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# Press release

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Crédit Agricole S.A. has successfully priced its offering of EUR1 billion and GBP500 million Undated Deeply Subordinated Additional Tier 1 Fixed Rate Resettable Notes

Credit Agricole S.A. announced the successful pricing on 1 April 2014 of its offering of EUR1 billion Undated Deeply Subordinated Additional Tier 1 Fixed Rate Resettable Notes ("Euro Notes") and GBP500 million Undated Deeply Subordinated Additional Tier 1 Fixed Rate Resettable Notes ("GBP Notes", and together with the Euro Notes, the "Notes").

The related prospectus includes a full description of the terms of the Notes. The Notes have no fixed maturity date.

The Euro Notes will bear a fixed interest rate of 6.500% per annum until 23 June 2021, after which the rate will be reset. The GBP Notes will bear a fixed interest rate of 7.500% per annum until 23 June 2026, after which the rate will be reset. Interest payments of the Euro Notes and/or the GBP Notes are subject to cancellation under certain circumstances. The principal amount of the Euro Notes and/or the GBP Notes will be written down temporarily if the Crédit Agricole Group's CET1 Capital Ratio falls or remains below 7% or the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group's CET1 Capital Ratio falls or remains below 5.125%. The Euro Notes will be subject to optional redemption by the issuer on 23 June 2021 and each interest reset date thereafter with the prior approval of the regulator and subject to certain conditions. The GBP Notes will be subject to optional redemption by the issuer on 23 June 2026 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 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 20 March 2014, which targets a total Tier 1 ratio by December 2016 of 15% at the Crédit Agricole Group level and at 13% at the Crédit Agricole S.A. level. The Notes are compliant with the new European capital regulations (CRDIV/CRR) and qualify as Additional Tier 1 capital for Credit 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 extension, as from 2 January 2014, of the scope of "Switch" guarantees granted by the Regional Banks to Crédit Agricole S.A., and the simultaneous redemption to the Regional Banks of the shareholders' advance and T3CJ, and also the pricing on 15 January 2014 of the offering of US\$1.75 billion undated deeply subordinated Additional Tier 1 Notes.

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The related prospectus, which has been granted visa n°14-123 on 2 April 2014 by the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* (the "AMF"), is available without charge on the website of the Issuer (<a href="https://www.credit-agricole.com/en/Investor-and-shareholder">www.credit-agricole.com/en/Investor-and-shareholder</a>) and on the website of the AMF (<a href="https://www.amf-france.org">www.amf-france.org</a>).

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

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