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# Crédit Agricole S.A. successfully priced its offering of **US\$1.25bn Undated Deeply Subordinated Additional Tier 1 Fixed** Rate Resettable Notes

Crédit Agricole aims at optimising its capital structure by filling the AT1 bucket at 1.5% of RWA at Crédit Agricole S.A. level. In this context, on 20 February 2019, Crédit Agricole S.A. seized favourable market conditions to issue its first AT1 Notes since January 2016. The new AT1 issue bears the lowest reset spread amongst Crédit Agricole's outstanding AT1 securities.

The Notes have no fixed maturity date and will bear a fixed interest rate of 6.875% per annum until the first call date, 23 September 2024, after which the rate will be reset every five years at the then prevailing 5-year swap rate and the initial margin of 431.9bp. Interest payments are subject to cancellation under certain circumstances. The principal amount of the Notes will be written down temporarily if the Crédit Agricole Group's CET1 Capital Ratio (as defined in the terms and conditions of the Notes) falls or remains below 7% or the Crédit Agricole S.A.'s CET1 Capital Ratio (as defined in the terms and conditions of the Notes) falls or remains below 5.125%. The Notes will be subject to optional redemption by the issuer on 23 September 2024 and each interest reset date thereafter with the prior approval of the regulator and subject to certain conditions.

The Notes were sold to institutional investors in Europe, the United States and Asia. The offering attracted considerable interest, with about 250 investors and the order book amounting to around US\$4.75bn.

The new AT1 Notes have been issued to increase Crédit Agricole's flexibility in terms of managing its Tier 1 capital. Any potential future decisions to exercise calls on the existing AT1 Notes will be taken in the context of our financial position and other factors at the relevant time and will be subject to any required regulatory and other approvals and pre-conditions being satisfied.

Crédit Agricole Group is one of the best capitalised financial institutions in Europe. Crédit Agricole Group and Crédit Agricole S.A.'s CET1 Capital Ratios were up to 15% and 11.5% respectively by December 2018, well above the level that would trigger Maximum Distributable Amount restrictions, which will be 9.776% for Crédit Agricole Group and 8.546% for Crédit Agricole S.A. as of 1 March 2019.

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