

# **DEED OF COVENANT**

**14 MARCH 2024**

**AKBANK T.A.Ş.**

**U.S.\$600,000,000 Perpetual Fixed Rate Resetable Additional Tier 1 Notes**

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**THIS DEED OF COVENANT** is made on 14 March 2024 by Akbank T.A.Ş., a Turkish banking institution organised as a joint stock company incorporated under the laws of the Republic of Türkiye with registered offices at Sabancı Center 4. Levent 34330 Istanbul, Türkiye and registered with the Istanbul Trade Registry under registration number 90418 and Central Trade Registry System (MERSIS) Number: 0015001526400497 (the **Issuer**) in favour of the account holders or participants specified below of The Depository Trust Company (**DTC**), Clearstream Banking, S.A. (**Clearstream, Luxembourg**), Euroclear Bank SA/NV (**Euroclear**) and/or any other additional clearing system or systems as is specified in the terms and conditions of the Notes (as defined below) (each a **Clearing System**).

**WHEREAS:**

- (A) The Issuer has entered into a Fiscal Agency Agreement (the **Agency Agreement**, which expression includes the same as it may be amended, supplemented, novated or restated from time to time) dated 14 March 2024 between the Issuer, Citibank, N.A., London Branch as the fiscal agent and Citibank Europe plc as the registrar in relation to the issue of USD 600,000,000 Perpetual Fixed Rate Resettable Additional Tier 1 Notes (the **Notes**).
- (B) The Notes will initially be represented by, and comprised in, Global Certificates, in each case representing a certain number of underlying Notes (the **Underlying Notes**).
- (C) Each Global Certificate may, on issue, be deposited with a depository for one or more Clearing Systems (together, the **Relevant Clearing System**). Upon any deposit and registration of a Global Certificate the Underlying Notes represented by the Global Certificate will be credited to a securities account or securities accounts with the Relevant Clearing System. Any account holder with the Relevant Clearing System which has Underlying Notes credited to its securities account from time to time (other than any Relevant Clearing System which is an account holder of any other Relevant Clearing System) (each a **Relevant Account Holder**) will, subject to and in accordance with the terms and conditions and operating procedures or management regulations of the Relevant Clearing System, be entitled to transfer the Underlying Notes and (subject to and upon payment being made by the Issuer to the bearer in accordance with the terms of the relevant Global Certificate) will be entitled to receive payments from the Relevant Clearing System calculated by reference to the Underlying Notes credited to its securities account.
- (D) In certain circumstances specified in each Global Certificate, the registered holder of the Global Certificate will have no further rights under the Global Certificate (but without prejudice to the rights which any person may have pursuant to this Deed of Covenant). The time at which this occurs is referred to as the **Relevant Time**. In those circumstances, each Relevant Account Holder will, subject to and in accordance with the terms of this Deed, acquire against the Issuer all those rights which the Relevant Account Holder would have had if, prior to the Relevant Time, duly executed and authenticated Certificates had been issued in respect of its Underlying Notes and the Certificates were held and beneficially owned by the Relevant Account Holder.

**NOW THIS DEED WITNESSES** as follows:

1. At such time as the Relevant Time occurs, the Issuer covenants with each Relevant Account Holder (other than any Relevant Account Holder which is an account holder of any other Relevant Clearing System) that each Relevant Account Holder shall automatically acquire at the Relevant Time, without the need for any further action on behalf of any person, against the Issuer all those rights which the Relevant Account Holder would have had if at the Relevant Time it held and beneficially owned executed and authenticated Certificates in

respect of each Underlying Note represented by the Global Certificate which the Relevant Account Holder has credited to its securities account with the Relevant Clearing System at the Relevant Time.

The Issuer's obligation under this clause shall be a separate and independent obligation by reference to each Underlying Note which a Relevant Account Holder has credited to its securities account with the Relevant Clearing System and the Issuer agrees that a Relevant Account Holder may assign its rights under this Deed in whole or in part.

2. The records of the Relevant Clearing System shall be conclusive evidence, in the absence of manifest error, of the identity of the Relevant Account Holders and the number of Underlying Notes credited to the securities account of each Relevant Account Holder. For these purposes a statement issued by the Relevant Clearing System stating:

- (a) the name of the Relevant Account Holder to which the statement is issued; and
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of Underlying Notes credited to the securities account of the Relevant Account Holder as at the opening of business on the first day following the Relevant Time on which the Relevant Clearing System is open for business,

shall, in the absence of manifest error, be conclusive evidence of the records of the Relevant Clearing System at the Relevant Time.

3. In the event of a dispute, the determination of the Relevant Time by the Relevant Clearing System shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and conclusive for all purposes in connection with the Relevant Account Holders with securities accounts with the Relevant Clearing System.
4. The Issuer undertakes in favour of each Relevant Account Holder that, in relation to any payment to be made by it under this Deed, it will comply with the provisions of Condition 9 to the extent that they apply to any payments in respect of Underlying Notes as if those provisions had been set out in full in this Deed.
5. The Issuer will pay any stamp and other duties and taxes, including interest and penalties, payable on or in connection with the execution of this Deed and any action taken by any Relevant Account Holder to enforce the provisions of this Deed.
6. The Issuer represents, warrants and undertakes with each Relevant Account Holder that it has all corporate power, and has taken all necessary corporate or other steps, to enable it to execute, deliver and perform this Deed, and that this Deed constitutes legal, valid and binding obligations of the Issuer enforceable in accordance with its terms subject to the laws of bankruptcy and other laws affecting the rights of creditors generally.
7. This Deed shall take effect as a Deed Poll for the benefit of the Relevant Account Holders from time to time. This Deed shall be deposited with and held by the common depositary for the Relevant Clearing System until all the obligations of the Issuer under this Deed have been discharged in full.
8. The Issuer acknowledges the right of every Relevant Account Holder to the production of, and the right of every Relevant Account Holder to obtain (upon payment of a reasonable charge) a copy of, this Deed, and further acknowledges and covenants that the obligations binding upon it contained in this Deed are owed to, and shall be for the account of, each and

every Relevant Account Holder, and that each Relevant Account Holder shall be entitled severally to enforce those obligations against the Issuer.

9. Other than the Relevant Account Holders, a person who is not a party to this Deed has no right under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Act 1999 to enforce any term of this Deed, but this does not affect any right or remedy of a third party which exists or is available apart from that Act.
10. If any provision in or obligation under this Deed is or becomes invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect under the law of any jurisdiction, that will not affect or impair (i) the validity, legality or enforceability under the law of that jurisdiction of any other provision in or obligation under this Deed, and (ii) the validity, legality or enforceability under the law of any other jurisdiction of that or any other provision in or obligation under this Deed.
11. This Deed and any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with it shall be governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, English law.
12. Subject to clause 13, the Issuer agrees for the benefit of each Relevant Account Holder that the High Court of Justice of England and Wales in London (and any competent United Kingdom appellate court in respect of any appeal relating to any judgment or order originally of the High Court of Justice of England and Wales in London) are to have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any dispute, claim, difference or controversy arising out of, relating to or having any connection with this Deed, including any dispute as to its existence, validity, interpretation, performance, breach or termination or the consequences of its nullity and any dispute relating to any non-contractual obligations arising out of or in connection with this Deed (together referred to as **Proceedings**), and accordingly submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the High Court of Justice of England and Wales in London (and any competent United Kingdom appellate court in respect of any appeal relating to any judgment or order originally of the High Court of Justice of England and Wales in London).
13. To the extent permitted by law, each Relevant Account Holder may take any Proceedings against the Issuer in any other court of competent jurisdiction and concurrent Proceedings in any number of jurisdictions.
14. The Issuer hereby appoints Law Debenture Corporate Services Limited at its registered office for the time being in England, to accept service of any Proceedings on its behalf and, agrees that, in the event of Law Debenture Corporate Services Limited being unwilling or unable for any reason to act, it will immediately appoint another person as its agent for service of process in England. The Issuer agrees that failure by a process agent to notify it of any process will not invalidate service. Nothing in this clause shall affect the right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.
15. The Issuer irrevocably waives any objection which it may have to the laying of the venue of any Proceedings in the High Court of Justice of England and Wales in London (and any competent United Kingdom appellate court in respect of any appeal relating to any judgment or order originally of the High Court of Justice of England and Wales in London) and any claim that any such Proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum and further agrees, without prejudice to the enforcement of a judgment obtained in the High Court of Justice of England and Wales in London (and any competent United Kingdom appellate court in respect of any appeal relating to any judgment or order originally of the High Court of Justice of England and Wales in London) according to the provisions of Article 54 of the International Private and Procedural Law of Türkiye (Law No. 5718), that in the event that any action is brought in relation to the Issuer in a court in Türkiye in connection with this Deed, in addition to other permissible legal evidence pursuant to the Civil Procedure Code of

Türkiye (Law No. 6100), any judgment obtained in the High Court of Justice of England and Wales in London (and any competent United Kingdom appellate court in respect of any appeal relating to any judgment or order originally of the High Court of Justice of England and Wales in London) in connection with such action shall constitute conclusive evidence of the existence and amount of the claim against the Issuer, pursuant to the provisions of the first sentence of Article 193 of the Civil Procedure Code of Türkiye (Law No. 6100) and Articles 58 and 59 of the International Private and Procedural Law of Türkiye (Law No. 5718).