

## **Central Management**

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To The Securities Authority www.isa.gov.il To The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Ltd. www.tase.co.il

## **<u>Re: Immediate Report Concerning the Distribution of a Dividend</u></u>**

In accordance with the dividend distribution policy of the First International Bank of Israel Ltd. ("**the Bank**") and further to the "Capital - Capital Adequacy" section of the report of the Bank's Board of Directors for June 30, 2023, given that the dividend distribution policy refers to an annual distribution of up to 50% of the annual net profit and particularly against the background of the continuing level of uncertainty in the markets in Israel and around the world, the Bank is pleased to report that on August 15, 2023 the Bank's Board of Directors decided to approve the distribution of a cash dividend to the shareholders of the Bank totaling NIS **220** million (gross).

The following is a description of the examination conducted by the Bank's Board of Directors at the time of approving the distribution of the dividend, as well as the Board of Directors' main reasons for the distribution:

- 1. The distribution satisfies the tests for distribution established in the Companies Law, 5759-1999 (the profit test and the solvency test).
- 2. The distribution complies with the conditions of the control permit granted to the controlling shareholders in the Bank by the Bank of Israel on August 27, 2003, whereby the Bank is not allowed to distribute dividends from profits accumulated by the Bank prior to March 31, 2003. As at June 30, 2023, the Bank has retained earnings pursuant to the Companies Law in the sum of NIS **10,655** million. In light of the foregoing restriction in the control permit, the Bank has distributable retained earnings in the sum of NIS **8,264** million.
- 3. The Board of Directors has found that the distribution complies with the regulatory restrictions established by the Banking Supervision Department, including Proper Conduct of Banking Business Directive No. 331 with regard to distribution restrictions, as well as with the capital restrictions, the leverage restrictions and other restrictions.
- 4. The distribution of a dividend in accordance with the policy in this regard is incorporated as part of the quantitative working assumptions within the Bank's multi-year strategy and consequently it is also incorporated within the Bank's work plan. Accordingly, the dividend distribution is not expected to have an effect on the capital structure, or on the compliance with the capital adequacy, leverage ratio and liquidity requirements and the Bank's strategic plan.

- 5. There is no concern that the dividend distribution would prevent the Bank from meeting its existing and anticipated commitments.
- 6. The distribution of the dividend is a way to allow the shareholders to participate in the profits and in the positive results of the Bank's operations.

The decision of the Board of Directors relies on forward looking information as defined in the Securities Law, 5728-1968. The Bank's assessments may not materialize, in whole or in part, or may materialize in a materially different manner than foreseen, *inter alia* as a result of changes in the market conditions and the materialization of one of the risks detailed in the Bank's reports that were released to the public for 2022 and for the second quarter of 2023.

Sincerely,

The First International Bank of Israel Ltd.

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