

Transition to One-Tier Model of governance

Extraordinary Shareholder's meeting 21st February 2022







Illimity - 1. Transition to One-Tier Model



illimity - 2. Main Features

One-Tier Model

INCREASED COHESION

Coexistence in a single decisionmaking body (the Board of Directors) of strategic and control functions



EX-ANTE CONTROL ACTIVITY & INCREASED INTERACTION

The Audit and Internal Control Committee participates in the BoD decision-making process by exercising their right to vote

The most important feature of the One-Tier model of governance is the combination of the monitoring and the managing bodies of the corporation

Directors sitting on the

Audit and Internal Control Committee play a role in the decision-making process with an exante control activity



In the specific context of illimity and its business model and management structure, the transition to One-Tier has the following objectives:





One-Tier Model



It is more investor-friendly: One-Tier governance model is widely known and prevalent in international markets

Simplifies and rationalises the system of internal controls to avoid overshooting of rules and recommendations, and the consequential overlapping of supervisory duties and functions among the various bodies

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Illimity - 5. Compliments Governance Model

Independence

High number of independent Directors ensuring:

- constructive dialogue within the body
- · effective equilibrium between the CEO and management
- adequate monitoring of proposals submitted by the latter.

One single body

Having the strategic supervision and control function in one body ensures continuous surveillance, making management more attentive to compliance. The legality and efficiency verification also runs parallel to the adoption of board resolutions.

Optimization

Optimization of administration processes, management and control functions, maintenance of preliminary analysis and overall decisions carried out by all the Board Committees according to their well-defined tasks and functions.

Investor-friendly

A more institutional investor-friendly system for entities operating on international markets. This favors illimity's attractiveness, facilitates comparison with peers and the engagement process with investors.

Collective approach

Management Committees are strongly involved, working alongside the CEO, enhancing illimity's approach to collective decisions and proposals, in line with international and European guidelines and internal practices.

Information flow

Immediate circulation of information between the bodies of strategic supervision, management and control, ensuring a more conscious and effective management and supervision, to avoid duplication and making internal control more efficient.

Efficiency

More efficient governance system with a clearer distribution of competences and responsibilities between the Audit and Internal Control Committee and the Risks Committee; the former which supervises the system of controls and financial reporting, the latter which supports the Board in the exercise of its strategic supervision function.

Strategic plan

Consistency with medium- and long-term strategic objectives and long-term corporate strategies, as identified during approval of the business plan.

illimity - 6. Adoption Timeline

21st February 2022

Shareholders' meeting to deliberate on changes in the bylaws required for the adoption of the One-Tier governance model

28th April 2022

Shareholders' meeting to appoint the members of the BoD and Audit and Internal Control Committee under the new One-Tier governance model

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The Board Composition⁽¹⁾ will secure an adequate number of non-executive and independent Directors, who will be able to ensure a constructive dialogue within the Body

The Board Composition⁽¹⁾, in accordance with the Italian regulatory framework, will ensure a minimum representation of 40% of the underrepresented gender

Note: (1)The Board Composition principles of the Bank can be found in the document <u>«Orientation of the Board of Directors of illimity Bank S.p.A. on the optimum</u> <u>qualitative and quantitative composition of the Board"</u>.

illimity - 7. Regulatory Framework

Regulatory Framework



Art. 2409-sexiesdecies – 2409-noviesdecies, Italian Civil Code

Corporate Goverance Code for listed companies (updated 2020)



Supervisory Provisions of Bank of Italy on Organization and Corporate Governance (Circular n. 285 of 17/12/2013 and subsequent amendments)



Art. 148, paragraph 4-tere e 4-quater, 151ter, 154, paragraph 3, T.U.F.



Ministerial Decree of 23/11/2020, n.169 (ex Art. 26 T.U.B.)



Act of Bank of Italy of 4/05/2021

illimity - 8. AGM Election

Board of Directors and Audit and Internal Control Committee election at the AGM

- \rightarrow Institutions protecting minority Shareholders will remain unchanged.
- → Minority Shareholders will decide what to do in terms of slates presentation for the Board of Directors and the Audit and Internal Control Committee.
- → Once the One-Tier system is implemented, the entire board will be appointed at the Annual General Meeting of 28th of April.
- → The Audit and Internal Control Committee will also be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

→ Two Directors (among those who are not also members of the Audit and Internal Control Committee) will be elected from the minority list(s) (provided they are presented), while the Chair of the Audit and Internal Control Committee will be elected from the minority list(s) (provided they are presented).

illimity - 9. Sustainable Success

In line with best practices promoted by the Italian Corporate Governance Code 2020, the Board of Directors shall guide the Company by pursuing the sustainable success for long-term value creation, considering the interests of all stakeholders.

> Therefore, the integration of Article 16.1 of the By-Laws represents a further step to guide the Board of Directors' commitment to pursue sustainable growth of illimity.

