BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

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François Dupuis holds a master's degree in economics and an honours bachelor's degree in economics from the Université de Montréal. In the fall of 2010, he was recognized as "Alumnus Emeritus" by his alma mater.

Mr. Dupuis began his career at Desjardins in 1988. Since 2006, he has held the position of Vice-President and Chief Economist at Desjardins Group's Economic Studies. He also worked as an economic journalist, and served as an economic advisor at the Canadian Embassy's cooperation office in Niger. Mr. Dupuis served as President of the Association des économistes québécois during the years 2011–2012. Mr. Dupuis is also a member of the Bank of Canada's Quebec Panel (an advisory committee) and of the National Statistics Council of Canada. In that capacity, he advises the senior management of Statistics Canada on directions and strategies for that agency.

Mr. Dupuis plans and oversees the Economic Studies' work program. He leads the execution of work involving research, analysis and forecasts. He supervises the production of economic periodicals intended for the Desjardins network and its target clientele, as well as the media. His duties also involve sitting on several financial committees. Lastly, he determines and supports Desjardins Group's position on economic issues and serves as spokesperson on current economic news and major issues affecting the economy and the financial markets.

Mr. Dupuis developed the Desjardins Leading Index (DLI), a composite indicator that is used to predict, from three to six months in advance, where the Quebec economy is heading. His work on coins and bank notes in Canada was instrumental in persuading the federal government of the necessity of ceasing to issue the penny in this country.

In 2014, his team topped the international rankings of foreign-exchange analysts compiled by the Bloomberg financial press agency by issuing the most accurate forecasts for a basket of ten different currencies.

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