



## **KBL *epb* appoints Marc Lauwers as Chief Operating Officer**

- *Highly experienced financial services sector decision-maker to manage Group operations across Europe and internationally*
- *Senior appointment underscores intention of KBL *epb* to attract and retain leading industry professionals*
- *Further Executive Committee appointments to be announced shortly*

**Luxembourg; February 11, 2013:** KBL European Private Bankers (KBL *epb*) announced today the appointment of Marc Lauwers, an extremely seasoned financial services professional, as Chief Operating Officer for the Group, based in Luxembourg.

The appointment of Lauwers – who brings nearly three decades of experience to his new role, including most recently as Head of Retail and Commercial Banking at Belfius Bank in Belgium, where he served as a member of the Management Board – highlights the intention of KBL *epb* to attract leading professionals from across Europe and around the globe.

As Chief Operating Officer, Lauwers will serve as a member of KBL *epb*'s Executive Committee, which has recently been expanded to better meet the evolving needs of the Group and its clients. This enhancement of the Group's governance structure comes at a time when KBL *epb* is consolidating its position as a leader in private banking in Europe, supported by the long-term commitment of its shareholder.

Additional appointments to the Executive Committee of KBL *epb* will be announced shortly.

"Based on his strong professional track record and unique qualifications, I am confident that Marc Lauwers will make a tremendous contribution to the leadership of the Group," said Jacques Peters, Group Chief Executive Officer, KBL *epb*. "As we continue to effect ongoing, positive organizational change, including through the appointment of senior professionals such as Marc, KBL *epb* is now even more

strongly positioned to realize our vision to become a top 20 European private bank by 2015.”

“I am very excited about the opportunity to contribute to the growth of this dynamic institution, which is consolidating its presence across Europe and capturing emerging opportunities abroad,” said Lauwers. “I look forward to working closely with my colleagues here in Luxembourg and across our network to seize the enormous possibilities that lie ahead.”

A Belgian national who holds a Master’s degree in political and social science from the University of Leuven, Lauwers began his professional career in 1984 and has served in a range of top managerial roles.

Prior to his mandate in retail banking at Belfius, he served as Chief Operating Officer at Dexia Bank Belgium. Earlier, Lauwers served as Chief Executive Officer of Dexia Banka Slovensko, based in Slovakia. Previously, he held the same position at Banque Artesia Netherlands.

Lauwers will commence his new role at KBL *epb* beginning April 1, 2013, following the approval of the Board of Directors of KBL *epb* and the Financial Sector Surveillance Commission (CSSF).

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**About KBL European Private Bankers:**

KBL European Private Bankers (KBL *epb*), founded in 1949, is headquartered in Luxembourg with a pan-European presence in nine countries. With over 2,000 staff and €41 billion in assets under management and €39 billion in assets under custody, KBL *epb* is widely recognized as a private banking leader. The Group provides a range of additional investment solutions through its Global Investor Services, Global Financial Markets and Asset Management departments.

With the full support of its shareholder, Precision Capital, a Luxembourg-based independent alternative investment firm, KBL *epb* is consolidating its presence across Europe and expanding its horizons to capture future opportunities in high-growth emerging markets, including the Middle East and Asia.

In line with its mission to serve as a “trusted advisor, trusted investor and trusted employer,” KBL *epb* seeks to preserve and create value for its clients, employees, shareholder and other stakeholders, generating growth opportunities and contributing to the well-being of communities in all the markets in which it operates.

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