

## Press Release

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### **Société Générale in exclusive talks for the acquisition of Chrofin in Greece**

Société Générale confirms that it has entered exclusive talks for the acquisition of **Chrofin** in Greece, a car financing (via car dealers) and operational car leasing company.

In car financing, Chrofin operates through a network of 95 dealers (Renault, Porsche, Land Rover). In operational car leasing, Chrofin is the fourth largest company in Greece with 3 500 vehicles. Chrofin employs 60 people and has outstanding loans of approximately 120 millions euros.

This transaction is coherent with the development of the group's consumer finance business (Société Générale Consumer Finance) and operational car leasing activity (ALD Automotive). This move will add to the current activities of Société Générale in Greece which include retail banking (GENEKI Bank), credit cards (General Card Services), private banking and custody, and will contribute to developing synergies between these businesses.

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