

# Press release

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## **Hans Verstraete to strengthen the Management Committee of KBC's Belgium Business Unit from 1 June 2012**

**Hans Verstraete, who is currently a member of the Executive Committee and Deputy CEO of Ethias, has decided to change direction in his career and will be joining KBC Group NV on 1 June 2012. He will take a seat on the Management Committee of KBC's Belgium Business Unit and be in charge of non-life insurance.**

Hans Verstraete will take on these responsibilities from Patrick Tans, who will take charge of Credit, Banking & Investment Products within the Management Committee.

Hans Verstraete (54 years of age) holds a Master's Degree in Applied Economics and is a graduate in fiscal sciences. He started his career at Nateus Antwerpen in 1982 and was CEO and President of the Executive Committee from 1995. He was appointed to the Executive Committee of Ethias in 2008 and became its Deputy CEO in 2009.

**Johan Thijs, CEO of KBC's Belgium Business Unit**, commented as follows: *'Hans is a dyed-in-the-wool insurer, who has a vast array of experience and who has clearly demonstrated his qualities throughout his career. I have every confidence that, with the support of his colleagues in the Management Committee of our Belgium Business Unit, he will use the knowledge and experience he has built up over the years to further develop KBC's robust bancassurance model, which ultimately will benefit our customers and other stakeholders.'*

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