

Press Release

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Mathieu Maurier appointed Head of Société Générale Securities Services South Africa

Société Générale Securities Services, the securities services business of Société Générale, is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mathieu Maurier** as Head of its South African securities branch. Mathieu will be based in Johannesburg and he will report to Etienne Deniau, Deputy Head of Investors Services at Société Générale Securities Services in Paris.

Mathieu Maurier, aged 33, joined Société Générale in 1994 after graduating with a masters degree in Banking & Corporate Finance. He spent over 11 years within Société Générale's securities services department, holding various positions from operations and product development to relationship and senior sales management.

Société Générale Securities Services in Johannesburg provides the full spectrum of securities services to local and international financial institutions. Société Générale Securities Services presence as a local bank dates from 1988 and its clients benefit from the strongest financial soundness among the market participants. In 2005, Société Générale Securities Services operations in Johannesburg were "top rated" as a domestic agent bank for the second year in a row by *Global Custodian Magazine*.

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- Global Investment Management & Services: Société Générale is one of the largest banks in the euro-zone in terms of assets under custody (EUR 1,317 billion, September 2005) and under management (EUR 370 billion, September 2005).
- Corporate & Investment Banking: SG CIB ranks among the leading banks worldwide in euro capital markets, derivatives and structured finance.

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Société Générale Securities Services

Société Générale Securities Services offers a full range of securities services in:

- Execution, clearing, delivery and settlement
- Securities back-office outsourcing services
- Custody, trustee, fund and portfolio administration
- Employee Share Plan Management

Société Générale Securities Services currently ranks 4th among securities custodians in Europe, and 10th worldwide with EUR 1,317 billion in assets held (Sept 2005). Société Générale Securities Services provides custody & trustee services to around 2,500 funds and its subsidiary Euro-VL provides valuations for 3,749 funds representing assets of EUR 287 billion (Sept 2005). Fimat, another Société Générale Securities Services subsidiary, acts as broker for 5% of the clearing of international listed derivatives transactions on the major markets for which Fimat is a member. Société Générale Securities Services ranks among the European leaders in stock option management, serving more than 480,000 beneficiaries.

Société Générale Securities Services employs 3,500 people and has a presence on more than 30 financial marketplaces across Europe, the Americas and Asia Pacific.

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