



Press release

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AXA announces the successful completion of Secondary Common Stock Offering of AXA Equitable Holdings, Inc. and related Share Buyback

- **Net proceeds¹ of USD 1.8 billion**
- **Up to USD 0.2 billion of potential additional proceeds**, if the underwriters decide to exercise their over-allotment option by December 15, 2018
- **AXA's ownership** of EQH's common stock has **decreased from 72.2%^{2,3} to 59.3%^{3,4}**

AXA S.A. ("AXA") announces today that it has successfully completed a secondary public offering of 60,000,000 shares (the "Offering"), at a public offering price of USD 20.25 per share, of its U.S. subsidiary, AXA Equitable Holdings, Inc. ("EQH") and the sale to EQH of 30,000,000 shares (the "Share Buyback")⁵ at the per share price paid by the underwriters in the public offering.

Net proceeds¹ corresponding to the sale of 90,000,000 EQH shares from the Offering and the Share Buyback, amounted to USD 1.8 billion or Euro 1.6 billion⁶. Following this sale, AXA's ownership in EQH has decreased from 72.2%^{2,3} to 59.3%^{3,4}. In addition, AXA has granted the underwriters a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional 9,000,000 EQH shares.

"AXA continues its transformation journey with the successful new placement of EQH shares, representing another step in shifting AXA's business profile towards our strategic preferred segments and additional financial flexibility for the Group", said Thomas Buberl, Chief Executive Officer of AXA.

"AXA Equitable Holdings has been delivering strong operating performance since the IPO 6 months ago, and I wish them continued success as a leading US-listed financial services company."

¹ Net of underwriting discounts and commissions.

² 558,526,870 total common outstanding shares, as of September 30, 2018.

³ Including shares to be delivered on redemption of the mandatorily exchangeable bonds issued by AXA in May 2018.

⁴ Assuming the full exercise of the over-allotment option of 9,000,000 EQH shares granted to underwriters, AXA's ownership of EQH would decrease to 57.5%.

⁵ Following the completion of the Share Buyback, EQH's remaining authorization under its current share repurchase program of USD 800 million is approximately USD 151 million.

⁶ 1 Euro = 1.1458 USD as of November 19, 2018 (Source: Bloomberg).



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