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Frank Jansen: new CEO KBC Bank Ireland

With immediate effect (May 5th), KBC Group Executive Committee announce the appointment of Frank Jansen, current Chief Financial & Product Officer (CFPO) of KBC Bank Ireland to CEO of KBC Bank Ireland.

The appointment of Frank Jansen has been approved by the European Central Bank and Central Bank of Ireland.

On [March 18, 2022](#) KBC Group announced that, on the recommendation of the KBC Group Nomination Committee, the Board of Directors had appointed Aleš Blažek, CEO of KBC Bank Ireland, to the Executive Committee and successor to John Hollows as CEO of the Czech Business Unit. Today John Hollows, CEO Czech Business Unit, will retire after a career of nearly 26 years with KBC.

Peter Andronov, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of KBC Bank Ireland commented on today's announcement and appointment: *" On behalf of the Board of Directors of KBC Bank Ireland, I would like to sincerely thank Aleš Blazek for his leadership and contribution as CEO of KBC Bank Ireland at a crucial moment in its history over the last year. Aleš' extensive international experience in the financial sector will help him to lead the Czech Business Unit through the next phase of change and transformation."*

"I am delighted to welcome his successor Frank Jansen to the role of CEO of KBC Bank Ireland. Frank has an abundance of knowledge and experience from the different domains of banking to bring to the role as CEO in KBC Bank Ireland, including his years as Chief Financial and Risk Officer for CIBANK and CFO for KBC Group in Bulgaria before coming to KBC Ireland in 2018 where he has been the Chief Financial and Products Officer. I am particularly pleased that Frank is taking on this role as he knows KBC Bank Ireland well and understands the business and the strategic challenge ahead to ensure both the smooth execution of the legally binding agreement with Bank of Ireland Group and KBC's orderly exit from the Irish market."

Frank Jansen (born in 1960) graduated as a Master in Law at Antwerp University and Notary Public at the University of Leuven (Belgium). He has an Executive Master of Antwerp University. He started his career in the Belgian KBC bank branch network and moved in 1998 to CSOB In the Czech Republic where he was appointed Executive Director. In 2000 he was appointed in Kredyt Bank Poland as Executive director responsible for lending and in 2003 he was appointed as General Manager of KBC France. Five years later, he was appointed CFRO at CIBANK, KBC Group's Bulgarian banking subsidiary. From 2014 till 2017 he was Executive Director Corporate and SME banking and Country CFO for KBC in Bulgaria. In 2017, after the acquisition of United Bulgarian Bank by KBC Group and the subsequent merger with CIBANK, Frank was appointed Executive Director Corporate and SME of the merged United Bulgarian Bank. Since 2019 he has been CFPO and member of the Executive Committee of KBC Bank Ireland. Frank is married and is the proud father of two grown up sons.

Photographs of the Mr. Frank Jansen available on request.

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