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Catherine Colonna is appointed an independent member of the Supervisory Board of Groupe BPCE

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Catherine Colonna, a managing partner of the Paris office of Brunswick Group, has been appointed an independent member of the Supervisory Board of Groupe BPCE succeeding Laurence Danon. She is member of the Appointments and Remuneration Committee,

Catherine Colonna (58) holds a degree awarded by the Paris Institute of Political Studies (*Sciences Po*) and a post-graduate diploma (DEA) in public law. After studying at the ENA National School of Administration (1983), she began her career in the French Foreign Ministry, where she held several positions of responsibility. In 1993, she was appointed deputy spokesperson of the ministry and deputy director of the Press, Information and Communications Department. In 1995, she joined the staff of the French President as the official spokeswoman for the Elysée Palace before becoming Director General of the National Center of Cinematography (CNC) in 2004. From 2005 to 2007, she served as Minister Delegate for European Affairs in the French government and was appointed French ambassador to UNESCO in 2008. Since 2010, Catherine Colonna has been a managing partner of the Brunswick Group.

Since 2008, Catherine Colonna has also served as Vice-President of the Franco-British Council, as a member of the Board of Directors of Fondation Chirac and as a director on the Cultural Board of the Monnaie de Paris (Paris Mint).

About Groupe BPCE

Groupe BPCE, the 2nd-largest banking group in France, includes two independent and complementary commercial banking networks: the network of 19 Banque Populaire banks and the network of 17 Caisses d'Épargne. It also works through Crédit Foncier de France in the area of real estate financing. It is a major player in wholesale banking, asset management and financial services with Natixis. Groupe BPCE serves more than 36 million customers and enjoys a strong presence in France with 8,000 branches, 115,000 employees and more than 8.8 million cooperative shareholders.

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