

## **NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE**

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## National Bank of Greece enters into a definitive agreement with Bracebridge Capital, LLC for the disposal of a portfolio of non-performing exposures (Project Frontier II)

National Bank of Greece ("NBG" or "Bank") announces that it has entered into a definitive agreement with funds managed by Bracebridge Capital, LLC, for the sale of 95% of the Mezzanine and Junior notes from a securitisation backed by a portfolio of non-performing exposures ("NPE") with a total gross book value of EUR 1.0 billion. NBG will retain 100% of the Senior notes, utilizing the provisions of the Hellenic Asset Protection Scheme ("Hercules II", "HAPS"), and 5% of the Mezzanine and Junior notes. The transaction is being implemented in the context of the Bank's NPE deleveraging strategy and is in line with the targets submitted to the Single Supervisory Mechanism ("SSM").

The total proceeds for NBG mainly reflect the Senior notes and the consideration for the Mezzanine and Junior notes, corresponding to c45% of the total gross book value of the Frontier II Portfolio. The transaction, which received two preliminary credit ratings for the senior notes, will increase NBG's total capital by c25bps, with the pro-forma 1H.22 Total Capital ratio increasing to c17.5%.

The transaction is expected to be completed within H2 22, subject to required approvals. Following the completion of the transaction, doValue Greece, a legal entity authorised and regulated by the Bank of Greece under the Law 4354/ 2015 with several years of wide experience in servicing NPE portfolios, will undertake the servicing of the Frontier II Portfolio.

Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc is acting as financial advisor and arranger of the transaction, while Clifford Chance LLP and Karatzas & Partners as international and local external legal counsel to NBG, respectively.