



FirstRand Bank

FIRSTRAND BANK LIMITED
(Registration Number 1929/001225/06)
(incorporated with limited liability in South Africa)

Issue of ZAR50,000,000.00 Bond Linked Notes with a Maturity Date of 11 December 2026
Stock code FRS458
Under its ZAR90,000,000,000 Note Programme

This document constitutes the Applicable Pricing Supplement relating to the issue of the Notes described herein. Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the terms and conditions (the “**Terms and Conditions**”) set forth in the Programme Memorandum dated 29 November 2011, as amended and updated from time to time (the “**Programme Memorandum**”). This Applicable Pricing Supplement must be read in conjunction with the Programme Memorandum. The Notes described herein are issued on and subject to the Terms and Conditions as amended and/or supplemented by the terms and conditions contained in this Applicable Pricing Supplement. To the extent that there is any conflict or inconsistency between the contents of this Applicable Pricing Supplement and the Programme Memorandum, the provisions of this Applicable Pricing Supplement shall prevail. Subject to as provided below, any capitalised terms not defined in this Applicable Pricing Supplement shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Terms and Conditions. To the extent that certain provisions of the *pro forma* Pricing Supplement do not apply to the Notes described herein, they may be deleted in this Applicable Pricing Supplement or indicated to be not applicable.

Description of the Notes

1.	Issuer:	FirstRand Bank Limited
2.	Status of Notes:	Senior Unsecured Unsubordinated
3.	Form of Notes:	Listed Registered Notes.
4.	Series Number:	458
5.	Tranche Number:	1
6.	Specified Currency of the Notes:	ZAR
7.	Aggregate Nominal Amount:	
	(a) Series:	ZAR50,000,000
	(b) Tranche:	ZAR50,000,000
8.	Nominal Amount per Note:	ZAR1,000,000
9.	Specified Denomination and number of Notes:	ZAR1,000,000 and 50 Notes
10.	Issue Date of the Notes:	11 June 2026
11.	Issue Price of the Notes:	100% (one hundred percent) of par
12.	Relevant Stock Exchange:	JSE
13.	Integral multiples of Notes required for transfer:	N/A

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| 14. | Type of Notes: | Structured Notes |
| 15. | If Structured Notes: | |
| | (a) Type of Structured Notes: | Non-Standard Structured Notes |
| | (b) Capital guarantee: | No |
| 16. | Deposit Notes | No |
| 17. | Redemption/Payment Basis: | Other: as set out in paragraph 36 |
| 18. | Automatic/Optional Conversion from one Redemption/Payment Basis to another: | N/A |
| 19. | Partly Paid Note Provisions: | N/A |

Provisions relating to interest (if any) payable on the Note

20. General Interest Provisions

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| (a) | Interest payable on the Note: | Yes |
| (b) | Interest Basis: | Floating Rate Notes |
| (c) | Automatic/Optional Conversion from one Interest Basis to another: | N/A |
| (d) | Interest Commencement Date: | Issue Date |
| (e) | Default Rate: | N/A |
21. **Fixed Rate Note Provisions:** N/A

22. Floating Rate Note Provisions: Applicable

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| (a) | Manner in which the Interest Rate(s) is to be determined: | Screen Rate Determination in accordance with the provisions of, Schedule 1 (Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes referencing Compounded Daily ZARONIA) |
| (b) | If Screen Rate Determination: | |
| | - Reference Rate: | Compounded Daily ZARONIA (as defined in, and determined in accordance with the provisions of, Schedule 1 (Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes referencing Compounded Daily ZARONIA)) |
| | - Interest Determination Date(s): | The 5th (fifth) Johannesburg Business Day (as defined in Schedule 1 (Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes referencing Compounded Daily ZARONIA)) prior to each Interest Payment Date |
| | - Relevant Screen Page and Reference Code: | N/A |
| | - Relevant Time: | 11:00am |
| | - Relevant Financial Centre: | Johannesburg |
| | - Observation method: | Lookback Without Observation Shift |
| | - Lookback period: | 5 (five) Business Days (as defined in Schedule 1 (Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes referencing Compounded Daily ZARONIA)) |
| | - Observation Shift: | N/A |
| (c) | Margin: | 373 basis points |

(d) Minimum Rate(s) of Interest:	N/A
(e) Maximum Rate(s) of Interest:	N/A
(f) Interest Payment Dates:	11 December 2026, or, if such day is not a Business Day, the Business Day on which interest will be paid adjusted in accordance with the applicable Business Day Convention (as specified in this Applicable Pricing Supplement).
(g) Interest Period(s):	The period commencing on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and ending on (but excluding) 11 December 2026, (as adjusted in accordance with the applicable Business Day Convention).
(h) Specified Period:	N/A
(i) Day Count Fraction:	Actual/365
23. Zero Coupon Note Provisions:	N/A
24. Index Linked Interest Note Provisions:	N/A
25. Dual Currency Note Provisions:	N/A
26. Mixed Rate Note Provisions:	N/A
Provisions relating to redemption	
27. Exchange Rate Time:	N/A
28. Maturity Date:	11 December 2026
29. Early Redemption following the occurrence of:	
(a) Tax Event:	Applicable
(b) Change in Law:	Applicable
(c) Hedging Disruption:	Applicable
(d) Increased Cost of Hedging:	Applicable
(a) Other:	The first sentence of Condition 10.4 (<i>Early Redemption following the occurrence of a Tax Event, Change in Law, Hedging Disruption and/or Increased Cost of Hedging</i>) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes shall be amended by the removal of the full stop at the end of that first sentence and the addition of the following words “and/or Reference Bond Early Redemption Event.”

The following definitions shall be added to Condition 2 (*Interpretation*) of the Terms and Conditions of the Notes:

“**Reference Bond Early Redemption Event**” means the redemption of the Reference Obligation for any reason whatsoever, in whole or in part, prior to its final maturity date other than in accordance with, and as contemplated in, the terms and conditions of such Reference Bond, as determined by the Calculation Agent.”

For the purposes of this paragraph 29(e), any Special Redemption Notice delivered by the Issuer to the Noteholders shall, notwithstanding the provisions of Condition 22.1 (*Notice by the Issuer*) to the contrary, only be made by way of announcement on the Stock Exchange News Service of the JSE (“SENS”) by no later than 1 Business Day following the occurrence of the Reference

Bond Early Redemption Event.

The Early Redemption Date for the purposes of this paragraph 29(e) shall be the date specified by the Issuer in the Special Redemption Notice, which Early Redemption Date will be at least 3 Business Days after the Reference Bond Early Redemption Event or any date thereafter

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| 30. | Early Redemption at the Option of the Issuer: | Applicable |
| (a) | Optional Redemption Date[s]: | The date specified as such in the Issuer Redemption Notice. |
| (b) | Optional Redemption Amount[s] and method, if any, of calculation of such amount[s]: | The Early Redemption Amount as set out in paragraph 37 |
| (c) | Optional Redemption Payment Date: | Optional Redemption Date. |
| (d) | Notice period: | At least 10 (ten) calendar days' notice. For the purposes of this paragraph 30, any Issuer Redemption Notice delivered by the Issuer to the Noteholders shall only be made by way of announcement on SENS. |
| (e) | If redeemable in part: | N/A |
| 31. | Early Redemption at the Option of the Noteholders: | N/A |
| 32. | Valuation Date: | N/A |
| 33. | Valuation Time: | N/A |
| 34. | Market Disruption Event: | N/A |
| 35. | (a) Averaging Dates: | N/A |
| | (b) Consequences of an Averaging Date being a Disrupted Day: | N/A |
| 36. | Final Redemption Amount: | 100% of the Aggregate Nominal Amount |
| | In cases where the Note is an Indexed Linked Redemption Note or other variable-linked Note: | |
| (a) | Index/Formula/variable: | N/A |
| (b) | Party responsible for calculating the Final Redemption Amount (if not the Calculation Agent): | N/A |
| (c) | Provisions for determining Final Redemption Amount where calculated by reference to Index and/or Formula and/or other variable: | N/A |

(d)	Determination Date[s]:	N/A
(e)	Provisions for determining Final Redemption Amount where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula and/or other variable is impossible or impracticable or otherwise disrupted:	N/A
(f)	Payment Date:	N/A
(g)	Minimum Final Redemption Amount:	N/A
(h)	Maximum Final Redemption Amount:	N/A
37.	Early Redemption Amount:	Means the amount in South African Rands determined by the Calculation Agent which will act in good faith and use commercially reasonable procedures to produce a commercially reasonable result, and shall equal the amount, expressed in South African Rands, of the aggregate proceeds that are or would be realised by the Issuer in relation to the early redemption of the Notes after settling or disposing of the Hedging Positions, (which will be early terminated by the Issuer), provided that such amount so calculated shall not be less than zero.
38.	Settlement Currency:	ZAR
39.	The maximum and minimum number of Business Days prior to the Early Redemption Date on which Issuer Redemption Notices and Special Redemption Notices must be given by the Issuer:	10 (ten) calendar days
40.	Time for receipt of Early Redemption Notice and/or Noteholder's Notice:	10:00 am Johannesburg time, as stated in the Terms and Conditions
41.	Redemption Notice Time:	10:00 am Johannesburg time, as stated in the Terms and Conditions
42.	Procedures for giving Issuer Redemption Notice if other than as specified in Condition 11.3 (<i>Redemption Notices</i>):	N/A
43.	Procedure for giving Special Redemption Notice if other than as specified in Condition 11.3 (<i>Redemption Notices</i>):	N/A
44.	Basis for selecting Notes where Daily Maximum Amount is exceeded if other than on a pro rata basis:	N/A
45.	Additional provisions relating to the redemption of the Notes:	
46.	Instalment Note Provisions:	N/A
47.	Exchangeable Notes Provisions:	N/A

48.	Equity Linked Notes, Equity Basket Notes Provisions:	N/A
49.	Single Index Notes, Basket of Indices Notes Provisions:	N/A
50.	Currency Linked Notes Provisions:	N/A
51.	Credit Linked Notes Provisions:	N/A
52.	Commodity Linked Notes Provisions:	N/A

Provisions relating to settlement

53.	Settlement type:	Cash Settlement
54.	Board Lot:	N/A
55.	Currency in which cash settlement will be made:	N/A
56.	Early Redemption Payment Date:	Early Redemption Date
57.	Clearing System:	Strate
58.	Physical Delivery Date:	As defined in Condition 2 (<i>Interpretation</i>)

Definitions

59.	Definition of Business Day:	As defined in Condition 2 (<i>Interpretation</i>)
60.	Definition of Exchange Business Day:	As defined in Condition 2 (<i>Interpretation</i>)
61.	Definition of Maturity Notice Time:	As defined in Condition 2 (<i>Interpretation</i>)
62.	Definition of Issuer Tax Event:	N/A

General Provisions

63.	Business Day Convention:	Modified Following Business Day Convention
64.	Relevant Clearing System:	Strate
65.	Last Day to Register:	By 5:00pm on 10 December 2026, or if such day is not a Business Day, the Last Day to Register will be no later than one Business Day before the applicable Interest Payment Date.
66.	Books Closed Period[s]:	N/A
67.	Determination Agent:	FirstRand Bank Limited (acting through its Rand Merchant Bank division)
68.	Specified Office of the Determination Agent:	1 Merchant Place, cnr Rivonia Road and Fredman Drive, Sandton, 2196
69.	Specified Office of the Issuer:	1 Merchant Place, cnr Rivonia Road and Fredman Drive, Sandton, 2196
70.	Calculation Agent:	FirstRand Bank Limited (acting through its Rand Merchant Bank division)
71.	Specified Office of the	1 Merchant Place, cnr Rivonia Road and Fredman Drive, Sandton,

	Calculation Agent:	2196
72.	Paying Agent:	FirstRand Bank Limited (acting through its Rand Merchant Bank division)
73.	Specified Office of the Paying Agent:	1 Merchant Place, cnr Rivonia Road and Fredman Drive, Sandton, 2196
74.	Transfer and Settlement Agent:	FirstRand Bank Limited (acting through its Rand Merchant Bank division)
75.	Specified Office of the Transfer and Settlement Agent:	1 Merchant Place, cnr Rivonia Road and Fredman Drive, Sandton, 2196
76.	Provisions relating to stabilisation:	N/A
77.	Stabilising manager:	N/A
78.	Additional Selling Restrictions:	N/A
79.	ISIN No.:	ZAG000225848
80.	Stock Code:	FRS458
81.	Method of distribution:	Non-syndicated
82.	If syndicated, names of Managers:	N/A
83.	If non-syndicated, name of Dealer:	FirstRand Bank Limited (acting through its Rand Merchant Bank division)
84.	Governing law (if the laws of South Africa are not applicable):	N/A
85.	Other Banking Jurisdiction:	N/A
86.	Surrendering of Notes in the case of Notes represented by a Certificate:	N/A
87.	Use of proceeds:	General Corporate Purposes
88.	Pricing Methodology:	N/A
89.	Ratings:	zaAAA National Scale Long Term rated by S & P Global Ratings. For the avoidance of doubt, the Notes have not been individually rated
90.	Receipts attached?	No
91.	Coupons attached?	No
92.	Stripping of Receipts and/or Coupons prohibited as provided in Condition 18.4 (<i>Prohibition on Stripping</i>):	No
93.	Any Conditions additional to, or modified from, those set forth in the Terms and Conditions:	
	(a) Physical Settlement Option of the Issuer:	Applicable
	(1) Physical Settlement Date[s]:	11 December 2026
	(2) Physical Settlement provisions:	The Issuer may elect, at its sole discretion, to physically settle the Note by delivery of a nominal amount of the Reference Bond (“Bond Nominal”), determined in accordance with the formula

below, on the Physical Settlement Date, in which case the Issuer shall notify the Noteholders by delivery of an Issuer Redemption Notice

$$\text{Bond Nominal} = \frac{\text{Aggregate Nominal Amount} \times \sqrt{\beta}}{10,000}$$

Where $\beta = 91,699,944.54$

- (3) Notice period: No later than 17:00 Johannesburg time 4 Business Days' prior to the Maturity Date
- (b) Reference Bond: Issuer: Republic of South Africa
Maturity: 28 February 2035
Coupon: 8.875% NACS
SA Government Bond Identifier: R2035
ISIN: ZAG000125972
94. The following Relevant Annex(es) and further provisions shall apply to the Notes N/A
95. Total Notes in Issue: ZAR66,061,467,810.06
96. Material Change Statement: The Issuer hereby confirms that as at the date of this Applicable Pricing Supplement, there has been no material change in the financial or trading position of the Issuer and its subsidiaries since the date of the Issuer's latest unaudited interim financial report for the six months ended 31 December 2025. This statement has not been confirmed nor verified by the auditors of the Issuer.
97. Additional Risk Factors: The Risk Factors set out in Schedule 2 (Additional Risk Factors Relating to ZARONIA) of this Applicable Pricing Supplement apply to the Tranche of Notes to which this Applicable Pricing Supplement applies. Prospective investors are to ensure that they have read Schedule 2 (Additional Risk Factors Relating to ZARONIA) as well as the detailed information set out in the Programme Memorandum to reach their own views prior to making any investment decision.

Responsibility:

The Issuer certifies that to the best of their knowledge and belief there are no facts that have been omitted which would make any statement false or misleading and that all reasonable enquiries to ascertain such facts have been made as well as that the Programme Memorandum together with this Applicable Pricing Supplement contains all information required by law and the Debt and Specialist Securities Listings Requirements. The Issuer accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in the Programme Memorandum and the annual financial statements and/or the Pricing Supplements, and/or the annual report of the Issuer and any amendments or supplements to the aforementioned documents, except as otherwise stated therein.

The issuance of the Notes contemplated in this Applicable Pricing Supplement will not result in the authorised amount contained in the Programme Memorandum being exceeded.

Limitation of liability:

The JSE takes no responsibility for the contents of the Programme Memorandum and the annual financial statements and/or the pricing supplements and/or the annual report of the Issuer and any amendments or supplements to the aforementioned documents. The JSE makes no representation as to the accuracy or completeness of the Programme Memorandum and the annual financial statements and/or the pricing supplements and/or the annual report of the Issuer and any amendments or supplements to the aforementioned documents and expressly disclaims any liability for any loss arising from or in reliance upon the whole or any

part of the aforementioned documents. The JSE's approval of the registration of the Programme Memorandum and listing of the debt securities is not to be taken in any way as an indication of the merits of the Issuer or of the debt securities and that, to the extent permitted by law, the JSE will not be liable for any claim whatsoever.

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in this Applicable Pricing Supplement.

Application is hereby made to list this issue of Notes on 11 June 2026

SIGNED at Sandton on this 08th day of June 2026.

For and on behalf of
FIRSTRAND BANK LIMITED

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FIRSTRAND BANK LIMITED

Name: L Fortuin
Capacity: Manager
Who warrants his authority hereto

Name: S Gross
Capacity: Manager
Who warrants his authority hereto

SCHEDULE 1

SCREEN RATE DETERMINATION FOR FLOATING RATE NOTES REFERENCING COMPOUNDED DAILY ZARONIA

1. The Interest Rate payable from time to time in respect of the Notes for each Interest Period will, subject as provided below, be Compounded Daily ZARONIA (as defined below) for the relevant Interest Period plus the Margin (as specified in the Applicable Pricing Supplement), all as determined by the Calculation Agent in accordance with the provisions below, where:

Compounded Daily ZARONIA means, with respect to an Interest Period, the rate of return of a daily compound interest investment in ZAR (with daily ZAR overnight reference rate as reference rate for the calculation of interest) as calculated by the Calculation Agent on the relevant Interest Determination Date, in accordance with the following formula, and the resulting percentage will be rounded, if necessary, to the fourth decimal place, with 0.00005% being rounded upwards:

$$\left[\prod_{i=1}^{d_0} \left(1 + \frac{ZARONIA_{i-5 JBD} \times n_i}{D} \right) - 1 \right] \times \frac{365}{d}$$

where:

d is the number of calendar days in the relevant Interest Period;

d₀ is the number of Johannesburg Business Days in the relevant Interest Period;

i is, in relation to any Interest Period, a series of whole numbers from 1 to **d₀**, each representing the relevant Johannesburg Business Day in chronological order from (and including) the first Johannesburg Business Day in the relevant Interest Period to (and including) the last Johannesburg Business Day in such Interest Period;

Johannesburg Business Day or **JBD** means a day (other than a Saturday, a Sunday or an official public holiday) on which commercial banks are open for general business in Johannesburg, South Africa;

n_i, for any Johannesburg Business Day "**i**" in the relevant Interest Period, means the number of calendar days from and including such Johannesburg Business Day "**i**" up to but excluding the following Johannesburg Business Day;

For the avoidance of doubt, the formula for the calculation of Compounded Daily ZARONIA only compounds the ZARONIA Reference Rate in respect of any Johannesburg Business Day. The ZARONIA Reference Rate applied to a day that is not a Johannesburg Business Day will be taken by applying the ZARONIA Reference Rate for the previous Johannesburg Business Day;

Publication Time means at or about 10.00 a.m. (Johannesburg time) or any amended publication time for the final intraday refix of ZARONIA specified by the SARB, as the administrator of ZARONIA (or any successor administrator of ZARONIA);

ZARONIA_i - 5 JBD means, in respect of any Johannesburg Business Day "**i**" falling in the relevant Interest Period, the ZARONIA Reference Rate for the Johannesburg Business Day (being a Johannesburg Business Day falling in the relevant ZARONIA Observation Period) falling 5 (five) Johannesburg Business Days prior to the relevant Johannesburg Business Day "**i**";

SARB means the South African Reserve Bank;

SARB's Website means the website of the SARB currently at <http://www.resbank.co.za>, any successor website of the SARB (or a successor administrator of ZARONIA) or any successor source;

ZARONIA means the South African Overnight Index Average administered by the SARB (known as ZARONIA);

ZARONIA Observation Period means, in respect of the relevant Interest Period, the period from (and including) the date falling 5 (five) Johannesburg Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Period (and the first Interest Period shall begin on (and include) the Interest Commencement Date) and ending on (but excluding) (a) the date falling 5 (five) Johannesburg Business Days prior to the Interest Payment Date for such Interest Period (and the last Interest Period shall end on (but exclude) the Maturity Date), or (b) the date falling 5 (five) Johannesburg Business Days prior to such earlier date, if any, on which the Notes become due and payable; and

ZARONIA Reference Rate means, in respect of any Johannesburg Business Day, a reference rate equal to the daily ZARONIA rate for such Johannesburg Business Day as published by the SARB, as the administrator of ZARONIA (or any successor administrator of ZARONIA), on the SARB's Website, in each case at the Publication Time on the Johannesburg Business Day immediately following such Johannesburg Business Day.

2. If, in respect of any Johannesburg Business Day in the relevant ZARONIA Observation Period, the ZARONIA Reference Rate is not available on the SARB's Website, such ZARONIA Reference Rate shall be:
 - a. the daily ZARONIA rate last published on the SARB's Website for the first preceding Johannesburg Business Day on which the ZARONIA rate was published on the SARB's Website (the *Previous Day's ZARONIA*); or
 - b. if Previous Day's ZARONIA is not available, the sum of (i) the SARB Policy Rate prevailing at close of business on such Johannesburg Business Day, and (ii) the mean of the spread of the ZARONIA Reference Rate to the SARB Policy Rate over the previous 5 (five) Johannesburg Banking Days on which a ZARONIA Reference Rate has been published (after eliminating the highest such spread (or, in the event of equality, one of the highest) and the lowest such spread (or in the event of equality, one of the lowest)).

For the purposes of this paragraph **SARB Policy Rate** means, in respect of any relevant day (including any day "T"), the repo rate (or any successor rate) which is the main policy rate of the SARB as determined and set by the monetary policy committee of the SARB and published by the SARB from time to time, in effect on that day.

3. In the event that the Interest Rate cannot be determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Schedule 1, the Interest Rate shall be:
 - a. that determined as at the last preceding Interest Determination Date (though substituting, where a different Margin or Maximum Interest Rate or Minimum Interest Rate is to be applied to the relevant Interest Period from that which applied to the last preceding Interest Period, the Margin or Maximum Interest Rate or Minimum Interest Rate relating to the relevant Interest Period, in place of the Margin or Maximum Interest Rate or Minimum Interest Rate relating to that last preceding Interest Period); or
 - b. if there is no such preceding Interest Determination Date, the initial Interest Rate which would have been applicable to such Series of Notes for the first Interest Period had the Notes been in issue for a period equal in duration to the scheduled first Interest Period but ending on (and excluding) the Interest Commencement Date (but applying the Margin and any Maximum Interest Rate or Minimum Interest Rate applicable to the first Interest Period).
4. If the relevant Series of Notes become due and payable in accordance with Condition 10 (*Redemption and Purchase*) or Condition 20 (*Events of Default*), the final Interest Determination Date shall, notwithstanding any Interest Determination Date specified in the Applicable Pricing Supplement, be deemed to be the date on which such Notes became due and payable and the Interest Rate on such Notes shall, for so long as any such Note remains outstanding, be that determined on such date.

SCHEDULE 2

ADDITIONAL RISK FACTORS RELATING TO ZARONIA

Market changes

The use of ZARONIA in South African capital markets continues to evolve. In particular, the calculation conventions, compounding-in-arrears methodologies and market infrastructure supporting issuance, trading, clearing, settlement and valuation of ZARONIA-linked instruments are still developing. The pace of adoption and any divergence in conventions across instruments and markets may affect the market value and liquidity of ZARONIA-linked Notes.

Ongoing market development

Market participants and working groups in South Africa continue to refine conventions for ZARONIA, including the development and testing of potential “term” ZARONIA rates that would reflect forward expectations of average ZARONIA over specified tenors. Conventions for compounding, observation periods, lookbacks, lockouts, day-count, business day adjustments, rounding and floors are not fully uniform across the market. The conventions applicable to the Notes may differ from prevailing or subsequently emerging market practice. The Issuer may issue future ZARONIA-linked notes that adopt different conventions from those used for the Notes, which could adversely affect relative value.

Cross-market adoption and basis risk

Adoption of ZARONIA is proceeding at different speeds across bonds, derivatives, money markets and loans in South Africa. Conventions applied in one market (for example, cleared swaps) may differ from those used in cash products, while any future “term” ZARONIA could be adopted unevenly. These differences can create basis risk between the Notes and hedging or funding instruments, potentially reducing hedge effectiveness and increasing profit and loss volatility.

Limited ZARONIA history and structural differences

ZARONIA is a backward-looking overnight risk-free rate, whereas JIBAR was a forward-looking term rate embedding interbank credit and liquidity premia. As a result, levels, volatility and behaviour may differ materially. The historical time series for ZARONIA is limited; historical relationships, patterns and correlations—particularly those inferred during early adoption—may not persist. Interest and valuations on Notes may therefore differ from those historically observed under JIBAR-linked instruments.

In-arrears interest determination; cash flow uncertainty and operational risk

Interest on ZARONIA-linked Notes is typically determined by compounding daily ZARONIA in arrears over each interest period, with calculation completed shortly before the Interest Payment Date. Interest amounts are not known at period start, complicating cash flow forecasting, funding, valuation and hedge management. Investors may need systems and process changes to accommodate compounding-in-arrears, observation shifts or lookbacks, and to manage potential corrections or republications, and some investors may be unwilling to trade such Notes absent such changes, adversely affecting liquidity and pricing.

Administrator discretion; changes, suspension or discontinuation

The SARB (or its successor), as administrator of ZARONIA, may change the methodology, input data, eligibility criteria, publication timing or other parameters of ZARONIA. The administrator may also suspend or discontinue publication. Such actions could change the level of ZARONIA and the Interest Rate on the Notes. If ZARONIA is unavailable, altered, suspended or discontinued, the fallbacks in the Terms and Conditions will apply. Those fallbacks may result in interest being determined by reference to a rate or methodology that differs from ZARONIA, and any credit spread adjustment may not achieve economic equivalence.