

### **Categorization of clients**

- (1) In accordance with the applicable legislation, the Bank shall categorise its clients in one of the three following categories:

**A) Standard (nonprofessional) client**

Such a client enjoys the highest level of protection in investments.

**B) Professional client**

These are the bodies specified by the law or entities meeting certain material requirements.

Persons may become a professional client at their own request provided that they meet at least some of the requirements specified by the law.

The level of protection provided top professional clients is lower with regard to their expected qualifications. The lower level of protection mainly concerns the following areas: information requirements, certain obligations related to entering into transactions on behalf of the client, confirmation of transactions, and statements. In addition, professional clients may not be entitled to compensation from foreign investor compensation schemes similar to the Investor Compensation Fund in the Czech Republic.

A professional client is expected to possess the required professional knowledge and experience in the area of investments to make its own investment decisions and duly evaluate the risks to which it is exposed in connection with the investment service or transaction in the investment instrument for which it is a professional client. In addition, a professional client is expected to have sufficient financing backing with regard to investment advice to incur the related investment risks corresponding to its investment objectives. The supply of services is not limited by client categorisation.

**C) Eligible counterparty:**

Eligible counterparties are provided the lowest degree of protection. They are professional clients who are automatically, or at their request, assigned the eligible counterparty status in the provision of certain main investment services.

The specific categorisation is defined in the Agreement or the client is otherwise duly informed about it.