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RECOMMENDATION OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK
of 12 February 2025
to the Council of the European Union on the external auditors of the European Central Bank
(ECB/2025/6)
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THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN CENTRAL BANK,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank, and in particular Article 27.1 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The accounts of the European Central Bank (ECB) and the national central banks of the Member States whose currency is the euro are audited by independent external auditors recommended by the ECB's Governing Council and approved by the Council of the European Union.
- (2) The mandate of the ECB's current external auditors, Baker Tilly GmbH & Co. KG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, will end after the audit for the financial year 2024. It is therefore necessary to appoint external auditors from the financial year 2025.
- (3) The ECB has selected Forvis Mazars GmbH & Co. KG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft Steuerberatungsgesellschaft as its external auditors for the financial years 2025 to 2029, with an option to extend the mandate for up to two additional financial years (i.e. to 2030 or to 2031),

HAS ADOPTED THIS RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Forvis Mazars GmbH & Co. KG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft Steuerberatungsgesellschaft should be appointed as the external auditors of the ECB for the financial years 2025 to 2029, with an option to extend the mandate for up to two additional financial years (i.e. to 2030 or to 2031).

Done at Frankfurt am Main, 12 February 2025.

The President of the ECB
Christine LAGARDE
