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We live in a changing world, a world which is evolving and which requires us to evolve with it, a world which is inventing itself and which we can also invent.

For the BNP Paribas Group, being the bank for a changing world means that we need to:

## UNDERSTAND

its evolution,

## **PROGRESS**

in our methods,

## **ACT**

to serve you,

## **PARTICIPATE**

in the initiatives that inspire us.

The photos in this Annual Report
were taken with smartphones
in order to reflect our new relationship
with the world. We thank all employees
who captured their day
in different countries around the world.



# UNDERSTAND



The world is changing and therefore our lifestyles and ways of thinking are changing. Digital communications, the sharing economy, longer life expectancies, the relationship with money and scarcer natural resources are revolutionising our behaviour. The transformations taking place in our societies require us to experiment with new relationships and imagine new services for clients.



## **NEW TRENDS**

#### INTERVIEW WITH PHILIPPE TORRES

Deputy CEO of L'Atelier BNP Paribas\*

FOR MORE THAN 35 YEARS, L'ATELIER BNP PARIBAS, WHICH IS PRESENT IN EUROPE, NORTH AMERICA AND ASIA, HAS BEEN TRACKING THE DISRUPTIVE INNOVATIONS WHICH HERALD PROFOUND CHANGES FOR COMPANIES AND THEIR EMPLOYEES. UNDERSTANDING THESE CHANGES WILL ENABLE OUR BUSINESS LINES TO DEVELOP THE PRODUCTS AND SOLUTIONS OF THE FUTURE.

#### NEW DYNAMICS CAN BE SEEN IN THE WORLD. BNP PARIBAS IS OBSERVING AND ALSO DRIVING THESE CHANGES. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW?

We know that there are deep changes in society that are revolutionising our habits, choices and the challenges which we must face. Human, demographic, industrial and digital developments are all influencing the world. We realised that we had to reassess the way we think and, consequently, the way we act.

#### HOW IS MOBILE DEVELOPMENT INFLUENCING THE WORLD?

Mobile development is multiplying smartphone communications and is the second phase of the digital revolution. At the beginning, it was closely correlated to the development of the fixed internet, but today it is linked to an omnipresent internet that is accessible everywhere. By 2020, around half of the world's population will have access to the internet.

#### WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF THIS UNIVERSAL CONNECTIVITY?

We want everything to be as rapid, close-to-hand and immediate as our preferred internet services. The massive adoption of the internet is transforming our habits and expectations, including what consumers demand from their banks. Today, "consumer citizens" are used to obtaining information immediately, wherever they are. They consider that all other services must work in the same way. As a result, this is putting enormous pressure on industries and services such as health, energy, transport, finance, insurance, etc.



#### DOES THIS HAVE AN IMPACT ON SOCIETY AND THE ENVIRONMENT?

Yes, because internet users have acquired the certitude that they too can change the world. Firstly, human activities have an impact on the environment right across the planet. Secondly, individuals can, via the internet, influence the way in which industries and business work. This is one of the consequences of the digital revolution. The world is changing due to new influences originating with the general public. We are moving towards a new equilibrium, in which there will be a sharing economy, a circular economy, etc.

#### WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THE SHARING FCONOMY?

We see BNP Paribas as really in touch with what is happening. It will be part of our future, even though volumes are today very thin compared with banks' activity. For example, we have supported crowdfunding since its beginning, even though this activity is not part of our business, and in fact may never be.

## HOW IMPORTANT IS THE CULTURE OF INNOVATION FOR THE BNP PARIBAS GROUP?

Since its creation, the Group has been deeply rooted in a culture of innovation that is diverse and well established. We will celebrate 200 years of the Group's existence in 2022, but we are growing every year, particularly through external growth and in a very agile way. Supporting innovation is central to BNP Paribas' growth strategy. By encouraging start-ups and other innovative businesses, the Group is stimulating not only creative entrepreneurs but also helping employees learn new ways to innovate. Best practices in innovation can be seen at various moments at BNP Paribas, even if they are not all developed on a large scale. Two years ago, however, online payments became an integral part of our business because it reached an industrial scale. This allowed us to offer a service to everyone.

<sup>\*</sup>Consulting subsidiary specialised in detecting and tracking trends in new uses of technology, and helping companies carry out their digital transformation.

# 7 BILLION MOBILE PHONES IN THE WORLD\*

MOBILE PHONES ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF OUR DAILY LIVES: 95.5% OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION OWN ONE. WHAT NEW SERVICES CAN THEY DELIVER? THE SMARTPHONE IS MORE THAN A SIMPLE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION. IT HAS BECOME A POCKET-SIZED COMPUTER THAT ENABLES US TO STAY CONNECTED. SMARTPHONES ARE ALSO TRANSFORMING EVERYTHING WE DO, FROM HOW WE OBTAIN INFORMATION AND MAKE PURCHASES TO THE WAY WE BEHAVE. WHAT KIND OF MOBILE BANK SHOULD THE BANK INVENT TODAY TO PREPARE FOR TOMORROW?

\*Based on a Cisco report.





2:20 pm Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates): a selfie taken after lunch by staff.

> Photo by Mubina Parkar.



#### **ALL SERVICES AVAILABLE ON MOBILE PHONES**

**BNP Paribas ranked world no.1 for its mobile apps** in an analysis of 40 retail banks by independent firm MyPrivateBanking Research. The mobile phone allows for a full range of additional services. It constitutes a banking channel in its own right at BNP Paribas and is an integrated part of daily banking, far more than a "nice to have" feature.

#### **ZERO PAPER**

The "electronic signature" is fast gaining ground and BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions is the first financial institution in France to offer its partners a complete switch to paperless solutions for financing requests. Thanks to "Digital Leasing", partners can gather all the documents required for an application via a PC or tablet and obtain the signature from the end customer. After receiving the activation code on his mobile phone, the customer validates his electronic signature in total security.





#### **SCAN TO PAY**

Bank of the West added the "Scan to Pay" feature to its mobile app. Customers can now pay a bill in 30 seconds by taking a photo of the bill with a smartphone. The findings of a survey revealed that Bank of the West customers would be more inclined to use their smartphones to settle bills if they had a quick and easy interface. Bank of the West was one of the first US banks to offer on-device technology which is precise, practical and efficient.

#### A NEW "MOBO" SOLUTION



In Belgium, France and Italy, BNP Paribas launched Mobo,

the first solution for processing bank card payments on a smartphone. Aimed at retailers, tradespeople and the liberal professions, Mobo consists of a cash-payment application and a card reader. It enables a customer to make a payment from a smartphone anywhere, anytime. Once the payment is processed, the customer receives an e-mail confirming the transaction.



## DELIVERED AND SETTLED IN A FLASH

IN TURKEY TEB OFFERS COMPANIES PROVEN AND SECURE MOBILE SOLUTIONS TO FACILITATE THE DAILY MANAGEMENT OF THEIR BUSINESS. THE BANK'S "MOBILE DDS" SOLUTION, FOR EXAMPLE, ALLOWS A COURIER MAKING A DELIVERY TO PROCESS THE PAYMENT ON A SMARTPHONE. OTHER SERVICES INCLUDE REMOTE-ACCESS ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT, INTERNATIONAL MONEY TRANSFERS, THE ABILITY TO PAY SALARIES VIA E-BILLING AND ELECTRONIC-SIGNATURE SOLUTIONS.

#### MARKET ESSENTIALS

With its simple design, user-friendly navigation and innovative functionality, BNP Paribas Personal Investors' mobile app offers essential information about financial markets. It includes easy-to-find market research, product classification based on intraday performance, simplified trading,

and the synchronisation of personal lists between mobile devices and the internet. The app also includes a map of world markets displaying the principal market indices as well as economic and financial news. The app offers investors a complete view of the markets in just one glance.

## SHARING ACROSS 4 GENERATIONS\*

WITH LONGER LIFE
EXPECTANCIES, FAMILIES
TODAY INCREASINGLY REFLECT
SEVERAL GENERATIONS.
THE SAME IS TRUE OF THE
WORKPLACE. BEYOND THE
AGE FACTOR, VALUES DIFFER
ACROSS GENERATIONS DUE
TO DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES.
EACH PERSON BRINGS HIS OR
HER WAY OF SEEING THINGS
AND SPECIFIC KNOW-HOW,
AND THIS ENABLES THE
SHARING OF EXPERIENCE
AND BEST PRACTICE. WHEN
DIFFERENT GENERATIONS
COME TOGETHER, DIALOGUE
IS ENRICHED AND THE
TRANSMISSION OF
KNOWLEDGE MADE EASIER.

Be happy!



11:20 am Nanterre
(France):
Caroline creates
a happy atmosphere
at the office
by leaving a gift on
colleagues' desks.

Photo by Mylène Maleplate.

\* Source: OECD



#### OPEN INNOVATION, TURKISH STYLE

## The 7th Innovation Conference in Istanbul, organised by TEB and featured on Twitter and Facebook,

brought together 1,200 people of all ages and backgrounds and who answered the invitation from TEB's General Manager, Ümit Leblebici, who said: "Do you remember when you were a child and you stayed on the edge of the field watching the older players and waiting for them to ask you to show them what you could do? This is exactly what we

did. We invited you to play in our favourite game: innovation. We asked people watching us to join us on the field." TEB staff, students, young working people and clients attended the conference to share their experiences. Some 13,500 ideas emerged from discussions. The initiative was particularly conducive to dialogue and sharing—essential ingredients for innovation—and is being replicated elsewhere in the Group.





#### LEARNING THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP

In France BNP Paribas Cardif renewed its partnership with *Entreprendre pour Apprendre* (Learning through Entrepreneurship), a federation of community associations which works in schools to develop the entrepreneurial

spirit among young people. Since 2011 this partnership has sponsored a skills-based programme which consists of staff volunteers (70 at present) imparting economic and financial knowledge to secondary-school pupils.





#### **BRIDGING THE GENERATIONAL GAP**

Reverse mentoring can be defined as digital natives\* helping older colleagues in the workplace to become more savvy regarding digital technologies and more informed about social media. BNP Paribas Cardif is an active advocate of this mode of learning, which is based on the participation of volunteers and the transmission of knowledge between "juniors", who use digital tools in their private and professional lives, and "seniors" who need to learn more about these tools for their work.

\*Individuals born after the digital-technology boom.

#### A SPECIAL DAY

"Start-up seeks investor". In Rome, BNL partnered with Luiss Enlabs, one of Italy's major business incubators, to bring together 4 start-up companies, entrepreneurs seeking innovative solutions for their businesses, and BNL's wealth-management clients. One hundred and twenty participants, including 70 companies and 25 wealthmanagement clients open to diversifying their investment portfolios, responded to an invitation to "Meet the Start-Up". In an informal atmosphere, they learned about the ecosystem designed by BNL to support start-ups. The event was the latest event in the partnership with Luiss Enlabs, which also features on the BNL website devoted to SMEs.



# 36 BILLION TONNES OF CO<sub>2</sub>...

## ... ARE EMITTED INTO THE ATMOSPHERE AS A RESULT OF HUMAN ACTIVITIES\*.

NATURE IS AN ASSET WE SHARE BUT IT IS FRAGILE. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DEMANDS THAT NATURAL RESOURCES BE PROTECTED. GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PRIVATE INITIATIVES, WHETHER HOME RENOVATION, FINANCING RENEWABLE ENERGY OR NEW WAYS OF PRODUCING AND CONSUMING, ALL AIM TO PRESERVE THE ENVIRONMENT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. WHAT IS BNP PARIBAS DOING TO TACKLE THIS ISSUE?

\* According to the Global Carbon Project





12:30 pm Lisbon (Portugal): autumn colours taken from the Art's building.

Photo by Joana Patricia Santos.

#### **ACT FOR THE CLIMATE**

Among its environmental initiatives BNP Paribas has chosen to prioritise its contribution by combating climate change. The Group aims to reduce the environmental impacts resulting indirectly from its banking activities and directly from its own operations. In practical terms, BNP Paribas has 3 commitments: finance the transition to renewable energy; reduce its own environmental footprint (the target to reduce  ${\rm CO_2}$  emissions per employee by 10% between 2012 and 2015 has almost been reached); and support research into climate change.



#### **TAILWINDS**

#### Gemini is a major power

project. Located 85km off the coast of the Netherlands in the North Sea, the world's largest offshore wind farm will produce 600 megawatts per year from 2017. The Gemini farm will supply electricity to more than 785,000 households per year and reduce CO₂ emissions by 1.25 million tonnes. With an earmarked investment of €2.1 billion, Gemini is also one of the largest-ever financing deals for a renewable-energy project. Corporate & Institutional Banking acted as Mandated Lead Arranger of the syndicated loan with a group of 16 banks and financial institutions.



## SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT - A FIRST

Corporate & Institutional Banking partnered with the World Bank to issue a series of equity indexlinked green bonds. The index (Ethical Europe Equity index) is comprised of companies selected on the basis of SRI (socially Responsible Investment) criteria. The investments allow clients to benefit from the potential growth of an equity index while supporting projects with a positive climate impact financed by the World Bank. Both institutional and retail. investors have shown a strong appetite for these environmentallyconscious investments. These issues are also part of BNP Paribas' commitment to drive progress in sustainable and responsible investment solutions for clients.



It is in the same place and has the same purpose, but it is more economical and, above all, more sustainable: the new headquarters that BNP Paribas Fortis is building in the centre of Brussels meets the highest standards of environmental performance and employee comfort and well-being. With a 70% increase in capacity based on existing floor space, the new HQ will house staff currently working in various buildings in Brussels under the same roof.



#### ZENORA AT ITS ZENITH

ZENORA, AN OFFICE COMPLEX DESIGNED BY BNP PARIBAS IMMOBILIER D'ENTREPRISE AND DEVELOPED JOINTLY WITH POSTE IMMO DÉVELOPPEMENT IN ISSY-LES-MOULINEAUX (A SUBURB OF PARIS) OBTAINED BREEAM\* CERTIFICATION. THIS EUROPEAN STANDARD IS THE REFERENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION. WITH A SCORE OF 92.07%, NODA (ONE OF THE TWO BUILDINGS IN THE ZENORA PROJECT) WAS THE FIRST OFFICE BUILDING IN EUROPE TO OBTAIN SUCH A HIGH SCORE IN ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE.

\*Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method.

#### AN INVESTMENT STRATEGY WINS ACCLAIM

For the sixth year in a row, 14 BNP Paribas Investment Partners mutual funds obtained quality labels from SRI Novethic, the European leader in label attributions for Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI) mutual funds. The funds are managed in accordance with strict environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria. Nine funds were awarded the Novethic SRI label, which attests to a management style complying with ESG criteria in a selection of stocks. And 5 funds, including for the first time Parvest Green Tigers, obtained the Novethic Green Fund label. BNP Paribas Investment Partners also ranks among the world's best fund managers based on the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investing.

#### **BACKING GREEN PROJECTS**

**BNL** is helping individuals and companies to adapt their energy systems in order to generate savings and preserve the environment. The bank offers families, companies and owners of apartment buildings a full range of BNL Green financing solutions.

# **€24 BILLION WORTH** OF SHARING...

#### ...PEER-TO-PEER\*.

AT THE JUNCTION OF
SOCIAL INNOVATION AND
DIGITAL CULTURE IS THE
SHARING ECONOMY. FROM
COLLABORATIVE CONSUMING
AND CROWDFUNDING
TO OPEN INNOVATION AND
CO-WORKING, THESE TRENDS
ARE MOVING INTO EVERY AREA
OF SOCIETY. WE LIVE IN
AN "OPEN LABORATORY"
THAT IS INVENTING NEW
SOCIO-ECONOMIC MODELS.
HOW CAN THE BANK
UNDERSTAND BETTER
THIS "DISRUPTION"
TO ESTARLISHED REHAVIOLIP?







12:45 pm Pantin
(France):
a campus
atmosphere at
the Grands Moulins
de Pantin.

Photo by Laurent Espirat.

#### WAVE DEMONSTRATES INGENUITY 2.0

BNP Paribas, in collaboration with L'Atelier BNP Paribas, conceived WAVE, an inspirational exhibition that explores the main trends of collective ingenuity around the world and where people from all horizons share a positive vision of the future.

#### **CLICKS AND CROWDFUNDING**

**BNP Paribas partnered with Ulule, the leading crowdfunding platform in Europe,** to organise the *1 clic pour 1 projet* (1 click for 1 project) campaign from 3 to 5 June 2014. Internet users selected their favourite start-up project from a selection of 3 candidates. The initiative is helping to establish crowdfunding in France.

#### HELLO BANK! LISTEN = SUPPORT

To celebrate its first anniversary, Hello bank!, the first 100% digital mobile bank in Europe, launched Hello play!, a crowd-sponsoring music platform. Internet users choose their favourite project by donating "Hello Coins" which they earn by listening to music on a streaming platform (Spotify, Deezer, SoundCloud, Last.fm) or by sharing content. Nearly 6,000 Hello Players have helped to finance 15 projects.





#### THINKING AND WORKING OUT OF THE BOX

**BNP Paribas Cardif is cultivating innovation everywhere.** Its latest initiative was the intensive co-creative workshops organised with its partners. Called "Sharing Days", the aim is to start with the needs of the end user, bring together internal and external stakeholders, and then use creative methods to stimulate the creation (and rapid implementation) of initiatives that are easy to replicate.

#### **CUSTOMER VOICE**

In Germany Cortal Consors invites existing and potential customers to share their experiences and knowledge within an investor community. In this way they contribute to the bank's data and information base that include market information, trends and a glossary. They also contribute to

blogs managed by experts and on which customers can share their investment opinions. At the end of 2014 the community had more than 11,000 members. The initiative paves a new way for customers to interact with the bank

#### **BIG DATA: UNLOCKING VALUE**

Compiled, cross-checked and correlated data in information systems provide valuable indicators for improving client service and meeting needs better. Conscious of these issues, Corporate & Institutional Banking appointed a Chief Data Officer in 2014 for its Global Markets business in order to better understand, manage and improve data quality.

## MYMICROINVEST: ANOTHER WAY TO FINANCE

Crowdfunding is increasingly popular. BNP Paribas Fortis approached the market leader in Belgium in order to meet the specific needs of companies wanting to diversify their funding sources. BNP Paribas Fortis now refers these companies to "MyMicroInvest", an investment platform that went live several years ago. Two sources of financing are available for each project: one supported by the general public, the other by professional investors. Since its creation in 2012 it has attracted more than 20.000 members who have invested a total of €5.1 million in the creation of 19 innovative start-ups.

#### BU77ING WITH IDFAS



"Buzzing Ideas" is the new collaborative innovation platform

launched by Arval to collect ideas and encourage dialogue in the workplace. Several challenges are organised throughout the year to stimulate and reward creativity among staff. A panel of experts selects the best ideas for implementation.

# 4 HOURS TO RESPOND TO CLIENTS\*

TODAY'S CONSUMERS ARE
INUNDATED WITH INFORMATION
AND ARE MORE CRITICAL AND
DEMANDING THAN EVER.
THE SPREAD OF THE INTERNET
AND MOBILE DEVICES, COUPLED
WITH THE INCREASE IN THE USE
OF SOCIAL MEDIA, MEAN THAT
THE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL
SERVICES HAS INCREASED
TENFOLD. THE NEED FOR
IMMEDIACY IS SIGNIFICANTLY
CHANGING THE WAY WE MANAGE
CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIPS.
THE COORDINATION AND
INTEGRATION OF DIFFERENT
CHANNELS IS ESSENTIAL.
HOW SHOULD THE BANK RESPOND
TO THESE NEW DEMANDS?

\*Based on the survey *The Real Self-Service Economy* by Steven Van Belleghem.





8:30 am
La Chapelle-sur-Erdre
(France):
an energetic start
to the day.

Photo by Émilie Eon Touchard.



#### **COMMUNICATION 3.0**

BNL OPENED A NUMBER OF "EMBASSIES" ON SOCIAL MEDIA TO CREATE A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH USERS OF ITS OWN SOCIAL NETWORKS. THE RESULT WAS A NEW ECOSYSTEM IN WHICH DIFFERENT THEMES ARE ADDRESSED (BNL EDUCARE FOR EDUCATION, BNL MESTIERE IMPRESA FOR COMPANIES, ETC.).

#### **DIGITAL ATTITUDE**

BNP Paribas Personal Finance is pursuing its digital transformation by rolling out applications for each country. After Italy, the pioneer in this area, Personal Finance is developing the "electronic signature" for loan contracts in other markets. In Turkey, an app enables staff at car dealerships to process the entire loan process, rendering it paperless. In Romania, connected tablets have been rolled out in the partners' stores; and in the Czech Republic, Cetelem cardholders can now pay their monthly instalments by swiping a flashcode.





## TRANSFORMING THE BRANCH NETWORK

The distinction between online and traditional banking is disappearing. Customers want to switch smoothly between different contact channels. In Europe, the Group's branch networks are adapting accordingly. The priority: create a new customer relationship. The bank is therefore investing in digital solutions and new branch layouts. In France, for example, customers can receive an answer within 30 seconds via an online chat feature; and within 2 hours they can schedule a meeting with a customer adviser.

## BUILDING THE BANK OF THE FUTURE

## BNP Paribas is gearing up to imagine the bank of the future.

Retail Development & Innovation, the cross-business team devoted to all of the Group's retail-banking activities, has been tasked with imagining and co-creating a long-term, client-centric vision together with the Group's retail-banking entities. The bank will face numerous challenges in the coming years, notably with regards to the branch network, distribution, digital banking and payments. The key to successfully meeting these challenges will be innovation.

#### **CHAT TO UNDERSTAND**

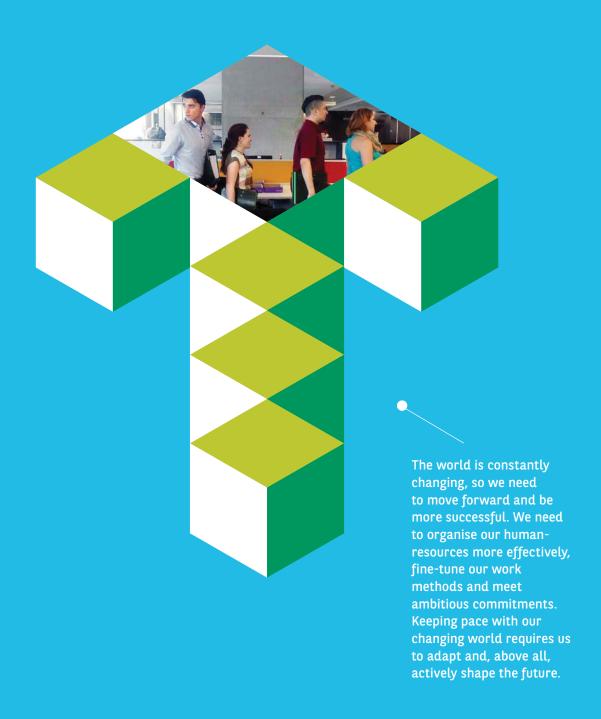
ARE CUSTOMERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA? THE BANK IS GOING OUT TO MEET THEM. IN POLAND, BNP PARIBAS ORGANISES ONLINE CHAT SESSIONS. IT HAS ALSO PRODUCED AN INTERACTIVE GUIDE THAT EXPLAINS THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF LOANS AND HELPS INTERNET USERS TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS. IN MOROCCO, BMCI WAS THE FIRST BANK TO LAUNCH CHATS ON FACEBOOK IN ORDER TO ENGAGE WITH INTERNET USERS AND TO OFFER ADVICE ON TOPICS RANGING FROM MORTGAGES TO STUDENT LOANS. IN BELGIUM, FRANCE AND ITALY, HELLO BANK! OFFERS CUSTOMERS A HELLO TEAM VIA A CHAT FEATURE.

#### A HOST OF INNOVATIONS

BNP Paribas held its "Hall of Next", an internal tradeshow built around the theme of innovation and BNP Paribas as "the bank for a changing world". One hundred and forty client innovations were selected from 2,000 submitted by Group entities. The event was held on 3 and 4 April 2014 in Paris and showcased the best new services plus the high quality of our customer relationships to the media as well as to more than 3,000 employees. The Group relies on the monitoring of L'Atelier BNP Paribas across the world to help it come up with new solutions to make life easier for customers, whether in day-to-day banking or managing the household budget.



# **PROGRESS**





## BNP PARIBAS STRENGTHENS ITS CONTROL SYSTEM

## On 30 June 2014 the Group reached an overall settlement regarding the investigation of a number of dollar-denominated transactions relating to countries subject to US sanctions.

In connection with this settlement, BNP Paribas acknowledged its responsibility via a guilty plea for breaching certain US laws and regulations in respect of economic sanctions imposed against certain countries and the recording of related transactions.

BNP Paribas also agreed to pay a total of \$8.97 billion (€6.6 billion). In addition, BNP Paribas agreed to the temporary suspension, for a period of one year from 1 January 2015, of a number of direct offsetting transactions in US dollars, falling primarily within the scope of the financing of international trade in commodities, specifically oil and gas, in a number of locations.



Compliance witnessed significant changes in its organisation in 2014. In the second half of 2014 it was decided that the Compliance function would be reorganised into an integrated function and that its resources would be strengthened. These resources had already been significantly increased (+24% compared with 2013) to reach more than 2,500 employees in 2014.

## 1. SPECIFIC MEASURES IN THE UNITED STATES

The creation of a new department called "Global Financial Security-US" in New York and which is part of Group Compliance. Its mission is to see that BNP Paribas respects, worldwide, US regulations relating to international sanctions and embargoes. All of the Group's dollar-denominated payments will eventually be handled and controlled by the bank's New York branch.

## 2. SUPERVISION OF THE "REMEDIATION PLAN"

The Compliance function supervises the implementation of the "remediation plan" requested by the US authorities which transposes the commitments made by BNP Paribas in connection with business carried out in US dollars.

## 3. STRENGTHENING COMPLIANCE AND CONTROL PROCEDURES

In 2014 standard-setting arrangements were enhanced by several major texts that set out the Group's rules and standards, notably in the field of financial security, the strengthening of Know Your Customer (KYC) rules and other Group counterparties and partners, along with the establishment of the system intended to ensure compliance with international financial sanctions, particularly those of US origin, which will continue in 2015 in conjunction with the authorities. In this same field, the various policies and procedures relating to compliance with new international sanctions, or

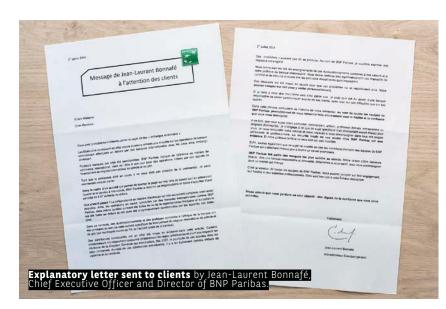
changes thereto, and more generally, all Compliance policies and procedures relating to international sanctions were reviewed and updated, where appropriate, such as the update to the ethical alert procedure.

#### 4. EMPHASIS ON TRAINING

In terms of training, a substantial effort was made throughout the Group, using multiple channels (eg, online training, which was compulsory for employees exposed to risks in this area, distribution of a guide, etc.) with a view to raising awareness among the relevant employees of the significance and main characteristics of international financial sanctions.

## 5. ESTABLISHING AN ETHICS COMMITTEE

Another major development in terms of the internal control system was the creation of an Ethics Committee. This Committee's main task will be to make recommendations regarding BNP Paribas' activities in sensitive countries and sectors, as well as the Group's Code of Conduct, which is set to be strengthened. It is made up of external, independent personalities and members of BNP Paribas' Executive Committee.



## Transparent communication

PERSONALISED LETTERS SENT TO BNP PARIBAS CLIENTS

LETTERS SENT TO INDIVIDUAL SHAREHOLDERS

PUBLICATION OF AN OPEN LETTER
IN THE US PRESS: THE WALL
STREET JOURNAL, THE NEW YORK
TIMES AND THE FINANCIAL TIMES

E-MAIL FROM
JEAN-LAURENT BONNAFÉ
TO ALL GROUP STAFF

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# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FORMULATES BNP PARIBAS' STRATEGY AND OVERALL BUSINESS OBJECTIVES

BASED ON PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT.

IT APPOINTS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICERS. IT EXAMINES AND DECIDES ON STRATEGIC OPERATIONS AND OVERSEES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE OBJECTIVES IT HAS APPROVED. THE BOARD IS ALSO KEPT REGULARLY INFORMED OF THE GROUP'S LIQUIDITY SITUATION AND ONGOING COMMITMENTS.

AT 31 DECEMBER 2014, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMPRISED 15 DIRECTORS,

2 OF WHOM WERE ELECTED BY THE STAFF.



#### 1 JEAN LEMIERRE

Chairman of the Board of Directors of BNP Paribas since 1 December 2014

#### 2 MICHEL PÉBEREAU

Honorary Chairman of BNP Paribas

#### 3 JEAN-LAURENT BONNAFÉ

Chief Executive Officer and Director of BNP Paribas

#### 4 PIERRE-ANDRÉ DE CHALENDAR

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Saint-Gobain

#### **5** MONIQUE COHEN

Partner of Apax France

#### 6 MARION GUILLOU

Chairman of Agreenium

#### **7** DENIS KESSLER

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of SCOR SE

#### 8 JEAN-FRANÇOIS LEPETIT

Director of companies

#### 9 NICOLE MISSON

Customer Advisor, Director elected by BNP Paribas employees

#### 10 LAURENCE PARISOT

Vice-Chairman of the Management Board of Ifop SA

#### **11** DANIELA SCHWARZER

Research Professor at the Institute for European and Eurasian Studies at the Johns Hopkins University, Director of the European programmes of the German Marshall Fund

#### 12 MICHEL TILMANT

Manager of Strafin sprl

#### 13 EMIEL VAN BROEKHOVEN

Economist, Honorary Professor at the University of Antwerp

#### 44 FIELDS WICKER-MIURIN

Co-founder and Partner at Leaders' Quest

#### THIERRY MOUCHARD\*

Customer Transactions Department;
Director elected by BNP Paribas employee
\*Absent on the day of the photo session.

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#### OTHER CORPORATE OFFICERS

#### PHILIPPE BORDENAVE

**Chief Operating Officer of BNP Paribas** 

#### FRANÇOIS VILLEROY DE GALHAU

**Chief Operating Officer of BNP Paribas** 

# THE DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Together with the other members of the Board of Directors, the Chairman oversees the implementation of the Group's Business Development Plan, focusing on the strengthening of its governance and the internal control measures put in place in 2014. He ensures that the quality of relations with shareholders is maintained, in close coordination with the work of Executive Management in this area. In this connection, he chairs the Shareholder Liaison Committee. He is also involved in the bank's relationships with the French and international financial and monetary authorities.

On 1 December 2014, Jean Lemierre was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors. Alongside Jean-Laurent Bonnafé, Jean Lemierre provides help and advice to Executive Management. He brings his experience to the Group and represents it in high-level relationships, particularly with large corporates and public authorities in France and abroad.



JEAN LEMIERRE

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Jean Lemierre is former head of the French Treasury and was President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for 8 years. In September 2008 he became Senior Advisor to BNP Paribas and represented the bank internationally among regulators as well as economic and political leaders.

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## NEW DYNAMICS FOR BNP PARIBAS



#### INTERVIEW WITH JEAN-LAURENT BONNAFÉ

Chief Executive Officer

#### How would you summarise 2014?

2014 was a singular year for BNP Paribas. It began with the presentation of the Group's strategic plan and ambitious targets for 2016. Above all, the year was dominated by a one-off event. On 30 June 2014, as part of a comprehensive settlement with the US authorities, BNP Paribas accepted its responsibility for failing to comply with certain US laws and regulations relating to payments in US dollars that involved a number of countries subject to US embargoes. This settlement resulted in the payment of a €6.6 billion fine. Despite this particular context, and thanks to the commitment of staff and the loyalty of our clients, the Group turned in a very good operating performance in 2014. We generated revenues of €39 billion, which were above expectations, and which grew in all core activities, business lines and geographic regions. Against the backdrop of a morose economy, historicallylow interest rates and mounting fiscal and regularly pressure, the Group also continued to rein in expenses and lower slightly the cost of risk. For the 2014 fiscal year the Group's net income attributable to equity holders, excluding exceptional items, came to €7 billion. Including exceptional items, it came to €157 million. These results reflect our integrated banking model, but above all the loyalty of our clients. We thank them again for the trust they place in us.

#### What has been learned from the settlement with the US authorities?

This event was a burden for the Group and all its employees. We expressed our regret for these dysfunctions, which were contrary to the bank's ethical principles and which should never have taken place. Lessons have been learned. The settlement enabled us to put past events behind us and start to focus on the future. Banks must be accountable and be able to justify, in detail, the transactions they undertake. The level of requirements goes beyond this. We need to anticipate regulatory changes. Consequently, we have

# "OUR BUSINESS LINES ARE UNDERGOING MAJOR TRANSFORMATIONS IN ORDER TO MEET NEW CLIENT EXPECTATIONS."

significantly increased resources and tightened procedures in our compliance and internal-control activities. Furthermore, we have raised staff awareness around these issues.

#### How is the Group pursuing its growth?

Our operating results confirm the relevance of the strategic decisions set out in our 2014-2016 Business Development Plan. Our business lines are undergoing major transformations in order to meet new client expectations. We must adapt to the much more restrictive environment, anticipate a technology revolution which will impact all our businesses and, finally, continue to finance the economy. With this in mind, we have launched major projects to build the bank of the future.

#### What are these projects?

In Europe, Retail Banking has initiated programmes to transform the branch networks in order to meet customer expectations regarding simplicity, speed and personalisation. Hello bank!, the first 100% digital mobile bank in Europe, has continued to grow and had more than 800,000 customers at the end of 2014. The Group also seized targeted growth opportunities with the



# "OFFER OUR CLIENTS THE MAGIC OF THE DIGITAL WORLD WHILE GUARANTEEING SECURITY AND COMPLIANCE FOR TRANSACTIONS."

acquisitions of BGŻ in Poland, DAB Bank in Germany and LaSer in France. Together they will contribute €1.6 billion to Group revenues from 2016. CIB—renamed Corporate & Institutional Banking—is undergoing a major transformation to meet the needs of corporate and institutional clients. This new organisation will help deliver a full range of integrated solutions with greater efficiency.

## In support of these projects, the Group decided to redefine its values through an unprecedented, collaborative staff initiative. Why?

Our values were created almost 15 years ago. And yet over the past 10 years the banking sector has undergone major transformations. In this context, and in order to take into account our size, diversity and international dimension as well as to encourage the implementation of our Strategic Plan, we thought it necessary to review these values. The Group accomplished this through an innovative, collaborative initiative in which all employees were invited to express their opinion. The result—which we call the "BNP Paribas Way"—is anchored in 4 strengths on which we can capitalise, and on 4 driving forces that will sustain the Group's transformation and development over the coming years.

#### What is the impact of digital technology on business lines?

In 7 years, BNP Paribas will celebrate its 200th anniversary. If we look at 10 years from now, our main challenge in the area of digital transformation will be finding the right balance between innovation and security. Digital technology is creating 2 parallel movements: on the one hand, a capacity to enhance the customer experience through new technologies. On the other hand, security matters which are growing exponentially and linked to the growing

use of digital technology. This dual evolution concerns every single company, particularly newcomers in the digital economy. For BNP Paribas, the aim, which will give us a key competitive edge, is simple: offer our clients the magic of the digital world while guaranteeing security and compliance for their transactions. Our vision is clear.

#### How will you achieve this objective?

No company can succeed in reconciling this quantitative and qualitative transformation without adopting open-innovation mechanisms. We are determined to develop our own open-innovation ecosystem at the international level. Every day, our teams co-create with developers from FinTech firms\*, with digital players, and also with start-ups whom we seek out to help us with our innovation efforts. We can also help these companies in return to develop durable solutions because we ensure, as early as possible, that they comply with our compliance and security standards. Let us not forget that these challenges are industrywide. The timescale is a decade. Bill Gates said at the beginning of the century: "We always overestimate the change that will occur in the next 2 years and underestimate the change that will occur in the next 10."

<sup>\*</sup>An innovative start-up which uses technology to come up with new banking/ financial services.

## THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### IN SESSION

THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE, UNDER THE
AUTHORITY OF THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
COMPRISES THE CHIEF
OPERATING OFFICERS
AND HEADS OF GROUP
BUSINESS LINES AND
FUNCTIONS. AS AT
31 DECEMBER 2014, THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF BNP PARIBAS
COMPRISED 18 MEMBERS.



JEAN-LAURENT BONNAFÉ
Chief Executive Officer
and Director



JACQUES D'ESTAIS

Deputy Chief Operating Officer



STEFAAN DECRAENE
International Retail Banking



FRÉDÉRIC JANBON

Special Advisor
to Executive Management



ÉRIC RAYNAUD
Asia Pacific



PHILIPPE BORDENAVE
Chief Operating Officer



MICHEL KONCZATY

Deputy Chief Operating Officer



FABIO GALLIA BNL



THIERRY LABORDE BNP Paribas Personal Finance



FRANK RONCEY



FRANÇOIS VILLEROY DE GALHAU
Chief Operating Officer



ALAIN PAPIASSE
Deputy Chief Operating Officer



YANN GÉRARDIN Corporate and Institutional Banking



ÉRIC MARTIN

Group Compliance



THIERRY VARÈNE
Key Accounts



MARIE-CLAIRE CAPOBIANCO French Retail Banking



MAXIME JADOT
BNP Paribas Fortis



YVES MARTRENCHAR
Group Human Resources



# OUR WORLDWIDE PRESENCE

#### AN INTEGRATED BANKING AND FINANCIAL-SERVICES GROUP AND A LEADER IN EUROPE

THE CAPACITY TO SERVE A DIVERSIFIED CLIENT BASE IS AT THE HEART OF BNP PARIBAS' BUSINESS MODEL.

The Group has nearly 27 million individual customers and 1 million professional, small business and corporate clients in its retail networks, while BNP Paribas Personal Finance has more than 16 million active customers.

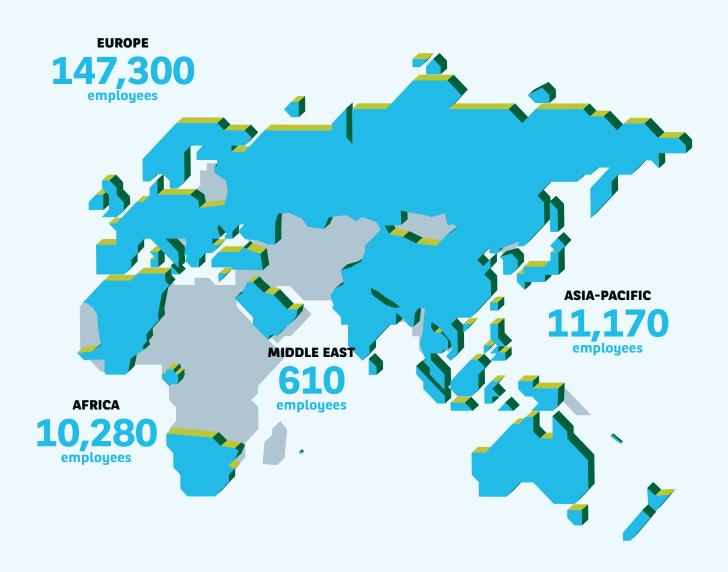
Thanks to its global reach, coordinated businesses and solid expertise, the Group provides clients with a full range of innovative solutions adapted to their needs.

These encompass payments, deposits, traditional and specialised financing, savings and investment, protection, wealth and asset management, real estate, securities services, cash management, and interest-rate and currency-related products.

The investment-banking business offers clients access to the capital markets, structured-finance solutions, the hedging of risk for all asset classes, and advisory services. Finally, thanks to its international presence, BNP Paribas is able to help clients expand their business the world over.



## BNP PARIBAS IS ACTIVE IN 75 COUNTRIES WITH NEARLY 188,000 EMPLOYEES.



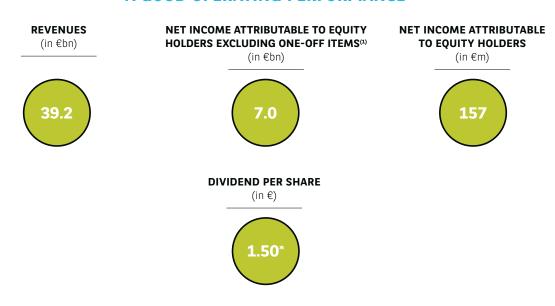
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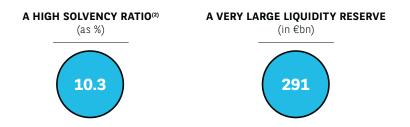
#### **2014 ANNUAL RESULTS**

THE GROUP'S 2014 RESULTS REFLECT THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF SIGNIFICANT ONE-OFF ITEMS,
PRINCIPALLY THE COSTS RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT WITH THE US AUTHORITIES.
EXCLUDING THESE ITEMS, THE GROUP DELIVERED A GOOD OPERATING PERFORMANCE THANKS
TO ITS DIVERSIFIED AND INTEGRATED BUSINESS MODEL AND TO THE TRUST OF ITS INSTITUTIONAL,
CORPORATE AND INDIVIDUAL CLIENTS. REVENUES TOTALLED €39.2 BILLION (+3.2% VS. 2013 EXCLUDING
EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS). THE GROUP'S BALANCE SHEET REMAINS ROCK-SOLID. AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014,
THE FULLY-LOADED BASEL 3 COMMON EQUITY TIER 1 RATIO WAS 10.3%.

#### A GOOD OPERATING PERFORMANCE



#### A ROCK-SOLID BALANCE SHEET



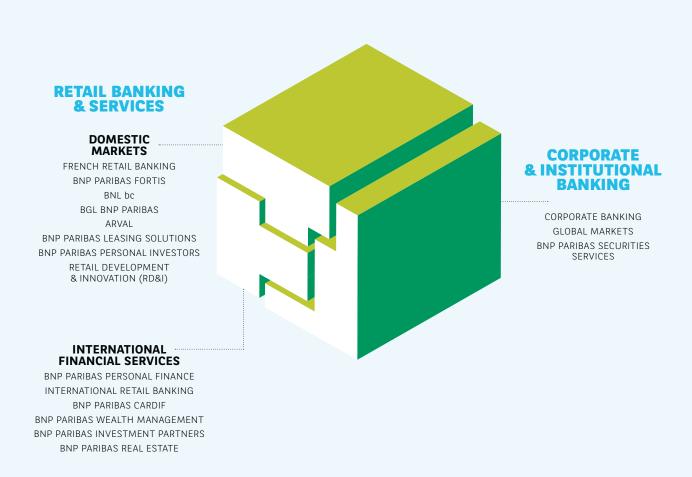
<sup>(1)</sup> Of which costs related to the comprehensive settlement with the US authorities: €6bn.

 $Additional\ information\ can\ be\ found\ in\ the\ 2014\ Registration\ Document\ and\ Annual\ Financial\ Report\ on\ bnpparibas.com$ 

<sup>(2)</sup> Fully-loaded Basel 3 common equity Tier 1 ratio, taking into account all the rules of the CRD4 (Capital Requirements Directive) with no transitory provisions. \*Subject to the approval of the Annual General Meeting of 13 May 2015.

# OUR ACTIVITIES IN 2015

The BNP Paribas Group is organised around 2 activities:
Retail Banking & Services, comprising Domestic Markets
and International Financial Services; and Corporate & Institutional Banking.



A comprehensive range of diversified, complementary businesses to serve clients



## RETAIL BANKING & SERVICES

Retail Banking & Services consists of the Group's retail-banking networks and specialised financial services in France and around the world.

It comprises **Domestic Markets** and **International Financial Services**.



#### **DOMESTIC MARKETS**

Domestic Markets comprises the Group's 4 retail banking networks in the eurozone, 3 specialised activities, and 1 cross-business team. The retail banks are **French Retail Banking** in France, **BNL bc** in Italy, **BNP Paribas Fortis** in Belgium, and **BGL BNP Paribas** in Luxembourg. The 3 specialised activities are **Arval** (full-service vehicle leasing), **BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions** and **BNP Paribas Personal Investors** (savings and online brokerage). Finally, the cross-business team, **Retail Development & Innovation** (RD&I) is tasked with supporting the development of all retail-banking activities and of BNP Paribas Personal Finance and International Retail Banking. Cash Management and Factoring complete the services offered to businesses. The Wealth Management business line is also developing its private-banking model in the Group's Domestic Markets.

#### THE CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP

## BE THE REFERENCE FOR CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIPS

In May 2014 French Retail Banking (FRB) launched Préférence Client 2016, a programme aimed at transforming the customer relationship and the branch network. The programme benefits from a 3-year, €210 million investment plan and focuses on 3 priority areas: branch layouts, the customer relationship and digital solutions. The aim is to offer FRB's individual and professional customers an enriched customer experience that corresponds to their needs. In practical terms, this aim translates into: 10 new service commitments; consolidation of

expertise by reinforcing teams of specialist customer advisers; and the creation of 3 complementary branch layouts: Express, Conseil et Projets (Express, Advice and Projects). The layouts are designed to match customer expectations and keep pace with the network's digital development. By the end of 2019 the entire branch network will have adopted the *Préférence* Client model. This ambitious project aims to significantly boost the level of customer satisfaction. The target is to achieve a score of more than 1 "very satisfied" client in 2 at FRB by 2019.

NEARLY **70,000**EMPLOYEES IN 26 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING MORE
THAN 60,000 IN THE
4 DOMESTIC MARKETS

more than 15
MILLION INDIVIDUAL
CUSTOMERS

more than 1 million professionals, small business and corporate clients



#### INNOVATION

#### Home for Innovation

In 2014 BNP Paribas Fortis created "Home for Innovation", a place which helps to foster innovation by promoting and supporting innovative, disruptive, and cross-business initiatives. Its mission is to supervise temporary "pop-up teams" who are tasked with developing selected innovative concepts.

To be eligible, a concept must meet 3 conditions: concern the client, be relevant to several business lines and represent disruptive innovation. In other words, it must bring something genuinely new. To develop these new concepts, "Home for Innovation" will use the business incubator's own methods. Agility is one of its key added values.

#### AWARDS

## WEALTH MANAGEMENT WINS AWARDS ACROSS EUROPE

In 2014 BNP Paribas was named "Best Private Bank in Europe" by Professional Wealth Management/The Banker (FT Group). The magazine also named BNP Paribas "Best Private Bank in France" and gave it the "Special Award" in Belgium. Meanwhile, Euromoney magazine named BNP Paribas Wealth Management "Best Private Bank in France" and BGL BNP Paribas Wealth Management "Best Private Bank in Luxembourg".

#### COMMITMENT

#### EduCare Scuola

For BNL, creating value in the changing world also means offering young people financial education. The training programme called "EduCare Scuola" gives primary-school children in Italy a basic understanding of economics and introduces them to topics such as savings and investment. The programme, which addresses the responsible use of money, will help the children to manage their budgets in a responsible way when they reach adulthood.

#### COMMITMENT

#### Supporting women entrepreneurs

In January 2014, as part of its "2016 BNP Paribas Entrepreneurs" programme, French Retail Banking (FRB) unveiled an ambitious plan to support economicgrowth initiatives that put women entrepreneurs at the heart of their strategy. At the beginning of February 2014, FRB also entered into a partnership with the French Ministry of Women's Rights to promote and encourage women entrepreneurs.



#### **ACQUISITION**

#### DAB BANK: A STRATEGIC ACQUISITION

At the end of 2014 BNP Paribas finalised the acquisition of DAB Bank AG, a leading online bank in Germany which also has operations in Austria. Since 2012 DAB Bank has grown rapidly among the individual and professional client segments. This strategic acquisition helped the Group to pass a new milestone in the development of its online banking and brokerage activities in Europe. It also reflects its ambition of establishing a long-term client franchise in Germany among retail customers, corporate clients and institutional investors. With DAB Bank and Consorsbank (former Cortal Consors), BNP Paribas became the no.5 online bank and no.1 online broker in Germany. Together they handled 11.9 million transactions in 2014 and serve more than 1.5 million clients now.



#### INTERNATIONAL

## Arval signs a new joint venture in China

After the opening of a new subsidiary in 2012 in Beijing, Arval increased its position in the Chinese market by signing an agreement with Shanghai Ba-shi Car Rental Service Co. Ltd, the fourth-largest long-term leasing company in China. The agreement aims to establish a joint-venture company in 2015. This partnership will be an opportunity for Arval to strengthen its local experience, to the benefit of its existing clients in China, and offer services to Chinese companies seeking fleet-management solutions.



#### STRATEGY

## Growth and transformation to boost client satisfaction

BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions has the ambition to become the benchmark leasing company for its clients, partners and 3,600 employees. In 2014 it capitalised on 2 strategic pillars: growth and transformation. As a result of the strategic agreements with CNH Industrial and Canon, together with existing partnerships, BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions strengthened its presence on the equipmentfinancing market for professionals in the key sectors of transportation and officeequipment. It also pursued its transformation and laid the foundations of its "digital ambition" with a simple goal: contribute to the long-term business development of its partners by offering expertise, innovation and rapid solutions.



#### INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES

International Financial Services (IFS) is made up of several entities: BNP Paribas Personal Finance, which offers credit solutions to individuals in approximately 30 countries and via strong brands such as Cetelem in France and Findomestic in Italy; International Retail Banking, which covers the Group's retail banks in 15 non-eurozone countries; and BNP Paribas Cardif provides savings and protection solutions that insure individuals, their personal projects and property in 37 countries. In addition, IFS has 3 specialised business lines that are leaders in asset management and private banking: BNP Paribas Wealth Management (private banking), BNP Paribas Investment Partners (asset management) and BNP Paribas Real Estate (real estate services).



#### ACQUISITION

#### LaSer enters the scope of BNP Paribas Personal Finance

In July 2014 BNP Paribas Personal Finance became sole shareholder of the LaSer Group which specialises in consumer finance and customer insight. It operates in Denmark, France, Poland and the United Kingdom. The 2 entities have complementary expertise, brands and customer portfolios. The purpose of the integration of LaSer is to create the reference company for consumer finance in France.

MOTE than 81,000 EMPLOYEES MOTE than

60 COUNTRIES

**ACQUISITION** 

#### BNP PARIBAS CARDIF ACCELERATES ITS GROWTH IN SOUTH KOREA

BNP Paribas Cardif acquired the South Korean insurer ERGO Daum Direct. Thanks to the transaction, BNP Paribas Cardif, present in South Korea since 2002, now offers clients in Korea a full range of life and non-life insurance solutions.

#### INTERNATIONAL

#### BNP PARIBAS PERSONAL FINANCE SETS UP IN SOUTH AFRICA

In April 2014 BNP Paribas Personal Finance acquired 100% of RCS, a South African specialist in retail credit-card programmes. The company services almost 1 million customers and has agreements with 3,000 retailers for its own card, and exclusive agreements with 14 distributors for private or co-branded cards. At the end of 2014 RCS signed agreements with JD Group and its parent company Steinhoff with a view to acquiring its consumer-credit activities in southern Africa and launching a long-term business partnership with JD Group. Through these transactions, BNP Paribas Personal Finance is accelerating its expansion in South Africa.



#### GROWTH

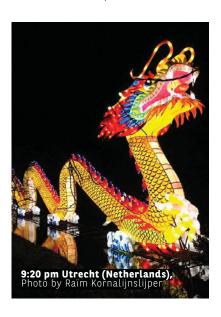
## BNP Paribas Cardif consolidates activity in Italy

Since 2009 BNP Paribas Cardif and Ageas had held 50% of Italy's non-life bancassurance company UBI Assicurazioni (UBIA). In 2014 they acquired the remaining 50% from UBIA's parent, UBI Bianca. The 2 shareholders plan to expand UBIA's activities in Italy and develop non-life insurance products and services, particularly vehicle and home insurance. This strategy is in line with BNP Paribas Cardif's strategic growth plans in Italy.

#### GROWTH

#### Real Estate offices in Dubai and Hong Kong meet with success

In Asia and the Gulf region, institutional investors such as sovereign-wealth funds or familu offices represent a large proportion of real estate investment in Europe. To serve these strategic clients more effectively, BNP Paribas Real Estate opened local offices in Hong Kong and Dubai in 2013. In 2014 the Dubai and Hong Kong offices generated €3.5 billion in transactions and €8.8 million in fees. On the back of this success, BNP Paribas Real Estate is considering how to increase coverage of countries in Asia and the Gulf region (via Hong Kong and Dubai respectively) and to meet market demands in the regions. Its conclusions are expected in 2015.







#### **GROWTH**

## BNP PARIBAS INVESTMENT PARTNERS AT THE TOP OF THE CHINESE MARKET

In September 2014 BNP Paribas Investment Partners (BNPP IP) was granted the RQFII (RMB Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor) licence by the China Securities Regulatory Commission. As one of the first asset managers in France and the eurozone to obtain this licence, BNPP IP consolidated its position as a leader in investing in China and its assetmanagement expertise in emerging markets in general. BNPP IP was already one of the world's largest holders of the

QFII licence and had offered clients access to the Chinese market since 2004. Obtaining the RQFII licence is a new milestone for BNPP IP. It enables the business to offer clients the benefits resulting from the internationalisation of the Chinese capital markets, the ability to invest in A-shares (Chinese equities previously reserved for Chinese residents) as well as yuan-denominated onshore bonds (ie, those issued in China). BNPP IP's institutional clients can now capture the growth in the Chinese economy.

#### INTERNATIONAL

## Acquisition of Bank BGŻ in Poland

In September 2014 BNP Paribas finalised the purchase of Bank BGŻ. The acquisition was a major strategic decision for the Group. Bank BGŻ has more than 1.2 million clients (individuals, small and medium-sized enterprises and institutional clients). The bank is specialised in the food-processing industry, particularly the financing of agricultural projects. The legal merger between BGŻ and BNP Paribas Bank Polska will help create, together with the Group's specialised businesses, a leader on the Polish market.



#### COMMITMENT

#### ENTREPRENEURS: A PRIORITY FOR WEALTH MANAGEMENT IN 2014

Entrepreneurs are the world's main creators of wealth. In 2014 BNP Paribas Wealth Management in Europe, Asia and the United States enriched its service offering to this client segment. It enhanced its operating model based on teams of private bankers who are trained to understand the lifecycle of companies (from creation to management of the proceeds once a company is sold); who belong to local and

international networks (Creo Centers, *Maisons des Entrepreneurs*, etc.), and who draw on BNP Paribas' expertise beyond private banking in areas such as real estate, mergers and acquisitions, etc. Finally, Wealth Management is celebrating and encouraging successful entrepreneurs through numerous initiatives that encompass entrepreneurial awards and surveys, partnerships with business incubators, etc.

## CORPORATE & INSTITUTIONAL BANKING

CIB is committed to developing a partnership relationship with its corporate and institutional clients by offering tailored solutions in numerous areas. It provides **risk-management solutions** for all asset classes, facilitates client access to **funding (bank financing or bond/share issues)**. Supported by transversal and industrialised platforms, it ensures smooth **management of all transaction-banking operations**. CIB also helps clients to grow by offering strategic advice in **mergers and acquisitions** as well as advisory solutions in **project finance and asset-based funding**. Thanks to BNP Paribas Securities Services, one of the world's top custodians, CIB also offers **securities services** to its clients.







**AWARD** 

#### "Deal of the Year" with RBS

In February 2014, and following a very competitive selection process, Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) sold some of the assets and liabilities in its Structured Retail Investor Products and Equity Derivatives business to BNP Paribas. The transaction was named "Deal of the Year" at the 2014 Structured Products Awards ceremony. The transition was seamless for clients and thanks to the synergies generated by the 2 banks in the equity derivatives business, BNP Paribas now has the capability to serve its existing and potential clients more effectively.



13,000 CORPORATE AND INSTITUTIONAL CLIENTS

57 COUNTRIES

more than 29,000 EMPLOYEES

#### STRATEGY

#### CIB ADOPTS A NEW GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

In November 2014 Corporate & Investment Banking was renamed "Corporate & Institutional Banking" and took on a new governance structure that focuses on the needs of 2 client franchises: corporates and institutional investors. In order to offer clients a more integrated range of solutions and to position the bank as a strategic partner, a new business line—Global Markets was created. It brings together all BNP Paribas' capital-markets activities. BNP Paribas Securities Services also joined CIB. At the same time, the regional approach was simplified for corporates around 3 regions— EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa), the Americas, and APAC (Asia-Pacific). The structure for corporate clients was also adapted to offer a seamless service and deliver its proven expertise in financing as well as cross-business, industrial-scale operational platforms to support flow-banking products.



#### INTERNATIONAL

#### ASIA-PACIFIC: A GROWTH HUB FOR THE GROUP

With nearly 9,000 employees\* and a presence in 14 markets in Asia-Pacific, the Group is one of the best-positioned global banks in the region. It benefits from a longstanding presence in the region and as part of the 2014-2016 Business Development Plan, the Group has announced an ambition objective: reach €3 billion in revenues in the region in 2016. To accomplish this goal, the Group has adopted a targeted approach with goals adapted to each country and to each client segment in the region. It has also strengthened its commercial set-up for multinationals, local medium-sized and large companies by developing cross-selling between different business lines. In 2014 revenues reached €2.7 billion (+7% vs. 2013\*\*) particularly in corporate-banking activities.

- \*Excluding partnerships.
- \*\*At constant exchange rates.



#### INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS

#### Reinforcing transparency and security

Through the acquisition of the depotbank businesses of Banco Popular in Spain and Commerzbank in Germany, BNP Paribas Securities Services strengthened its service offering to institutional investors and helped them meet the new internal control and security requirements of the AIFM\* directive on alternative investment funds.

\* Alternative Investment Fund Managers.





## **ACT AS A RESPONSIBLE BANK**

SINCE 2012 BNP PARIBAS' CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY POLICY HAS BEEN BUILT ON 4 PILLARS AND 12 COMMITMENTS. ALL BUSINESS LINES, SUBSIDIARIES AND COUNTRIES WHERE THE GROUP IS PRESENT INCORPORATE THIS POLICY WHILE INTEGRATING THEIR OWN SPECIFICITIES.

### **KEY INDICATORS**

#### **ECONOMIC RESPONSIBILITY**

OVERALL SATISFACTION SCORES FOR INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMERS IN THE FOUR DOMESTIC MARKETS (on a scale from 1 to 10)

FRENCH RETAIL BANKING

**BNP PARIBAS FORTIS** 

BNL

BGL BNP PARIBAS

7.6

7.1

ITALY

2015 GOAL: Maintain scores.

**CUMULATIVE RATE OF GROWTH IN LENDING SINCE 2008 COMPARED** TO CUMULATIVE CHANGE IN GDP IN VALUE TERMS OVER THE PERIOD

FRANCE

19.3%

LOANS

GDP IN VALUE TERMS

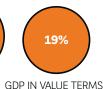
LOANS

GDP IN VALUE TERMS



SRI ASSETS

assets under management.



TOTAL ASSETS

ANNUAL RATE OF GROWTH IN

2015 GOAL: Rate of growth in socially responsible assets under management greater than the rate of growth in total

BELGIUM/LUXEMBOURG

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE ASSETS **UNDER MANAGEMENT** 

2015 GOAL: Remain above the cumulative GDP growth rate since 2008 (rate of growth of total average outstandings).

### **SOME EXAMPLES**

#### A RADIO CAMPAIGN FOR FINANCIAL EDUCATION IN BURKINA FASO

Financial education is a key tool in BNP Paribas' corporate and social responsibility policy because it fosters the economic development of countries where the Group is present. Initiatives in 2014 included the launch of a vast financial-education campaign in Burkina Faso via the country's main radio station with support from BICIAB, the Group's subsidiary. The aim of the campaign is to inform the population of the role of banks and to explain basic banking products. Fifteen, 4-minute radio programmes were broadcast 420 times in 2014, attracting 3 million listeners on each occasion.

#### FIRST MICROFINANCE LOAN IN THE USA

BNP Paribas made microfinance a key pillar of its civic commitment and in 2014 the Group stepped up its support by earmarking €176 million to microfinance (+34% vs. 2013). Since 2014 BNP Paribas has financed BOC Capital in the United States. The institution, based in New York, is specialised in financing minority groups and immigrants planning to start a micro-business. It has also developed green loans aimed at encouraging entrepreneurs to incorporate environmental preservation into their business model

#### **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

GOAL: The goal of 25%

of women holding

has been reached

senior-management

positions by end-2014

PROPORTION OF WOMEN HOLDING SENIOR-MANAGEMENT **POSITIONS** 

> 71% 2014

**PRINCIPLES** 

2015 GOAL: The goal of 71% has been achieved 1 year in advance.

PROPORTION OF EMPLOYEES WITH

A POSITIVE OPINION REGARDING

IMPLEMENTATION BY THE GROUP

OF THE FOUR MANAGEMENT

NUMBER OF MOBILITY **ASSIGNMENTS BETWEEN** UNITS AND BUSINESS LINES



2015 GOAL: 4,700 (annual average 2013-2015).

## **CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY**

AMOUNT OF GROUP SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND MICROFINANCE



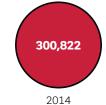
2014

2015 GOAL: The €200m\* goal has been passed.

2014

\*Excluding loans to social enterprises





2015 GOAL: Maintain an average of 180,000 people trained each year for 2013-2015.

SIZE OF THE BNP PARIBAS GROUP'S ANNUAL CORPORATE-PHILANTHROPY BUDGET



2014

budget 2013-2015 equal or higher than the 2012 budget

2015 GOAL:

Average annual

\*Consolidated data since the publication of the 2014 Registration Document and Annual Financial Report.

#### **NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES** WITH A FAVOURABLE OPINION ON HOW THE GROUP EXERCISES ITS CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

73% 71% 2014 2015 GOAL

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL** RESPONSIBILITY

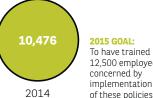
**GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS** (TCO<sub>2</sub> EQ./EMPLOYEE)



#### TOTAL PAPER CONSUMPTION (KG PER EMPLOYEE)



NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES TRAINED ONLINE IN SECTORAL **POLICIES** 



12,500 employees concerned by implementation of these policies

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## A UNIQUE COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE

THE BANKING INDUSTRY HAS UNDERGONE DEEP TRANSFORMATIONS OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS.

IN ORDER TO REMAIN A LEADING EUROPEAN BANK, THE GROUP DECIDED TO REVISIT ITS VALUES AND

LAUNCH ITS FIRST COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE.

#### THE PURPOSE OF THE INITIATIVE

Fifteen years after its creation, BNP Paribas decided to revisit its corporate culture and in 2014 the Group launched an innovative, collaborative initiative.

#### 9 OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

The questionnaire was conducted in the last quarter of 2014 and solicited contributions from all employees in the Group. Over 3 weeks, they were invited to answer open-ended questions in order to identify BNP Paribas' strengths and areas for progress.

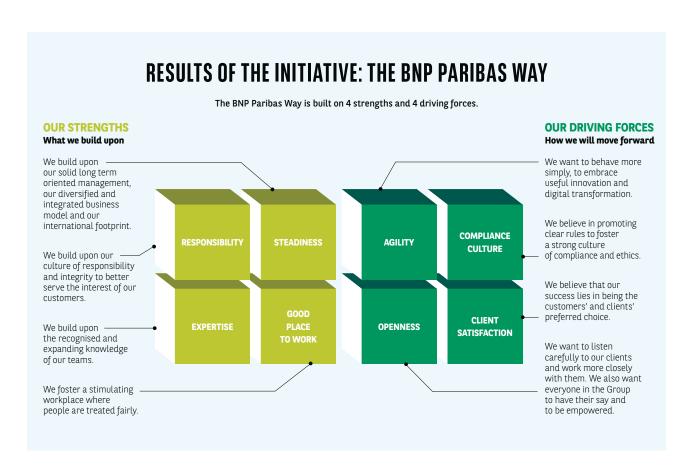
#### 22.200 RESPONDENTS WORLDWIDE

The questionnaire was available online in 9 languages. In order to represent diversity across the Group, it was accessible to all entities

and all geographic regions where BNP Paribas is present. More than 22,000 employees completed the questionnaire. The answers revealed 200,000 statements and 1.7 million words.

#### A STRONG AMBITION TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THE GROUP

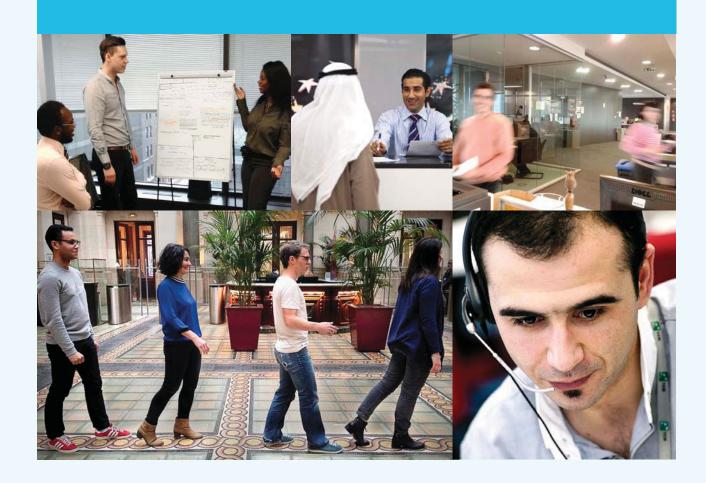
The redefinition of BNP Paribas' fundamentals will help to meet client expectations more precisely. Indeed, clients have become increasingly demanding in terms of service quality but also as regards the responsibility and ethical conduct of companies in the banking industry. This exercise gave the Group an opportunity to reaffirm its strong commitment in these areas. The Group will build on its strong common values to renew client confidence and write the next chapter of its future development.



# CULTIVATING TALENT

BNP PARIBAS EMPLOYS MORE THAN 188,000 PEOPLE IN 75 COUNTRIES.

IT AIMS TO PROMOTE STRONG, SHARED VALUES ACROSS THE GROUP. IN 2014 SEVERAL COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS WERE UNDERTAKEN TO REDEFINE THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE GROUP'S CORPORATE CULTURE AND ARTICULATE ITS NEW EMPLOYEE VALUE PROPOSITION.



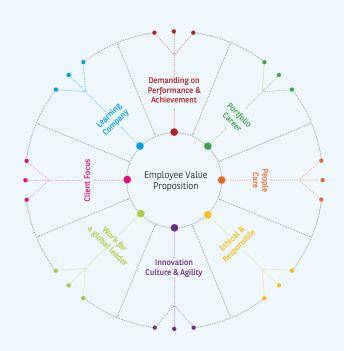


## ATTRACT AND RETAIN TALENT

BNP Paribas' new Employee Value Proposition, "Let's Design Tomorrow" embodies the Group's identity, its humanresources policy, and more widely its vision for the future. In today's complex, competitive environment, future employees expect companies to defend values and principles, and not only offer a job. Consequently, BNP Paribas decided to redefine its new Employee Value Proposition, which itself resulted from a collaborative process carried out as part of a worldwide project in 2013. The overall reflection

process led to the identification of 8 key assets shared across the Group which set out the commitment of BNP Paribas as a solid and responsible global group that offers an open, innovative working environment in which employees thrive and clients grow. These 8 key assets also reaffirm the Group's resolve to offer careers tailored to each individual, and to reward performance and achievement.

OUR EMPLOYEE VALUE PROPOSITION



## THE "ACE MANAGER" BUSINESS GAME

As a way of strengthening brand awareness and employer attractiveness at the world's leading universities, each year BNP Paribas invites students under 26 preparing for a Bachelor's or Master's degree to take part in an international game called "Ace Manager". The game is a fun way of highlighting the important role that banks play in financing projects in the real economy. In 2014 the teams were given the task of helping the business development of their clients in the fictitious, online "Universe City". The game tested their skills as they tried their hand at different banking professions. The 5 finalist teams were assessed by a jury comprised of emeritus professors and members of BNP Paribas' top management. The ultimate winners (3 Chinese students) won a cash prize of €6,000 and a trip to Paris.



## "Job Truck": recruitment on the move

BNP Paribas held its first "Job Truck" campaign in 2014: 400 permanent job vacancies, 600 candidates in 4 locations: Paris and La Défense (in the Paris region) on 24 and 25 November; and the cities of Lille and Orléans on 1 and 2 December.

#### ASIA-PACIFIC CAMPUS OPENS ITS DOORS

In March 2014 BNP Paribas inaugurated in Singapore its first training centre for the Asia-Pacific region. The Group now offers regional-based training to its 9,000 employees\* in the region. The BNP Paribas Asia-Pacific Campus will help the bank to

detect local talent, deepen management skills and impart technical knowledge about its business lines. The goal is to train around 3,200 employees in the region every year and, more widely, to welcome staff from countries beyond the region.

3,200
EMPLOYEES WILL BENEFIT
FROM TRAINING EACH
YEAR AT THE BNP PARIBAS
ASIA-PACIFIC CAMPUS.

\*Excluding partnerships.



# Diversity: raising awareness

BNP Paribas was one of the first banks to adopt a policy to prevent discrimination and promote diversity. In November 2014 the Group organised its very first global Diversity Week. For 5 days, several thousand employees were invited to attend a series of events favouring diversity awareness that were organised simultaneously by 11 of the Group's entities in Europe, the USA and the Asia-Pacific region.

### **Leadership for Change**

In October 2014 the Executive Committee launched "Leadership for Change", a cross-business initiative aimed at securing the success of the Group's long-term transformation. The initiative mobilises 500 executive-committee members in BNP Paribas' business lines, functions and regions.

This collective effort aims to muster the conditions required for our transformation to succeed: uniting people around shared convictions—including the definition of a vision for the Group; adapting our behaviour accordingly; and developing our capacity to drive change.





## BNP PARIBAS AT THE SERVICE OF ITS SHAREHOLDERS

#### **COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS**

BNP Paribas provides shareholders with regular information compliant with best practice in the markets and recommendations of stock market authorities. The Investor Relations team informs institutional investors and financial analysts of the Group's strategy and financial results. The Shareholder Relations team provides information to the bank's 490,000 individual shareholders (source: 31 December 2014 TPI Survey) and regularly invites them to attend presentations during which the bank's accomplishments and strategy are presented by General Management.

#### **CERCLE DES ACTIONNAIRES**

The Cercle des actionnaires (Shareholders' Club), which celebrates its 20-year anniversary in 2015, has 58,000 members who each hold at least 200 BNP Paribas shares. Its members receive several financial newsletters each year as well as a magazine—La Vie du Cercle. They are also invited to attend artistic, sporting and cultural events for which BNP Paribas is a partner or sponsor, as well as educational seminars covering topics such as share trading, wealth management and the economy. In 2014 Club members received information about more than 400 events of this type. Shareholders can find all information on the dedicated website (cercle-actionnaires.bnpparibas. com) and via a free phone number in France: +33 (0)800 666 777.

#### A WEBSITE FOR INVESTORS

The BNP Paribas website (www.invest. bnpparibas.com) was significantly improved in 2014. Available in English and French, it offers users access to all information on the BNP Paribas Group. All financial documents can be viewed and downloaded. The financial calendar gives the dates of important forth-coming events. Reports and presentations relating to BNP Paribas' business and strategy are available and the website also features BNP Paribas' share price and an application to calculate returns.

#### **SHAREHOLDER LIAISON COMMITTEE**

When BNP Paribas was created in 2000 it decided to set up a Bank Shareholder Liaison Committee to help the Group improve communications with individual shareholders. It comprises 10 shareholders who are both geographically and socio-economically representative of the individual-shareholder population, along with two current or former employees. Each member serves a three-year term. The Committee met two times in 2014, on 28 March and 25 September, in addition to taking part in the Annual General Meeting and attending the Actionaria shareholder fair. The matters discussed by the Committee in 2014 included:

- BNP Paribas' ownership structure and changes therein, particularly among individual shareholders;
- · half-yearly and annual results;
- initiatives taken in preparation for the Annual General Meeting.

490,000 INDIVIDUAL SHAREHOLDERS

20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE SHAREHOLDERS' CLUB IN 2015

## 2015 SHAREHOLDER CALENDAR

#### **30 APRIL**

Publication of first quarter 2015 results

#### 13 MAY\*

Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

#### 2 JULY\*

Shareholders' meeting in Lyon

#### 31 JULY

Publication of second quarter 2015 results

#### 30 SEPTEMBER\*

Shareholders' meeting in Marseille

#### 8 OCTOBER\*

Shareholders' meeting in Toulouse

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Publication of third quarter 2015 results

#### **20 AND 21 NOVEMBER**

Actionaria shareholder fair

\* Subject to alteration.

#### **SHARE CAPITAL**

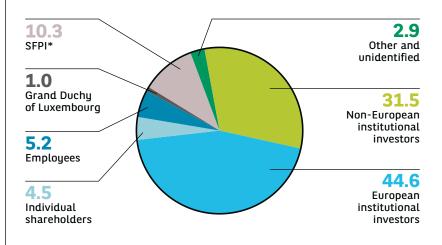
At 31 December 2014, BNP Paribas's share capital stood at €2,491,915,350 divided into 1,245,957,675 shares with a par value of €2 each. The shares are all fully paid-up and are held in registered or bearer form at the choice of their holders, subject to compliance with relevant legal provisions. None of the bank's shares entitle their holders to double voting rights\*, an increased dividend, or limit the exercise of voting rights.

\*This resolution is subject to the vote of the shareholders at the AGM on 13 May 2015.



#### **SHARE OWNERSHIP**

## BNP PARIBAS' SHARE OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE AT 31 DECEMBER 2014 (% of voting rights)

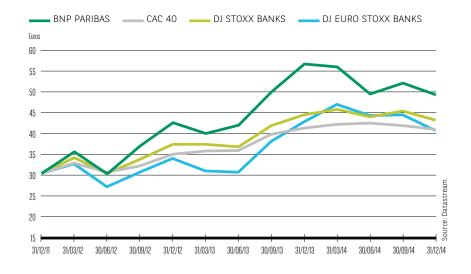


<sup>\*</sup>Société Fédérale de Participations et d'Investissement: a public-interest limited company (société anonyme) acting on behalf of the Belgian State.

#### **SHARE PERFORMANCE**

BNP PARIBAS' SHARE PERFORMANCE 31 DECEMBER 2011 - 31 DECEMBER 2014

Comparison with the DJ EURO STOXX Banks, DJ STOXX Banks and CAC 40 indices (rebased on share price)



In 2014 the progression of banking indices was held back by uncertainty about economic growth (particularly in Europe), geopolitical tension and the impact of regulation on the profitability of banking activities, and the increase in litigation in the sector. Meanwhile, the BNP Paribas share was affected by the very significant impact of the comprehensive settlement with the US authorities. In 2014 the BNP Paribas share price fell by 13.0%. However, over a period of three years, from 31 December 2011 to 31 December 2014, the share price increased from €30.35 to €49.26, a gain of 62.3%, compared with increases of 35.2% for the CAC 40, 34.0% for the DJ EURO STOXX Banks (index of banking stocks in the euro area) and 42.4% for the DJ STOXX Banks (index of banking stocks in Europe). At 31 December 2014 BNP Paribas' market capitalisation was €61.4 billion, ranking it 5th among CAC 40 stocks.

To the Company's knowledge, only SFPI holds more than 5% of share capital or voting rights.



#### **KEY SHAREHOLDER DATA**

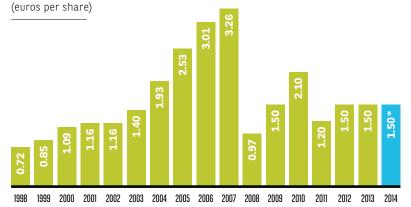
in euros	2011	2012	2013	2014
Earnings per share <sup>(1)*</sup>	4.82	5.16	3.68***	(0.07)****
Net book value per share(2)*	58.25	60.46**	63.43***	61.67
Net dividend per share*	1.20	1.50	1.50	1.50 <sup>(3)</sup>
Pay-out ratio (%) <sup>(4)</sup>	25.1	29.7	40.9***	ns
Share price				
High <sup>(5)*</sup>	59.93	44.83	56.72	60.85
Low <sup>(5)*</sup>	22.72	24.54	37.47	45.45
Year-end*	30.35	42.61	56.65	49.26
CAC 40 index on 31 December	3,159.81	3,641.07	4,295.95	4,272.75

<sup>(1)</sup>Based on the average number of shares outstanding during the year. (2)Before dividends. Non-revalued net assets based on the number of shares outstanding

#### DIVIDEND

At the 13 May 2015 Annual General Meeting the Board of Directors will recommend a dividend of  $\[ \in \]$ 1.50 per share (unchanged from 2014). The shares will go ex-dividend on 20 May and the dividend will be paid on 22 May 2015 subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting. The total amount of the proposed payout is  $\[ \in \]$ 1,869 million, stable compared with the amount paid in 2014.

#### **CHANGE IN DIVIDEND**



<sup>\*</sup>Subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting of 13 May 2015.

Dividends for 1998-2008 have been adjusted to reflect:

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

At the last Annual General Meeting, which took place on 14 May 2014, BNP Paribas demonstrated its commitment to sustainable development and to social and environmental responsibility. BNP Paribas seeks to create value consistently, to show its respect not only for its shareholders, clients and employees, but also for the environment and the community at large. As a result, a decision was taken to donate €12 for every investor attending the meeting to the Coup de pouce aux projets du personnel (a helping hand for employee projects) programme. This programme was specifically developed by the BNP Paribas Foundation to encourage public-interest initiatives for which bank staff personally volunteer their time and efforts. In 2014 the amount collected (€21,756) was divided among 68 projects which involved community outreach (education, poverty, and integration), humanitarian aid, and healthcare and disability in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. The allocation of funds is contained in the notice calling the next Annual General Meeting, scheduled for 13 May 2015.

at year-end.
(3)Subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting of 13 May 2015.

<sup>(4)</sup>Dividend recommended at the Annual General Meeting expressed as a percentage of net income attributable to equity holders.

<sup>(5)</sup>Registered during trading.

<sup>(\*)</sup>Data in the above table have been adjusted to reflect the share issue with preferential subscription rights between 30 September and 13 October 2009 (adjustment coefficient = 0.971895).

<sup>(\*\*)</sup>Restatement due to application of amendment to IAS 19.

<sup>(\*\*\*)</sup>Restatement due to application of IFRS 10 and IFRS 11.

<sup>(\*\*\*\*)€4.70</sup> based on net income adjusted for the costs related to the comprehensive settlement with the US authorities.

<sup>•</sup> the two-for-one share split carried out on 20 February 2002;

 $<sup>\</sup>hbox{-} \ capital \ increases with preferential subscription \ rights \ maintained \ in \ March \ 2006 \ and \ between \ 30 \ September \ and \ 13 \ October \ 2009.$ 



Our priority is to serve clients, meet their expectations and anticipate their needs through useful, effective and innovative solutions.



# ACT IN A MORE COMPLEX WORLD

TRADE IN GOODS AND SERVICES IS BECOMING MORE COMPLEX
AND INTERCONNECTED. TO SIMPLIFY CLIENT TRANSACTIONS, BNP PARIBAS
HAS ROLLED OUT A RANGE OF INNOVATIVE SERVICES.

## FACILITATING INTERNATIONAL TRADE

In April 2014 BNP Paribas completed the first Bank Payment Obligation (BPO) between 2 banking groups in Europe: Türkiye Iş Bankası and BNP Paribas. The BPO is a new, international trade-

finance instrument. Although not commonly used today, it is set to become an industry-wide practice in the future. Among its advantages, it secures a payment though an electronic exchange of data. It thus replaces paper documents and offers an alternative to an open-

account transaction or letter of credit; it also speeds up and improves the processing of trade-finance transactions while guaranteeing payment. Furthermore, as processing is paperless and automated, the BPO enables companies to improve cash-flow forecasting, fine-tune currency hedging and reduce the risks inherent in international trade. By April 2014 only 9 banks, including BNP Paribas, had used this new trade-finance instrument. The success of the transaction is proof of the Group's ability to be at the forefront of innovative solutions that facilitate the processing of client transactions.

# 12:00 pm Paris (France), Photo by Pravesh Dussain



## Parvest digitalises its services

The investment solutions among Parvest's range of mutual funds are designed not only to adapt to changes in investor behaviour but also to meet the needs of investment advisers. New Parvest solutions include a range of digital services: 7 new websites, 1 innovative iPad app and an e-learning module on financial markets. Parvest also interacts with clients via social media.

#### A MOOC ON SEPA

BNP Paribas strengthened its image as an innovative bank when it became the first French company to launch a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course). The free, online course was open to everybody over a four-week period. The topic was the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA).



#### SIMPLIFYING FLEET VEHICLE MANAGEMENT

In June 2014 Arval launched "Arval Driver Solutions", a service for clients seeking to outsource fleet-management activities. Arval manages the operational side of the relationship with drivers as well as administrative

tasks, thus facilitating the work of fleet managers. "Arval Driver Solutions" is based on 3 features: an advisory service that offers a diagnosis and service proposal; a customised service-level agreement based on key indicators; and contractual reversibility that enables the client to decide at any time to bring back in-house tasks outsourced.

#### **Understanding cash management**

In October 2014 BNP Paribas launched an information website that contains data and expert research in the area of cash management. Visitors to the site can access information ranging from articles and opinion columns to practical guides and case studies, and so deepen their knowledge of cash management.

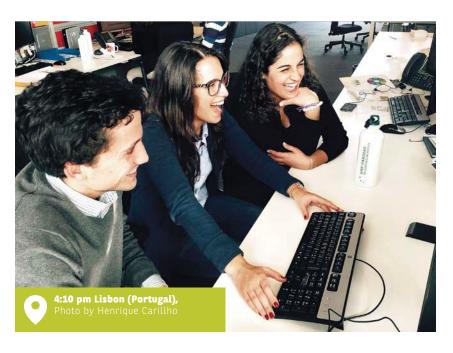
## CONNECTING COMPANIES WITH START-UPS

In 2014 French Retail **Banking launched** "Innov&Connect", an openinnovation programme which connects start-ups with French mid-sized companies so as to encourage cross-fertilisation. Two sites, dubbed "We are Innovation" (WAI), will be inaugurated in April 2015 and will provide space and facilities to exchange ideas. WAI Paris is located in the centre of Paris and operated with L'Atelier BNP Paribas; WAI Massy-Saclay is located in the Greater Paris region.



#### INTRODUCING GREATER FLEXIBILITY

The new "Arval Mid-Term Rental" solution allows for rental contracts for shorter periods than usual, enabling companies to rent a vehicle for a period of 1 to 24 months. "Arval Mid-Term Rental" is a complementary solution to long-term leasing as it meets the needs of clients whose businesses may be subject to seasonal changes and who require more flexibility. Arval is the only leasing company to have rolled out this service, which is identical in the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Spain and France.





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THEMATIC SPACES DEVOTED TO DIGITAL INNOVATIONS.

## CARDIF LAB' SHOWCASES DIGITAL INNOVATION

The Cardif Lab' is a meeting place for those working in the "new economy" and BNP Paribas Cardif. In 10 themed spaces, the Lab displays digital innovations in the 3 regions where BNP Paribas Cardif conducts business: Latin America, Asia and Europe. The Cardif Lab' also exhibits the high-tech innovations shaping tomorrow's insurance world and explores new environments and working methods.

#### A complete solution for Italian companies

BNL's initiative dubbed "Mestiere Impresa" is an example of the bank's commitment to companies and entrepreneurs in Italy. The initiative meets a wide variety of needs, notably in areas such as financing, cash management, international expansion, and help for microcredit and start-ups. The <a href="mestiereimpresa.bnl.it">mestiereimpresa.bnl.it</a> website enables internet users to access information, contact BNL bankers and interact online with experts and other entrepreneurs.



## THE FIRST "MOBILE NATIVE" BANK IN EUROPE

In its first fiscal year, Hello bank!, Europe's first 100% digital mobile bank, attracted nearly 800,000 customers in 4 countries: France, Belgium, Italy and Germany. Hello bank! meets the needs of customers who seek speed, simplicity and who are ultra-connected. Hello bank! is well placed to meet its ambitious target of 1.4 million customers by 2017.



## BROADENING THE EXPERTISE OF PRIVATE BANKERS

In order to adapt to client needs and comply with regulations, BNP Paribas Wealth Management set up a certification programme in 2013 that aims to strengthen the technical and commercial skills of private bankers. First rolled out in France, the programme was extended to Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg and Singapore in 2014. The training course, whose

12:05 pm Boston (United States).
Photo by Patrick Claude

content was certified by EFPA (European Financial Planning Association) and IBF (Institute of Banking and Finance of Singapore), comprises modules on financial management, wealth planning, credit, compliance, and sales. External partners such as the AMF (France's financial markets authority), contribute to the course's content.

## Investors' Corner: a blog for asset managers

In 2014 BNP Paribas Investment Partners created a new blog: "Investors' Corner" (investors-corner.bnpparibas-ip.com) aimed at professionals in the investment community. Visitors to the site can access contributions from experts, including research, and gain insight into international economic news and asset management.

## STRENGTHENING CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIPS

In 2014 BNL's multichannel model integrated a new network of financial advisers known as "life bankers" who offer a tailored service to individuals, families and entrepreneurs to help them realise their projects. The initiative demonstrates BNL's desire to create a genuine partnership with customers based on listening, proximity and availability.



# ACT IN A MORE RESPONSIBLE WORLD

PEOPLE IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY FACE MAJOR SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES. WE CONTRIBUTE TO PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS THAT HELP OVERCOME THEM.





## SUPPORT FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

BNP Paribas has increased its support for France's social and solidarity-based economy over the last 2 years. In 2014 BNP Paribas reinforced its commitment with new initiatives. During Solidarity Finance Week, held in November 2014, the Group announced the launch of 2 new mutual funds devoted to social entrepreneurship: the "BNP Paribas"

Social Business France" fund enables retail customers of French Retail Banking to invest in assets selected according to socially responsible investment (SRI) criteria; and the "BNP Paribas Social Business Impact France" fund is reserved for professional investors seeking to help develop companies with a social and solidarity-based purpose. It is estimated that the 2 funds will invest an additional €40 million into social and solidarity-based entrepreneurship in France over the next 3 years.

MORE THAN **€40M**FOR SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY-BASED ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN FRANCE.

#### Launch of Entrepros Le Club

To help its professional customers start or expand a business, French Retail Banking launched Entrepros Le Club, a website offering non-banking services selected and negotiated by BNP Paribas. They range from secretarial teleworking and data storage to website creation.





#### MA PUB ICI

In March 2014 French Retail Banking launched a competition called *Ma Pub Ici* (My advert here) to offer entrepreneurs greater visibility via a nationwide advertising campaign. In November the forty winners'

innovative projects were displayed in the windows of BNP Paribas' 2,200 branches throughout France. They also featured in a TV programme watched by 9.7 million viewers and 1 million people online.

## "Together, more responsible"

In 2014 BNP Paribas Personal Finance in France adopted a new brand signature: Plus responsables, ensemble (Together, more responsible) to reflect its stance as a responsible provider of financial services to individuals. Responsibility has been a key value of the brand and part of its DNA since its creation in 1953. It is central to the company's commitments, from the creation of lending solutions to customer service. An example of a product which demonstrates this commitment is the financing plan Je gère mon projet (I manage my project), which allows individuals to realise their personal project by combining a loan, deposits and savings.

#### BOOSTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN BELGIUM

BNP Paribas Fortis aims to be the preferred bank for SMEs and the self-employed in Belgium. In 2014 it financed 65,000 entrepreneurial projects as part of its Boostez votre Business (Boost your Business) campaign. The competition rewarded 7 finalists with an advertising campaign worth €10,000. One of the companies also benefited from having its logo displayed on the jerseys of Belgian's RSC Anderlecht football team during a match.





#### PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

In a bid to reduce its environmental impact and improve service quality, BGL BNP Paribas launched its "P@perless" initiative in Luxembourg to make branch-banking transactions paperless and so reduce paper consumption. Branches are now equipped with a tablet, the Sign-Pad, which can be used to record digital signatures. The BNP Paribas Group's P@perless programme aims to identify zero-paper opportunities throughout the processing of customer transactions.

## ASSISTING THOSE WITH ALZHEIMER'S

As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility policy, BNP Paribas Cardif signed a skills-sponsorship partnership agreement with Artz (Alzheimer Cultural Action), an association that uses art and culture to restore social connections for sufferers of Alzheimer's. Through art classes and museum outings, the association aims to maintain the quality of life and dignity of people living with the disease as well as support loved ones and carers. The

partnership between BNP Paribas Cardif and Artz gives BNP Paribas Cardif employees the chance to support the association by caring for those with Alzheimer's. Around 850,000 people in France currently live with the disease.

850,000
PEOPLE AFFECTED IN FRANCE.



#### Parlons Cœur

On 17 December 2014 French
Retail Banking (FRB) organised
a solidarity day dubbed Parlons
Coeur (literally: Let's talk heart)
at around 100 branches. The aim
was to highlight the work of
200 community associations
which combat social exclusion
and support education, health,
culture and solidarity. Through
this one-day event, FRB aims to
encourage these associations and
help them achieve their goals.

## PROMOTING INNOVATION

At the end of 2014, BNP Paribas Fortis partnered with SocialCom, a communications agency specialised in social media, to boost the activity of Co.Station, a business incubator aimed at digital start-ups. The aim of the partnership is to stimulate an ecosystem in a dynamic and collaborative spirit, allowing companies to optimise their success. BNP Paribas Fortis and SocialCom are also working on a support programme aimed at companies which offer innovative digital solutions in areas such as the financial sector, "smart cities" and energy savings.

# ACT IN A MORE GLOBAL WORLD

DISTANCE AND FRONTIERS ARE DISAPPEARING WHILE LIFESTYLES

AND CONSUMER BEHAVIOUR GROW INCREASINGLY SIMILAR.

WE ARE DEVELOPING AND EXTENDING OUR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS TO BECOME

A GLOBAL BANK AND SERVE CLIENTS ACROSS THE WORLD.

## DIRECT ACCESS TO THE SHANGHAI STOCK MARKET

To meet the need of clients seeking new markets in Asia and the ability to invest in Chinese "A" shares, BNP Paribas Securities Services created a unique solution that offers easy access to a new market: "Stock Connect" is the link to the Shanghai and Hong Kong stock markets that went live on 17 November 2014. Stock Connect enables Hong Kong and international investors to trade shares listed on the Shanghai stock exchange. It also enables institutional and individual investors in mainland China to trade shares listed on the Hong Kong exchange. This innovative approach of shared access is an historic advance in the internationalisation of the yuan and the integration of Chinese financial markets into the world economy. To benefit fully from the advantages of Stock Connect, banks must offer solid brokerage services, custody services, and possess strong abilities in thirdparty clearing. Thanks to the teamwork and close collaboration with the Group's



other business lines, BNP Paribas Securities Services developed an integrated client solution which meets these 3 criteria. In the first 3 days of Stock Connect, the Group generated an impressive volume of transactions, positioning it among the most solid banks in the region able to offer a comprehensive range of services to clients investing in A shares.

## Launch of an international trade website

In 2014 French Retail Banking launched a new information website called "Trade Solutions". The site is aimed at the Group's corporate clients, current and future. It provides key information at no cost to help clients with their international business development.



## A MAJOR DEAL IN AFRICAN TELECOMS

BNP Paribas acted as Advisor to the United Arab Emirates telecommunications operator Etisalat in its acquisition of a majority stake (53%) in Maroc Telecom. The transaction was the largest cross-border merger and acquisition deal to date between the Middle East and North Africa. The Group also advised Etisalat for the disposal of its West African activities to Maroc Telecom. The transaction created a new telecoms giant, with 46 million subscribers and covering 10 countries with a total population of 132 million.





#### A MULTI-COUNTRY PARTNERSHIP WITH CANON EUROPE

In August 2014 BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions signed a European partnership agreement to deliver comprehensive financing solutions to professional clients of the Canon group, the world leader in imaging and document-management. The partnership

covers eight countries: Austria, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain. As Canon's main partner in Europe for direct sales of office equipment and printing systems, BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions reinforces its position as a leading provider in this market for office equipment and software leasing.

#### **Building infrastructure in Latin America**

BNP Paribas was named "Best Infrastructure Bank in Latin America" by the specialised magazine, *LatinFinance*. The accolade recognised the Group's ability to deliver innovative solutions to clients across multiple sectors and countries, notably in a region where infrastructure is a key factor in economic growth and development. BNP Paribas co-financed several building projects, including an iron-ore port terminal and an airport. The bank is also involved in diverse infrastructure projects in Peru and Costa Rica.

#### Acting for Tata during its refinancing programme

Tata Steel is a listed company in India and a subsidiary of the Tata group, one of the country's largest industrial conglomerates. Tata Steel ranks no.11 in steel production worldwide and has operations in more than 50 countries. In 2014 it completed a jumbo programme to refinance existing debt and meet working-capital requirements via subsidiaries in the United Kingdom

and Singapore. Thanks to its global reach, BNP Paribas was able to assist this major multinational client by playing a key role—that of Mandated Lead Arranger, Bookrunner and Underwriter of €2.3 billion equivalent, multi-currency syndicated facilities which closed in November 2014. BNP Paribas was also Joint Bookrunner of a \$1.5 billion multi-tranche bond issue in July 2014.





## ONE BANK FOR CORPORATES

"One Bank for Corporates" draws on the combined expertise of the Group's Retail **Banking and CIB businesses** to help corporates and their subsidiaries grow in Europe and around the world. Each corporate client of the Group (large-cap or mid-cap), is given a unique entry point via a "pilot" relationship manager who coordinates experts from around the Group who work with the client. In the case of a multinational group, and thanks to close cooperation between bankers of the parent and those of subsidiaries, the Group can support the client's local and international transactions. The coordination is possible via BNP Paribas' network of 220 business centres and more than 1,700 relationship managers worldwide. Since 2011 more than 10.000 client subsidiaries have joined the "One Bank for Corporates" network.

**220**BUSINESS CENTRES IN THE WORLD.





#### GENERALI: A MAJOR MANDATE IN EUROPE

In June 2014 Generali, Europe's third-largest insurance company, awarded BNP Paribas Securities Services a major mandate representing portfolios worth €180 billion. BNP Paribas Securities Services is today the global custodian for €130 billion of assets managed by Generali in Europe and sole provider of fund administration and depository-banking services in France, Germany, Italy, and Luxembourg, for €50 billion. In 2012 Generali launched a programme to optimise its operations, including a goal to overhaul its relationship with custody providers. When Generali launched its

tender offer, BNP Paribas Securities Services differentiated itself by offering a combination of local expertise and global market coverage. The deal strengthened BNP Paribas Securities Services' position as a leading European custodian for institutional investors.

A MANDATE OF

€180 billion
IN ASSETS.

## BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions develops its presence in China

In January 2014 BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions acquired a stake in JiangSu Financial Leasing, a financial institution based in Nanjing and one of 23 companies supervised by the China **Banking Regulatory** Commission. This acquisition will help BNP Paribas Leasing Solutions to extend its geographical footprint and gain access to local refinancing which will in turn benefit its main multinational partners in China.

# PARTICIPATE



The world is changing and therefore we need to take the initiative to support certain causes. Over the years, we have been building partnerships that reflect our values and our commitment.



**BNP Paribas is open to the world** and faithful to the partnerships it has built over decades.

Its commitment is reflected in the variety and level of support given by the BNP Paribas Foundation to projects in the areas of the arts, solidarity and the environment.

This commitment is also at the heart of the WAVE exhibition, conceived with L'Atelier BNP Paribas, to encourage and celebrate collective ingenuity.

It is visible at events which enrich the world of cinema and tennis, and which provide excitement to fans and enthusiasts.

BNP Paribas is proud to celebrate along with them.







The BNP Paribas Foundation was created under the aegis of the Fondation de France. To mark its 30th anniversary in 2014, the Foundation organised a day of festivities in the Opéra district in Paris. The anniversary was also an opportunity for the Foundation to redefine its corporate-philanthropy policy, which now focuses on three areas of support: the arts, solidarity and the environment.

#### **DREAM UP**

In 2012 the BNP Paribas
Foundation launched
"Smart Start", an arts-based
educational programme aimed
at young people who have a
disability or who are socially
disadvantaged. In 2014 the
"Dream Up" initiative took over
these efforts and became an
international project operating
in 30 countries.

## CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE ARTS

In the area of cultural heritage, the Foundation celebrated 20 years of the "BNP Paribas for the Arts" programme which funds the restoration of museum treasures in France and around the world. BNP Paribas' corporate-philanthropy programme also supports major exhibitions. In 2014 these included the Anselm Kiefer exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts in London. And in the area of live performance, the BNP Paribas Foundation is recognised for its support of jazz, contemporary dance and new circus arts. In 2014 Chloé Moglia (circus arts) and Sébastien Ramirez (dance) became partners of the Foundation.

## SOLIDARITY THROUGH CONVICTION

BNP Paribas demonstrated its solidarity with local communities through a growing number of initiatives. These include: the Projet Banlieues (Suburbs Project), for which €4.4 million are earmarked each year to support local initiatives and business creation in underprivileged neighbourhoods in France. The bank's local branches are also closely involved in these efforts; Les Restaurants du Coeur, for which €450,000 was donated over 3 years to upgrade the charity's IT system; Entreprendre pour Apprendre (EPA) a community association with which BNP Paribas signed an agreement in 2014. The association's educational programme, Mini Entreprise-EPA, enables secondary-school pupils, helped by their teachers, to start a business. And in Belgium, BNP Paribas Fortis demonstrated solidarity through its support for

the educational projects of 80 charities working with underprivileged children and teenagers in difficulty.

## CLIMATE INITIATIVE PROGRAMME

In 2014 the "Climate Initiative" programme, which encourages research into climate change, entered its second 3-year phase by supporting 5 new research projects that will receive €2.7 million in funding over 3 years. The recipient of another grant, of €50,000, was chosen by internet users who voted for the INVACOST project. The INVACOST teams propose to assess the risk and cost of invasive insect species on Europe's ecosystem. Global warming is modifying the behaviour of certain animals, thereby increasing the chances of invasive insects—a prospect that could have severe consequences for biodiversity, agriculture, public health and the economy.

\*Consolidated data since the publication of the 2014 Registration Document and Annual Financial Report.



wave-innovation.com

@expowave #ExpoWave



The WAVE exhibition rose to the challenge of imagining and creating a place for debate and sharing, and providing a manifesto for "Ingenuity 2.0". The expo was conceived in collaboration with L'Atelier BNP Paribas, a Group subsidiary that tracks trends in new uses of technology.

Running from 10 September to 5 October 2014 at the parc de la Villette in Paris, it attracted 12,000 visitors who answered the invitation to "think out of the box".

Do better with less? Yes, it's possible!



#### **DOMINANT CURRENTS**

WAVE explores 5 main currents of collective ingenuity: the inclusive economy, which considers that all individuals are stakeholders; co-creation. thanks to which all stakeholders (individuals, companies, institutions, etc.) cooperate to find solutions that nobody can do alone; the maker movement, based on the idea that everyone has the ability and means to create; the sharing economy between individuals and/or companies that encourages access rather than ownership; and finally the circular economy which aims to re-use resources and avoid waste in order to produce and consume in a sustainable way. All these currents share a positive vision of the future, in which each person helps to build that future individually and collectively.

## FOUR WEEKS OF CREATIVE BUZZ

In a context of major economic, social and environmental challenges, people are taking the initiative, all around the world. WAVE provides an overview of these initiatives by looking at a selection of 20 projects. Embodying simplicity and flexibility as well as vibrant creativity, they all reflect collective ingenuity. They show a new way of working and a new approach that transforms constraints into opportunities. A dedicated website, wave-innovation.com, contains other ingenious projects. More than 40,000 people have visited the site and more than 4,000 have subscribed to the Twitter account @expowave.

#### **INNOVATIVE SCENOGRAPHY**

In order to illustrate the 5 currents and 20 projects, BNP Paribas sought out the creativity of young artists from the Circulation(s) festival and producers from the École des Gobelins, a school of visual communications in Paris. The exhibition also includes an interactive game designed by the MIT SENSEable City Lab\* and a mobile app, "WAVE by BNP Paribas", that uses augmented reality.

#### **FERTILE INSPIRATION**

The WAVE exhibition was based on the leitmotif of its curator, Navi Radjou, co-author of the book *Jugaad Innovation: Think Frugal, Be Flexible, Generate* 

Breakthrough Growth! Winner of the Thinkers50 Award in 2013 in the Innovation category, Navi Radjou said: "the Post-war industrial models—big R&D budgets, corporate hierarchies, etc.—are no longer appropriate for the complex world in which we live today. Let's use our human ingenuity to build an innovative and sustainable society!" The exhibition, which is free and open to the public, will tour France, Italy, India, Senegal and the United States.

\*The MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) SENSEable City Lab is an interdisciplinary research group (designers, sociologists, engineers, physicists and mathematicians) that studies the interface between cities, their inhabitants and new technologies.

BNP Paribas has enjoyed a long relationship with the world of cinema based on exclusive partnerships in France and around the world. True to the values of The Seventh Art (wide access to the public, creativity, imagination and innovation), this relationship testifies to the bank's support of all kinds of cinema and of numerous events and festivals.

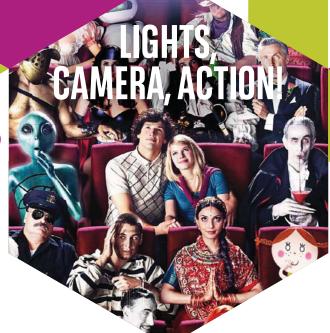
The Group partners with 40 festivals in France, Belgium and Italy. Its passion for cinema is also seen in its commitment to financing the film industry and the restoration of classic films.



welovecinema.fr

2.7 million pages viewed in a year

700,000 unique visitors



# customers benefit every day from cinema-related tips, iffs and other exclusive offers

## THE MOBILE FILM FESTIVAL CELEBRATES ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

The Mobile Film Festival is based on a simple concept: "1 minute, 1 mobile, 1 film". The aim is to attract budding filmmakers via the internet with a prize of €15,000 and the chance to make a short film with the help of a producer. The selection process is tough: internet users cast their votes and a jury of experts decides on the winners. For the past 10 years, this online festival has enjoyed growing success. In 2014 some 50 films were selected from the 750 submitted. Partnered by BNP Paribas, the Mobile Film Academy will, starting in 2015,

promote and support winners during festivals in the following years. They will benefit from free training from cinema, television and web professionals, meet industry personalities and receive career opportunities.

## A CINEMA OUTING WITH FRIENDS

The film app Séance Ciné, developed by WE LOVE CINEMA by BNP Paribas, enables film lovers to organise an outing to the movies with friends in just a few clicks. Could this be a

"must-have" for the future? The app, which can be downloaded free of charge from the App Store or Google Play, allows cinema-goers to suggest films, tell friends via a text message or e-mail and confirm the meeting place based on individual preferences. The app, which was co-developed with Cinémur, provides essential cinema information (film sessions, trailers, casts, synopses, etc.). After the launch in 2013 of the WE LOVE CINEMA affinity bank card and the

welovecinema.fr website, BNP Paribas is enriching its mobile offer so as to share its passion for cinema with the public.

## AN AUTUMN EVENT IN BELGIUM

The "BNP Paribas Fortis Film Days", which takes place at the end of September, is a major event for cinema fans. They can see top films and exclusive previews at the exceptional price of €4 per film. Everyone can benefit, whether or not they are a client of the bank.





in figures... 1,589,000 unique visitors in 2014 (+20% vs. 2013)

followers

73,000

BNP Paribas has been the world's no.1 tennis sponsor since 1973. Its longstanding commitment extends to all levels of the sport, with which it shares common values. This commitment encompasses singles tennis, wheelchair tennis, team tennis, family tennis, educational tennis as well as major professional tournaments. In 2011 the Group launched the wearetennis.com website which brings together tennis fans from across the world seeking news about the ATP. WTA and ITF\* world tours. The site is devoted solely to tennis news and provides a continuous flow of information on tennis professionals and tournaments.

#### LA BALLE DU CŒUR

In 2013 BNP Paribas Jaunched its "We Are Tennis Solidaire" charity programme to refurbish the living, reception and games areas in hospitals for children and teenagers. The programme allows children and their families to take some time out and enjoy tennis-related activities and to meet professional players who visit

hospitals. Patients are also invited to attend tennis tournaments and receive VIP treatment. Between 8 and 25 April 2014, children sent "virtual balls" by e-mail to the Group's employees who returned the balls with messages of encouragement. This online game, dubbed La Balle du Cœur (the ball from the heart), was

co-organised and sponsored by Mary Pierce. The game became the largest virtual tennis game in the world and raised awareness among Group employees in France. This great achievement, with more than 20,000 messages sent to the children, helped to finance 4 projects with partner hospitals.

#### WOMEN'S COMPETITION

The "BNP Paribas WTA Finals" is one of the world's most prestigious women's tournaments. At the end of its 3-year partnership, BNP Paribas extended its commitment as title sponsor. The final of the first edition in Asia was held in Singapore in 2014. It provided an excellent opportunity to raise the local and international profile of the competition while strengthening awareness of the BNP Paribas brand in Asia.

#### A WORLD RECORD

More than

fans on Facebook

The Group has been the title sponsor of the Davis Cup by BNP Paribas since 2001. In November 2014 the Group left a lasting impression during the France vs. Switzerland final in Lille (France) thanks to an unprecedented "We are Tennis" campaign. It consisted of an advertising campaign with a "We Are Tennis" stand for clients, staff and fans in addition to numerous activities. BNP Paribas used the event to share its passion for tennis with as many people as possible. The event saw a record number of spectators attending a match: 27,448 on Sunday 23 November.

\* ATP: Association of Tennis Professionals; WTA: Women's Tennis Association; ITF: International Tennis Federation

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