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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### Preparation of General Shareholders Meeting of 19 December 2008

BNP Paribas' Board of Directors today approved an information document prepared for the General Shareholders Meeting, which has been convened on the 19 December 2008 to take a decision on two issues of shares relating to the acquisition of certain assets of the Fortis Group.

The information document is available on the company website at the following link:

<http://media-cms.bnpparibas.com/file/32/9/informations-complementaires-concernant-les-deuxieme-et-troisieme-apports.6329.pdf>

An information document relating to the first issue of shares which has to be approved by BNP Paribas' Board of Directors prior to the General Shareholders Meeting is also available on the company website at the following link:

<http://media-cms.bnpparibas.com/file/33/1/informations-concernant-le-premier-apport.6331.pdf>

The reports of the independent advisers on these three issues of shares, attached to the information document, are available on the company website at the following link:

[http://media-cms.bnpparibas.com/file/33/6/rapport\\_des\\_commissaires\\_aux\\_apports\\_1-pdf.6336.PDF](http://media-cms.bnpparibas.com/file/33/6/rapport_des_commissaires_aux_apports_1-pdf.6336.PDF)

[http://media-cms.bnpparibas.com/file/33/8/rapport\\_des\\_commissaires\\_aux\\_apports\\_2-pdf.6338.PDF](http://media-cms.bnpparibas.com/file/33/8/rapport_des_commissaires_aux_apports_2-pdf.6338.PDF)

The report of the independent advisers on the third issue of shares is attached to this press release.



**About BNP Paribas**

BNP Paribas ([www.bnpparibas.com](http://www.bnpparibas.com)) is a European leader in global banking and financial services and is one of the 3 strongest banks in the world according to Standard & Poor's. The group is present in 85 countries, with more than 171,000 employees, including 131.000 in Europe. The group holds key positions in three major segments: Corporate and Investment Banking, Asset Management & Services and Retail Banking. Present throughout Europe in all of its business lines, the bank's two domestic markets in retail banking are France and Italy. BNP Paribas also has a significant presence in the United States and strong positions in Asia and the emerging markets.

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