

## BNP PARIBAS APPOINTS JAMES GIBSON AS COUNTRY HEAD OF AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND



BNP Paribas announced the appointment of James Gibson as Head of Country for BNP Paribas Australia and New Zealand and CEO of BNP Paribas S.A. Sydney branch, effective 15 June 2015.\* He succeeds Didier Mahout who moves to the position of Head of Central Europe based in Budapest, after eight years in Sydney.

James will be responsible for managing the bank's overall activities in Australasia. He will report to Eric Raynaud, CEO of BNP Paribas Asia Pacific.

Eric Raynaud said: "Under Didier's leadership, our business in Australia has been reinforced significantly. As the oldest major foreign bank in Australia, BNP Paribas continues to underline its commitment to the Australasian market with strong investment in our people, our products and our systems. James' appointment comes at a time when we look to continue the growth of our business in Australasia and where we are seeing sound business momentum."

James joined BNP Paribas in 2011 in Hong Kong and was most recently Head of Regional Human Resources Asia Pacific since 2012. He has previously held different senior banking positions for a number of leading financial institutions in France, the Nordic Region, the United States and the United Kingdom.

He was educated in the United Kingdom and in France, and is a qualified Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers in London.

*\* Subject to relevant regulators' approvals*

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\*excluding partnerships

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