



# Press release

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## New KBC Securities CEO

*Following approval by the National Bank of Belgium, the Executive Committee of KBC Group NV has nominated Bartel Puelinckx as an executive director of KBC Securities NV. He succeeds current KBC Securities NV CEO, Koen Hoffman, who left KBC group on 1 July to take up a new challenge elsewhere.*

*Bartel Puelinckx will become an executive director of KBC Securities' Executive Committee on 1 September 2016, when he will also take up the position of CEO.*

After graduating in applied economics from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (KU Leuven) and obtaining a law degree from the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Bartel started his career in trade finance at Kredietbank (Belgium) in 1992.

In 2002, he was appointed group-wide relationship manager for major multinational business clients. From 2006 to 2010, he worked for K&H, the Hungarian subsidiary of KBC group, where he was responsible for managing corporate banking policy. After being nominated to the Executive Committee of K&H in 2007, he took charge of HR management and credit policy.

He was Chief Finance Officer for KBC's Czech subsidiary ČSOB from 2010 to 2014, where he also headed up Finance Management, Asset & Liability Management, Credit Management and Investor Relations. He also prepared ČSOB's initial public offering, was a member of the Board of Directors of ČMSS (a subsidiary specialising in mortgage loans) since 2010, and represented ČSOB in that board as main shareholder.

He returned to Belgium in July 2014 where he was appointed Senior General Manager of KBC Group Finance, and became responsible for Group Finance, Group Tax and Financial Insights & Communication (Investor Relations).

His years of experience and extensive contacts with businesses and clients in Belgium and abroad will stand him in good stead as KBC Securities CEO.

Bartel Puelinckx is married with three children.

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