



## Press release

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# Outlook 2020

Since the announcement of our annual results on 10 March, the impact of Covid-19 has worsened significantly resulting in further declines in financial markets and increased volatility. Further, the measures taken in many countries to counteract the virus are having a significant impact on economic activity. Although there is still considerable uncertainty around how this will develop and, hence, the degree to which this will impact our 2020 financial results, it is clear that the effect will be materially detrimental compared to 2019.

The Group has implemented its business continuity plans for all of its activities which are functioning well. The Group benefits from a strong balance sheet with a capital ratio of 19% and a high level of liquidity. We are confident that we will see a strong improvement in performance once markets start to return to a more normal situation.

Following the announcement by the European Central Bank ("ECB") on 27 March 2020, recommending that dividend payments and commitments by credit and similar institutions within the European Union are stopped until 1 October 2020, the Managing Partner has decided that no proposal for approving a dividend in respect of the financial year ending on 31 December 2019 will be made at the Annual General Meeting of shareholders on 14 May 2020. However, it is the intention of the Managing Partner to pay the previously announced dividend of €0.85 per share when appropriate.

The details of the AGM will be communicated in due course.

### Financial calendar:

12 May 2020: Publication of First quarter information 2020

14 May 2020: Annual general meeting
 15 September 2020: Half-year results 2020

10 November 2020: Publication of Third quarter information 2020

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