

# Strategic repositioning in the US August 30, 2000

## Strategic vision

DLJ transaction

# Summary

Proposed minority buy-out of AXA Financial

#### **AXA strategic vision**

#### Ambition

to be the worldwide leader in financial protection and wealth accumulation services

#### Business scope

**Financial protection:** 

- Insurance and asset management
- Expanding to broader personal financial services



#### **AXA strategic vision**

#### Target Customers

- Individual customers over their lifetime
- Wholesale customers where AXA can leverage strong market positions and generate synergies with other lines of business
- Geographic Scope
  - Priority is major developed markets: North America, Western Europe, Japan
  - AXA also operates in other markets where sizeable and profitable activities can be built in a stable environment



# Rationale Characteristics of transaction Financial impact

**DLJ** transaction

### Rationale for DLJ transaction (1/2) From DLJ's perspective

- DLJ has had a brilliant track record in the 1990s
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  - European expansion needs to be accelerated and complemented by Asian expansion as the investment banking industry becomes more global
  - International deals are becoming larger; with one stop shopping as a common feature, they require strong balance sheet and ability to underwrite large amounts of debt as well as equity
  - Cost of talent is increasing
- THEREFORE
  - Increasing need to partner with another large investment bank



The transaction will create a leading global investment bank

#### Rationale for DLJ transaction (2/2) From AXA's perspective

- AXA is not willing to increase its exposure to investment banking
- DLJ implies risk & creates volatility for AXA earnings and AXA stock
- Sale creates financial flexibility and allows strategic repositioning
- Credit Suisse Group's offer is financially attractive



#### **Transaction characteristics (1/2)**

Credit Suisse Group (CS) offers to buy DLJ

- \$ 90 per share (IPO in late October 1995 at \$ 13.5)
- 47.4% premium over market price as of August 25 (\$ 61.0)
- 92.5% premium over 90 day average market price (\$46.7)
- Multiples: PER of 19.9; 3.4 times book value (fully diluted)



#### **Transaction characteristics (2/2)**

- Total transaction amounts at \$13.5 billion on a fully diluted basis
- Total transaction amounts at \$11.5 billion on outstanding DLJ shares:
  - 50% cash
  - 50% CS stock
- AXA will receive \$ 8.1 billion:
  - \$ 5.7 billion in CS shares
  - \$ 2.4 billion in cash
- CS has offered to repurchase from AXA Group at market price \$1.2 bn of shares at closing (in November 2000)
- AXA will manage liquidity of its investment in CS stock in close coordination with CS



Minority shareholders will receive only cash

#### **Financial impact of transaction**

#### At AXA Financial level

- Gross proceeds: \$ 7.9 bn
- Assuming proceeds are being reinvested at 11% pretax rate, EPS remains stable
- At AXA Group level
  - Gross proceeds: \$8.1 bn
  - Proceeds net of tax: \$ 5.9 bn
  - Profit on disposal: \$ 2.75 bn net of tax



# Proposed minority buy-out of AXA Financial

- Characteristics of offer
  Financial impact
- Rationale

#### **Characteristics of offer**

- AXA offers to buy out the minority interests (39.7%) in AXA Financial (AXF)
- Under this proposal, AXF shareholders would receive, for each AXF share, consideration consisting of:
  - \$ 32.1 in cash
  - 0.271 AXA ADR
- On the basis of August 29th, 2000 closing price of AXA ADR, the offer amounts at \$53.5 per share:
  - 21.8% premium over 30 day average market price (\$43.9)
  - 35.5% premium over 90 day average market price (\$39.5)
  - Offer conditional upon closing of DLJ transaction



Offer will be negotiated with special committee of independent directors of AXA Financial

#### **Financial impact of transaction**

- Total amount: \$ 10.4 bn
- Net amount of goodwill created: \$ 4.1 billion (after partial charge of goodwill to equity)
- Transaction would be neutral to slightly accretive on AXA cash EPS (pre goodwill amortization)



# Rationale for proposed minority buy-out of AXA Financial

- Increase proportion of AXA earnings coming from US life insurance and asset management
- Take full benefit of future profits emerging from AXA Financial
- Develop synergies and move towards more operational integration of AXA's businesses worldwide
- Facilitate M&A activity by AXA in the US, AXA stock being a more effective acquisition currency
- Take advantage of the opportunity offered by the sale of DLJ



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