



# Press release



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## Pierre De Bosscher to succeed Paul Goris as CEO of Antwerp Diamond Bank

Paul Goris, CEO and President of the Executive Committee of Antwerp Diamond Bank (ADB), has expressed his wish to relinquish his position on 15 April 2009 after reaching retirement age. He will then be 61 years of age and have spent 34 years with ADB, 15 of which as CEO and President of the Executive Committee. KBC would like to express its sincere gratitude to Paul Goris for his unstinting service and commitment which have been instrumental in the successful expansion of ADB.

Pierre De Bosscher, who is currently Managing Director and a member of the Executive Committee of ADB, will be appointed Managing Director and President of the Executive Committee of ADB, with effect on 15 April 2009. The Board of Directors had – subject to a unanimous recommendation by the Belgian Banking, Finance and Insurance Commission – already approved the appointment of Mr De Bosscher in January.

Born in 1956, **Pierre De Bosscher** had an economics educational background and obtained an MBA from the *Handelshogeschool* in Antwerp in 1992. In 1976, he began his career at the Antwerp Diamond Bank, where he worked in a number of different departments before becoming a member of the Executive Committee in 1996. In 2003, Pierre De Bosscher was appointed to the position of managing director.

**Paul Goris** was born in 1948. A graduate in Applied Economic Sciences, he started his professional career with the Born-Bunge group in 1972 before moving to Antwerp Diamond Bank in 1975, where he became Director of Operations in 1990. He has been the CEO and President of the Executive Committee of Antwerp Diamond Bank since 1994. Paul Goris also holds office in several institutions and organisations in the diamond sector in Belgium and abroad.

**Antwerp Diamond Bank** is a member of the KBC group and specialises in providing finance and related banking services to the diamond trade and industry. Established 75 years ago, it has grown into the second biggest diamond bank in the world, with offices in the leading diamond centres of Antwerp, Dubai, Geneva, Hong Kong, Mumbai and New York. It employs approximately 180 people, 125 of whom work in its headquarters in Antwerp.

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