



**FAO The Tax Division
Association for Financial Markets in Europe
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Dear Sirs

AFME Italian Financial Transactions Tax Protocol – Adherence Letter

1. ADHERENCE

The purpose of this letter is to declare our adherence to the AFME Italian Financial Transactions Tax Protocol (the *Protocol*).

By executing this letter we make the representations set out in article 5.1 of the Protocol and confirm our intention to be bound by the terms of the Protocol as amended from time to time. This letter constitutes an Adherence Letter as referred to in the Protocol.

The definitions and provisions contained in the Protocol are incorporated into this Adherence Letter.

2. CORPORATE GROUP PARTIES TO WHOM THIS ADHERENCE LETTER APPLIES

Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A., with LEI K8MS7FD7N5Z2WQ51AZ71.

Branches of a person that are located in a State or territory which does not have an agreement with Italy for the purposes of the exchange of information and the assistance in the collection of tax credits (as set out in a specific decision of the Director of the *Agenzia delle Entrate* once such decision is available) shall not be covered by the Protocol and references to the Adhering Party will be construed as excluding such branches (**Excluded Branches**).



We hereby confirm that each adhering party listed above deals on its own account and is duly licensed for dealing on own account and/or it executes orders on behalf of clients and is duly licensed for the execution of orders on behalf of clients.

We provide a link to the Comisión Nacional del Mercado de Valores' register of investment service providers to confirm our accreditation:
<https://www.cnmv.es/portal/Consultas/ESI/EsisEntCredito.aspx?numero=182&tipo=E>
[CN](#)

3. APPOINTMENT AS ADMINISTRATOR AND RELEASE

We hereby appoint AFME as administrator for the limited purposes of the Protocol and accordingly we waive, and hereby release AFME from, any rights, claims, actions or causes of action whatsoever (whether in contract, tort or otherwise) arising out of or in any way relating to this Adherence Letter or our adherence to the Protocol or any actions contemplated as being required by AFME.

4. CONTACT DETAILS

Our contact details for the purposes of the Protocol are:

Name: Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A.
FAO: José Luis Acebes
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E-mail: jluis.acebes@bbva.com

Our contact details for receipt of invoices for Adherence Fees are:

Organisation:

Name: Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A.
Billing Address: Saucedá, 28. Edificio Oceanía, Planta 1.
City: Madrid
Post Code: 28050
Country: Spain
VAT Number: A48265169

Invoice Contact (if different from contact details above):

Name: Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A.
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We undertake to notify AFME of any changes to these details at any time throughout our adherence to the Protocol, by either:

(a) delivering to AFME by (i) certified or registered mail (or airmail, if overseas) or equivalent; (ii) courier; or (iii) personal delivery to AFME's address set out in this Adherence Letter, two copies of such notice: one a manually signed original and the other a conformed copy containing, in place of each signature, the printed or typewritten name of each signatory; and we will also send scanned pdf copies of the manually signed original and conformed copies of the notice of change of details to AFME at fttprotocol@afme.eu; or

(b) sending to AFME at fttprotocol@afme.eu an electronically signed original and a conformed copy of such notice.

We agree to the publication by AFME of the conformed copy of any such notice.

Where this letter applies to a Corporate Group Party, we acknowledge that we will be the Primary Group Adhering Party for the purposes of the Protocol.

5. OPTIONAL REPRESENTATION FOR EXECUTION ON A REGULATED MARKET OR MTF

If you wish to make the Optional Representation and give the associated indemnity please check the box below. This representation will apply to all Covered Transactions unless you explicitly notify the other Adhering Party to a Covered Transaction at the time the transaction is entered into.

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Where the box is checked, we opt to give the Optional Representation as set out in paragraph 5.3 of the Protocol.

6. AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS

We have appointed London branch of Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria, S.A., which at the date hereof is at 44th Floor, One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5AA as our agent for service of process and any other documents in proceedings in England. We agree that we will at all times while we remain an Adhering Party to the Protocol maintain an agent for service of process and any other documents in proceedings in England. Any claim form, judgment or other notice of legal process will be sufficiently served on us if delivered to such agent at its address for the time



being. We undertake not to revoke the authority of the above agent without giving prior notification to AFME of a replacement agent.

We consent to the publication of the conformed copy of this letter by AFME and to the disclosure by AFME of the contents of this letter.

Yours faithfully

BANCO BILBAO VIZCAYA ARGENTARIA, S.A.

Signed by: _____
Name: Roberto Vila
Title: Managing Director

Signed by: _____
Name: José Luis Acebes
Title: Managing Director