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# Credit Suisse Group announces changes to its Executive Board

Zurich, April 27, 2022 – Credit Suisse Group announces a series of appointments to its Executive Board and management changes as follows:

## **Chief Financial Officer**

David Mathers, who has served as Chief Financial Officer since 2010 and as CEO of Credit Suisse International (CSI) since 2016, has indicated his wish to seek alternative opportunities outside of Credit Suisse. David has agreed to continue his responsibilities until suitable successors for both of his roles have been found, ensuring an orderly transition. Credit Suisse has launched an internal and external search, a process in which David will be involved, to find the optimal candidates for the two roles.

## CEO of the Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) region

Francesca McDonagh will take over by October 1, 2022, as CEO of the EMEA region from Francesco De Ferrari, CEO of the Wealth Management division, who has held this position on an ad interim basis since January 2022. Francesca, who will be based in Zurich, will also join the Executive Board, reporting directly to Group CEO Thomas Gottstein. Most recently, she has held the role of Group CEO at the Bank of Ireland since 2017. Prior to that she served in several senior management roles at HSBC Group, including Group General Manager and Regional Head of Retail Banking and Wealth Management, UK and Europe. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from Oxford University.

# CEO of the Asia Pacific (APAC) region

Helman Sitohang has announced his intention to step down from his current role on June 1, 2022. Edwin Low, who has been with the bank since 1996, will replace Helman on the Executive Board and report directly to Group CEO Thomas Gottstein. He is currently Co-Head of Investment Banking APAC based in Singapore. He is also CEO for Southeast Asia. Before joining Credit Suisse, he worked at Schroders Australia and with law firm Mallesons Stephen Jaques, where he was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor. Edwin has a Bachelor of Jurisprudence and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Western Australia as well as an MBA from the Australian Graduate School of Management, University of New South Wales.

Helman, who was appointed CEO of APAC in 2014 and joined the Executive Board a year later, will stay with Credit Suisse and become senior advisor to the Group CEO, focusing on core clients and strategic development around the APAC region, an important growth market for Credit Suisse. Helman will also serve on the APAC Advisory Council. He joined Credit Suisse in 1998 and has held senior roles at the company including Head of the Investment Bank in APAC.

## **Group General Counsel**

Markus Diethelm joins on July 1, 2022, as General Counsel, succeeding Romeo Cerutti, who will retire after more than 10 years in the position. He will also join the Executive Board and report directly to Group CEO Thomas Gottstein. Markus was most recently at UBS Group, where he served as General Counsel and member of the Group Executive Board from 2014 to 2021. He held the same role at UBS AG from 2008. Over the previous decade, he was Group Chief Legal Officer at Swiss Re. Prior to that, he was with US law firms Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher as well as Shearman & Sterling and Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. He is admitted to the bar in Zurich, Geneva and New York and holds a Law Degree from the University of Zurich and a master's degree and a PhD from Stanford Law School.

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Axel P. Lehmann, Chairman of the Board of Directors, said: "I would like to welcome Francesca and Markus to Credit Suisse, while congratulating Edwin on his promotion. They bring a wealth of experience and impressive track records in their respective areas, with the right risk mindset required to help drive the implementation of our strategic and cultural transformation. I would like to thank David, Romeo and Helman for their years of service and their commitment to Credit Suisse."

Thomas Gottstein, Group CEO, said: "I am looking forward to having Francesca, Markus and Edwin on the Executive Board given their deep professional insights and profound knowledge of the financial-services industry. At the same time, I would like to thank Romeo, David and Helman for their service to the bank in their important roles over such a significant period of time. I wish Romeo well for his future endeavors. I have accepted David's request with regret and look forward to continuing working with David over the coming months until a successor is found. And finally, I am delighted that Helman will continue to support me and Edwin in his new role, focusing on our most important APAC clients and advise me on our strategy implementation in the APAC region."

The appointments are subject to final regulatory approval.

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the ability to maintain sufficient liquidity and access capital markets;

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- market volatility, increases in inflation and interest rate fluctuations or developments affecting interest rate levels;
- the ongoing significant negative consequences of the Archegos and supply chain finance funds matters and our ability to successfully resolve these matters;
- our ability to improve our risk management procedures and policies and hedging strategies;
- the strength of the global economy in general and the strength of the economies of the countries in which we conduct our operations, in particular the risk of negative impacts of COVID-19 on the global economy and financial markets and the risk of continued slow economic recovery or downturn in the EU, the US or other developed countries or in emerging markets in 2022 and beyond;
- the emergence of widespread health emergencies, infectious diseases or pandemics, such as COVID-19, and the actions
  that may be taken by governmental authorities to contain the outbreak or to counter its impact;
- potential risks and uncertainties relating to the severity of impacts from COVID-19 and the duration of the pandemic, including potential material adverse effects on our business, financial condition and results of operations;
- the direct and indirect impacts of deterioration or slow recovery in residential and commercial real estate markets;
- adverse rating actions by credit rating agencies in respect of us, sovereign issuers, structured credit products or other credit-related exposures;
- the ability to achieve our strategic goals, including those related to our targets, ambitions and financial goals;
- the ability of counterparties to meet their obligations to us and the adequacy of our allowance for credit losses;
- the effects of, and changes in, fiscal, monetary, exchange rate, trade and tax policies;
- the effects of currency fluctuations, including the related impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations due to moves in foreign exchange rates;
- geopolitical and diplomatic tensions, instabilities and conflicts, including war, civil unrest, terrorist activity, sanctions or other geopolitical events or escalations of hostilities;
- political, social and environmental developments, including climate change;
- the ability to appropriately address social, environmental and sustainability concerns that may arise from our business activities;
- the effects of, and the uncertainty arising from, the UK's withdrawal from the EU;
- the possibility of foreign exchange controls, expropriation, nationalization or confiscation of assets in countries in which we conduct our operations;
- operational factors such as systems failure, human error, or the failure to implement procedures properly;
- the risk of cyber attacks, information or security breaches or technology failures on our reputation, business or operations, the risk of which is increased while large portions of our employees work remotely;
- the adverse resolution of litigation, regulatory proceedings and other contingencies;
- actions taken by regulators with respect to our business and practices and possible resulting changes to our business organization, practices and policies in countries in which we conduct our operations;
- the effects of changes in laws, regulations or accounting or tax standards, policies or practices in countries in which we conduct our operations;
- the discontinuation of LIBOR and other interbank offered rates and the transition to alternative reference rates;
- the potential effects of changes in our legal entity structure;
- competition or changes in our competitive position in geographic and business areas in which we conduct our operations;
- the ability to retain and recruit qualified personnel;
- the ability to protect our reputation and promote our brand;
- the ability to increase market share and control expenses;
- technological changes instituted by us, our counterparties or competitors;
- the timely development and acceptance of our new products and services and the perceived overall value of these products and services by users;
- acquisitions, including the ability to integrate acquired businesses successfully, and divestitures, including the ability to sell non-core assets; and
- other unforeseen or unexpected events and our success at managing these and the risks involved in the foregoing.

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