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Press release

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Crédit Agricole S.A. has successfully priced its US\$1.25 billion issue of Undated Deeply Subordinated Additional Tier 1 Fixed Rate Resettable Notes

Crédit Agricole S.A. announced the successful pricing on 11 September 2014 of its US\$1.25 billion issue of Undated Deeply Subordinated Additional Tier 1 Fixed Rate Resettable Notes (the "Notes").

The related prospectus includes a full description of the terms and conditions of the Notes. The Notes have no fixed maturity date and will bear a fixed interest rate of 6.625% per annum until 23 September 2019, 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 CET1 Capital Ratio falls or remains below 7% or the Crédit Agricole S.A. Group CET1 Capital Ratio falls or remains below 5.125%. The Notes will be subject to optional redemption by the issuer on 23 September 2019 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 the United States, Europe and Asia. The depth and quality of the order book reflect the positive image of Crédit Agricole among investors.

The purposes of this issue include (i) to achieve the phased Tier 1 targets by December 2016 of 15% at the Crédit Agricole Group level and at 13% at the Crédit Agricole S.A. level, (ii) to partially compensate for changes in S&P's treatment of internal hybrids for insurance subsidiaries, and (iii) to capitalise on market opportunities to strengthen the financial structure, improve financial flexibility to prepay grandfathered Basel 2.5 hybrid Tier 1 stock and optimise the blended cost of Tier 1 capital.

The Notes are compliant with the European capital regulations (CRDIV/CRR) and qualify as Additional Tier 1 capital for Crédit Agricole S.A. and Crédit Agricole Group.

It follows the issue of US\$1.75 billion of undated deeply subordinated Additional Tier 1 notes in January 2014, and also of EUR1 billion and GBP500 million of undated deeply subordinated Additional Tier 1 notes in April 2014.

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The related prospectus, which has been granted visa n°14-496 on 12 September 2014 by the Autorité des Marchés Financiers (the "AMF"), is available without charge on the website of the Issuer (www.credit-agricole.com/fr/Finance-and-Shareholders) and on the website of the AMF (www.amf-france.org).

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- (b) to fewer than 100 or, if the Relevant Member State has implemented the relevant provision of the PD Amending Directive, 150, individuals or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the PD Amending Directive); or*
- (c) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive.*

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