

Press release

Peter Chamlian appointed Chief Executive of Crédit Agricole Suisse (Lebanon), a subsidiary of Crédit Agricole (Suisse) SA

Beirut, 9 October 2012. **Crédit Agricole (Suisse) SA is pleased to announce that Peter Chamlian has been appointed Chief Executive of its fully-owned subsidiary, Crédit Agricole Suisse (Lebanon), where he took up his duties on 13 September. He succeeds Mario Jamhuri, who will head the Rio de Janeiro office of the Crédit Agricole Group's Private Banking division in Brazil. His experience will enable him to build on the work done by his predecessor and local teams, and to continue developing the bank's commercial activities in the region.**

Peter Chamlian has more than 13 years' experience in banking and finance, dividing his time between Beirut and Geneva. As a Crédit Agricole (Suisse) SA employee since 2006, Mr Chamlian has worked to develop the commercial side of the Group's Banking activities in the Middle East.

From 2002 to 2006 he headed the Fixed Income, Funds and Structured Products division of Libano-Française Finance SAL in Beirut and was responsible for building dedicated local teams.

Mr Chamlian holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the American University of Beirut.

Vibrant growth in its principal economic sectors, including banking, tourism and consumer goods, make Lebanon a flourishing market that has held up well in the face of the recent global crisis. Despite its small size and its debt, Lebanon remains a privileged place for trade between Europe and the Middle East, and an open market. Thus, Crédit Agricole Suisse intends to pursue its activities there and to continue improving its level of service while working more closely with local and regional clients, both Lebanese and foreign. Mr Chamlian will play an active role in ensuring our institution's future success by drawing on our historical presence in the region as a sizeable local private bank with international scope.

Youssef Dib, Head of Private Banking at Crédit Agricole (Suisse) SA, commented, "Peter Chamlian's arrival at the head of our Crédit Agricole Suisse (Lebanon) subsidiary will clearly help anchor and expand our presence in the region and build on the work done so far".

About Crédit Agricole (Suisse) SA

A subsidiary of Crédit Agricole Private Banking, a holding company comprising the Crédit Agricole Group's main direct wealth management entities, Crédit Agricole (Suisse) SA is active in the areas of private banking services, capital markets, transactional commodity finance and banking business process outsourcing. Backed by the financial strength of the Crédit Agricole Group and its extensive international network, the Geneva-headquartered company is one of the top five foreign banks in Switzerland in terms of client wealth, total assets and shareholders' equity. With more than 1,430 employees, Crédit Agricole (Suisse) SA has four branches in Switzerland – Basel, Lausanne, Lugano and Zurich – and numerous international private banking business locations, including Abu Dhabi, Beirut, Dubai, Hong Kong, Montevideo and Singapore.

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