

**NATIONAL SECURITIES MARKET COMMISSION**

Pursuant to article 17 of Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on market abuse and article 228 of the restated text of the Securities Market Law approved by the Royal Legislative Decree 4/2015, of 23 October (*texto refundido de la Ley del Mercado de Valores aprobado por el Real Decreto Legislativo 4/2015, de 23 de octubre*), Banco de Sabadell, S.A. (Banco Sabadell), informs the National Securities Market Commission (*Comisión Nacional del Mercado de Valores –CNMV–*) the following

RELEVANT FACT

DBRS Ratings Limited and DBRS Inc have assigned, on March 7th 2017, a new rating called 'Issuer Rating' to several European entities.

The rating assigned to Banco Sabadell is BBB (high) with stable trend.

This rating is assigned based on a bank's fundamentals that are reflected in its Intrinsic Assessment and is typically at the same level and trend as the Senior Debt rating.

Sincerely,

María José García Beato
Deputy Secretary of the Board of Directors

Barcelona, 8 March 2017