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Press release

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**Crédit Agricole S.A. successfully prices a US\$1.5 billion and EUR 2 billion dual-tranche issue of Subordinated Tier 2 Notes**

Credit Agricole S.A. announced the successful pricing on 9 March 2015 of a dual-tranche issue consisting of US\$ 1.5 billion of Subordinated Tier 2 Notes (the “**USD Notes**”) and of EUR 2 billion of Subordinated Tier 2 Notes (the “**Euro Notes**”, and together with the USD Notes, the “**Notes**”).

Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled, the USD Notes will be redeemed at par on 17 March 2025 and will bear a fixed interest rate of 4.375% per annum. Unless previously redeemed or purchased and cancelled, the Euro Notes will be redeemed at par on 17 March 2027 and will bear a fixed interest rate of 2.625% per annum.

The Euro Notes were sold to institutional investors, with asset managers constituting the highest share of relative distribution. In terms of geographical distribution of the Euro Notes, the UK, France, Southern Europe, Germany and the Benelux were the predominant jurisdictions.

Concerning the USD Notes, asset managers in the US and the UK constituted the most significant portion of the distribution.

The depth and quality of the order book reflect investors’ positive view of Crédit Agricole.

The purpose of the transaction is to optimise the total capital ratio at both Crédit Agricole Group and Crédit Agricole S.A. levels. It is also intended to enable the Group to converge towards a MREL ratio of 8% by end-2016 and a minimum TLAC ratio of 19.5% including a 2.5% Capital Conservation and a 1% G-SIB Buffer requirement<sup>1</sup> by end-2019, excluding senior unsecured debt.

The Notes are compliant with the European capital regulations (CRDIV/CRR) and qualify as Tier 2 capital for Crédit Agricole Group and Crédit Agricole S.A.

The USD Prospectus, which has been granted visa n°15-083 on 10 March 2015 by the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (the “**AMF**”) and the Euro Prospectus, which has been granted visa n°15-084 on 10 March 2015 by the AMF, are available without charge on the website of the Issuer ([www.credit-agricole.com/fr/Finance-and-Shareholders](http://www.credit-agricole.com/fr/Finance-and-Shareholders)) and on the website of the AMF ([www.amf-france.org](http://www.amf-france.org)).

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<sup>1</sup> Assumption depending on regulatory evolution of the calculation method in respect of risk weightings.

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

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