

# Credit Suisse Group AG: shareholders approve a second distribution of the 2019 dividend

Zurich, November 27, 2020 – At today's Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of Credit Suisse Group AG, shareholders approved the Board of Directors' proposal for a second distribution of dividends of CHF 0.1388 gross per registered share. The approval will allow for the distribution of the full dividend amount of CHF 0.2776 gross per registered share for the financial year 2019, as originally proposed.

With a majority of 99.36% of the votes represented, shareholders today approved a second cash distribution of the 2019 dividend of CHF 0.1388 gross per registered share, thus completing the distribution of the full dividend amount of CHF 0.2776 gross per share for the financial year 2019, as originally proposed, to shareholders. The distribution will be paid half from retained earnings<sup>i</sup> and half out of the capital contribution reserves<sup>ii</sup>. The payment of the cash distribution will be made from December 7, 2020.

In April of this year, at the Annual General Meeting, shareholders already approved the first distribution of CHF 0.1388 gross per registered share for the 2019 dividend. The split into two distributions was proposed to shareholders following a request by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority FINMA and amid economic challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

# Urs Rohner, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Credit Suisse Group, commented:

"Based on our proven strategy, strong capital position and well-executed crisis response, and in line with our intention to increase the dividend by at least 5% per annum, we had proposed to approve the second distribution of the 2019 dividend, to allow for the full distribution of the dividend for the financial year 2019. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank our shareholders for approving our proposal. We value your continued trust and support."

# **Voting result**

The detailed voting result and the speech of Urs Rohner, Chairman of the Board of Directors, are available online at: <a href="https://www.credit-suisse.com/eqm">www.credit-suisse.com/eqm</a>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Net of 35% of Swiss withholding tax

ii Free of Swiss withholding tax and not subject to income tax for Swiss resident individuals

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- market volatility and interest rate fluctuations and developments affecting interest rate levels, including the persistence of a low or negative interest rate environment;
- the strength of the global economy in general and the strength of the economies of the countries in which we conduct our operations, in particular the risk of negative impacts of COVID-19 on the global economy and financial markets and the risk of continued slow economic recovery or downturn in the EU, the US or other developed countries or in emerging markets in 2020 and beyond;
- the emergence of widespread health emergencies, infectious diseases or pandemics, such as COVID-19, and the actions that may be taken by governmental authorities to contain the outbreak or to counter its impact on our business;
- potential risks and uncertainties relating to the severity of impacts from COVID-19 and the duration of the pandemic, including
  potential material adverse effects on our business, financial condition and results of operations;
- the direct and indirect impacts of deterioration or slow recovery in residential and commercial real estate markets;
- adverse rating actions by credit rating agencies in respect of us, sovereign issuers, structured credit products or other creditrelated exposures:
- the ability to achieve our strategic goals, including those related to our targets, ambitions and financial goals;
- the ability of counterparties to meet their obligations to us and the adequacy of our allowance for credit losses;
- the effects of, and changes in, fiscal, monetary, exchange rate, trade and tax policies, as well as currency fluctuations;
- political, social and environmental developments, including war, civil unrest or terrorist activity and climate change;
- the ability to appropriately address social, environmental and sustainability concerns that may arise from our business activities;
- the effects of, and the uncertainty arising from, the UK's withdrawal from the EU;
- the possibility of foreign exchange controls, expropriation, nationalization or confiscation of assets in countries in which we conduct our operations;
- operational factors such as systems failure, human error, or the failure to implement procedures properly;
- the risk of cyber attacks, information or security breaches or technology failures on our business or operations;
- the adverse resolution of litigation, regulatory proceedings and other contingencies;
- actions taken by regulators with respect to our business and practices and possible resulting changes to our business organization, practices and policies in countries in which we conduct our operations;
- the effects of changes in laws, regulations or accounting or tax standards, policies or practices in countries in which we conduct our operations;
- the expected discontinuation of LIBOR and other interbank offered rates and the transition to alternative reference rates;
- the potential effects of changes in our legal entity structure;
- competition or changes in our competitive position in geographic and business areas in which we conduct our operations;
- the ability to retain and recruit qualified personnel;

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- the ability to maintain our reputation and promote our brand;
- the ability to increase market share and control expenses;
- technological changes instituted by us, our counterparties or competitors;
- the timely development and acceptance of our new products and services and the perceived overall value of these products and services by users;
- acquisitions, including the ability to integrate acquired businesses successfully, and divestitures, including the ability to sell non-core assets; and
- other unforeseen or unexpected events and our success at managing these and the risks involved in the foregoing.

We caution you that the foregoing list of important factors is not exclusive. When evaluating forward-looking statements, you should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other uncertainties and events, including the information set forth in "Risk factors" in *I – Information on the company* in our Annual Report 2019 and in "Risk factor" in *I – Credit Suisse* in our 1020 Financial Report.

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