



Deutsche Postbank Funding Trust III

(a statutory trust formed under the Delaware Statutory Trust Act
with its principal place of business in New York, NY, U.S.A.)

Financial Report

For the period ended June 30, 2024

Pursuant to Section 5:25c of the Netherlands Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financieel toezicht*)

Management Report

Deutsche Postbank Funding Trust III (the “Trust”) was set up to issue the noncumulative trust preferred securities (the “Trust Preferred Securities”), to issue a Trust Common Security to Deutsche Bank AG (“Deutsche Bank” or “DB AG”) and to use all proceeds derived from such issuances to purchase noncumulative Class B Preferred Securities (the “Class B Preferred Securities”) issued by Deutsche Postbank Funding LLC III (the “Company”).

Under the Class B Preferred Securities, the Trust is entitled to receive Capital Payments on the Liquidation Preference Amount of € 1,000 per Class B Preferred Security which are payable annually in arrears on June 7 of each year. Capital Payments payable on each Capital Payment Date will generally accrue from and including the immediately preceding Capital Payment Date up to but excluding the relevant Capital Payment Date at a rate per annum (the “Stated Rate”) as described in detail in the prospectus dated June 3, 2005 (the “Prospectus”).

Capital Payments on the Class B Preferred Securities are generally paid out of the Company’s Operating Profits or from payments received by the Company under the Support Undertaking. If the Company does not declare (and is not deemed to have declared) a Capital Payment on the Class B Preferred Securities in respect of any Capital Payment Period, the Trust as holder of the Class B Preferred Securities will have no right to receive a Capital Payment on the Class B Preferred Securities in respect of such Capital Payment Period, and the Company will have no obligation to pay a Capital Payment on the Class B Preferred Securities in respect of such Capital Payment Period, whether or not Capital Payments are declared (or deemed to have been declared) and paid on the Class B Preferred Securities in respect of any future Capital Payment Period. Capital Payments on the Class B Preferred Securities will only be authorized to be declared and paid on any Capital Payment Date to the extent that:

- The Company has an amount of Operating Profits for the Capital Payment Period ending on the day immediately preceding such Capital Payment Date at least equal to the amount of such Capital Payments, and
- Deutsche Bank AG has Distributable Profits for the preceding fiscal year for which audited unconsolidated financial statements are available in an amount at least equal to the aggregate amount of such Capital Payments and all capital payments, dividends or other distributions on Parity Securities, if any, which Distributable Profits for the preceding fiscal year are allocated among Capital Payments and capital payments, dividends or other distributions on Parity Securities, pro rata.

The terms “Capital Payments”, “Capital Payment Date”, “Capital Payment Period”, “Operating Profit”, “Distributable Profits” and “Parity Securities” and other capitalized terms are described in detail in the Prospectus relating to the Trust Preferred Securities dated June 3, 2005.

During the six months ended June 30, 2024, the Company and DB AG had sufficient Operating Profit and Distributable Profits, respectively to make Capital Payments at the Stated Rate and the Trust received Capital Payments from the Company at such rate and when due under the LLC Agreement. As a consequence, the Trust made Capital Payments on the Trust Preferred Securities at such rate at the scheduled date pursuant to the Trust Agreement. The Trust made no payments or other distributions on the Trust Common Security.

Under the Services Agreement, the Servicer is obligated, among other things, to provide legal, accounting, tax and other general support services to the Trust, to maintain compliance with all

applicable U. S. local, state and federal laws, and to provide administrative, record keeping and secretarial services for the Trust. The fees and expenses of the Trust and all other obligations of the Trust are paid by the Company. During the six months period ended June 30, 2024, the Trust received all such services and the Company paid such fees, expenses and obligations as provided in the Services Agreement.

Results of Operations

During the six months period ended June 30, 2024, the Company and Deutsche Bank had sufficient Operating Profit and Distributable Profits respectively to make Capital Payments at the stated rate and the Trust received Capital Payments from the Company at such rate and when due under the LLC Agreement. Consequently, the Trust made Capital Payments on the Trust Preferred Securities at such rate at the scheduled date pursuant to the Trust Agreement. The Trust made no payments or other distributions on the Trust Common Security. Overall, net loss in the six months period ended June 30, 2024, was € 3,416.

Risk Report

The Trust is affected mainly by market, credit and liquidity risk, all of which are managed by Deutsche Bank AG.

Market risk

Market risk denotes the potential risk that may lead to losses in financial transactions due to changes in interest rates, spreads, volatilities, commodity prices, exchange rates, and equity prices. The market risk in form of interest rate risk of the assets and liabilities of the Trust offset each other.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is defined as the risk of being unable to meet current or future payment obligations. Since the terms of the assets and liabilities are equivalent, the liquidity risk is insignificant.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of possible losses arising from the inability of a counterparty to discharge its payment obligations or from a deterioration of its credit rating. The Trust's assets are subject to the credit risk of Deutsche Bank AG, which has an investment grade rating.

Events after the Reporting Period

There have been no events after the Reporting Period ended that had a material impact on the financial statements.

Outlook

Payments by the Company on the Class B Preferred Securities are the source of funds for the Capital Payments on the Trust Preferred Securities. In turn, the Company has invested substantially all proceeds from the issuance of the Class B Preferred Securities in Initial Debt Securities issued by DB AG. Under the Initial Debt Securities, interest is paid at the same dates as Capital Payments are scheduled under the Class B Preferred Securities. The Company is also a party to the Services Agreement with the Trust and receives similar services as the Trust. The Trust expects that the Company and DB AG will continue to meet their respective obligations under the Class B Preferred Securities and the Initial Obligation, the Services Agreement and the other agreements made in connection with the Trust Preferred Securities.

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Consolidated Financial Statements

Unaudited

June 30, 2024

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Consolidated Statement of Financial Condition

Period ended June 30, 2024

Assets

Cash	€	87,871
Subordinated receivable		300,027,000
Accrued interest receivable		584,453
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Total assets	€	<u>300,699,324</u>

Liabilities, Preferred Securities Subject to Redemption and Equity

Accrued interest payable	€	582,400
Accrued expense		63,376
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Total liabilities		<u>645,776</u>

Preferred securities subject to redemption € 300,000,000

Equity:

Common stock, €1,000 stated value per share. Authorized, issued, and outstanding 1 share		1,000
Additional paid in capital		173,298
Accumulated deficit		(146,750)
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Total stockholder's equity		<u>27,548</u>

Noncontrolling interest 26,000

Total equity 53,548

Total liabilities, preferred securities subject to redemption and equity € 300,699,324

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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Consolidated Statement of Operations

Period ended June 30, 2024

Interest income	€	4,660,319
Interest expense		<u>4,644,914</u>
Net interest income		15,405
Noninterest expenses		<u>18,821</u>
Net loss	€	<u><u>(3,416)</u></u>

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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

Period ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Common stock</u>	<u>Additional paid-in capital</u>	<u>Accumulated deficit</u>	<u>Total stockholder's equity</u>	<u>Noncontrolling interest</u>	<u>Total equity</u>
Balance at December 31, 2023	€ 1,000	173,298	(143,334)	30,964	26,000	56,964
Additional paid-in capital	—	-	—	—	—	—
Net income/Loss Jan 1 - June 30, 2024	—	-	(3,416)	(3,416)	—	(3,416)
Balance at June 30, 2024	€ <u>1,000</u>	<u>173,298</u>	<u>(146,750)</u>	<u>27,548</u>	<u>26,000</u>	<u>53,548</u>

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Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Period ended June 30, 2024

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Net income	€ (3,416)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:	
Accrued interest receivable	4,745,527
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:	
Accrued interest payable	(4,730,402)
Accrued expenses	<u>(175)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	11,534
Contributions from members	<u>—</u>
Net cash provided by financing activities	€ —
Cash beginning of year	<u>76,322</u>
Cash, end of six months	€ <u><u>87,856</u></u>
Cash paid during the year for:	
Interest	€ <u><u>9,375,000</u></u>

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(1) Organization

Deutsche Postbank Funding Trust III is a statutory business trust created on April 20, 2005 under the laws of the State of Delaware. Deutsche Postbank Funding Trust III was created for the sole purpose of issuing €300,000,000 of preferred securities subject to redemption (the Trust Preferred Securities) to investors, and a €1,000 Trust Common Security to Deutsche Postbank AG. The proceeds from the issuance of the Trust Preferred Securities were used to purchase all of the Class B Preferred Securities from Deutsche Postbank Funding LLC III (the Company), a majority-owned consolidated subsidiary of Deutsche Postbank Funding Trust III. The Company also issued a Class A Preferred Security and a Company Common Security to DB AG. Deutsche Postbank Funding Trust III does not engage in any business other than holding the Class B Preferred Securities, collecting interest and other payments (the Capital Payments) with respect to the Class B Preferred Securities, paying Capital Payments to the holders of the Trust Preferred Securities, and performing ancillary activities.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared from the separate records maintained by the Trust, and may not necessarily be indicative of the consolidated statement of financial condition and consolidated statement of operations that would have existed if the Trust had been operated as an unaffiliated entity.

(a) *Basis of Accounting*

The Trust's consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. These standards require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates may vary from actual results.

(b) *Principles of Consolidation*

The consolidated financial statements of the Trust include the Company. The Trust consolidates entities in which it has a majority voting interest when the entity is controlled through substantive voting equity interests and the equity investors bear the residual economic risks of the entity. Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 810, *Consolidation*, requires a company to consolidate those entities that do not meet this criteria if the company has (1) the power to direct the activities of the entity that most significantly impact its economic performance, and (2) the obligation to absorb losses of the entity or the right to receive benefits from the entity that could be significant to the entity. The Trust has identified its investment in the Class B Preferred Securities to be variable interests and

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considers itself as the primary beneficiary, resulting in the consolidation of the Company. All intercompany transactions and accounts have been eliminated.

The Company's Common Security and the Class A Preferred Security, which are held by DB AG, are reported as non-controlling interests

(c) Subordinated note receivable

The financial assets held by the Trust include a subordinated note receivable (the Subordinated Note Receivable), which is issued by DB AG. The Subordinated Note Receivable is recorded at amortized cost.

(d) Preferred securities subject to redemption

Pursuant to ASC Topic 480, *Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity*, preferred stocks whose redemption is outside the control of the issuer are required to be presented separately from permanent equity. The Trust will be required to redeem the Trust Preferred Securities if DB AG elects to require redemption of the Subordinated Note Receivable. Accordingly, the Trust Preferred Securities are classified as outside of permanent equity and are presented as preferred securities subject to redemption in the consolidated statement of financial condition. The Trust Preferred Securities are recorded at amortized cost.

(e) Interest

Interest income represents the payments received or receivable from the Subordinated Note Receivable and interest expense represents payments paid or payable from the issuance of the Trust Preferred Securities.

(f) Income taxes:

The Trust is a grantor trust and, as such, is a simple trust. Simple trusts must pass through all items of income and deductions to the grantor. Therefore, the Trust has no taxable income and no requirement to record a tax expense.

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(g) Fair Value Measurement and Disclosures

The fair value hierarchy under ASC Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities
- Level 2 Quoted prices in markets that are not considered to be active or financial instruments for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly
- Level 3 Prices or valuations that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

(3) Preferred Securities Subject to Redemption

On June 7, 2005, the Trust issued €300 million of Trust Preferred Securities which have no stated maturity. Holders of the Trust Preferred Securities receive Capital Payments, on a noncumulative basis, which accrue (i) until June 7, 2008, at a fixed rate of 7.0% per annum, payable annually in arrears on June 7 each year and (ii) thereafter, at a floating rate (EUR-ISDA-EURIBOR Swap Rate-11:00) (the annual Euro swap rate expressed as a percentage for Euro swap transaction with a 10-year maturity) plus 0.125% per annum, payable annually in arrears on June 7 each year, provided that no Capital Payment shall accrue at a rate of more than 8.0% per annum. The interest rate paid on June 7, 2024 was 3.125%. Capital Payments are subject to certain conditions, including that DB AG has an amount of Distributable Profits for the preceding fiscal year at least equal to the Capital Payments.

(4) Related-Party Transactions

Related-party transactions consist of the Subordinated Note Receivable dated June 7, 2005 issued by DB AG and matures on June 7, 2035. Interest accrues on the Subordinated Note Receivable, on a noncumulative basis, (i) until June 7, 2008, at a fixed rate of 7.01%, payable annually in arrears on June 7 each year and (ii) thereafter at a floating rate (EUR-ISDA-EURIBOR Swap Rate-11:00) plus 0.135% per annum, payable annually in arrears on June 7 each year, provided that interest shall not accrue at a rate of more than 8.0% per annum. The interest rate received on June 7, 2024 was 3.135%. Interest earned on the Subordinated Note Receivable is passed through to

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the holders of the Trust Preferred Securities in the form of interest payments less a spread used to pay operational costs.

The Subordinated Note Receivable shall not be redeemable by DB AG prior to the maturity date except upon the occurrence of a Special Redemption Event (see note 6). If DB AG redeems the Subordinated Note Receivable, the Trust must redeem a corresponding number of Trust Preferred Securities. Any redemption of the Trust Preferred Securities, in whole or in part, will be at an amount equal to €1,000 per Trust Preferred Security, plus any additional amounts, if any, plus any accrued and unpaid Capital Payments.

In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution, winding up or termination of the Trust, the holders of the Trust Preferred Securities at the time outstanding shall, subject to certain limitations, be entitled to receive (a) the Class B Preferred Securities in an aggregate stated liquidation preference amount on such Trust Preferred Securities, plus accumulated and unpaid Capital Payments thereon in respect of the related Class B Payment Period and (b) pro rata based on the respective liquidation preference amounts of the Trust Preferred Securities, any other assets of the Trust.

On December 5, 2016 the Company entered into a Corporate Services Agreement whereby Citadel SPV LLC will provide all corporate services to the Company.

On June 7, 2005 DB AG (Formerly known as DB PFK AG, now merged with DB AG) and the Company have entered into a support undertaking for the benefit of the Trust and the holders of the Class B Preferred Securities.

(5) Corporate Services

On December 5, 2016 the Company entered into a Corporate Services Agreement whereby Citadel SPV LLC will provide all corporate services to the Company. The Company paid €6,811 and accrued €6,374 for these services for the six months period ending June 30, 2024 which are recorded in noninterest expenses.

(6) Special Redemption Events

Upon the occurrence of a Special Redemption Event with respect to the Trust, holders of the Trust Preferred Securities will be entitled to receive a corresponding number of Class B Preferred Securities. The Company will have the right to redeem the Class B Preferred Securities upon the occurrence of a Special Redemption Event with respect to the Company. Special Redemption Events include Tax Events, Regulatory Events, and Investment Company Events.

A Tax Event means the receipt by DB AG of an opinion of a nationally recognized law firm or other tax adviser in the United States or Germany, as appropriate, experienced in such matters, to the effect, that, as a result of (i) any amendment to, or clarification of, or change (including any announced prospective change) in, the laws or treaties (or any regulations promulgated thereunder) of the United States or Germany or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein affecting taxation, (ii) any judicial decision, official administrative pronouncement,

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published or private ruling, regulatory procedure, notice or announcement (including any notice or announcement of intent to adopt such procedures or regulations) by any legislative body, court, governmental authority or regulatory body (an “Administrative Action”), or (iii) any amendment to, clarification of, or change in the official position or the interpretation of such Administrative Action or any interpretation or pronouncement that provides for a position with respect to such Administrative Action that differs from the theretofore generally accepted position, in each case, by any legislative body, court, governmental authority or regulatory body, irrespective of the manner in which such amendment, clarification or change is made known, which amendment, clarification or change is effective, or which pronouncement or decision is announced, after the date of issuance of the Company Securities and Trust Preferred Securities, there is more than an insubstantial risk that (a) the Trust or Company is or will be subject to more than a *de minimis* amount of taxes, duties or other governmental charges, or (b) the Trust, the Company or an obligor of the debt securities would be obligated to pay Additional Amounts or Additional Interest Amounts.

A Regulatory Event means that (i) DB AG is notified by a relevant regulatory authority, as a result of the occurrence of any amendment to, or change (including any change that has been adopted but has not yet become effective) in, the applicable banking laws of Germany (or any rules, regulations or interpretations thereunder, including rulings of the relevant banking authorities) or the guidelines of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision after June 3, 2005, DB AG is not, or will not be, allowed to treat the Class B Preferred Securities or the Trust Preferred Securities as Tier 1 regulatory capital for capital adequacy purposes on a consolidated basis, or (ii) the Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht (BaFin) notifies DB AG or otherwise announces that neither the Class B Preferred Securities nor the Trust Preferred Securities (or securities substantially similar to the Class B Preferred Securities or the Trust Preferred Securities) may or may any longer be treated as Tier I regulatory capital for capital adequacy purposes on a consolidated basis.

An Investment Company Event means the request and receipt by DB AG of an opinion of a nationally recognized U.S. law firm experienced in such matters to the effect that there is more than insubstantial risk that the Company or the Trust is or will be considered an “investment company” within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a result (i) of any judicial decision, pronouncement or interpretation (irrespective of the manner made known), or (ii) the adoption or amendment of any law, rule or regulation, or any notice or announcement (including any notice or announcement of intent to adopt such law, rule or regulation) by any U.S. legislative body, court, governmental agency, or regulatory authority.

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(7) Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The following are the estimated fair values of the Trust's financial instruments recognized on the consolidated statement of financial condition based on independent market quotes:

	<u>June 30, 2024</u>	
	<u>Carrying amount</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Subordinated note receivable	€ 300,027,000	€247,372,262
Preferred securities subject to redemption	€ 300,000,000	€247,350,000

The Trust Preferred Securities would be classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy as the Trust's estimation of the fair value of these Trust Preferred Securities is based upon quoted prices in markets that are not considered to be active. The relevant terms of the Subordinated Note Receivable are identical to the terms of the preferred securities subject to redemption, and the Trust would be required to redeem the preferred securities subject to redemption if DB AG elects to redeem the Subordinated Note Receivable. Therefore, a reasonable estimate of the fair value of the Subordinated Note Receivable is represented by the fair value of the preferred securities subject to redemption and the Subordinated Note Receivable would also be classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

(8) Subsequent Events

The Trust has evaluated subsequent events for the period from June 30, 2024 to September 10, 2024, the date when the accompanying consolidated financial statements were issued. No such events required recognition or disclosure in the consolidated financial statements for the half year ended June 30, 2024.

Responsibility Statement by the Regular Trustees for Deutsche Postbank Funding Trust III

To the best of our knowledge, and in accordance with the applicable reporting principles, the financial statements of the Trust give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Trust, and the management report of the Trust includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Trust, together with a description of the principal opportunities and risks associated with the expected development of the Trust.

New York/ New York, September 10, 2024

The Regular Trustees



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