

## Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel



€ 13,000,000,000

### EURO MEDIUM TERM NOTE PROGRAMME

Under the Euro Medium Term Note Programme described in this Base Prospectus (the "**Programme**"), Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel (the "**Issuer**"), subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, may from time to time issue notes (the "**Notes**").

The aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding will not at any time exceed € 13,000,000,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies) at the date of issue.

Application has been made to the Luxembourg Stock Exchange for Notes described in this Base Prospectus to be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (*Bourse de Luxembourg*). The Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market is a regulated market for the purposes of Directive 2004/39/EC (each such market being a "**Regulated Market**"). However, Notes issued under the Programme may also be listed and admitted to trading on another Regulated Market of the European Economic Area ("**EEA**") and/or offered to the public in any Member State of the EEA, in each case in accordance with Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 (the "**Prospectus Directive**"), or may be unlisted.

Application has been made to the *Commission de Surveillance de Secteur Financier* (the "**CSSF**") in its capacity as competent authority in Luxembourg for the purposes of the Luxembourg act dated 10 July 2005 relating to prospectuses for securities (*loi du 10 juillet 2005 relative aux prospectus pour valeurs mobilières*), for approval of this Base Prospectus. The relevant Final Terms (a form of which is contained herein) in respect of the issue of any Notes will specify whether or not such Notes will be listed and admitted to trading and/or offered to the public and, if so, the relevant Regulated Market(s) and/ or the Member State(s) in the EEA where the Notes will be offered to the public. References in this Base Prospectus to Notes being admitted to trading (and all related references) shall mean that such Notes are intended to be admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Regulated Market and/or on any other Regulated Market(s) of the EEA as the case may be.

This Base Prospectus replaces and supersedes the Base Prospectus dated 13 July 2007 as supplemented by the supplements dated 7 December 2007, 29 April 2008 and 4 June 2008. It shall be updated annually as from the date hereof.

Notes may be issued either in dematerialised form ("**Dematerialised Notes**") or in materialised form ("**Materialised Notes**") as more fully described herein.

Dematerialised Notes will at all times be in book entry form in compliance with Article L.211-4 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*. No physical documents of title will be issued in respect of the Dematerialised Notes.

Dematerialised Notes may, at the option of the Issuer, be (i) in bearer form (*au porteur*) inscribed as from the issue date in the books of Euroclear France (acting as central depository) which shall credit the accounts of the Account Holders (as defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes - Form, Denomination, Title and Redenomination") including Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("**Euroclear**") and the depository bank for Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**"), or (ii) in registered form (*au nominatif*) and, in such latter case, at the option of the relevant Noteholder (as defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes - Form, Denomination, Title and Redenomination"), in either fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*), in which case they will be inscribed in an account maintained by the Issuer or by a registration agent (appointed in the relevant Final Terms) for the Issuer, or in administered registered form (*au nominatif administré*) in which case they will be inscribed in the accounts of the Account Holders designated by the relevant Noteholder.

Materialised Notes will be in bearer materialised form only and may only be issued outside France. A temporary global certificate in bearer form without interest coupons attached (a "**Temporary Global Certificate**") will initially be issued in relation to Materialised Notes. Such Temporary Global Certificate will subsequently be exchanged for definitive Materialised Notes with, where applicable, coupons for interest or talons attached (the "**Definitive Materialised Notes**"), on or after a date expected to be on or about the 40<sup>th</sup> day after the issue date of the Notes (subject to postponement as described in "Temporary Global Certificate in respect of Materialised Notes") upon certification as to non-US beneficial ownership as more fully described herein. Temporary Global Certificates will (a) in the case of a Tranche intended to be cleared through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, be deposited on the issue date with a common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg, and (b) in the case of a Tranche intended to be cleared through a clearing system other than or in addition to Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg or delivered outside a clearing system, be deposited as agreed between the Issuer and the Relevant Dealer (as defined below). In the case of a Tranche which is not intended to be cleared notably through Euroclear and/or Clearstream, Luxembourg, the Notes of such Tranche cannot be listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

Unsubordinated Notes (as defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes - Status") issued under the Programme have been rated AA-/A-1+ by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services. Dated Subordinated Notes (as defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes - Status") issued under the Programme have been rated A+ by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services. Undated Subordinated Notes (as defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes - Status") issued under the Programme have been rated A by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, change, or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

See "**Risk Factors**" below for certain information relevant to an investment in the Notes to be issued under the Programme.

ARRANGER  
HSBC  
DEALERS

CAISSE INTERFEDERALE DE CREDIT MUTUEL  
DEUTSCHE BANK  
FORTIS BANK  
NATIXIS

COMPAGNIE FINANCIERE DU CREDIT MUTUEL  
DZ BANK AG  
HSBC  
MERRILL LYNCH INTERNATIONAL

This Base Prospectus (together with all supplements to the Base Prospectus from time to time), which contains all relevant information concerning the Issuer and the Issuer and its consolidated subsidiaries taken as a whole (the "Group") as well as the base terms and conditions of the Notes to be issued under the Programme, constitutes a base prospectus for the purposes of article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive. The terms and conditions applicable to each Tranche (as defined in "Summary of the Programme") not contained herein (including, without limitation, the aggregate nominal amount, issue price, redemption price thereof, and interest, if any, payable thereunder) will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of the issue and will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

This Base Prospectus is to be read in conjunction with any document and/or information which is or may be incorporated herein by reference in accordance with Article 15 of the *Loi relative aux prospectus pour valeurs mobilières* dated 10 July 2005 implementing the Prospectus Directive in Luxembourg and Article 28 of the European Commission Regulation N°809/2004 dated 29 April 2004 (see "Documents incorporated by Reference" below).

This Base Prospectus may only be used for the purposes for which it has been published.

No person is or has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in this Base Prospectus in connection with the issue or sale of the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer, the Arranger or any of the Dealers (as defined in "Summary of the Programme"). Neither the delivery of this Base Prospectus nor any sale made in connection herewith shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer or the Group since the date hereof or the date upon which this Base Prospectus has been most recently amended or supplemented or that there has been no adverse change in the financial position of the Issuer or the Group since the date hereof or the date upon which this Base Prospectus has been most recently amended or supplemented or that any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date on which it is supplied or, if different, the date indicated in the document containing the same.

The distribution of this Base Prospectus and the offering or sale of the Notes in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this Base Prospectus comes are required by the Issuer, the Dealers and the Arranger to inform themselves about and to observe any such restriction.

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") or with any securities regulatory authority of any state or other jurisdiction of the United States and the Notes may include Materialised Notes in bearer form that are subject to U.S. tax law requirements. Subject to certain exceptions, the Notes may not be offered or sold or, in the case of Materialised Notes in bearer form, delivered within the United States or, in the case of certain Materialised Notes in bearer form, to, or for the account or benefit of, United States persons as defined in the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The Notes are being offered and sold outside the United States of America to non-U.S. persons in reliance on Regulation S under the Securities Act ("Regulation S").

For a description of these and certain further restrictions on offers, sales and transfers of Notes and on distribution of this Base Prospectus, see "Subscription and Sale".

This Base Prospectus does not constitute an offer of, or an invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer, the Arranger or the Dealers to subscribe for, or purchase, any Notes.

The Arranger and the Dealers have not separately verified the information contained in this Base Prospectus. Neither the Arranger nor any of the Dealers makes any representation, express or implied, or accepts any responsibility, with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any of the information in this Base Prospectus. Neither this Base Prospectus nor any other information supplied in connection with the Programme is intended to provide the basis of any credit or other evaluation and should not be considered as a recommendation by any of the Issuer, the Arranger or the Dealers that any recipient of this Base Prospectus or any other financial statements should purchase the Notes. Each potential purchaser of Notes should determine for itself the relevance of the information contained in this Base Prospectus and its purchase of Notes should be based upon such investigation as it deems necessary. Neither the Arranger nor any of the Dealers undertake to review the financial or general condition of the Issuer during the life of the arrangements contemplated by this Base Prospectus nor to advise any investor or potential investor in the Notes of any information that may come to the attention of any of the Dealers or the Arranger.

**In connection with the issue of any Tranche, the Dealer or Dealers (if any) named as the stabilising manager(s) (the "Stabilising Manager(s)") (or persons acting on behalf of any Stabilising Manager(s)) in the applicable Final Terms may over-allot Notes or effect transactions with a view to supporting the market price of the Notes at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail. However, there is no assurance that the Stabilising Manager(s) (or persons acting on behalf of a Stabilising Manager) will undertake stabilisation action. Any stabilisation action may begin on or after the date on which adequate public disclosure of the final terms of the offer of the relevant Tranche is made and, if begun, may be ended at any time, but it must end no later than the earlier of 30 days after the issue date of the relevant Tranche and 60 days after the date of the allotment of the relevant Tranche. Any stabilisation action or over-allotment shall be conducted in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.**

**In this Base Prospectus, unless otherwise specified or the context otherwise requires, references to "€", "Euro", "euro" or "EUR" are to the lawful currency of the member states of the European Union that have adopted the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community, as amended by the Treaty on European Union and as amended by the Treaty of Amsterdam, references to "£", "pounds sterling" and "Sterling" are to the lawful currency of the United Kingdom, references to "\$", "USD" and "US Dollar" are to the lawful currency of the United States of America, references to "¥", "JPY" and "Yen" are to the lawful currency of Japan and references to "CHF" and "Swiss Francs" are to the lawful currency of Switzerland.**

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**PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE BASE PROSPECTUS**

Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel (the "**Responsible Person**") accepts responsibility for the information contained in this document. To the best of its knowledge (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this Base Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and contains no omission likely to affect its import.

The Responsible Person furthermore declares that, any translation contained in this Base Prospectus is, to the best of its knowledge, a fair and true translation of the original version.

**Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel**

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France

## SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMME

*This summary must be read as an introduction to this Base Prospectus and any decision to invest in the Notes should be based on a consideration of the Base Prospectus as a whole, including any documents incorporated by reference and any supplement to the Base Prospectus from time to time. Following the implementation of the relevant provisions of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) in each Member State of the European Economic Area no civil liability will attach to the Responsible Persons (as defined in "Persons responsible for the information given in the Base Prospectus") in any such Member State solely on the basis of this summary, including any translation thereof, unless it is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent when read together with the other parts of this Base Prospectus. Where a claim relating to the information contained in this Base Prospectus is brought before a court in a Member State of the European Economic Area, the plaintiff may, under the national legislation of the Member State where the claim is brought, be required to bear the costs of translating the Base Prospectus before the legal proceedings are initiated.*

*Words and expressions defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" below shall have the same meanings in this summary.*

**Issuer:** Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel

The Issuer was created on 20 October 2000 under the name of Eurobretagne VI. The Issuer adopted in May 2001 the legal and commercial name of Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel.

The Issuer is a 100% owned subsidiary of Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel which is owned by the local branches of Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne, Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest and Crédit Mutuel Massif Central.

The Issuer is incorporated under French law as a Société Anonyme governed by the French *Code de commerce* and registered with the *Registre du Commerce et des Sociétés* of Brest under number 433 383 122. Its registered office and place of business are at 1, rue Louis Lichou, 29480 Le Relecq Kerhuon, France.

Positioned within Arkéa Group, the Issuer has organised its expertise and has acquired know-how in order to carry out its missions as a money market and investment bank and as the holding company for Arkéa Group's subsidiaries and affiliates network.

The Issuer (i) manages the investments and refinancing of Arkéa Group by actively pursuing the diversification of its financial resources, (ii) operates on the financial markets on its own account, (iii) operates on the financial markets in the course of its commercial activities, supporting Arkéa Group's networks with regard to the financial engineering needs of their corporate and institutional clients, (iv) offers its clients international services through the use of international payment processing channels and through the direct adherence to international settlement systems and (v) develops a specialised financing activity aimed at, on the one hand, supporting local and national businesses in their development, and, on the other hand, pursuing the diversification of Arkéa Group's interventions.

As at 31 December 2007:

Financial information (in millions of euros)

Share capital	715.0
Consolidated reserves	543.8
Net Income	66.3
Total shareholders' equity	1462.3

Long-medium and short term debt*	16 588.2
*comprising subordinated debts	930.7
Debenture loans (gross value)	7417.8

**Arranger:**

HSBC Bank plc

**Dealers:**

Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel, Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, DZ BANK AG Deutsche Zentral-Genossenschaftsbank, Frankfurt am Main, Fortis Bank NV/SA, HSBC Bank plc, Merrill Lynch International and NATIXIS.

The Issuer may from time to time terminate the appointment of any Dealer under the Programme or appoint additional dealers either in respect of one or more Tranches or in respect of the whole Programme. References in this Base Prospectus to "**Permanent Dealers**" are to the persons listed above as Dealers and to such additional persons that are appointed as dealers in respect of the whole Programme (and whose appointment has not been terminated) and references to "**Dealers**" are to all Permanent Dealers and all persons appointed as a dealer in respect of one or more Tranches.

At the date of this Base Prospectus, only credit institutions and investment firms incorporated in a Member State of the European Union ("EU") and which are authorised by the relevant authority of such member home state to lead-manage bond issues in such Member State may act (a) as Dealers with respect to non-syndicated issues of Notes denominated in Euro and (b) as lead manager of issues of Notes denominated in Euro issued on a syndicated basis.

**Description:**

Euro Medium Term Note Programme.

**Programme Limit:**

Up to € 13,000,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies at the date of issue) aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding at any one time.

**Fiscal Agent, Principal Paying Agent and France Paying Agent:**

Fortis Banque Luxembourg SA

**Method of Issue:**

The Notes may be offered to the public or not and/or admitted to trading or not, in each case on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis.

The specific terms of each Tranche (including, without limitation, the aggregate nominal amount, issue price, redemption price thereof, and interest, if any, payable thereunder) will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of the issue and will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

**Maturities:**

Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, any maturity from one month from the date of original issue.

Deeply Subordinated Notes (as defined below), the proceeds of which constitute *fonds propres de base* within the meaning of Article 2 of *Règlement* no. 90-02 dated 23 February 1990, as amended, (the "**CRBF Regulation**") of the *Comité de la réglementation bancaire et financière* ("**CRBF**") or recognised as such by the *Secrétariat général de la Commission bancaire* ("**SGCB**") ("**Tier 1 Capital**"), shall be undated ("**Undated Subordinated Notes**"). See "Terms and Conditions of the Notes - Status".

Subordinated Notes, the proceeds of which constitute *fonds propres complémentaires* within the meaning of Article 4(c) of the CRBF Regulation ("**Upper Tier 2 Capital**"), shall be undated (also "**Undated Subordinated Notes**").

The maturity of Subordinated Notes, the proceeds of which constitute *fonds propres complémentaires* within the meaning of Article 4(d) of the CRBF Regulation ("**Lower Tier 2 Capital**"), will not be less than 5 years, and the maturity of Subordinated Notes, the proceeds of which constitute *fonds propres surcomplémentaires* within the meaning of Article 5 *ter* III of the CRBF Regulation ("**Tier 3 Capital**"), will not be less than 2 years, or in either case such other minimum maturity as may be required by applicable legal and regulatory requirements (together "**Dated Subordinated Notes**").

**Currencies:** Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, Notes may be issued in Euro, U.S. dollars, Japanese yen, Swiss francs and in any other currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s).

**Denomination(s):** Notes shall be issued in the Specified Denomination(s) set out in the relevant Final Terms, save that all Notes which are to be admitted to trading on a Regulated Market or offered to the public in a Member State of the EEA in circumstances which require the publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive shall have a minimum denomination of €1,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) or such higher amount as may be allowed or required from time to time in relation to the relevant Specified Currency. Notes having a maturity of less than one year will constitute deposits for the purposes of the prohibition on accepting deposits contained in section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 unless they are issued to a limited class of professional investors and have a denomination of at least £100,000 or its equivalent.

Dematerialised Notes shall be issued in one denomination only.

**Status of the Unsubordinated Notes:**

Unsubordinated Notes, and, where applicable, any relative Coupons and Receipts, will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves and (subject to such exceptions as are from time to time mandatory under French law) *pari passu* with all other present or future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer.

**Status of the Subordinated Notes:**

The Final Terms may state that Subordinated Notes will be eligible as Tier 1, Upper Tier 2, Lower Tier 2 or Tier 3 Capital.

The Issuer may issue Subordinated Notes which constitute Ordinary Subordinated Notes, Deeply Subordinated Notes, Dated Subordinated Notes or Undated Subordinated Notes.

**Negative Pledge for Unsubordinated Notes:**

There will be a negative pledge in respect of Unsubordinated Notes as set out in Condition 4.

**Events of Default:**

The terms of the Notes will contain events of default in respect of Unsubordinated Notes as set out in Condition 9(a) and limited events of default only in respect of Subordinated Notes as set out in Condition 9(b).

**Redemption Amount:**

Subject to any laws and regulations applicable from time to time, the relevant Final Terms will specify the basis for calculating the redemption amounts payable.

**Optional Redemption:**

The Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Notes will state whether such Notes may be redeemed prior to their stated maturity at the option of the Issuer (either in whole or in part) and/or the Noteholders, and if so the terms applicable to such redemption.



<b>Redemption by Instalments:</b>	The Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Notes that are redeemable in two or more instalments will set out the dates on which, and the amounts in which, such Notes may be redeemed.
<b>Early Redemption:</b>	Except as provided in "Optional Redemption" above, Notes will be redeemable at the option of the Issuer prior to their stated maturity only for tax reasons and, in respect of Subordinated Notes, subject to the approval of the SGCB.
<b>Taxation:</b>	<p>Pursuant to article 131 quater of the French <i>Code général des impôts</i>, as construed by administrative circular no. 5 I-11-98 dated 30 September 1998 and ruling (<i>rescrit</i>) no. 2007/59 (FP) dated 8 January 2008, both issued by the French Tax authorities, payments of interest and other revenues in respect of Notes, whether denominated in Euro or in any other currency, constituting obligations or debt instruments (<i>titres de créances</i>) assimilated thereto for the purposes of the above ruling, benefit from the exemption from the deduction of tax at source provided for under article 125 A III of the French <i>Code général des impôts</i>.</p> <p>The tax regime applicable to Notes which do not constitute obligations or debt instruments (<i>titres de créances</i>) assimilated thereto for the purposes of the above ruling will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.</p>
<b>Interest Periods and Interest Rates:</b>	The length of the interest periods for the Notes and the applicable interest rate or its method of calculation may differ from time to time or be constant for any Series. Notes may have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate, or both. The use of interest accrual periods permits the Notes to bear interest at different rates in the same interest period. All such information will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.
<b>Fixed Rate Notes:</b>	Fixed interest will be payable in arrear on the date or dates in each year specified in the relevant Final Terms.
<b>Floating Rate Notes:</b>	<p>Floating Rate Notes will bear interest determined separately for each Series as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by the 2007 FBF Master Agreement relating to transactions on forward financial instruments, as supplemented by the then applicable Interest and Currency Technical Annex (<i>Echange de conditions d'Intérêt ou de Devises - Additif Technique</i>) published by the AFB or the FBF, or</li> <li>(ii) on the basis of a reference rate appearing on an agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service (including, without limitation, EURIBOR, EONIA, LIBOR, CMS or TEC), or</li> <li>(iii) on such other basis or benchmark as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms,</li> </ul> <p>in each case plus or minus any applicable margin, if any, and calculated and payable as indicated in the applicable Final Terms. Floating Rate Notes may also have a maximum rate of interest, a minimum rate of interest or both.</p>
<b>Zero Coupon Notes:</b>	Zero Coupon Notes may be issued at their nominal amount or at a discount to it and will not bear interest.
<b>Dual Currency Notes:</b>	Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Dual Currency Notes will be made in such currencies, and based on such rates of exchange, as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

<b>Index Linked Notes:</b>	Payments of principal or of interest in respect of Index Linked Notes will be calculated by reference to such index and/or formula as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms.
<b>Other Notes:</b>	Terms applicable to high interest Notes, low interest Notes, step-up Notes, step-down Notes, reverse dual currency Notes, optional dual currency Notes, partly paid Notes and any other type of Notes that the Issuer and any Dealer or Dealers may agree to issue under the Programme will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.
<b>Redenomination:</b>	Notes issued in the currency of any Member State of the EU which participates in the third stage (or any further stage) of European Monetary Union may be redenominated into Euro, all as more fully provided in Condition 1 (d).
<b>Consolidation:</b>	Notes of one Series may be consolidated with Notes of another Series as more fully provided in Condition 14.
<b>Form of Notes:</b>	Notes may be issued in either dematerialised form (" <b>Dematerialised Notes</b> ") or in materialised form (" <b>Materialised Notes</b> ").  Dematerialised Notes may, at the option of the Issuer, be issued in bearer form ( <i>au porteur</i> ) or in registered form ( <i>au nominatif</i> ) and, in such latter case, at the option of the relevant holder, in either fully registered form ( <i>au nominatif pur</i> ) or administered form ( <i>au nominatif administré</i> ). No physical documents of title will be issued in respect of Dematerialised Notes.  Materialised Notes will be in bearer form only. A Temporary Global Certificate will initially be issued in respect of each Tranche of Materialised Notes. Materialised Notes may only be issued outside France.
<b>Governing Law:</b>	French
<b>Clearing Systems:</b>	Euroclear France as central depository in relation to Dematerialised Notes and, in relation to Materialised Notes, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear or any other clearing system that may be agreed between the Issuer, the Fiscal Agent and the relevant Dealer.
<b>Initial Delivery of Dematerialised Notes:</b>	One Paris business day before the issue date of each Tranche of Dematerialised Notes, the <i>Lettre comptable</i> relating to such Tranche shall be deposited with Euroclear France as central depository.
<b>Initial Delivery of Materialised Notes:</b>	On or before the issue date for each Tranche of Materialised Notes, the Temporary Global Certificate issued in respect of such Tranche shall be deposited with a common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or with any other clearing system or may be delivered outside any clearing system provided that the method of such delivery has been agreed in advance by the Issuer, the Fiscal Agent and the relevant Dealer(s).
<b>Issue Price:</b>	Notes may be issued at their nominal amount or at a discount or premium to their nominal amount. Partly Paid Notes may be issued, the issue price of which will be payable in two or more instalments.
<b>Listing and Admission to Trading:</b>	The Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Regulated Market and/or any other Regulated Market in the EEA in accordance with the Prospectus Directive as specified in the relevant Final Terms. As specified in the relevant Final Terms, a Series of Notes may be unlisted.
<b>Offer to the public:</b>	Unless the Final Terms otherwise specify, the Notes shall not be offered to the

public in Luxembourg and/or in any Member State of the EEA.

**Rating:**

Unsubordinated Notes issued under the Programme have been rated AA-/A-1+ by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services.

Dated Subordinated Notes issued under the Programme have been rated A+ by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services.

Undated Subordinated Notes issued under the Programme have been rated A by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services.

A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, change, or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

**Selling Restrictions:**

There are restrictions on the offer and sale of Notes and the distribution of offering material in various jurisdictions. In connection with the offering and sale of a particular Tranche, additional selling restrictions may be imposed in the relevant Final Terms.

The Issuer is Category 1 for the purposes of Regulation S.

Materialised Notes will be issued in compliance with U.S. Treas. Reg. §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D) (the "**D Rules**") unless (i) the relevant Final Terms states that such Materialised Notes are issued in compliance with U.S. Treas. Reg. §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (the "**C Rules**") or (ii) such Materialised Notes are issued other than in compliance with the D Rules or the C Rules but in circumstances in which the Notes will not constitute "registration required obligations" under the United States Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 ("**TEFRA**"), which circumstances will be referred to in the relevant Final Terms as a transaction to which TEFRA is not applicable.

Dematerialised Notes do not require compliance with the TEFRA Rules.

**Risk Factors:**

**Risk factors relating to the Issuer and its activity**

Like all other banks the Issuer is mainly exposed to market risk.

The Issuer carries the market risk –including interest rate, equities and foreign exchange risks- for Arkéa Group, within the limits established by the Arkéa Group risk committee with regard to allocations of shareholders' equity, the impact on earnings, the total outstandings of portfolios managed for the Arkéa Group's own account and liquidity.

The other risks factors are the consumer credit risk, the intermediary risk and the credit risk on counter-parties.

**Risk factors relating to the Notes**

There are certain additional factors which are material for the purpose of assessing the risks related to the Notes issued under the Programme including the following:

Investment risks. The Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors. Prospective investors should understand the risks of investing in any type of Note before they make their investment decision.

Risks related to the Notes generally or to the structure of a particular issue of Notes.

Risks related to the market generally including liquidity risk, exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk.

Please see "Risk Factors" below for further details.

**Available information:**

So long as Notes are capable of being issued under the Programme, copies of documents relating to the Issuer (*statuts*, financial statements), this Base Prospectus, the Final Terms related to Notes admitted to trading on a Regulated Market of the EEA or offered to the public in a Member State of the the EEA, in each case in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, and the Agency Agreement will, when published, be available during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted), at the registered office of the Issuer and at the specified office of the Paying Agent(s).

## RÉSUMÉ EN FRANCAIS DU PROGRAMME

*Ce résumé doit être lu comme une introduction au Prospectus de Base, et toute décision d'investir dans les Titres doit être fondée sur un examen exhaustif du Prospectus de Base et des documents qui y sont incorporés par référence. Du fait de la transposition dans chaque État Membre de l'Espace Économique Européen (ci après « **EEE** ») des dispositions pertinentes de la Directive 2003/71/CE (ci-après la « **Directive Prospectus** »), complétées par le Règlement de la Commission Européenne No. 809/2004 (ci-après le « **Règlement Prospectus** »), aucune action en responsabilité ne peut être intentée contre les Personnes Responsables (selon la définition des « personnes responsables des informations fournies dans le Prospectus de Base ») sur le fondement de ce résumé ou de ses traductions, à moins qu'il ne soit trompeur, inexact ou incohérent lorsqu'il est lu en conjonction avec les autres sections du Prospectus de Base. En cas de réclamation concernant les informations contenues dans le présent Prospectus de Base présentée devant un tribunal d'un État membre de l'EEE, le plaignant peut, conformément à la législation nationale de cet État membre, être tenu de couvrir les frais de traduction du Prospectus de Base avant toute action en justice.*

Les termes et expressions définis dans la section « Modalités des Titres » du Prospectus de Base auront la même signification dans le présent résumé.

Émetteur : Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel

L'Émetteur a été créé le 20 octobre 2000 sous la dénomination « Eurobretagne VI ». Il a adopté en mai 2001 la dénomination sociale et le nom commercial « Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel ».

L'Émetteur est une filiale à 100 % de la Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel qui est elle-même détenue par les agences locales du Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne, du Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest et du Crédit Mutuel du Massif Central.

L'Émetteur est une société anonyme de droit français régie par le Code de commerce français et immatriculée au registre du commerce et des sociétés de Brest sous le numéro 433 383 122. Son siège social et administratif est situé : 1 rue Louis Lichou, 29480 Le Relecq Kerhuon, France.

Au sein du Groupe Arkéa, l'Émetteur a organisé ses compétences et acquis un savoir-faire en vue de réaliser ses missions de banque de marché et d'investissement et de société holding pour le réseau de filiales et de sociétés apparentées du Groupe Arkéa.

L'Émetteur (i) gère les investissements et le refinancement du Groupe Arkéa en diversifiant activement ses ressources financières, (ii) intervient sur les marchés de capitaux pour son compte propre, (iii) intervient sur les marchés de capitaux dans le cadre de ses activités commerciales, aidant les réseaux du Groupe Arkéa à répondre aux besoins d'ingénierie financière de leurs entreprises et institutions clientes, (iv) offre à ses clients des services internationaux en utilisant des réseaux internationaux de traitement des paiements et en adhérant directement aux systèmes de règlement internationaux (v) exerce une activité financière spécialisée visant à, d'une part, soutenir le développement des entreprises locales et nationales et, d'autre part, diversifier les activités du Groupe Arkéa.

Au 31 décembre 2007:

Informations financières (en millions d'euros)

Capital social	715,0
Réserves consolidées	543,8
Résultat de l'exercice	66,3
Capitaux propres consolidés	1462,3
Dettes à court, moyen et long terme*	16 588,2
*y compris les dettes subordonnées	930,7
Emprunts obligataires (valeur brute)	7 417,8

Arrangeur :

HSBC Bank plc

Agents Placeurs :

Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel, Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, DZ BANK AG Deutsche Zentral-Genossenschaftsbank, Frankfurt am Main, Fortis, HSBC Bank plc, Merrill Lynch International et NATIXIS.

L'Émetteur peut à tout moment résilier le mandat d'un Agent Placeur dans le cadre du Programme ou désigner des Agents Placeurs supplémentaires, soit pour une ou plusieurs Tranches soit pour l'ensemble du Programme. Dans le présent Prospectus de Base, l'expression « **Agents Placeurs Permanents** » fait référence aux personnes énumérées ci-dessus en leur qualité d'Agents Placeurs ainsi qu'à celles qui sont nommées Agents Placeurs pour l'ensemble Programme (et qui n'auraient pas été révoquées) et l'expression « **Agents Placeurs** » fait référence à l'ensemble des Agents Placeurs Permanents ainsi qu'à toutes les personnes désignées comme Agent Placeur pour une ou plusieurs Tranches.

À la date du présent Prospectus de Base, seuls les établissements de crédit et les sociétés d'investissement constitués dans un État Membre de l'Union européenne (« UE ») et autorisés par l'autorité compétente dudit État d'origine à diriger des émissions obligataires dans cet État Membre peuvent agir (a) en qualité d'Agent Placeur pour les émissions non syndiquées de Titres libellés en euro et (b) en tant que chef de file pour les émissions syndiquées de Titres libellés en euro.

Description :

Programme d'émission de Titres (*Euro Medium Term Note Programme*).

Limite du programme :

Le montant total des Titres en circulation ne pourra à aucun moment excéder la somme de 13.000.000.000 EUR (ou la contre-valeur de ce montant dans toute autre devise calculée à la date de l'émission).

Agent Financier, Agent  
Payeur Principal et Agent  
Payeur France :

Fortis Banque Luxembourg SA

Méthode d'émission :

Les Titres pourront être offerts au public ou non et/ou admis à la négociation ou non, dans chaque cas sur une base syndiquée ou non

syndiquée.

Les conditions particulières de chaque Tranche (y compris, notamment : le montant global, le prix d'émission, le prix de remboursement et les intérêts dus, le cas échéant) seront déterminées par l'Émetteur et le(s) Agent(s) Placeur(s) au moment de l'émission et figureront dans les Conditions Définitives concernées.

Échéances :

Sous réserve du respect de l'ensemble des lois, règlements et directives applicables, les Titres auront une échéance d'un mois minimum à compter de la date d'émission initiale.

Les Titres Super Subordonnés (tels que définis ci-après), dont le produit constitue des fonds propres de base au sens de l'article 2 du Règlement n° 90-02 du 23 février 1990, tel que modifié (le « **Règlement CRBF** »), du Comité de la Réglementation Bancaire et Financière (le « **CRBF** ») ou selon le Secrétariat général de la Commission bancaire (« **SGCB** ») (« **Tier 1 Capital** »), n'auront pas de date d'échéance (« **Titres Super Subordonnés à Durée Indéterminée** »). Voir la section « **Modalités des Titres - Rang** ».

Les Titres Subordonnés, dont le produit constitue des fonds propres complémentaires au sens de l'article 4(c) du Règlement CRBF (« **Upper Tier 2 Capital** »), n'auront pas de date d'échéance (également « **Titres Subordonnés à Durée Indéterminée** »).

Les Titres Subordonnés, dont le produit constitue des fonds propres complémentaires au sens de l'article 4(d) du Règlement CRBF (« **Lower Tier 2 Capital** »), auront une durée d'au moins 5 ans, et la durée des Titres Subordonnés, dont le produit constitue des fonds propres surcomplémentaires au sens de l'article 5 ter III du Règlement CRBF (« **Tier 3 Capital** »), sera d'au moins 2 ans, ou toute autre durée fixée par les lois ou règlements applicables (ensemble, les « **Titres Subordonnés à Durée Déterminée** »).

Devises :

Sous réserve du respect des lois, règlements et directives applicables, les Titres pourront être émis en euros, dollars US, yens japonais, francs suisses et dans toute autre devise convenue entre l'Émetteur et les Agents Placeurs concernés.

Valeur(s) Nominale(s)

Les Titres sont émis suivant la/les Valeur(s) Nominale(s) Spécifiée(s) mentionnée(s) dans les Conditions Définitives concernées, pour autant que la valeur nominale de tous les Titres destinés à être admis aux négociations sur un Marché Réglementé ou offerts au public dans un État Membre de l'EEE dans des circonstances nécessitant la publication d'un prospectus au titre de la Directive Prospectus soit de 1 000 euros au moins (ou sa contre-valeur dans toute autre devise) ou de tout montant supérieur qui pourrait être autorisé ou requis à tout moment concernant la Devise Spécifiée. Les Titres ayant une échéance de moins d'un an constitueront des dépôts aux fins des dispositions interdisant l'acceptation de dépôts énoncées à la section 19 du *Financial Services and Markets Act* de 2000, à moins qu'ils ne soient émis à l'intention d'un cercle restreint d'investisseurs professionnels et que leur valeur nominale soit d'au moins 100 000 livres sterling ou sa contre-valeur.

Les Titres dématérialisés sont émis dans une seule valeur nominale.

Rang des Titres Non Subordonnés :	Les Titres Non Subordonnés et, le cas échéant, tout Coupon ou Reçu y relatifs constitueront des engagements directs, inconditionnels, non subordonnés et non assortis de sûretés de l'Émetteur, et viendront au même rang sans préférence entre eux et (sous réserve des exceptions impératives du droit français) au même rang que tous autres engagements non subordonnés et non assortis de sûretés de l'Émetteur, présents et futurs.
Rang des Titres Subordonnés :	Les Conditions Définitives peuvent prévoir l'éligibilité des Titres Subordonnés en Tier 1, Upper Tier 2, Lower Tier 2 ou Tier 3 Capital.  L'Émetteur peut émettre des Titres Subordonnés Ordinaires, Super Subordonnés, Subordonnés à Durée Déterminée ou Subordonnés à Durée Indéterminée.
Maintien à leur rang des titres Non Subordonnés :	Les Titres Non Subordonnés seront assortis d'une clause de maintien à leur rang, tel qu'énoncé à la Condition 4.
Cas d'exigibilité anticipée :	Les modalités des Titres contiendront des cas d'exigibilité anticipée pour les Titres Non Subordonnés, tel que prévus à la Condition 9(a), ainsi que des cas limités d'exigibilité anticipée pour les Titres Subordonnés uniquement, tel que prévu à la Condition 9(b).
Montant de remboursement :	Sous réserve des lois et règlements applicables, les Conditions Définitives concernées préciseront la base de calcul des montants de remboursement dus.
Remboursement optionnel :	Les Conditions Définitives établies lors de chaque émission de Titres préciseront si les Titres pourront être remboursés par anticipation au gré de l'Émetteur (en totalité ou en partie) et/ou des Porteurs de Titres, ainsi que les modalités applicables à ces remboursements le cas échéant.
Remboursement par versements échelonnés :	Les Conditions Définitives établies pour toute émission de Titres remboursables en deux versements ou plus indiqueront les dates et montants de ces remboursements.
Remboursement anticipé :	Sauf dans les cas indiqués au paragraphe « Remboursement optionnel » ci-avant, les Titres ne pourront faire l'objet d'un remboursement anticipé au gré de l'Émetteur que pour des raisons fiscales, et, en ce qui concerne les Titres Subordonnés, sous réserve de l'approbation du SGCB.
Fiscalité :	Conformément à l'article 131 <i>quater</i> du Code général des impôts, tel qu'interprété par la circulaire administrative n° 5 I-11-98 du 30 septembre 1998 et le rescrit n° 2007/59 (FP) du 8 janvier 2008, tous deux publiés par les autorités fiscales françaises, les paiements d'intérêts et autres revenus afférents aux Titres, libellés en euro ou dans une quelconque autre devise, constituant des obligations ou des titres de créance assimilés aux fins du rescrit ci-avant mentionné, ne seront pas soumis à la retenue à la source prévue par l'article 125 A III du Code général des impôts.



Le régime fiscal applicable aux Titres ne constituant pas des obligations ou des titres de créance assimilés aux fins du rescrit ci-avant désigné sera précisé dans les Conditions Définitives.

Périodes d'intérêt et taux d'intérêt :

Pour chaque Souche, la durée des périodes d'intérêt des Titres, les taux d'intérêt applicables ainsi que leur méthode de calcul pourront varier ou rester identiques selon le cas. Les Titres pourront comporter un taux d'intérêt maximum, un taux d'intérêt minimum ou les deux à la fois. Les Titres pourront porter intérêt à différents taux au cours de la même période d'intérêt, grâce à l'utilisation de sous périodes d'intérêts. Toutes ces informations figureront dans les Conditions Définitives concernées.

Titres à Taux Fixe :

Les intérêts à taux fixe seront payables chaque année à terme échu à la (aux) date(s) pour chaque année indiquée(s) dans les Conditions Définitives concernées.

Titres à Taux Variable :

Les Titres à Taux Variable porteront intérêt au taux déterminé pour chaque Souche de la façon suivante :

- (iv) sur la même base que le taux variable applicable à une opération d'échange de taux d'intérêt notionnel dans la Devise Prévue concernée, conformément à la Convention Cadre FBF de 2007 relatives aux opérations sur instruments financiers à terme complétée par les Additifs Techniques sur les Intérêts et Devises applicables le cas échéant (Échange de conditions d'intérêt ou de devises - additif technique) publiés par l'Association Française des Banques (« **AFB** ») ou la Fédération Bancaire Française (« **FBF** ») ou
- (v) sur la base d'un taux de référence apparaissant sur une page écran convenue d'un service de cotation commercial (incluant mais non limité à l'EURIBOR, l'EONIA, le LIBOR, le CMS ou le TEC), ou
- (vi) sur toute autre base ou référence précisée dans les Conditions Définitives concernées,

en ajoutant ou soustrayant dans chaque cas toute marge applicable, s'il y a lieu, et calculés et payables conformément aux Conditions Définitives concernées. Les Titres à Taux Variable pourront également avoir un taux d'intérêt maximum, un taux d'intérêt minimum ou les deux.

Titres à Coupon Zéro :

Les Titres à Coupon Zéro pourront être émis au pair ou au dessous du pair et ne porteront pas intérêt.

Titres Libellés en Deux Devises :

Les paiements relatifs aux Titres Libellés en Deux Devises (que ce soit en principal ou intérêt, à échéance ou autrement) seront effectués selon les taux de conversion et dans les devises prévues dans les Conditions Définitives concernées.

Titres Indexés sur un Indice :

Les paiements en principal et/ou intérêts afférents à des Titres Indexés sur un Indice seront calculés par référence aux indices et/ou formules précisées dans les Conditions Définitives concernées.

Autres titres :	Les conditions applicables aux Titres à taux d'intérêt élevé, à faible taux d'intérêt, à taux d'intérêt croissant ou décroissant, aux Titres libellés en deux devises inversées ou en deux devises optionnelles, aux Titres partiellement libérés ainsi qu'à tout autre type de Titres que l'Émetteur et le ou les Agents Placeurs conviendraient d'émettre dans le cadre du présent Programme, seront détaillées dans les Conditions Définitives concernées.
Redénomination :	Les Titres libellés dans une devise d'un État Membre de l'UE participant à la troisième phase (ou à toute phase ultérieure) de l'Union monétaire européenne pourront être relibellés en euros, tel que décrit plus en détails à la Condition 1 (d).
Consolidation :	Les Titres d'une Souche pourront être consolidés avec les Titres d'une autre Souche, tel que décrit plus en détails à la Condition 14.
Forme des Titres :	<p>Les Titres peuvent être émis soit sous forme de titres dématérialisés (« <b>Titres Dématérialisés</b> »), soit sous forme de titres matérialisés (« <b>Titres Matérialisés</b> »).</p> <p>Les Titres Dématérialisés pourront, au gré de l'Émetteur, être émis au porteur ou au nominatif et, dans ce dernier cas, au gré du Titulaire concerné, au nominatif pur ou au nominatif administré. Aucun document matérialisant la propriété des Titres Dématérialisés ne sera émis.</p> <p>Les Titres Matérialisés seront uniquement émis au porteur. Un Certificat Global Temporaire relatif à chaque Tranche de Titres Matérialisés sera initialement émis. Les Titres Matérialisés pourront uniquement être émis hors de France.</p>
Droit applicable :	Droit français
Systèmes de compensation :	Euroclear France en tant que dépositaire central pour les Titres Dématérialisés et, pour les Titres Matérialisés, Clearstream Luxembourg, et Euroclear ou tout autre système de compensation que l'Émetteur, l'Agent Financier et l'Agent Placeur concerné conviendraient de désigner.
Création des Titres dématérialisés :	La lettre comptable relative à chaque Tranche de Titres Dématérialisés devra être remise à Euroclear France en sa qualité de dépositaire central un jour ouvrable à Paris avant la date d'émission de cette Tranche.
Création des Titres matérialisés :	Au plus tard à la date d'émission de chaque Tranche de Titres Matérialisés, le Certificat Global Temporaire relatif à cette Tranche devra être remis à un dépositaire commun à Euroclear et Clearstream, Luxembourg, ou à tout autre système de compensation, ou encore pourra être remis en dehors de tout système de compensation sous réserve qu'un tel procédé ait fait l'objet d'un accord préalable entre l'Émetteur, l'Agent financier et le(s) Agent(s) placeur(s) concerné(s).
Prix d'émission :	Les Titres pourront être émis au pair, en dessous du pair ou avec une

prime d'émission. Des Titres Partiellement Libérés pourront être émis, dans ce cas le prix d'émission sera payable en deux ou plusieurs fois.

Cotation et admission aux négociations :

Sur le Marché Réglementé de la Bourse de Luxembourg et/ou sur tout autre marché réglementé de l'EEE, conformément à la Directive Prospectus et tel que précisé dans les Conditions Définitives concernées. Les Conditions Définitives concernées pourront prévoir qu'une Souche de Titres ne fera l'objet d'aucune cotation.

Offre au public :

À moins que les Conditions Définitives n'en disposent autrement, les Titres ne seront pas offerts au public au Luxembourg et/ou dans tout État Membre de l'EEE.

Notation :

Les Titres Non Subordonnés émis dans le cadre du Programme ont été notés AA-/A-1+ par Standard & Poor's Ratings Services.

Les Titres Subordonnés à Durée Déterminée émis dans le cadre du Programme ont été notés A+ par Standard & Poor's Ratings Services.

Les Titres Subordonnés à Durée Indéterminée émis dans le cadre du Programme ont été notés A par Standard & Poor's Ratings Services.

Une notation n'est pas une recommandation d'achat, de vente ou de détention de titres et peut, à tout moment, être suspendue, modifiée ou retirée par l'agence de notation concernée.

Restrictions de vente :

Il existe des restrictions concernant l'offre et la vente des Titres ainsi que la diffusion des documents d'offre dans certains pays. Dans le cadre de l'offre et la vente d'une Tranche donnée, des restrictions de vente supplémentaires peuvent être imposées et seront alors indiquées dans les Conditions Définitives concernées.

L'Émetteur relève de la Catégorie 1 pour les besoins de la Réglementation S de la loi américaine sur les valeurs mobilières.

Les Titres matérialisés seront émis en conformité avec la Section §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D) de la Réglementation fiscale américaine (les « **Règles D** ») à moins (i) que les Conditions Définitives concernées ne prévoient que ces Titres Matérialisés soient émis conformément à la Section §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) de la Réglementation fiscale américaine (les « **Règles C** »), ou (ii) que ces Titres Matérialisés ne soient pas émis conformément aux Règles C ou aux Règles D, mais dans des conditions où ces Titres matérialisés ne constitueront pas des « obligations dont l'enregistrement est requis » (« *registration required obligations* ») par la loi américaine de 1982 sur l'équité d'imposition et la responsabilité fiscale (*United States Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act* ; « **TEFRA** »), auquel cas les Conditions Définitives concernées indiqueront que l'opération se situe en dehors du champ d'application des règles TEFRA.

Les règles TEFRA n'ont pas à être respectées en matière de Titres Dématérialisés.

Facteurs de risque :

Facteurs de risques liés à l'Émetteur et à son activité

Comme toutes les autres banques, l'Émetteur est principalement exposé au risque de marché.

L'Émetteur supporte le risque de marché pour le Groupe Arkéa (y compris les risques de taux d'intérêt, les risques actions et les risques de change), dans les limites fixées par le comité de risque du Groupe Arkéa s'agissant des affectations de capitaux propres, de l'impact sur les bénéfices, de l'encours global des portefeuilles gérés pour le compte du Groupe Arkéa et de la liquidité.

Les autres facteurs de risque sont le risque de crédit de la clientèle, le risque d'intermédiation et le risque de crédit des contreparties.

### **Facteurs de risque liés aux Titres**

Il existe certains autres facteurs significatifs pour évaluer les risques afférents aux Titres émis dans le cadre du Programme, y compris :

Les risques d'investissement. Les Titres pourraient ne pas être adaptés à tous les investisseurs. Avant de prendre leur décision, les investisseurs intéressés doivent comprendre qu'investir dans tout type de Titres comporte des risques.

Risques associés aux Titres en règle générale ou à la structure d'une émission de Titres particulière.

Risques associés au marché de manière générale, y compris les risques de liquidité, de change, de taux d'intérêt et de crédit.

Voir la section « Risk Factors » du Prospectus de Base pour plus de détails.

Informations disponibles :

Tant que des Titres pourront être émis au titre du présent Programme, des copies des documents relatifs l'émetteur (statuts, états financiers), du Prospectus de Base, des Conditions Définitives des Titres admis à la négociation sur un Marché Réglementé de l'EEE ou offerts au public dans un État Membre de l'EEE, dans les deux cas conformément à la Directive prospectus, ainsi que le Contrat de Service Financier seront, lorsque publiés, disponibles aux heures de bureau habituelles tous les jours de la semaine (sauf les samedi, dimanche et jours fériés), au siège social de l'Émetteur et au bureau spécifié du/des Agent(s) Payeur(s).

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAMME

Words and expressions defined in "Terms and Conditions of the Notes" below shall have the same meanings in this general description.

<b>Issuer:</b>	Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel
<b>Arranger:</b>	HSBC Bank plc
<b>Dealers:</b>	Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel, Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, DZ BANK AG Deutsche Zentral-Genossenschaftsbank, Frankfurt am Main, Fortis Bank NV/SA, HSBC Bank plc, Merrill Lynch International and NATIXIS.

The Issuer may from time to time terminate the appointment of any Dealer under the Programme or appoint additional dealers either in respect of one or more Tranches or in respect of the whole Programme. References in this Base Prospectus to "**Permanent Dealers**" are to the persons listed above as Dealers and to such additional persons that are appointed as dealers in respect of the whole Programme (and whose appointment has not been terminated) and references to "**Dealers**" are to all Permanent Dealers and all persons appointed as a dealer in respect of one or more Tranches.

At the date of this Base Prospectus, only credit institutions and investment firms incorporated in a Member State of the European Union ("**EU**") and which are authorised by the relevant authority of such member home state to lead-manage bond issues in such Member State may act (a) as Dealers with respect to non-syndicated issues of Notes denominated in Euro and (b) as lead manager of issues of Notes denominated in Euro issued on a syndicated basis.

<b>Description:</b>	Euro Medium Term Note Programme.
<b>Programme Limit:</b>	Up to € 13,000,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies at the date of issue) aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding at any one time.
<b>Fiscal Agent, Principal Paying Agent and France Paying Agent:</b>	Fortis Banque Luxembourg SA
<b>Method of Issue:</b>	The Notes may be offered to the public or not and/or admitted to trading or not, in each case on a syndicated or non-syndicated basis.

The specific terms of each Tranche (including, without limitation, the aggregate nominal amount, issue price, redemption price thereof, and interest, if any, payable thereunder) will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of the issue and will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

<b>Maturities:</b>	Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, any maturity from one month from the date of original issue.
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Deeply Subordinated Notes (as defined below), the proceeds of which constitute *fonds propres de base* within the meaning of Article 2 of the CRBF Regulation or recognised as such by the SGCB ("**Tier 1 Capital**"), shall be undated ("**Undated Subordinated Notes**"). See "Terms and Conditions of the Notes - Status".

Subordinated Notes, the proceeds of which constitute *fonds propres complémentaires* within the meaning of Article 4(c) of the CRBF Regulation ("**Upper Tier 2 Capital**"), shall be undated (also "**Undated Subordinated Notes**").

The maturity of Subordinated Notes, the proceeds of which constitute *fonds propres complémentaires* within the meaning of Article 4(d) of the CRBF Regulation ("**Lower Tier 2 Capital**"), will not be less than 5 years, and the maturity of Subordinated Notes, the proceeds of which constitute *fonds propres surcomplémentaires* within the meaning of Article 5 *ter* III of the CRBF Regulation ("**Tier 3 Capital**"), will not be less than 2 years, or in either case such other minimum maturity as may be required by applicable legal and regulatory requirements (together "**Dated Subordinated Notes**").

**Currencies:** Subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, Notes may be issued in Euro, U.S. dollars, Japanese yen, Swiss francs and in any other currency agreed between the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s).

**Denomination(s):** Notes shall be issued in the Specified Denomination(s) set out in the relevant Final Terms, save that all Notes which are to be admitted to trading on a Regulated Market or offered to the public in a Member State of the EEA in circumstances which require the publication of a prospectus under the Prospectus Directive shall have a minimum denomination of €1,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) or such higher amount as may be allowed or required from time to time in relation to the relevant Specified Currency. Notes having a maturity of less than one year will constitute deposits for the purposes of the prohibition on accepting deposits contained in section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 unless they are issued to a limited class of professional investors and have a denomination of at least £100,000 or its equivalent.

Dematerialised Notes shall be issued in one denomination only.

**Status of the Unsubordinated Notes:**

Unsubordinated Notes, and, where applicable, any relative Coupons and Receipts, will constitute direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and will rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves and (subject to such exceptions as are from time to time mandatory under French law) *pari passu* with all other present or future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer.

**Status of the Subordinated Notes:**

The Final Terms may state that Subordinated Notes will be eligible as Upper Tier 2, Lower Tier 2 or Tier 3 Capital.

The Issuer may issue Subordinated Notes which constitute Ordinary Subordinated Notes, Deeply Subordinated Notes, Dated Subordinated Notes or Undated Subordinated Notes.

**Negative Pledge for Unsubordinated Notes:**

There will be a negative pledge in respect of Unsubordinated Notes as set out in Condition 4.

**Events of Default:**

The terms of the Notes will contain events of default in respect of Unsubordinated Notes as set out in Condition 9(a) and limited events of default only in respect of Subordinated Notes as set out in Condition 9(b).

**Redemption Amount:**

Subject to any laws and regulations applicable from time to time, the relevant Final Terms will specify the basis for calculating the redemption amounts payable.

**Optional Redemption:**

The Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Notes will state whether such Notes may be redeemed prior to their stated maturity at the option of the Issuer (either in whole or in part) and/or the Noteholders, and if so the terms applicable to such redemption.

<b>Redemption by Instalments:</b>	The Final Terms issued in respect of each issue of Notes that are redeemable in two or more instalments will set out the dates on which, and the amounts in which, such Notes may be redeemed.
<b>Early Redemption:</b>	Except as provided in "Optional Redemption" above, Notes will be redeemable at the option of the Issuer prior to their stated maturity only for tax reasons and, in respect of Subordinated Notes, subject to the approval of the SGCB.
<b>Taxation:</b>	<p>Pursuant to article 131 quater of the French <i>Code général des impôts</i>, as construed by administrative circular no. 5 I-11-98 dated 30 September 1998 and ruling (<i>rescrit</i>) no. 2007/59 (FP) dated 8 January 2008, both issued by the French Tax authorities, payments of interest and other revenues in respect of Notes, whether denominated in Euro or in any other currency, constituting obligations or debt instruments (<i>titres de créances</i>) assimilated thereto for the purposes of the above ruling, benefit from the exemption from the deduction of tax at source provided for under article 125 A III of the French <i>Code général des impôts</i>.</p> <p>The tax regime applicable to Notes which do not constitute obligations or debt instruments (<i>titres de créances</i>) assimilated thereto for the purposes of the above ruling will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.</p>
<b>Interest Periods and Interest Rates:</b>	The length of the interest periods for the Notes and the applicable interest rate or its method of calculation may differ from time to time or be constant for any Series. Notes may have a maximum interest rate, a minimum interest rate, or both. The use of interest accrual periods permits the Notes to bear interest at different rates in the same interest period. All such information will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.
<b>Fixed Rate Notes:</b>	Fixed interest will be payable in arrear on the date or dates in each year specified in the relevant Final Terms.
<b>Floating Rate Notes:</b>	<p>Floating Rate Notes will bear interest determined separately for each Series as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) on the same basis as the floating rate under a notional interest rate swap transaction in the relevant Specified Currency governed by the 2007 FBF Master Agreement relating to transactions on forward financial instruments, as supplemented by the then applicable Interest and Currency Technical Annex (<i>Echange de conditions d'Intérêt ou de Devises - Additif Technique</i>) published by the AFB or the FBF, or</li> <li>(ii) on the basis of a reference rate appearing on an agreed screen page of a commercial quotation service (including, without limitation, EURIBOR, EONIA, LIBOR, CMS or TEC), or</li> <li>(iii) on such other basis or benchmark as may be specified in the applicable Final Terms,</li> </ul> <p>in each case plus or minus any applicable margin, if any, and calculated and payable as indicated in the applicable Final Terms. Floating Rate Notes may also have a maximum rate of interest, a minimum rate of interest or both.</p>
<b>Zero Coupon Notes:</b>	Zero Coupon Notes may be issued at their nominal amount or at a discount to it and will not bear interest.
<b>Dual Currency Notes:</b>	Payments (whether in respect of principal or interest and whether at maturity or otherwise) in respect of Dual Currency Notes will be made in such currencies, and based on such rates of exchange, as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

<b>Index Linked Notes:</b>	Payments of principal or of interest in respect of Index Linked Notes will be calculated by reference to such index and/or formula as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms.
<b>Other Notes:</b>	Terms applicable to high interest Notes, low interest Notes, step-up Notes, step-down Notes, reverse dual currency Notes, optional dual currency Notes, partly paid Notes and any other type of Notes that the Issuer and any Dealer or Dealers may agree to issue under the Programme will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.
<b>Redenomination:</b>	Notes issued in the currency of any Member State of the EU which participates in the third stage (or any further stage) of European Monetary Union may be redenominated into Euro, all as more fully provided in Condition 1 (d).
<b>Consolidation:</b>	Notes of one Series may be consolidated with Notes of another Series as more fully provided in Condition 14.
<b>Form of Notes:</b>	Notes may be issued in either dematerialised form (" <b>Dematerialised Notes</b> ") or in materialised form (" <b>Materialised Notes</b> ").  Dematerialised Notes may, at the option of the Issuer, be issued in bearer form ( <i>au porteur</i> ) or in registered form ( <i>au nominatif</i> ) and, in such latter case, at the option of the relevant holder, in either fully registered form ( <i>au nominatif pur</i> ) or administered form ( <i>au nominatif administré</i> ). No physical documents of title will be issued in respect of Dematerialised Notes.  Materialised Notes will be in bearer form only. A Temporary Global Certificate will initially be issued in respect of each Tranche of Materialised Notes. Materialised Notes may only be issued outside France.
<b>Governing Law:</b>	French
<b>Clearing Systems:</b>	Euroclear France as central depository in relation to Dematerialised Notes and, in relation to Materialised Notes, Clearstream, Luxembourg and Euroclear or any other clearing system that may be agreed between the Issuer, the Fiscal Agent and the relevant Dealer.
<b>Initial Delivery of Dematerialised Notes:</b>	One Paris business day before the issue date of each Tranche of Dematerialised Notes, the <i>Lettre comptable</i> relating to such Tranche shall be deposited with Euroclear France as central depository.
<b>Initial Delivery of Materialised Notes:</b>	On or before the issue date for each Tranche of Materialised Notes, the Temporary Global Certificate issued in respect of such Tranche shall be deposited with a common depository for Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg or with any other clearing system or may be delivered outside any clearing system provided that the method of such delivery has been agreed in advance by the Issuer, the Fiscal Agent and the relevant Dealer(s).
<b>Issue Price:</b>	Notes may be issued at their nominal amount or at a discount or premium to their nominal amount. Partly Paid Notes may be issued, the issue price of which will be payable in two or more instalments.
<b>Listing and Admission to Trading:</b>	The Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Regulated Market and/or any other Regulated Market in the EEA in accordance with the Prospectus Directive as specified in the relevant Final Terms. As specified in the relevant Final Terms, a Series of Notes may be unlisted.
<b>Offer to the public:</b>	Unless the Final Terms otherwise specify, the Notes shall not be offered to the



public in Luxembourg and/or in any Member State of the EEA.

**Rating:**

Unsubordinated Notes issued under the Programme have been rated AA-/A-1+ by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services.

Dated Subordinated Notes issued under the Programme have been rated A+ by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services.

Undated Subordinated Notes issued under the Programme have been rated A by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services.

A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to suspension, change, or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency.

**Selling Restrictions:**

There are restrictions on the offer and sale of Notes and the distribution of offering material in various jurisdictions. In connection with the offering and sale of a particular Tranche, additional selling restrictions may be imposed in the relevant Final Terms.

The Issuer is Category 1 for the purposes of Regulation S.

Materialised Notes will be issued in compliance with U.S. Treas. Reg. §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(D) (the "D Rules") unless (i) the relevant Final Terms states that such Materialised Notes are issued in compliance with U.S. Treas. Reg. §1.163-5(c)(2)(i)(C) (the "C Rules") or (ii) such Materialised Notes are issued other than in compliance with the D Rules or the C Rules but in circumstances in which the Notes will not constitute "registration required obligations" under the United States Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982 ("TEFRA"), which circumstances will be referred to in the relevant Final Terms as a transaction to which TEFRA is not applicable.

Dematerialised Notes do not require compliance with the TEFRA Rules.

## RISK FACTORS

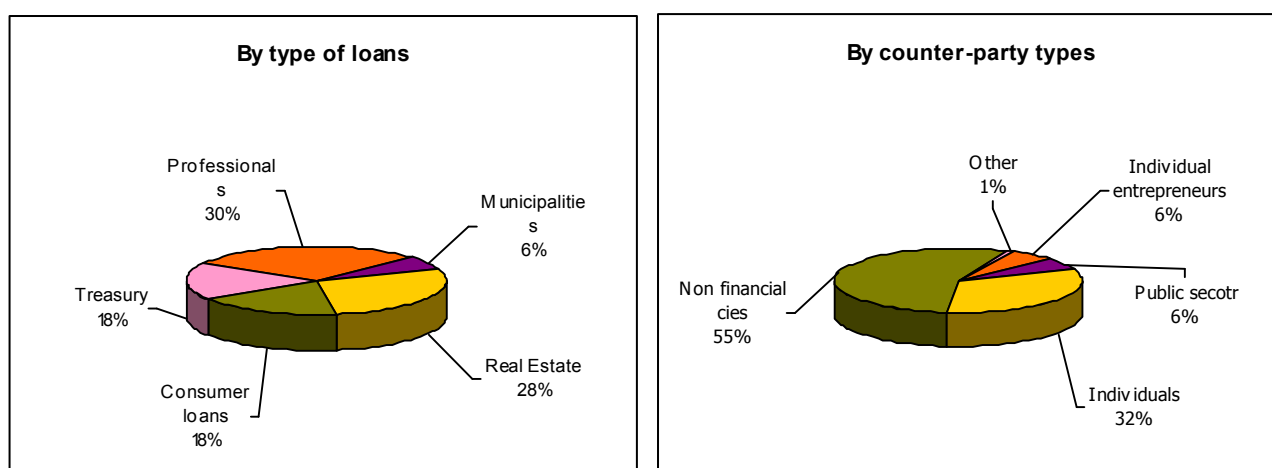
### RISK FACTORS RELATING TO THE ISSUER AND ITS ACTIVITY

Like all other banks the Issuer is mainly exposed to credit risk and market risk (e.g. interest rate movements and currency movements). These risk factors are addressed by the Issuer's own risk management procedures and exposures are constantly measured and supervised.

#### 1.1 Customer credit risk

Gross customer outstandings of Compagnie Financière and its subsidiaries amounted to 9.15 billion euros at end-2007, up by 9% year-on-year.

##### *Breakdown of outstandings by type*

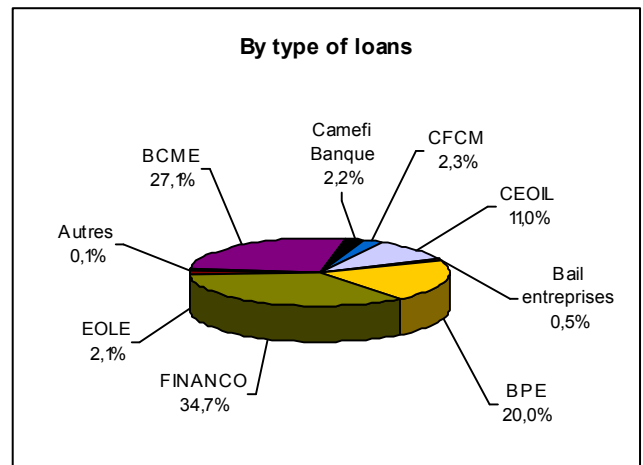
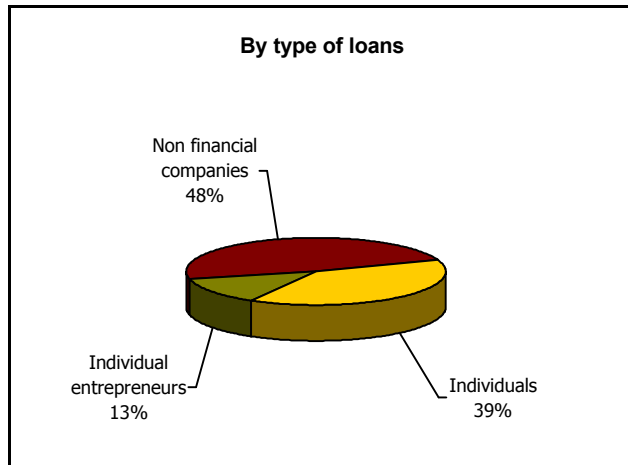


Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel Group had total non-performing loans (including leases) of 410.3 million euros in 2007, a decline of 2.56% compared with the 421.1 million euros reported in 2006.

Non-performing loans fell to 4.48% of total loans in 2007, from 5.01% in 2006. The coverage ratio on non-performing loans was relatively stable, at 59.04% at 31 December 2007 compared with 58.95% the previous year. There were 242.2 million euros of provisions on non-performing loans at 31 December 2007, compared with 248.2 million euros the previous year.

Impairment losses on customer loans of 21.6 million euros at 31 December 2007 compared with 32.8 million euros in 2006. This decline was particularly noticeable in BCME (down 8.7 million euros) and Caméfi-Banque (down 1.2 million euros), the subsidiaries specialized in lending to corporates.

##### Non-performing loans



## 1.2 Capital markets counterparty credit risk

CFCM and its subsidiaries' manage their counterparty credit risk by adhering to internal procedures that are compliant with all current regulations. A system of counterparty credit limits has been set in place to limit the credit exposure on these companies' capital markets activities.

- At the suggestion of the Risk Committee, the Board of Directors of Caisse Interfédérale du Crédit Mutuel approves an overall credit limit matrix that takes into account both counterparties' internal credit ratings and the shareholders' equity of the Arkéa Group.
- CFCM establishes individual limits within the framework defined by these overall limits, defining both amounts and terms, based primarily on the shareholders' equity of the Arkéa Group and the counterparty's fundamentals (shareholders' equity, debt and credit ratings). As required by the rules determining the new Basel II ratio, the internal credit ratings, the heart of the counterparty credit decision-making process, are used to establish a lending limit for each counterparty.

*The Board of Directors of Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel is responsible for setting credit limits, based on suggestions made by the CFCM Capital Markets Counterparty Credit Committee. The committee meets each quarter.*

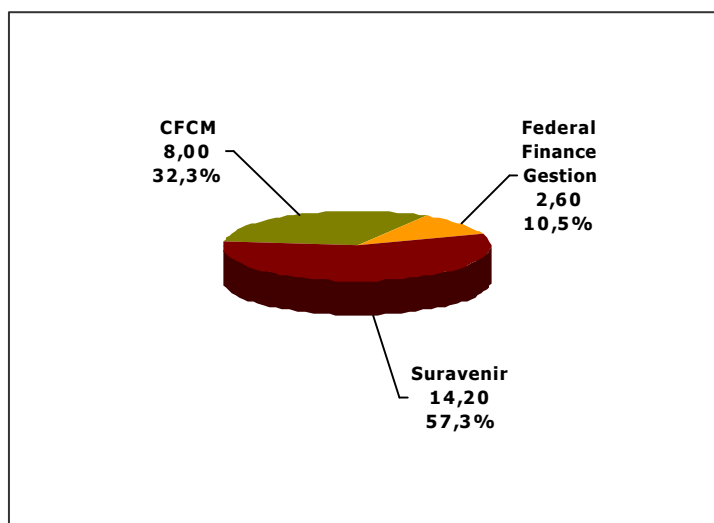
The Middle Office of Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel is responsible for analyzing, monitoring and providing first-level controls over all credit risks within CFCM and its subsidiaries. The department is made up of a team of credit analysts who prepare documented opinions on the credit quality of the counterparties of CFCM and its subsidiaries.

*Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel's Permanent Control department carries out second-level controls. Furthermore, Caisse Interfédérale du Crédit Mutuel is responsible for consolidating the Arkéa Group's exposures, as well as controlling them.*

This system of limits and controls is applied to each structure within CFCM and its subsidiaries that operates on the capital markets, whether in a proprietary trading role (CFCM) or on behalf of a third party (Suravenir and Federal Finance Gestion).

The total bond and money market portfolio of the CFCM Group amounted to 24.8 billion euros on 31 December 2007, which may be broken down in the following manner:

*Assets under management broken down by structure (in billions of euros)*

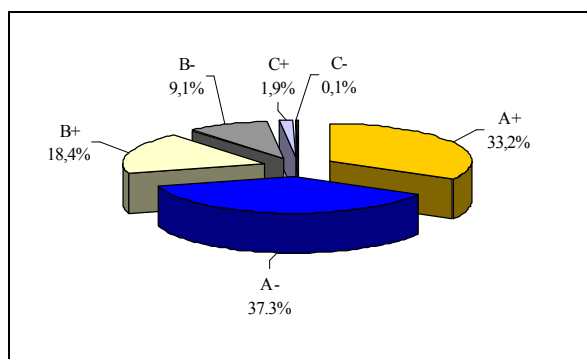


The internal rating of the portfolio of CFCM and its subsidiaries is stable, at B+, as a result of the decreased weighting of less well-ranked counterparties. At 31 December 2007, CFCM and its subsidiaries had no holdings with a speculative rating (D+, D- or E+) other than in specialized finance.

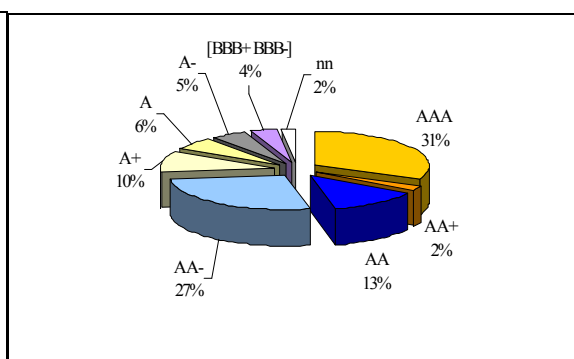
The concentration of exposure to the best credit risks reflects the Group's desire to remain conservative and to actively manage its risk, with 70.5% of its exposures to issuers rated A+ or A-. Overall, at 31 December 2007, the portfolio presents a satisfactory degree of risk diversification by internal rating category.

#### Breakdown by rating

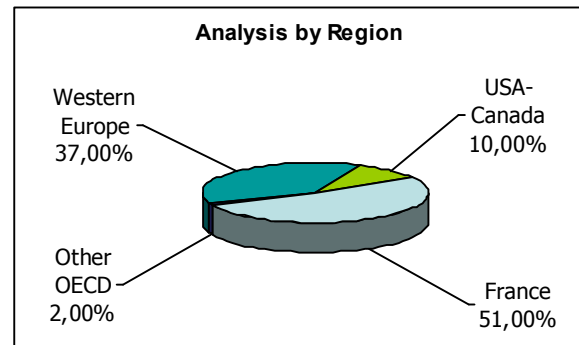
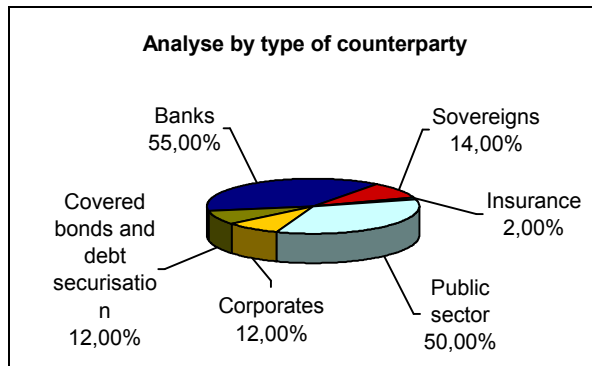
##### *Internal rating*



##### *Agency ratings*



From a geographical standpoint, most counterparties are located in Western Europe (88% of total outstanding), and especially so in France (51%). The CFCM Group invests above all in the banking sector (55% of outstanding), where the average internal credit rating in the portfolio is stable at B+. The average internal rating of the corporates portfolio comes in slightly lower, at B- (12% of the total portfolio).



### 1.3 Intermediary risk

Every year, the CFCM Capital Markets Counterparty Credit Committee establishes a list of intermediaries with which Group companies are authorized to enter into financial market transactions. This list is submitted to the Board of Directors of CFCM for approval. The Middle Office department performs periodic controls and has set in place an internal rating system to assess the quality of all intermediaries on the basis of financial and qualitative criteria.

### 1.4 Market risks

Capital markets activities are conducted within a regulatory framework that is strictly defined by the *Comité de la Réglementation Bancaire et Financière*, which subsequently became the Consultative Committee on Financial Legislation and Regulation (*Comité Consultatif de Législation et de Réglementation Financière - CCLRF*) and by the French securities regulator, the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* (AMF).

In accordance with the regulatory framework, the capital markets activities of Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel and its subsidiaries are carried out within a system of limits defined by the Board of Directors of Compagnie Financière at least annually in order to reflect changes in such activities.

The market risk control system is continuously adjusted in order to improve controls and to ensure its independence from operational structures.

In this context, and based on the overall limits set by the CICM Board of Directors, the Board of Directors of Compagnie Financière, on the proposal of the Chief Executive Officer following a meeting of the Permanent Control Committee, sets trading limits by type of activity (fixed income, credits, foreign exchange and equities) and defines the main choices in terms of market risk.

This capital market activities trading limits system for Compagnie Financière covers mainly:

- **Limits applicable to activities, distinguishing between:**
  - Funding,
  - Asset management for CFCM's proprietary trading: balance sheet (fixed income, credits and equities), derivatives and foreign exchange,
  - Customers,
  - Asset management for CFCM's subsidiaries' proprietary trading.
  
- **Limits applicable to transactions, distinguishing between:**
  - Authorized transactions,
  - Sensitivity risk limits,
  - Loss risk limits,
  - Limits on the use of shareholders' equity.

In order to strengthen controls and to secure its capital markets activities, Compagnie Financière has undertaken a detailed analysis of the compliance of capital markets transactions. This resulted in the adoption of a CFCM capital markets activities charter and a review of the compliance of proprietary trading and funding activities.

At the same time, against the backdrop of sharp swings on the financial markets, trends in Group exposures and management decisions were made subject to detailed disclosure to the Boards of Directors of both CICM and CFCM. In addition, given the major upheavals in the international financial situation, a Crisis Monitoring Committee was formed and the capital markets activities' prudential procedures were adapted to be more effective in 2008.

The capital markets activities' risk monitoring control functions within CFCM are mainly under the responsibility of the Middle Office and the Permanent Control department.

Reporting to the CFCM General Secretariat, the Middle Office, which is independent of the Front Office (which reports to the Head of Financial Markets and International Activities), values CFCM's capital markets' positions and verifies compliance with limits. Daily position reports, managed by the Front Office, are sent to the executive bodies of CFCM and the Arkéa Group.

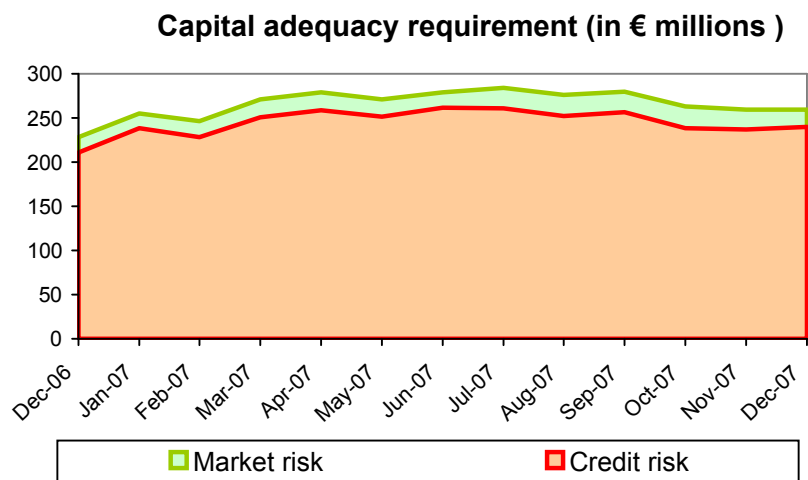
First-level permanent controls are performed by operational staff, with second-level controls exercised by both the permanent controllers in each operational department and the CFCM Permanent Control department.

In Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel, the Risk Management department consolidates the Group's market risk, analyses it, validates the main monitoring methodologies used, and calculates the shareholders' equity required by capital markets activities (Capital Adequacy Directive (CAD) and Value-at-Risk (VaR)). In addition, the Internal Audit and Periodic Control department of CICM carries out targeted audit assignments defined in the context of the periodic control annual plan.

The capital requirements in respect of signature and market risk for the proprietary trading activities of Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel and its subsidiaries are assessed using the standard method set out in the Basel I regulations.

At 31 December 2007, these shareholders' equity requirements amounted to 259.2 million euros and, as in 2006, mainly constitute 240 million euros of capital required for credit risks. The capital required for general risks amounted to 19.2 million euros, of which 15.5 million euros for fixed income instruments.

(in millions of euros)	2007	2006
<b>Shareholders' equity required by the CAD</b>	<b>259.2</b>	228.5
Signature risk	240.0	211.3
General interest rate risk	15.5	16.3
General equities risk	3.7	0.9
Foreign exchange risk	0.0	0.0



A broader measure of sensitivity, which incorporates notably spread risk, gives the following potential effects on earnings and shareholders' equity. This calculation is applied to Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel's proprietary capital market operations:

<b>Sensitivity analysis (in millions of euros)</b>		
		<b>2007</b>
<b>Interest rate risk:</b>	Uniform rise of 57bp over one month	- 6.3
<b>Equity risk*:</b>	Price drop of 15.5% over one month	- 28.9
<b>Currency risk:</b>	Unfavourable change of 6.6% over one month	- 0.2
<b>Spread risk:</b>		
	Rise of 54bp in spreads on euro financials and of 174bp in spreads on U.S. financials over six months	- 59.9
	Rise of 114bp in corporate spreads over six months	- 1.7
	Drop of 30% in mark to market of financial CDOs and of 5% in mark to market of corporate CDOs over six months	- 26.2

*\*Including derivatives, expressed in equity equivalents*

The above scenarios derive from an historical analysis of changes in representative risk factors for the Group's proprietary trading positions. The historical time period selected depends on the risk factors concerned and includes at least one major crisis period. The forward time horizon takes into account liquidity on the markets concerned. The calculations are based on a 99% confidence interval.

The above report is based on estimates established for the "T3" regulatory report prepared for Suravenir at December 31, 2007. The first part of the table shows the sensitivity of bond portfolios and other fixed income products based on hypothetical rate trends on 10-year government bond rates (from base value - 300 basis points to base value + 400 basis points).

The second part of the table shows the effects of changes in the market value of portfolios composed of stocks and other comparable assets. These projections take into account the proportional share of deferred income (95.43%).

#### **Sensitivity analysis – Insurance activity**

**Change in fixed income assets (in Thousands of Euros)**

	E(TEC10)-300bps	E(TEC10)-200bps	E(TEC10)-100bps	E(TEC10)	E(TEC10)+200bps	E(TEC10)+400bps
<b>Deferred income</b>	2 318 241	1 577 935	896 382	273 636	-814 894	-1 677 623
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>	144 640	98 378	55 948	17 103	-51 047	-106 038
<b>Earnings</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

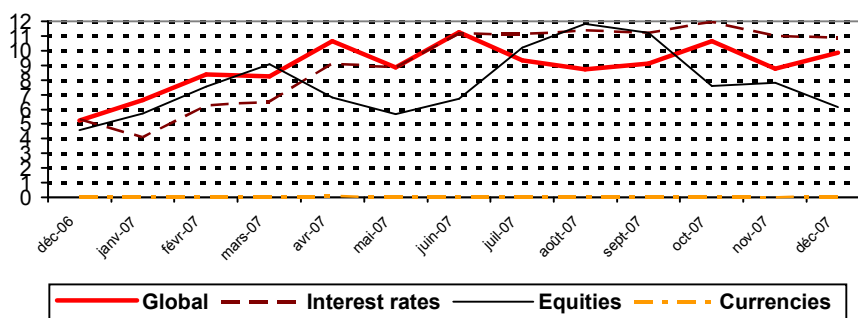
**Change in diversifications assets (in thousands of euros)**

	-40%	-30%	-20%	-10%
<b>Deferred income</b>	-759 728	-569 796	-379 864	-189 932
<b>Shareholders Equity</b>	-36 382	-27 287	-18 191	-9 096
<b>Earnings</b>	-34 441	-25 831	-17 220	-8 610

By way of indication, general market risk is subject to a second measurement made using an internal analytical model – which has not been audited by the Statutory Auditor - with a 99% confidence interval and 10-business day time horizon.

**Value at Risk (in millions of euros)**

	2007	2006
<b>Value at Risk</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<i>Interest rate risk</i>	10.9	5.3
<i>Equity risk</i>	6.2	4.6
<i>Currency risk</i>	0.0	0.0
<i>Diversification benefit</i>	-7.2	-4.6

**Capital market VaR 10days - 99 %  
(in millions of euros)**

The increase in VaR in 2007 is due mainly to the significant rise in interest rate volatility from the second quarter onward.

These current risk assessment tools are rounded out with crisis scenarios on interest rate, equity, foreign exchange and spread risks. Shocks to the main risk factors have been selected based on observations of past crises, and their effects in terms of unrealized capital gains are shown in the table below. This calculation covers the proprietary capital markets activities of Compagnie Financière de Crédit Mutuel.



<b>Crisis scenarios (in millions of euros)</b>		
		<b>2007</b>
<b>Interest rate risk:</b>	Uniform rise of 100bp	- 11.0
<b>Equity risk*:</b>	Price drop of 40%	- 74.6
<b>Currency risk:</b>	Unfavorable change of 20%	- 0.7
<b>Credit risk:</b>		
- Rise of 70bp in credit spreads on euro financials and of 240bp in credit spreads on U.S. financials		- 78.4
- Rise of 150bp in credit spreads on corporates		- 2.3
- Drop of 40% in mark to market of financial CDOs and of 8% in mark to market of corporate CDOs		- 38.3

*\* Including derivatives, expressed in equity equivalents*

The crisis scenario calculations for interest rates, equities and credits apply to the overall scope of the trading desk's activities. The assumptions used were updated in 2007 to take into account the financial crisis in the credit markets.

### **1.5 Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel's liquidity risk**

The liquidity risk management policy defined annually by the CICM Board of Directors for the Arkéa Group is applied to the scope of activities of Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel. The policy is based essentially on liquidity blockages. Market trading volumes, in terms of both investment and funding, are also subject to strict limits.

Each quarter, asset and liability maturity profiles are analyzed under both standard and stress scenarios. Objectives are defined in terms of hedging rates by maturity for both sources and applications of liquidity.

### **1.6 Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel's interest rate risk**

The interest rate risk management policy is also defined by the CICM Board of Directors of for the Arkéa Group, and is based on simulations of the impact of 1% and + and – 2% changes in interest rates. Limits and management rules are based on sensitivity indicators of net banking income to interest rate changes.

Interest rate risk for Compagnie Financière is analyzed and managed separately for its banking and life insurance activities and is not consolidated given the different nature of the risks concerned. The banking activity is exposed to interest rate risk on proprietary trading whereas the life insurance activity's exposure is essentially from third-party asset management.

For banking intermediation, interest rate maturity profiles for assets and liabilities are analyzed each quarter using both standard and stress scenarios. In this area, Compagnie Financière is exposed essentially in the short term to an increase in interest rates.

For life insurance activities, interest rate exposure potentially covers both increases and decreases in rates:

- When rates rise sharply, large-scale redemptions may result in capital losses being realized on fixed-rate bond investments
- When rates fall, asset yields may be insufficient to cover the minimum rates guaranteed to customers.

Simulations of a sharp rise in interest rates show that the characteristics of commitments in euros, the financial management policy and provisions cover this risk fully.

If interest rates fall, the minimum rates guaranteed on liabilities are largely covered by the yields on assets.

## 2. RISK FACTORS RELATING TO THE NOTES

### 2.1 The Notes may not be a suitable investment for all investors

Each potential investor in the Notes must determine the suitability of that investment in light of its own circumstances. In particular, each potential investor should:

- (i) have sufficient knowledge and experience to make a meaningful evaluation of the Notes, the merits and risks of investing in the relevant Notes and the information contained in this Base Prospectus or any applicable supplement to this Base Prospectus;
- (ii) have access to, and knowledge of, appropriate analytical tools to evaluate, in the context of its particular financial situation, an investment in the relevant Notes and the impact the relevant Notes will have on its overall investment portfolio;
- (iii) have sufficient financial resources and liquidity to bear all of the risks of an investment in the Notes, including Notes with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies, or where the currency for principal or interest payments is different from the potential investor's currency;
- (iv) understand thoroughly the terms of the relevant Notes and be familiar with the behaviour of any relevant indices and financial markets; and
- (v) be able to evaluate (either alone or with the help of a financial adviser) possible scenarios for economic, interest rate and other factors that may affect its investment and its ability to bear the applicable risks.

Some Notes are complex financial instruments and such instruments may be purchased as a way to reduce risk or enhance yield with an understood, measured, appropriate addition of risk to their overall portfolios. A potential investor should not invest in Notes which are complex financial instruments unless it has the expertise (either alone or with a financial adviser) to evaluate how the Notes will perform under changing conditions, the resulting effects on the value of such Notes and the impact this investment will have on the potential investor's overall investment portfolio.

### 2.2 Risks related to the structure of a particular issue of Notes

A wide range of Notes may be issued under the Programme. A number of these Notes may have features which contain particular risks for potential investors. Set out below is a description of the most common such features:

#### *Notes subject to optional redemption by the Issuer*

An optional redemption feature of Notes is likely to limit their market value. During any period when the Issuer may elect to redeem Notes, the market value of such Notes generally will not rise substantially above the price at which they can be redeemed. This also may be true prior to any redemption period.

The Issuer may be expected to redeem Notes when its cost of borrowing is lower than the interest rate on the Notes. At those times, an investor generally would not be able to reinvest the redemption proceeds at an effective interest rate as high as the interest rate on the Notes being redeemed and may only be able to do so at a significantly lower rate. Potential investors should consider reinvestment risk in light of other investments available at that time.

#### *Index Linked Notes and Dual Currency Notes*

The Issuer may issue Notes with principal or interest determined by reference to an index or formula, to changes in the prices of securities or commodities, to movements in currency exchange rates or other factors (each, a "**Relevant Factor**"). In addition, the Issuer may issue Notes with principal or interest payable in one or more currencies which may be different from the currency in which the Notes are denominated. Potential investors should be aware that:

- (i) the market price of such Notes may be volatile;
- (ii) they may receive no interest;
- (iii) payment of principal or interest may occur at a different time or in a different currency than expected;
- (iv) the amount of principal payable at redemption may be less than the nominal amount of such Notes or even zero;
- (v) a Relevant Factor may be subject to significant fluctuations that may not correlate with changes in interest rates, currencies or other indices;
- (vi) if a Relevant Factor is applied to Notes in conjunction with a multiplier greater than one or contains some other leverage factor, the effect of changes in the Relevant Factor on principal or interest payable likely will be magnified; and
- (vii) the timing of changes in a Relevant Factor may affect the actual yield to investors, even if the average level is consistent with their expectations. In general, the earlier the change in the Relevant Factor, the greater the effect on yield.

#### *Partly-paid Notes*

The Issuer may issue Notes where the issue price is payable in more than one instalment. Failure to pay any subsequent instalment could result in an investor losing some or all of his investment.

#### *Variable rate Notes with a multiplier or other leverage factor*

Notes with variable interest rates can be volatile investments. If they are structured to include multipliers or other leverage factors, or caps or floors, or any combination of those features or other similar related features, their market values may be even more volatile than those for securities that do not include those features.

#### *Inverse Floating Rate Notes*

Inverse Floating Rate Notes have an interest rate equal to a fixed rate minus a rate based upon a reference rate. The market values of such Notes typically are more volatile than market values of other conventional floating rate debt securities based on the same reference rate (and with otherwise comparable terms). Inverse Floating Rate Notes are more volatile because an increase in the reference rate not only decreases the interest rate of the Notes, but may also reflect an increase in prevailing interest rates, which further adversely affects the market value of these Notes.

#### *Fixed/Floating Rate Notes*

Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may bear interest at a rate that the Issuer may elect to convert from a fixed rate to a floating rate, or from a floating rate to a fixed rate. The Issuer's ability to convert the interest rate will affect the secondary market and the market value of such Notes since the Issuer may be expected to convert the rate when it is likely to produce a lower overall cost of borrowing. If the Issuer converts from a fixed rate to a floating rate, the spread on the Fixed/Floating Rate Notes may be less favourable than then prevailing spreads on comparable Floating Rate Notes tied to the same reference rate. In addition, the new floating rate at any time may be lower than the rates on other Notes. If the Issuer converts from a floating rate to a fixed rate, the fixed rate may be lower than then prevailing rates on its Notes.

#### *Notes issued at a substantial discount or premium*

The market values of securities issued at a substantial discount or premium from their principal amount tend to fluctuate more in relation to general changes in interest rates than do prices for conventional interest-bearing securities. Generally, the longer the remaining term of the securities, the greater the price volatility as compared to conventional interest-bearing securities with comparable maturities.

*The Issuer's obligations under Subordinated Notes are subordinated*

The Issuer's obligations under Subordinated Notes will be unsecured and subordinated and will rank junior in priority to the claims of unsubordinated creditors. Although Subordinated Notes may pay a higher rate of interest than comparable Notes which are not subordinated, there is a real risk that an investor in Subordinated Notes will lose all or some of his investment in the event of voluntary liquidation or judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) of the Issuer.

*Notes issued under the Programme may be Undated Subordinated Notes*

Undated Subordinated Notes have no fixed redemption or maturity date. Nevertheless, the Notes may, in certain circumstances, be redeemed in whole or in part for certain tax reasons or in other circumstances as specified in the Final Terms, at the option of the Issuer, in each case subject to the prior approval of the SGCB.

### **2.3 Risks related to Notes generally**

Set out below is a brief description of certain risks relating to the Notes generally:

*Modification of the Conditions*

The Noteholders will, in respect of all Tranches in any Series, be grouped automatically for the defence of their common interests in a *masse*, as defined in Condition 11, and a General Meeting can be held. The Terms and Conditions permit in certain cases defined majorities to bind all Noteholders including Noteholders who did not attend and vote at the relevant General Meeting and Noteholders who voted in a manner contrary to the majority. The General Meeting may deliberate on any proposal relating to the modification of the Conditions including any proposal, whether for arbitration or settlement, relating to rights in controversy or which were the subject of judicial decisions, as more fully described in Condition 11.

*Change of law*

The Terms and Conditions of the Notes are based on French law in effect as at the date of this Base Prospectus. No assurance can be given as to the impact of any possible judicial decision or change to French law or administrative practice after the date of this Base Prospectus.

### **2.4 Risks related to the market generally**

Set out below is a brief description of the principal market risks, including liquidity risk, exchange rate risk, interest rate risk and credit risk:

*The secondary market generally*

Notes may have no established trading market when issued, and one may never develop. If a market does develop, it may not be liquid. Therefore, investors may not be able to sell their Notes easily or at prices that will provide them with a yield comparable to similar investments that have a developed secondary market. This is particularly the case for Notes that are especially sensitive to interest rate, currency or market risks, are designed for specific investment objectives or strategies or have been structured to meet the investment requirements of limited categories of investors. These types of Notes generally would have a more limited secondary market and more price volatility than conventional debt securities. Illiquidity may have an adverse effect on the market value of Notes.

*Exchange rate risks and exchange controls*

The Issuer will pay principal and interest on the Notes in the Specified Currency. This presents certain risks relating to currency conversions if an investor's financial activities are denominated principally in a currency or currency unit (the "**Investor's Currency**") other than the Specified Currency. These include the risk that exchange rates may significantly change (including changes due to devaluation of the Specified Currency or revaluation of the Investor's Currency) and the risk that authorities with jurisdiction over the Investor's Currency may impose or modify exchange controls. An appreciation in the value of the Investor's Currency relative to the

Specified Currency would decrease (1) the Investor's Currency-equivalent yield on the Notes, (2) the Investor's Currency-equivalent value of the principal payable on the Notes and (3) the Investor's Currency-equivalent market value of the Notes.

Government and monetary authorities may impose (as some have done in the past) exchange controls that could adversely affect an applicable exchange rate. As a result, investors may receive less interest or principal than expected, or no interest or principal.

*Interest rate risks*

Investment in Fixed Rate Notes involves the risk that subsequent changes in market interest rates may adversely affect the value of the Fixed Rate Notes.

*Credit ratings may not reflect all risks*

One or more independent credit rating agencies may assign credit ratings to the Notes. The ratings may not reflect the potential impact of all risks related to structure, market, additional factors discussed above, and other factors that may affect the value of the Notes. A credit rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be revised or withdrawn by the rating agency at any time.

*Legal investment considerations may restrict certain investments*

The investment activities of certain investors are subject to legal investment laws and regulations, or review or regulation by certain authorities. Each potential investor should consult its legal advisers to determine whether and to what extent (1) Notes are legal investments for it, (2) Notes can be used as collateral for various types of borrowing and (3) other restrictions apply to its purchase or pledge of any Notes. Financial institutions should consult their legal advisers or the appropriate regulators to determine the appropriate treatment of Notes under any applicable risk-based capital or similar rules.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

This Base Prospectus shall be read and construed in conjunction with the following documents which have been previously published and filed with the CSSF and which are incorporated in, and shall be deemed to form part of, this Base Prospectus:

- (a) The consolidated financial statements of the Issuer for the financial year ended 31 December 2007 (the “**2007 Consolidated Financial Statements**”) and the auditors’ report thereon,
- (b) The non-consolidated financial statements of the Issuer for the financial year ended 31 December 2007 (the “**2007 Non-Consolidated Financial Statements**”) and the auditors’ report thereon,
- (c) The consolidated financial statements of the Issuer for the financial year ended 31 December 2006 (the “**2006 Consolidated Financial Statements**”) and the auditors’ report thereon, and
- (d) The non-consolidated financial statements of the Issuer for the financial year ended 31 December 2006 (the “**2006 Non-Consolidated Financial Statements**”) and the auditors’ report thereon.

All documents incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus may be obtained, without charge on request, at the principal offices of the Issuer and the Paying Agent set out at the end of this Base Prospectus during normal business hours so long as any of the Notes are outstanding. Such documents will be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)).

The information incorporated by reference in this Base Prospectus shall be read in connection with the cross reference list below. Any information not listed in the cross reference list but included in the documents incorporated by reference is given for information purposes only.

### Cross-reference list

INFORMATION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (Annex XI of the European Regulation 809/2004/EC)	REFERENCE
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**SUPPLEMENT TO THE BASE PROSPECTUS**

In connection with Notes admitted to trading on a Regulated Market and/ or offered to the public in Luxembourg and/ or in any other Member State of the European Economic Area, if at any time during the duration of the Programme there is a significant change affecting any matter contained in this Base Prospectus, including any modification of the terms and conditions or generally any significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information, included in this Base Prospectus which is capable of affecting the assessment of any Notes, which inclusion would reasonably be required by investors, and would reasonably be expected by them to be found in this Base Prospectus, for the purpose of making an informed assessment of the assets and liabilities, financial position, profits and losses and prospects of the Issuer and the Group and the rights attaching to the Notes, the Issuer shall prepare a supplement to the Base Prospectus in accordance with Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive or publish a replacement Base Prospectus for use in connection with any subsequent offering of the Notes, submit such supplement to the Base Prospectus to the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* in Luxembourg for approval and supply each Dealer, the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* in Luxembourg with such number of copies of such supplement to the Base Prospectus as may reasonably be requested.



## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOTES

*The following is the text of the terms and conditions that, subject to completion and amendment and as supplemented or varied in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Final Terms, shall be applicable to the Notes. In the case of Dematerialised Notes, the text of the terms and conditions will not be endorsed on physical documents of title but will be constituted by the following text as completed, amended, supplemented or varied by the relevant Final Terms. In the case of Materialised Notes, either (i) the full text of these terms and conditions together with the relevant provisions of the Final Terms (and subject to simplification by the deletion of non-applicable provisions) or (ii) these terms and conditions as so completed, amended, supplemented or varied, shall be endorsed on Definitive Materialised Notes. All capitalised terms that are not defined in these Conditions will have the meanings given to them in the relevant Final Terms. References in the Conditions to "Notes" are to the Notes of one Series only, not to all Notes that may be issued under the Programme.*

The Notes are issued by Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel (the "**Issuer**") in series (each a "**Series**") having one or more issue dates and on terms otherwise identical (or identical save as to the first payment of interest), the Notes of each Series being intended to be interchangeable with all other Notes of that Series. Each Series may be issued in tranches (each a "**Tranche**") on the same or different issue dates. The specific terms of each Tranche (including, without limitation, the aggregate nominal amount, issue price, redemption price thereof, and interest, if any, payable thereunder and supplemented, where necessary, with supplemental terms and conditions which, save in respect of the issue date, issue price, first payment of interest and nominal amount of the Tranche, will be identical to the terms of other Tranches of the same Series) will be determined by the Issuer and the relevant Dealer(s) at the time of the issue and will be set out in the final terms of such Tranche (the "**Final Terms**").

The Notes are issued with the benefit of an amended and restated agency agreement dated 10 July 2008 (the "**Agency Agreement**") between the Issuer and Fortis Banque Luxembourg SA as fiscal agent, principal paying agent and France paying agent. The fiscal agent, the paying agent and the calculation agent(s) for the time being (if any) are referred to below respectively as the "**Fiscal Agent**", the "**Paying Agent**" (which expression shall include the Fiscal Agent) and the "**Calculation Agent(s)**". The holders of the interest coupons (the "**Coupons**") relating to interest bearing Materialised Notes and, where applicable in the case of such Notes, talons (the "**Talons**") for further Coupons and the holders of the receipts for the payment of instalments of principal (the "**Receipts**") relating to Materialised Notes of which the principal is redeemable in instalments are respectively referred to below as the "**Couponholders**" and the "**Receiptholders**".

References below to "**Conditions**" are, unless the context requires otherwise, to the numbered paragraphs below.

### 1. Form, Denomination, Title and Redenomination

#### (a) Form

Notes may be issued either in dematerialised form ("**Dematerialised Notes**") or in materialised form ("**Materialised Notes**"), as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

- (i) Title to Dematerialised Notes will be evidenced in accordance with Article L.211-4 of the French *Code monétaire et financier* by book entries (*inscriptions en compte*). No physical document of title (including *certificats représentatifs* pursuant to Article R.211-7 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*) will be issued in respect of the Dematerialised Notes.

Dematerialised Notes are issued, at the option of the Issuer, in either bearer form (*au porteur*), which will be inscribed in the books of Euroclear France (acting as central depository) which shall credit the accounts of the Account Holders, or in registered form (*au nominatif*) and, in such latter case, at the option of the relevant holder in either administered registered form (*nominatif administré*) inscribed in the books of an Account Holder designated by the relevant holder of Notes or in fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*) inscribed in an account maintained by the Issuer or a registration agent (designated in the relevant Final Terms) acting on behalf of the Issuer (the "**Registration Agent**").

For the purpose of these Conditions, "**Account Holder**" means any authorised financial intermediary institution entitled to hold accounts, directly or indirectly, with Euroclear France, and includes Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("**Euroclear**") and the depository bank for Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**").

- (ii) Materialised Notes are issued in bearer form only. Materialised Notes in definitive form ("**Definitive Materialised Notes**") are serially numbered and are issued with Coupons (and, where appropriate, a Talon) attached, save in the case of Zero Coupon Notes in which case references to interest (other than in relation to interest due after the Maturity Date), Coupons and Talons in these Conditions are not applicable. Instalment Notes are issued with one or more Receipts attached.

*In accordance with Article L.211-4 of the French Code monétaire et financier, securities (such as Notes constituting obligations under French law) in materialised form and governed by French law must be issued outside the French territory.*

The Notes may be "**Fixed Rate Notes**", "**Floating Rate Notes**", "**Zero Coupon Notes**", "**Index Linked Notes**", "**Dual Currency Notes**" or a combination of any of the foregoing, depending on the Interest Basis and the redemption method specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**(b) Denomination**

Notes shall be issued in the specified denomination(s) set out in the relevant Final Terms (the "**Specified Denomination(s)**"), save that all Notes which are to be admitted to trading on a regulated market (within the meaning of Directive 2004/39/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, each such market being a "**Regulated Market**") within the European Economic Area ("**EEA**") or offered to the public in a Member State of the EEA in circumstances which require the publication of a prospectus under the Directive 2003/71/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 (the "**Prospectus Directive**") shall have a minimum denomination of €1,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency) or such higher amount as may be allowed or required from time to time by the relevant monetary authority or any laws or regulations applicable to the relevant Specified Currency.

Dematerialised Notes shall be issued in one Specified Denomination only.

**(c) Title**

- (i) Title to Dematerialised Notes in bearer form (*au porteur*) and in administered registered form (*au nominatif administré*) shall pass upon, and transfer of such Notes may only be effected through, registration of the transfer in the accounts of the Account Holders. Title to Dematerialised Notes in fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*) shall pass upon, and transfer of such Notes may only be effected through, registration of the transfer in the accounts maintained by the Issuer or by the Registration Agent.
- (ii) Title to Definitive Materialised Notes, including, where appropriate, Receipt(s), Coupons and/or a Talon attached, shall pass by delivery.
- (iii) Except as ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or as required by law, the holder of any Note (as defined below), Coupon, Receipt or Talon shall be deemed to be and may be treated as its absolute owner for all purposes, whether or not it is overdue and regardless of any notice of ownership, or an interest in it, any writing on it or its theft or loss and no person shall be liable for so treating the holder.
- (iv) In these Conditions,

"**Noteholder**" or, as the case may be, "**holder of any Note**" means (a) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, the individual or entity whose name appears in the account of the relevant Account Holder, the Issuer or the Registration Agent (as the case may be) as being entitled to such Notes and (b) in the case of Definitive Materialised Notes, the bearer of any Definitive Materialised Note and the Coupons, Receipts or Talons relating to it.

Capitalised terms have the meanings given to them in the relevant Final Terms, the absence of any such meaning indicating that such term is not applicable to the Notes.

**(d) Redenomination**

- (i) The Issuer may (if so specified in the relevant Final Terms), on any date, without the consent of the

holder of any Note, Coupon, Receipt or Talon, by giving at least 30 days' notice in accordance with Condition 13 and on or after the date on which the European Member State in whose national currency the Notes are denominated has become a participating Member State in the single currency of the European Economic and Monetary Union (as provided in the Treaty establishing the European Community (the "EC", as amended from time to time (the "Treaty"))) or events have occurred which have substantially the same effects (in either case, "EMU"), redenominate all, but not some only, of the Notes of any Series into Euro and adjust the aggregate principal amount and the Specified Denomination(s) set out in the relevant Final Terms accordingly, as described below. The date on which such redenomination becomes effective shall be referred to in these Conditions as the "**Redenomination Date**".

- (ii) Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, the redenomination of the Notes pursuant to Condition 1(d)(i) shall be made by converting the principal amount of each Note from the relevant national currency into Euro using the fixed relevant national currency Euro conversion rate established by the Council of the European Union pursuant to Article 123(4) of the Treaty and rounding the resulting figure to the nearest Euro 0.01 (with Euro 0.005 being rounded upwards). If the Issuer so elects, the figure resulting from conversion of the principal amount of each Note using the fixed relevant national currency Euro conversion rate shall be rounded down to the nearest Euro. The Euro denominations of the Notes so determined shall be notified to holders of Notes in accordance with Condition 13. Any balance remaining from the redenomination with a denomination higher than Euro 0.01 shall be paid by way of cash adjustment rounded to the nearest Euro 0.01 (with Euro 0.005 being rounded upwards). Such cash adjustment will be payable in Euros on the Redenomination Date in the manner notified to holders of Notes by the Issuer.
- (iii) Upon redenomination of the Notes, any reference hereon to the relevant national currency shall be construed as a reference to Euro.
- (iv) Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer may, with the prior approval of the Fiscal Agent, in connection with any redenomination pursuant to this Condition or any consolidation pursuant to Condition 14, without the consent of the holder of any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon, make any changes or additions to these Conditions or Condition 14 (including, without limitation, any change to any applicable business day definition, business day convention, principal financial centre of the country of the Specified Currency, interest accrual basis or benchmark), taking into account market practice in respect of redenominated Euromarket debt obligations and which it believes are not prejudicial to the interests of such holders. Any such changes or additions shall, in the absence of manifest error, be binding on the holders of Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons and shall be notified to holders of Notes in accordance with Condition 15 as soon as practicable thereafter.
- (v) Neither the Issuer nor any Paying Agent shall be liable to the holder of any Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon or other person for any commissions, costs, losses or expenses in relation to or resulting from the credit or transfer of Euros or any currency conversion or rounding effected in connection therewith.

## 2. Conversions and Exchanges of Notes

### (a) Dematerialised Notes

- (i) Dematerialised Notes issued in bearer form (*au porteur*) may not be converted for Dematerialised Notes in registered form, whether in fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*) or in administered registered form, (*au nominatif administré*).
- (ii) Dematerialised Notes issued in registered form (*au nominatif*) may not be converted for Dematerialised Notes in bearer form (*au porteur*).
- (iii) Dematerialised Notes issued in fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*) may, at the option of the holder of such Notes, be converted into Notes in administered registered form (*au nominatif administré*), and *vice versa*. The exercise of any such option by such holder shall be made in accordance with Article R.211-4 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*. Any such conversion shall be effected at the cost of such holder.

**(b) Materialised Notes**

Materialised Notes of one Specified Denomination may not be exchanged for Materialised Notes of another Specified Denomination.

**3. Status**

The obligations of the Issuer under the Notes may be either unsubordinated ("**Unsubordinated Notes**") or subordinated ("**Subordinated Notes**"), as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**(a) Status of Unsubordinated Notes**

The Unsubordinated Notes, and, where applicable, any relative Coupons and Receipts are direct, unconditional, unsubordinated and unsecured obligations of the Issuer and rank and will rank *pari passu* without any preference among themselves and (subject to such exceptions as are from time to time mandatory under French law) *pari passu* with all other present or future unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Issuer.

**(b) Status of Subordinated Notes****(i) General**

Subordinated Notes ("**Subordinated Notes**") comprise Ordinary Subordinated Notes, Deeply Subordinated Notes, Dated Subordinated Notes and Undated Subordinated Notes (all as defined below).

**(ii) Ordinary Subordinated Notes**

The principal and (if the applicable Final Terms so specify) interest on the ordinary subordinated notes ("**Ordinary Subordinated Notes**") constitute direct, unconditional, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank and will rank *pari passu* among themselves and *pari passu* with all other present and future Ordinary Subordinated Notes, but in priority to the *prêts participatifs* granted to, *titres participatifs* issued by, the Issuer and Deeply Subordinated Notes.

**(iii) Deeply Subordinated Notes**

The principal and (if the applicable Final Terms so specify) interest on deeply subordinated notes ("**Deeply Subordinated Notes**") constitute direct, unconditional, unsecured and subordinated obligations of the Issuer and rank and will rank *pari passu* among themselves and *pari passu* with all other present and future Deeply Subordinated Notes, but behind the *prêts participatifs* granted to, *titres participatifs* issued by, the Issuer and Ordinary Subordinated Notes.

**(iv) Dated Subordinated Notes**

Subordinated Notes (which terms, for the avoidance of doubt, include both Ordinary Subordinated Notes and Deeply Subordinated Notes) may have a specified maturity date ("**Dated Subordinated Notes**"). Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, payments of interest relating to Dated Subordinated Notes constitute obligations which rank equally with the obligations of the Issuer in respect of Unsubordinated Notes issued by the Issuer in accordance with Condition 3(a).

**(v) Undated Subordinated Notes**

Subordinated Notes (which terms, for the avoidance of doubt, include both Ordinary Subordinated Notes and Deeply Subordinated Notes) may not have a specified maturity date ("**Undated Subordinated Notes**"). Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, payments of interest relating to Undated Subordinated Notes, to the extent such payments may be deferred, will be deferred in accordance with the provisions of Condition 5(h).

**(vi) Payment of Subordinated Notes in the event of the liquidation of the Issuer**

If any judgement is rendered by any competent court declaring the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) of the Issuer or if the Issuer is liquidated for any other reason, the payments of the creditors of the Issuer shall be made in the following order of priority (in each case subject to the payment in full of priority creditors):

- (a) unsubordinated creditors of the Issuer
- (b) holders of Ordinary Subordinated Notes
- (c) lenders in relation to *prêts participatifs* granted to the Issuer
- (d) holders of *titres participatifs* issued by the Issuer, and
- (e) holders of Deeply Subordinated Notes.

In the event of incomplete payment of unsubordinated creditors the obligations of the Issuer in connection with Ordinary Subordinated Notes shall be terminated (then subsequently the lenders in relation to *prêts participatifs*, holders of *titres participatifs* and holders of Deeply Subordinated Notes). The holders of Subordinated Notes shall take all steps necessary for the orderly accomplishment of any collective proceedings or voluntary liquidation.

(vii) Capital Adequacy

The relevant Final Terms may provide for additions or variations to the Conditions applicable to the Subordinated Notes for the purposes of, *inter alia*, enabling the proceeds of the issue of such Subordinated Notes to count as (i) *fonds propres de base* (in which case such Subordinated Notes will need to be undated Deeply Subordinated Notes) within the meaning of Article 2 of *Règlement* no. 90-02 dated 23 February 1990, as amended, of the *Comité de la réglementation bancaire et financière* (the "**CRBF Regulation**") or recognised as such by the *Secrétariat général de la Commission bancaire* ("**SGCB**") ("**Tier 1 Capital**") or (ii) *fonds propres complémentaires* within the meaning of Article 4 (c) of the CRBF Regulation ("**Upper Tier 2 Capital**"); or (iii) *fonds propres complémentaires* within the meaning of Article 4 (d) of the CRBF Regulation ("**Lower Tier 2 Capital**", and, together with Upper Tier 2 Capital, "**Tier 2 Capital**") or (iv) *fonds propres surcomplémentaires* within the meaning of Article 5 *ter* III of the CRBF Regulation ("**Tier 3 Capital**"), if such Regulation is applicable.

The CRBF Regulation should be read in conjunction with the press release of the Bank for International Settlements dated October 27, 1998 concerning instruments eligible for inclusion in Tier 1 Capital (the "**BIS Press Release**"). The French language version of the BIS Press Release is attached as an exhibit to the report published annually by the SGCB entitled "*Modalités de calcul du ratio international de solvabilité*".

#### 4. Negative Pledge

So long as any of the Unsubordinated Notes or, if applicable, any Receipts or Coupons relating to them, is outstanding (as defined below), the Issuer will not create or permit to subsist any mortgage, charge, pledge or other form of security interest (*sûreté réelle*) upon any of its assets or revenues, present or future, to secure any Relevant Indebtedness (as defined below) or any guarantee or indemnity in respect of any Relevant Indebtedness unless, at the same time or prior thereto, the Issuer's obligations under the Notes, and, if applicable, Receipts or Coupons relating to them, are equally and rateably secured therewith.

For the purposes of these Conditions:

"**outstanding**" means, in relation to Unsubordinated Notes of any Series, all the Notes issued other than (a) those that have been redeemed in accordance with these Conditions, (b) those in respect of which the date for redemption has occurred and the redemption moneys (including all interest accrued on such Notes to the date for such redemption, Arrears of Interest, as the case may be, and any interest payable after such date) have been duly paid as provided in Condition 7, (c) those which have become void or in respect of which claims have become prescribed, (d) those which have been purchased and cancelled as provided in the Conditions, (e) in the case of Definitive Materialised Notes (i) those mutilated or defaced Definitive Materialised Notes that have been surrendered in exchange for replacement Definitive Materialised Notes,

(ii) (for the purpose only of determining how many such Definitive Materialised Notes are outstanding and without prejudice to their status for any other purpose) those Definitive Materialised Notes alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed and in respect of which replacement Definitive Materialised Notes have been issued and (iii) any Temporary Global Certificate to the extent that it shall have been exchanged for one or more Definitive Materialised Notes, pursuant to its provisions.

"**Relevant Indebtedness**" means any present or future indebtedness for borrowed money in the form of, or represented by, bonds (*obligations*) or other securities which are for the time being, or capable of being, quoted, admitted to trading, or ordinarily dealt in on any regulated stock exchange, over-the counter market or other securities market (and includes *Titres de Créance Négociables* governed by Articles L.213-1 to L.213-4 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*).

## 5. Interest and other Calculations

### (a) Definitions

In these Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, the following defined terms shall have the meanings set out below:

"**Benchmark**" means the reference rate as set out in the relevant Final Terms.

"**Business Day**" means:

- (i) in the case of Euro, a day on which the Trans European Automated Real Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer or any successor thereto (the "**TARGET System**") is operating (a "**TARGET Business Day**"), and/or
- (ii) in the case of a Specified Currency other than euro, a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in the principal financial centre for that currency, and/or
- (iii) in the case of a Specified Currency and/or one or more additional business centre(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms (the "**Business Centre(s)**"), a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) on which commercial banks and foreign exchange markets settle payments in such currency in the Business Centre(s) or, if no currency is indicated, generally in each of the Business Centres so specified.

"**Day Count Fraction**" means, in respect of the calculation of an amount of interest on any Note for any period of time (from and including the first day of such period to but excluding the last) (whether or not constituting an Interest Period, the "**Calculation Period**"):

- (i) if "**Actual/365**", "**Actual/365-FBF**" or "**Actual/Actual-ISDA**" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365 (or, if any portion of that Calculation Period falls in a leap year, the sum of (A) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a leap year divided by 366 and (B) the actual number of days in that portion of the Calculation Period falling in a non-leap year divided by 365).
- (ii) if "**Actual/Actual-ICMA**" is specified in the relevant Final Terms:
  - (A) if the Calculation Period is equal to or shorter than the Determination Period during which it falls, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by the product of (x) the number of days in such Determination Period and (y) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year; and
  - (B) if the Calculation Period is longer than one Determination Period, the sum of:
    - (x) the number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the Determination Period in which it begins divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year; and

- (y) the number of days in such Calculation Period falling in the next Determination Period divided by the product of (1) the number of days in such Determination Period and (2) the number of Determination Periods normally ending in any year,

in each case, where

**"Determination Period"** means the period from and including a Determination Date in any year to but excluding the next Determination Date and

**"Determination Date"** means the date specified in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, the Interest Payment Date.

- (iii) if "**Actual/Actual-FBF**" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the fraction whose numerator is the actual number of days elapsed during such period and whose denominator is 365 (or 366 if 29 February falls within the Calculation Period). If the Calculation Period is of a duration of more than one year, the basis shall be calculated as follows:
- the number of complete years shall be counted back from the last day of the Calculation Period;
  - this number shall be increased by the fraction for the relevant period calculated as set out in the first paragraph of this definition.
- (iv) if "**Actual/365 (Fixed)**" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 365.
- (v) if "**Actual/360**" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the actual number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360.
- (vi) if "**30/360**", "**360/360**" or "**Bond Basis**" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months (unless (a) the last day of the Calculation Period is the 31st day of a month but the first day of the Calculation Period is a day other than the 30th or 31st day of a month, in which case the month that includes that last day shall not be considered to be shortened to a 30-day month, or (b) the last day of the Calculation Period is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall not be considered to be lengthened to a 30-day month)).
- (vii) if "**30/360-FBF**" or "**Actual 30A/360 (American Bond Basis)**" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, in respect of each Calculation Period, the fraction whose denominator is 360 and whose numerator is the number of days calculated as for 30E/360-FBF, subject to the following exception:

where the last day of the Calculation Period is the 31<sup>st</sup> and the first day is neither the 30<sup>th</sup> nor the 31<sup>st</sup>, the last month of the Calculation Period shall be deemed to be a month of 31 days.

Using the same abbreviations as for 30E/360-FBF the fraction is:

If  $dd2 = 31$  and  $dd1 \neq (30,31)$

then :

$$\frac{1}{360} \times [(yy2 - yy1) \times 360 + (mm2 - mm1) \times 30 + (dd2 - dd1)]$$

or

$$\frac{1}{360} \times [(yy2 - yy1) \times 360 + (mm2 - mm1) \times 30 + \text{Min}(dd2, 30) - \text{Min}(dd1, 30)].$$

- (viii) if "**30E/360**" or "**Eurobond Basis**" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the number of days in the Calculation Period divided by 360 (the number of days to be calculated on the basis of a year of 360 days with 12 30-day months, without regard to the date of the first day or last day of the Calculation Period unless, in the case of a Calculation Period ending on the Maturity Date, the Maturity Date is the last day of the month of February, in which case the month of February shall

not be considered to be lengthened to a 30-day month).

- (ix) if "**30E/360-FBF**" is specified in the relevant Final Terms, in respect of each Calculation Period, the fraction whose denominator is 360 and whose numerator is the number of days elapsed during such period, calculated on the basis of a year comprising 12 months of 30 days, subject to the following the exception:

if the last day of the Calculation Period is the last day of the month of February, the number of days elapsed during such month shall be the actual number of days.

Where:

D1 (dd1, mm1, yy1) is the date of the beginning of the period

D2 (dd2, mm2, yy2) is the date of the end of the period

The fraction is :

$$\frac{1}{360} \times [(yy2 - yy1) \times 360 + (mm2 - mm1) \times 30 + \text{Min}(dd2, 30) - \text{Min}(dd1, 30)].$$

**"Effective Date"** means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined on an Interest Determination Date, the date specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, the first day of the Interest Accrual Period to which such Interest Determination Date relates.

**"Euro Zone"** means the region comprised of member states of the European Union that adopt the single currency in accordance with the Treaty establishing the European Community (signed in Rome on 25 March 1957), as amended by the Treaty on European Union (signed in Maastricht on 7 February 1992) and as amended by the Treaty of Amsterdam (signed in Amsterdam on 2 October 1997).

**"Interest Accrual Period"** means the period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and ending on (but excluding) the first Interest Period Date and each successive period beginning on (and including) an Interest Period Date and ending on (but excluding) the next succeeding Interest Period Date.

**"Interest Amount"** means the amount of interest payable, and in the case of Fixed Rate Notes, means the Fixed Coupon Amount or Broken Amount, as the case may be.

**"Interest Commencement Date"** means the Issue Date or such other date as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**"Interest Determination Date"** means, with respect to a Rate of Interest and Interest Accrual Period, the date specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, (i) the day falling two TARGET Business Days prior to the first day of such Interest Accrual Period if the Specified Currency is euro or (ii) the first day of such Interest Accrual Period if the Specified Currency is Sterling or (iii) the day falling two Business Days in the city specified in the Final Terms for the Specified Currency prior to the first day of such Interest Accrual Period if the Specified Currency is neither Sterling nor euro.

**"Interest Payment Date"** means the date(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**"Interest Period"** means the period beginning on (and including) the Interest Commencement Date and ending on (but excluding) the first Interest Payment Date and each successive period beginning on (and including) an Interest Payment Date and ending on (but excluding) the next succeeding Interest Payment Date.

**"Interest Period Date"** means each Interest Payment Date unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**"Rate of Interest"** means the rate of interest payable from time to time in respect of the Notes and that is either specified or calculated in accordance with the provisions in the relevant Final Terms.



**"Reference Banks"** means the institutions specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none, four major banks selected by the Calculation Agent in the interbank market (or, if appropriate, money, swap or over-the-counter index options market) that is most closely connected with the Benchmark (which, if EURIBOR or EONIA is the relevant Benchmark, shall be the Euro-zone, and if LIBOR is the relevant Benchmark, shall be London).

**"Relevant Financial Centre"** means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined in accordance with a Screen Rate Determination on an Interest Determination Date, the financial centre as may be specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is so specified, the financial centre with which the relevant Benchmark is most closely connected (which, in the case of EURIBOR or EONIA, shall be the Euro-zone and in the case of LIBOR, shall be London) or, if none is so connected, Paris.

**"Relevant Date"** means, in respect of any Note or Coupon, the date on which payment in respect of it first became due or (if any amount of the money payable is improperly withheld or refused) the date on which payment in full of the amount outstanding is made or (in the case of Materialised Notes if earlier) the date seven days after that on which notice is duly given to the holders of such Materialised Notes that, upon further presentation of the Materialised Note or Coupon being made in accordance with the Conditions, such payment will be made, provided that payment is in fact made upon such presentation.

**"Relevant Rate"** means the Benchmark for a Representative Amount of the Specified Currency for a period (if applicable or appropriate to the Benchmark) equal to the Specified Duration commencing on the Effective Date.

**"Relevant Time"** means, with respect to any Interest Determination Date, the local time in the Relevant Financial Centre specified in the relevant Final Terms or, if no time is specified, the local time in the Relevant Financial Centre at which it is customary to determine bid and offered rates in respect of deposits in the Specified Currency in the interbank market in the Relevant Financial Centre and for this purpose **"local time"** means, with respect to Europe and the Euro-zone as a Relevant Financial Centre, 11:00 a.m. (Brussels time).

**"Representative Amount"** means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined in accordance with a Screen Rate Determination on an Interest Determination Date, the amount specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, an amount that is representative for a single transaction in the relevant market at the time.

**"Specified Currency"** means the currency specified as such in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, the currency in which the Notes are denominated.

**"Specified Duration"** means, with respect to any Floating Rate to be determined in accordance with a Screen Rate Determination on an Interest Determination Date, the duration specified in the relevant Final Terms or, if none is specified, a period of time equal to the relative Interest Accrual Period, ignoring any adjustment pursuant to Condition 5(c)(ii).

**(b) Interest on Fixed Rate Notes**

Each Fixed Rate Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount from the Interest Commencement Date at the rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Rate of Interest, such interest being payable in arrear on each Interest Payment Date except as otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms.

If a fixed amount of interest ("**Fixed Coupon Amount**") or a broken amount of interest ("**Broken Amount**") is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the amount of interest payable on each Interest Payment Date will amount to the Fixed Coupon Amount or, if applicable, the Broken Amount so specified and in the case of the Broken Amount will be payable on the particular Interest Payment Date(s) specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**(c) Interest on Floating Rate Notes and Index Linked Notes**

(i) *Interest Payment Dates:* Each Floating Rate Note and Index Linked Interest Note bears interest on its outstanding nominal amount from the Interest Commencement Date at the rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Rate of Interest, such interest being payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date. Such Interest Payment Date(s) is/are either shown in the relevant Final

Terms as Specified Interest Payment Dates or, if no Specified Interest Payment Date(s) is/are shown in the relevant Final Terms, Interest Payment Date shall mean each date which falls the number of months or other period shown in the relevant Final Terms as the Specified Period after the preceding Interest Payment Date or, in the case of the first Interest Payment Date, after the Interest Commencement Date.

- (ii) *Business Day Convention:* If any date referred to in these Conditions that is specified to be subject to adjustment in accordance with a Business Day Convention would otherwise fall on a day that is not a Business Day, then, if the Business Day Convention specified is (A) the Floating Rate Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event (x) such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day and (y) each subsequent such date shall be the last Business Day of the month in which such date would have fallen had it not been subject to adjustment, (B) the Following Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day, (C) the Modified Following Business Day Convention, such date shall be postponed to the next day that is a Business Day unless it would thereby fall into the next calendar month, in which event such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day or (D) the Preceding Business Day Convention, such date shall be brought forward to the immediately preceding Business Day. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the applicable Final Terms specify that the relevant Business Day Convention is to be applied on an "unadjusted" basis, the Interest Amount payable on any date shall not be affected by the application of that Business Day Convention.
- (iii) *Rate of Interest for Floating Rate Notes:* The Rate of Interest in respect of Floating Rate Notes for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined in the manner specified in (i) the relevant Final Terms and/or (ii) the provisions below relating to either FBF Determination or Screen Rate Determination, depending upon which is specified in the relevant Final Terms.

(A) FBF Determination for Floating Rate Notes

Where FBF Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined by the Agent as a rate equal to the relevant FBF Rate plus or minus (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms) the Margin (if any). For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), "**FBF Rate**" for an Interest Accrual Period means a rate equal to the Floating Rate that would be determined by the Agent under a notional interest rate swap transaction (*Echange*) in the relevant Specified Currency governed by the 2007 FBF Master Agreement (*convention cadre FBF*) relating to transactions on forward financial instruments, as supplemented by the then applicable Interest and Currency Technical Annex (*Echange de conditions d'Intérêt ou de Devises - Additif Technique*) published by the *Association Française des Banques* or the *Fédération Bancaire Française* (the "**FBF Definitions**") and under which:

- (a) the Floating Rate is as specified in the relevant Final Terms and
- (b) the Floating Rate Determination Date is as specified in the relevant Final Terms

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph (A), "**Floating Rate**", "**Agent**" and "**Floating Rate Determination Date**" are translations of the French terms "*Taux Variable*", "*Agent*" and "*Date de Détermination du Taux Variable*", respectively, which have the meanings given to those terms in the FBF Definitions.

(B) Screen Rate Determination for Floating Rate Notes

Where Screen Rate Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms as the manner in which the Rate of Interest is to be determined, the Rate of Interest for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined by the Calculation Agent at or about the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date in respect of such Interest Accrual Period in accordance with the following:

- (a) if the Primary Source for Floating Rate is a Page, subject as provided below, the Rate of Interest shall be:

- (i) the Relevant Rate (where such Relevant Rate on such Page is a composite quotation or is customarily supplied by one entity) or
- (ii) the arithmetic mean of the Relevant Rates of the persons whose Relevant Rates appear on that Page,

in each case appearing on such Page at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date as disclosed in the relevant Final Terms, plus or minus (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms) the Margin (if any).

- (b) if the Primary Source for the Floating Rate is Reference Banks or if sub-paragraph (a)(i) applies and no Relevant Rate appears on the Page at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date or if sub-paragraph (a)(ii) applies and fewer than two Relevant Rates appear on the Page at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date, subject as provided below, the Rate of Interest shall be the arithmetic mean of the Relevant Rates that each of the Reference Banks is quoting to leading banks in the Relevant Financial Centre at the Relevant Time on the Interest Determination Date, as determined by the Calculation Agent, plus or minus (as indicated in the relevant Final Terms) the Margin (if any), and
- (c) if paragraph (b) above applies and the Calculation Agent determines that fewer than two Reference Banks are so quoting Relevant Rates, subject as provided below, the Rate of Interest shall be the arithmetic mean of the rates per annum (expressed as a percentage) that the Calculation Agent determines to be the rates (being the nearest equivalent to the Benchmark) in respect of a Representative Amount of the Specified Currency that at least two out of five leading banks selected by the Calculation Agent in the principal financial centre of the country of the Specified Currency or, if the Specified Currency is Euro, in the Euro-zone as selected by the Calculation Agent (the "**Principal Financial Centre**") are quoting at or about the Relevant Time on the date on which such banks would customarily quote such rates for a period commencing on the Effective Date for a period equivalent to the Specified Duration (I) to leading banks carrying on business in Europe, or (if the Calculation Agent determines that fewer than two of such banks are so quoting to leading banks in Europe) (II) to leading banks carrying on business in the Principal Financial Centre; except that, if fewer than two of such banks are so quoting to leading banks in the Principal Financial Centre, the Rate of Interest shall be the Rate of Interest determined on the previous Interest Determination Date (after readjustment for any difference between any Margin, Rate Multiplier or Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest applicable to the preceding Interest Accrual Period and to the relevant Interest Accrual Period).

(iv) *Rate of Interest for Index Linked Notes:* The Rate of Interest in respect of Index Linked Notes for each Interest Accrual Period shall be determined in the manner specified in the relevant Final Terms and interest will accrue by reference to an Index or Formula as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**(d) Zero Coupon Notes**

Where a Note the Interest Basis of which is specified to be Zero Coupon is repayable prior to the Maturity Date pursuant to an Issuer's Option or, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, pursuant to Condition 6(e) or otherwise and is not paid when due, the amount due and payable prior to the Maturity Date shall, unless otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms, be the Early Redemption Amount. As from the Maturity Date, the Rate of Interest for any overdue principal of such a Note shall be a rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Amortisation Yield (as described in Condition 6(e)(i)).

**(e) Dual Currency Notes**

In the case of Dual Currency Notes, if the rate or amount of interest falls to be determined by reference to a Rate of Exchange or a method of calculating a Rate of Exchange, the rate or amount of interest payable shall be determined in the manner specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**(f) Partly Paid Notes**

In the case of Partly Paid Notes (other than Partly Paid Notes which are Zero Coupon Notes), interest will accrue as aforesaid on the paid-up nominal amount of such Notes and otherwise as specified in the relevant

Final Terms.

**(g) Accrual of Interest**

Interest shall cease to accrue on each Note on the due date for redemption unless (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, on such due date or (ii) in the case of Materialised Notes, upon due presentation, payment is improperly withheld or refused, in which event interest shall continue to accrue (as well after as before judgement) at the Rate of Interest in the manner provided in this Condition 5 to the Relevant Date.

**(h) Deferral of interest**

Payment of interest on Undated Subordinated Notes may be postponed in accordance with applicable French banking laws and regulations and, in particular, Article 4(c) of Regulation no. 90-02 dated 23 February 1990 of the CRBF, as amended from time to time.

In the case of Undated Subordinated Notes, interest shall be payable on each Compulsory Interest Payment Date (as defined below) in respect of the interest accrued in the Interest Period ending on the day immediately preceding such date. On any Optional Interest Payment Date (as defined below) there may be paid (if the Issuer so elects) the interest accrued in the Interest Period ending on the day immediately preceding such date but the Issuer shall not have any obligation to make such payment. Notice of any Optional Interest Payment Date shall be given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15 and to the Regulated Market(s) of the EEA on which the Notes are admitted to trading, as the case may be. Such notice shall be given at least seven days prior to the relevant Optional Interest Payment Date(s). Any interest normally due on an Optional Interest Payment Date but deferred by a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Issuer shall, so long as the same remains unpaid, constitute "**Arrears of Interest**" which term shall include interest on such unpaid interest as referred to below. Arrears of Interest may, at the option of the Issuer, be paid in whole or in part at any time upon the expiration of not less than seven days' notice to such effect given to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15 but all Arrears of Interest on all Undated Subordinated Notes outstanding shall become due in full on whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the Interest Payment Date immediately following the first *Assemblée Générale Ordinaire* of the shareholders of the Issuer noticing distributable earnings;
- (ii) the commencement of a liquidation or dissolution of the Issuer; and
- (iii) any redemption date under the relevant Notes.

If notice is given by the Issuer of its intention to pay the whole or part of Arrears of Interest, the Issuer shall be obliged to do so upon the expiration of such notice. When Arrears of Interest are paid in part, each such payment shall be applied in or towards satisfaction of the full amount of the Arrears of Interest accrued in respect of the earliest Interest Period in respect of which Arrears of Interest have accrued and have not been paid in full. Arrears of Interest shall (to the extent permitted by law) bear interest accruing (but only, in accordance with Article 1154 of the French *Code civil*, after such interest has accrued for a period of one year) and compounding on the basis of the exact number of days which have elapsed at the prevailing rate of interest on the Undated Subordinated Notes in respect of each relevant Interest Period. For these purposes the following expressions have the following meanings:

"**Compulsory Interest Payment Date**" means any Interest Payment Date unless the *Assemblée Générale Ordinaire* of the shareholders of the Issuer approving the annual accounts of the Issuer for the fiscal year then ended has noticed before the Interest Payment Date the absence of distributable earnings.

"**Optional Interest Payment Date**" means any Interest Payment Date, as the case may be, other than a Compulsory Interest Payment Date.

*It is expected that, in the case of Undated Deeply Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which count as Tier 1 Capital, interest not paid on an Optional Interest Payment Date shall be lost. It is also expected that, in the case of Undated Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which count as Tier 2 Capital, interest not paid on an Optional Interest Payment Date shall constitute Arreas of Interest.*

**(i) Margin, Maximum/Minimum Rates of Interest, Instalment Amounts and Redemption Amounts and Rounding:**

- (a) If any Margin is specified in the relevant Final Terms (either (x) generally, or (y) in relation to one or more Interest Accrual Periods), an adjustment shall be made to all Rates of Interest, in the case of (x), or the Rates of Interest for the specified Interest Accrual Periods, in the case of (y), calculated in accordance with (c) above by adding (if a positive number) or subtracting (if a negative number) the absolute value of such Margin, subject always to the next paragraph.
- (b) If any Maximum or Minimum Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount is specified in the relevant Final Terms, then any Rate of Interest, Instalment Amount or Redemption Amount shall be subject to such maximum or minimum, as the case may be.
- (c) For the purposes of any calculations required pursuant to these Conditions (unless otherwise specified), (w) if FBF Determination is specified in the relevant Final Terms, all percentages resulting from such calculations shall be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest ten-thousandth of a percentage point (with halves being rounded up), (x) all percentages resulting from such calculations shall be rounded, if necessary, to the nearest fifth decimal (with halves being rounded up), (y) all figures shall be rounded to seven figures (with halves being rounded up) and (z) all currency amounts that fall due and payable shall be rounded to the nearest unit of such currency (with halves being rounded up), save in the case of yen, which shall be rounded down to the nearest yen. For these purposes "unit" means the lowest amount of such currency that is available as legal tender in the country of such currency.

**(j) Calculations**

The amount of interest payable in respect of any Note for any period shall be calculated by multiplying the product of the Rate of Interest and the outstanding nominal amount of such Note by the Day Count Fraction, unless an Interest Amount (or a formula for its calculation) is specified in respect of such period, in which case the amount of interest payable in respect of such Note for such period shall equal such Interest Amount (or be calculated in accordance with such formula). Where any Interest Period comprises two or more Interest Accrual Periods, the amount of interest payable in respect of such Interest Period shall be the sum of the amounts of interest payable in respect of each of those Interest Accrual Periods.

**(k) Determination and Publication of Rates of Interest, Interest Amounts, Final Redemption Amounts, Early Redemption Amounts, Optional Redemption Amounts and Instalment Amounts**

The Calculation Agent shall, as soon as practicable on such date as the Calculation Agent may be required to calculate any rate or amount, obtain any quotation or make any determination or calculation, determine such rate and calculate the Interest Amounts in respect of each Specified Denomination of the Notes for the relevant Interest Accrual Period, calculate the Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount, Optional Redemption Amount or Instalment Amount, obtain such quotation or make such determination or calculation, as the case may be, and cause the Rate of Interest and the Interest Amounts for each Interest Period and the relevant Interest Payment Date and, if required to be calculated, the Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount, Optional Redemption Amount or any Instalment Amount to be notified to the Fiscal Agent, the Issuer, each of the Paying Agents, the holders of Notes, any other Calculation Agent appointed in respect of the Notes that is to make a further calculation upon receipt of such information and, if the Notes are admitted to trading on a Regulated Market of the EEA and the rules of such Regulated Market so require, such Regulated Market as soon as possible after their determination but in no event later than (i) the commencement of the relevant Interest Period, if determined prior to such time, in the case of notification to such Regulated Market of a Rate of Interest and Interest Amount, or (ii) in all other cases, the fourth Business Day after such determination. Where any Interest Payment Date or Interest Period Date is subject to adjustment pursuant to Condition 4(c)(ii), the Interest Amounts and the Interest Payment Date so published may subsequently be amended (or appropriate alternative arrangements made by way of adjustment) without notice in the event of an extension or shortening of the Interest Period. The determination of any rate or amount, the obtaining of each quotation and the making of each determination or calculation by the Calculation Agent(s) shall (in the absence of manifest error) be final and binding upon all parties.

**(I) Calculation Agent and Reference Banks**

The Issuer shall procure that there shall at all times be four Reference Banks (or such other number as may be required) with offices in the Relevant Financial Centre and one or more Calculation Agents if provision is made for them in the relevant Final Terms and for so long as any Note is outstanding (as defined above). If any Reference Bank (acting through its relevant office) is unable or unwilling to continue to act as a Reference Bank, then the Issuer shall appoint another Reference Bank with an office in the Relevant Financial Centre to act as such in its place. Where more than one Calculation Agent is appointed in respect of the Notes, references in these Conditions to the Calculation Agent shall be construed as each Calculation Agent performing its respective duties under the Conditions. If the Calculation Agent is unable or unwilling to act as such or if the Calculation Agent fails duly to establish the Rate of Interest for an Interest Period or Interest Accrual Period or to calculate any Interest Amount, Instalment Amount, Final Redemption Amount, Early Redemption Amount or Optional Redemption Amount, as the case may be, or to comply with any other requirement, the Issuer shall appoint a leading bank or investment banking firm engaged in the interbank market (or, if appropriate, money, swap or over-the-counter index options market) that is most closely connected with the calculation or determination to be made by the Calculation Agent (acting through its principal Paris or Luxembourg office, as appropriate, or any other office actively involved in such market) to act as such in its place. The Calculation Agent may not resign its duties without a successor having been appointed as aforesaid.

**6. Redemption, Purchase and Options****(a) Final Redemption**

Unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled as provided below or in accordance with Condition 6(c) or Condition 6(d), each Note shall be finally redeemed on the Maturity Date specified in the relevant Final Terms at its Final Redemption Amount (which, unless otherwise provided, is its nominal amount) or, in the case of a Note falling within Condition 6(b) below, its final Instalment Amount. Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which constitute Tier 1 Capital or Upper Tier 2 Capital shall be Undated Subordinated Notes. The Maturity Date, in relation to Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which constitute Lower Tier 2 Capital, will not be less than five years from the Issue Date and where the proceeds constitute Tier 3 Capital, will not be less than two years from the Issue Date.

**(b) Redemption by Instalments**

Unless previously redeemed, purchased and cancelled as provided in this Condition 6, each Note that provides for Instalment Dates and Instalment Amounts shall be partially redeemed on each Instalment Date at the related Instalment Amount specified in the relevant Final Terms. The outstanding nominal amount of each such Note shall be reduced by the Instalment Amount (or, if such Instalment Amount is calculated by reference to a proportion of the nominal amount of such Note, such proportion) for all purposes with effect from the related Instalment Date, unless payment of the Instalment Amount is improperly withheld or refused (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, on the due date for such payment or (ii) in the case of Materialised Notes, on presentation of the related Receipt, in which case, such amount shall remain outstanding until the Relevant Date relating to such Instalment Amount. The first Instalment Date, in relation to Dated Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which constitute Lower Tier 2 Capital, will not be less than five years from the Issue Date and where the proceeds constitute Tier 3 Capital, will not be less than two years from the Issue Date.

**(c) Redemption at the Option of the Issuer and Partial Redemption**

If a Call Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer may, subject to the prior approval of the SGCB in the case of Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which constitute Tier 1 Capital, Upper Tier 2 Capital, Lower Tier 2 Capital or Tier 3 Capital and subject to compliance by the Issuer of all the relevant laws, regulations and directives and on giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' irrevocable notice in accordance with Condition 15 to the holders of Notes (or such other notice period as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms) redeem all or, if so provided, some, of the Notes on any Optional Redemption Date. The Optional Redemption Date in relation to Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which constitute Lower Tier 2 Capital will not be less than five years from the Issue Date and, when the proceeds constitute Tier 3 Capital, will not be less than two years from the Issue Date. Any such redemption of Notes shall be at their Optional Redemption Amount together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption

(including, where applicable, any Arrears of Interest), if any. Any such redemption must relate to Notes of a nominal amount at least equal to the Minimum Redemption Amount to be redeemed as specified in the relevant Final Terms and no greater than the Maximum Redemption Amount to be redeemed as specified in the relevant Final Terms.

All Notes in respect of which any such notice is given shall be redeemed on the date specified in such notice in accordance with this Condition.

In the case of a partial redemption, the notice to holders of such Materialised Notes shall also contain the numbers of the Definitive Materialised Notes to be redeemed, which shall have been drawn in such place and in such manner as may be fair and reasonable in the circumstances, taking account of prevailing market practices, subject to compliance with any applicable laws and Regulated Market requirements.

In the case of a partial redemption of Dematerialised Notes, the redemption may be effected, at the option of the Issuer, either (i) by reducing the nominal amount of all such Dematerialised Notes in a Series in proportion to the aggregate nominal amount redeemed or (ii) by redeeming in full some only of such Dematerialised Notes and, in such latter case, the choice between those Dematerialised Notes that will be fully redeemed and those Dematerialised Notes of any Series that will not be redeemed shall be made in accordance with Article R.213-16 of the French *Code monétaire et financier* and the provisions of the relevant Final Terms, subject to compliance with any other applicable laws and Regulated Market requirements.

So long as the Notes are listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and the rules thereof so require, the Issuer shall, once in each year in which there has been a partial redemption of the Notes, cause to be published either on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)) or in a leading newspaper of general circulation in Luxembourg a notice specifying the aggregate nominal amount of Notes outstanding and, in the case of Materialised Notes a list of any Materialised Notes, drawn for redemption but not surrendered.

**(d) Redemption at the Option of Noteholders**

If a Put Option is specified in the relevant Final Terms and provided that the relevant Note is not a Subordinated Note the proceeds of which constitute Tier 1 Capital, Upper Tier 2 Capital, Lower Tier 2 Capital or Tier 3 Capital, the Issuer shall, at the option of the Noteholder, upon the Noteholder giving not less than 15 nor more than 30 days' notice to the Issuer (or such other notice period as may be specified in the relevant Final Terms) redeem such Note on the Optional Redemption Date(s) at its Optional Redemption Amount together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption including, where applicable, any Arrears of Interest.

To exercise such option that may be set out in the relevant final terms, the Noteholder must deposit with a Paying Agent at its specified office a duly completed option exercise notice (the "**Exercise Notice**") in the form obtained during normal business hours from any Paying Agent or the Registration Agent, as the case may be, within the notice period. In the case of Materialised Notes, the Exercise Notice shall have attached to it the relevant Notes (together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons). In the case of Dematerialised Notes, the Noteholder shall transfer, or cause to be transferred, the Dematerialised Notes to be redeemed to the account of the Paying Agent with a specified office in Paris, as specified in the Exercise Notice. No option so exercised and, where applicable, no Note so deposited or transferred, may be withdrawn without the prior consent of the Issuer.

**(e) Early Redemption**

*(i) Zero Coupon Notes*

(A) The Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Zero Coupon Note, the amount of which is not linked to an index and/or a formula, upon redemption of such Note pursuant to Condition 6(f) or (g) or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 9 shall be the Amortised Nominal Amount (calculated as provided below) of such Note unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.

(B) Subject to the provisions of sub-paragraph (C) below, the Amortised Nominal Amount of any

such Note shall be the scheduled Final Redemption Amount of such Note on the Maturity Date discounted at a rate per annum (expressed as a percentage) equal to the Amortisation Yield (which, if none is shown in the relevant Final Terms, shall be such rate as would produce an Amortised Nominal Amount equal to the issue price of the Notes if they were discounted back to their issue price on the Issue Date) compounded annually.

- (C) If the Amortised Nominal Amount payable in respect of any such Note upon its redemption pursuant to Condition 6(f) or (g) or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 9 is not paid when due, the Early Redemption Amount due and payable in respect of such Note shall be the Amortised Nominal Amount of such Note as defined in sub-paragraph (B) above, except that such sub-paragraph shall have effect as though the date on which the Note becomes due and payable was the Relevant Date. The calculation of the Amortised Nominal Amount in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall continue to be made (both before and after judgement) until the Relevant Date, unless the Relevant Date falls on or after the Maturity Date, in which case the amount due and payable shall be the scheduled Final Redemption Amount of such Note on the Maturity Date together with any interest that may accrue in accordance with Condition 5(d).

Where such calculation is to be made for a period of less than one year, it shall be made on the basis of the Day Count Fraction as provided in the relevant Final Terms.

(ii) *Other Notes*

The Early Redemption Amount payable in respect of any Note (other than Notes described in (i) above), upon redemption of such Note pursuant to Condition 6(f) or (g) or upon it becoming due and payable as provided in Condition 9 shall be the Final Redemption Amount together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption (including, where applicable, any Arrears of Interest) unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**(f) Redemption for Taxation Reasons:**

- (i) If, by reason of any change in French law, or any change in the official application or interpretation of such law, becoming effective after the Issue Date, the Issuer would on the occasion of the next payment of principal or interest due in respect of the Notes, not be able to make such payment without having to pay additional amounts as specified under Condition 8(b) below, the Issuer may, at its option, on any Interest Payment Date (if the Note is either a Floating Rate Note or an Index Linked Note) or at any time (if the Note is neither a Floating Rate Note or an Index Linked Note), subject to having given not more than 45 nor less than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders (which notice shall be irrevocable), in accordance with Condition 15, and, in the case of Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which constitute Tier 1 Capital, Upper Tier 2 Capital, Lower Tier 2 Capital or Tier 3 Capital, subject to the prior approval of the SGCB, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes at their Early Redemption Amount together with, unless otherwise specified in the Final Terms, any interest accrued to the date set for redemption (including, where applicable, any Arrears of Interest) provided that the due date for redemption of which notice hereunder may be given shall be no earlier than the latest practicable date on which the Issuer could make payment of principal and interest without withholding for French taxes.
- (ii) If the Issuer would, on the next payment of principal or interest in respect of the Notes, be prevented by French law from making payment to the Noteholders or, if applicable, Couponholders of the full amounts then due and payable, notwithstanding the undertaking to pay additional amounts contained in Condition 8(b) below, then the Issuer shall forthwith give notice of such fact to the Fiscal Agent and the Issuer shall upon giving not less than seven days' prior notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15, and, in the case of Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which constitute Tier 1 Capital, Upper Tier 2 Capital, Lower Tier 2 Capital or Tier 3 Capital, subject to the prior approval of the SGCB, redeem all, but not some only, of the Notes then outstanding at their Early Redemption Amount together with, unless otherwise specified in the Final Terms, any interest accrued to the date set for redemption (including, where applicable, any Arrears of Interest) on (A) the latest practicable Interest Payment Date on which the Issuer could make payment of the full amount then due and payable in respect of the Notes, provided that if such notice would expire after such Interest Payment Date the date for redemption pursuant to such notice of Noteholders shall be the later of (i) the latest practicable date on which the Issuer could make payment of the full amount



then due and payable in respect of the Notes and (ii) 14 days after giving notice to the Fiscal Agent as aforesaid or (B) if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, at any time, provided that the due date for redemption of which notice hereunder shall be given shall be the latest practicable date at which the Issuer could make payment of the full amount payable in respect of the Notes, or, if applicable, Receipts or Coupons or, if that date is passed, as soon as practicable thereafter.

**(g) Partly Paid Notes**

Partly Paid Notes will be redeemed, whether at maturity, early redemption or otherwise, in accordance with the provisions of this Condition 6 and the provisions specified in the relevant Final Terms.

**(h) Purchases**

The Issuer shall have the right at all times to purchase Notes (provided that, in the case of Materialised Notes, all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons relating thereto are attached thereto or surrendered therewith) in the open market or otherwise (including by tender offer) at any price. In the case of Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which constitute Tier 1 Capital, Upper Tier 2 Capital, Lower Tier 2 Capital or Tier 3 Capital any such purchase will be subject to the prior approval of the SGCB (i), if made in the open market, if it relates (individually or when aggregated with any previous purchase) to more than ten per cent. of the principal amount of the Notes or (ii) if made by way of a public tender offer or public exchange offer or on the over-the-counter market.

**(i) Cancellation**

All Notes purchased by or on behalf of the Issuer must be cancelled, in the case of Dematerialised Notes, by transfer to an account in accordance with the rules and procedures of Euroclear France and, in the case of Materialised Notes, by surrendering the relevant Temporary Global Certificate or the Definitive Materialised Notes in question, together with all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and all unexchanged Talons, if applicable, to the Fiscal Agent and, in each case, if so transferred or surrendered, shall, together with all Notes redeemed by the Issuer, be cancelled forthwith (together with, in the case of Dematerialised Notes, all rights relating to payment of interest and other amounts relating to such Dematerialised Notes and, in the case of Definitive Materialised Notes, all unmatured Receipts and Coupons and unexchanged Talons attached thereto or surrendered therewith). Any Notes so cancelled or, where applicable, transferred or surrendered for cancellation may not be reissued or resold and the obligations of the Issuer in respect of any such Notes shall be discharged.

**7. Payments and Talons**

**(a) Dematerialised Notes**

Payments of principal and interest in respect of Dematerialised Notes shall (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes in bearer dematerialised form or administered registered form, be made by transfer to the account denominated in the relevant currency of the relevant Account Holders for the benefit of the holders of Notes and, (ii) in the case of Dematerialised Notes in fully registered form, to an account denominated in the relevant currency with a Bank designated by the relevant holder of Notes. All payments validly made to such Account Holders or Bank will be an effective discharge of the Issuer in respect of such payments.

**(b) Definitive Materialised Notes**

*(i) Method of payment*

Subject as provided below, payments in a Specified Currency will be made by credit or transfer to an account denominated in the relevant Specified Currency, or to which the Specified Currency may be credited or transferred (which, in the case of a payment in Japanese yen to a non-resident of Japan, shall be a non-resident account) maintained by the payee with, or, at the option of the payee, by a cheque in such Specified Currency drawn on, a bank in the principal financial centre of the country of such Specified Currency (which, if the Specified Currency is euro, shall be any country in the Euro-zone, and, if the Specified Currency is Australian dollars or New Zealand dollars, shall be Sydney or Auckland, respectively).

*(ii) Presentation and surrender of Definitive Materialised Notes, Receipts and Coupons*

Payments of principal in respect of Definitive Materialised Notes will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of partial payment of any sum due, annotation) of such Notes, and payments of interest in respect of Definitive Materialised Notes will (subject as provided below) be made as aforesaid only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, annotation) of Coupons, in each case at the specified office of any Paying Agent outside the United States (which expression, as used herein, means the United States of America (including the States and the District of Columbia, its territories, its possessions and other areas subject to its jurisdiction)).

Payments of instalments of principal (if any) in respect of Definitive Materialised Notes, other than the final instalment, will (subject as provided below) be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, annotation) of the relevant Receipt in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Payment of the final instalment will be made in the manner provided in paragraph (a) above only against presentation and surrender (or, in the case of part payment of any sum due, annotation) of the relevant Note in accordance with the preceding paragraph. Each Receipt must be presented for payment of the relevant instalment together with the Definitive Materialised Note to which it appertains. Receipts presented without the Definitive Materialised Note to which they appertain do not constitute valid obligations of the Issuer.

Upon the date upon which any Definitive Materialised Note becomes due and repayable, unmatured Receipts (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment will be made in respect thereof.

Fixed Rate Notes in definitive form (other than Dual Currency Notes or Index Linked Notes) should be presented for payment together with all unmatured Coupons appertaining thereto (which expression shall for this purpose include Coupons falling to be issued on exchange of matured Talons), failing which the amount of any missing unmatured Coupon (or, in the case of payment not being made in full, the same proportion of the amount of such missing unmatured Coupon as the sum so paid bears to the sum due) will be deducted from the sum due for payment. Each amount of principal so deducted will be paid in the manner mentioned above against surrender of the relative missing Coupon at any time before the expiry of 10 years after the Relevant Date in respect of such principal (whether or not such Coupon would otherwise have become void under Condition 10) or, if later, 5 years from the date on which such Coupon would otherwise have become due, but in no event thereafter.

Upon any Fixed Rate Note in definitive form becoming due and repayable prior to its Maturity Date, all unmatured Talons (if any) appertaining thereto will become void and no further Coupons will be issued in respect thereof.

Upon the date on which any Floating Rate Note, Dual Currency Note, Index Linked Note in definitive form becomes due and repayable, unmatured Coupons and Talons (if any) relating thereto (whether or not attached) shall become void and no payment or, as the case may be, exchange for further Coupons shall be made in respect thereof.

If the due date for redemption of any Definitive Materialised Note is not an Interest Payment Date, interest (if any) accrued in respect of such Note from (and including) the preceding Interest Payment Date or, as the case may be, the Interest Commencement Date shall be payable only against presentation and surrender (if appropriate) of the relevant Definitive Materialised Note.

**(c) Payments in the United States**

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any Materialised Notes are denominated in U.S. dollars, payments in respect thereof may be made at the specified office of any Paying Agent in New York City in the same manner as aforesaid if (i) the Issuer shall have appointed Paying Agents with specified offices outside the United States with the reasonable expectation that such Paying Agents would be able to make payment of the amounts on the Notes in the manner provided above when due, (ii) payment in full of such amounts at all such offices is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions on payment or receipt of such amounts and (iii) such payment is then permitted by United States law, without

involving, in the opinion of the Issuer, any adverse tax consequence to the Issuer.

**(d) Payments subject to Fiscal Laws**

All payments are subject in all cases to any applicable fiscal or other laws, regulations and directives but without prejudice to Condition 8. No commission or expenses shall be charged to the holders of Notes or Couponholders in respect of such payments.

**(e) Appointment of Agents**

The Fiscal Agent, Paying Agent and Calculation Agent initially appointed by the Issuer and its specified office are listed at the end of the Base Prospectus relating to the Programme of the Notes of the Issuer. The Fiscal Agent, Paying Agent and the Registration Agent act solely as agents of the Issuer and the Calculation Agent(s) act(s) as independent experts(s) and, in each case such, do not assume any obligation or relationship of agency for any Noteholder or Couponholder. The Issuer reserves the right at any time to vary or terminate the appointment of the Fiscal Agent, any other Paying Agent, Registration Agent or Calculation Agent and to appoint other Fiscal Agent, Paying Agent(s), Registration Agent(s) or Calculation Agent(s) or additional Paying Agent(s), Registration Agent(s) or Calculation Agent(s), provided that the Issuer shall at all times maintain (i) a Fiscal Agent, (ii) one or more Calculation Agent(s) where the Conditions so require, (iii) a Paying Agent having a specified office in at least one major European city (including Luxembourg so long as the Notes are listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and, so long as the Notes are admitted to trading on any other Regulated Market of the EEA, such other city where the Notes is admitted to trading) (iv) in the case of Materialised Notes, a Paying Agent having its specified office in a Member State of the EU that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any other EU Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council meeting of 26-27 November 2000 on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to, such Directive (which may be any of the Paying Agents referred to in (iii) above), (v) in the case of Dematerialised Notes in fully registered form, a Registration Agent and (vi) such other agents as may be required by the rules of any other Regulated Market on which the Notes may be admitted to trading.

In addition, the Issuer shall forthwith appoint a Paying Agent in New York City in respect of any Materialised Notes denominated in U.S. dollars in the circumstances described in paragraph (c) above.

Notice of any such change or any change of any specified office shall promptly be given to the holders of Notes in accordance with Condition 15.

**(f) Talons**

On or after the Interest Payment Date for the final Coupon forming part of a Coupon sheet issued in respect of any Materialised Note, the Talon forming part of such Coupon sheet may be surrendered at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent in exchange for a further Coupon sheet (and if necessary another Talon for a further Coupon sheet) (but excluding any Coupons that may have become void pursuant to Condition 10).

**(g) Business Days for Payment**

If any date for payment in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon is not a business day, the holder shall not be entitled to payment until the next following business day unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms, nor to any interest or other sum in respect of such postponed payment. In this paragraph, "**business day**" means a day (other than a Saturday or a Sunday) (A) (i) in the case of Dematerialised Notes, on which Euroclear France is open for business or (ii) in the case of Materialised Notes, on which banks and foreign exchange markets are open for business in the relevant place of presentation, (B) in such jurisdictions as shall be specified as "**Financial Centre(s)**" in the relevant Final Terms and (C) (i) in the case of a payment in a currency other than Euro, where payment is to be made by transfer to an account maintained with a bank in the relevant currency, on which foreign exchange transactions may be carried on in the relevant currency in the principal financial centre of the country of such currency or (ii) in the case of a payment in Euro, which is a TARGET Business Day.

**(h) Bank**

For the purpose of this Condition 7, "**Bank**" means a bank in the principal financial centre of the relevant currency or, in the case of Euro, in a city in which banks have access to the TARGET System.

**8. Taxation****(a) Tax Exemption for Notes constituting obligations or debt instruments (*titres de créances*) assimilated thereto for French tax purposes**

Pursuant to article 131 quater of the French *Code général des impôts*, as construed by administrative circular no. 5 I-11-98 dated 30 September 1998 and ruling (*rescrit*) no. 2007/59 (FP) dated 8 January 2008, both issued by the French Tax authorities, payments of interest and other revenues in respect of Notes, whether denominated in Euro or in any other currency, constituting obligations or debt instruments (*titres de créances*) assimilated thereto for the purposes of the above ruling, benefit from the exemption from the deduction of tax at source provided for under article 125 A III of the French *Code général des impôts*.

The tax regime applicable to Notes which do not constitute obligations or debt instruments (*titres de créances*) assimilated thereto for the purposes of the above ruling will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

**(b) Additional Amounts**

If French law should require that payments of principal or interest in respect of any Note, Receipt or Coupon be subject to deduction or withholding in respect of any present or future taxes or duties whatsoever, the Issuer will, to the fullest extent then permitted by law, pay such additional amounts as shall result in receipt by the Noteholders or, if applicable, the Receiptholders and the Couponholders, as the case may be, of such amounts as would have been received by them had no such withholding or deduction been required, except that no such additional amounts shall be payable with respect to any Note, Receipt or Coupon, as the case may be:

**(i) Other connection**

to, or to a third party on behalf of, a Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder who is liable to such taxes or duties by reason of his having some connection with the Republic of France other than the mere holding of the Note, Receipt or Coupon; or

**(ii) More than 30 days after the Relevant Date**

in the case of Definitive Materialised Notes, more than 30 days after the Relevant Date except to the extent that the Noteholder, Receiptholder or Couponholder would have been entitled to such additional amounts on presenting it for payment on the thirtieth such day; or

**(iii) Payment to individuals**

where such withholding or deduction is imposed on a payment to an individual and is required to be made pursuant to European Council Directive 2003/48/EC or any other European Union Directive implementing the conclusions of the ECOFIN Council meeting of 26 and 27 November 2000 on the taxation of savings income or any law implementing or complying with, or introduced in order to conform to, such Directive; or

**(iv) Payment by another Paying Agent**

in the case of Definitive Materialised Notes presented for payment by or on behalf of a holder who would have been able to avoid such withholding or deduction by presenting the relevant Note, Receipt or Coupon to another Paying Agent in a Member State of the European Union.

References in these Conditions to (i) "**principal**" shall be deemed to include any premium payable in respect of the Notes, all Instalment Amounts, Final Redemption Amounts, Early Redemption Amounts, Optional Redemption Amounts, Amortised Nominal Amounts and all other amounts in the nature of

principal payable pursuant to Condition 6 or any amendment or supplement to it, (ii) "interest" shall be deemed to include all Interest Amounts and all other amounts payable pursuant to Condition 5 or any amendment or supplement to it and (iii) "principal" and/or "interest" shall be deemed to include any additional amounts that may be payable under this Condition.

**(c) Article 125 A III**

If it is provided in the relevant Final Terms that this Condition 8(c) applies to the Notes, payments in respect of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons made to non-French residents will be made without withholding or deduction for, or on account of, taxes imposed by or on behalf of the Republic of France, or any taxing authority thereof, provided that holder of the Notes, Receipts or Coupons supplies proof of non-residency (in the form made available by the Issuer or any Paying Agent) to the Issuer or any Paying Agent in accordance with the provisions of Article 125 A III of the French *Code général des impôts*.

**9. Events of Default**

The Representative (as defined in Condition 11), upon request of any Noteholder, or in the event the Noteholders of any Series have not been grouped in a *Masse*, any Noteholder, may, upon written notice to the Fiscal Agent (with copy to the Issuer) given before all defaults shall have been cured, cause the principal amount of all Notes held by such Noteholder to become due and payable, together with any accrued interest thereon, as of the date on which such notice for payment is received by the Fiscal Agent if:

**(a) In the case of Unsubordinated Notes**

- (i) the Issuer is in default in the payment of principal of, or interest on, any Note (including the payment of any additional amounts mentioned in Condition 8) when due and payable and such default shall continue for more than seven (7) days thereafter; or
- (ii) the Issuer is in default in the performance of any of its other obligations under the Notes and such default has not been cured within fourteen (14) days after the receipt by the Fiscal Agent of the written notice of such default by the Representative or a Noteholder; or
- (iii) if any other present or future indebtedness for borrowed monies of the Issuer in excess of € 5,000,000 (or its equivalent in any other currency), whether individually or collectively, becomes or becomes capable of being declared due and payable prior to its stated maturity as a result of a default thereunder, or any such indebtedness shall not be paid when due or, as the case may be, within any originally applicable grace period therefor or any steps shall be taken to enforce any security in respect of any such indebtedness or any guarantee or indemnity given by the Issuer for, or in respect of, any such indebtedness of others shall not be honoured when due and called upon; or
- (iv) if the Issuer makes any proposal for a general moratorium in relation to its debt or applies for, or is subject to, the appointment of a *mandataire ad hoc* or enters into a conciliation procedure (*procédure de conciliation*) or a judgement is issued for the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) or the transfer of the whole of the business (*cession totale de l'entreprise*) of the Issuer or, to the extent permitted by applicable law, if the Issuer is subject to any other insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings or makes any conveyance, assignment or other arrangement for the benefit of its creditors or enters into a composition with its creditors; or
- (v) if the Issuer ceases or publicly threatens to cease to carry on all or a material part of its business or other operations or sells, transfers, lends or otherwise disposes of, directly or indirectly, all or a material part of its undertakings or assets, except in the case of a disposal, liquidation, merger or other reorganisation in which all of the Issuer's assets are transferred to a legal entity which simultaneously assumes all of the Issuer's liabilities, including the Notes, and whose main purpose, or one of whose main purpose, is the continuation of, and which effectively continues, the Issuer's activities; or
- (vi) if it is or will become unlawful for the Issuer to perform or comply with one or more of its obligations under the Notes.

- (b) **In the case of Subordinated Notes**, and in accordance with Condition 3(b), if any judgement shall be issued for the judicial liquidation (*liquidation judiciaire*) of the Issuer or if the Issuer is liquidated for any other reason then the Subordinated Notes shall become immediately due and payable, in accordance with Condition 3(b), at their principal amount together with any accrued interest to the date of payment.

## 10. Prescription

Claims against the Issuer for payment in respect of any amount due under the Notes, Receipts and Coupons (which for this purpose shall not include Talons) shall be prescribed and become void unless made within 10 years (in the case of principal) or 5 years (in the case of interest) from the appropriate Relevant Date in respect of them.

## 11. Representation of Noteholders

Except as otherwise provided by the relevant Final Terms, holders of Notes will, in respect of all Tranches in any Series, be grouped automatically for the defence of their common interests in a *masse* (in each case, the "**Masse**").

The Masse will be governed by the provisions of the French *Code de commerce* (the "**Code**") with the exception of Articles L.228-48, L.228-59, L.228-71, R.228-63, R.228-67 and R.228-69, subject to the following provisions:

### (a) Legal Personality

The Masse will be a separate legal entity and will act in part through a representative (the "**Representative**") and in part through a general meeting of the holders of Notes (the "**General Meeting**").

The Masse alone, to the exclusion of all individual holders of Notes, shall exercise the common rights, actions and benefits which now or in the future may accrue respectively with respect to the Notes.

### (b) Representative

The office of Representative may be conferred on a person of any nationality. However, the following persons may not be chosen as Representatives:

- (i) the Issuer, the members of its *Conseil d'Administration*, its general managers (*directeurs généraux*), its statutory auditors, its employees and their ascendants, descendants and spouse; or
- (ii) companies guaranteeing all or part of the obligations of the Issuer, their respective managers (*gérants*), general managers (*directeurs généraux*), members of their board of directors, executive board or supervisory board, their statutory auditors, employees and their ascendants, descendants and spouse; or
- (iii) companies holding 10 per cent. or more of the share capital of the Issuer or companies having 10 per cent. or more of their share capital held by the Issuer; or
- (iv) persons to whom the practice of banker is forbidden or who have been deprived of the right of directing, administering or managing an enterprise in whatever capacity.

The names and addresses of the initial Representative and its alternate will be set out in the Final Terms. The Representative appointed in respect of the first Tranche of any Series of Notes will be the Representative of the single Masse of all Tranches in such Series.

The Representative will be entitled to such remuneration in connection with its function or duties, if any, as set out in the relevant Final Terms.

In the event of death, retirement or revocation of appointment of the Representative, such Representative will be replaced by the alternate Representative. In the event of the death, retirement or revocation of appointment of the alternate Representative, an alternate will be elected by the General Meeting.

All interested parties will at all times have the right to obtain the names and addresses of the Representative

and the alternate Representative at the head office of the Issuer and the specified offices of any of the Paying Agents.

**(c) Powers of Representative**

The Representative shall (in the absence of any decision to the contrary of the General Meeting) have the power to take all acts of management necessary in order to defend the common interests of the holders of Notes.

All legal proceedings against the Noteholders or initiated by them, must be brought by or against the Representative.

The Representative may not be involved in the management of the affairs of the Issuer.

**(d) General Meeting**

A General Meeting may be held at any time, on convocation either by the Issuer or by the Representative. One or more Noteholders, holding together at least one-thirtieth of the principal amount of the Notes outstanding, may address to the Issuer and the Representative a demand for convocation of the General Meeting. If such General Meeting has not been convened within two months after such demand, the Noteholders may commission one of their members to petition a competent court in Paris to appoint an agent (*mandataire*) who will call the General Meeting.

Notice of the date, hour, place and agenda of any General Meeting will be published as provided under Condition 15.

Each Noteholder has the right to participate in a General Meeting in person or by proxy. Each Note carries the right to one vote or, in the case of Notes issued with more than one Specified Denomination, one vote in respect of each multiple of the lowest Specified Denomination comprised in the principal amount of the Specified Denomination of such Note.

The rights of each Noteholder to participate in the General Meetings must be evidenced by entries in the books of the relevant Account Holder in the name of such Noteholder at midnight Paris time on the third Paris business day preceding the date set for the relevant General Meeting.

**(e) Powers of the General Meetings**

The General Meeting is empowered to deliberate on the dismissal and replacement of the Representative and the alternate Representative and also may act with respect to any other matter that relates to the common rights, actions and benefits which now or in the future may accrue with respect to the Notes, including authorising the Representative to act at law as plaintiff or defendant.

The General Meeting may further deliberate on any proposal relating to the modification of the Conditions including any proposal, whether for arbitration or settlement, relating to rights in controversy or which were the subject of judicial decisions, it being specified, however, that the General Meeting may not increase amounts payable by Noteholders, nor establish any unequal treatment between the Noteholders and that no amendment to the status of Subordinated Notes the proceeds of which constitute (i) Tier 1 Capital; (ii) Upper Tier 2 Capital; (iii) Lower Tier 2 Capital; and (iv) Tier 3 Capital.

General Meetings may deliberate validly on first convocation only if Noteholders present or represented hold at least a fifth of the principal amount of the Notes then outstanding. On second convocation, no quorum shall be required. Decisions at meetings shall be taken by a two-third majority of votes cast by Noteholders attending such General Meetings or represented thereat.

Decisions of General Meetings must be published in accordance with the provisions set forth in Condition 15.

**(f) Information to Noteholders**

Each Noteholder or Representative thereof will have the right, during the 15-day period preceding the holding of each General Meeting, to consult or make a copy of the text of the resolutions which will be

proposed and of the reports which will be presented at the General Meeting, all of which will be available for inspection by the relevant Noteholders at the registered office of the Issuer, at the specified offices of any of the Paying Agents and at any other place specified in the notice of the General Meeting.

**(g) Expenses**

The Issuer will pay all expenses relating to the operation of the Masse, including expenses relating to the calling and holding of General Meetings and, more generally, all administrative expenses resolved upon by the General Meeting, it being expressly stipulated that no expenses may be imputed against interest payable under the Notes.

**(h) Single Masse**

The holders of Notes of the same Series, and the holders of Notes of any other Series which have been assimilated with the Notes of such first mentioned Series in accordance with Condition 14, shall, for the defence of their respective common interests, be grouped in a single Masse. The Representative appointed in respect of the first Tranche or Series of Notes will be the Representative of the single Masse of all such Series.

*In respect of any Tranche of Notes issued or deemed to be issued outside France, this Condition 11 may, if so specified in the relevant Final Terms, be waived, amended or supplemented, and in respect of any Tranche issued inside France, this Condition 11 shall be waived in its entirety and replaced by the full provisions of the Code.*

**12. Modifications**

These Conditions may be amended, modified or varied in relation to any Series of Notes by the terms of the relevant Final Terms in relation to such Series.

**13. Replacement of Definitive Materialised Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons**

If, in the case of any Materialised Notes, a Definitive Materialised Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon is lost, stolen, mutilated, defaced or destroyed, it may be replaced, subject to applicable laws, regulations and Regulated Market regulations, at the specified office of the Fiscal Agent or such other Paying Agent as may from time to time be designated by the Issuer for this purpose and notice of whose designation is given to Noteholders, in each case on payment by the claimant of the fees and costs incurred in connection therewith and on such terms as to evidence, security and indemnity (which may provide, *inter alia*, that if the allegedly lost, stolen or destroyed Definitive Materialised Note, Receipt, Coupon or Talon is subsequently presented for payment or, as the case may be, for exchange for further Coupons, there shall be paid to the Issuer on demand the amount payable by the Issuer in respect of such Definitive Materialised Notes, Receipts, Coupons or further Coupons) and otherwise as the Issuer may require. Mutilated or defaced Materialised Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons must be surrendered before replacements will be issued.

**14. Further Issues and Consolidation**

**(a) Further Issues**

Unless otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer may from time to time without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders create and issue further Notes to be assimilated (*assimilées*) with the Notes provided such Notes and the further Notes carry rights identical in all respects (or identical in all respects save as to the first payment of interest) and that the terms of such Notes provide for such assimilation, and references in these Conditions to "Notes" shall be construed accordingly.

**(b) Consolidation**

Unless otherwise provided in the relevant Final Terms, the Issuer, with the prior approval of the Fiscal Agent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld), may from time to time on any Interest Payment Date



occurring on or after the Redenomination Date on giving not less than 30 days' prior notice to the Noteholders in accordance with Condition 15, without the consent of the Noteholders, Receiptholders or Couponholders, consolidate the Notes of one Series denominated in Euro with the Notes of one or more other Series issued by it, whether or not originally issued in one of the European national currencies or in Euro, provided such other Notes have been redenominated in Euro (if not originally denominated in Euro) and which otherwise have, in respect of all periods subsequent to such consolidation, the same terms and conditions as the Notes.

## 15. Notices

- (a) Notices to the holders of Dematerialised Notes in registered form (*au nominatif*) shall be valid if either, (i) they are mailed to them at their respective addresses, in which case they will be deemed to have been given on the fourth weekday (being a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday) after the mailing, or (ii) they are published in a leading daily newspaper of general circulation in Europe (which is expected to be the *Financial Times*) or, so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market(s), in a leading daily newspaper with general circulation in the city/ies where the Regulated Market(s) on which such Notes is/are admitted to trading, which in the case of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Regulated Market is expected to be the *Luxemburger Wort*, or (iii) so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, they are published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)).
- (b) Notices to the holders of Materialised Notes and Dematerialised Notes in bearer form (*au porteur*) shall be valid if published in a leading daily newspaper of general circulation in Europe (which is expected to be the *Financial Times*) or, so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market(s), in a leading daily newspaper with general circulation in the city/ies where the Regulated Market(s) on which such Notes is/are admitted to trading, which in the case of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's Regulated Market is expected to be the *Luxemburger Wort* or, so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, they are published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)).
- (c) Notices required to be given to the holders of Dematerialised Notes (whether in registered or in bearer form) (*au porteur* or *au nominatif*) pursuant to these Conditions may be given by delivery of the relevant notice to Euroclear France, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg and any other clearing system through which the Notes are for the time being cleared in substitution for the mailing and publication as required by Conditions 15 (a) and (b), above; provided that (i) so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on any Regulated Market(s) and the rules of that Regulated Market so require, notices shall also be published in a leading daily newspaper with general circulation in the city/ies where the Regulated Market(s) on which such Notes are admitted to trading, (ii) so long as such Notes are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, notices shall also be published on the website of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)) and (iii) notices relating to the convocation and decision(s) of the General Meetings pursuant to Condition 11 shall also be published in a leading newspaper with general circulation in Europe.
- (d) Any notice given by publication shall be deemed to have been given on the date of such publication or, if published more than once or on different dates, on the date of the first publication as provided above. Couponholders shall be deemed for all purposes to have notice of the contents of any notice given to the holders of Materialised Notes in accordance with this Condition.

## 16. Governing Law and Jurisdiction

### (a) Governing Law

The Notes, Receipts, Coupons and Talons are governed by, and shall be construed in accordance with, French law.

### (b) Jurisdiction

Any claim against the Issuer in connection with any Notes, Receipts, Coupons or Talons may be brought before any competent court in Paris.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

The net proceeds of the issue of Unsubordinated Notes will be used for the Issuer's general corporate purposes unless otherwise specified in the relevant Final Terms. The net proceeds of the issue of Subordinated Notes will be used by the Issuer in accordance with the provisions of the relevant Final Terms.

## TEMPORARY GLOBAL CERTIFICATES IN RESPECT OF MATERIALISED NOTES

### Temporary Global Certificates

A Temporary Global Certificate without interest coupons (a "**Temporary Global Certificate**") will initially be issued in connection with each Tranche of Materialised Notes, which will be delivered on or prior to the issue date of the Tranche with a common depository (the "**Common Depository**") for Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. ("**Euroclear**") and for Clearstream Banking, société anonyme ("**Clearstream, Luxembourg**"). Upon the delivery of such Temporary Global Certificate with a Common Depository, Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg will credit each subscriber with a nominal amount of Notes equal to the nominal amount thereof for which it has subscribed and paid.

The Common Depository may also credit with a nominal amount of Notes the accounts of subscribers with (if indicated in the relevant Final Terms) other clearing systems through direct or indirect accounts with Euroclear and Clearstream, Luxembourg held by such other clearing systems. Conversely, a nominal amount of Notes that is initially deposited with any other clearing system may similarly be credited to the accounts of subscribers with Euroclear, Clearstream, Luxembourg, or other clearing systems.

### Exchange

Each Temporary Global Certificate issued in respect of Materialised Notes will be exchangeable, free of charge to the holder, on or after its Exchange Date (as defined below):

- (i) if the relevant Final Terms indicates that such Temporary Global Certificate is issued in compliance with the C Rules or in a transaction to which TEFRA is not applicable (as to which, see "Summary of the Programme-Selling Restrictions"), in whole, but not in part, for Definitive Materialised Notes and
- (ii) otherwise, in whole but not in part, upon certification as to non-U.S. beneficial ownership for Definitive Materialised Notes.

### Delivery of Definitive Materialised Notes

On or after its Exchange Date, the holder of a Temporary Global Certificate may surrender such Temporary Global Certificate to, or to the order of, the Fiscal Agent. In exchange for any Temporary Global Certificate, the Issuer will deliver, or procure the delivery of, an equal aggregate nominal amount of duly executed and authenticated Definitive Materialised Notes. In this Base Prospectus, "**Definitive Materialised Notes**" means, in relation to any Temporary Global Certificate, the Definitive Materialised Notes for which such Temporary Global Certificate may be exchanged (if appropriate, having attached to them all Coupons and Receipts in respect of interest or Instalment Amounts that have not already been paid on the Temporary Global Certificate and a Talon). Definitive Materialised Notes will be security printed in accordance with any applicable legal and stock exchange requirement.

### Exchange Date

"**Exchange Date**" means, in relation to a Temporary Global Certificate in respect of any Materialised Notes, the day falling after the expiry of 40 days after its issue date, provided that in the event any further Materialised Notes which are to be assimilated with such first mentioned Materialised Notes are issued prior to such day pursuant to Condition 14(a), the Exchange Date may, at the option of the Issuer, be postponed to the day falling after the expiry of 40 days after the issue date of such further Materialised Notes.

## DESCRIPTION OF CFCM AND THE GROUP

### 1. PREAMBLE

**Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel ("CFCM")** is a French “*Société Anonyme*” corporation governed by ordinary law for commercial companies and by the laws applicable to banks and financial institutions. It acts as the Arkéa Group’s money market and investment bank, and holding company for its non-cooperative investments, providing two primary services:

- managing the Arkéa Group’s trading and refinancing activity,
- making capital investments and managing the subsidiaries.

The subsidiaries of CFCM (together with CFCM, the “**Group**”), which are organized by the market they serve, participate in practically every line of business in the area of finance and insurance. Their primary function is to market products and services adapted to the needs of the Arkéa Group’s customers throughout its networks.

### 2. ARKEA GROUP

The Arkéa Group is a credit union and mutual savings bank. The building blocks of the Arkéa Group are the local savings banks. Local savings banks operate within a limited geographic area. Their stated capital is divided into shares, which are owned by the depositors. The lynchpin entity of the Arkéa Group is the Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel (CICM). The stated capital of this company is owned by the local savings banks belonging to the Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne, the Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest and the Crédit Mutuel Massif Central federations. It is organized as a credit union. The CICM is the guarantor of the major financial equilibriums of the Group vis-à-vis the banking and financial authorities and controls such major financial equilibriums. It wholly-owns Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel, a holding company, which in turn controls the Group’s subsidiaries.

The local Crédit Mutuel savings banks that belong to the three federations set up the Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel as a quasi “parent company” to act as the head of the network and serve as shared technical and financial tool.

From a regulatory perspective, the consolidating parent company of the Arkéa Group is the banking institution known as the Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel. It is licensed as a banking institution by the French banking and financial authorities. The banking institution whose financial statements are referred to below as the consolidated statements consists of the credit unions, the local savings banks belonging to the Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne, the Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest, and the Crédit Mutuel Massif Central federations and the legal entity Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel.

#### 2.1 Structure of Arkéa Group

Arkéa Group is a member of the Confédération Nationale du Crédit Mutuel (“**CNCM**”), which represents the various regional members of Crédit Mutuel.

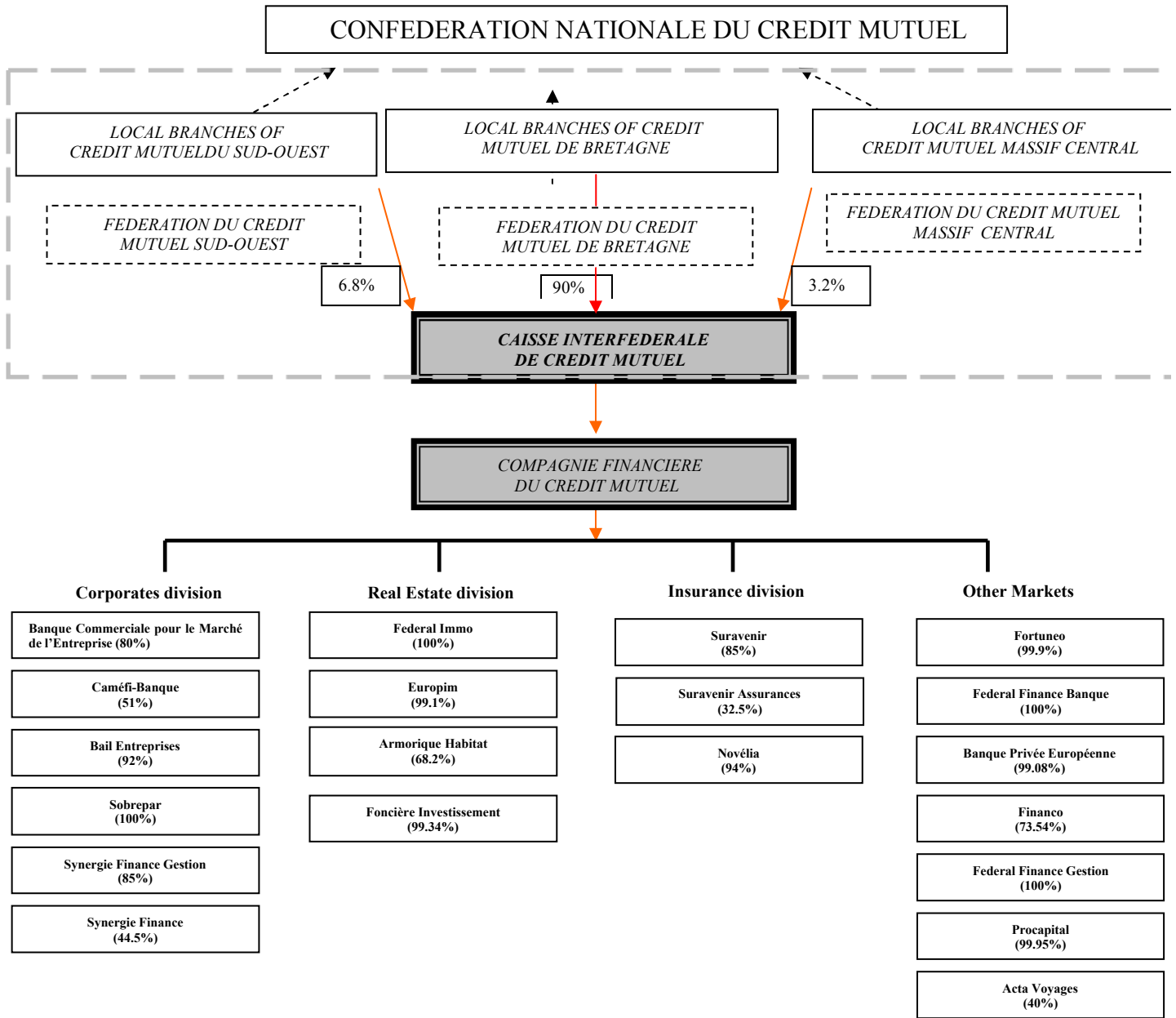
The Arkéa Group consists of two legally distinct divisions:

- **a credit union and mutual savings bank division** consisting of Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel and the three Crédit Mutuel federations: Bretagne, Sud-Ouest and Massif Central, and the Caisse de Bretagne de Crédit Agricole Mutuel;
- **a division organized under ordinary corporate law** that consists of Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel, which is wholly-owned by CICM, and its affiliates.

Within this structure, CICM is the head of the Group with a collective license for the local savings banks belonging to the three federations. The local savings banks are not licensed individually.

Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel acts as the Group’s capital markets and investment bank and as the holding company for the non-credit union and non-mutual savings bank businesses.

ARKÉA GROUP



1: Percentage of consolidated capital of the CFCM Group, including its subsidiaries

The complete list of the consolidated entities is available in the notes to consolidated statements

## 2.2 History of Arkéa Group

**In 1991**, the group Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne decided to adopt a new internal organizational structure to adapt to the requirements of a highly diversified banking and financial group with many subsidiaries. The structure was based on:

- the transformation of the Caisse Fédérale du Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne into a company with two functions:
  - a holding company responsible for expanding the equity holdings of the group Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne and the developing of its subsidiaries;
  - manager of external financial activities (refinancing and capital markets investments).
- the creation of a Caisse Fédérale, a retail banking entity, responsible in accordance with the statute of Crédit Mutuel for internal banking business. This company was named Caisse Fédérale de Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne.

**In 1995**, the corporate licence, from which the Caisse Fédérale du Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne benefited for its Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne local branches, was extended to cover Crédit Mutuel entities affiliated to the former Caisse Fédérale du Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest.

This extension produced the CMB-CMSO Group under the aegis of the Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel ("**CICM**"), the former Caisse Fédérale du Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne. As a result of this corporate authorization, the decision was taken to develop the legal and institutional organization of the CMB-CMSO Group in order to:

- position the CICM as the CMB-CMSO Group's central body with full responsibility to guarantee the CMB-CMSO Group's financial security and to ensure its management, while consolidating strategy and major policies.
- place CFCM as a subsidiary of CICM.
- optimize operating methods and its internal as well as external clarity, while organizing the CMB-CMSO Group around two distinct divisions:
  - a cooperative and mutual savings bank division;
  - a division including companies regulated by corporate law and by the laws applicable to banks and financial institutions.

**In 2002**, the corporate licence was extended to the Crédit Mutuel local branches affiliated until then to the Caisse Fédérale du Crédit Mutuel Massif Central.

The local branches of Arkéa Group are not individually licensed. In respect of the mutualist and cooperative networks, the banking authorities delivered to them a corporate Caisse Fédérale licence for their networks and their affiliated local branches. For Arkéa Group, the licence was granted to the Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel (as defined below). The collective licence imposes legal, regulatory and financial responsibilities on those authorized, under the terms of the Law no. 84-46 of 24 January 1984 in relation to the activity and control of banks (as consolidated in the legislative part of the *Code monétaire et financier*).

According to the strategy set out in the Ambitions Arkéa 2010 project and in the medium-term plans of the Group's component entities, fiscal 2006 involved acquisitions and the consolidation of complementary financial service businesses into the Arkéa Group.

- in end-December 2005, Suravenir acquired Vie Plus in order to round out the distribution channels of the Group's life insurance business with insurance brokers and asset management advisors. In 2007 Vie Plus was merged with Suravenir.
- in July 2006, the Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel acquired the ProCapital Group. This Group operates two complementary businesses:
  - In 2007 Fortunéo Direct Finance was merged with Symphonis, the broker on-line created internally by the Arkéa Group to give Fortunéo SA. The regrouped Fortuneo consolidated its market share (18.5% share) in the online brokerage segment and confirmed its place as the

leader in remote distribution of life insurance products with Symphonis Vie, which obtained six awards from the financial press in 2007.

- the paperless securities account management business for institutional clients (investment firms, private banks, online banks and brokers). As a group, ProCapital offers competitively-priced services ranging from the routing of securities and mutual fund trades to account servicing and management and custody.

At the regulatory level, the consolidating parent company of Arkéa Group is the "Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel", a bank made up of local cooperative companies, the local branches of Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne, Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest and Crédit Mutuel Massif Central, the members of Crédit Mutuel and CICM. This new collective authorization does not modify the current Arkéa Group structure, with two divisions. The Crédit Mutuel Massif Central joined the cooperative and mutualist division.

## 2.3 Activity of Arkéa Group

Arkéa Group carries out business in the areas of banking credit and savings, finance and insurance. With 7,192 employees in 2007, it experienced further commercial expansion and built up its presence throughout France by entering into distribution agreements with external operators.

### 2.3.1 Loans

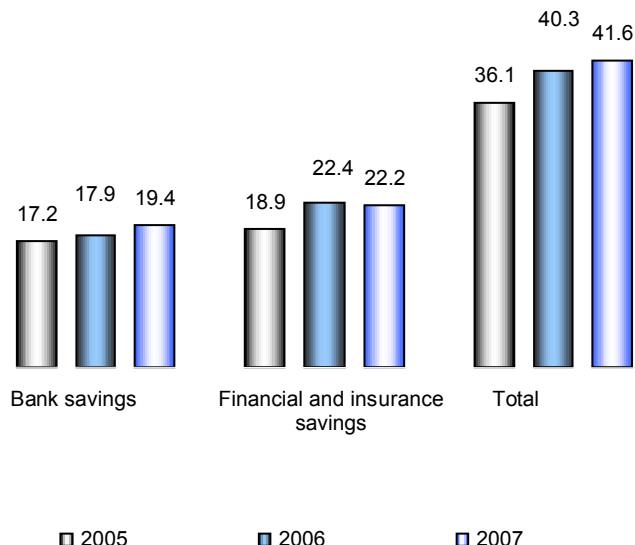
Total new lending rose 15% to 8.1 billion euros in 2007, in a highly-competitive market and despite the rise in interest rates.

During the year, new consumer credit was up by 10%, home mortgage loans by 14% and loans to businesses and local authorities by 20%.

The total outstanding loans of the retail bank rose by 12.5% to 26.9 billion euros at December 31st, 2007. Total mortgages outstanding rose by 12.4% to 15.5 billion euros, loans to businesses and local authorities increased by 12.9% to 6.5 billion euros, consumer credit was up by 9.5% to 2.8 billion euros, and short-term cash management loans were 16.4% higher, at 2 billion euros.

### 2.3.2 Savings

**Total retail banking deposits**  
(In billions of euros)



Total retail banking deposits rose 3.2% to 41.6 billion euros at 31 December 2007.

Bank deposits rose 8.5%, as new deposits were twice as high in 2007 as in 2006. At the start of the year, a new range of products (short-term interest-bearing checking accounts designed to capture cash surpluses and transform them into medium-term savings deposits) was well received, with 513 million euros collected during the first six months following its launch. The year was also marked by a sharp increase in passbook savings accounts brought on by the rise in regulated interest rates and an increase in term deposits, which were more attractive due to the increase in short-term interest rates.

Savings in insurance and financial products represented 53% of total retail banking deposits, a 1% decrease.

### 2.3.3 Life insurance & Asset Management

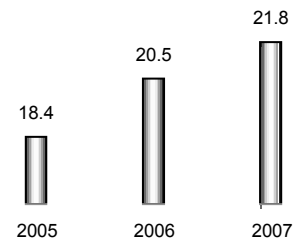
#### (a) Life insurance

The major project undertaken in 2007 was the merger of Suravenir and Vie Plus.

Total assets under management increased by 6.4% to 21.8 billion euros at 31 December 2007.

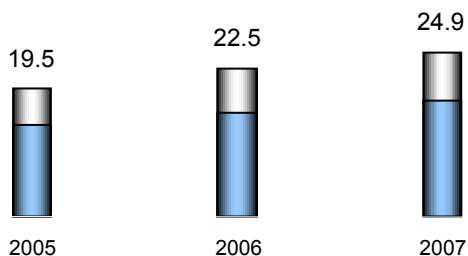
The year was marked by an 18% drop-off in total French net subscriptions attributable to investors' pre-electoral wait-and-see attitude, the lower impact of the transfer of the old PEL subsidized home savings plans and the success of liquid bank deposits linked to the run-up in short-term interest rates. Transfers continued under the terms of the Fourgous amendment (29% of transferable outstandings at 31 December 2007), substantially increasing the weight of unit-linked products as a percentage of total gross subscriptions (34% in 2007, compared with 19% in 2006).

**Suravenir Group assets**  
(in billions of Euros)



#### (b) Asset management

**Assets under management by  
the Federal Finance Group**  
(in billions of euros)



■ Including for other Group companies

The assets under management by Federal Finance continued to rise sharply, growing by 11% to 24.9 billion euros at 31 December 2007.

The extent of Federal Finance's expertise was reflected in the marked interest investors showed in Digiteo and Stereo (230 million euros in net subscriptions), the two guaranteed funds launched in 2007, and by the second place obtained in the Corbeilles d'Or awards for 12-month performances in the category "best large network with over 100 branches."

Federal Finance also manages the other Group companies' asset management agreements, especially those of Suravenir.



### 2.3.4 General insurance and services

#### ➤ Non-life, accidental death and disability insurance

The total portfolio of non-life and accidental death and disability insurance grew by 13% in 2007, thanks to a new automobile and buildings and contents insurance offer (with better guarantees and lower rates) and the “Privilège” loyalty program, providing preferential conditions to all customers with at least three major contracts.

##### (a) Non-life insurance

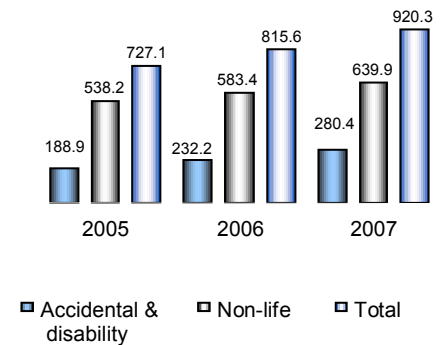
The non-life insurance portfolio (auto, homeowner’s and renter’s, health, various risk including public liability, and legal protection insurance) expanded by 10%. Health, automobile and homeowner’s and renter’s insurance were up by 9%, 10% and 12%, respectively.

##### (b) Accidental death and disability insurance

The accidental death and disability portfolio expanded by 21%.

The best-selling products remained Prévi-Découvert (up 29%), which is offered as an option under the Eurocompte bundle, and Prévi-Famille (up 16%).

#### Accidental death, disability and Non-life insurance

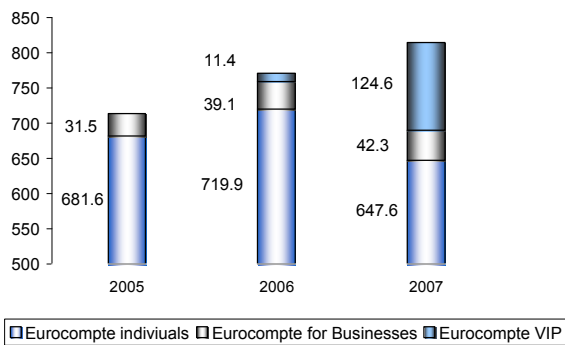


(In thousand of contracts)

#### ➤ Services

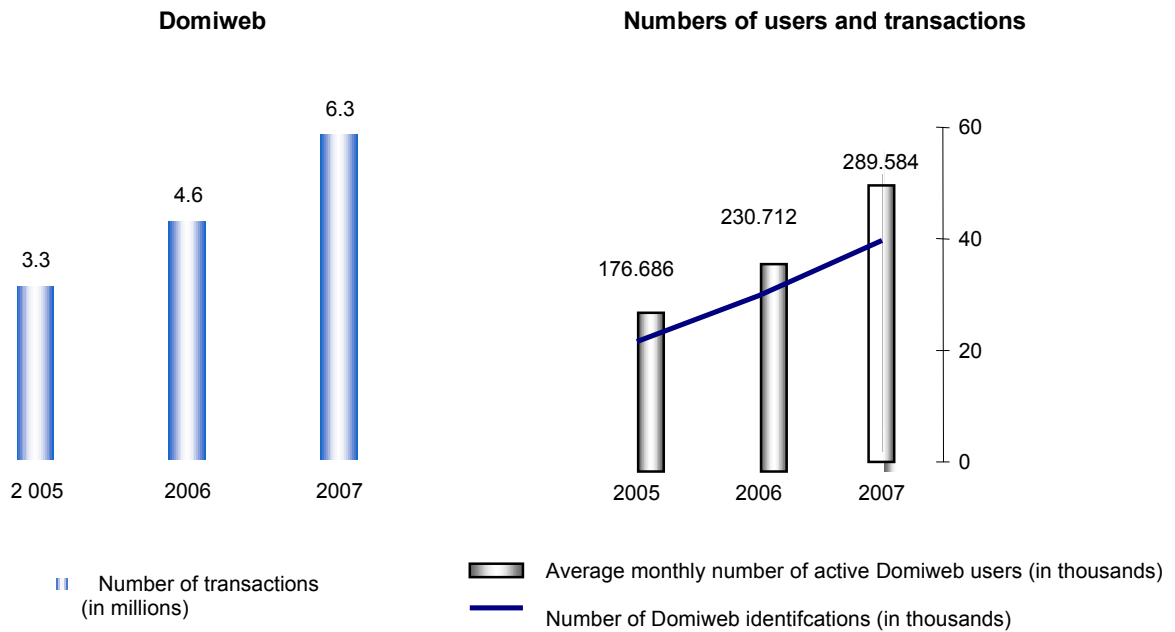
##### (c) Eurocomptes

#### Eurocomptes (thousands of contracts)



The Eurocompte is a bundle of services linked to a checking account and which consists of a monthly statement, account maintenance, a check card, a home-delivered check book, a cut-rate overdraft authorization, unlimited online banking and various options. The total number of Eurocompte contracts rose by 5.7% in 2007 to 815,000.

The Eurocompte VIP was well received by its target audience of young adults aged 16 to 25, and 93% of all customers under 26 years of age now have one of these accounts. The penetration rates of Eurocomptes Services and Eurocomptes Businesses continued to rise, reaching 73.4% and 46.2% respectively.

(d) Online banking

The Group's Domiweb product features a comprehensive and efficient line of products and services. More than 289,000 customers use Domiweb (25% more than in 2006) to check their account information, make payments, place exchange orders, take out loans, open savings accounts, and take out insurance policies.

Business customers are provided with an entire range of tools to make secured transfers to pay their suppliers, transfer cash, and pay salaries.

The number of users continues to grow, as does the use of the available services, as the number of transactions carried out via Domiweb increased by 36% in 2007 to 6.3 million.

Every year, more and more products are made available via Domiweb: in September 2007, users were first allowed to subscribe on-line to buildings and contents insurance contracts. The possibility of subscribing investment, loan and insurance contracts entirely off-site is being developed.

In 2007, the Arkéa Group's retail banking business began computerization projects aimed at enriching the off-site services available to the customers, thereby contributing to sustainable development and optimizing operating expenses. Nearly 100,000 customers signed up for electronic statements and an e-safe deposit box (Domi-Confidens), allowing them to archive all of their bank documents free of charge for a 10-year period, as well as any other documents when they subscribe to the paid service. Similarly, a secure space where customers can exchange supporting e-documents with their account representative will be made available in 2008, allowing contracts to be signed faster and in a secure manner.

## 2.4 Guiding subsidiaries on their markets

### 2.4.1 Corporates Division



The corporate and investment banks **Banque Commerciale pour le Marché de l'Entreprise** (BCME) and **Caméfi-Banque** provide project assistance to corporates with revenues exceeding 4 million euros and real estate developers. Their services comprise financing, payment services and financial engineering as well as advisory services and appraisal. BCME also provides financing to local authorities.

#### ➤ **Banque Commerciale pour le Marché de l'Entreprise in 2007**

BCME increased new lending in its three markets (corporates, local authorities and real estate development) by 4% year-on-year, to 825 million euros.

The well-established partnership with Federal Finance was added to with partnerships with BPE (BCME is its second-largest business provider), Bail Entreprises and with Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel in the context of “payment business & services” requests for proposals.

BCME and Caméfi-Banque have also recently been retained to provide flow management services to the largest provident institution in France.

Regulatory changes brought about by the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive (MiFID) were finalized in 2007, and those relating to Basel II and the SEPA will be brought into operation in 2008.

The customer portfolio increased by 6% over the year to total 4,650 accounts for 2,362 customers (+3%) by the year end.

At end-2007, loan outstandings totalled 3,495 million euros, broken down as follows:

- Corporates: 2,635 million euros (+10%)
- Local authorities: 685 million euros (+13%)
- Real estate development: 175 million euros (+38%)

Savings deposits declined slightly, by 8%, in 2007 to 975 million euros. Net income for the year was 15.5 million euros, up by 16.5%.

#### ➤ **Caméfi-Banque in 2007**

Caméfi-Banque had an excellent year in 2007. Thanks to significant sales and marketing efforts to win new market share, it now has 1,016 corporate customers comprising 617 groups and including 71 new customer accounts). Internet-based collections increased 81% to 166 million euros and international trade and payment business by 22% to 634 million euros.

Loan outstandings maintained a robust growth pattern, rising 29% year-on-year to 512 million euros. Outstandings linked to real estate financing increase by nearly 51% over the year to reach 66.1 million euros. The bank's resources rose to 165 million euros, driven by corporate term and demand deposits.

Caméfi-Banque reported 2.14 million euros in net income for the year, compared with 1.8 million euros in 2006.



The real estate leasing company **Bail Entreprises** purchases or builds offices for professionals that it leases out over long periods with an option to buy at a predetermined price on maturity of the lease. It therefore has expertise in three areas: economic, real estate and taxation.

#### ➤ **Bail Entreprises in 2007**

Bail Entreprises achieved a marked increase in new loan production in 2007, signing new agreements totalling 86 million euros compared with 36 million euros in 2006. This growth was driven by the pickup in corporate real estate investments but also by new signings carried over into 2007. At 31 December 2007 it had loan outstandings of 352 million euros and its portfolio comprised 520 buildings. Net income totalled 1.458 million euros, compared with 1.9 million euros in 2006.

#### ➤ **Development Capital division in 2007**



**SOBREPAR**



The Development Capital division comprises two venture capital companies, **Sobrepar** and **Synergie Finance**, and a venture capital fund management company, **Synergie Finance Gestion**. They provide equity capital to companies in the development phase and facilitate buyouts in the event of a total or partial transfer of ownership by taking minority stakes.

Activity levels stabilized in 2007, with the two venture capital companies making investments totalling 5 million euros (including 4.8 million euros by Synergie Finance in 15 transactions) and 8 million euros invested by the Synergie Finance Gestion mutual fund.

The net portfolio managed at 31 December 2007 totalled 88.3 million euros, of which 47.4 million euros was in the venture capital firms.

Net income for the division was 8.69 million euros, including:

- Sobrepar: 3.394 million euros
- Synergie Finance: 4.7 million euros
- Synergie Finance Gestion: 0.598 million euros

#### 2.4.2 **Real Estate Division**



**Europim** provides real estate products to customers in the Arkéa Group's distribution networks and offers targeted products for investment in:

- New buildings, covering the full range of tax incentives;

- “Paper” real estate (tax-based and high-yield real estate investment partnerships). Europim works actively alongside the distribution networks in sales and marketing.

#### ➤ Europim in 2007

The real estate sales activity was exceptionally robust in 2007, with fee income totalling 3.39 million euros on 413 reservations, compared with 2.64 million euros in 2006 on 386 reservations. Against the backdrop of a hardening real estate leasing market, Europim succeeded in maintaining its highly selective policy in terms of both its partners and its offering. Europim reported net income of 382,000 euros in 2007, compared with 225,000 euros in 2006.



The owner of more than 4,500 residential rental units (over 55% of which are single-family homes) in 160 municipalities, **Armorique Habitat** is a public housing corporation with special expertise in:

- Regulated rental public housing,
- First-time buyers for new and existing housing,
- Property improvements.

#### ➤ Armorique Habitat in 2007

In 2007, Armorique Habitat delivered 139 residential units and started work on a further 61 units. Its rental income reached 15.5 million euros.

The company's net income in 2007 came to 2.2 million euros, compared with 1.6 million euros in 2006.



**Foncière Investissement** is a company specialized in real estate investment with the aim of diversifying Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel's assets. As the principal company for the Arkéa Group's real estate investments, it has an active asset-switching policy and coordinates monitoring of the Group's real estate management.

#### ➤ Foncière Investissement in 2007

Foncière Investissement's investments were down during the year, while the company focused on two acquisitions totalling 11.4 million euros (one in Brest and the other in Aix en Provence). Rental income in 2007 amounted to 6.9 million euros, up 18% year-on-year. Net income for the year came to 2.5 million euros, compared with 1.15 million euros in 2006.

### 2.4.3 Insurance



**Suravenir**, a leading French life insurance player, is specialized in the design, structuring and management of life and provident insurance policies (personal and group life insurance, credit insurance and term life insurance).

Suravenir's activities are exercised mainly through the Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne, Sud-Ouest and Massif Central regional banks and through partner networks.

#### ➤ **Suravenir in 2007**

A highlight of 2007 was the merger between Suravenir and Vie Plus (acquired in December 2005) and the consequent relaunch of the website and migration of personal unit-linked life insurance policies to a single application.

Several actions were implemented rapidly in order to boost growth:

- Structural changes to meet the needs of the various product distribution lines.
- Improvements to policies with multiple investment options by reducing arbitrage delays, introducing daily valuations for euro-denominated funds and harmonizing management charges.
- Forging a new partnership with the brokerage firm Linxea to provide online marketing of life insurance policies.

As with most other life insurance players, Suravenir experienced a slight downturn in 2007. Gross revenues (excluding provident insurance) declined 7% to 2,492 million euros.

In 2007, 90,191 new life insurance policies (excluding Fourgous subscriptions) were taken out, bringing the portfolio to 1,208,669 policies at 31 December 2007. Total life insurance savings administered were 21,840 million euros at the year end.

Provident insurance revenues (up 20 %) amounted to 158 million euros, of which 147 million euros from credit insurance and 11 million euros from individual provident policies.

Suravenir's net income for the year was 92.7 million euros, compared with 62.4 million euros in 2006.



**Suravenir Assurances** specializes in non-life and personal insurance. It designs and manages a full range of products and services in the following fields:

- Household comprehensive cover,
- Automobile cover,
- Accident cover,
- Supplemental health cover,
- Dependency cover.

Its offering is designed to meet the specific needs of individual and family customers.

#### ➤ **Suravenir Assurances in 2007**

The Arkéa Group decided to take full control of Suravenir Assurances in 2007.

Suravenir Assurances launched various new products during the year:

- A new and innovative auto and household comprehensive insurance product offering reduced tariffs;
- The "Privilège" loyalty-building program under which customers holding at least three major policies receive various benefits.

At 31 December 2007, Suravenir Assurances managed 1,875,975 policies in all, of which 877,692 were major policies (+9% year-on-year). Revenues totalled 237.2 million euros, a year-on-year increase of 7%.

*Net income for the year was 20.975 million euros, compared with 16.2 million euros in 2006.*



**Novelia**, an insurance brokerage, is specialized in the following activities:

- Policies designed to meet the specific needs of corporate customers;
- Design and integration of customized solutions for major corporate accounts;
- Design of innovative retail policies, distributed through a national network comprising 1,300 insurance brokers and agents.

➤ **Novelia in 2007**

Gross revenues rose 5% in 2007 to 11.8 million euros, in line with the trend of steady growth seen in recent years. Novelia generated net income of 1.7 million euros, compared with 1.42 million euros in 2006.

## 2.4.4 Other Markets

### (i) Asset management



A specialist in third-party asset management, the **Federal Finance group** has four areas of expertise: mutual fund asset management, private asset management, institutional asset management and employee savings plans. In this respect, it offers a range of mutual investment funds, mandated asset management plans and employee savings plans.

To ensure full compliance with requirements for separation of its two business lines, account holding and portfolio management, the Federal Finance group comprises two complementary but distinct legal entities:

- **Federal Finance Banque.**
- **Federal Finance Gestion.**

#### ➤ **Federal Finance in 2007**

Federal Finance undertook a number of important developments in 2007, including:

- Compliance with the requirements of the MiFID,
- Implementation of a new Front Office and customer relationship management application,
- Switching responsibility for the custodianship of securities for mandated management customers from Gestitres to ProCapital,
- The transfer of old mandated management offers.

Its mutual fund range was placed second in the *Corbeilles d'Or* rankings for performances over one year in the “best large network of more than 100 branches” category.

*At end-2007, the Federal Finance group managed assets of 24,943 million euros, broken down into:*

- Mutual funds: 6,064 million euros
- Employee savings: 254 million euros
- Private asset management: 459 million euros
- Institutional asset management: 18,166 million euros

- ***Mutual funds***

Mutual fund assets increased year-on-year by 8% to 6,064 million euros. Net collections during 2007 amounted to 265 million euros.

- ***Employee savings***

At end-2007, assets managed in employee savings plans totalled 254 million euros for 5,455 contracts. Collections, during the year, increased by 3% to 43 million euros.

- ***Private asset management***

Net outflows of funds in this activity totalled 13 million euros in 2007. The net collections on new products came to 59 million euros due to the excellent dynamism of Banque Privée Européenne sales (Myrialis mandates, equity savings plans / CTO management mandates, Elegius mandates) but were insufficient to offset outflows of 71 million euros on older products.

Enhancements are underway to the Excelsius range and the Previ Options mandate in particular to boost collections in 2008.

- ***Institutional asset management***

The Federal Finance group managed under mandate a total of 18,166 million euros at 31 December 2007, up by 12% year-on-year.

*Federal Finance group's net income in 2007 was 14.1 million euros, compared with 11.6 million euros in 2006.*



*Net income in the two group companies, Federal Finance Banque and Federal Finance Gestion, increased very satisfactorily during the year:*

- Federal Finance Banque: 8.5 million euros (4.6 million euros in 2006)
- Federal Finance Gestion: 11.9 million euros (9.6 million euros in 2006).

(ii) ↪ *Private banking*



**Banque Privée Européenne (BPE)** offers a full range of banking services (interest bearing checking accounts, savings products, loans and other services) for high-net-worth customers. Its innovative products and services include, in particular, multi-management services, leasing investment, hedging of stock-options and LBO support.

➤ **Banque Privée Européenne in 2007**

In 2007, Banque Privée Européenne concluded a wide range of projects, including:

- Consolidating the structure of its network;
- Securing and modernizing its existing applications (lending policy, Basel II implementation and compliance with the MiFID);
- Enhancing its product range:
- Mandated management for standard securities accounts or equity savings plans is now available from 60,000 euros,
- The launch at end-2007 of the VIP range, aimed at young customers;
- Boosting its communication effort with, in particular, a new media unit and distribution of two information letters including one on wealth management.

Net collections totalled 388 million euros and savings deposits totalled 2,414 million euros at 31 December 2007.

Loan production increased 10% year-on-year to 488 million euros, broken down into:

- 467 million euros in real estate lending (+9%),
- 21 million euros of consumer credits (+28%).

Following a slight 3% increase year-on-year, total loan outstandings stood at 2,478 million euros at 31 December 2007.

*BPE's net income for the year of BPE came to 10.465 million euros, compared with 9.3 million euros in 2006.*

(iii) ↪ *Consumer credit*



*Financo had a good year in 2007, with new lending rising by 7% year-on-year to 714 million euros (up 14% excluding loans extended to civil servants under the 2006 Crédit Social des Fonctionnaires agreement, which was not renewed in 2007), broken down as follows:*

- 291 million euros in car-motorcycle-leisure loans,
- 146 million euros in home improvement loans,
- 54 million euros in home furnishing loans,
- 118 million euros in revolving credits,
- 26 million euros in P3F three-installment financing,
- 45 million euros in lease-to-own financing,
- 34 million euros in personal loans.

*Net loan outstandings increased 11% year-on-year, to 1,394 million euros.*

Financo's net income for the year came to 4.7 million euros, compared with 5 million euros in 2006.

Eole Finance, a Financo subsidiary specialized in advances on employee savings plans, generated 50 million euros in new loans in 2007, compared with 43 million euros in 2006. Outstandings totalled 115 million euros at end-2007.

Eole Finance's net income for the year came to 595,000 euros, compared with 200,000 euros in 2006

#### (iv) Online brokerage



France's second largest online broker, **Fortuneo** offers its customers a full range of market investment products (equities, bonds, warrants, certificates, mutual funds and life insurance). It also provides customers with technologically-advance analysis and information tools via its website that are comparable to those found in a dealing room, such as market information, securities data and real-time pricing.

#### ➤ Fortuneo in 2007

The major development in 2007 was the regrouping of Fortuneo Direct Finance and Symphonis into a single legal entity, Fortuneo S.A. The priority was to maximize synergies, resulting notably in:

- The provision of a unique, joint offering to all customers.
- The implementation of shared applications.
- Convergence towards best practices.
- The optimization of suppliers' financial terms and conditions.

Other highlights of the year included:

- The launch in early 2007 by Fortuneo Direct Finance, with the support of ProCapital, of its Belgian stock market website [www.fortuneo.be](http://www.fortuneo.be)
- The marketing at end-2007 of an "asset account" offer, comprising an advance on an investment associated with a bank card, providing customers with liquidity without the need to touch their savings or cut back their stock market activities.

The regrouped Fortuneo consolidated its market share (18.5% share) in the online brokerage segment in 2007 and confirmed its place as the leader in remote distribution of life insurance products with Symphonis Vie, which obtained six awards from the financial press in 2007.

With growth of 9% year-on-year, 2,487,038 orders were executed in 2007, of which 4.6% were mutual fund orders.

Net collections totalled 351 million euros, of which 86 million euros for mutual funds. Outstandings increased 10% to 2,307 million euros and 12,310 new accounts were opened in 2007 taking the total to 73,008 accounts.

In its first year, the [www.fortuneo.be](http://www.fortuneo.be) website booked nearly 30,000 orders in 2007 and 2,156 securities accounts were opened for outstandings of nearly 50 million euros.

In 2007, net life insurance collections reached 204 million euros and 6,778 new policies were taken out. Total life insurance savings at 31 December 2007 amounted to 1,210 million euros, including 940 million euros in Symphonis Vie policies.

Fortuneo's net income for the year came to 11.15 million euros, compared with 10.12 million euros in 2006.

(v) ↪ *Securities activities*

A subsidiary of Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel since mid-2006, **ProCapital** is a leading securities services provider to financial institutions, asset management companies, private banks, bank networks and brokers, including Fortuneo. ProCapital is characterized by:

- Its complete mastery of the traditional features of financial market business lines;
- The use of cutting-edge technologies for processing market orders (transactional websites, real-time platforms, and multiple direct accesses to markets such as Euronext and Liffe).

➤ **ProCapital in 2007**

At 31 December 2007, ProCapital was the fourth largest French player in terms of orders executed. Its volumes of orders executed increased by 25% year-on-year to 4,345,000 and its mutual fund business doubled in 2007 to 448,000 orders.

At 31 December 2007, the portfolio comprised 229,000 active accounts, with over 29,000 new accounts opened during the year. Assets held in custody amounted to 12,419 million euros. ProCapital's net income for the year was 7.7 million euros, compared with 5.2 million euros in 2006.

(vi) ↪ *Travel*

**Acta Voyages** is the leading travel agency network in Western France, specializing in three areas:

- Personal travel,
- Business travel,
- Group travel.

Acta Voyages has 12 agencies operating in 6 French *départements* (Côtes d'Armor, Finistère, Île et Vilaine, and Morbihan in Brittany, and Loire Atlantique and Maine et Loire in the Loire region) and works through Caisse de Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne.

➤ **Acta Voyages in 2007**

In 2007, Acta Voyages generated revenue of 39.2 million euros from its ticketing business and of 18.8 million euros from its tourism activities.

Acta Voyages' net income for 2007 was 519,205 euros.

## 2.5 Arkéa group prudential ratios

CFCM's prudential ratios are assessed at Arkéa Group level.

➤ **Capital adequacy ratio**

At 31 December 2007, the capital adequacy ratio was 133% compared to the required 100% standard. This coverage is provided mostly by Tier 1 capital, which represents nearly 81% of the Group's total shareholders' equity.

➤ **Major risks ratio**

This ratio is calculated every quarter. The Group ensures at all times that:

- the total amount of risks to which the Group is exposed with respect to a single beneficiary does not exceed 25% of the Group's net shareholders' equity;
- the total amount to which the Group is exposed with respect to beneficiaries whose risk exceeds 10% of net consolidated shareholders' equity does not exceed eight times the consolidated shareholders' equity.

#### ➤ **Liquidity ratio**

The Group's one-month regulatory liquidity ratio was 163% at 31 December 2007, while the required standard is 100%.

#### ➤ **Shareholders' equity and long-term debt ratio**

This ratio, which has been tracked for internal purposes since June 2007, measures the coverage of applications of capital exceeding five-year maturities by long-term sources of funds with a residual maturity of more than five years. At 31 December 2007 this ratio was 70%, above the 60% former regulatory standard.

## 2.6 **Arkéa Group consolidated financial statement**

### **Consolidated income statement**

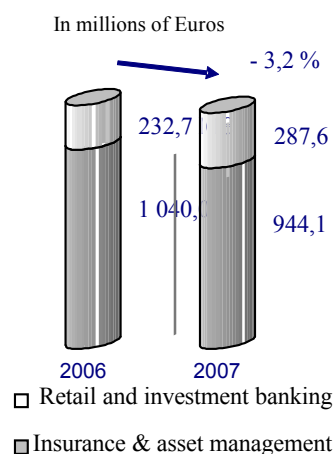
Net income attributable to equity holders of the parent was 19.2% lower than in 2006. This is directly attributable to the impact of the financial crisis on the financial statements of the capital markets bank at 31 December 2007 and to the Group's desire to set aside reserves to cover 100% of the risk on the products affected by the subprime crisis. The latter represent only a marginal fraction of the activities of the trading room, whose portfolio consists mainly of bank swap assets and CDOs with high quality assets. The 216 million euros in net income reported is an indication of the Group's ability to absorb the impacts of this crisis, notably thanks to the performances turned in by its core retail banking and insurance businesses.

Net banking and insurance income is analyzed using the same industry breakdown as in the financial statements.

The retail and investment banking division includes mainly the Arkéa Group's regional Crédit Mutuel bodies, their economic interest groupings, the commercial banks (BCME, Caméfi Banque and the finance lease subsidiaries), specialized subsidiaries (BPE for private banking, Fortuneo for online brokerage and Financo for consumer lending), property management companies (Group Federal Immo and Foncière Investissement), capital markets bank (essentially Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel), securities services affiliate (ProCapital) and private equity companies (Synergie Finance and Sobrepar).

The insurance and asset management division includes the life (Suravenir) and non-life (Suravenir Assurances) insurance and the asset management (Federal Finance Banque and Federal Finance Gestion) companies.

### **Net banking and insurance income**



The 3.2% decline in net banking and insurance income to 1,231.7 million euros reflected the impact of the investment bank's impairment provisions.

Excluding the investment bank, and at same scope, the Group's net banking and insurance income would have risen by 5.9%, on the strength of the good results of the life and accidental death and disability insurance activities.

For these reasons, the contribution made by the insurance and asset management division increased from 18% to 23%.

### Retail and investment banking

Net banking and insurance income generated by the retail banking and investment banking activities fell by 9.2%, due to the impact of the financial crisis on the investment bank's accounts.

The impairment provisions recognized in the financial statements at 31 December 2007 reflect both the loss of value of the collateralized debt obligation (CDO) portfolios, which bore the brunt of the overall trends in the credit market and the widening of spreads, and the Group's desire to set aside reserves to cover 100% of the risk on the products affected by the subprime crisis.

The net banking and insurance income of the retail bank increased by 3.9%, driven by fee and commission income.

Excluding the impact of the regulated home savings plans and accounts, net interest income of the retail bank networks was down by 4.2%, due to the impact of the rise in short-term interest rates on the Group's cost of funding. New lending remained strong, despite the progressive impact rising interest rates had on loans to customers. Loans and advances to Group customers rose by over 12% and bank deposits were up by more than 8%, reflecting the vitality of the networks. The Group maintained its policy of raising medium- and long-term funding, with over 4 billion euros in issues. A total of 7.8 billion euros in EMTNs was outstanding at 31 December 2007.

Fee and commission income rose by 16.5% to 453.4 million euros, driven primarily by the commissions received from the bank's life insurance subsidiary. The fees and commissions on payment cards and interbank exchanges benefited from the Group's traditionally good positioning in electronic data interchange.

### Insurance and asset management

The net banking and insurance income of the insurance and asset management division grew by more than 23%. The life insurance business benefited considerably from the new distribution between the various types of contracts. The flexible investment product contracts were the beneficiaries of transfers authorized under the Fourgous Act.

The non-life insurance activity, which is managed primarily by Suravenir Assurances, continues to grow. Its contribution to total net banking and insurance income increased by nearly 9%, reflecting the growth of the homeowners' and renters' and health insurance portfolios. The Group observed a decrease in the claims recorded on its entire range of products.

The contribution made by the asset management activity rose by 11% due to the increase in assets under management. These good results reflect the reputation that Federal Finance has acquired with investors.

### **Operating expenses**

The Arkéa Group's consolidated operating expenses – including personnel costs, other administrative expenses and depreciation and amortization – increased by 29.5 million euros to 844.5 million euros in 2007. This 3.6% increase is comparable to what would have been reported at same scope and excluding all non-recurring items (3.5%).

The Group's operating expense control policy is part of its corporate social responsibility and sustainable development strategy, and has already had an impact on expenses for travel and consumables (printed materials and supplies).

The program to renovate and modernize Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne's sales offices that began in 1999 will be finished in 2009. This ambitious plan, 88% of which had been completed at 31 December 2007, will ultimately set in place the "Caisse Accueil Conseil" [Info Advice Counter] in 370 sales outlets.

### **Cost of risk**

The Group's cost of risk was sharply lower for the second year in a row, falling by 21 million euros to 28.3 million euros. The improvement in risk is attributable essentially to the mutual bank network and the commercial bank. The ratio of non-performing loans under collection to total outstanding loans fell sharply, to 2.87% from 3.34% at 31 December 2006. The capital and interest cover ratio on non-performing loans came in at 61.8%, compared with 61.5% at 31 December 2006.

## Net income

Under tense market conditions, net income attributable to equity holders of the parent fell by 19.2% to 216.2 million euros. All in all, this demonstrated fairly good resilience on the part of the Group in the face of the shock of the crisis in the financial markets, especially given that it includes the full provisioning of all items containing even the most marginal exposure to subprime mortgages.

The fact that the Group was able to achieve earnings of over 200 million euros is attributable to the strong health of its ongoing businesses, the retail banking networks and the subsidiaries that produce the products distributed through these networks.

## Balance sheet structure

The total assets of the Arkéa Group rose by 11.6% to 68 billion euros as a result of the sharp increase in total loan outstandings and insurance investments. The increase in liabilities is centered on debt security issues (bonds and money market instruments), bank deposits and technical reserves on insurance contracts.

On the assets side, loans and advances to customers amounted to 27.0 billion euros. This represents a 12% increase of nearly 3 billion euros, generated primarily by new home mortgage loans in the mutual bank networks, as well as medium- and long-term loans through the BCME network, consumer loans through Financo and the entry of Eole into the scope of consolidation.

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss consist primarily of unit-linked products (other than euro-denominated funds) held by insurance customers. The 39% increase in this account to 8.7 billion euros is due to trends in insurance investments, which are increasingly headed toward the diversification of investment vehicles.

Financial assets available for sale amounted to 20.5 billion euros, versus 20.9 billion euros at 31 December 2006. The bulk of these assets consists of shares included in the general assets of insurance companies, and the proprietary asset swap and securitization portfolios managed by the trading room.

Total loans and advances to credit institutions increased by 25% to 7.9 billion euros owing to the replacement of liquidities raised during the fourth quarter of 2007, in accordance with the Arkéa Group's liquidity management policy.

The increase in liabilities essentially concerns the technical reserves on insurance contracts – which mirror the 1.4 billion euro increase in the securities portfolio to 22.1 billion euros – and debt securities – which increased by 3.7 billion euros due to the significant amounts of funding raised under the EMTN program.

Customer bank deposits rose by 8.1% to 19.1 billion euros, reflecting primarily the deposits collected in the mutual bank networks on deposits to Livret Bleu savings accounts and the increase in checking accounts with credit balances and term deposits.

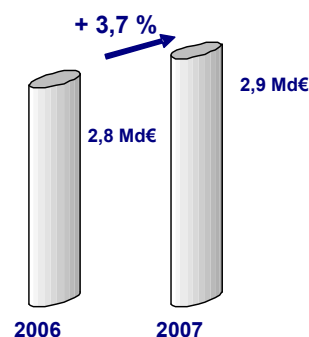
Amounts due to banks were down by 0.1 billion euros.

## Shareholders' equity of the banking institution

### Shareholders' equity attributable to equity holders of the parent

Shareholders' equity before appropriation of net income for the year amounted to 2.9 billion euros, an increase of 3.7%. The deferred unrealized losses reflect the temporary loss of value of the asset swap and CDO portfolios affected by the widening of credit spreads of. The Group's share capital, which consists of the shares held by the depositors/shareholders of the banking institution, increased by 3.7% to 834 million euros.

Shareholders equity attributable to equity holders



Dividends, meaning the distribution of net income within the mutual bank structure, are expected to amount to 21 million euros.

Arkéa Group's return on equity

The Group's financial performance is measured by its return on equity, the ratio of net income for the year to shareholder's equity at the beginning of the year after distribution of dividends. In 2007, the Group had an ROE of 7.9%.



### 3. THE ISSUER: COMPAGNIE FINANCIÈRE DU CRÉDIT MUTUEL

CFCM was incorporated on 20 October 2000, under the name of Eurobretagne VI and took the form of a French “*Société anonyme*”.

The legal and commercial name of CFCM is « **Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel** ».

CFCM is registered with the French *Registre du Commerce et des Sociétés* of Brest under number 433 383 122.

CFCM is a subsidiary of CICM (almost owned directly at 100%) which is owned by the local branches of Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne, Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest and Crédit Mutuel Massif Central. CFCM adopted the name “**Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel**” in May 2001. There are no arrangements, known to CFCM, the operation of which may at a subsequent date result in a change of control of CFCM. Its term of existence is 99 years from the date of its incorporation.

The company is governed by:

- The French *Code de commerce* (former Act of 24 July 1966 relating to commercial companies); and
- The French *Code monétaire et financier* (former Act of 24 January 1984 relating to the activities and control of credit institutions).

CFCM has taken over the dual objectives of the former Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne:

- To carry out, on behalf of Arkéa Group, all financial transactions on capital markets and to execute foreign transactions in association with its network of correspondent foreign banks and in particular:
  - To carry out all banking and related or supplementary operations, in France and abroad, notably investment services under the terms of Article L.321-1 of the *Code monétaire et financier*, as well as insurance brokerage activities;
  - To accept, hold and manage any direct or indirect holdings in any credit establishment, investment firm or financial institution or in any other company or firm which exists or may be set up; and
  - To undertake, more generally, any financial, commercial, industrial, securities or property transactions which are directly or indirectly related to its objectives, as well as any similar connected or complementary transactions.
- To carry out the functions of a holding company and thus bring together and develop Arkéa Group holdings, structured as subsidiaries or affiliates of subsidiaries.

CFCM carries on its business from its headquarters in Brest together with all of the services of Arkéa Group.

The headquarters of its subsidiaries have been set up in Brittany, in Paris and in Marseille. CFCM's share capital is almost wholly owned by CICM.

#### 3.1 Issuer's activities

##### 3.1.1 Money market and investment bank

###### (a) Capital Markets

###### ➤ ***Funding: strong growth in medium- and long-term funding***

The Front Office of Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel was able to enhance the Group's funding position in the first part of 2007.

In line with its strategy since 2001, CFCM continued its policy of raising medium- and long-term resources to reduce the Group's liquidity risk. This strategy was reflected in June 2007 by the 10-year 750 million euro

public issue at Euribor +17 basis points. In all, a record 3.66 billion euros was issued over the year, and EMTN outstandings exceeded 7.8 billion euros at the year end.

The second half of the year was marked by the serious liquidity crisis in major financial markets. Against this particularly demanding backdrop to raising resources, CFCM successfully ensured the Group's funding by using, in particular, significant 6-month to 1-year CDN issues. The activities of the new Paris-based institutional and sales dealing desk, and the eligibility of CFCM CDNs for European Central Bank tender offers were decisive advantages.

At end-2007, 41% of the capital raised through EMTN programs came from outside France, demonstrating the geographic diversification of CFCM's funding.

➤ ***Continued growth of sales and marketing activities***

The Front Office sales and marketing activities remained robust in 2007. On the foreign exchange side, sharp swings in the euro/dollar exchange rate prompted the Group's corporate customers to take out hedges in order to optimize their costs and/or revenues.

Likewise, in terms of debt management, borrowing companies entered into transactions designed to limit their interest-rate risk.

Lastly, the CFCM Front Office launched new structured investment products offering subscribers potential performances exceeding bond market rates.

➤ ***Proprietary trading: intensification of diversification***

The assets managed by CFCM's Front Office are invested mainly on the credit market in asset swaps, securitisations and CDOs, the returns on which are related directly to market and credit risk trends. Market turbulence and the rise in credit spreads had a direct impact on the valuation of these investments. Consequently, in compliance with the applicable regulations, CFCM set aside the necessary provisions against its proprietary trading book.

In this very difficult market environment, the other Front Office proprietary trading activities (interest rates, equities, convertible bonds, alternative management) continued to develop but were unable to offset such substantial unrealized capital losses. In total, proprietary trading activities posted a loss for the year as a whole.

Nevertheless, given the quality of the loan portfolio, the provisions raised are expected to be written back gradually.

(b) International trade services

International trade transactions grew by 21% in 2007. Significant efforts were made throughout the year to ensure CFCM's capability of processing transactions under the new SEPA (Single Euro Payments Area) environment, which sets a common regulatory framework for euro payments between the 31 countries using the single currency or that are signatories to the agreement. Flows within this framework are subject to identical, strict processing rules at both national and international levels.

Documentary activities were determined by two key features in 2007:

- Application of the new International Chamber of Commerce regulations on documentary credits (Publication 600) effective from 1 July 2007.
- Implementation of a customer/bank/customer Internet transfer application dedicated to processing import documentary credit transactions. This application will enhance the effectiveness of the Arkéa Group's offering and services in this highly competitive environment, and will be rolled out in the first quarter of 2008.

Against this backdrop, the documentary credits activity grew by more than 10% in terms of number of openings and by 22% in utilization volumes.

(c) Back office activities

Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel's Back Offices department processes, unwinds and accounts for transactions initiated by the Front Office. It also serves as custodian for the Arkéa Group's asset management companies and is responsible for the processing and unwinding of all specialized financing transactions.

In 2007, the Back Offices department processed 98,046 transactions, up by 11% relative to 2006, which itself saw comparable growth. This growth is due to the continued development of proprietary trading and customer activities by the Front Office and to the ever-increasing success of the unit-linked life insurance policies of Suravenir. The slight slowdown in growth since August 2007 is due mainly to the transfer of processing for Suravenir's external mutual funds to ProCapital in September 2007 to improve efficiencies.

In 2007, the Back Offices department carried out or completed significant developments linked primarily to regulatory requirements and to securing its processes:

- Final integration of the accounting requirements under IAS-IFRS and implementation of new regulatory requirements concerning securities disclosures (RDT and Protide);
- Migration of the Back Offices department to a new regulations platform;
- Euroclear Settlement of Euronext-zone Securities, (ESES);
- Continuation of preparatory work for implementation of the Target 2 system for managing euro-denominated interbank flows;
- Development of a system to secure processing and modeling of all processes and controls for its activities;
- Commencement of the Customer Activity project;
- Continuation of the study into development of a new IT system to reinforce the security of market transactions from 2008.

This work was carried out in particular thanks to the setting up within the department of a Development unit charged with steering projects, incident management, reviewing development requests and the functional administration of applications. At the same time, and in order to enhance the forward-looking management of Back Office human resources, a "Back Office internship" was set up to combine training in the theory of Back Office activities with practical work within the various units concerned.

#### (d) Specialized financing

In a buoyant market during the first half year that turned especially troubled from the summer onwards, the Specialized Financing activity generated new lending of 104.7 million euros (net of early repayments) in 2007, resulting in a 30% rise in year-end outstandings to 506.9 million euros at 31 December 2007.

Efforts to diversify the portfolio by both sector and by lending type continued, and by year end the 56 lines under management, averaging 9 million euros each, could be analyzed as follows:

- 37% in corporate syndicated loans,
- 10% in asset and project financing (Public-Private Partnerships) and investment fund holdings,
- 53% in LBO financing.
- Revenues rose by in excess of 3.55% year-on-year to 7.01 million euros, of which 58.6% in interest margins, 37.1% in fees and 4.3% from equity interests.

### 3.1.2 Holding company business

#### (a) Holding company activity

The net carrying amount of Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel's portfolio of equity interests rose by 2% (23 million euros) to 1,246 million euros at 31 December 2007. The rise was due to:

- Compagnie Financière adding to its majority holdings in subsidiaries by purchasing from Caisse de Bretagne de Crédit Agricole Mutuel (CBCAM) the shares it had held since their founding in Suravenir, Federal Finance Banque, Sobrepar and Financo, for over 18 million euros;
- An increase from 12.10% to 16.45% in CFCM's equity interest in Sodérec, an inter-federation company providing project management services for equipment and installations held by local authorities,
- Lastly, CFCM sold its 0.72% minority interest in the capital of Groupe des Assurances de Crédit Mutuel and 11.5% of Financo's capital to Laser Cofinoga, which had an existing interest in the capital of CFCM's consumer credit subsidiary.

(b) Subsidiaries

By promoting and coordinating the growth of its many subsidiaries, Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel is able to offer a broad range of products and of services.

## 3.2 Markets

The Issuer operates on the financial markets. Throughout its subsidiaries, which are organized by the market they serve, it also operates on the corporate market, the sales market, the asset management and insurance market, and the real-estate market.

## 3.3 Risk management

### 3.3.1 Risk management within the Arkéa Group

The organization and procedures of the risk management function within the Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel and its subsidiaries are established and monitored at Arkéa Group level. All procedures are then adapted and implemented within each Group entity, while ensuring compliance with all directives set forth by the supervisory authorities and Confédération Nationale du Crédit Mutuel, the central body with which the Arkéa Group is affiliated.

In 2005, the Group began adapting its procedures to incorporate the new provisions of French Banking and Financial Regulatory Committee (CRBF) Regulation 97-02, as amended, and it maintained these efforts in 2006. Internal controls are organized around a system that incorporates distinct periodic controls and ongoing controls. Four committees and two departments of Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel are specifically responsible for these controls.

#### (a) Audit Committee

The committee is composed of five members appointed to three-year terms by the Board of Directors of Caisse Interfédérale du Crédit Mutuel, which also appoints the committee Chairman. The committee meets at least three times each year. It oversees the proper functioning of the company's management bodies, the control of all Arkéa Group entities, compliance with all laws and regulations governing the industry, and the monitoring of all types of risk, including credit risk, market risk, overall interest rate risk, liquidity risk, operational risk, etc.

The Audit Committee validates the annual periodic control plan and examines all work performed by the Internal Audit and Periodic Controls department and the conclusions and recommendations of all independent audits. It reports on its activities to the Board of Directors of Caisse Interfédérale du Crédit Mutuel. The Audit Committee discusses all of the committee's work and recommendations concerning entities within Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel's consolidation scope with the Board of Directors of the company.

The Audit Committee met six times in 2007

#### (b) Financial Statements Committee

The Financial Statements Committee is composed of five directors of Caisse Interfédérale du Crédit Mutuel and/or Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel appointed to three-year terms by the Board of Directors of Caisse Interfédérale du Crédit Mutuel, which also appoints the committee Chairman. The committee met five times in 2007. Its role is to help the Board of Directors of CICM evaluate the financial information and verify its accuracy. It examines the financial statements of the Arkéa Group before they are presented to the Board, ensures that all financial information is accessible, examines the pertinence of the accounting choices made, analyzes the Group's earnings and verifies the annual report and all regulatory declarations to be filed with the supervisory authorities. It issues an opinion regarding the appointment of the independent auditors and analyzes the findings of their audit. It reports its works and conclusions to the Board of Directors of CICM. It informs the Board of Directors of Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel of its work regarding entities within the CFCM consolidation scope.

The committee examined Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel's 2007 annual and consolidated financial statements.

#### (c) Periodic Controls Committee

Under the chairmanship of the Chief Executive Officer of the Arkéa Group, this committee is responsible for evaluating the quality of all periodic controls, notably as concerns the accuracy of the systems for measuring, monitoring and managing the risks to which the Group is exposed at the consolidated level, and to propose all additional measures necessary. It participates in the establishment of the annual periodic control plan. It familiarizes itself with the findings of all control and audit reports by the Internal Audit and Periodic Controls department and by external bodies such as supervisory authorities and Confédération Nationale du Crédit Mutuel, validates the recommendations contained in those reports and monitors their implementation. The committee met five times in 2007.

(d) Ongoing Control Committee

Under the chairmanship of the Chief Executive Officer of the Arkéa Group, this committee, whose members include notably CFCM's Chief Executive Officer and Head of Periodic Controls, monitors all credit, market and operational risk. It ensures compliance with all regulations and procedures concerning risk exposures, checks all changes in total exposure levels, proposes exposure limits to CICM's Board of Directors and ensures that each Group structure complies with the prudential rules that have been established by implementing the most appropriate ongoing control procedures.

(e) Risk Management Department

This Caisse Interfédérale du Crédit Mutuel department provides continuous controls over compliance, security, and validation of transactions and ensures compliance with all measures related to the oversight of all types of risk throughout the entire Group.

It develops and makes available the tools required to identify, prevent, monitor and reduce these risks.

It has oversight over all employees responsible for ongoing controls within the various operating entities.

The Risk Management department is also responsible for preparing the Arkéa Group to implement all of the provisions established by the Basel Committee.

(f) Internal audit and Periodic Controls Department

This department, which reports directly to the Chief Executive Officer of the Arkéa Group, periodically checks the compliance of all transactions with regulations and procedures, the level of risk run, and the effectiveness and pertinence of all control procedures.

The department operates throughout the Arkéa Group. Its control plan is validated by the Audit Committee. The plan includes in particular annual audits of all major risks in the areas of credit, capital markets, accounting processes, information systems, and operations.

One specific control plan is developed for the Crédit Mutuel local bank network, branches and subsidiaries and another for the various Group companies, including Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel and subsidiaries' central functions.

(g) Annual report on internal controls and the measurement and monitoring of risk within the Arkéa Group

The annual report on internal controls and the measurement and monitoring of major risks within the Group is prepared under the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer of the Group. It specifies which areas are covered by ongoing controls and which by periodic controls. It is presented to the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors of Caisse Interfédérale du Crédit Mutuel, and a copy is then provided to the supervisory authorities.

Based on the application of CRBF Regulation 97-02, as amended, risk management requires both effective internal controls that integrate the provisions of the Basel II agreement and the specific tracking of each type of risk.

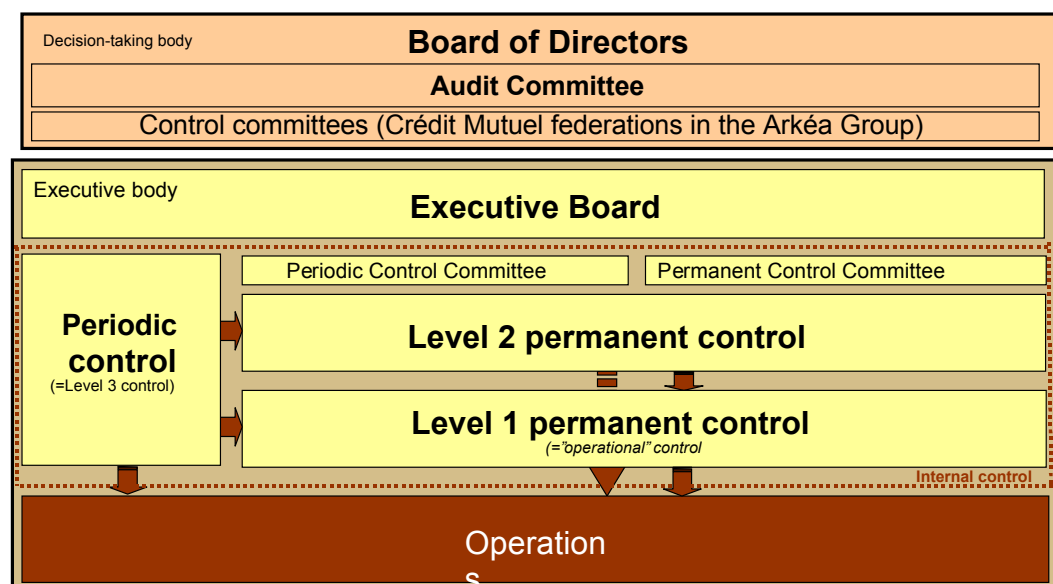
### 3.3.2 Performance of internal controls within the Arkéa Group

The aim of internal control is to ensure the protection of the company's employees and assets, the legitimacy of transactions, the application of directives and the achievement of objectives, as well as the quality of information and the effectiveness of the company's operations.

The organization of the internal control function within the Arkéa Group has been adapted in compliance with the provisions, as modified by the decree dated 31 March 2005, of CRBF Regulation 97-02 of 21 February 1997, relating to internal controls in credit institutions and investment firms.

Internal controls are exercised within each entity and follow the principles adopted at end-2005 by the Boards of Directors of Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel and Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel. They are applicable by all components of the Arkéa Group.

The Arkéa Group is overseen by the regulatory authorities on a consolidated basis and has organized its internal control systems in the following manner:



The executive and decision-taking bodies of the Arkéa Group are the Board of Directors and The Executive Board of CICM, the entity that heads the Arkéa Group and that controls Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel and its subsidiaries.

Internal control comprises both ongoing control and periodic control, and is under the direct responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer of CICM, who is also Chief Executive Officer of the Arkéa Group.

### ➤ Ongoing controls

The organization of the ongoing control of the compliance, security and validation of operations, as well as of compliance with other requirements related to risks of all types associated with operations (see Article 6.a of CRBF Regulation 97-02) is based on the distinction between first- and second-level ongoing controls:

✎ **First-level ongoing control** is exercised at the “operational” level, i.e. when the transaction is entered into or being processed, by either the operator himself or by a third party. Any control exercised until the completion of a process is deemed to be a first-level control.

✎ **Second-level ongoing control** is exercised by a control function. It has no involvement in the process being controlled but is exercised on completion of the transaction concerned by a person independent of those responsible for the transaction itself.

Given this distinction, the organization of ongoing control in the Arkéa Group is based on the following principles:

- The organization of ongoing control covers all risks in all the Group's business lines, regardless of the legal structure of the activities generating the risks,

- The applicable executive body has final responsibility for compliance with regulatory requirements in terms of ongoing control. Such responsibility within the Group is determined by legal entity, with each entity being responsible for the quality of its own ongoing controls. Within each entity, responsibility is determined by management line, each of which has operational responsibility for the ongoing control of its own activities,
- Each Group entity organizes its own ongoing control structure and reports back to CICM. For the subsidiaries, reports are drafted by the Ongoing Control department of Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel.

The organization of ongoing control is therefore based on the Group's pyramid structure, and is thus ultimately determined and monitored by CICM. The aim of this structure is to enable CICM's management bodies to manage exposure to risk and to control the potential impact of such exposure with reasonable assurance.

In practice, within this framework each operational department adopts, organizes and implements the procedures and applications deemed necessary to exercise ongoing control over its activities, under the responsibility of its management. In 2007, significant efforts were made in the field of operational risk to recast the management of second-level ongoing control. Based on a mapping of the procedures applied, this consisted of identifying all risks that could affect the procedures and of setting out the applicable first-level ongoing controls in order to review the existing or required second-level controls.

These control procedures are used to ensure the effective management of ongoing control. Each ongoing control manager applies the second-level controls applicable to his area of responsibility. The results of such controls are stored and may be accessed by risk type, organizational entity and process. They are reported to the ongoing control manager in each entity and, via CFCM for its subsidiaries and central departments, of CICM.

In parallel to its ongoing control system, the Group has adopted an incident-reporting procedure designed to record all operational risk incidents, in the widest sense, having an adverse financial impact of 1,000 euros or more. The risks linked to such incidents are assessed twice each year, when the half-yearly and annual accounts are prepared.

### ➤ **Periodic controls**

Periodic control ensures the “legitimacy of transactions, the level of risk effectively run, compliance with procedures, and the effectiveness and appropriateness of the on-going control system” (Article 6 of CRBF Regulation 97-02).

In the Arkéa Group, all periodic controls are the responsibility solely of the Internal Audit and Periodic Control department of Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel. In addition to the periodic control of CICM itself, the department has been authorized by each Group entity to exercise periodic control over that entity. With line responsibility to the Executive Board of CICM, the department reports to the Periodic Control Committee and the Audit Committee.

CICM's Head of Internal Audit and Periodic Control has been designated with the French Banking Commission as the periodic control manager for the Arkéa Group.

Periodic control is carried out within the framework of an annual plan determined in accordance with the periodic control planning procedure applied in the Arkéa Group. The control program is established at least annually and reflects the control objectives of the Group's executive and decision-taking bodies.

The control program and activities falling within the scope of the authorizations delegated to CICM by all other Group companies are totally independent of the exercise of periodic controls on a consolidated basis over CICM in its capacity as the central body of the Arkéa Group.

Persons involved in periodic control are independent of those involved in operations and the associated risks, and independent of those responsible for on-going control. They are provided with specific, proprietary applications in terms of methodology and information systems.



Assignments are performed on site and/or remotely. Periodic control of operational risk is carried out through the audit of procedures, combined with the audit of on-going control procedures.

### 3.3.3 **Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel's own specific risk management system**

The CFCM risk management system is part of the general framework of the Arkéa Group system described above.

Being responsible for the Group's capital markets activities and the management of all its subsidiaries, CFCM has implemented a system that is well suited to its particular activities and risks. This approach associates:

- segregation of duties, to prevent conflicts of interest
- inter-company committees, specialized by type of risk
- the risk management and internal control functions, which are carried out in close collaboration with CICM.

#### ➤ **Segregation of duties**

The organization adopted within Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel and its subsidiaries guarantees a segregation of duties, firstly between all third-party management activities – which are entrusted to the Federal Finance Gestion asset management company – and the company's proprietary trading activities, which are carried out by Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel.

Only these two entities participate in the capital markets, and this, independently from one another, notably to guarantee the primacy of customers' interests.

This segregation of duties effective at the institutional level is also found at the operational level.

CFCM is organized in the following manner:

- The Front Office:
  - trades financial instruments for the account of CFCM,
  - trades interest rate and foreign currency hedging instruments on behalf of corporate clients of the Group's banking networks and partners, within the framework of formal agreements.
- The Back Offices record the transactions and their unwinding in the accounting system, and act as custodians of proprietary and third-party assets,
- The Middle Office is responsible for day-to-day monitoring of operations and credit and counterparty risk linked to CFCM's activities.

To improve security over these activities, the duties are also segregated by having both the Back Offices and the Middle Office departments report to the Corporate Secretary of Compagnie Financière, while the Front Office reports to the Financial Markets and International Activities department. Under this organization, each structure organizes and performs its own permanent first- and second-level controls.

#### ➤ **Committees**

Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel's committees were set up to prepare and monitor all operating and strategic decisions by uniting the expertise contained throughout Compagnie Financière, its subsidiaries and, if appropriate, the Arkéa Group, in a spirit of inter-company cooperation.

The discussions that take place within these committees often involve insider information. All participants are, therefore, subject to the same rules as employees deemed to be "concerned" within the definition set by the French securities regulator, the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* (AMF), in order to avoid any inappropriate spreading or illicit use (insider trading) of such information.

These committees rely greatly on the analyses and monitoring provided by Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel's Middle Office department, and take their decisions in accordance with the limits that have been established by the Board of Directors.

These committees are:

- Credit Committee, to review all credit requests (specialized financing, syndicated loans, guarantees given, funds guaranteed, etc.), and for decisions to grant such requests,
- Credit Risk Monitoring Committee, which monitors sensitive credit files and those placed on alert,
- Capital Markets Counterparty Credit Committee, for the selection of interbank counterparties, issuers and capital market intermediaries,
- Partner Approval Committee, for optimizing and ensuring the security of all purchases of financial products and services for the entire Group (notably for selection of the management companies and mutual funds marketed),
- Financial Management Committee, which is responsible for broad balance sheet equilibria, compliance with financial ratios and the financial management of CFCM through its performances and its profitability, and the On-going controls Committee, examined hereafter in greater detail.

### ➤ CFCM's specific internal controls

Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel has organized its permanent and periodic internal control system in compliance with the framework system adopted by the Arkéa Group to meet the requirements of the new CRBF Regulation 97-02.

#### 🔗 *On-going control*

The organization adopted by Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel is reflected notably in the deployment of the On-going control department formed in 2005 and strengthened in 2007.

This department's assignments are intended to:

- Check the compliance of banking and insurance activities,
- Check the compliance of investment services,
- Monitor risk controls in respect of market and counterparty risk on the one hand, and credit risk on the other,
- Ensure the effectiveness of procedures in the fight against money laundering and the financing of terrorism.

It is responsible for monitoring that on-going control procedures and actions are complied with and conducted in accordance with the on-going control system adopted by Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel.

Within the framework of this system, CFCM's On-going control department assumes responsibility for the on-going control of compliance. Moreover, in accordance with the procedures applicable to all companies in the Arkéa Group, the Financial Markets and International Activities department and the Corporate Secretariat have each appointed a on-going controller with line responsibility to the department head. Their responsibilities, within each of the two departments, are to:

- Adapt each department's permanent systems to the risks generated by their activities;
- Establish the annual on-going control plan;
- Ensure that first- and second-level controls are implemented by the various CFCM entities;
- Undertake additional controls where required.

Management of the on-going controller's function is provided, within its sphere of activities, by CFCM's On-going control department in liaison with CICM's Risk Management department.

Concerning the various governance bodies, the Board of Directors of Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel, its decision-taking body, examines the internal control reviews presented to it.

The Executive Board, the executive body, chairs CFCM's On-going control Committee, which also comprises the heads of each central entity within Compagnie Financière. The committee meets quarterly and is charged in particular with monitoring the deployment of applications and the progress of work in respect of controls, and with assessing the quality and effectiveness of the on-going control systems.

#### 🔗 *Periodic control*

Even before the changes to CRBF Regulation 97-02, implementation of periodic controls within CFCM was the responsibility, as in most Arkéa Group entities, of the General Inspection and Internal Audit department, which reported to The Executive Board of Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel.

This structure, which already complied with the requirements for independence of periodic and on-going controls as set out in the reform of CRBF Regulation 97-02, has been confirmed. In this context, the CFCM Board of Directors has delegated the exercise of periodic control within CFCM to the Internal Audit and Periodic Control department (formerly the General Inspection and Audit department).

## 3.4 Financial elements

The financial year of CFCM runs from 1 January to 31 December. The annual results of the Issuer CFCM shown hereafter are the non consolidated and consolidated accounts.

### 3.4.1 Statutory appropriation of earnings

At least 20% of annual earnings are allocated to legal reserves, which appear on the balance sheet. This obligation ceases when the level of reserves reaches 10% of the share capital.

Thereafter, other sums are allocated for the remuneration of shareholders. Dividends may be paid in the form of shares if the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders so decides.

### 3.4.2 Accounts at 31 December 2007

#### (a) Balance sheet

*Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel had total assets of 22.5 billion euros at 31 December 2007, consisting essentially of capital markets transactions. Funding transactions for Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel, subsidiaries and other Crédit Mutuel federations represented 13.5 billion euros (up 4.6 billion euros year-on-year due to the increased requirements of subsidiaries and the mutual networks) and Front Office proprietary trading transactions accounted for 7.5 billion euros. Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel had shareholders' equity of 864 million euros excluding the Reserve for General Banking Risk and 857 million euros of subordinated debt, including 250 million euros of super subordinated debt.*

*The company acts as the market operator for the Arkéa Group and as a holding company. Its portfolio of equity interests and similar holdings totalled 1.2 billion euros, virtually unchanged year-on-year.*

#### (b) Off-balance sheet

*CFCM's off-balance sheet items consist essentially of transactions in forward financial instruments totalling 33.4 billion euros, including 25.8 billion euros in interest rate swaps.*

#### (c) Income statement

Following a first half-year marked by rising short rates and the erosion of credit margins, the last five months of 2007 were hit hard by a severe financial crisis resulting from the contagion of European banks by the U.S. subprime crisis. In this context, net banking income dropped to 43.5 million euros from 89.9 million euros in 2006. The fall in value of financial assets prompted the recognition of significant capital losses and, for reasons of caution, the constitution of additional provisions against proprietary trading CDOs.

This reduction in net banking income was partially offset by the receipt of interim dividends and the realization of capital gains on sales of securities.

Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel's overhead expense totalled 21.5 million euros, an increase of 1.5 million euros (7.7%) from 2006 as a result of the development of activities and participation in strategic projects.

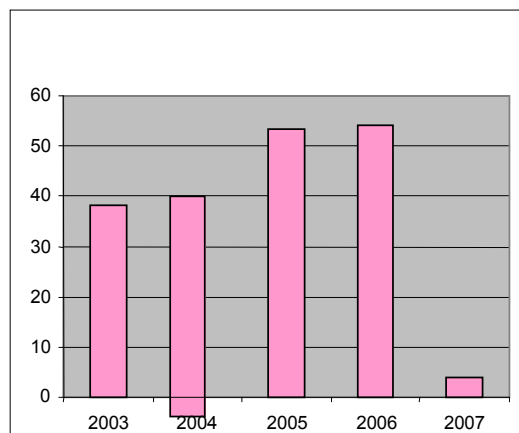
A gross operating loss of 65 million euros was posted, compared with gross operating income of 69.9 million euros in 2006.

Net risk provisions resulted in a credit to the income statement of 7.2 million euros compared with an expense of 5.7 million euros in 2006, as provisions no longer required on Leveraged Buy Outs (LBOs) were reversed.

*A pre-tax loss on ordinary activities of 24.8 million euros was made, compared with current income of 65.3 million euros in 2006. It included provision writebacks and capital gains on disposals from the equity interests' portfolio of 33 million euros, compared with 1.1 million euros in 2006.*

Net income for the year totalled 4,094,964.61 euros and is stated after the reallocation to Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel by Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel of a 29.1 million euro loss carry-back.

### Company net income (in millions of euros)



*Including retained earnings of 7,712,797.43 euros, distributable earnings in respect of fiscal 2007 amounted to 11,807,762.04 euros.*

*The proposed appropriation of distributable earnings submitted to the Shareholders' Meeting is as follows:*

- To legal reserve  
204,748.23 euros
- To retained earnings  
11,603,013.81 euros

#### 3.4.3 Consolidated accounts at 31 December 2007

The year was marked by a rise in short-term rates and stability in long-term rates. This had an unfavourable impact on the lending networks' financial margin, although that was mitigated by the diversity of Compagnie Financière's subsidiaries' businesses and by the fees and commissions generated on the Group's activities and services. The consolidation scope of Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel changed between 2005 and 2006.

At the end of December 2005, Suravenir acquired General Electric's life insurance subsidiary, which became Vie Plus. While Vie Plus had no impact on 2005, 2006 earnings included a full 12 months' worth of operations. In addition, the ProCapital group was acquired in August, and Alcor Bank Luxembourg and Eurogérance were deconsolidated during the year.

##### (a) Consolidated balance sheet

Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel had total assets of 47.8 billion euros at 31 December 2007, up 15.7% from the previous year.

- On the assets side, amounts due from credit institutions rose by 3.6 billion euros to 7.7 billion euros, mainly as a result of the increased requirements of the mutual networks and the replacement of liquidity raised in the last quarter of 2007, in line with the Arkéa Group's liquidity management policy.

Financial assets at fair value through the income statement, comprising mainly unit-linked investments (other than euro-denominated funds) on behalf of life insurance policyholders, rose by 39% to 8.7 billion euros as a result of the higher level of life insurance outstandings.

Lastly, customer loans by Compagnie Financière and its subsidiaries (BCME, Banque Privée Européenne, Financo, and Caméfi-Banque) totalled 8.9 billion euros, up by 9.9% year-on-year.

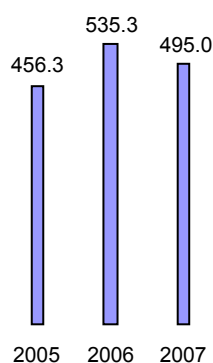
- On the liabilities side, as the counterpart to changes in investments on the asset side of the balance sheet, growth in the number of policies and customer outstandings at Suravenir triggered a 1.4 billion euro rise in life insurance technical provisions, to 22.2 billion euros. Resources raised through the 2007 EMTN program, which have an average maturity of seven years, and the strong growth in negotiable certificates of deposit brought total debt securities to 15.6 billion euros, up by 3.3 billion euros year-on-year. At end-2007, 41% of the capital raised through EMTN programs was from countries other than France, demonstrating the geographic diversification of CFCM's funding.

Shareholders' equity net of minority interests totalled 1.3 billion euros, down by 7.8% from the previous year and represented 2.7% of total liabilities at 31 December 2007. This decline was a direct result of the financial crisis and attributable to two causes: the reduction in CFCM's consolidated net income for the year, and the negative impact directly through shareholders' equity of the unrealized losses on asset swap

and securitization portfolios managed by the Front Office for CFCM's proprietary trading activities. These portfolios have been temporarily penalized by the widening of credit spreads but the quality of their assets remains high.

(b) Consolidated profit and loss

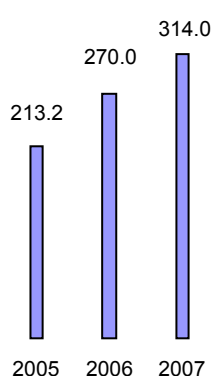
**Net banking and insurance income (in millions of euros)**



Net banking and insurance income declined by 7.5% to 495 million euros, as a direct result of the financial markets crisis and its significant impact on the trading desk's proprietary trading activities, particularly in CDOs.

Impairment provisions recognized in 2007 reflect the reduced value of portfolios that were hard hit by global changes in the credit market and widening spreads, and decisions taken at the year end, notably to provide fully against investments exposed to subprime risk. Such investments account for only a marginal share of the Arkéa Group's capital markets activities, as its portfolio consists essentially of asset swaps and securitizations, the quality of which remains high. After restatement of the capital markets activities, net banking and insurance income would have increased by over 24% under the combined effect of the strong performances by insurance activities (up by nearly 23%) and by retail banking, which posted an 18.3% rise in net banking and insurance income.

**Operating expenses (in millions of euros)**



Overhead expense consists mainly of personnel expense, other administrative charges and amortization of provisions, and reached 314 million euros in 2007, up by 43.9 million euros (16.2%) from 2006.

The first-time consolidation of Eole Finance and the full-year consolidation of the ProCapital group (consolidated for five months in 2006) accounted for 90% of the increase in CFCM's consolidated overheads.

Excluding changes in consolidation scope, 2007 was characterized by satisfactory control over overheads, which rose by 4.6 million euros (1.8%).

On the same basis, personnel expense increased by 2.7 million euros (2.6%) in accordance with the terms of collective bargaining agreements.

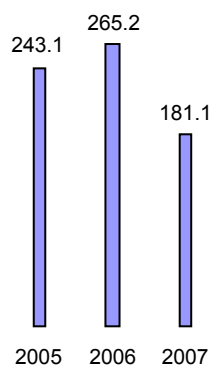
Other administrative charges increased by 1.9 million euros (1.3%) at constant consolidation scope, which represents virtual stability in the context of the continued development of the Arkéa Group's subsidiaries' activities.

*Compagnie Financière and its subsidiaries had an average headcount of 1,642 in 2007, compared with 1,622 the previous year.*

### Operating ratio

The operating ratio was atypical in 2007, at 63.4% compared with 50.5% in 2006. It was hard hit by the impact of impairment provisions recognized in banking and insurance net income from capital markets activities.

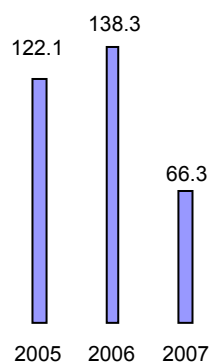
### Income from operations (in millions of euros)



Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel's consolidated gross operating income in 2007 declined by 31.7% to 181.1 million euros.

A provision of 21.8 million euros, compared with 32.8 million euros in 2006, was raised to cover the Group's credit risks.

### Consolidated net income (in millions of euros)



Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel's consolidated net income in 2007 declined by 52% year-on-year to 66.3 million euros. After restatement of the capital markets activities, it would have increased by 22.3%.

#### 3.4.4 Share capital

CFCM's issued share capital is €715 million, made up of 71,500,000 ordinary shares numbered from 1 to 71,500,000 with a par value of €10.

The share capital can be increased in accordance with legal provisions. New shares can be issued either at par value or at a premium.

A capital increase can only be approved by an extraordinary general meeting, on the basis of a report by the Board of Directors.

Any increase in capital at above par value requires the unanimous approval of shareholders, unless such an increase is effected by incorporating reserves, earnings or issue premiums.

An extraordinary general meeting can delegate the necessary powers to the Board of Directors to increase the share capital on one or more occasions, to establish the terms of the increase, to certify that such terms have been carried out and to amend the CFCM's articles of association accordingly.

A reduction in capital can be decided by an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders, which may delegate to the Board of Directors all the necessary powers to carry out such a reduction.

### **3.5 Composition of the management**

CFCM is a French "*Société Anonyme*" governed by the general law of commercial companies and by the laws applicable to financial and banking institutions.

However, its membership of a mutual and co-operative bank group has an influence on its operational methods.

Thus CFCM committed itself to implementing the "best practice" governance methods.

This is illustrated by:

- The allocation of powers;
- The composition and work of the Board of Directors;
- The rights and duties of the Board of Directors;
- The methods for the indemnification and remuneration of the Directors and Executive Officers.

#### **3.5.1 Allocation of powers in CFCM**

By implementing the proposal of the act on "New Economic Regulation" dated 15 May 2001, the Board of Directors decided to separate the functions of Chairman of the Board of Directors and Managing Director.

The Board of Directors considered that this separation of the function of direction and the function of management, guaranteed the greatest efficiency.

In accordance with the legal provisions:

- The Board of Directors determines the orientation of CFCM's activities, ensures their implementation, and carries out any necessary monitoring;
- The Chairman, in charge of the Board of Directors, ensures its efficient functioning, the provision of constant and complete information to the Board, and ensures co-ordination with the general management ;
- The Managing Director takes responsibility for the management of the company and represents the company vis-à-vis third parties.

Christian Touzalin and Albert Le Guyader are respectively Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Compagnie Financière.

Humbert de Fresnoy is Executive Managing Director, with both executive and operational responsibility.



### 3.5.2 Composition and work of the Board of Directors of CFCM

Since the 27 April 2007 Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors has been composed of 15 directors elected from among the shareholders (fourteen men and one woman; average age: 59). All are directors of a local Crédit Mutuel savings bank and are, or were, businesspeople. Two employee representatives also participate in the meetings of the Board of Directors.

Various specific committees assist the Executive Management Committee and the Board of Directors with the performance of their duties:

- ↳ Executive management committee
- ↳ Credit Committee
- ↳ Capital Markets Counterparty Credit Committee
- ↳ Partner Approval Committee
- ↳ Financial Management Committee
- ↳ Ongoing Controls Committee

#### Changes made to corporate governance of CFCM in 2006:

- ↳ Nomination by the Shareholders' Meeting of Christian Peron as a director, to replace Amand Denieul,
- ↳ Nomination by the Shareholders' Meeting of Marcel Favrot as a director, to replace Jean-Pierre Guédon,
- ↳ Nomination by the shareholder's meeting of Michel Gourtay as a director.
- ↳ Renewal of the appointments of Christian Cadiou, Jean-Louis Chartier and Jean-Louis Dussouchaud as directors.

#### (a) Composition of the Board of Directors of CFCM since 3 May 2007

		Date term first began - Date term will expire
<b>CHAIRMAN</b>		
Christian	Touzalin.....	1996-2009
<b>VICE CHAIRMAN</b>		
Albert	Le Guyader .....	1996-2008
<b>DIRECTORS</b>		
Rémy	Cabaret .....	1997-2009
Christian	Cadiou .....	1998-2010
Joseph	Carret.....	2005-2008
Jean-Louis	Chartier.....	2006-2010
Jean-Pierre	Corlay.....	1991-2009
Jean-François	Devaux .....	2003-2009
Jean-Louis	Dussouchaud.....	2001-2010
Marcel	Favrot .....	2007-2009
Marcel	Garnier.....	2000-2008
Michel	Gourtay.....	2007-2010
Marie-Thérèse	Groussard.....	2005-2008
Christian	Peron .....	2007-2010
Gilbert	Tronel.....	2006-2009

#### (b) Rights and duties of CFCM Board of Directors

In 2007, the Board of Directors held 12 meetings, each of which lasted an average of three hours. The directors posted an 82% average attendance rate.

The duties of the Board of Directors in 2007 are described in detail in the report of the Chairman of the Board of Directors attached to this management report and submitted voluntarily to the independent auditors for their evaluation. This report summarizes the conditions under which the Board prepared and organized its work and describes the internal control procedures set in place by Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel, especially as concerns accounting and financial information.

(c) The General Management Committee

**Chief Executive Officer:**

Humbert de Fresnoye

**Executive Vice President, Real Estate division**

René Gil

**Executive Vice President, Ongoing Control**

Christophe Lautrain

**Executive Vice President, Development and Partnerships**

Gilbert Richard

**Corporate Secretary**

Alain Tarouilly

**4. 2008 OUTLOOK**

In 2008, the mid-point of the 2005-2010 medium-term plan, Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel will focus its actions on two major strategic themes:

- Strong, appropriate and diversified growth, notably through promoting synergies between Arkéa Group entities and by exporting expertise;
- Controlled and sustainable growth to consolidate the Group's economic fundamentals in a more secure environment and enhanced flexibility of the risk control system.

At the same time, Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel will participate actively in building the "Arkéa Horizon 2015" development project.

**5. LIST OF POSITIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CFCM**

**Christian Touzalin, Chairman**

Chairman of Fédération du Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest  
 Chairman of Caisse Régionale du Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest  
 Director of Caisse de Crédit Mutuel d'Angoulême "Ma Campagne"  
 Vice Chairman of Caisse Interfédérale du Crédit Mutuel  
 Director of Suravenir Assurances Holding  
 Director of Suravenir Assurances  
 Director of Confédération Nationale du Crédit Mutuel  
 Chairman of the Control and Audit Commission of Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest  
 Member of the Supervisory Board of Infolis  
 Chief Executive Officer of STGA (Société de Transport du Grand Angoulême)  
 Member of the Supervisory Board of Synergie Transport  
 Director of SLEC (Société d'Exploitation du Câble du Grand Angoulême)

**Albert Le Guyader, Vice Chairman**

Chairman of the Supervisory Board of SAS Foncière Investissement  
 Vice Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Banque Commerciale pour le Marché de l'Entreprise  
 Director of Caisse de Crédit Mutuel de Lorient Porte des Indes  
 Member of the Supervisory Board of Caméfi-Banque  
 Member of the Audit Committee

**Rémy Cabaret, Director**

Vice Chairman of Caisse de Crédit Mutuel de Erquy - Pléneuf  
 Director of Armorique Habitat  
 Member of the Supervisory Board of SAS Foncière Investissement  
 Director of Acta Voyages  
 Member of Association de Gestion du Fonds d'Entraide

**Christian Cadiou, Director**

Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Federal Finance Banque  
 Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Federal Finance Gestion  
 Vice Chairman of Caisse de Crédit Mutuel de Brest Bellevue-Quizac  
 Member of the Supervisory Board of ProCapital

**Joseph Carret, Director**

Chairman of Caisse de Crédit Mutuel de Plougastel-Daoulas  
 Chairman of the Negotiation Commission of U.E.S Arkade  
 Vice Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Federal Finance Gestion  
 Member of the Supervisory Board of Federal Finance Banque  
 Director of Fédération du Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne  
 Member of the Finistère Departmental Control Commission of Crédit Mutuel de Bretagne

**Jean-Louis Chartier, Director**

Vice Chairman of Caisse de Crédit Mutuel de Pontivy  
 Director of Banque Privée Européenne  
 Member of Association Créavenir Bretagne

**Jean-Pierre Corlay, Director**

Vice Chairman of Caisse de Crédit Mutuel de Quimper Centre  
 Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Suravenir  
 Director of Novelia  
 Member of the Supervisory Board of Fortuneo

**Jean-François Devaux, Director**

Chairman of Banque Privée Européenne  
 Chairman of Fédération du Crédit Mutuel Massif-Central  
 Vice Chairman of Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel  
 Director of Caisse de Crédit Mutuel de Clermont-Galaxie  
 Director of Caisse Régionale de Crédit Mutuel Massif Central  
 Director of Confédération Nationale du Crédit Mutuel  
 Non-voting member of the Board of Suravenir Assurances Holding  
 Member of the Control and Audit Commission of Crédit Mutuel Massif Central  
 Director of Suravenir Assurances  
 Director of APCAS (Association de Prévoyance Collective et Assurance Santé)  
 Director of Société Clermontoise de Télévision

**Jean-Louis Dussouchaud, Director**

Vice Chairman of Fédération du Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest

Director of Caisse Régionale du Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest  
 Chairman of Caisse de Crédit Mutuel de Pessac-Centre  
 Director of Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel  
 Director of Novélia  
 Member of the Real Estate Investment and Cooperative Action Commission of Crédit Mutuel du Sud-Ouest  
 Director of the Le Teste de Buch public/private joint venture (SEM)  
 Member of the Financial Statements Committee

**Marcel Favrot, Director**

Director of Caisse de Crédit Mutuel de Fougères

**Marcel Garnier, Director**

Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Banque Commerciale pour le Marché de l'Entreprise  
 Vice Chairman of Caisse de Crédit Mutuel de Loudéac-Plouguenast  
 Director of Synergie Finance  
 Member of the Supervisory Board of Caméfi-Banque  
 Director of Société Condi Plus  
 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of SAS Transports Garnier

**Michel Gourtay, Director**

Director of Caisse de Crédit Mutuel du Relecq-Kerhuon  
 Member of the Supervisory Board of Banque Commerciale pour le Marché de l'Entreprise

**Marie-Thérèse Groussard, Director**

Vice Chairman of Caisse de Crédit Mutuel de Fougères  
 Director of Financo

**Christian Peron, Director**

Chairman of Crédit Mutuel Agricole et Rural  
 Chairman of Caisse de Bretagne de Crédit Agricole Mutuel  
 Chairman of Caisse de Crédit Mutuel de Bannalec  
 Member of the Supervisory Board of Suravenir  
 Member of the Supervisory Board of Banque Commerciale pour le Marché de l'Entreprise

**Gilbert Tronel, Director**

Vice Chairman of Caisse de Crédit Mutuel de Languieux-Trégueux  
 Representative of Caisse Interfédérale de Crédit Mutuel to Société Civile Immobilière Interfédérale  
 Member of the Supervisory Board of Suravenir

**List of offices held by members of the CFCM Executive Management Committee in 2006**

	<b>Primary function</b>	<b>Offices held</b>
<b>Humbert de Fresnoye</b>	Chief Executive Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chairman of the Supervisory Board de ProCapital</li> <li>❖ Chairman of Novélia</li> <li>❖ Chairman of Financo</li> <li>❖ Chairman of Eole Finance</li> <li>❖ Vice Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Eurobretagne 12</li> <li>❖ Director of Suravenir Assurances Holding</li> <li>❖ Director of Suravenir Assurances</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Member of the Executive Board of Suravenir (to 01/11/07)</li> <li>❖ Member of the Supervisory Board of Infolis</li> <li>❖ Member of the Supervisory Board of Caméfi Banque</li> <li>❖ Director of Banque Privée Européenne</li> <li>❖ Chief Executive Officer of Fédéral Immo</li> <li>❖ Director of Europim</li> <li>❖ Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Foncière Investissement (to 28/09/07)</li> </ul>
<b>Gilbert Richard</b>	EVP – Development and Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chairman of the Executive Board of Banque Commerciale pour le Marché de l'Entreprise</li> <li>❖ Chairman of the Executive Board of Caméfi-Banque</li> <li>❖ Director of Synergie Finance (representing Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel)</li> <li>❖ Director of Bail Entreprises (representing Murs II)</li> <li>❖ Director of Sobrepar</li> <li>❖ Director of Soderec</li> </ul>
<b>Jean Chausse</b>	EVP – Financial Markets and International Activities (to 07 November 2007)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Eurobretagne 12</li> <li>❖ Vice Chairman of the Supervisory Board of ProCapital</li> <li>❖ Director of Banque des Marchés et d'Arbitrage (representing CFCM)</li> <li>❖ Director of Synergie Finance (representing Sobrepar)</li> </ul>
<b>Alain Tarouilly</b>	Corporate Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Member of the Supervisory Board of Eurobretagne 12</li> </ul>
<b>René Gil</b>	EVP – Real Estate division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Director of Eurobretagne</li> <li>❖ Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Foncière Investissement</li> </ul>

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The members of the Board of Directors and Executive Management Committee have their business addresses at the registered office of the Issuer (1 rue Louis Lichou, 29480 Le Relecq Kerhuon/Brest, France)

## **6. CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OF THE GENERAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

There are no conflicts of interests between any duties to CFCM of any members of the Board of Directors and of the General Management Committee of CFCM and their private interests and or other duties.

## **7. STATUTORY AUDITORS TO CFCM**

The auditors of CFCM for the financial year ended 31 December 2007 are Mazars & Guérard, 61 rue Henri Régnauld, 92400 Courbevoie, France and Deoitte et Associés, 185 avenue Charles de Gaulle, 92524 Neuilly sur Seine Cedex, France.

**RECENT EVENTS**

In this context of financial crisis, Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel still suffers from the widening of the credit spreads because most of the assets managed by the trading desk are invested in asset swaps, securisation shares and collateralized debt obligations (CDOs). However, due to the business mix of CFCM and Groupe Arkéa, this unfavorable environment is balanced by the positive results of other lines of business.

Concerning the subprime risk, all the exposure has been totally written down at the end of 2007 and Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel has no affiliate exposed to subprime mortgages.

## FORM OF FINAL TERMS

### Final Terms dated [●]

[LOGO, if document is printed]

**COMPAGNIE FINANCIERE DU CREDIT MUTUEL**  
 Issue of [Aggregate Nominal Amount of Tranche] [Title of Notes]  
 under the € 13,000,000,000  
 Euro Medium Term Note Programme

[Name(s) of Dealer(s)]

[The Base Prospectus referred to below (as completed by these Final Terms) has been prepared on the basis that, except as provided in sub-paragraph (ii) below, any offer of Notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (2003/71/EC) (each, a “**Relevant Member State**”) will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the Notes. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer of the Notes may only do so:

(i) in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer; or

(ii) in those Public Offer Jurisdictions mentioned in Paragraph 37 of Part A below, provided such person is one of the persons mentioned in Paragraph 37 of Part A below and that such offer is made during the Offer Period specified for such purpose therein.

Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Notes in any other circumstances] *[Include this legend where a non-exempt offer of Notes is anticipated]*.

[The Base Prospectus referred to below (as completed by these Final Terms) has been prepared on the basis that any offer of Notes in any Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (2003/71/EC) (each, a “**Relevant Member State**”) will be made pursuant to an exemption under the Prospectus Directive, as implemented in that Relevant Member State, from the requirement to publish a prospectus for offers of the Notes. Accordingly any person making or intending to make an offer in that Relevant Member State of the Notes may only do so in circumstances in which no obligation arises for the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, in each case, in relation to such offer. Neither the Issuer nor any Dealer has authorised, nor do they authorise, the making of any offer of Notes in any other circumstances] *[Include this legend where only an exempt offer of Notes is anticipated]*.

## PART A – CONTRACTUAL TERMS

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions set forth in the Base Prospectus dated 10 July 2008 [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [●]] which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the “**Prospectus Directive**”). This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive and must be read in conjunction with such Base Prospectus [as so supplemented]. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the Base Prospectus [as so supplemented]. [The Base Prospectus [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] [is] [are] available for viewing on the websites of (a) the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (www.bourse.lu) during a period of twelve months from the date of the Base Prospectus and (b) the

Issuer (<http://www.arkea.com>), [and] during normal business hours at, and copies may be obtained from, the registered office of the Issuer and at the specified office of the Paying Agent(s).] [In addition<sup>1</sup>, the Base Prospectus [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] [is] [are] available for viewing [on/at] [●].]

*The following alternative language applies if the first tranche of an issue which is being increased was issued under a Base Prospectus with an earlier date.*

Terms used herein shall be deemed to be defined as such for the purposes of the Conditions (the **Conditions**) set forth in the Base Prospectus dated [original date] [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [●]]. This document constitutes the Final Terms of the Notes described herein for the purposes of Article 5.4 of the Prospectus Directive (Directive 2003/71/EC) (the "**Prospectus Directive**") and must be read in conjunction with the Base Prospectus dated 10 July 2008 [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [●]], which [together] constitute[s] a base prospectus for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive, save in respect of the Conditions which are extracted from the [Prospectus/Base Prospectus] dated [original date] [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [●]] and are attached hereto. Full information on the Issuer and the offer of the Notes is only available on the basis of the combination of these Final Terms and the [Prospectus/Base Prospectus] dated [original date] and [current date] [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus dated [●] and [●]]. [The [Prospectus/Base Prospectus] [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] [is] [are] available for viewing on the websites of (a) the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)) during a period of twelve months from the date of the Base Prospectus and (b) the Issuer (<http://www.arkea.com>), [and] during normal business hours at, and copies may be obtained from, the registered office of the Issuer and at the specified office of the Paying Agent(s).] [In addition<sup>2</sup>, the Base Prospectus [and the supplement to the Base Prospectus] [is] [are] available for viewing [on/at] [●].]

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<sup>1</sup> If the Notes are admitted to trading on a Regulated Market other than the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

<sup>2</sup> If the Notes are admitted to trading on a Regulated Market other than the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.



*[Include whichever of the following apply or specify as “Not Applicable” (N/A). Note that the numbering should remain as set out below, even if “Not Applicable” is indicated for individual paragraphs or sub-paragraphs. Italics denote guidance for completing the Final Terms.]*

*[When completing final terms or adding any other final terms or information consideration should be given as to whether such terms or information constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive, the publication of which would in turn trigger the investors’ right to withdraw their acceptances within a 48-hour time period.]*

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|----|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | <b>Issuer:</b>                            | Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 2. | <b>[(i)] Series Number:</b>               | [●]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|    | <b>[(ii)] Tranche Number:</b>             | [●]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|    |                                           | (If fungible with an existing Series, details of that Series, including the date on which the Notes become fungible).]                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 3. | <b>Specified Currency or Currencies:</b>  | [●]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 4. | <b>Aggregate Nominal Amount of Notes:</b> | [●]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|    | [(i)] Series:                             | [●]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|    | [(ii)] Tranche:                           | [●]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 5. | <b>Issue Price:</b>                       | [●] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount [plus accrued interest from <i>[insert date]</i> (if applicable)]                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 6. | <b>Specified Denominations:</b>           | [●] <sup>3</sup> ( <i>one denomination only for Dematerialised Notes</i> ) ( <i>Not less than €1,000 or its equivalent in other currency at the Issue Date for Notes admitted to trading or offered to the public in the EEA in circumstances where a prospectus is required to be published under the Prospectus Directive</i> ) |
| 7. | <b>(i) Issue Date:</b>                    | [●]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|    | <b>(ii) Interest Commencement Date:</b>   | [Specify/Issue Date/Not Applicable]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 8. | <b>Maturity Date:</b>                     | [Specify date or (for Floating Rate Notes) Interest Payment Date falling in or nearest to the relevant month and year]                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9. | <b>Interest Basis:</b>                    | [[●] per cent. Fixed Rate]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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<sup>3</sup> Notes [(including Notes denominated in Sterling) in respect of which the issue proceeds are to be accepted by the issuer in the United Kingdom or whose issue otherwise constitutes a contravention of S19 FSMA and] which have a maturity of less than one year must have a minimum redemption value of £100,000 (or its equivalent in other currencies).

- [[*EURIBOR, EONIA, LIBOR, CMS, TEC or other*] +/- [●] per cent. Floating Rate]  
 [Zero Coupon]  
 [Index Linked Interest]  
 [Other (*specify*)]  
 (further particulars specified below)
- 10. Redemption/Payment Basis:** [Redemption at par]  
 [Index Linked Redemption]  
 [Dual Currency]  
 [Partly Paid]  
 [Instalment]  
 [Other (*specify*)]  
 (further particulars specified below)
- [(N.B. If the Final Redemption Amount is different than 100% of the nominal value, the Notes will constitute derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation No.809/2004 will apply.)]*
- 11. Change of Interest or Redemption/Payment Basis:** [*Specify details of any provision for convertibility of Notes into another interest or redemption/payment basis*]
- 12. Put/Call Options:** [Noteholder Put]  
 [Issuer Call]  
 [(further particulars specified below)]
- 13. [(i)] Status of the Notes:** [[Dated/Perpetual]/Subordinated/Unsubordinated Notes]
- [Specify details of any provision for Subordinated Notes in particular whether the proceeds of which constitute Tier 1, Upper Tier 2, Lower Tier 2 or Tier 3 Capital, as the case may be, whether such Notes are dated or undated, whether ordinary or deeply, whether interest deferral provisions apply and whether any additional events of default should apply]*
- [(ii)] [Date [Board] approval for issuance of Notes obtained:** [●]
- 14. Method of distribution:** [Syndicated/Non-syndicated]
- PROVISIONS RELATING TO INTEREST (IF ANY) PAYABLE**
- 15. Fixed Rate Note Provisions:** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Rate[(s)] of Interest: [●] per cent. per annum [payable [annually /

- semi-annually / quarterly / monthly / other (specify)] in arrear]
- (ii) Interest Payment Date(s): [●] in each year
- (iii) Fixed Coupon Amount[(s)]: [●] per [●] in Specified Denomination
- (iv) Broken Amount(s): *[Insert particulars of any initial or final broken interest amounts which do not correspond with the Fixed Coupon Amount[(s)]]*
- (v) Day Count Fraction: [30/360 / Actual/Actual (ICMA/ISDA) / other]
- (vi) Determination Dates: [●] in each year
- (insert regular Interest Payment Dates, ignoring Issue Date or Maturity Date in the case of a long or short first or last coupon. N.B. only relevant where Day Count Fraction is Actual/Actual (ICMA))*
- (vii) Other terms relating to the method of calculating interest for Fixed Rate Notes: [Not Applicable/give details]
- 16. Floating Rate Note Provisions:** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Interest Period(s): [●]
- (ii) Specified Interest Payment Dates: [●]
- (iii) Interest Period Date: [●] [Interest Payment Date / Other (specify)]
- (iv) First Interest Payment Date: [●]
- (v) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Business Day Convention/ Following Business Day Convention/ Modified Following Business Day Convention/ Preceding Business Day Convention/ other (give details)]  
*[Insert "unadjusted" if the application of the relevant business day convention is not intended to affect the Interest Amount]*
- (vi) Business Centre(s) (Condition 5(a)): [●]
- (vii) Manner in which the Rate(s) of Interest is/are to be determined: [Screen Rate Determination/FBF Determination/other (give details)]
- (viii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and Interest Amount(s) (if not the [Agent]): [●]

- (ix) Screen Rate Determination:
- Relevant Time: [●]
  - Interest Determination Date(s): [●]
  - Primary Source : *[Specify relevant screen page or "Reference Banks"]*
  - Reference Banks (if Primary Source is "Reference Banks"): *[Specify four]*
  - Relevant Financial Centre: *[The financial centre most closely connected to the benchmark - specify if not Paris]*
  - Benchmark: *[LIBOR, EURIBOR, EONIA or other benchmark]*
  - Representative Amount: *[Specify if screen or Reference Bank quotations are to be given in respect of a transaction of a specified notional amount]*
  - Effective Date: *[Specify if quotations are not to be obtained with effect from commencement of Interest Accrual Period]*
  - Specified Duration: *[Specify period for quotation if not duration of Interest Accrual Period]*
- (x) FBF Determination:
- Floating Rate (*Taux Variable*): [●] *(specify Benchmark [EURIBOR, EONIA, LIBOR, CMS, TEC or other] and months [e.g. EURIBOR 3 months]) (additional information if necessary)*
  - Floating Rate Determination Date (*Date de Détermination du Taux Variable*): [●]
  - FBF Definitions (if different from those set out in the Conditions): [●] *(specify how rate determined (e.g. relevant page) if different or not specified in FBF Definitions)*
- (xi) Margin(s): [ +/- ] [●] per cent. per annum
- (xii) Minimum Rate of Interest: [Not Applicable/[●] per cent. per annum]
- (xiii) Maximum Rate of Interest: [Not Applicable/[●] per cent. per annum]
- (xiv) Day Count Fraction: [●]

- (xv) Fall back provisions, rounding provisions, denominator and any other terms relating to the method of calculating interest on Floating Rate Notes, if different from those set out in the Conditions: [ ● ]
- 17. Zero Coupon Note Provisions:** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Amortisation Yield: [ ● ] per cent. per annum
- (ii) Any other formula/basis of determining amount payable: [ ● ]
- 18. Index-Linked Interest Note/other variable-linked interest Note Provisions<sup>4</sup>:** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(If not applicable, delete the remaining subparagraphs of this paragraph)
- (i) Index/Formula/other variable: [give or annex details]
- (ii) Party responsible for calculating the Rate(s) of Interest and/or Interest Amount(s) (if not the [Calculation Agent]): [ ● ][give name and address]
- (iii) Provisions for determining Coupon where calculated by reference to Index and/or Formula and/or other variable: [ ● ]
- (iv) Interest Determination Date(s): [ ● ]
- (v) Provisions for determining Coupon where calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula and/or other variable is impossible or impracticable or otherwise disrupted: [ ● ]
- (vi) Interest or Calculation Period(s): [ ● ]
- (vii) Specified Interest Payment Dates: [ ● ]
- (viii) Business Day Convention: [Floating Rate Business Day Convention/  
Following Business Day Convention/Modified

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<sup>4</sup> If the Final Redemption Amount is different than 100% of the nominal value the Notes will be derivatives securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation apply. This form of Final Terms has been annotated to indicate where the key additional requirements of Annex XII are dealt with.

Following Business Day Convention/Preceding Business Day Convention/other (*give details*)

- (ix) Business Centre(s): [●]
- (x) Minimum Rate of Interest: [Not Applicable/[●] per cent. per annum]
- (xi) Maximum Rate of Interest: [Not Applicable/[●] per cent. per annum]
- (xii) Day Count Fraction: [●]

**19. Dual Currency Note Provisions<sup>5</sup>:**

[Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(*If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph*)

- (i) Rate of Exchange/Method of calculating Rate of Exchange: [Give details]
- (ii) Party, if any, responsible for calculating the principal and/or interest due (if not the [Calculation Agent]): [●][give name and address]
- (iii) Provisions applicable where calculation by reference to Rate of Exchange impossible or impracticable: [Need to include a description of market disruption or settlement disruption events and adjustment provisions]
- (iv) Person at whose option Specified Currency(ies) is/are payable: [●]

**PROVISIONS RELATING TO REDEMPTION**

**20. Call Option:**

[Applicable/Not Applicable]  
(*If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph*)

- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [●]
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [●] per Notes of [●] Specified Denomination
- (iii) If redeemable in part:
- (a) Minimum Redemption Amount: [●]
- (b) Maximum Redemption Amount: [●]

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<sup>5</sup> If the Final Redemption Amount is different than 100% of the nominal value the Notes will be derivatives securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation apply. This form of Final Terms has been annotated to indicate where the key additional requirements of Annex XII are dealt with.

- (iv) Notice period<sup>6</sup>: [●]
- 21. Put Option:** [Applicable/Not Applicable]  
*(If not applicable, delete the remaining sub-paragraphs of this paragraph)*
- (i) Optional Redemption Date(s): [●]
- (ii) Optional Redemption Amount(s) of each Note and method, if any, of calculation of such amount(s): [●] per Note of [●] Specified Denomination
- (iii) Notice period<sup>6</sup>: [●]
- 22. Final Redemption Amount of each Note\*:** [[●] per Notes of [●] Specified Denomination /Specified Denomination/Other/See Appendix]

In cases where the Final Redemption Amount is Index-Linked or other variable-linked:

*[If the Final Redemption Amount is linked to an underlying reference or security, the Notes will constitute derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation No. 809/2004 will apply.]*

- (i) Index/Formula/variable: [give or annex details]
- (ii) Party responsible for calculating the Final Redemption Amount (if not the [Calculation Agent]): [●] [give name and address]
- (iii) Provisions for determining Final Redemption Amount where calculated by reference to Index and/or Formula and/or other variable: [●]
- (iv) Determination Date(s): [●]
- (v) Provisions for determining Final Redemption Amount where

<sup>6</sup> If setting notice periods which are different to those provided in the terms and conditions, consider the practicalities of distribution of information through intermediaries, for example clearing systems, as well as any other notice requirements which may apply, for example as between the Issuer and the Fiscal Agent.

\* If the Final Redemption Amount is different than one hundred per cent. (100%) of the nominal value, the Notes will constitute derivative securities for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive and the requirements of Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation No. 809/2004 will apply. This form of Final Terms has been annotated to indicate where the key additional requirements of Annex XII are dealt with.

calculation by reference to Index and/or Formula and/or other variable is impossible or impracticable or otherwise disrupted:

[ ● ]

(vi) Payment Date: [ ● ]

(vii) Minimum Final Redemption Amount: [ ● ]

(viii) Maximum Final Redemption Amount: [ ● ]

**23. Early Redemption Amount:**

Early Redemption Amount(s) of each Note payable on redemption for taxation reasons or on event of default or other early redemption and/or the method of calculating the same (if required or if different from that set out in Condition 6(e)):

[ ● ]

**GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE NOTES**

**24. Form of Notes:**

[Dematerialised Notes/  
Materialised Notes] (Materialised Notes are only in bearer form)  
[Delete as appropriate]

(i) Form of Dematerialised Notes: [Not Applicable / if Applicable specify whether bearer form (*au porteur*) / administered registered form (*au nominatif administré*) / fully registered form (*au nominatif pur*)]

(ii) Registration Agent: [Not Applicable/if applicable give name and address] (Note that a Registration Agent must be appointed in relation to Fully Registered Dematerialised Notes only)

(iii) Temporary Global Certificate: [Not Applicable/Temporary Global Certificate exchangeable for Definitive Materialised Notes on [ ● ] (the "Exchange Date"), being 40 days after the Issue Date subject to postponement as specified in the Temporary Global Certificate]



25. **Financial Centre(s) or other special provisions relating to payment dates for the purposes of Condition 7(g):** [Not Applicable/Give details. Note that this paragraph relates to the date and place of payment, and not interest period end dates, to which subparagraphs 15 (ii), 16(vi) and 18(ix) relate]
26. **Talons for future Coupons or Receipts to be attached to Definitive Materialised Notes (and dates on which such Talons mature):** [Yes/No/Not Applicable. If yes, give details] (Only applicable to Materialised Notes)
27. **Details relating to Partly Paid Notes: amount of each payment comprising the Issue Price and date on which each payment is to be made and consequences (if any) of failure to pay, including any right of the Issuer to forfeit the Notes and interest due on late payment:** [Not Applicable/give details]
28. **Details relating to Instalment Notes: amount of each instalment, date on which each payment is to be made:** [Not Applicable/give details]
29. **Redenomination, renominatisation and reconventioning provisions:** [Not Applicable/The provisions [in Condition 1(d)] [annexed to these Final Terms] apply]
30. **Consolidation provisions:** [Not Applicable/The provisions [in Condition 14(b)] [annexed to these Final Terms] apply]
31. **Masse (Condition 11):** [Applicable/Not Applicable/  
Condition 11 replaced by the full provisions of the Code de Commerce relating to the Masse] (Note that: (i) in respect of any Tranche of Notes issued or deemed to be issued outside France, Condition 11 may be waived, amended or supplemented, and (ii) in respect of any Tranche of Notes issued inside France, Condition 11 must be waived in its entirety and replaced by the full provisions of the Code de commerce relating to the Masse. If Condition 11 (as it may be amended or supplemented) applies or if full provisions of the Code de commerce relating to the Masse apply, insert details of Representative and Alternative Representative and remuneration, if any).
32. **Other final terms:** [Not Applicable/give details]  
[(When adding any other final terms consideration should be given as to whether such terms constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus

*under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.))*

## DISTRIBUTION

33. (i) **If syndicated, names [and addresses<sup>7</sup>] of Managers [and underwriting commitments<sup>7</sup>]:** [Not Applicable/*give names[, addresses and underwriting commitments<sup>7</sup>]*]  
 [(Include names and addresses of entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis and names and addresses of the entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or on a “best efforts” basis if such entities are not the same as the Managers.)<sup>7</sup>]
- (ii) **Date of [Subscription] Agreement:** [●]<sup>7</sup>
- (ii[i]) **Stabilising Manager(s) (if any):** [Not Applicable/*give name*]
34. **If non-syndicated, name [and address<sup>7</sup>] of Dealer:** [Not Applicable/*give name [and address<sup>7</sup>]*]
35. **Total commission and concession<sup>7</sup>:** [●] per cent. of the Aggregate Nominal Amount<sup>7</sup>
36. **U.S. Selling Restrictions:** The Issuer is Category 1 for the purposes of Regulation S under the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended.  
 [TEFRA C/TEFRA D/ TEFRA not applicable]
- [37. **Non-exempt Offer<sup>7</sup>:** [Not Applicable] [An offer of the Notes may be made by the Managers [and [*specify, if applicable*]] other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in [*specify relevant Member State(s) - which must be jurisdictions where the Prospectus and any supplements have been passported*] (**Public Offer Jurisdictions**) during the period from [*specify date*] until [*specify date*] (**Offer Period**). See further Paragraph 16 of Part B below.]
38. **Additional selling restrictions:** [Not Applicable/*give details*]

## GENERAL

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<sup>7</sup> Not required for Notes with a denomination per unit of at least €50,000.

The aggregate principal amount of Notes issued has been translated into Euro at the rate of [●] per cent. producing a sum of: [●]

#### **PURPOSE OF FINAL TERMS**

These Final Terms comprise the final terms required for issue [and] [public offer in the Public Offer Jurisdictions] [and] [admission to trading on [*specify relevant regulated market*] of the Notes described herein pursuant to the Euro 13,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Note Programme of Compagnie Financière du Crédit Mutuel.]

#### **RESPONSIBILITY**

The Issuer accepts responsibility for the information contained in these Final Terms. [[*(Relevant third party information)* has been extracted from (*specify source*). The Issuer confirms that such information has been accurately reproduced and that, so far as it is aware, and is able to ascertain from information published by (*specify source*), no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.]\*

Signed on behalf of [name of the Issuer]:

By: .....

Duly authorised

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\* Include if third party information is provided, for example in compliance with Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation in relation to an index of its components, an underlying security or the issuer of an underlying security.

## PART B – OTHER INFORMATION

### 1. RISK FACTORS

*[[Insert any risk factors that are material to the Notes being offered and/or admitted to trading in order to assess the market risk associated with these Notes and that may affect the Issuer's ability to fulfil its obligations under the Notes which are not covered under "Risk Factors" in the Base Prospectus. If any such additional risk factors need to be included consideration should be given as to whether they constitute "significant new factors" and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Base Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.]]\**

### 2. [PUBLIC OFFER(S)]

(i) Public offer(s): [Yes/Not Applicable]

(ii) Member State: *[the Notes will be offered to the public in [●] (insert any Member State of the European Economic Area where the Notes will be offered to the public/Not Applicable)]*

### 3. ADMISSION TO TRADING

(i) [(a)] Admission to trading: *[Application has been made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [specify relevant regulated market] with effect from [●].] [Application is expected to be made by the Issuer (or on its behalf) for the Notes to be admitted to trading on [specify relevant regulated market/] with effect from [●].] [Not Applicable]*

*(Where documenting a fungible issue need to indicate that original Notes are already admitted to trading.)*

[(b) Regulated Markets or equivalent markets on which, to the knowledge of the Issuer, securities of the same class of the Notes to be offered or admitted to trading are already admitted to trading: [●]<sup>8</sup>]

[(ii) Estimate of total expenses related to admission to trading: [●]<sup>8</sup>]

(iii) Additional publication of Base Prospectus and Final Terms: [●] (See paragraph 10 of the section "General Information" of this Base Prospectus which provides that

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\* Required for derivative securities to which Annex 12 to the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies. See footnote 8 below.

<sup>8</sup> Required only for Notes with a denomination per unit of at least €50,000.

the Base Prospectus will be published on the websites of (a) the Luxembourg Stock Exchange during a period of twelve months from the date of the Base Prospectus and (b) the Issuer and that the Final Terms related to Notes on any Regulated Market will be published on the websites of (a) the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and (b) the Issuer. Please provide for additional methods of publication in respect of an admission to trading on a regulated market other than the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, e.g. Paris)

#### 4. RATINGS

Ratings:

The Notes to be issued have been rated:

[S & P: [ ● ]]

[Moody's: [ ● ]]

[Fitch: [ ● ]]

[[Other]: [ ● ]]

*[Need to include a brief explanation of the meaning of the ratings if this has previously been published by the rating provider.<sup>9</sup>]*

*(The above disclosure should reflect the rating allocated to Notes of the type being issued under the Programme generally or, where the issue has been specifically rated, that rating.)*

#### 5. [NOTIFICATION

The *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier*, which is the Luxembourg competent authority for the purpose of the Prospectus Directive [has been requested to provide/has provided - include first alternative for an issue which is contemporaneous with the establishment or update of the Programme and the second alternative for subsequent issues] the *[include names of competent authorities of host Member States]* with a certificate of approval attesting that the Base Prospectus has been drawn up in accordance with the Prospectus Directive.]

#### 6. [THIRD PARTY INFORMATION AND STATEMENT BY EXPERTS AND DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTEREST

*If advisors are mentioned in these Final Terms, specify the capacity in which the advisors have acted.*

*Specify other information mentioned in the Final Terms which has been audited or reviewed by auditors and where auditors have produced a report. Insert the report or, with permission of the competent authority, a summary of the report.*

*Where a statement or report attributed to a person as an expert is included in these Final Terms in respect of the Issuer or the Notes, provide such person's name, business address, qualifications and material interest if any in the Issuer. If the report has been produced at the Issuer's request a statement to that effect that such*

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<sup>9</sup> Not required for Notes with a denomination per unit of at least €50,000.

*statement or report is included, in the form and context in which it is included, with the consent of that person who has authorised the contents of that part in respect of the Issuer or the Notes.*

*Where information has been sourced from a third party, provide a confirmation that this information has been accurately reproduced and that as far as the Issuer is aware and is able to ascertain from information published by that third party, no facts have been omitted which would render the reproduced information inaccurate or misleading.*

*In addition, the Issuer shall identify the source(s) of the information.]*

## **7. [INTERESTS OF NATURAL AND LEGAL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE [ISSUE/OFFER]**

Need to include a description of any interest, including conflicting ones, that is material to the issue/offer, detailing the persons involved and the nature of the interest. May be satisfied by the inclusion of the following statement: “Save as discussed in "Subscription and Sale", so far as the Issuer is aware, no person involved in the offer of the Notes has an interest material to the offer”.

*[(When adding any other description, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]*

## **[8. REASONS FOR THE OFFER, ESTIMATED NET PROCEEDS AND TOTAL EXPENSES\***

[(i) Reasons for the offer: [ ● ]  
*(See “Use of Proceeds” wording in Base Prospectus – if reasons for offer different from general corporate purposes will need to include those reasons here.)]*

[(ii) Estimated net proceeds: [ ● ]  
*(If proceeds are intended for more than one use will need to split out and present in order of priority. If proceeds insufficient to fund all proposed uses state amount and sources of other funding.)]*

[(iii) Estimated total expenses: [ ● ] *[Include breakdown of expenses.]*<sup>10</sup>  
*(If the Notes are derivative securities to which Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies it is only necessary to include disclosure of net proceeds and total expenses at (ii) and (iii) above where disclosure is included at (i) above.)]*

## **9. [Fixed Rate Notes only – YIELD**

Indication of yield: [ ● ]  
 Calculated as *[include details of method of calculation in summary form]* on the Issue Date.<sup>10</sup>

\* Required for derivative securities to which Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies. See note 4 above.

<sup>10</sup> Not required for Notes with a denomination per unit of at least €50,000.

The yield is calculated at the Issue Date on the basis of the Issue Price. It is not an indication of future yield. ]

**10. [Floating Rate Notes only - HISTORIC INTEREST RATES**

Details of historic [EURIBOR/LIBOR/EONIA/CMS/TEC/other] rates can be obtained from [Reuters/other<sup>11</sup>].]

**11. [Index-Linked or other variable-linked Notes only – PERFORMANCE OF INDEX/FORMULA/[OTHER VARIABLE, EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT AND ASSOCIATED RISKS<sup>11</sup>] AND OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING\***

*[Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the index/formula/other variable can be obtained [and a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident<sup>8</sup>]. [Where the underlying is an index need to include the name of the index and a description if composed by the Issuer and if the index is not composed by the Issuer need to include details of where the information about the index can be obtained. Where the underlying is not an index need to include equivalent information. Include other information concerning the underlying required by Paragraph 4.2 of Annex XII of the Prospectus Directive Regulation.]*

*[(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]*

The Issuer [intends to provide post-issuance information [specify what information will be reported and where it can be obtained]] [does not intend to provide post-issuance information].

**12. [Dual Currency Notes only – PERFORMANCE OF RATE[S] OF EXCHANGE AND EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT\***

*Need to include details of where past and future performance and volatility of the relevant rate[s] can be obtained, the underlying on which it is based and of the method used to relate the two, a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]*

*[(When completing this paragraph, consideration should be given as to whether such matters described constitute “significant new factors” and consequently trigger the need for a supplement to the Prospectus under Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.)]*

<sup>11</sup> Not required for Notes with a denomination per unit of at least €50,000.

\* For derivative securities to which Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies, please complete instead paragraph 13 below relating to explanation of effect on value of investment, return on derivatives securities and information concerning the underlying.

**13. [Derivatives only – EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT, RETURN ON DERIVATIVES SECURITIES AND INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING\*]**

**EXPLANATION OF EFFECT ON VALUE OF INVESTMENT**

*Need to include a clear and comprehensive explanation of how the value of the investment is affected by the underlying and the circumstances when the risks are most evident.]*

**SETTLEMENT PROCEDURES FOR DERIVATIVE SECURITIES**

*Need to include a description of the settlement procedures of the derivative securities.*

**RETURN ON DERIVATIVES SECURITIES**

Return on derivative securities:

*[Description of how any return on derivative securities takes place]*

Payment or delivery date:

[●]

Method of calculation:

[●]

**INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING**

The exercise price or the final reference price of the underlying:

[●]

A statement setting out the type of the underlying and details of where information on the underlying can be obtained:

- an indication where information about the past and the further performance of the underlying and its volatility can be obtained

[●]

- where the underlying is a security:

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

- the name of the issuer of the security:
- the ISIN (International Security Identification Number) or other such security identification code:

[●]

[●]

- where the underlying is an index:

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

- the name of the index and a description of the index if it is composed by the issuer. If the index is not composed by the issuer, where information about the index can be obtained:

[●]

- where the underlying is an interest rate:

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

- a description of the interest rate:

[●]

- others:

[Applicable/Not Applicable]

- where the underlying does not fall within the



categories specified above the Final Terms shall contain equivalent information:   
 - where the underlying is a basket of underlyings:  [Applicable/Not Applicable]

- disclosure of the relevant weightings of each underlying in the basket:

A description of any market disruption or settlement disruption events that affect the underlying:

Adjustment rules with relation to events concerning the underlying:]\*

#### **OTHER**

Name and address of Calculation Agent:

[Information on taxes on the income from the Notes withheld at source in the country where admission to trading (other than in Luxembourg) is sought:

#### **14. [POST ISSUANCE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE UNDERLYING\***

The Issuer will not provide any post-issuance information, except if required by any applicable laws and regulations.

*[If post-issuance information is to be reported, specify what information will be reported and where such information can be obtained.]*

#### **15. OPERATIONAL INFORMATION**

ISIN Code:

Common Code:

Depositories:

(i) Euroclear France to act as Central Depository  [Yes/No]

(ii) Common Depository for Euroclear Bank and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme  [Yes/No]

Any clearing system(s) other than Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V. and Clearstream Banking, société anonyme and the relevant identification number(s):  [Not Applicable/give name(s) and number(s) and address(es)]

Delivery:  Delivery [against/free of] payment

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\* Required for derivative securities to which Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.

Names and addresses of initial Paying Agent(s): [●]

Names and addresses of additional Paying Agent(s) (if any): [●]

## 16. [TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER]<sup>12</sup>

### CONDITIONS, OFFER STATISTICS, EXPECTED TIMETABLE AND ACTION REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR THE OFFER

Offer Price: [Issue Price] [*specify the expected price at which the securities will be offered or the method of determining the price and the process for its disclosure. Indicate the amount of any expenses and taxes specifically charged to the subscriber or purchaser*]

Conditions to which the offer is subject: [Not Applicable/*give details*]

Description of the application process: [Not Applicable/*give details*]

A description of the possibility to reduce subscriptions and the manner for refunding excess amount paid by applicants: [Not Applicable/*give details*]

Details of the minimum and/or maximum amount of application: [Not Applicable/*give details*]

Method and time limits for paying up and delivering the Notes: [Not Applicable/*give details*]

Manner in and date on which results of the offer are to be made public:] [Not Applicable/*give details*]

Procedure for exercise of any right of pre-emption, negotiability of subscription rights and treatment of subscription rights not exercised: [Not Applicable/*give details*]

## 17. [PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION AND ALLOTMENT]<sup>13</sup>

The various categories of potential investors to which the securities are offered. If the offer is being made simultaneously in the markets of two or more countries and if a tranche has been or is being reserved for certain of these, indicate any such tranche: [●]

Process for notification to applicants of the amount allotted and indication whether dealing

<sup>12</sup> Not required for Notes with a denomination of at least €50,000 except if Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.

<sup>13</sup> Not required for Notes with a denomination of at least €50,000 except if Annex XII to the Prospectus Directive Regulation applies.

may begin before notification is made:] [●]

**18. [PLACING AND UNDERWRITING]<sup>13</sup>**

Name and address of the coordinator(s) of the global offer and of single parts of the offer and, to the extent known to the issuer or to the offeror, of the placers in the various countries where the offer takes place: [●]

Entities agreeing to underwrite the issue on a firm commitment basis, and entities agreeing to place the issue without a firm commitment or under 'best efforts' arrangements. Where not all of the issue is underwritten, a statement of the portion not covered:] [●]

## TAXATION

*The following is a summary limited to certain tax considerations in France and in Luxembourg relating to the Notes that may be issued under the Programme and specifically contains information on taxes on the income from the securities withheld at source. This summary is based on the laws in force in France and in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg as of the date of this Prospectus and are subject to any changes in law. It does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all the tax considerations which may be relevant to a decision to purchase, own or dispose of the Notes. Each prospective holder or beneficial owner of Notes should consult its tax advisor as to the tax consequences of any investment in or ownership and disposition of the Notes.*

### EU Savings Directive

On 3 June 2003, the European Union adopted the Directive 2003/48/EC regarding the taxation of savings income in the form of interest payments (the "Directive"). The Directive requires Member States as from 1 July 2005 to provide to the tax authorities of other Member States details of payments of interest and other similar income within the meaning of the Directive made by a paying agent within its jurisdiction to (or under circumstances to the benefit of) an individual resident in another Member State, except that Belgium, Luxembourg and Austria will instead impose a withholding system for a transitional period unless the beneficiary of interest payment elects for the exchange of information.

If a payment were to be made or collected through a Member State which has opted for a withholding system and an amount of, or in respect of tax were to be withheld from that payment, neither the Issuer nor any Paying Agent nor any other person would be obliged to pay additional amounts with respect to any Note as a result of the imposition of such withholding tax. If a withholding tax is imposed on payment made by a Paying Agent, the Issuer will be required to maintain a Paying Agent in a Member State that will not be obliged to withhold or deduct tax pursuant to the Directive.

### French Withholding Tax

The Directive has been implemented in French law by Article 242 *ter* of the French *Code général des impôts* and Articles 49 I *ter* to 49 I *sexies* of the Schedule III to French *Code général des impôts*. Article 242 *ter* of the French *Code général des impôts*, imposes on paying agents based in France an obligation to report to the French tax authorities certain information with respect to interest payments made to beneficial owners domiciled in another Member State, including, among other things, the identity and address of the beneficial owner and a detailed list of the different categories of interest paid to that beneficial owner.

Pursuant to article 131 quater of the French *Code général des impôts*, as construed by administrative circular no. 5 I-11-98 dated 30 September 1998 and ruling (*rescrit*) no. 2007/59 (FP) dated 8 January 2008, both issued by the French Tax authorities, payments of interest and other revenues in respect of Notes, whether denominated in Euro or in any other currency, constituting obligations or debt instruments (*titres de créances*) assimilated thereto for the purposes of the above ruling, benefit from the exemption from the deduction of tax at source provided for under article 125 A III of the French *Code général des impôts*.

The tax regime applicable to Notes which do not constitute obligations or debt instruments (*titres de créances*) assimilated thereto for the purposes of the above ruling will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.

### Luxembourg Withholding Tax

The Directive has been implemented in Luxembourg law by Act of 21 June 2005.

### Individuals

#### *Luxembourg residents*

A 10% withholding tax has been introduced, as from 1 January 2006, on interest payments made by Luxembourg paying agents (defined in the same way as in the Directive) to Luxembourg individual residents. Only interest accrued after 1 July 2005 falls within the scope of this withholding tax. Income (other than interest) from investment funds and from current accounts provided that the interest rate is not higher than 0,75% are exempt from the withholding tax. Furthermore, interest which is accrued once a year on savings accounts (short and long term) and which does not exceed €250 per person and per paying agent is exempted from the withholding tax.

This withholding tax represents the final tax liability for the Luxembourg individual resident taxpayers.

*Luxembourg non-residents*

Subject to the application of the Directive and the Laws, there is no withholding tax on payments of interest (including accrued but unpaid interest) made to Luxembourg non-resident Noteholders.

Under the Directive and the Laws, a Luxembourg based paying agent (within the meaning of the Directive) is required since 1 July 2005 to withhold tax on interest and other similar income paid by it to (or under certain circumstances, to the benefit of) an individual resident in another Member State unless the beneficiary of the interest payments elects for the exchange of information. The same regime applies to payments to individuals or Residual Entities resident in certain dependent territories.

The withholding tax rate is initially 15%, increasing steadily to 20% and to 35%. The withholding tax system will only apply during a transitional period, the ending of which depends on the conclusion of certain agreements relating to information exchange with certain other countries.

**Corporations**

There is no withholding tax for Luxembourg resident and non-resident corporations holders of the Notes on payments of interest (including uncured but unpaid interest).

## SUBSCRIPTION AND SALE

Subject to the terms and on the conditions contained in an amended and restated dealer agreement dated 10 July 2008 between the Issuer, the Arranger and the Permanent Dealers (the "**Dealer Agreement**"), the Notes will be offered by the Issuer to the Permanent Dealers. However, the Issuer has reserved the right to sell Notes directly on its own behalf to Dealers that are not Permanent Dealers. The Notes may be resold at prevailing market prices, or at prices related thereto, at the time of such resale, as determined by the relevant Dealer. The Notes may also be sold by the Issuer through the Dealers, acting as agents of the Issuer. The Dealer Agreement also provides for Notes to be issued in syndicated Tranches that are jointly and severally underwritten by two or more Dealers.

The Issuer will pay each relevant Dealer a commission as agreed between them in respect of Notes subscribed by it. The Issuer has agreed to reimburse the Arranger for its expenses incurred in connection with the Programme and the Dealers for certain of their activities in connection with the Programme. The commissions in respect of an issue of Notes on a syndicated basis will be stated in the relevant Final Terms.

The Issuer has agreed to indemnify the Dealers against certain liabilities in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes. The Dealers have agreed to indemnify the Issuer against certain liabilities in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes. The Dealer Agreement entitles the Dealers to terminate any agreement that they make to subscribe Notes in certain circumstances prior to payment for such Notes being made to the Issuer.

### Selling Restrictions

#### General

These selling restrictions may be modified by the agreement of the Issuer and the Dealers in particular following a change in a relevant law, regulation or directive. Any such modification will be set out in the Final Terms issued in respect of the issue of Notes to which it relates or in a supplement to this Base Prospectus.

Each Dealer has agreed that it will comply with all relevant laws, regulations and directives in each jurisdiction in which it purchases, offers, sells or delivers Notes or has in its possession or distributes the Base Prospectus, any other offering material or any Final Terms and neither the Issuer nor any other Dealer shall have responsibility therefore.

This Base Prospectus prepared in connection with the Notes has not been submitted to the clearance procedures of the *Autorité des marchés financiers*.

#### Public Offer Selling Restriction under the Prospectus Directive

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "**Relevant Member State**"), each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree, that with effect from and including the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the "**Relevant Implementation Date**") it has not made and will not make an offer of Notes which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this Prospectus as completed by the final terms in relation thereto to the public in that Relevant Member State except that it may, with effect from and including the Relevant Implementation Date, make an offer of Notes to the public in that Relevant Member State:

- (a) if the final terms in relation to the Notes specify that an offer of those Notes may be made other than pursuant to Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive in that Relevant Member State (a "**Non-exempt Offer**"), following the date of publication of a prospectus in relation to such Notes which has been approved by the competent authority in that Relevant Member State or, where appropriate, approved in another Relevant Member State and notified to the competent authority in that Relevant Member State, provided that any such prospectus has subsequently been completed by the final terms contemplating such Non-exempt Offer, in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, in the period beginning and ending on the dates specified in such prospectus or final terms, as applicable;
- (b) at any time to legal entities which are authorised or regulated to operate in the financial markets or, if not so authorised or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in securities;

- (c) at any time to any legal entity which has two or more of (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last financial year; (2) a total balance sheet of more than € 43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than € 50,000,000, as shown in its last annual or consolidated accounts;
- (d) at any time to fewer than 100 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the relevant Dealer or Dealers nominated by the Issuer for any such offer; or
- (e) at any time in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive,

provided that no such offer of Notes referred to in (b) to (e) above shall require the Issuer or any Dealer to publish a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive or supplement a prospectus pursuant to Article 16 of the Prospectus Directive.

For the purposes of this provision, the expression an "offer of Notes to the public" in relation to any Notes in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and the Notes to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe the Notes, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression "**Prospectus Directive**" means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State.

#### **United States of America**

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act, and subject to certain exceptions, may not be offered or sold within the United States. Each Dealer has agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to agree, that it will not offer or sell the Notes of any identifiable Tranche within the United States, except as permitted by the Dealer Agreement.

Materialised Notes having a maturity of more than one year are subject to U.S. tax law requirements and may not be offered, sold or delivered within the United States or its possessions or to a United States person, except in certain transactions permitted by U.S. tax regulations. Terms used in this paragraph have the meanings given to them by the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and regulations thereunder.

In addition, until 40 days after the commencement of the offering of any identifiable Tranche, an offer or sale of Notes within the United States by any dealer (whether or not participating in the offering) may violate the registration requirements of the Securities Act.

This Base Prospectus has been prepared by the Issuer for use in connection with the offer and sale of the Notes outside the United States. The Issuer and the Dealers reserve the right to reject any offer to purchase the Notes, in whole or in part, for any reason. This Base Prospectus does not constitute an offer to any person in the United States. Distribution of this Base Prospectus by any non-U.S. person outside the United States to any U.S. person or to any other person within the United States is unauthorised and any disclosure without the prior written consent of the Issuer of any of its contents to any such U.S. person or other person within the United States is prohibited.

#### **United Kingdom**

Each Dealer has represented and agreed, and each further Dealer appointed under the Programme will be required to represent and agree that:

- (a) in relation to any Notes which have a maturity of less than one year, (i) it is a person whose ordinary activities involve it in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of its business and (ii) it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell any Notes other than to persons whose ordinary activities involve them in acquiring, holding, managing or disposing of investments (as principal or as agent) for the purposes of their businesses or who it is reasonable to expect will acquire, hold, manage or dispose of investments (as principal or agent) for the purposes of their businesses where the issue of the Notes would otherwise constitute a contravention of Section 19 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (the "FSMA") by the Issuer;
- (b) it has only communicated or caused to be communicated and will only communicate or cause to be communicated an invitation or inducement to engage in investment activity (within the meaning of

Section 21 of the FSMA) received by it in connection with the issue or sale of any Notes in circumstances in which Section 21(1) of the FSMA does not apply to the Issuer; and

- (c) it has complied and will comply with all applicable provisions of the FSMA with respect to anything done by it in relation to any Notes in, from or otherwise involving the United Kingdom.

### **Japan**

The Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (Law No. 25 of 1948, as amended: the "**FIEL**"). Accordingly, each of the Dealers has represented and agreed that it has not, directly or indirectly, offered or sold and will not, directly or indirectly, offer or sell any Notes in Japan or to or for the benefit of a resident of Japan or to others for re-offering or re-sale, directly or indirectly in Japan or to, or for the benefit of any resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with the FIEL and other relevant laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan. As used in this paragraph, "resident of Japan" means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organised under the laws of Japan.

### **The Netherlands**

Each Dealer represents and agrees that it has not, directly or indirectly, offered or sold and will not, directly or indirectly, offer or sell in the Netherlands any Notes other than to persons who trade or invest in securities in the conduct of a profession or business which includes banks, stock brokers, insurance companies, pension funds, other institutional investors and finance companies and treasury departments of large enterprises.

### **Kingdom of Spain**

Each Dealer has represented and agreed that the Notes may not be offered or sold in the Kingdom of Spain save in accordance with the requirements of the Spanish Securities Market Law (*Ley del Mercado de Valores*) of 28 July 1988 as amended and restated and Royal Decree 291/1992 on Issues and Public Offering of Securities (*Real Decreto 291/1992 sobre Emisiones y Ofertas Publicas de Valores*) as amended and restated.

### **Switzerland**

Each Dealer has agreed that any issue of Notes denominated in Swiss Francs will be in compliance with the guidelines of the Swiss National Bank regarding issues of Swiss Francs denominated debt securities.

### **France**

Each of the Dealers and the Issuer has represented and agreed that it has not offered or sold and will not offer or sell, directly or indirectly, any Notes to the public in France and it has not distributed or caused to be distributed and will not distribute or cause to be distributed to the public in France, this Base Prospectus, the relevant Final Terms or any other offering material relating to the Notes and such offers, sales and distributions have been and will be made in France only to (a) providers of investment services relating to portfolio management for the account of third parties, and/or (b) qualified investors (*investisseurs qualifiés*), all as defined in, and in accordance with, articles L.411-1, L.411-2 and D.411-1 to D.411-3 of the French *Code monétaire et financier*.

These selling restrictions may be amended in the relevant Final Terms.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

- (1) This Base Prospectus has been approved by the CSSF, as competent authority in Luxembourg for the purposes of the Prospectus Directive. It has not been submitted to the clearance procedures of the AMF.
- (2) The Issuer has obtained all necessary corporate and other consents, approvals and authorisations in France in connection with the establishment of the Programme. Any issuance of Notes under the Programme, to the extent that such Notes constitute *obligations* under French law, requires the prior authorisation of the Board of Directors (*Conseil d'Administration*) of the Issuer, which may delegate its power to its *Président* or to any other member of the Board of Directors (*Conseil d'Administration*) of the Issuer, or to the *Directeur Général* of the Issuer, or to any other person.

Any issuance of Notes under the Programme will, to the extent that such Notes do not constitute *obligations*, fall within the general powers of the *Directeur Général* of the Issuer or a *Directeur Général Délégué* of the Issuer or any other authorised official acting by delegation.

- (3) Except as disclosed in this Base Prospectus, there has been no significant change in the financial position of the Issuer or the Group since 31 December 2007.
- (4) Except as disclosed in this Base Prospectus, there has been no material adverse change in the prospects of the Issuer or the Group since 31 December 2007.
- (5) Neither the Issuer nor any other member of the Group is or has been involved in any governmental, legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceeding which are pending or threatened of which the Issuer is aware), during a period covering at least the previous 12 months which may have, or have had in the recent past, significant effects on the financial position or profitability of the Issuer.
- (6) There are no material contracts that are not entered into the ordinary course of the Issuer's business which could result in any member of the Group being under an obligation or entitlement that is material to the Issuer's ability to meet its obligation to Noteholders in respect of the Notes being issued.
- (7) In respect of derivatives securities as defined in Article 15.2 of Commission Regulation no.809/2004, the Final Terms will indicate whether or not the Issuer intends to provide post-issuance information concerning the underlying. If the Issuer intends to provide such information, the Final Terms will specify what information will be reported and where such information can be obtained.
- (8) Application may be made for Notes to be accepted for clearance through Euroclear France (115, rue Réaumur, 75081 Paris cedex 02, France) and/or Euroclear (boulevard du Roi Albert II, 1210 Bruxelles, Belgique) and Clearstream, Luxembourg (42, avenue JF Kennedy, 1855 Luxembourg, Luxembourg). The Common Code and the International Securities Identification Number (ISIN) or the identification number for any other relevant clearing system for each Series of Notes will be set out in the relevant Final Terms.
- (9) Mazars & Guérard, Le Vinci, 4, allée de l'Arche, 92075 La Défense Cedex, France and SA Sterenn, rue Rosemonde Gérard BP 27, 29801 Brest Cedex 9, France (both entities regulated by the Haut Conseil du Commissariat aux Comptes and duly authorised as Commissaires aux comptes) have audited and rendered unqualified audit reports on:
  - (i) the consolidated financial statements of CFCM for the years ended 31 December 2006
  - (ii) the non-consolidated financial statements of the Issuer for the years ended 31 December 2006.

SA Sterenn has been replaced by Deloitte, 185 avenue Charles de Gaulle BP 136, 92524 Neuilly sur Seine Cedex, France, which has been appointed by the Annual General Meeting of CFCM dated 3 May 2007.

Mazars & Guérard, Le Vinci, 4, allée de l'Arche, 92075 La Défense Cedex, France and Deloitte, 185 avenue Charles de Gaulle BP 136, 92524 Neuilly sur Seine Cedex, France (both entities regulated by the *Haut Conseil du Commissariat aux Comptes* and duly authorised as *Commissaires aux comptes*) have audited and rendered unqualified audit reports on:

- (i) the consolidated financial statements of CFCM for the years ended 31 December 2007 and

- (ii) the non-consolidated financial statements of the Issuer for the years ended 31 December 2007.
- (10) This Base Prospectus will be published on the websites of (a) the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)) during a period of twelve months from the date of this Base Prospectus and (b) the Issuer (<http://www.arkea.com>). The Final Terms related to Notes admitted to trading on any Regulated Market of the EEA or offered to the public in a Member State of the EEA, in each case in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, will be published on the websites of (a) the Luxembourg Stock Exchange ([www.bourse.lu](http://www.bourse.lu)) during a period of twelve months from the date of this Base Prospectus and (b) the Issuer (<http://www.arkea.com>).

In addition, should the Notes be admitted to trading on a Regulated Market of the EEA other than the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or offered to the public in a Member State of the EEA other than Luxembourg, in each case in accordance with the Prospectus Directive, the Final Terms related to those Notes will provide whether this Base Prospectus and the relevant Final Terms will be published on the website of (x) the Regulated Market of the Member State of the EEA where the Notes have been admitted to trading or offered to the public or (y) the competent authority of the Member State of the EEA where the Notes have been admitted to trading or offered to the public.

- (11) So long as Notes are capable of being issued under the Programme, copies of the following documents will, when published, be available during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted), at the registered office of the Issuer and at the specified office of the Paying Agent(s):
- (i) the *statuts* of the Issuer;
  - (ii) the audited non-consolidated and consolidated financial statements of the Issuer in respect of the financial years ended 31 December 2006 and 2007;
  - (iii) the Agency Agreement (which includes the form of the *Lettre Comptable*, the Temporary Global Certificates, the Definitive Materialised Notes, the Coupons, the Receipts and the Talons);
  - (iv) Final Terms for Notes that are listed on the Official List of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and admitted to trading on the Regulated Market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange or any other Regulated Market in the EEA and/or that are offered to the public in Luxembourg and/or in any Member State of the EEA;
  - (v) a copy of this Base Prospectus together with any Supplement to this Base Prospectus or further Base Prospectus;
  - (vi) all reports, letters and other documents, historical financial information, valuations and statements prepared by any expert at the relevant Issuer's request any part of which is included or referred to in this Base Prospectus.
- (12) For certain information as to the taxation of saving income, see "Taxation" in page 132 above.
- (13) The price and amount of Notes to be issued under the Programme will be determined by the Issuer and each relevant Dealer at the time of issue in accordance with prevailing market conditions.

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