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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
Dated March 2, 2004

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of March 2, 2004

Commission File Number 001-15244

CREDIT SUISSE GROUP

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Paradeplatz 8, P.O. Box 1, CH-8070 Zurich, Switzerland

(Address of principal executive offices)

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RENATO FASSBIND TO SUCCEED PHILIP K. RYAN AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF CREDIT SUISSE GROUP, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 5, 2004

ZURICH, MARCH 2, 2004 - AFTER FIVE YEARS AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF CREDIT SUISSE GROUP, DURING WHICH TIME HE MADE MANY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GROUP'S FINANCE FUNCTION INCLUDING THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF ITS THREE-YEAR TRANSITION TO US GAAP AS ITS PRIMARY ACCOUNTING STANDARD, PHILIP K. RYAN HAS DECIDED TO STEP DOWN FROM HIS CURRENT POSITION THIS SUMMER. PHILIP K. RYAN HAS BEEN WITH CREDIT SUISSE GROUP FOR ALMOST TWENTY YEARS.

The Board of Directors has appointed Renato Fassbind - currently Chief Executive Officer of Diethelm Keller Group, a privately held and internationally diversified company headquartered in Switzerland - as the Group's new Chief Financial Officer. Renato Fassbind, a Swiss national, brings with him an extensive knowledge of financial management and a deep understanding of US GAAP accounting, as well as valuable experience gained while working in the US. In his new position as Chief Financial Officer, Renato Fassbind will be a Member of the Executive Board of Credit Suisse Group and will report to the Group's

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Co-CEOs Oswald J. Gruebel and John J. Mack.

Oswald J. Gruebel and John J. Mack said: "Phil Ryan has done an outstanding job in his tenure as Chief Financial Officer. We are very grateful for his valuable contribution to the company and look forward to his further involvement within Credit Suisse Group. With the appointment of Renato Fassbind, we have found a highly-qualified and experienced successor for Phil. We are delighted that Renato Fassbind, who possesses both excellent professional and personal skills, has agreed to join Credit Suisse Group."

Renato Fassbind will start at Credit Suisse Group on June 1, 2004. To allow for a smooth transition, the hand-over of the CFO function will take place on August 5, 2004, following the announcement of Credit Suisse Group's second quarter results on August 4.

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CREDIT SUISSE GROUP

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This press release contains statements that constitute forward-looking statements. In addition, in the future we, and others on our behalf, may make statements that constitute forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements may include, without limitation, statements relating to our plans, objectives or goals; our future economic performance or prospects; the potential effect on our future performance of certain contingencies; and assumptions underlying any such statements.

Words such as "believes," "anticipates," "expects," "intends" and "plans" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements but are not the exclusive means of identifying such statements. We do not intend to update these forward-looking statements except as may be required by applicable laws.

By their very nature, forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, both general and specific, and risks exist that predictions, forecasts, projections and other outcomes described or implied in forward-looking statements will not be achieved. We caution you that a number of important factors could cause results to differ materially from the plans, objectives, expectations, estimates and intentions expressed in such forward-looking statements. These factors include (i) market and interest rate

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fluctuations; (ii) the strength of the global economy in general and the strength of the economies of the countries in which we conduct our operations in particular; (iii) the ability of counterparties to meet their obligations to us; (iv) the effects of, and changes in, fiscal, monetary, trade and tax policies, and currency fluctuations; (v) political and social developments, including war, civil unrest or terrorist activity; (vi) the possibility of foreign exchange controls, expropriation, nationalization or confiscation of assets in countries in which we conduct our operations; (vii) the ability to maintain sufficient liquidity and access capital markets; (viii) operational factors such as systems failure, human error, or the failure to properly implement procedures; (ix) actions taken by regulators with respect to our business and practices in one or more of the countries in which we conduct our operations; (x) the effects of changes in laws, regulations or accounting policies or practices; (xi) competition in geographic and business areas in which we conduct our operations; (xii) the ability to retain and recruit qualified personnel; (xiii) the ability to maintain our reputation and promote our brands; (xiv) the ability to increase market share and control expenses; (xv) technological changes; (xvi) the timely development and acceptance of our new products and services and the perceived overall value of these products and services by users; (xvii) acquisitions, including the ability to integrate successfully acquired businesses; (xviii) the adverse resolution of litigation and other contingencies; and (xix) our success at managing the risks involved in the foregoing.

We caution you that the foregoing list of important factors is not exclusive; when evaluating forward-looking statements, you should carefully consider the foregoing factors and other uncertainties and events, as well as the risks identified in our most recently filed Form 20-F and reports on Form 6-K furnished to the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

CREDIT SUISSE GROUP

(Registrant)

Date March 2, 2004

By: /s/ David Frick

(Signature)*

Member of the Executive Board

*Print the name and title of the signing officer under his signature.

/s/ Karin Rhomberg Hug
Managing Director