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**Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank strengthens its Acquisition Finance Advisory and Funds Coverage businesses**

**Hong Kong – 4 Sept 2018** – Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank (“Crédit Agricole CIB” or “the Bank”) has strengthened its acquisition, leveraged finance, and advisory businesses with the creation of two dedicated teams: the Acquisition Finance and Advisory Asia (AFA Asia) team and the Funds Coverage team.

By grouping the acquisition and leveraged finance business and the advisory activity, Crédit Agricole CIB aims at creating synergies to develop a stronger and more systematic solution offering in terms of corporate event-driven financing and/or capital structure advisory to its clients, while continuing to provide leveraged financing to its private equity clients. In addition, the creation of a dedicated Funds Coverage team will allow the Bank to further expand its investment funds coverage in Asia.

The following two appointments have been made to reflect the new structure:

- **Jean-Yves Korenian** is appointed Head of Acquisition Finance and Advisory Asia. Under one umbrella, he will continue to boost Crédit Agricole CIB’s acquisition and leverage finance franchise and will provide holistic capital structure and rating advisory services to Crédit Agricole CIB’s clients across Asia.

Based in Hong Kong, Mr. Korenian will report to Christophe Cretot, Head of Debt Origination and Advisory Asia Pacific.

- **Luyi Shen** is named Head of Funds Coverage. Within the Global Private Equity Fund Coverage, his primary role is to strengthen the Bank’s commercial footprint with Investment Funds, including Private Equity funds, Infrastructure Funds, and Investment arms of Pensions Funds.

Based in Hong Kong, Mr. Shen will report to Francois Martin, Senior Country Officer for Hong Kong and Head of Structured Finance Asia.

Commenting on the new structure and appointments, Francois Martin said: “Acquisition and leveraged finance have been and will continue to be two important business areas for Crédit Agricole CIB in Asia. The creation of Funds Coverage team fits well with the Bank’s ambitions to grow further in the investment funds space. Luyi’s profound market expertise and connectivity in the leveraged finance field will continue to be an important asset to the Bank as well as our investment funds clients.”

Christophe Cretot added: “Our clients are more and more interested in financing and advisory solutions on a product agnostic basis. By adding our capital structure and rating advisory to the suite, the Bank is now able to provide integrated financing and advisory services not only in the

context of acquisitions but also on a steady-state basis while enhancing the strategic dialogue with its clients. Jean-Yves's appointment demonstrates our commitment to making Crédit Agricole CIB a leader in the acquisition finance and advisory space.”

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### **Notes to Editors**

**Jean-Yves Korenian** has over 20 years of experience in financial structuring and acquisition finance, with a track record in both Europe and Asia-Pacific.

Mr. Korenian started his career in 1993 with Crédit Agricole CIB where he worked in structured finance and internal audit teams. He later joined The Royal Bank of Scotland in 1999 as part of the founding team of its French leveraged and acquisition finance business. In 2004, Mr. Korenian was recruited by Mizuho Bank in London as Head of Leveraged Finance for Southern Europe and subsequently relocated to Hong Kong in 2011 as Head of Corporate Acquisition Finance. Prior to re-joining Crédit Agricole CIB, he was most recently the Chief Financial Officer for APAC at SEAFRIGO, a leading logistics and warehouse management company.

**Luyi Shen** brings 14 years of solid banking experience and has led and executed many high profile transactions in the APAC region, in particular leading global and regional investment funds on leveraged buyouts as well as on acquisitions for blue chip corporate clients.

He joined Crédit Agricole CIB Hong Kong in 2015. Before that, he spent eight years at Mizuho Bank in Australia where his last position was Senior Director of International Acquisition Finance. Mr. Shen started his career at National Australia Bank's Leveraged and Acquisition Finance team in Australia.

### **About Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank (Crédit Agricole CIB)**

Crédit Agricole CIB is the Corporate and Investment Banking arm of the Crédit Agricole Group, the world's n°13 bank measured by Tier One Capital (The Banker, July 2018). The Bank offers its clients a comprehensive range of products and services structured around six major divisions:

- Client Coverage & International Network
- Global Investment Banking
- Structured Finance
- Global Markets
- Debt Optimisation & Distribution
- International Trade & Transaction Banking

The Bank provides support to clients in large international markets through its network with a presence in major countries in Europe, America, Asia Pacific and the Middle East.

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