

Press release

Appointment at Crédit Agricole Private Equity

Paris, 2 October 2006 — **François Lecoïnte** has been appointed Corporate Secretary of Crédit Agricole Private Equity.

François Lecoïnte, 45, a graduate of X-ENSAE, began his career as an economist at the OFCE (French Observatory of Economic Studies) before moving to Caisse des Dépôts. In 1995, he assumed responsibility for fixed-income portfolios, then cash management at CDC. In 1999, he was appointed head of ALM and contributed to creating CDC-IXIS, where he was appointed Deputy Finance Director then Head of Proprietary Account Management.

In 2003, he joined the Egis Group, a transport infrastructure engineering company, as CFO and Corporate Secretary. More recently, **François Lecoïnte** participated in creating Meridiam, an investment fund dedicated to PPP infrastructure finance.

About Crédit Agricole Private Equity

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A team of 40 experts operating in several areas (Later-Stage Financing & LBO, Venture Capital, Secondary Market, Mezzanine, Renewable Energies and PPP infrastructures), manages €1.5 billion through venture and innovation funds.

Crédit Agricole Private Equity provides advice and support for corporate managers implementing growth plans.

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