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Christian Thimann will join AXA as Group Head of Strategy & Public Affairs and will be a member of AXA's Executive Committee

AXA announces today that Christian Thimann, currently Counsellor to the President of the European Central Bank (ECB) & Coordinator of the Counsel to the ECB's Executive Board, will join AXA on January 1st, 2014.

He will take on the responsibilities of Group Head of Strategy & Public Affairs and will be a member of AXA Group's Executive Committee. He will report to Denis Duverne, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of AXA.

"I am particularly proud and delighted to welcome Christian Thimann within AXA. As a highly recognized and respected manager and adviser, Christian will enrich our senior management team and help strategically steer the Group towards the next phase of its development. AXA will benefit from his great experience of public affairs and his strong international exposure" said **Henri de Castries, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of AXA.**

Following Christian Thimann's appointment, the Executive Committee will be comprised of eighteen members (detailed composition on www.axa.com/en/governance/structure/management).

Biography

Christian Thimann, a 47 year-old German citizen, started his career at the global strategy consulting firm Roland Berger in 1990. He then contributed, from 1993 to 1995, to the establishment and development of the Center for Economic Studies of the Munich University.

In 1995, he joined the International Monetary Fund to take on several responsibilities within the Asian and the European departments.

He entered the European Central Bank in 1998 and, since then, has assumed a wide range of positions, including Adviser to ECB President Jean-Claude Trichet from 2008 to 2011.

Since November 2011, he has been Counsellor to ECB President Mario Draghi and Coordinator of the Counsel to the ECB's Executive Board.

Christian Thimann is a graduate of the University of Bonn and the London School of Economics, and holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Munich.

ABOUT THE AXA GROUP

The AXA Group is a worldwide leader in insurance and asset management, with 160,000 employees serving 102 million clients in 57 countries. In 2012, IFRS revenues amounted to Euro 90.1 billion and IFRS underlying earnings to Euro 4.3 billion. AXA had Euro 1,116 billion in assets under management as of December 31, 2012.

The AXA ordinary share is listed on compartment A of Euronext Paris under the ticker symbol CS (ISN FR 0000120628 – Bloomberg: CS FP – Reuters: AXAF.PA). AXA's American Depository Share is also quoted on the OTC QX platform under the ticker symbol AXAHY.

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