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**Jean-Claude Petard appointed Head of Equity business
at Corporate and Investment Banking**

Jean-Claude Petard has been appointed Head of Equity business within Capital Markets at the Corporate and Investment Banking division. He will be in charge of the Equity Cash business (Natixis Securities and Natixis Bleichroeder), of Equity Capital Markets and Equity Derivatives. He will be reporting to Marc Breillout, member of Natixis' Executive Committee and in charge of Capital Markets at Corporate and Investment Banking.

Jean-Claude Petard hitherto spent his whole career at Société Générale in the areas of Equity Sales and Equity Linked businesses and Equity Capital Markets. Lately, he held the position of joint Head of Global Capital Markets, which combines Equity Capital Markets, Debt Capital Markets and Corporate Equity Derivatives.

Jean-Claude Petard, 41, is a graduate of EMLyon business school and of Northwestern University (Chicago).

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