

PRICING SUPPLEMENT

Pricing Supplement dated 18 January 2017

HSBC Bank plc

Programme for the issue of Notes and Warrants

Issue of EUR 750,000 Variable Coupon Automatic Early Redemption Index-Linked Notes due January 2023 linked to a Basket of Indices

PART A - CONTRACTUAL TERMS

This document constitutes the pricing supplement (the “**Pricing Supplement**”) relating to the issue of the Tranche of Notes described herein for the purposes of listing on the Official List of the Irish Stock Exchange and must be read in conjunction with the offering memorandum dated 10 June 2016 as supplemented from time to time (the “**Offering Memorandum**”) which, together with this Pricing Supplement, constitute listing particulars for the purposes of listing on the Global Exchange Market. Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the terms and conditions of the Notes (the “**Conditions**”) set forth in the Offering Memorandum. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of this Pricing Supplement and the Offering Memorandum. The Offering Memorandum is available for viewing at *HSBC Bank plc, 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ* and www.hsbc.com (please follow links to 'Investor relations', 'Fixed income securities', 'Issuance programmes') and copies may be obtained from HSBC Bank plc, 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ.

The Offering Memorandum does not comprise (i) a prospectus for the purposes of Part VI of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (as amended) or (ii) a base prospectus for the purposes of Directive 2003/71/EC as amended (the "Prospectus Directive"). The Offering Memorandum has been prepared solely with regard to Notes that are not to be admitted to listing or trading on any regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC and not to be offered to the public in a Member State (other than pursuant to one or more of the exemptions set out in Article 3.2 of the Prospectus Directive).

As of the Issue Date, the Issuer has not prepared a key information document in relation to the Notes in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1286/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 November 2014 on key information documents for packaged retail and insurance-based investment products (PRIIPs).

It is advisable that investors considering acquiring any Notes understand the risks of transactions involving the Notes and it is advisable that they reach an investment decision after carefully considering, with their financial, legal, regulatory, tax, accounting and other advisers, the suitability of the Notes in light of their particular circumstances (including without limitation their own financial circumstances and investment objectives and the impact the Notes will have on their overall investment portfolio) and the information contained in the Offering Memorandum and this Pricing Supplement. Investors should consider carefully the risk factors set forth under "Risk Factors" in the Offering Memorandum.

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| 1. | Issuer: | HSBC Bank plc |
| 2. | Tranche Number: | 1 |
| 3. | Currency: | |
| | (i) Denomination Currency: | Euro ("EUR") |

	(ii) Settlement Currency:	EUR
4.	Aggregate Principal Amount:	
	(i) Series:	EUR 750,000
	(ii) Tranche:	EUR 750,000
5.	Issue Price:	100 per cent. of the Aggregate Principal Amount
6.	(i) Denomination(s): (Condition 2(b))	EUR 1,000
	(ii) Calculation Amount:	The Denomination
7.	(i) Issue Date:	19 January 2017
	(ii) Interest Commencement Date:	The Issue Date
	(iii) Trade Date:	4 January 2017
8.	Maturity Date: (Condition 7(a))	18 January 2023, subject to early redemption on an Automatic Early Redemption Date (see paragraph 34 below) and adjusted in accordance with the Modified Following Business Day Convention and any applicable Business Centres for the definition of Business Day
9.	Change of Interest Basis or Redemption basis:	Not applicable

PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE

10.	Fixed Rate Note provisions: (Condition 4)	Not applicable
11.	Floating Rate Note provisions: (Condition 5)	Not applicable
12.	Zero Coupon Note provisions: (Condition 6)	Not applicable
13.	Equity-Linked/Index-Linked Interest Note/ other variable-linked interest Note provisions	Applicable
	(i) Index/Formula/other variable:	The Basket of Indices as defined in paragraph 30(i) below.

- (ii) Provisions for determining interest where calculated by reference to Equity/ Index and/or formula and/or other variable;

Unless the Notes have been previously redeemed, or purchased and cancelled in accordance with the Conditions:

(a) if the Calculation Agent determines that, on an Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date_j (as defined in paragraph 34.(iii) and Annex 2 below), WO_j is greater than or equal to 65.0000 per cent., the amount of interest payable on the immediately succeeding Variable Coupon Interest Payment Date_j shall be an amount in the Settlement Currency (the "**Variable Coupon Amount**") equal to the product of the Calculation Amount and 1.3750 per cent.

Otherwise, no coupon will be paid.

(b) if the Calculation Agent determines that, on the Valuation Date (as defined in paragraph 31 below), WO_{final} is greater than or equal to 65.0000 per cent., the amount of interest payable on the Maturity Date shall be an amount in the Settlement Currency (the "**Variable Coupon Amount**") equal to the product of the Calculation Amount and 1.3750 per cent.

Otherwise no coupon will be paid.

Where:

"**WO_j**" means the lowest performance (expressed as a percentage) among the Indices as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Min}_i = 1 \text{ to } 3 \left(\frac{S_J^i}{S_0^i} \right)$$

Where:

"**S_Jⁱ**" means, in respect of a Index (Index_i) and an Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date_j, the level of such Index_i on the relevant Exchange at the Valuation Time on such Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date_j as determined by the Calculation Agent.

"**S₀ⁱ**" means, in respect of a Index (Index_i), the Initial Index Level (as defined in Condition 30(v) below) of such Index_i.

(iii) Provisions for determining interest where calculation by reference to Equity/ Index and/or formula and/ or other variable is impossible or impracticable or otherwise disrupted	See adjustment provisions specified in paragraphs 30(x), 30(xi) below
(vi) Interest or Calculation Period(s):	Not applicable
(v) Interest Payment Date(s):	Each date specified as such in Annex 2 (each a " Variable Coupon Interest Payment Date_j "), adjusted in accordance with Business Day Convention and any applicable Business Centres for the definition of Business Day
(vi) Business Day Convention	Modified Following Business Day
(vii) Business Centre:	TARGET
(viii) Minimum Interest Rate:	Not applicable
(ix) Maximum Interest Rate:	Not applicable
(x) Day Count Fraction:	Not applicable

PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION

14. **Issuer's optional redemption (Call Option):** Not applicable
(Condition 7(c))

15.	Noteholders optional redemption (Put Option): (Condition 7(d))	Not applicable
16.	Final Redemption Amount of each Note: (Condition 7(a))	See paragraph 17 below
17.	Final Redemption Amount of each Note in cases where the Final Redemption Amount is Index-Linked/ Equity-Linked or other variable-linked:	Applicable
	(i) Index/Formula/other variable:	The Basket of Indices as defined in paragraph 30 (i) below
	(ii) Provisions for determining Final Redemption Amount where calculated by reference to Equity/ Index and/or formula and/or other variable;	<p>Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled, if, on the Valuation Date, the Calculation Agent determines that :</p> <p>- WO_{final} is greater than or equal to 95.0000 per cent, the Issuer shall redeem the Notes on the Maturity Date at 100 per cent. of par; or</p> <p>- WO_{final} is less than 95.0000 per cent. and a Trigger Event has not occurred with respect to any of the Indices, the Issuer shall redeem the Notes on the Maturity Date at 100 per cent. of par;</p> <p>- WO_{final} is lower than 95.0000 per cent. and a Trigger Event has occurred with respect to one or more of the Indices, the Issuer shall redeem the Notes by paying on the Maturity Date an amount in the Settlement Currency in respect of each Note determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Calculation Amount x WO_{final} / 100%</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>"Trigger Event" means, with respect to an Index, that the Final Index Level per Index (at least one), as determined by the Calculation Agent, is less than the Trigger Level.</p> <p>"Trigger Level" means with respect to an Index, the level specified as such in Annex 1 with respect to such Index</p>

"WO_{final}" means, in respect of the Valuation Date, the lowest performance (expressed as a percentage) among the Indices as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Min}_i = 1 \text{ to } 3 \left(\frac{S_{\text{Final}}^i}{S_0^i} \right)$$

Where:

"i" means each Index in the Basket, 1 to 3

"Sⁱ_{Final}" means, in respect of an Index (Index_i) and the Valuation Date, the Final Index Level (as defined in paragraph 30(vii) below) of such Index_i.

"Sⁱ₀" means, in respect of an Index (Index_i), the Initial Index Level (as defined in Condition 30(v) below) of such Index_i.

For information purposes, if more than one Index has the same percentage, the Calculation Agent shall determine which Index is the Worst Performing Index in its sole and absolute discretion.

"**Worst Performing Index**" means the Index for which the performance is the lowest in accordance with the definition of WO_{final}

"**Strike Level**" means in respect of an Index, 100.00% of the Initial Index Level of such Index.

"**Strike**" means 100.00%.

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| (iii) | Provisions for determining the Final Redemption Amount where calculation by reference to Equity/ Index and/ or formula and/or other variable is impossible or impracticable or otherwise disrupted | See adjustment provisions specified in paragraphs 30(x) and 30(xi) |
| (iv) | Minimum Final Redemption Amount: | Not applicable |
| (v) | Maximum Final Redemption Amount: | 100.00 % of the nominal amount |

18. **Instalment Notes:** (Condition 7(a)) Not applicable

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| 19. | Early Redemption Amount: | Applicable |
| | (i) Early Redemption Amount (upon redemption for taxation reasons, illegality or following an Event of Default):
(<i>Conditions 7(b), 7(h) or 11</i>) | Fair Market Value |
| | (ii) Other redemption provisions:
(<i>Condition 7(i)</i>) | Fair Market Value |

GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES

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| 20. | Form of Notes:
(<i>Condition 2(a)</i>) | Bearer Notes |
| 21. | New Global Note: | No |
| 22. | If issued in bearer form: | Applicable |
| | (i) Initially represented by a Temporary Global Note or Permanent Global Note: | Temporary Global Note |
| | (ii) Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Permanent Global Note and/or Definitive Notes:

(<i>Condition 2(a)</i>) | Temporary Global Note exchangeable for Permanent Global Note which is exchangeable for Definitive Notes only in the limited circumstances specified in the Permanent Global Note |
| | (iii) Permanent Global Note exchangeable at the option of the issuer in circumstances where the Issuer would suffer material disadvantage following a change in law or regulation: | Yes |
| | (iv) Coupons to be attached to Definitive Notes: | Yes |
| | (v) Talons for future Coupons to be attached to Definitive Notes: | No |
| 23. | Exchange Date for exchange of Temporary Global Note: | Not earlier than 40 days following the Issue Date |
| 24. | Payments:
(<i>Condition 9</i>) | |
| | (i) Relevant Financial Centre Day: | TARGET |
| | (ii) Payment of Alternative Payment Currency Equivalent: | Not applicable |

	(iii) Conversion provisions:	Not applicable
	(iv) Underlying Currency Pair provisions:	Not applicable
	(v) Price Source Disruption:	Not applicable
25.	Redenomination: (Condition 10)	Not applicable
26	Other Terms:	See Annexes

PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO INDEX-LINKED NOTES AND EQUITY-LINKED NOTES

27.	Physical Delivery (for Equity-Linked Notes only):	Not applicable
28.	Provisions for Equity-Linked Notes:	Not applicable
29.	Additional Provisions for Equity-Linked Notes:	Not applicable
30.	Index-Linked Interest Note and other variable-linked interest Note provisions:	Applicable
	(i) Index(ices):	The Indices comprised in the basket specified in Annex 1 below The DJ EURO STOXX 50 Index (Bloomberg Code: SX5E) is a Multiple Exchange Index
	(ii) Index Sponsor:	With respect to each Index, the entity specified as such in respect of such Index in Annex 1
	(iii) Index Rules:	Not applicable
	(iv) Exchange(s):	With respect to each Index, each exchange or quotation system specified as such in respect of such Index in Annex 1
	(v) Related Exchanges(s):	With respect to each Index, each exchange or quotation system specified as such in respect of such Index in Annex 1
	(vi) Initial Index Level	See Annex 1
	(vii) Final Index Level	The definition in Condition 22(a) applies

	(viii) Strike Date:	4 Jan 2017
	(ix) Reference Level:	Not applicable
	(x) Adjustments to Indices:	Condition 22 (f) applies
	(xi) Additional Disruption Event:	The following Additional Disruption Events apply: change in Law, Hedging Disruption, Increased Cost of Hedging
	(xii) Index Substitution:	Not applicable
31.	Valuation Date(s):	4 January 2023, subject to postponement in accordance with Condition 22(e)
	(i) Specified Maximum Number of Disrupted Days:	Not applicable
	(ii) Number of local banking days for the purpose of postponing Disrupted Day Related Payment Dates pursuant to Condition 22(e):	3
32.	Valuation Time:	The definition in Condition 22(a) applies
33.	Averaging Dates:	Not applicable
34.	Other terms or special conditions relating to Index-Linked Notes or Equity-Linked Notes:	Applicable
	(i) Knock-in Event:	Not applicable
	(ii) Knock-out Event:	Not applicable

(iii) Automatic Early Redemption Event: Applicable:

If "**WO_j**" (as defined in paragraph 13(ii) above) is greater than or equal to the Automatic early Redemption Level as of any Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date_j

Where:

"**WO_j**" means the lowest performance (expressed as a percentage) among the Indices as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Min}_{i=1 \text{ to } 3} \left(\frac{S_J^i}{S_0^i} \right)$$

Where:

"**S_Jⁱ**" means, in respect of a Index (Index_i) and an Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date_j the level of such Index_i on the relevant Exchange at the Valuation Time on such Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date_j as determined by the Calculation Agent.

"**S₀ⁱ**" means, in respect of a Index (Index_i), the Initial Index Level.

-Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date(s):

Each date specified as such in Annex 1 ("**j**" ranking from 1 to 23) (each an "**Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date_j**").

Each Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date shall be subject to postponement in accordance with Condition 22(e) as if each reference to "Valuation Date" in such Condition was deemed to be a reference to "Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date".

- Automatic Early Redemption Level:

Each level specified as such in the Annex 2, (each an "**Automatic Early Redemption Level_j**") ("**j**" ranking from 1 to 23)

- Automatic Early Redemption Date(s):

Each date specified as such in Annex 2 ("**j**" ranking from 1 to 23) (each an "**Automatic Early Redemption Date_j**"), subject to adjustment in accordance with the Modified Following Business Day Convention

- Automatic Early Redemption Amount:

100 per cent. of the nominal amount

DISTRIBUTION

35. (i) **If syndicated, names of Relevant Dealer(s)/Lead Manager(s):** Not applicable
- (ii) **If syndicated, names of other Dealers/Managers (if any):** Not applicable
- 36 **Selling Restrictions:** TEFRA D Rules
- United States of America: Notes may not be offered or sold within the United States of America or to, or for the account or the benefit of a U.S. Person (as defined in Regulation S).
- Exemption(s) from requirements under Directive 2003/711/EC (as amended) (the "Prospectus Directive"): The offer is addressed to fewer than 150 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive)
- Additional Selling Restrictions: Not applicable
- Additional U.S. federal income tax considerations: The Notes are not Section 871(m) Notes for the purpose of Section 871(m).

CONFIRMED

Signed on behalf of HSBC Bank plc:



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By: -----

Authorised Signatory

Date: -----

PART B - OTHER INFORMATION

1. LISTING

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| (i) Listing | Application has been made to admit the Notes to listing on the Official List of Irish Stock Exchange. No assurance will be given as to whether or not, or when, such application will be granted |
| (ii) Admission to trading | Application will be made for the Notes to be admitted to trading on the Global Exchange Market with effect from the Issue Date. No assurance will be given as to whether or not, or when, such application will be granted |

2. RATINGS

Ratings: The Notes are not rated.

3. INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE

No person involved in the issue of the Notes has an interest material to the issue. The Dealers and their affiliates have engaged, and may in the future engage, in investment banking and/or commercial banking transactions with, and may perform other services for, the Issuer and its affiliates in the ordinary course of business

4. REASONS FOR THE OFFER ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS AND TOTAL EXPENSES

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| (i) Reasons for the offer | Not applicable |
| (ii) Estimated net proceeds: | Not applicable |
| (iii) Estimated total expenses: | Not applicable |

5. YIELD

Indication of Yield: Not applicable

6. PERFORMANCE OF INDEX/FORMULA/OTHER VARIABLE, AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING

Details of the past and future performance and volatility of the Securities can be obtained from *Bloomberg*.

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION

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| 7. ISIN Code: | XS1548539524 |
| 8. Common Code: | 154853952 |
| 9. CUSIP: | Not applicable |
| 10. Valoren number: | Not applicable |

11.	SEDOL:	Not applicable
12.	WKN:	Not applicable
13.	New Global Note intended to be held in a manner which would allow Eurosystem eligibility:	No
14.	Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg and the relevant identification number(s):	None
15.	Delivery:	Delivery against payment
16.	Settlement procedures:	Medium Term Note
17.	Additional Paying Agent(s) (if any):	None
18.	Common Depository:	HSBC Bank plc
19.	Calculation Agent:	HSBC Bank plc
20.	ERISA Considerations:	ERISA Prohibited

ANNEX 1

(this Annex forms part to the Pricing Supplement to which it is attached)

Information in relation to underlying indices

"i"	Indicies	Index Sponsor	Exchange	Related Exchange	Initial Index Level	Trigger Level
1	DJ EURO STOXX 50 (Bloomberg: SX5E)	STOXX Limited	The regulated markets or quotation systems (or any substituting market or system) on which the shares which compose the Index are mainly traded	All Exchanges	3,317.52	65.00% of the Initial Index Level
2	IBEX 35 (Bloomberg: IBEX)	Spanish Equities Markets	Madrid Stock Exchange "Mercado Continuo"	All Exchanges	9,462.90	65.00% of the Initial Index Level
3	NIKKEI225 (Bloomberg: NKY)	Nikon Keizai Shinbun, Inc	Tokyo Stock Exchange	All Exchanges	19,594.16	65.00% of the Initial Index Level

ANNEX 2

(This Annex forms part to the Pricing Supplement to which it is attached)

"j"	Automatic Early Redemption Valuation Date_j	Automatic Early Redemption Date_j	Variable Coupon Interest Payment Date_j	Automatic Early Redemption Level_j	Automatic Early Redemption Amount_j
1	4 Apr 2017	18 Apr 2017	18 Apr 2017	95.0000%	100.0000%
2	4 Jul 2017	18 Jul 2017	18 Jul 2017	95.0000%	100.0000%
3	4 Oct 2017	18 Oct 2017	18 Oct 2017	95.0000%	100.0000%
4	4 Jan 2018	18 Jan 2018	18 Jan 2018	95.0000%	100.0000%
5	4 Apr 2018	18 Apr 2018	18 Apr 2018	95.0000%	100.0000%
6	4 Jul 2018	18 Jul 2018	18 Jul 2018	95.0000%	100.0000%
7	4 Oct 2018	18 Oct 2018	18 Oct 2018	95.0000%	100.0000%
8	4 Jan 2019	18 Jan 2019	18 Jan 2019	95.0000%	100.0000%
9	4 Apr 2019	18 Apr 2019	18 Apr 2019	95.0000%	100.0000%
10	4 Jul 2019	18 Jul 2019	18 Jul 2019	95.0000%	100.0000%
11	4 Oct 2019	18 Oct 2019	18 Oct 2019	95.0000%	100.0000%
12	6 Jan 2020	20 Jan 2020	20 Jan 2020	95.0000%	100.0000%
13	6 Apr 2020	20 Apr 2020	20 Apr 2020	95.0000%	100.0000%
14	6 Jul 2020	20 Jul 2020	20 Jul 2020	95.0000%	100.0000%
15	5 Oct 2020	19 Oct 2020	19 Oct 2020	95.0000%	100.0000%
16	4 Jan 2021	18 Jan 2021	18 Jan 2021	95.0000%	100.0000%
17	5 Apr 2021	19 Apr 2021	19 Apr 2021	95.0000%	100.0000%
18	5 Jul 2021	19 Jul 2021	19 Jul 2021	95.0000%	100.0000%
19	4 Oct 2021	18 Oct 2021	18 Oct 2021	95.0000%	100.0000%
20	4 Jan 2022	18 Jan 2022	18 Jan 2022	95.0000%	100.0000%
21	4 Apr 2022	18 Apr 2022	18 Apr 2022	95.0000%	100.0000%
22	4 Jul 2022	18 Jul 2022	18 Jul 2022	95.0000%	100.0000%
23	4 Oct 2022	18 Oct 2022	18 Oct 2022	95.0000%	100.0000%
24	None	None	The Maturity Date	None	None

*Subject to postponement in accordance with Condition 22(e)

ANNEX 3

(This Annex forms part to the Pricing Supplement to which it is attached)

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The following statement is required by the licensor of the Euro STOXX 50 Index:

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