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Crédit Mutuel Arkéa Signs the UN Principles for Responsible Banking

Brest, May 19th 2022 – Crédit Mutuel Arkéa has become an official Signatory of the UN Principles for Responsible Banking – a single framework for a sustainable banking industry developed through a partnership between banks worldwide and the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI).

The Principles are the leading framework for ensuring that banks' strategy and practice align with the vision society has set out for its future in the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Climate Agreement. Banks who have signed the Principles commit to be ambitious in their sustainability strategies, working to mainstream and embed sustainability into the heart of their business, while allowing them to remain at the cutting-edge of sustainable finance.

Under the Principles, signatory banks measure the environmental and social impact resulting from their business activities, set and implement targets where they have the most significant impact, and regularly report publicly on their progress. The Principles provide a framework for banks to systematically understand the risks and seize the opportunities arising from the transition to more sustainable economies.

Signatories to the Principles take on a leadership role, demonstrating how banking products, services and relationships can support and accelerate the changes necessary to achieve shared prosperity for both current and future generations, building a positive future for both people and planet. These banks also join the world's largest global banking community focused on sustainable finance, sharing best-practice and working together on practical guidance and pioneering tools of benefit to the entire industry.

This is a journey of unprecedented scale and scope at a time when such ambition is urgently needed to address the major planetary crises of climate change, nature loss, pollution and social issues. Together, these collective efforts will ensure that profitability goes hand in hand with a sense of purpose.

Crédit Mutuel Arkéa's signature of the Principles for Responsible Banking is fully in line with the group's commitment to the practice of more sustainable finance, in favour of the economic vitality of its territories and their stakeholders.



"We are very proud to commit to the UNEP FI Principles for Responsible Banking. Crédit Mutuel Arkéa intends to be the banking partner of a world designed for the long term, by putting its overall performance at the service of the real economy, the territories and their players, and the life projects of its members and customers. To this end, a roadmap has been drawn up, in line with our commitments, to strengthen the integration of these issues into Crédit Mutuel Arkéa's financing and investment activities and, more generally, into all its activities. By joining this United Nations Environment Programme initiative, we are fully affirming our environmental, social and governance (ESG) commitments."

– **Hélène Bernicot**, Chief Executive Officer of Crédit Mutuel Arkéa –

More information on the Principles for Responsible Banking: www.unepfi.org/responsiblebanking

About Crédit Mutuel Arkéa

Crédit Mutuel Arkéa is made up of two regional federations representing two main French geographic zones (Brittany in the West and the South West) and their member local savings banks. Crédit Mutuel Arkéa also has a presence across Europe thanks to its corporate and online subsidiaries (Fortuneo, Monext, Financo, Arkéa Investment Services, Suravenir, CFCAL...). Crédit Mutuel Arkéa is entirely owned by its customer shareholders. Crédit Mutuel Arkéa employs more than 11,000 people, counts 2,800 directors and has a total of more than 5 million customers. The bank has 179,3 billion euro in total assets. Crédit Mutuel Arkéa ranks among the leading banks with headquarters in the regions.

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