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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MARKET COUNTERPARTIES REGARDING THE MERGER OF THE FOUR PRIVATE BANKS OF CREDIT SUISSE, I.E. CLARIDEN BANK (CLARCHZZ), BANK LEU (LEUZCHZZ), BANK HOFMANN (HOFMCHZZ), BGP BANCA DI GESTIONE PATRIMONIALE (BGPLCH22) AND THE SECURITIES DEALER CREDIT SUISSE FIDES (FIDECHZZ).

THE FOUR SWISS BANKS CLARIDEN BANK, BANK LEU, BANK HOFMANN, BGP BANCA DI GESTIONE PATRIMONIALE AND THE SECURITIES DEALER CREDIT SUISSE FIDES WILL MERGE INTO A SINGLE BANK ON JANUARY 26, 2007. THE NEW BANK WILL BE OPERATIONAL AS OF JANUARY 29, 2007. THE NAME OF THIS NEW BANK WILL BE CLARIDEN LEU AND IT WILL BE A FULLY CONTROLLED SUBSIDIARY OF CREDIT SUISSE GROUP.

THE PROCESSING OF THE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES OF THE NEW BANK CLARIDEN LEU WILL BE OUTSOURCED TO CREDIT SUISSE IN A PHASED APPROACH. WE WOULD HEREBY LIKE TO INFORM YOU ABOUT THE IMPORTANT CHANGES:

--NAME AND ADDRESS OF MAIN OFFICE--

CLARIDEN LEU LTD  
P.O. BOX  
CH-8070 ZURICH

--SWIFT--

A) SWIFT ADDRESS (BIC):

THE NEW CLARIDEN LEU BIC CODE WILL BE PUBLISHED JANUARY 6, 2007.

IMPACT AS OF JANUARY 29, 2007 FOR BANK LEU (LEUZCHZZ), BANK HOFMANN (HOFMCHZZ) AND BGP BANCA DI GESTIONE PATRIMONIALE (BGPLCH22):

THE NEW SWIFT ADDRESS FOR CLARIDEN LEU, WILL BE ACTIVE AS OF JANUARY 29, 2007. THIS SWIFT ADDRESS SHOULD BE USED INSTEAD OF THE CURRENT SWIFT ADDRESSES FOR BANK LEU (LEUZCHZZ), BANK HOFMANN (HOFMCHZZ), BGP BANCA DI GESTIONE PATRIMONIALE (BGPLCH22) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 29, 2007.

THE BIC ADDRESSES OF BANK LEU (LEUZCHZZ), BANK HOFMANN (HOFMCHZZ) AND BGP BANCA DI GESTIONE PATRIMONIALE (BGPLCH22) WILL NO LONGER BE VALID, BUT THEY WILL REMAIN ACTIVE ON THE SWIFT NETWORK UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

ALL EXTERNAL COMMUNICATION FOR THESE THREE ENTITIES WILL BE GENERATED FROM/TO THE BIC CODE OF THE NEW BANK CLARIDEN LEU.

IMPACT AS OF JANUARY 29, 2007 FOR CLARIDEN BANK AND CREDIT SUISSE FIDES:

FOR BIC CODE CLARCHZZ, THE NAME CHANGES FROM CLARIDEN BANK TO "CLARIDEN LEU (FORMERLY CLARIDEN BANK)". ALL COMMUNICATION FROM/TO FORMER CLARIDEN BANK WILL CONTINUE TO BE GENERATED FROM/TO THE CURRENT BIC CODE CLARCHZZ.

FOR BIC CODE FIDECHZZ, THE NAME CHANGES FROM CREDIT SUISSE FIDES TO "CLARIDEN LEU (FORMERLY CREDIT SUISSE FIDES)". ALL COMMUNICATION FROM/TO FORMER CREDIT SUISSE FIDES WILL CONTINUE TO BE GENERATED FROM/TO THE CURRENT BIC CODE FIDECHZZ.

B) SWIFT AUTHENTICATOR KEYS:

PARTIES WHO WILL MAINTAIN A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NEW BANK CLARIDEN LEU WILL SOON BE CONTACTED BY SWIFT MT 999 IN ORDER TO EXCHANGE BILATERAL AUTHENTICATOR KEYS WITH THE NEW BIC CODE.

--REUTERS AND EBS DEALING CODES--

REUTERS DEALING

AS OF JANUARY 29, 2007, THE REUTERS DEALING CODES FOR CLARIDEN LEU WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

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| LEUZ | CLARIDEN LEU ZURICH  |
| LEUD | CLARIDEN LEU DERIVAT |
| CLSP | CLARIDEN LEU STR.PR. |
| CLTA | CLARIDEN LEU TREASUR |

THE OTHER EXISTING DEALING CODES (HOFZ, CLBZ) WILL NO LONGER BE USED AFTER JANUARY 29, 2007.

EBS

AS OF JANUARY 29, 2007, THE EBS CODE FOR CLARIDEN LEU WILL BE:

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| LEUZ | CLARIDEN LEU ZURICH, SWITZERLAND |
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THE OTHER EXISTING EBS CODES (CLBZ, HOFZ) WILL NO LONGER BE USED AFTER JANUARY 29, 2007.

-- TREASURY--

C) TREASURY TRANSACTIONS (FOREX (NON-CLS), MONEY MARKET AND OTC DERIVATIVES):

STANDARD SETTLEMENT INSTRUCTIONS

AS OF TRADE DATE JANUARY 29, 2007, ALL TRADES FOR THE NEW BANK CLARIDEN LEU WILL BE SETTLED THROUGH THE CORRESPONDENT BANK NETWORK OF CREDIT SUISSE ZURICH. TRADES CONCLUDED BEFORE TRADE DATE JANUARY 29, 2007 WILL BE SETTLED AS ORIGINALLY AGREED IN THE NAME AND FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE FORMER BANKS. AMENDMENTS OR RECONFIRMATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED.

CCY    BANK NAME

BIC(A/C NO.)

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| AED | NAT.BK.OF ABU DHABI, ABU DHABI  | NBADAEAAVOS  |
| AUD | WESTPAC BANKING CORP., SYDNEY   | WPACAU2S     |
| CAD | ROYAL BANK OF CANADA, TORONTO   | ROYCCAT2     |
| CHF | CREDIT SUISSE, ZURICH   | CRESCHZZ80A  |
| CZK | KOMERCNI BANKA, PRAGUE  | KOMBBCZPP    |
| DKK | NORDEA BANK, COPENHAGEN   | NDEADKKK     |
| EUR | CITIBANK NA, LONDON   | CITIGB2L     |
| GBP | HSBC BANK PLC, LONDON   | MIDLGB22     |
| HKD | HONGKONG + SHANGHAI BK, HONG KONG                                     | HSBCHKHHHKH  |
| JPY | BK OF TOKYO MITSUBISHI UFJ LTD, TOKYO                                 | BOTKJPJT     |
| MAD | SOC.GEN.MAROC.DE BOUE, CASABLANCA                                     | SGMBMAMC     |
| MXN | BANCO NACIONAL DE MEXICO, MEXICO<br>ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0010045576        | BNMXMXMM     |
| NOK | NORDEA BANK NORGE, OSLO   | NDEANOKK     |
| NZD | BK OF NEW ZEALAND, WELLINGTON   | BKNZLNZ22985 |
| PLN | BK POLSKA KASA OPIEKI, WARSAW   | PKOPPLPW     |
| SAR | NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK, JEDDAH                                      | NCBKSJJE555  |
| SEK | SVENSKA, STOCKHOLM  | HANDSESS     |
| SGD | STANDARD CHARTERED BK, SINGAPORE                                      | SCBLSGSG     |
| SKK | VSEOBECNA UVEROVA BCA, BRATISLAVA                                     | SUBASKBX     |
| TRY | TURKIYE GARANTI BANKASI, ISTANBUL                                     | TGBATRIS093  |
| USD | BANK OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK  | IRVTUS3N     |
| ZAR | STANDARD BANK OF SOUTH AFRICA, JOHANNESBURG                           | SBZAZAJJ     |
| XAU | LOCO LONDON JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, LONDON<br>LOCO ZURICH UBS AG, ZURICH | UBSWCHZH80A  |
| XAG | LOCO LONDON JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, LONDON<br>LOCO ZURICH UBS AG, ZURICH | UBSWCHZH80A  |
| XPT | LOCO ZURICH UBS AG, ZURICH  | UBSWCHZH80A  |
| XPD | LOCO ZURICH UBS AG, ZURICH  | UBSWCHZH80A  |

D) FOREX TRADES THROUGH CLS:

FOR NEW TRADES DONE AFTER THE MERGER ON JANUARY 29, 2007, YOUR COUNTERPARTY WILL BE THE NEW ENTITY, CLARIDEN LEU. EXISTING CLS FOREX TRADES BETWEEN CLARIDEN BANK (CLARCHZZ), BANK LEU (LEUZCHZZ), BANK HOFMANN (HOFMCHZZ) AND YOURSELVES TRADED PRIOR TO THE MERGER, WITH A VALUE DATE FALLING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 29, 2007, SHALL BE SETTLED AS PREVIOUSLY CONFIRMED.

E) FIDUCIARY TRANSACTIONS:

FIDUCIARIES WITH THE FORMER BANK LEU, BANK HOFMANN AND BANCA DI GESTIONE PATRIMONIALE ARE TO BE SETTLED AS MENTIONED IN SECTION C.

FIDUCIARIES WITH THE FORMER CLARIDEN BANK WILL CONTINUE TO SETTLE VIA THE CASH CORRESPONDENT NETWORK OF THE FORMER CLARIDEN BANK.

FIDUCIARIES WITH THE FORMER CREDIT SUISSE FIDES WILL CONTINUE TO SETTLE VIA THE CASH CORRESPONDENT NETWORK OF THE FORMER CREDIT SUISSE FIDES.

--SECURITIES--

F) SECURITIES OPERATIONS:

IMPACT AS OF JANUARY 29, 2007 FOR BANK LEU, BANK HOFMANN AND BGP BANCA DI GESTIONE PATRIMONIALE:

FOR ACCOUNTS IN THE NAME OF BANK LEU:  
ALL SECURITIES AND CASH ACCOUNTS IN THE NAME OF BANK LEU WILL BE RENAMED CLARIDEN LEU. NO FURTHER ACTION IS NEEDED.

FOR ACCOUNTS IN THE NAME OF BANK HOFMANN:  
ALL ASSETS AND RELATED CASH POSITIONS HELD IN ACCOUNTS IN THE NAME OF BANK HOFMANN WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE ACCOUNTS OF CLARIDEN LEU (FORMER BANK LEU ACCOUNTS). ACCOUNTS IN THE NAME OF BANK HOFMANN WILL BE CLOSED. INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW SEPARATELY.

FOR ASSETS OF BGP BANCA DI GESTIONE PATRIMONIALE:  
ALL ASSETS OF BGP BANCA DI GESTIONE PATRIMONIALE ARE HELD IN ACCOUNTS OF CREDIT SUISSE. INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE ISSUED TO TRANSFER ASSETS FROM THE ACCOUNTS OF CREDIT SUISSE TO THE ACCOUNTS OF CLARIDEN LEU (FORMER BANK LEU ACCOUNTS).

IMPACT AS OF JANUARY 29, 2007 FOR ACCOUNTS OF CLARIDEN BANK AND CREDIT SUISSE FIDES:

FOR ACCOUNTS IN THE NAME OF CLARIDEN BANK:  
ALL SECURITIES AND RELATED CASH ACCOUNTS IN THE NAME OF CLARIDEN BANK WILL BE RENAMED "CLARIDEN LEU (FORMERLY CLARIDEN BANK)". SETTLEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS WILL CONTINUE VIA THE CURRENT CUSTODIAN NETWORK OF CLARIDEN BANK.

FOR ACCOUNTS IN THE NAME OF CREDIT SUISSE FIDES:  
ALL SECURITIES AND RELATED CASH ACCOUNTS IN THE NAME OF CREDIT SUISSE FIDES WILL BE RENAMED "CLARIDEN LEU (FORMERLY CREDIT SUISSE FIDES)". SETTLEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS WILL CONTINUE VIA THE CURRENT CUSTODIAN NETWORK OF CREDIT SUISSE FIDES.

CUSTODIANS AND CORRESPONDENTS HOLDING SECURITIES AND/OR CASH POSITIONS FOR THE FOUR BANKS AND THE SECURITIES DEALER WILL BE INFORMED SEPARATELY ABOUT THE IMPACT OF THE MERGER.

--PAYMENTS--

L) INTERNATIONAL FUND TRANSFERS:

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IMPACT AS OF JANUARY 29, 2007 FOR BANK LEU, BANK HOFMANN AND BGP BANCA DI GESTIONE PATRIMONIALE:

AS OF JANUARY 29, 2007, ALL FUND TRANSFERS IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES HAVE TO BE SETTLED THROUGH THE CORRESPONDENT BANK NETWORK OF CREDIT SUISSE ZURICH.

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IMPACT AS OF JANUARY 29, 2007 FOR CLARIDEN BANK AND CREDIT SUISSE FIDES:

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AS OF JANUARY 29, 2007, CASH ACCOUNTS OF CLARIDEN BANK AND CREDIT SUISSE FIDES WILL BE RENAMED AS MENTIONED IN SECTION F. THE SETTLEMENT OF ALL FUND TRANSFERS IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED, USING THEIR CURRENT CORRESPONDENT NETWORK.

M) DOMESTIC FUND TRANSFERS IN CHF

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IMPACT AS OF JANUARY 29, 2007 FOR BANK LEU, BANK HOFMANN AND BGP BANCA DI GESTIONE PATRIMONIALE:

AS OF JANUARY 29, 2007, ALL FUND TRANSFERS IN CHF HAVE TO BE SETTLED VIA BANK CLEARING NUMBER 5065 OF CLARIDEN LEU.

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IMPACT AS OF JANUARY 29, 2007 FOR CLARIDEN BANK:

AS OF JANUARY 29, 2007, THE BANK CLEARING NUMBER 8563 IN THE NAME OF CLARIDEN BANK WILL BE RENAMED "CLARIDEN LEU (FORMERLY CLARIDEN BANK)". SETTLEMENT OF FUND TRANSFERS IN CHF FOR CLARIDEN BANK WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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IMPACT AS OF JANUARY 29, 2007 FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIDES:

SETTLEMENT OF FUND TRANSFERS IN CHF FOR CREDIT SUISSE FIDES REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE MERGER AND/OR RELATED PROCESSES, KINDLY CONTACT ONE OF YOUR CURRENT CONTACT PERSONS WITHIN CLARIDEN BANK, BANK LEU, BANK HOFMANN, BGP BANCA DI GESTIONE PATRIMONIALE OR CREDIT SUISSE FIDES.

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