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**Press release**

## **Appointments**

**Patrice Couvègnes** has been appointed Head of the Asia Region (excluding Japan and Australia) and a member of Calyon's Management Committee.

After starting his career at the French Ministry of Equipment and Transport, Patrice Couvègnes joined the Banking Division of the Banque Française du Commerce Extérieur in 1975. In 1984, he moved to Banque Indosuez' Large Corporate Clients Division, of which he was appointed Deputy Manager in 1989. In 1996, he was appointed Head of the Asia-Pacific Corporate Banking business line at Crédit Agricole Indosuez (based in Singapore). In 2000, he became the Head of Crédit Agricole Indosuez, renamed Calyon, in South Korea. Since 2005, he was the Head of Calyon Japan.

Aged 59, Patrice Couvègnes holds a Doctorate in Economic Science from Paris I University.

**Marc-André Poirier** has been appointed Head of Calyon Japan. He replaces Patrice Couvègnes.

Marc-André Poirier joined Calyon in November 2007 as CEO at Calyon Securities Japan and Head of Capital Markets following 20 years with Société Générale's capital markets division (Fixed Income, equities), including around ten years in Asia. During that time he was CEO and director of Société Générale China until 2007.

He graduated in Oriental languages at the Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales and has an MIS degree from Columbia University.

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