



Press release

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SG TO ATTEND SIBOS 2002 *SEPTEMBER 30TH - OCTOBER 4TH*

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At SIBOS 2002 (Swift International Banking Operations Seminar), which attracts over 6,000 participants from the finance sector, Société Générale will confirm its commitment alongside SWIFT in the implementation of the new SWIFTNet architecture. This system will be operational at Société Générale in the first half of 2003. Société Générale believes that this technology project will generate new commercial opportunities.

As a privileged partner of SWIFT, Société Générale was one of the first banks to use the new SWIFT services from the beginning of 2001. The Group has now opted to access market infrastructures such as ABE STEP2, BIREL 2, CLS, EUROCLEAR and RTGS Plus, among others, via the new SWIFTNet network. It will also gradually integrate the network into its cash reporting service offer for banking clients and large corporates.

Société Générale Group

Société Générale is one of the leading banks in the euro zone. The Group employs 85,000 people worldwide in three core businesses:

- Retail Banking: 13.4 million customers in France and abroad.
- Asset Management and Private Banking: with EUR 298 billion in assets under management at the end of 2001, the Group is the 3rd largest euro-zone bank in asset management.
- Corporate and Investment Banking: SG is the 4th largest player in the euro zone by net banking income.

Société Générale is included in the world's four major sustainable development indices.

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SWIFT

SWIFT, the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication, is offering its users a new secure network - SWIFTNet - which supports the current message system as well as offering associated services. **www.swift.com**

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