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### **AXA IM appoints new Head of Asia Pacific**

AXA Investment Managers (AXA IM) today announced the appointment of Jean-Pierre Leoni, as Head of Asia Pacific. Jean-Pierre will be responsible for the development of AXA IM's presence in the Asia Pacific region. Based in Hong Kong, he will start his new role on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 and will be a member of the Executive Committee of AXA IM and of AXA Rosenberg.

Commenting on the appointment, **Dominique Carrel-Billiard, CEO, AXA IM** said: *“Asia Pacific is one of the most promising regions for the asset management industry and Jean-Pierre’s appointment is key for the continued expansion of our business. Thanks to the foundations built by our teams over the past five years, we have achieved a significant footprint to become a well-known player in the region.”*

To continue the expansion of its presence in Asia, AXA IM is looking to further strengthen its sales teams in the region in the coming months.

Jean-Pierre Leoni joined AXA IM in 1998 as Head of Credit. In 2005 he created the Product Specialist Unit which he has lead since.

Before joining AXA IM, Jean-Pierre spent three years (1995-1997) in Credit Commercial de France initially as Head of Fixed Income Trading and thereafter as Head of the Product and Credit Analysis department. Prior to that, Jean-Pierre worked for CPR as an Arbitrage Specialist (1992-1994) and for BTP Gestion as a Fund Manager (1989-1992).

Member of the French Institute of Actuarial Science (IAF), Jean-Pierre earned his degree in Mathematics from the University of Paris VI as well as a degree in statistic from the Institute of Statistics of the Parisian university Pierre and Marie Curie (ISUP).

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