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## AXA announces the successful completion of its EUR 2 billion rights issue

The share capital increase with preferential subscription rights launched by AXA on November 9 has been successfully completed. The final gross proceeds amount to EUR 2,072,071,173, with the issue of 174,123,628 new shares.

The proceeds from the capital increase will be used to seize future acquisition opportunities, primarily in high growth markets, including the potential buyout of minority interests in Central and Eastern Europe and the transaction proposed to AXA Asia Pacific Holdings (AXA APH), while maintaining a strong balance sheet.

Total demand for this capital increase amounted to approximately EUR 5.6 billion, i.e. a subscription rate of 272%. 172,245,988 new shares were subscribed by irrevocable entitlement ("*à titre irréductible*"), i.e. 98.92% of the total number of new shares, while requests for subscription subject to reduction ("*à titre réductible*") amounted to 300,947,305 new shares, and will, as a result, only be satisfied in part, i.e. for 1,877,640 new shares.

The settlement and listing of the new shares on Euronext Paris will take place on December 4, 2009, resulting in a total share capital of 2,263,505,553 shares as from that date.

The new shares will be listed on Euronext Paris on the same line as AXA's existing shares, under ISIN code FR000120628, and will be eligible for any future dividend distributions, including the dividend to be paid in 2010 in respect of fiscal year 2009.

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## About AXA

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The AXA ordinary share is listed on compartment A of Euronext Paris under the ticker symbol CS (ISIN FR0000120628 – Bloomberg: CS FP – Reuters: AXAF.PA). The American Depository Share is also listed on the NYSE under the ticker symbol AXA.

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*AXA draws the public's attention in particular to the risk factors appearing on pages 40 to 47 and 196 to 234 of the document de référence, on pages 12 and 192 of its actualisation and in section 2 of the note d'opération mentioned above.*

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