

Fortis Bank Nederland

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Erik van de Merwe and Michael Enthoven nominated for appointment as supervisory directors of Fortis Bank Nederland

The Supervisory Board of Fortis Bank Nederland will recommend to the general meeting of shareholders the appointment of Erik van de Merwe and Michael Enthoven to the Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board's intended nomination follows the recommendation of the Dutch State. The Supervisory Board also intends to designate Mr Van de Merwe as Chairman upon his appointment.

The nominations of Messrs Van de Merwe and Enthoven follow the nationalisation of Fortis Bank Nederland by the Dutch State on 3 October. The appointments will be submitted for approval to De Nederlandsche Bank.

Chairman of the Board Jan van Rutte: "We are happy to welcome these two supervisory directors, each of whom has a long track record in the banking industry. The nominations put an end to speculation about these important positions and will give us the breathing space and additional expertise to fully concentrate on expanding our banking operations."

Erik van de Merwe has extensive experience in supervising banks during major change processes. A highly experienced banker and supervisory director, he served on the board of MeesPierson and then Fortis until 2000. Mr Van de Merwe is known as an astute analyst with a substantial financial background and specific expertise in risk management.

Michael Enthoven has been advising the Dutch government on Fortis in the Netherlands and was recently appointed as a board director at RFS Holdings B.V. and supervisory director at ABN AMRO Bank N.V. and ABN AMRO Holding N.V. He was a public prosecutor for a brief period, prior to which he was employed at NIBC and JP Morgan. Mr Enthoven is a highly experienced banker in the semi-public and commercial sectors.

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