurchase, as mentioned in paragraph 1.10 below, the conditions of remuneration of such NEU CP will be set at when the said NEU CP will be initially issued and shall not be further modified, including when such an embedded option of extension or repurchase will be exercised.</p>
1.9	Currencies of issue	Euro or any other currency authorized by applicable laws and regulations in force in France at the time of the issue
1.10	Maturity	<p>The term (maturity date) of the NEU CP shall be determined in accordance with laws and regulations applicable in France, which imply that, at the date hereof, such term shall not be longer than one year (365 days or 366 days in a leap year), from the issue date.</p> <p>The NEU CP may be repaid before maturity in accordance with the laws and regulations applicable in France. The early repayment option, if any, shall be explicitly specified in the confirmation form of any relevant issuance of NEU CP.</p>

		<p>The Issuer reserves the right to repurchase the NEU CP subject to, and in compliance with, applicable French laws and regulations.</p> <p>The NEU CP issued under the Programme may carry one or more embedded option(s) of extension of the term (hold by either the Issuer or the holder, or linked to one or several events not related to either the Issuer or the holder).</p> <p>The NEU CP issued under the Programme may also carry one or more embedded option(s) of repurchase before the term (hold by either the Issuer or the holder, or linked to one or several events not related to either the Issuer or the holder).</p> <p>An option of extension or repurchase of NEU CP, if any, shall be explicitly specified in the confirmation form of any related issuance of NEU CP.</p> <p>In any case, the overall maturity of any NEU CP embedded with one or several of such clauses, shall always – all options of extension or repurchase included – conform to laws and regulations in force in France at the time of the issue.</p>
1.11	Minimum issuance amount	200 000 euros (or equivalent amount in the relevant foreign currency)
1.12	Minimum denomination of the notes	By virtue of regulation (Article D 213-11 of the French monetary and financial code), the legal minimum face value of the NEU CP within the framework of this Programme is 200 000 euros or the equivalent in the currencies selected at the time of issuance
1.13	Status of the notes	The NEU CP shall constitute direct, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer, ranking at least <i>pari passu</i> with all other current and future direct, unsecured, unguaranteed and unsubordinated indebtedness of the Issuer.
1.14	Governing law that applies to the programme	<p>Any NEU CP under the Programme will be governed by French law.</p> <p>All potential disputes related to the issuance of the NEU CP shall be governed and construed according to French Law.</p>
1.15	Listing of the notes/Admission to trading on a regulated market	<p>All, or part only, of the NEU CP issued under this Programme may be admitted to trading on Euronext Paris.</p> <p>Whether an issue of NEU CP is admitted to trading on Euronext Paris, it can be verified on the website of Euronext Paris at the following address: https://euronext.com/bondmatch/issuers.</p>
1.16	Settlement system	The NEU CP will be issued through Euroclear France.
1.17	Rating(s) of the programme	<p>Rated by Moody's Investors Service Ltd and Fitch Ratings.</p> <p>The investors can see the relevant rating of the Programme on the website of the rating agencies at the following links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moody's Investors Service Ltd <p>https://www.moodys.com/credit-ratings/Landesbank-Hessen-</p>

		<p>Thuringen-GZ-credit-rating-370500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fitch Ratings <p>https://www.fitchratings.com/gws/en/esp/issr/81203656/issue/87019763/</p> <p>Ratings can be reviewed at any time by the rating agencies. Investors are invited to refer to the websites of the agencies concerned for the current rating.</p>
1.18	Guarantor	None
1.19	Issuing and Paying Agent(s) (IPA) - exhaustive list -	<p>The Issuer has appointed SOCIETE GENERALE as its Issuing and Paying Agent in relation to the Programme.</p> <p>The Issuer may decide to replace the initial Issuing and Paying Agent or appoint another Issuing and Paying Agent and will, following such appointment update the Information Memorandum in accordance with French laws and regulations</p>
1.20	Arranger	SOCIETE GENERALE
1.21	Placement method	<p>Placement through dealers</p> <p>The NEU CP will be placed by the following Dealers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BNP PARIBAS, CREDIT AGRICOLE CIB, ING Bank NV, LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE and SOCIETE GENERALE. <p>The Issuer may subsequently elect to replace any dealer or appoint other dealers; an updated list of such dealers shall be disclosed to investors upon request to the Issuer.</p>
1.22	Selling restrictions	<p><u>General selling</u></p> <p>No action has been taken or will be taken by the Issuer, each Dealer, any initial subscriber and any further holder of the NEU CP issued under the Programme that would or is intended to permit a public offering of the NEU CP or the possession or distribution of the Information Memorandum or any other document relating to the NEU CP in any country or jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required.</p> <p>The Issuer, each Dealer, any initial subscriber and any further holder of the NEU CP has undertaken, to the extent possible, to the best of its knowledge, to comply with all applicable laws and regulations in force in any country or jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers or sells the NEU CP or possesses or distributes the Information Memorandum or any other document relating to the NEU CP and to obtain any consent, approval or permission required by it for the purchase, offer or sale of NEU CP under the laws and regulations in force in any jurisdiction to which it is subject or in which it will make such purchases, offers or sales and neither the Issuer, nor any Dealer nor any initial subscriber nor any further holder shall have responsibility therefore.</p> <p>None of the Issuer, any Dealer, any initial subscriber or any further holder of the NEU CP will either offer, sell or deliver, directly or indirectly, any NEU CP or distribute the Information Memorandum or</p>

		<p>any other document relating to the NEU CP in or from any country or jurisdiction except under circumstances that will result in the compliance with any applicable laws and regulations and which will not impose any obligations on the Issuer.</p> <p><u>France</u></p> <p>The Issuer, each Dealer, any initial subscriber has represented and agreed, and any further holder of the NEU CP will be deemed to have represented and agreed on the date on which he purchases the NEU CP, to comply with applicable laws and regulations in force regarding the offer, the placement or the re-sale of the NEU CP or the distribution of the documents with respect thereto, in France.</p> <p><u>United Kingdom</u></p> <p>The Issuer, each Dealer, any initial subscriber has represented and agreed and any further holder of the NEU CP will be required to represent and agree, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) (i) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business, and (ii) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any NEU CP other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the any NEU CP would otherwise constitute a contravention of section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (FSMA) by the Issuer; (b) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated any invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any NEU CP in circumstances in which section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer; and (c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to such NEU CP in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom. <p><u>United States of America</u></p> <p>The NEU CP have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), or any other laws or regulations of any state of the United States of America, and may not be offered or sold within the United States of America, or to, or for the account or benefit of, U.S. persons (as defined in accordance with Regulation S under the Securities Act) except in certain transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act.</p> <p>The Issuer, each Dealer, and any initial subscriber have represented and agreed, and any further holder of the NEU CP will be required to</p>
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1.23	Taxation	The Issuer is not bound to indemnify any holder of the NEU CP in case of taxes which are payable under French law or any other foreign law in respect of the principal of, or the interest on, the NEU CP, except for any stamp or registration taxes payable by the Issuer under French law.
1.24	Involvement of national authorities	Banque de France
1.25	Contact details of the person(s) in charge of the issuing programme	<p>Contacts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen Girozentrale Neue Mainzer Strasse 52-58 D-60311 Frankfurt am Main • Frédéric Topin: NEU CP Desk e-mail: frederic.topin@helaba.de Tel: +49 69 91 32 - 17 57 Fax: +49 69 91 32 - 21 53 • Bernd Gesser: Liability Management & Funding e-mail: bernd.gesser@helaba.de Tel: +49 69 91 32 - 31 94 Fax: +49 69 91 32 - 31 77 • Andreas Möller: Liability Management & Funding e-mail: A.Moeller@helaba.de Tél : +49 69 91 32 – 2194 Fax : +49 69 91 32 – 31 77

1.26	Additional information on the programme	<p>The Issuer shall update in due time the Information Memorandum in accordance with the legal laws and regulations applicable for rated programmes of French <i>Titres de Créances Négociables</i>.</p> <p><u>Annual update</u> The Issuer shall update each year its Information Memorandum within 45 days following the shareholders' annual general meeting, or the equivalent body, voting on the accounts for the last financial year.</p> <p><u>Permanent update</u> The Issuer shall immediately update its <i>information memorandum</i> following any change to the NEU CP under this Programme relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the maximum amount of its outstanding NEU CP issues; • the Issuing and Paying Agent; • any new circumstance which may have a significant effect on the NEU CP or on the outcome of the issue programme.
1.27	Language of the information memorandum which prevails	English

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUER		
Article D. 213-9, 2° of the French monetary and financial code and Article 7, 3° of the Order of 30 May 2016 and subsequent amendments		
2.1	Legal name	LANDESBANK HESSEN-THÜRINGEN GIROZENTRALE
2.2	Legal form/status, governing law of the issuer and competent courts	<p>The Issuer, which is a credit institution, was founded in the Federal Republic of Germany as a public law institution. It is incorporated under German public law and is subject to the jurisdictions of the courts of the Federal Republic of Germany. Helaba is a legal entity under public law. Within the scope of the "Single Supervisory Mechanism" (SSM: uniform mechanism for banking supervision in the Eurozone, which other EU countries may join as members on a voluntary basis), Helaba has since November 4, 2014 been subject to direct regulation and supervision by the European Central Bank (ECB). The basis for the assumption of direct supervision by the ECB over Helaba is the classification of Helaba as a "significant" institution. In its supervisory function, the ECB is supported by the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (<i>Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht</i>), an independent authority with supervisory powers, as well as by Deutsche Bundesbank.</p> <p>In addition to such general banking supervision, Helaba is subject to the statutory supervision of the Federal States of Hesse and Thuringia (Sections 2(1) and 12(1) of the State Treaty).</p>
2.3	Date of incorporation	<p>The <i>Hessische Landesbank Girozentrale</i> was formed in 1953 by the merger of <i>Hessische Landesbank Darmstadt</i> (founded in 1940), of <i>Nassauische Landesbank Wiesbaden</i> (founded in 1840) and the <i>Landeskreditkasse zu Kassel</i> (founded in 1832). On 1 July 1992 the Treaty on the Formation of a Joint Savings Bank Organisation between the Federal States of Hesse and Thuringia came into force. Since then Helaba has operated under the name "Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen Girozentrale".</p> <p>The Issuer's legal name is "Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen Girozentrale", the name used for commercial purposes is "Helaba".</p> <p>Helaba was founded in Germany and is incorporated as an entity under German public law (<i>rechtsfähige Anstalt des öffentlichen Rechts</i>).</p>
2.4	Registered office or equivalent (legal address) and main administrative office	Neue Mainzer Strasse 52-58 D-60311 Frankfurt am Main Tel: +49 69 91 32 – 01

		<p>Fax: +49 69 29 15 17</p> <p>Bonifaciusstrasse 16 D-99084 Erfurt Tel: +49 361 217 – 71 00 Fax: +49 361 217 – 71 01</p>
2.5	Registration number, place of registration	<p>Helaba is registered with the commercial registers of Frankfurt am Main (HRA 29821) and Jena (HRA 102181). The Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) of Helaba is DIZES5CFO5K3I5R58746.</p>
2.6	Issuer's mission summary	<p>Helaba is a regional bank.</p> <p>The Bank shall in particular perform the functions of a central institution for the savings banks in the Federal States of Hesse, Thuringia and North Rhine-Westphalia and the functions of a municipal bank and a state bank in the Federal States of Hesse and Thuringia. The Bank may also assume the functions of a central institution for savings banks in other federal states.</p> <p>In its capacity as a central institution for savings banks, the Bank shall in particular manage the liquid funds of the savings banks in the federal states specified in sub-section 1 by means of an appropriate investment policy and shall extend appropriate liquidity facilities to the savings banks. It shall also be responsible, in cooperation with the savings banks, for business operations arising from its activities in the aforementioned capacity.</p> <p>In its capacity as a municipal bank and state bank, the Bank shall conduct the banking operations of local authorities and local authority associations, of the Federal States of Hesse and Thuringia, of other corporations, institutions and foundations under public law and of enterprises associated with them and shall assist them in the realisation of their functions by means of its business operations.</p> <p>The Bank may perform trustee and public development functions for the Federal States of Hesse and Thuringia and other public authorities. In respect of public development schemes, particularly in the fields of housing and urban development, industry and commerce, agriculture and environmental protection, these functions shall be performed by divisions established within the Bank in Hesse and Thuringia in accordance with section 8 sub-section 4 of the Treaty on the Formation of a Joint Savings Banks Association Hesse-Thuringia.</p> <p>The Bank shall operate a Building and Loan</p>

Association (*Bausparkasse*), in particular in the Federal States of Hesse and Thuringia, in accordance with the provisions of the German Act on Building and Loan Associations (*Gesetz über Bausparkassen*). It shall be a legally dependent institution and shall be known as "Landesbausparkasse Hessen-Thüringen". Separate annual accounts and a management report are to be prepared for the Building and Loan Association.

The Bank may conduct banking operations of all kinds and also perform other services and carry out other transactions customary in the banking industry insofar as such banking operations and other services and transactions are directly or indirectly conducive to achieving the Bank's purposes. Subject to this, the Bank may acquire equity holdings, create its own independent institutions and acquire and dispose of developed and undeveloped real property and equivalent titles.

The Bank shall be entitled to issue *Pfandbriefe* in accordance with the provisions of the German *Pfandbrief Act (Pfandbriefgesetz)* and other bonds.

Within the scope of its functions the Bank may become a member of associations and other organisations.

The Bank's business operations shall be conducted on the basis of good commercial practice taking into account general economic considerations and serving the needs of the savings banks and municipal authorities. In view of the public nature of the Bank's mission, generating profit shall not be the main object of its business operations.

Deposit Protection and Investor Compensation Scheme

Helaba is a member of the Deposit Protection and Investor Compensation Scheme of the Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe (the "**Scheme**"). The aim of the Scheme is to ensure that the member institutions themselves are protected, in particular their liquidity and solvency. All savings banks, Landesbanks and home loan and savings associations (*Landesbausparkassen*) are members of this Scheme. In accordance with its memorandum and articles of association, the Scheme consists of a joint liability scheme of interconnected assets which are raised by the savings banks, the Landesbanks and Central Giro Institutions and Landesbausparkassen. In the event of a crisis, liquidity and solvency of an

		<p>institution can be protected by relevant support measures. Institutions affected by the crisis can thus be enabled to continue performing their obligations without restrictions.</p> <p>The deposit protection and investor compensation system of the Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe complies with the requirements of the German Deposit Guarantee Act (<i>Einlagensicherungsgesetz</i>) which took effect on 3 July 2015. Over and above the institutional protection, the deposit protection and investor compensation system of the Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe provides a scheme for protecting deposits eligible for compensation in an amount of EUR 100,000 per customer. The Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (<i>Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht - BaFin</i>) has recognized the institutional protection system of the Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe as a deposit guarantee scheme as defined in the Deposit Guarantee Act.</p> <p>In addition, there is the Reserve Fund of the Savings Banks and Giro Association Hesse-Thuringia, of which Helaba has become a member. Supplementing these Reserve Funds, Rheinischer Sparkassen- und Giroverband - (RSGV) and Westfälisch-Lippischer Sparkassen- und Giroverband (SVWL) each have established an additional reserve fund in favour of Helaba within the scope of their share taken in the ordinary capital of Helaba (4.75% each) in 2012.</p>
2.7	<p>Brief description of current activities</p>	<p>For a comparative information on the results of the two last financial periods in the main business areas of Helaba: please refer to pages 96 and 101 to 102 of the Annual Report 2017</p> <p><u>Business Overview</u></p> <p>Helaba is authorized to perform any kind of banking operations and to render any kind of financial services, with the exception of operating a Multilateral Trading Facility.</p> <p>The Bank's registered offices are situated in Frankfurt am Main and Erfurt and it also has branches in Düsseldorf, Kassel, London, Paris and New York. These are joined by representative and sales offices, subsidiaries and affiliates. In 2018, Helaba is planning to convert the representative office in Stockholm into a branch.</p> <p>Helaba serves customers in Germany and other countries as a commercial bank. It works with companies, institutional customers, the public sector and municipal corporations.</p> <p>Helaba and the S-Group Sparkassen in Hesse</p>

and Thuringia together constitute the Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe Hessen-Thüringen, which follows a business model based on economic unity and a joint S-Group rating. Comprehensive co-operation and business agreements have been entered into with the Sparkassen and their associations in North Rhine-Westphalia. In addition, there are sales co-operation agreements with the Sparkassen in Brandenburg. The agreements with the Sparkassen in North Rhine-Westphalia and Brandenburg complement the S-Group Concept of the Sparkassen-Finanzgruppe Hessen-Thüringen, which continues in its current form.

Helaba administers public-sector development programmes through Wirtschafts- und Infrastrukturbank Hessen (WIBank) in its capacity as the central development institution of the State of Hesse. As legally dependent entity within Helaba, WIBank enjoys a direct statutory guarantee from the State of Hesse as permitted under EU law. Helaba also has stakes in a number of other development institutions in Hesse and Thuringia.

Financing relatively large commercial projects is the Bank's particular speciality in the real estate segment: office buildings, retail outlets and residential portfolios make up the bulk of its business in this area, although it also provides finance for retail parks and logistics centres. Outside Germany, Helaba provides finance for real estate in established cities/regional centres and for commercial customers. Helaba has operated locally in the USA since 1995. Further teams are based at the branches in London and Paris, and also since 2016 in Stockholm.

The Corporates & Markets segment encompasses the Corporate Finance, Sparkasse Lending Business and S-Group Service, Banks and International Business, Cash Management, Sales Public Authorities and Capital Markets divisions. The Corporate Finance division provides finance, structured and arranged to specific customer requirements, through its constituent product groups Corporate Loans, Project Finance, Transport Finance, Foreign Trade Finance, Acquisition Finance, Asset Backed Finance, Investment and Leasing Finance and Tax Engineering. The Bank's activities in the Sparkasse Lending Business and S-Group Service division concentrate on supporting Sparkassen and their customers with financing arrangements based on credit standing and cash flow. The Banks and International Business division is home to Helaba's trade finance business with S-Group customers and handles documentary business for both S-Group

customers and target customers of the Bank. Through its Cash Management division, Helaba is active in the field of payment transactions-. The Sales Public Authorities division provides advice and products for municipal authorities and their corporations.

The range of services offered by the Capital Markets division covers the four capital-market-related core functions of risk management, warehousing (including market-making), primary market and money market activities. The Capital Markets division's sales units provide support for Helaba's target customers and product customers. Activities focus on providing carefully tailored advice on risk and strategy to help customers make effective use of capital market products.

In the Retail and Asset Management segment, Frankfurter Sparkasse offers a full range of financial services products for private customers, the self-employed, small businesses, corporate customers and public authorities in the Rhine-Main area. As a wholly-owned and fully consolidated subsidiary of Helaba organized under public law, Frankfurter Sparkasse is an important retail bank in the Frankfurt region. Via 1822direkt, Frankfurter Sparkasse also has a presence in the nationwide direct banking market.

Frankfurter Bankgesellschaft (Schweiz) AG and its wholly owned subsidiary Frankfurter Bankgesellschaft (Deutschland) AG provide Helaba's products and services for Sparkassen in the Private Banking, Wealth Management and Asset Management segment.

Through the legally dependent Landesbausparkasse Hessen-Thüringen (LBS), Helaba operates the home loans and savings business in both Hesse and Thuringia.

Helaba Invest is a capital management company active in institutional asset management, administering and managing both securities and real estate. Its product range includes special funds for institutional investors and retail funds as a management and/or advisory portfolio, comprehensive fund management (including reporting and risk management), advice on strategy and support for indirect investments.

The GWH Group holds residential real estate portfolios in Hesse with close to 49,000 residential units. It is active in residential real estate project development as well as the management and optimization of residential property portfolios.

The Real Estate Management division has responsibility for optimising the Bank's own portfolio of real estate and managing its real estate affiliates.

The Public Development and Infrastructure Business segment is home to the transactions handled by WIBank.

Trend Information

Competitive Conditions

The German banking sector benefited from the positive economic trend in 2017. This is reflected in particular in the low level of provisions required to be recognised for losses on loans and advances. Conversely, though, banks' operating business continues to be impacted by the current level of interest rates. On top of this, institutional investors (insurance companies, pension funds) are making inroads for example into the funding market in response to their own investment pressures and are becoming competitors of the banks. Cut-throat competition continues to put pressure on margins.

More and more areas of economic activity are becoming digitalised, driven by continuous advances in information technology. Online and mobile channels are presenting financial service providers with new ways of offering products and of accessing and exchanging data with customers.

Key changes in the regulatory framework were as follows:

Supervision by the ECB (Single Supervisory Mechanism, SSM)

The Helaba Group (within the meaning of the German Banking Act (Kreditwesengesetz – KWG)) together with its affiliated subsidiaries Frankfurter Sparkasse and Frankfurter Bankgesellschaft (Deutschland) AG, is among the banks classified as "significant" and therefore subject to direct supervision by the ECB. The ECB sent the Helaba Group a letter dated 19 December 2017 notifying it of the findings of the Supervisory Review and Evaluation Process (SREP). The ECB has specified that the minimum Common Equity Tier 1 (CET1) capital ratio to be maintained by the Helaba Group in 2018 is 8.89 %. This requirement comprises the Pillar 1 minimum capital requirement, the Pillar 2 capital requirement and the capital buffers.

Stress test

In the first half of 2017, Helaba underwent the ECB's sensitivity analysis of interest rate risk in the banking book (IRRBB). This stress test is in addition to the two-yearly stress test cycle specified by the European Banking Authority (EBA), the next test in the cycle being planned for 2018. In the IRRBB sensitivity analysis, the change in present value in the banking book and the change in net interest income were calculated for different interest rate scenarios that could potentially occur as ad hoc interest rates shocks. The results were fed into this year's SREP decision.

Targeted review of internal models (TRIM)

At the end of 2015, the ECB launched its TRIM project, the purpose of which was to specifically review the internal models currently used by banks to determine their Pillar 1 own funds requirements. The ECB's aim is to assess whether the models satisfy the regulatory requirements and to establish comparability between the internal models used, thereby reducing any inconsistencies and unjustified variability in the calculation of risk-weighted assets (RWAs). Local reviews are currently being carried out as part of the TRIM project.

In 2017, the Helaba Group was subject to a review focusing on credit risk models used in retail operations and the internal market risk model.

Single Resolution Mechanism (SRM)

Helaba is classified as a "significant" bank and thus falls within the responsibility of the Single Resolution Board (SRB). As in 2016, a data collection exercise was conducted in the first half of 2017 for the purposes of resolution planning and determining minimum requirements for own funds and eligible liabilities (MREL). Helaba's own funds and eligible liabilities were well above the indicative target figure last communicated in 2016.

In line with the implementation of the European Single Resolution Mechanism (SRM), an institution-specific minimum requirement for own funds and liabilities eligible for recognition will be determined. At present, Helaba expects to receive binding MREL-requirements only in 2018/2019.

Basel III package of reforms

When Basel III was initiated, the main emphasis was on the quality and level of own funds. The Basel III reforms finalised on 7 December 2017 place increasing focus on risk-weighted assets

		<p>(RWAs). The main changes were the result, inter alia, of higher risk sensitivity in the Credit Risk Standardised Approach and in the CVA Risk (risk of credit valuation adjustment), the elimination of the Advanced Approach (AMA – Advanced Measurement Approach) for Operational Risk and of the advanced Internal Ratings-Based Approach (IRB - approach for the calculation of own funds requirements based on internal ratings) for certain portfolios and the establishment of a floor for internal models of 72.5 % of total RWAs. According to the Basel Committee, the revised standards shall apply as of 2022 and the output floor for own funds requirements determined by Internal Models shall be phased in over a period of five years. The new requirements entail an increase of RWA for all German credit institutions.</p> <p>Since the date of the last published audited financial statements of the Issuer (31 December 2017), there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of Helaba in the context of the Programme or the issue and offering of Instruments thereunder.</p>
2.8	Capital	<p>As mentioned on pages 99, 100, and 173 of the Annual Report 2017 of the Helaba Group (Appendix II), as at 31 December 2017 the Issuer has a subscribed and fully paid capital of Euro 2,509 million.</p> <p>The subscribed capital of Euro 2,509 million comprises the share capital of Euro 589 million paid in by the owners in accordance with the Charter and the capital contributions of Euro 1,920 million paid by the Federal State of Hesse.</p>
2.8.1	Amount of capital subscribed and fully paid	The capital is fully subscribed and paid-up.
2.8.2	Amount of capital subscribed and not fully paid	Not applicable
2.9	List of main shareholders	<p>As mentioned on page 174 of the Annual Report 2017 of the Helaba Group (Appendix II), as at 31 December the share capital of the Issuer was split as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sparkassen- und Giroverband Hessen-Thüringen: 68.85% • State of Hesse: 8.10% • Rheinischer Sparkassen- und Giroverband: 4.75% • Sparkassenverband Westfalen-Lippe: 4.75% • Fides BetaGmbH: 4.75% • Fides AlphaGmbH: 4.75% • State of Thuringia: 4.05%
2.10	Regulated markets on which	Not applicable

	the shares or debt securities of the issuer are listed	
2.11	Composition of governing bodies and supervisory bodies	<p>The management of the Bank is constituted of a Board of Managing Directors and a Supervisory Board.</p> <p>The members of the Board of Managing Directors are appointed by the Board of Owners who consists of sixteen members (§8(1) of the Charter of Helaba) and approved by the Supervisory Board.</p> <p>As at 31 December 2017, the members of the Board of Managing Directors were:</p> <p>Herbert Hans Grüntker (Chairman) Thomas Groß Dr. Detlef Hosemann Hans-Dieter Kemler Klaus-Jörg Mulfinger Dr. Norbert Schraad</p> <p>The Supervisory Board supervises the conduct of business of the Board of Managing Directors and consists of thirty-six members (§11(1) of the Charter of Helaba).</p> <p>As at 31 December 2017, the members of the Supervisory Board were:</p> <p><i>Chairman</i> Gerhard Grandke</p> <p><i>Deputies</i> Dr. Werner Henning Dr. Thomas Schäfer Alexander Wüerst Thorsten Derlitzki</p> <p><i>Members of the Supervisory Board:</i></p> <p>Andreas Bausewein Dr. Annette Beller Christian Blechschmidt Stefan Hastrich Günter Högner Dr. Christoph Krämer Manfred Michel Frank Nickel Clemens Reif Dr. Karl-Peter Schackmann-Fallis Thorsten Schäfer-Gümbel Dr. Hartmut Schubert Helmut Schmidt Uwe Schmidt Wolfgang Schuster Dr. Eric Tjarks Arnd Zinnhardt</p>

		<p><i>Members of the Supervisory Board elected by the employees:</i></p> <p>Frank Beck Thorsten Derlitzki - Deputy Chairman Gabriele Fuchs Anke Glombik Thorsten Kiwitz Christiane Kutil-Bleibaum Annette Langner Susanne Noll Jürgen Pilgenröther Birgit Sahliger-Rasper Susanne Schmiedebach Thomas Sittner</p> <p>The positions of three members of the Supervisory Board are at present vacant.</p>
2.12	Accounting method for consolidated accounts (or failing that, for the annual accounts)	As mentioned on page 106 of the Annual Report 2017 of the Helaba Group (Appendix II), the consolidated financial statements of the Helaba Group for the year ended 31 December 2017 have been prepared pursuant to Section 315a (1) of the German Commercial Code (Handelsgesetzbuch, HGB) and Regulation (EC) No. 1606/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 July 2002 (IAS Regulation) in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs), as published by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and adopted by the European Union (EU).
2.13	Accounting year	Starting on 01/01, ending on 31/12
2.13.1	Date of the last general annual meeting of shareholders (or equivalent thereof) which has ruled on the last financial year accounts	23/03/2018
2.14	Fiscal year	As mentioned on page 235 of the Annual Report 2017 of the Helaba Group (Appendix II), the fiscal year starts on 01/01 and ends on 31/12.
2.15	Auditors of the issuer, who have audited the issuer's annual accounts	
	2.A.15.1 Auditors	Burkhard Eckes Peter Flick PricewaterhouseCoopers GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Friedrich-Ebert-Anlage 35-37, 60327 Frankfurt am Main Germany
	2.A.15.2 Auditors report on the accuracy of the accounting and financial information	The Auditor's opinions appear on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Page 235 of the Annual Report 2017 of the Helaba Group (Appendix II) • Page 153 of the Annual Report 2016 of

		the Helaba Group (Appendix II)
2.16	Other equivalent programmes of the issuer	The Issuer has a EUR 10 billion – Commercial Paper, Certificate of Deposit Programme and a USD 5 billion – Commercial Paper Programme.
2.17	Rating of the issuer	Rated by Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings
2.18	Additional information on the issuer	Optional ¹

¹ Optional : information that the issuer may not provide because it is not required by French regulation

CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION FOR THE ISSUER		
Article D. 213-9, 4 of the French monetary and financial code and subsequent amendments		
3.1	Person(s) responsible for the information memorandum concerning the programme of commercial papers	Name: Bernd Gesser Title: Head of Transaction Management Name: Andreas Möller Title: Middle Office Clerk
3.2	Declaration of the person(s) responsible for the information memorandum concerning the programme of commercial paper	To our knowledge, the information contained in the financial documentation is true and accurate and does not contain any misrepresentation which would make it misleading
3.3	Date, place of signature, signature	Executed in Frankfurt, 22 June 2018

BERND GESSER

ANDREAS MÖLLER

4. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ISSUER'S REQUEST OF THE STEP LABEL		
4.1	Label Step	<p>An application for a STEP label for this Programme will be made to the STEP Secretariat. Information as to whether the STEP label has been granted for this Programme may be made available on the STEP market website (www.stepmarket.org/web/step-convention.html).</p> <p>This website is not sponsored by the Issuer and the Issuer is not responsible for its content or availability.</p> <p>Unless otherwise specified in this Information Memorandum, the expressions "STEP", "STEP Market Convention", "STEP label", "STEP Secretariat", and "STEP market website" shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Market Convention on Short-Term European Paper dated 19 May 2015 and adopted by the ACI - The Financial markets Association and the European Banking Federation (as amended from time to time).</p>



APPENDICES		
Appendice I	Rating(s) of the programme	Fitch Ratings Rating assigned by Fitch to this Programme can be checked at the following internet address: https://www.fitchratings.com/gws/en/esp/issr/81203656/issue/87019763/ Fitch Ratings identifier for Helaba: 81203656 Moody's Investors Service Rating assigned by Moody's Investors Service to this Programme can be checked at the following internet address: https://www.moody.com/credit-ratings/Landesbank-Hessen-Thueringen-GZ-credit-rating-370500?emsk=32&isMaturityNotDebt=0&saleid=0&isWithDrawnIncluded=0&emvalue=MDY:822584677 Moody's Investors Service identifier for Helaba: 370500 Moody's Investors Service identifier for this French NEU CP Programme is: 822584677
Appendice II	Documents available to the shareholders annual general meeting or the equivalent body.²	<i>Annual Report 2017 of the Helaba Group</i> See attachment: Helaba – Annual Report https://www.helaba.com/blob/com/460584/b0206fbf7a985c9080c2f69ed9d77669/dl-annual-accounts-2017-under-ifs-en-data.pdf <i>Annual Report 2016 of the Helaba Group</i> See attachment: Helaba - Annual Financial Report- https://www.helaba.com/blob/com/423916/b2aeb2315db6c23cf847d1ef45921e72/dl-annual-accounts-2016-under-ifs-en-data.pdf

² Further to articles D.213-9 of the French monetary and financial code and L.232-23 of the French commercial code, financial information mentioned in Article D213-9 of the French monetary and financial code should be made available to any person upon request.

		Also available on https://www.helaba.de/
Appendice III	Amendment, if appropriate, under electronic and paper form (signed)	None