

Ad hoc announcement pursuant to Art. 53 LR

Credit Suisse Group announces the acquisition of The Klein Group LLC, the appointment of Michael Klein as Chief Executive Officer of Banking and of the Americas as well as CEO designate of CS First Boston

Zurich, February 9, 2023 – Credit Suisse Group AG (Credit Suisse) announces today that it has taken further important steps to progress the carveout of CS First Boston as a distinct, leading independent capital markets and competitive advisory led business through the acquisition of The Klein Group LLC¹ (“MK&C”), the investment banking business of M. Klein & Company LLC, for a purchase price of USD 175 million. The seller will receive equity in CS First Boston in the form of a convertible note². In addition, Michael Klein has been appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Banking and CEO of the Americas, as well as designated CEO of CS First Boston. He will join the Executive Board and report directly to Group CEO Ulrich Körner.

As announced by Credit Suisse at its Strategy Update on October 27, 2022, the carveout of CS First Boston is expected to create an independent capital markets and competitive advisory led business, headquartered in the US, with global capabilities and a preferred long-term partnership with Credit Suisse Group. CS First Boston, with its differentiated proposition and partnership model, is expected to be more global and broader than existing investment-banking boutiques, more focused than bulge bracket players, and to be competitive in attracting and retaining top talent.

MK&C is an internationally recognized investment-banking boutique and registered broker-dealer, with deep and long-standing client relationships including a broad network of senior executives at S&P 500 and blue-chip companies around the globe. MK&C, which is based in New York and employs approximately 40 professionals, has advised on transactions worth over USD 1.5 trillion since its formation in 2010. It has been consistently profitable, while contributing a portion of its earnings to philanthropic initiatives. The MK&C team will integrate with, and is expected to enhance, the management and advisory capabilities of CS First Boston.

Axel P. Lehmann, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Credit Suisse, said: “We are very pleased to announce the planned addition of Michael Klein to our Executive Board through the acquisition of The Klein Group. Michael’s experience and leadership will further strengthen our Executive Board and will help create shareholder value through this key strategic step of creating CS First Boston as an independent global capital markets and competitive advisory led business.”

Ulrich Körner, Chief Executive Officer of Credit Suisse, said: “This acquisition of The Klein Group is an exceptional opportunity for Credit Suisse to successfully deliver on its strategic objective to carve out CS First Boston as an independent global capital markets and competitive advisory led business. This will provide meaningful additional opportunities for the Group and an attractive value proposition for all our stakeholders. We see this move as a strategic way to create shareholder value. I am looking forward to welcoming Michael Klein to the Executive Board. He is an exceptional banker and dealmaker with proven and recognized entrepreneurial success, and I am confident that CS First Boston will thrive under his leadership. The creation of an independent CS First Boston is an important step in the wider transformation of Credit Suisse and the creation of a simpler, more focused bank built around the needs of our clients.”

Michael Klein is an experienced investment banker and financial industry leader with an established track record of building leading advisory and capital raising firms, including MK&C, with over 35 years of investment-banking and strategic-advisory experience. In October 2022, Michael Klein stepped down from the Credit Suisse Board of

¹ The registered broker-dealer business of M. Klein & Company LLC

² The principal amount of the convertible note is expected to be USD 100 million, with the balance being paid in cash dependent on the tax consideration to be paid by the seller at closing

Directors, which he joined in 2018. He was previously CEO of Citigroup's institutional businesses, where he was responsible for the bank's corporate, institutional and government businesses, including corporate banking, transaction services, corporate lending, advisory, debt and equity underwriting, and alternative asset management activities. Under his leadership, the firm grew organically and, through mergers he initiated or executed, contributed to the building of a top tier firm in mergers and acquisitions and capital raising globally.

To align interests with Credit Suisse, M. Klein & Company LLC (the seller), will receive a convertible note and a warrant. The note will provide annual payments and convert into, and the warrant entitles the seller to subscribe to, CS First Boston shares at a qualified initial public offering or other liquidity event, at the then-valuation of CS First Boston, less a customary discount³. The transaction is expected to have a limited effect on Credit Suisse Group's CET1 ratio of less than 10 basis points. Deutsche Bank AG, London branch, has provided a fairness opinion to the Board of Directors of Credit Suisse Group AG in connection with the acquisition.

Following the acquisition's closing, MK&C is expected to be fully integrated into CS First Boston. Credit Suisse will retain control over the ultimate scope and structure of CS First Boston, including options to attract third-party capital in the future, as announced at the bank's Strategy Update on October 27, 2022.

Michael Klein's appointment to the Credit Suisse Executive Board and Credit Suisse's acquisition of MK&C are subject to regulatory approvals, with the transaction expected to close in the first half of 2023.

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³ The purchase price is USD 175 million. The NPV of the transaction to Credit Suisse is expected to be approximately USD 210 million which also includes interest cost, annual payments on the note and other payments that may in the future become payable in respect of this transaction.

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Words such as “believes,” “anticipates,” “expects,” “intends” and “plans” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements but are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. We do not intend to update these forward-looking statements.

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- the ability to maintain sufficient liquidity and access capital markets;
- market volatility, increases in inflation and interest rate fluctuations or developments affecting interest rate levels;
- the ongoing significant negative consequences, including reputational harm, of the Archegos and supply chain finance funds matters, as well as other recent events, and our ability to successfully resolve these matters;
- the impact of social media speculation and unsubstantiated media reports about our business and its performance;
- the extent of outflows of assets or future net new asset generation across our divisions;
- our ability to improve our risk management procedures and policies and hedging strategies;
- the strength of the global economy in general and the strength of the economies of the countries in which we conduct our operations, in particular, but not limited to, the risk of negative impacts of COVID-19 on the global economy and financial markets, Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, the resulting sanctions from the US, EU, UK, Switzerland and other countries and the risk of continued slow economic recovery or downturn in the EU, the US or other developed countries or in emerging markets in 2022 and beyond;
- the emergence of widespread health emergencies, infectious diseases or pandemics, such as COVID-19, and the actions that may be taken by governmental authorities to contain the outbreak or to counter its impact;
- potential risks and uncertainties relating to the severity of impacts from COVID-19 and the duration of the pandemic, including potential material adverse effects on our business, financial condition and results of operations;
- the direct and indirect impacts of deterioration or slow recovery in residential and commercial real estate markets;
- adverse rating actions by credit rating agencies in respect of us, sovereign issuers, structured credit products or other credit-related exposures;
- the ability to achieve our strategic initiatives, including those related to our targets, ambitions and goals, such as our financial ambitions as well as various goals and commitments to incorporate certain environmental, social and governance considerations into our business strategy, products, services and risk management processes;
- our ability to achieve our announced comprehensive new strategic direction for the Group and significant changes to its structure and organization;
- our ability to successfully implement the divestment of any non-core business;
- the future level of any impairments and write-downs, including from the revaluation of deferred tax assets, resulting from disposals and the implementation of the proposed strategic initiatives’;
- the ability of counterparties to meet their obligations to us and the adequacy of our allowance for credit losses;
- the effects of, and changes in, fiscal, monetary, exchange rate, trade and tax policies;

- the effects of currency fluctuations, including the related impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations due to moves in foreign exchange rates;
- geopolitical and diplomatic tensions, instabilities and conflicts, including war, civil unrest, terrorist activity, sanctions or other geopolitical events or escalations of hostilities, such as Russia's invasion of Ukraine;
- political, social and environmental developments, including climate change;
- the ability to appropriately address social, environmental and sustainability concerns that may arise from our business activities;
- the effects of, and the uncertainty arising from, the UK's withdrawal from the EU;
- the possibility of foreign exchange controls, expropriation, nationalization or confiscation of assets in countries in which we conduct our operations;
- operational factors such as systems failure, human error, or the failure to implement procedures properly;
- the risk of cyber attacks, information or security breaches or technology failures on our reputation, business or operations, the risk of which is increased while large portions of our employees work remotely;
- the adverse resolution of litigation, regulatory proceedings and other contingencies;
- actions taken by regulators with respect to our business and practices and possible resulting changes to our business organization, practices and policies in countries in which we conduct our operations;
- the effects of changes in laws, regulations or accounting or tax standards, policies or practices in countries in which we conduct our operations;
- the discontinuation of LIBOR and other interbank offered rates and the transition to alternative reference rates;
- the potential effects of changes in our legal entity structure;
- competition or changes in our competitive position in geographic and business areas in which we conduct our operations;
- the ability to retain and recruit qualified personnel;
- the ability to protect our reputation and promote our brand;
- the ability to increase market share and control expenses;
- technological changes instituted by us, our counterparties or competitors;
- the timely development and acceptance of our new products and services and the perceived overall value of these products and services by users;
- acquisitions, including the ability to integrate acquired businesses successfully, and divestitures, including the ability to sell non-core assets; and
- other unforeseen or unexpected events and our success at managing these and the risks involved in the foregoing.

We caution you that the foregoing list of important factors is not exclusive. When evaluating forward-looking statements, you should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other uncertainties and events, including the information set forth in "Risk factors" in *I – Information on the company* in our Annual Report 2021 and in "Risk factor" in *Credit Suisse results – Credit Suisse* in our 3Q22 Financial Report.

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