Shareholders elect two new members to the Board of Directors of Credit Suisse Group

Zurich, October 1, 2021— At today’s Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of Credit Suisse Group AG, shareholders approved all the proposals put forward by the Board of Directors. Axel Lehmann and Juan Colombas were both newly elected to the Board of Directors for a term until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.

With a majority of 98.87%, Axel Lehmann was elected as a new member of the Board of Directors. He will also become the new Chair of the Risk Committee, succeeding Richard Meddings, who has held this role on an ad interim basis in addition to being Chair of the Audit Committee. Juan Colombas was elected as a new member of the Board of Directors with a majority of 98.75%. Shareholders also elected him as a new member of the Compensation Committee as proposed by the Board of Directors.

In light of the continuing exceptional circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the EGM was held in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance 3 of the Swiss Federal Council regarding measures on combatting the Coronavirus, without the personal attendance of shareholders.

António Horta-Osório, Chairman of the Board of Directors, commented: “I am delighted that shareholders have supported our proposals in electing both Mr. Lehmann and Mr. Colombas to the Board of Directors. With their extensive experience in risk management and their profound knowledge of the financial services industry, they will help shape the bank’s future strategic direction. Together, we will foster a culture that reinforces the key importance of strong risk management and personal responsibility and accountability. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank our shareholders for their continued trust and support.”

The voting results and the speech by António Horta-Osório, Chairman of the Board of Directors, are available online at: credit-suisse.com/egm
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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 2021 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;
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 credit-related 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;
the effects of currency fluctuations, including the related impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations due to moves in foreign exchange rates;
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 reputation, business or operations, the risk of which is increased while large portions of our employees work remotely;
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;
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.

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