

BofA SECURITIES EUROPE SA JOINS MULTI-DEALER PLATFORM, SPIRE

18th **April 2019 – London, UK –** Single Platform Investment Repackaging Entity SA ("**SPIRE**") is pleased to announce the admission of BofA Securities Europe SA to its multi-dealer programme (following the admission of Merrill Lynch International in October 2018), bringing the number of dealers on the platform to [ten] and further increasing choice for investors in the repackaging market.

The SPIRE programme allows for repackaged notes arranged by the platform's dealer-members, to be issued in standardised formats. Investors can gain exposure to the returns of a variety of underlying collateral assets and customisable payoffs. The platform aims to bring transparency liquidity and simplicity to the market for repackaged securities. To date, in excess of **EUR2.5bn**-equivalent has been issued to major UK, European and Asian institutional investors since the programme was launched in May 2017.

The SPIRE platform was established by BNP Paribas, Citi, Credit Suisse and J.P. Morgan in May 2017. Barclays, Credit Agricole CIB, Goldman Sachs, Merrill Lynch International & Morgan Stanley joined in 2018 and Natixis joined in 2019.

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About SPIRE

SPIRE is a special purpose vehicle established for the purpose of issuing asset backed securities. SPIRE has established a programme for the issuance of secured notes. The liability of SPIRE under the Notes and the Programme is separate in respect of each Series. Under the programme, SPIRE, subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, may, from time to time, issue series (each, a "series") of notes, in one or more tranches (each, a "tranche"), on the terms set out in its Base Prospectus as completed by the final terms prepared in connection with such tranche.

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