



## **Press Release**

## **BNP Paribas 2009 Dividend**

The BNP Paribas Annual General Meeting, held in Paris on 12 May 2010, approved the proposed dividend for 2009 of EUR 1.50 per share, and decided that ordinary shareholders can chose whether to receive their dividend payments in cash or newly-issued BNP Paribas ordinary shares.

The BNP Paribas Board of Directors proposed to the AGM the option of a dividend payment in shares in order to help build up the Company's capital.

The issue price for the ordinary shares given as dividend payment will be EUR 45.87, which corresponds to 90% of the average opening price on the twenty trading sessions prior to the day on which the decision was made to pay the dividend, less the net dividend amount and rounded up to the nearest euro cent.

The dividend will detach on 19 May 2010.

The 2009 dividend will be paid on 15 June 2010 based on shareholders' positions on the evening of 18 May 2010.

The ordinary shares given as dividend payment will bear rights from 1 January 2010. BNP Paribas will request that these shares be admitted to trading on NYSE Euronext Paris starting on 15 June 2010. They will have the same rights and restrictions as existing ordinary shares; these rights and restrictions are given in the Company's Articles of Association and 2009 Registration Document and Annual Financial Report (available on the Company's website, www.bnpparibas.com).

BNP Paribas ordinary shareholders can specify whether they wish to receive their dividend payments fully in cash or fully in newly-issued ordinary shares by notifying their account keepers between 19 May 2010 and 4 June 2010 (inclusive). After this date, dividends will be paid only in cash.

If the amount of a dividend payment requested in shares does not correspond to a whole number of shares, the ordinary shareholder making the request can receive either: the next higher number of shares by paying the difference in cash on the date of the request; or the next lower number of shares and the difference in cash.

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