



Press release

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Bart De Smet appointed chairman of Assuralia

On 24 February, the general meeting of Assuralia, the trade association of Belgian insurance companies, elected Fortis CEO Bart De Smet as its chairman for a two-year term.

The Board of Directors congratulates Bart De Smet on this appointment.

Jozef De Mey, Chairman of the Fortis Board of Directors, commented: *“Bart De Smet is an experienced top manager, who has devoted his entire career to the insurance business. The Board of Directors views this appointment as confirmation that Bart De Smet is the right man in the right place to continue Fortis’s development as an international insurance group”*.

Bart De Smet has been the CEO of Fortis since 1 July 2009. His positions prior to that include CEO of AG Insurance.

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Fortis consists of (1) 75% ownership of AG Insurance, (2) Fortis Insurance International, (3) a 45% stake in Royal Park Investments – a structured credit portfolio entity – and (4) the financial assets and liabilities of various financing vehicles. AG Insurance is the undisputed leader of the Belgian market for *Individual Life* and *Employee Benefits* and is also one of the top players in *Non-Life*. The international insurance activities (Fortis Insurance International) are located in the UK, where Fortis is the third largest player in the market for private car insurance, France, Hong Kong, Germany, Turkey and Ukraine. In addition, Fortis operates in partnership through joint ventures in Luxembourg (Life), Italy, Portugal, where Millenniumbcp Fortis is among the market leaders, China, Malaysia, India and Thailand. Fortis currently employs over 10,000 people.

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