CREDIT SUISSE GROUP AG

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**UNITED STATES** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 20-F

REGISTRATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES

**EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934** 

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES

**EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934** 

SHELL COMPANY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES

**EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934** 

Commission file number: 001-15244

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Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Name of each exchange on

which registered Title of each class of securities

Credit Suisse Group AG

American Depositary Shares each representing one Share New York Stock Exchange

New York Stock

Exchange\* Shares par value CHF 0.04\*

Credit Suisse AG

Fixed to Floating Rate Tier 1 Capital Notes New York Stock Exchange

Floating Rate Tier 1 Capital Notes New York Stock Exchange

Credit Suisse X-Links Long/Short Equity ETNs due February 19, 2020 **NYSE** Arca Credit Suisse X-Links Cushing® MLP Infrastructure ETNs due April 20, 2020 **NYSE** Arca Credit Suisse X-Links Merger Arbitrage ETNs due October 6, 2020 **NYSE** Arca

VelocityShares™ Daily Inverse VIX Short Term ETN

Linked to the S&P 500 VIX Short-Term Futures™ Index due December 4, 2030 The Nasdaq Stock Market

VelocityShares<sup>TM</sup> Daily Inverse VIX Medium Term ETN

Linked to the S&P 500 VIX Mid-Term Futures<sup>TM</sup> Index due December 4, 2030 The Nasdaq Stock Market

VelocityShares<sup>TM</sup> VIX Short Term ETN

Linked to the S&P 500 VIX Short-Term Futures<sup>TM</sup> Index due December 4, 2030 The Nasdaq Stock Market

VelocityShares<sup>TM</sup> VIX Medium Term ETN

Linked to the S&P 500 VIX Mid-Term Futures<sup>TM</sup> Index due December 4, 2030 The Nasdaq Stock Market

VelocityShares<sup>TM</sup> Daily 2x VIX Short Term ETN

Linked to the S&P 500 VIX Short-Term Futures<sup>TM</sup> Index due December 4, 2030 The Nasdaq Stock Market

VelocityShares™ Daily 2x VIX Medium Term ETN

Linked to the S&P 500 VIX Mid-Term Futures™ Index due December 4, 2030 The Nasdaq Stock Market

VelocityShares<sup>TM</sup> 3x Long Gold ETN

Linked to the S&P GSCI® Gold Index ER due October 14, 2031 The Nasdaq Stock Market

VelocityShares<sup>TM</sup> 3x Long Silver ETN

Linked to the S&P GSCI® Silver Index ER due October 14, 2031 The Nasdaq Stock Market

VelocityShares™ 3x Inverse Gold ETN

Linked to the S&P GSCI® Gold Index ER due October 14, 2031 The Nasdaq Stock Market

VelocityShares<sup>TM</sup> 3x Inverse Silver ETN

Linked to the S&P GSCI® Silver Index ER due October 14, 2031 The Nasdaq Stock Market

VelocityShares™ 3x Long Crude Oil ETN

Linked to the S&P GSCI® Crude Oil Index ER due February 9, 2032 **NYSE** Arca

VelocityShares<sup>TM</sup> 3x Long Natural Gas ETN

Linked to the S&P GSCI® Natural Gas Index ER due February 9, 2032 **NYSE** Arca

VelocityShares<sup>TM</sup> 3x Inverse Crude Oil ETN

Linked to the S&P GSCI® Crude Oil Index ER due February 9, 2032 **NYSE** Arca

VelocityShares<sup>TM</sup> 3x Inverse Natural Gas ETN

Linked to the S&P GSCI® Natural Gas Index ER due February 9, 2032 **NYSE** Arca

Credit Suisse X-Links Gold Shares Covered Call ETNs due February 2, 2033 The Nasdaq Stock Market Credit Suisse X-Links Silver Shares Covered Call ETNs due April 21, 2033 The Nasdaq Stock Market **NYSE** Arca

Credit Suisse X-Links Commodity Rotation ETNs due June 15, 2033

Credit Suisse FI Enhanced Europe 50 Exchange Traded Notes (ETNs) due September

Linked to the STOXX Europe 50® USD (Gross Return) Index **NYSE** Arca

Credit Suisse FI Enhanced Big Cap Growth Exchange Traded Notes (ETNs) due

October 22, 2018 **NYSE** Arca

Linked to the Russell 1000® Growth Index Total Return

Credit Suisse FI Large Cap Growth Enhanced Exchange Traded Notes (ETNs) due June 13, 2019

Linked to the Russell 1000® Growth Index Total Return

NYSE Arca

Credit Suisse S&P MLP Index Exchange Traded Notes (ETNs) due December 4, 2034

Linked to the S&P MLP Index NYSE Arca

Credit Suisse X-Links Multi-Asset High Income Exchange Traded Notes (ETNs) due September 28, 2035

NYSE Arca

Credit Suisse X-Links WTI Crude Oil Index ETNs due February 8, 2036

**NYSE** Arca

<sup>\*</sup> Not for trading, but only in connection with the registration of the American Depositary Shares

Securities registered or to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

#### None

Securities for which there is a reporting obligation pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Act: None

Indicate the number of outstanding shares of each of the issuer's classes of capital or common stock as of

December 31, 2015: 1,951,469,020 shares of Credit Suisse Group AG

Indicate by check mark if the Registrants are well-known seasoned issuers, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act.

Yes No

If this report is an annual or transition report, indicate by check mark if the Registrants are not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrants (1) have filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrants were required to file such reports) and (2) have been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether Registrants have submitted electronically and posted on their corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (paragraph 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrants are large accelerated filers, accelerated filers, or non-accelerated filers. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check One):

Indicate by check mark which basis of accounting the Registrants have used to prepare the financial statements included in this filing:

U.S. GAAP International Other

Financial Reporting Standards

as issued by the

International Accounting Standards Board

If "Other" has been checked in response to the previous question, indicate by check mark which financial statement item the registrant has elected to follow.

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If this is an annual report, indicate by check mark whether the Registrants are shell companies (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act)

Yes No

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#### **Definitions**

For the purposes of this Form 20-F and the attached Annual Report 2015, unless the context otherwise requires, the terms "Credit Suisse Group," "Credit Suisse," "the Group," "we," "us" and "our" mean Credit Suisse Group AG and its consolidated subsidiaries. The business of Credit Suisse AG, the Swiss bank subsidiary of the Group, is substantially similar to the Group and, we use these terms to refer to both when the subject is the same or substantially similar. We use the term "the Bank" when we are referring only to Credit Suisse AG, the Swiss bank subsidiary of the Group, and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Abbreviations and selected terms are explained in the List of abbreviations and the Glossary in the back of the Annual Report 2015.

#### Sources

Throughout this Form 20-F and the attached Annual Report 2015, we describe the position and ranking of our various businesses in certain industry and geographic markets. The sources for such descriptions come from a variety of conventional publications generally accepted as relevant business indicators by members of the financial services industry. These sources include: Standard & Poor's, Dealogic, Institutional Investor, Lipper, Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Ratings.

Cautionary statement regarding forward-looking information

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see Cautionary statement regarding forward-looking information on the inside page of the back cover of the attached Annual Report 2015.

Explanatory note

For the avoidance of doubt, the information appearing on pages 4 to 10 and A-4 to A-12 of the attached Annual Report 2015 is not included in Credit Suisse and the Bank's Form 20-F for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015. 20-F/6

#### Part I

Item 1. Identity of directors, senior management and advisers.

Not required because this Form 20-F is filed as an annual report.

Item 2. Offer statistics and expected timetable.

Not required because this Form 20-F is filed as an annual report.

Item 3. Key information.

A – Selected financial data.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see Appendix – Selected five-year information – Group on pages A-2 to A-3 and – Bank on page A-3 of the attached Annual Report 2015. In addition, please see IX – Additional information – Other information – Foreign currency translation rates on page 570 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

B – Capitalization and indebtedness.

Not required because this Form 20-F is filed as an annual report.

C – Reasons for the offer and use of proceeds.

Not required because this Form 20-F is filed as an annual report.

D - Risk factors.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see I – Information on the company – Risk factors on pages 40 to 48 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

Item 4. Information on the company.

A – History and development of the company.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see I – Information on the company – Credit Suisse at a glance on page 12 and –Strategy on pages 13 to 17, IV – Corporate Governance and Compensation – Corporate Governance – Overview – Company details on page 186 and Appendix – Financial calendar and contacts on page A-12 of the attached Annual Report 2015. In addition, for Credit Suisse, please see Note 3 – Business developments, significant shareholders and subsequent events, Note 4 – Discontinued operations and Note 5 – Segment information in V – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on pages 270 to 275 of the attached Annual Report 2015 and, for the Bank, please see Note 3 – Business developments and subsequent events, Note 4 – Discontinued operations and Note 5 – Segment information in VII – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on pages 429 to 432 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

B – Business overview.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see I – Information on the company – Divisions on pages 18 to 24 of the attached Annual Report 2015. In addition, for Credit Suisse, please see Note 5 – Segment information in V – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on pages 273 to 275 of the attached Annual Report 2015 and, for the Bank, please see Note 5 – Segment information in VII – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on pages 431 to 432 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

C – Organizational structure.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see I – Information on the company – Credit Suisse at a glance on page 12, – Strategy on pages 13 to 17 and II – Operating and financial review – Credit Suisse – Differences between Group and Bank on pages 62 to 63 of the attached Annual Report 2015. For a list of Credit Suisse's significant subsidiaries, please see Note 40 – Significant subsidiaries and equity method investments in V – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on pages 383 to 385 of the attached Annual Report 2015 and, for a list of the Bank's significant subsidiaries, please see Note 39 – Significant subsidiaries and equity method investments in VII – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on pages 502 to 504 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

D – Property, plant and equipment.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see IX – Additional information – Other information – Property and equipment on page 570 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

Information Required by Industry Guide 3.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see IX – Additional information – Statistical information on pages 548 to 564 of the attached Annual Report 2015. In addition, for both Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see III – Treasury, Risk, Balance sheet and Off-balance sheet – Risk management – Risk review and results – Credit risk review – Loans and irrevocable loan commitments on page 169 of the attached Annual Report 2015. For Credit Suisse, please see Appendix – Selected five-year information – Group on page A-2 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

Disclosure pursuant to Section 13(r) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

As stated in our Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2014, in 2005 and earlier, Credit Suisse AG, through a business line operating in Switzerland, entered into export finance credit facilities involving Iranian parties, through bilateral contracts and as a member of lending syndicates. Credit Suisse AG loaned funds under these credit facilities for project finance activities in Iran that did not support or facilitate Iran's nuclear weapons proliferation efforts, its acquisition of other military items, or its support of terrorism. Our participation in these credit facilities was legal under applicable law. The Iranian parties involved in certain of these credit facilities entered into between 2001 and 2005 subsequently were designated Specially Designated Nationals or Blocked Persons pursuant to an Executive Order of the President of the United States, or fall within the US government's definition of the government of Iran (which includes government-controlled entities). These credit facilities are supported by a guarantee of the Iranian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance and export financing insurance provided by European export credit agencies.

Credit Suisse AG does not generally calculate gross revenues or net profits from individual export finance credit facilities of this type; however, Credit Suisse AG estimates that it recognized approximately CHF 1.1 million in interest income in 2015 on these credit facilities and believes that it has not earned any related net profit over the life of these credit facilities. While Credit Suisse AG ceased providing funds to any Iranian parties pursuant to any of these credit facilities several years ago, it has continued, where possible, to receive repayment of funds owed to it. In 2015, Credit Suisse AG received insurance payments totaling CHF 2.4 million from the Swiss governmental export credit agency and payments totaling CHF 5.4 million from financial institutions acting as agents of lending syndicates, both in partial payment under certain of these credit facilities. As of December 31, 2015, approximately CHF 2.1 million was owed to Credit Suisse AG under these credit facilities which is not covered by the European export credit agency guarantees, out of a total amount of approximately CHF 36.4 million outstanding. Credit Suisse AG will continue to seek repayment of funds it is owed under these credit facilities pursuant to its contractual rights and applicable law, and will continue to cooperate with the European export credit agencies.

During 2015, Credit Suisse AG processed a small number of de minimis payments related to the operation of Iranian diplomatic missions in Switzerland and to fees for ministerial government functions such as issuing passports and visas. Processing these payments is permitted under Swiss law and is performed with the consent of Swiss authorities, and Credit Suisse AG intends to continue processing such payments. Revenues and profits from these activities are not calculated but would be negligible.

Credit Suisse AG also continues to hold funds from two wire transfers to non-Iranian customers which were blocked pursuant to Swiss sanctions because Iranian government-owned entities have an interest in such transfers. Such funds are maintained in blocked accounts opened in accordance with Swiss sanctions requirements. Credit Suisse AG derives no revenues or profits from maintenance of these blocked accounts.

Item 4A. Unresolved staff comments.

None.

Item 5. Operating and financial review and prospects.

A – Operating results.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see II – Operating and financial review on pages 49 to 104 of the attached Annual Report 2015. In addition, for both Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see I – Information on the company – Regulation and supervision on pages 25 to 39 of the attached Annual Report 2015 and III – Treasury, Risk, Balance sheet and Off-balance sheet – Capital management – Shareholders' equity and share metrics – Foreign exchange exposure and interest rate management on page 135 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

B – Liquidity and capital resources.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see III – Treasury, Risk, Balance sheet and Off-balance sheet – Liquidity and funding management and – Capital management on pages 106 to 135 of the attached Annual Report 2015. In addition, for Credit Suisse, please see Note 25 – Long-term debt in V – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on pages 296 to 297 and Note 37 – Capital adequacy in V – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on page 372 of the attached Annual Report 2015 and, for the Bank, please see Note 24 – Long-term debt in VII – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on pages 449 to 450 and Note 36 – Capital adequacy in VII – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on page 500 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

C – Research and development, patents and licenses, etc.

Not applicable.

D – Trend information.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see Item 5.A of this Form 20-F. In addition, for Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see I – Information on the company – Divisions on pages 18 to 24 of the attached Annual Report 2015. E – Off-balance sheet arrangements.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see III – Treasury, Risk, Balance sheet and Off-balance sheet – Balance sheet, off-balance sheet and other contractual obligations on pages 179 to 182 of the attached Annual Report 2015. In addition, for Credit Suisse, please see Note 32 – Derivatives and hedging activities, Note 33 – Guarantees and commitments and Note 34 – Transfers of financial assets and variable interest entities in V – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on pages 325 to 344 of the attached Annual Report 2015 and, for the Bank, please see Note 31 – Derivatives and hedging activities, Note 32 – Guarantees and commitments, Note 33 – Transfers of financial assets and variable interest entities in VII – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on pages 469 to 481, and Note 13 – Derivative financial instruments in VIII – Parent company financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on pages 533 to 535 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

F – Tabular disclosure of contractual obligations.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see III – Treasury, Risk, Balance sheet and Off-balance sheet – Balance sheet, off-balance sheet and other contractual obligations – Contractual obligations and other commercial commitments on page 182 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

Item 6. Directors, senior management and employees.

A – Directors and senior management.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see IV – Corporate Governance and Compensation – Corporate Governance – Board of Directors, – Board Committees, – Biographies of the Board Members, – Executive Board and – Biographies of the Executive Board Members on pages 192 to 212 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

B – Compensation.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see IV - Corporate Governance and Compensation - Compensation on pages 217 to 248 of the attached Annual Report 2015. In addition, for Credit Suisse, please see Note 11 - Compensation and benefits in V – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on page 278, Note 29 – Employee deferred compensation in V - Consolidated financial statements - Credit Suisse Group on pages 308 to 313, Note 31 - Pension and other post-retirement benefits in V - Consolidated financial statements - Credit Suisse Group on pages 316 to 324, Note 6 – Personnel expenses in VI – Parent company financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on page 406 and Note 23 – Shareholdings of the Board of Directors, Executive Board and employees in VI – Parent company financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on pages 413 to 414 of the attached Annual Report 2015. For the Bank, please see Note 11 – Compensation and benefits in VII – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on page 434, Note 28 – Employee deferred compensation in VII – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on pages 458 to 460, Note 30 – Pension and other post-retirement benefits in VII – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on pages 462 to 468, Note 6 – Personnel expenses in VIII – Parent company financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on page 527, Note 17 – Pension plans in VIII – Parent company financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on page 537 and Note 23 – Shareholdings of the Board of Directors, Executive Board and employees and information on compensation plans in VIII - Parent company financial statements - Credit Suisse (Bank) on pages 541 to 542 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

#### C – Board practices.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see IV – Corporate Governance and Compensation – Corporate Governance on pages 184 to 216 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

#### D – Employees.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see IV – Corporate Governance and Compensation – Corporate Governance – Additional Information – Employee relations on page 216 of the attached Annual Report 2015. In addition, for both Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see II – Operating and financial review – Credit Suisse – Employees on page 55 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

#### E – Share ownership.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see IV – Corporate Governance and Compensation – Compensation on pages 217 to 248 of the attached Annual Report 2015. In addition, for Credit Suisse, please see Note 29 – Employee deferred compensation in V – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on pages 308 to 313, and Note 23 – Shareholdings of the Board of Directors, Executive Board and employees in VI – Parent company financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on pages 413 to 414 of the attached Annual Report 2015. For the Bank, please see Note 28 – Employee deferred compensation in VII – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on pages 458 to 460, and Note 23 – Shareholdings of the Board of Directors, Executive Board and employees and information on compensation plans in VIII – Parent company financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on pages 541 to 542 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

Item 7. Major shareholders and related party transactions.

## A – Major shareholders.

For Credit Suisse, please see IV – Corporate Governance and Compensation – Corporate Governance – Shareholders on pages 187 to 191 of the attached Annual Report 2015. In addition, for Credit Suisse, please see Note 3 – Business developments, significant shareholders and subsequent events in V – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on pages 270 to 271, Note 17 – Credit Suisse Group shares held by subsidiaries in VI – Parent company financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on page 410, Note 18 – Purchases and sale of treasury shares held by Credit Suisse Group in VI – Parent company financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on page 411 and Note 19 – Significant shareholders in VI – Parent company financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on page 411 of the attached Annual Report 2015. Credit Suisse's major shareholders do not have different voting rights. The Bank has 4,399,680,200 shares outstanding and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Credit Suisse. See Note 22 – Significant shareholders and groups of shareholders in VIII – Parent company financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on page 540 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

#### B – Related party transactions.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see IV – Corporate Governance and Compensation – Compensation on pages 217 to 248 and – Corporate Governance – Banking relationships with Board and Executive Board Members and related party transactions on page 213 of the attached Annual Report 2015. In addition, for Credit Suisse, please see Note 30 – Related parties in V – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on pages 314 to 315 and Note 21 – Related parties in VI – Parent company financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on page 412 of the attached Annual Report 2015. For the Bank, please see Note 29 – Related parties in VII – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on page 461 and Note 24 – Amounts receivable from and amounts payable to related parties in VIII – Parent company financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on page 543 of the attached Annual Report 2015. C – Interests of experts and counsel.

Not applicable because this Form 20-F is filed as an annual report.

Item 8. Financial information.

A – Consolidated statements and other financial information.

Please see Item 18 of this Form 20-F.

For a description of Credit Suisse's legal and arbitration proceedings, please see Note 39 – Litigation in V – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on pages 375 to 382 of the attached Annual Report 2015. For a description of the Bank's legal and arbitration proceedings, please see Note 38 – Litigation in VII – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on page 501 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

For a description of Credit Suisse's policy on dividend distributions, please see III – Treasury, Risk, Balance sheet and Off-balance sheet – Capital management – Shareholders' Equity and Share Metrics – Dividends and dividend policy on page 135 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

B – Significant changes.

None.

Item 9. The offer and listing.

A – Offer and listing details, C – Markets.

For information regarding the price history of Credit Suisse Group shares and the stock exchanges and other regulated markets on which they are listed or traded, please see IX – Additional information – Other information – Listing details on page 569 of the attached Annual Report 2015. Shares of the Bank are not listed.

B – Plan of distribution, D – Selling shareholders, E – Dilution, F – Expenses of the issue.

Not required because this Form 20-F is filed as an annual report.

Item 10. Additional information.

A – Share capital.

Not required because this Form 20-F is filed as an annual report.

B – Memorandum and Articles of Association.

For Credit Suisse, please see IV – Corporate Governance and Compensation – Corporate Governance – Overview, – Shareholders and – Board of Directors on pages 184 to 196 of the attached Annual Report 2015. In addition, for Credit Suisse, please see IX – Additional information – Other information – Exchange controls and – American Depositary Shares on page 565 of the attached Annual Report 2015. Shares of the Bank are not listed.

C – Material contracts.

Neither Credit Suisse nor the Bank has any contract that would constitute a material contract for the two years immediately preceding this Form 20-F.

D – Exchange controls.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see IX – Additional information – Other information – Exchange controls on page 565 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

E – Taxation.

For Credit Suisse, please see IX – Additional information – Other information – Taxation on pages 565 to 568 of the attached Annual Report 2015. The Bank does not have any public shareholders.

F – Dividends and paying agents.

Not required because this Form 20-F is filed as an annual report.

G – Statement by experts.

Not required because this Form 20-F is filed as an annual report.

H – Documents on display.

Credit Suisse and the Bank file annual reports on Form 20-F and furnish or file quarterly and other reports on Form 6-K and other information with the SEC pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These materials are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and from the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549 (telephone 1-800-SEC-0330). SEC reports are also available for review at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, NY 10005. Further, our reports on Form 20-F, Form 6-K and certain other materials are available on the Credit Suisse website at www.credit-suisse.com. Information contained on our website and apps are not incorporated by reference into this Form 20-F.

In addition, Credit Suisse's parent company financial statements, together with the notes thereto, are set forth on pages 399 to 416 of the attached Annual Report 2015 and incorporated by reference herein. The Bank's parent company financial statements, together with the notes thereto, are set forth on pages 507 to 546 of the attached Annual Report 2015 and incorporated by reference herein.

I – Subsidiary information.

Not applicable.

Item 11. Quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see I – Information on the company – Risk factors on pages 40 to 48 and III – Treasury, Risk, Balance sheet and Off-balance sheet – Risk management on pages 136 to 178 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

Item 12. Description of securities other than equity securities.

A – Debt Securities, B – Warrants and Rights, C – Other Securities.

Not required because this Form 20-F is filed as an annual report.

D – American Depositary Shares.

For Credit Suisse, please see IV – Corporate Governance and Compensation – Corporate Governance – Additional information – Fees and charges for holders of ADS on page 216 of the attached Annual Report 2015. Shares of the Bank are not listed.

Part II

Item 13. Defaults, dividend arrearages and delinquencies.

None

Item 14. Material modifications to the rights of security holders and use of proceeds.

None.

Item 15. Controls and procedures.

For Credit Suisse's management report and the related report from the Group's independent auditors, please see Controls and procedures and Report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm in V – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse Group on pages 397 to 398 of the attached Annual Report 2015. For the Bank's management report and the related report from the Bank's independent auditors, please see Controls and procedures and Report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm in VII – Consolidated financial statements – Credit Suisse (Bank) on pages 505 to 506 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

Item 16A. Audit committee financial expert.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see IV – Corporate Governance and Compensation – Corporate Governance – Board of Directors – Board committees – Audit Committee on pages 197 to 198 of the attached Annual Report 2015. Item 16B. Code of ethics.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see IV – Corporate Governance and Compensation – Corporate Governance – Overview – Corporate governance framework on pages 184 to 186 of the attached Annual Report 2015. 20-F/12

Item 16C. Principal accountant fees and services.

For Credit Suisse and the Bank, please see IV – Corporate Governance and Compensation – Corporate Governance – Audit on page 214 of the attached Annual Report 2015.

Item 16D. Exemptions from the listing standards for audit committee.

None.

Item 16E. Purchases of equity securities by the issuer and affiliated purchasers.

For Credit Suisse, please see III – Treasury, Risk, Balance sheet and Off-balance sheet – Capital management – Shareholders' Equity and Share Metrics – Share repurchases on page 134 of the attached Annual Report 2015. The Bank does not have any class of equity securities registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act.

Item 16F. Change in registrants' certifying accountant.

None.

Item 16G. Corporate governance.

For Credit Suisse, please see IV – Corporate Governance and Compensation – Corporate Governance – Additional Information – Complying with rules and regulations on page 215 of the attached Annual Report 2015. Shares of the Bank are not listed.

Item 16H. Mine Safety Disclosure.

None.

Part III

Item 17. Financial statements.

Not applicable.

Item 18. Financial statements.

Credit Suisse's consolidated financial statements, together with the notes thereto and the Report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm thereon, are set forth on pages 249 to 398 of the attached Annual Report 2015 and incorporated by reference herein. The Bank's consolidated financial statements, together with the notes thereto (and any notes or portions thereof in the consolidated financial statements of Credit Suisse Group referred to therein) and the Report of the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm thereon, are set forth on pages 417 to 506 of the attached Annual Report 2015 and incorporated by reference herein.

#### Item 19. Exhibits.

- 1.1 Articles of association (Statuten) of Credit Suisse Group AG as of December 2, 2015.
- 1.2 Articles of association (Statuten) of Credit Suisse AG as of September 4, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.2 of Credit Suisse Group AG's and Credit Suisse AG's annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2014 filed on March 20, 2015).
- 1.3 Organizational Guidelines and Regulations of Credit Suisse Group AG and Credit Suisse AG as of June 19, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.3 of Credit Suisse Group AG's and Credit Suisse AG's annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2014 filed on March 20, 2015).
- 2.1 Pursuant to the requirement of this item, we agree to furnish to the SEC upon request a copy of any instrument defining the rights of holders of long-term debt of us or of our subsidiaries for which consolidated or unconsolidated financial statements are required to be filed.
- 4.1 Agreement, dated February 13, 2011, among Competrol Establishment, Credit Suisse Group (Guernsey) II Limited and Credit Suisse Group AG (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 of Credit Suisse Group AG's and Credit Suisse AG's current report on Form 6-K filed March 12, 2013).
- 4.2 Agreement, dated February 13, 2011, among Qatar Holding LLC, Credit Suisse Group (Guernsey) II Limited and Credit Suisse Group AG (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 of Credit Suisse Group AG's and Credit Suisse AG's current report on Form 6-K filed March 12, 2013).
- 4.3 Amendment Agreement, dated July 18, 2012, among Competrol Establishment, Credit Suisse Group (Guernsey) II Limited, Credit Suisse Group AG and Credit Suisse AG, acting through its Guernsey Branch (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.3 of Credit Suisse Group AG's and Credit Suisse AG's current report on Form 6-K filed March 12, 2013)
- 4.4 Purchase and Underwriting Agreement, dated as of July 17, 2012, between Credit Suisse AG and Competrol Establishment (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 of Credit Suisse Group AG's and Credit Suisse AG's annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2012 filed on March 22, 2013).
- 4.5 Purchase and Underwriting Agreement, dated as of July 18, 2012, between Credit Suisse AG and Qatar Holding LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 of Credit Suisse Group AG's and Credit Suisse AG's annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2012 filed on March 22, 2013).
- 4.6 Agreement, dated October 10, 2013, among Qatar Holding LLC, Credit Suisse Group (Guernsey) II Limited, Credit Suisse Group AG and Credit Suisse AG, acting through its Guernsey Branch (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.6 of Credit Suisse Group AG's and Credit Suisse AG's annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2013 filed on April 3, 2014).
- 7.1 Computations of ratios of earnings to fixed charges of Credit Suisse and of the Bank are set forth under IX Additional Information Statistical information Ratio of earnings to fixed charges Group and Ratio of earnings to fixed charges Bank on page 564 of the attached Annual Report 2015 and incorporated by reference herein.
- 8.1 Significant subsidiaries of Credit Suisse are set forth in Note 40 Significant subsidiaries and equity method investments in V Consolidated financial statements Credit Suisse Group on pages 383 to 385, and significant subsidiaries of the Bank are set forth in Note 39 Significant subsidiaries and equity method investments in VII Consolidated financial statements Credit Suisse (Bank) on pages 502 to 504 in the attached Annual Report 2015 and incorporated by reference herein.
- 9.1 Consent of KPMG AG, Zurich with respect to Credit Suisse Group AG consolidated financial statements.
- 9.2 Consent of KPMG AG, Zurich with respect to the Credit Suisse AG consolidated financial statements.
- 12.1 Rule 13a-14(a) certification of the Chief Executive Officer of Credit Suisse Group AG and Credit Suisse AG, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 12.2 Rule 13a-14(a) certification of the Chief Financial Officer of Credit Suisse Group AG and Credit Suisse AG, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 13.1 Certifications pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 for Credit Suisse Group AG and Credit Suisse AG.
- 101.1 Interactive Data Files (XBRL-Related Documents). 20-F/14

#### **SIGNATURES**

Each of the registrants hereby certifies that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form 20-F and that it has duly caused and authorized the undersigned to sign this annual report on its behalf.

#### **CREDIT SUISSE GROUP AG**

(Registrant)

Date: March 24, 2016

/s/ Tidjane Thiam /s/ David R. Mathers
Name: Tidjane Thiam Name: David R. Mathers
Title: Chief Executive Officer Title: Chief Financial Officer

**CREDIT SUISSE AG** 

(Registrant)

Date: March 24, 2016

/s/ Tidjane Thiam /s/ David R. Mathers
Name: Tidjane Thiam Name: David R. Mathers
Title: Chief Executive Officer Title: Chief Financial Officer

## Key metrics

		in / end of		% change	
	2015	2014	2013	15 / 14	14 / 13
Credit Suisse (CHF million, except where indicated)					
Net income/(loss) attributable to					
shareholders	(2,944)	1,875	2,326	_	(19)
of which from continuing					
operations	(2,944)	1,773	2,181	_	(19)
Basic earnings/(loss) per share from					
continuing operations (CHF)	(1.73)	0.99	1.10	_	