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### Press release

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Crédit Agricole S.A. successfully prices its €1,500,000,000 issue of senior non-preferred notes

Crédit Agricole S.A. announced the successful pricing on 13 December 2016 of its issue of one billion five hundred million euros (€1,500,000,000) of senior non-preferred notes. For Crédit Agricole Group and the Paris financial marketplace, the transaction marks the inaugural issuance of notes falling within the new category of debt securities created by the Sapin II Law, which became effective on 11 December 2016.

This new category of securities, subordinated to ordinary senior unsecured obligations, was established to allow major French banking groups to comply with Total Loss-absorbing Capacity ("**TLAC**") requirements. It also allows for the optimisation of the liability structure and of associated costs.

These requirements were adopted on 9 November 2015 by the Financial Stability Board and were reflected at the European level in the draft texts published on 23 November 2016, amending the CRD IV package, the BRRD Directive and the Single Resolution Mechanism.

The senior non-preferred notes, issued pursuant to Crédit Agricole S.A.'s Euro Medium Term Note Programme (EMTN), will mature on 20 December 2026, unless previously redeemed or repurchased prior to that date. They will carry a 1.875% fixed rate annual coupon and be redeemed at par.

The senior non-preferred notes were placed with European institutional investors.

The depth and quality of the order book reflect investors' positive view of Crédit Agricole and the market's appetite for this new category of securities.

The prospectus for this issuance was granted visa n°16-587 by the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* (the "**AMF**") on 14 December 2016 and is available free of charge on Crédit Agricole's website (<u>www.creditagricole.com/fr/Finance-and-Shareholders</u>) and on the website of the AMF (<u>www.amf-france.org</u>).

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