



## ***COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENT***

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### ***Quote***

HSBC Bank Malta notes the announcement made today by the European Central Bank (ECB) regarding the final results of its EU-wide comprehensive assessment. The assessment included an asset quality review (AQR) and a stress test.

After adjusting for the impact of the AQR, HSBC Bank Malta's 2013 CRR/CRD IV transitional basis common equity tier 1 (CET1) capital ratio is 9.02%. This exceeds the ECB's threshold of 8%.

Under the baseline scenario, the bank's lowest CET1 ratio is 9.26% (10.15% in 2016), exceeding the ECB's threshold of 8%.

Under the adverse scenario, the bank's lowest CET1 ratio is 8.91% (8.91% in 2016), exceeding the ECB's threshold of 5.5%.

Further details on the results of the AQR and stress test are provided in the disclosure tables available at <http://www.ecb.europa.eu/ssm/assessment/html/index.en.html>

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