



## FILLING INSTRUCTION FOR CUSTOMERS

Self-Certification FATCA and CRS (Individuals)

Dear customer,

With the enclosed filling instruction, the UniCredit Bank GmbH intends to inform you about the reasons for additional information required by the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and the Common Reporting Standard (CRS).

## **Background**

FATCA is a US tax law aimed at encouraging tax compliance by US taxable persons outside the US. The law requires foreign financial institutions to collect tax relevant information regarding US persons and to report this information to the US Tax Authority (IRS) to facilitate the determination of the correct taxation. The UniCredit Bank GmbH is located in a jurisdiction, which has signed an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for FATCA with the USA. Consequently, UniCredit Bank GmbH is required to collect information on US taxable persons and to report it to the tax authorities.

CRS is a global standard for automatic exchange of financial account information issued by the OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) with the purpose to detect, deter and discourage international tax evasion. Germany has also adopted the CRS legislation that applies since 1st January 2016. Therefore, financial institutions, like the UniCredit Bank GmbH, are required to report certain financial information of account holders, who are resident in other CRS jurisdictions to the local tax authority. These information will then be submitted to the respective tax authorities of the other countries involved in the multilateral exchange of information.

As specified in the regulation, UniCredit Bank GmbH may use the self-certification provided to you in order to obtain all required FATCA and CRS information. In the following, you will find supporting information for filling out the self-certification.

## Filling instruction

All questions in the self-certification must be answered by you personally, since UniCredit Bank GmbH is not allowed to provide tax advice. In case of uncertainty, please contact your tax advisor.

If you do not provide the self-certification correctly or completely, or if you do not provide notification of the newly applicable information in the event of a change in circumstances or do not provide it correctly, incompletely or not in good time, this may be punished with a fine of up to ten thousand euros in accordance with Section 28 (1a) FKAustG. Additional information on how to complete the questions 1-8 in the self-certification for »Individuals« has been provided to you in the following. This filling instruction solely serves as supporting material for the FATCA/CRS self-certification and may not be used for documentation purposes.

- No.1 TIN is the Taxpayer Identification Number or a functional equivalent in the absence of a TIN. If a TIN is not available, please provide a valid reason such as Reason A or B in the self-certification. If you are tax resident in more than three countries/jurisdictions, it is important that you provide information on all of your tax residences. Please use a separate sheet to provide this additional information.
- No.2 Please provide information on whether you are a US citizen
- No.3 Please provide information on whether you have a permanent US residence permit.
  - A permanent US residence permit (US Green Card) gives its owner the unlimited right to live and work in the US.
- No.4 Please provide information on whether you have a place of residence in the USA
  - Please also provide us with the corresponding address if it differs from your personal information provided in the upper part of the self-certification - »Residence address«
- No.5 Please provide information on whether you were born in the U.S.

If you were born in the US, then the so called »birth place principle« applies to you. Every child born in USA receives the U.S. nationality. Should a person choose to relinquish their U.S. nationality, he or she has to apply for a Certificate of Loss of Nationality of the U.S.

The Certificate of Loss of Nationality of the U.S. is provided by a U.S. consulate. It officially certifies the loss of nationality according to immigration and nationality laws.

A reasonable written explanation is an explanation comprehensible to UniCredit Bank GmbH. Therefore, please provide such explanation on the self-certification.

- No.6 If you are not a U.S. tax resident, please confirm point 6.
- No.7 If any other exception applies to you, please select the applicable one under point 7.

An international organization includes the office of an intergovernmental or supranational organization, including the European Union, recognized by the respective government as entitled to tax exemption under agreements, laws or regulations.

Examples: World Bank, European Community, International Monetary Fund

No.8 If you are a U.S. tax resident, please confirm point 8 and provide a TIN under point 1.