

Press release

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Fortis statement on transaction with Government of the Netherlands

Dutch Government acquires Fortis Bank Nederland (Holding) N.V., including Fortis' interest ABN AMRO Holding N.V., and the Dutch Insurance activities

- **Government of the Netherlands acquired Fortis Bank Nederland (Holding) N.V. including the participation in RFS Holdings B.V. that represents the acquired activities of ABN AMRO, Fortis Verzekeringen Nederland N.V., and Fortis Corporate Insurance N.V.**
- **Total consideration of EUR 16.8 billion**
- **The Dutch Central Bank has approved the transaction**
- **After this transaction, Fortis Group entails Fortis Insurance Belgium, Fortis Insurance International and the banking activities excluding Fortis Bank Nederland (Holding) N.V.**

The Government of the Netherlands has acquired Fortis Bank Nederland (Holding) N.V., including the participation in RFS Holdings, that represents the acquired ABN AMRO activities, Fortis Verzekeringen Nederland N.V., and Fortis Corporate Insurance N.V. for a total consideration of EUR 16.8 billion.

The transaction replaces the previously announced investment of EUR 4 billion in Fortis Bank Nederland Holding N.V..

We also refer to the press release issued by the Government of the Netherlands.

Further details about the transaction will be provided in due course.

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