

# **Press Release**

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## SG CORPORATE & INVESTMENT BANKING ANNOUNCES MANAGEMENT APPOINTMENTS WITHIN ITS DEBT FINANCE BUSINESS LINE

SG Corporate & Investment Banking (SG CIB) today announced several key senior management appointments within its global Debt Finance platform.

**Vincent Cazala** (42) has been appointed Co-Head of Foreign Exchange and Treasury, working alongside Stéphane Landon. Vincent, who has been with the Société Générale Group since 1990, transfers to London from Tokyo, where he was head of SG CIB's Debt Finance operations in Japan. Prior to this, he headed up the Foreign Exchange & Treasury division in London from 1996 until 2000. His return to London follows the recent relocation of Paolo Taddonio to SG CIB's New York office to take up a new position as Deputy Head of Debt Finance Americas.

**Jean-Baptiste Destremau** (35) replaces Vincent Cazala as Head of Debt Finance Japan. He was previously Global Head of FX Options in Paris and has been with SG CIB since 1992, when he joined the Group as an FX Options trader in Tokyo. He relocated to Paris in 1995 to head up SG CIB's exotic foreign exchange options activity, before being named Global Head of FX Options in 2000.

**Richard Giltner** (40), deputy to Jean-Baptiste Destremau since 2000, subsequently replaces him as Global Head of FX Options. Richard has enjoyed a long career in options with the Société Générale Group since joining as a Deutsche Mark Options pit trader in Chicago in 1991. Since then, his career has taken him to Philadelphia, Singapore and Paris. As Global Head of FX Options, he remains located in Paris and reports to both Stéphane Landon and Vincent Cazala.

"These appointments are in line with the overall strategy of SG CIB's Debt Finance platform, which places a strong emphasis on providing its client base with a global, solution-driven approach to their financial needs," said Marc Breillout, Global Head of Debt Finance. "Our clients remain our No. 1 priority and we are confident that the proven management skills and expertise of Vincent, Jean-Baptiste and Richard will contribute strongly to the development of our global Debt Finance platform."

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