# AXA PRESS RELEASE

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- Denis Duverne is appointed Chairman of AXA's Board of Directors
- Thomas Buberl is appointed AXA's Chief Executive Officer

During its meeting held today, and following Henri de Castries's decision to step down from the Board of Directors as announced on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2016<sup>1</sup>, AXA's Board of Directors has:

- appointed Denis Duverne as non-executive Chairman of the Board of Directors,
- appointed Thomas Buberl as Chief Executive Officer of the Group and co-opted him as Director. These appointments are effective as of today.

"I am very honored by the confidence that AXA's Board of Directors has placed in me in this new role and I look forward to pursuing a very effective and open management of our Board. I am fully committed to support Thomas Buberl, our new CEO, in the implementation of the Group's strategy. On behalf of all the AXA Group's employees, I would like once again to very warmly thank Henri de Castries for all he has achieved and brought to AXA over the years. On a personal note, I would also like to thank him for his invaluable advice and friendship we have built over the years", said Denis Duverne, Chairman of AXA.

AXA also announced today the composition of a new Partners group that will be the successor of the Group's Executive Committee. The Partners group will be composed of the Group's Management Committee members plus 30 other senior executives from across the Group. This new group will meet quarterly to review the development and implementation of key strategic initiatives in the context of Ambition 2020.

"This is a great privilege for me to lead AXA, and I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their trust. I am committed to deliver on our Ambition 2020 strategic plan with the support of all of our employees and take-up these future challenges with enthusiasm. The quality and depth of our talent pools is one of our greatest assets, and I am very proud to see the constitution of this Partners group, with such a talented array of senior executives from across the Group. They will bring their experience and vision to support the Management Committee and contribute to lead AXA towards a new phase of its development focused on transformation of the customer experience and our business model", said Thomas Buberl, Chief Executive Officer of AXA.

A complete list of the members of the Partners group is available here: <a href="https://www.axa.com/en/about-us/executive-management">https://www.axa.com/en/about-us/executive-management</a>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> https://www.axa.com/en/newsroom/press-releases/henri-de-castries-retire-on-september-2016

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