



Press release

Merger plan - Banque Populaire and Caisse d'Epargne groups Nomination of future central body general management team

Paris, April 21, 2009 – As part of the merger of the Banque Populaire and Caisse d'Epargne groups, François Pérol, Chairman of the CNCE Management Board and Chief Executive Officer of BFBP, announced the nomination of the general management team of the future central body, which will become the second largest French banking group.

Chairman of the Management Board	François Pérol
Banque Populaire retail banking	Yvan de la Porte du Theil
Caisse d'Epargne retail banking	Alain Lemaire
Real estate	Guy Cotret
Human Resources	Jean-Luc Vergne
Finance	
<i>The appointment of the Chief Financial Officer will take place in the next few weeks.</i>	
Operations	Philippe Queuille
Strategy	François Riahi

The Chief Executive Officer of Natixis will also be part of the general management Committee.

François Pérol will put forward the appointments of Messrs. Yvan de La Porte du Theil, Alain Lemaire, Jean-Luc Vergne and the Chief Financial Officer to the Management Board of the future central body.

In addition, the following have also been appointed:

Internal Audit	Martine Lefebvre
General Secretary	Didier Banquy
Risk	Isabelle Maury
Compliance	Laurence May
Communications	Yves Messarovitch

François Pérol stated: “Today, the nomination of the general management team of the future central body for the Banque Populaire and Caisse d'Epargne banks, instrumental in leading the creation of the second largest French banking group, marks a decisive step in the merger of the two groups. I am delighted with the composition of a team comprising internal and external skills, with which I intend to build a powerful group in accordance with our brands. Following the presentation of the bill relating to the creation of a new central body at the Council of Ministers meeting, and the transmission of the request for approval to the CECEI [the French banking regulator], this new organisation materialises our joint intent and compliance with our timetable”.

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