

# Press release

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## **Appointments at Fortis Bank**

### **New Chairman and strengthened governing body for banking activities**

Fortis has recomposed the Management Committee of Fortis Bank, which oversees the worldwide banking activities of Fortis, and is pleased to announce the appointment of Filip Dierckx as new Chairman of this Management Committee. Filip Dierckx succeeds Herman Verwilt, who has held this position since Fortis Bank was established and who, as previously announced, will succeed Jean-Paul Votron as Chairman of the Fortis Bank Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of Fortis Bank is responsible for setting general policy for the banking activities.

In order to streamline the global banking operations and to be able to respond swiftly to new developments, the Fortis Bank Management Committee is now composed of people directly responsible for businesses and support services. The members of the Management Committee are:

Filip Dierckx\*, Chairman  
Camille Fohl\*, CEO Retail Banking  
Lex Kloosterman\*, CEO Asset Management & Private Banking

Brigitte Boone, CEO Commercial & Investment Banking  
Fred Bos, Chief Risk Officer  
Michel Deboeck, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Frans van Lanschot, CEO Specialised Finance  
Lars Machenil, CFO  
Lieve Mostrey, COO  
Robert Scharfe, CEO Markets  
Peter Vandekerckhove, CEO Retail Banking Belgium  
Chris Vogelzang, CEO Private Banking

The Secretary General of the Fortis Bank Management Committee is Christian Van der Stichele.

These appointments have been approved by the Fortis Bank Board of Directors, the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting of the Bank and the Belgian regulatory authorities. They will take effect on 1 January 2008.

\*Member of the Fortis Group Executive Committee

Attachment: picture of Filip Dierckx

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