

Mr S.N. (Sipko) Schat (47), member of the Executive Board of Rabobank Nederland and Vice Chairman of Rabobank International.

After graduating in Law from Groningen University, Sipko Schat joined Rabobank as a Legal Advisor in 1985 and five years later was appointed Senior Manager for Structured Finance and Vice President at the Rabobank Head Office in Utrecht. In 1995, he became head of Structured Finance (Global). Four years later, in 1999, key appointments followed: Head of Corporate Finance (Global) and Managing Director of Rabo Merchant Bank N.V.

Prior to his appointment to the Executive Board in July 2006, he had been a member of the Rabobank International Managing Board since 2002. In this role he was responsible for the Americas and later Corporate Clients Netherlands as well as a number of global wholesale product areas. He had also seats on the boards of Rabobank Ireland, Rabo India, Utrecht America Holdings and Rabobank North America as well as the supervisory board of Rabo Curacao.

Sipko Schat has considerable international corporate banking experience to supplement his specialist knowledge and experience in structured finance and equities. His current responsibilities, all within Rabobank International, encompass Global Financial Markets, Global Corporate Finance, Global Trade Finance, Private Equity, Rabo Securities, Operations & IT and Corporate Clients Netherlands. He has also seats on the boards of: Utrecht America Holdings, De Lage Landen International B.V., Bank Sarasin & Cie AG, Rabo Bouwfonds N.V.

Sipko Schat's aim is to further develop and implement the Rabobank International strategy for large and mid corporate clients and financial institutions, providing integrated corporate and investment banking solutions to Rabobank's wholesale client group.