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CALYON MAKES THREE KEY APPOINTMENTS IN ASIA

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The appointments cover Hong Kong, China and the Philippines reflecting the bank's added focus on these markets.

Calyon corporate and investment bank has appointed Carlos de Cordoue and Xavier Roux as senior country officers for Hong Kong and China respectively. It has also named James Gibson head of coverage for Hong Kong and the Philippines.

Roux replaces Francis Moracchini, who is now Calyon's chief operating officer for Hong Kong and platform. Platform is a Calyon-specific term which refers to the fact that he looks after a wider geographical area than just Hong Kong. Meanwhile, de Cordoue has taken over Roux' previous position as senior Hong Kong country officer. In his new position, Roux will be responsible for defining a strategy for the development of Calyon's operations in China.

Both Roux and de Cordoue will report directly to Bernard Mignucci, Calyon's head of international network.

The head of coverage for Hong Kong and the Philippines is a new position created by the bank as it aims to focus more on local clients and growth in these markets. In this new role, Gibson will report directly to de Cordoue.

De Cordoue has been a director of the D.R.F, which is a branch network of Calyon in France and Belgium, since 2001. He started his career at the Banque Indosuez, and has also been a director of Calyon's Bordeaux and Pole Grand Ouest branches.

Roux has a background within Crédit Lyonnais, which merged with Calyon in 2004, working within corporate, syndication and structured finance. He has also held various overseas positions, most recently as senior country officer in Hong Kong.

Gibson has also held a range of positions worldwide during his more than 10 years with the Calyon Group. Most recently he was managing director of Calyon Americas and he has also been head of coverage for New York and the Eastern Seaboard market. Before he joined the group, he worked at Barclays Bank.