



## CRÉDIT AGRICOLE S.A.

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Press release

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### **Crédit Agricole S.A. has successfully priced its offering of US\$1.75 billion Undated Deeply Subordinated Additional Tier 1 Fixed Rate Resettable Notes**

Crédit Agricole S.A. today announced the successful pricing on 15 January 2014 of its offering of US\$1.75 billion Undated Deeply Subordinated Additional Tier 1 Fixed Rate Resettable Notes (the "Notes").

The related prospectus includes a full description of the terms of the Notes. The Notes have no fixed maturity date and will bear a fixed interest rate of 7.875% per annum for the first 10 years, after which the rate will be reset. 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 prospectus) falls or remains below 7% or the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group's CET1 Capital Ratio (as defined in the prospectus) falls or remains below 5.125%. The Notes will be subject to optional redemption by the issuer on 23 January 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 depth and quality of the order book attest to the positive image of Crédit Agricole among investors and its ability to adapt to changing conditions.

The Notes offering is a further step taken in support of the regulatory capital strategy outlined by Crédit Agricole on 7 November 2013, which targets a total Tier 1 ratio at the Crédit Agricole Group level of 14.5% by December 2015, including target ratios of 13% for Common Equity Tier 1 and 1.5% for Additional Tier 1. The Notes are compliant with the new European capital regulations (CRDIV/CRR) and qualify as Additional Tier 1 capital for Crédit Agricole S.A. and the Crédit Agricole Group. The offering contributes to the renewal of the Tier 1 capital base through the replacement of older Tier 1 instruments that are grandfathered under the CRDIV/CRR regime. It follows the recent extension of the scope of the "Switch" guarantees from the Regional Banks to Crédit Agricole, effective 2 January 2014, and the simultaneous redemption to the Regional Banks of the shareholders advance and T3CJs.

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The prospectus relating to the listing of the securities, which was granted visa n°14-014 by the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (the "AMF") on 16 January 2014, is available free of charge on the website of the Issuer ([www.credit-agricole.com/en/Finance-and-Shareholders](http://www.credit-agricole.com/en/Finance-and-Shareholders)) and on the website of the AMF ([www.amf-france.org](http://www.amf-france.org)).

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- (c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive.*

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