

**Press release** 

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## Société Générale Securities Services, trustee for the first French real estate mutual funds (OPCI)

Société Générale Securities Services (SGSS) is one of the first trustees for the new French real estate mutual funds (OPCI). OPCIs are new real estate investment vehicles for real estate professionals and individuals. Their objective is to boost the non-listed paper real estate market.

SGSS has had a strong involvement in the market discussions over the past three years and has acquired a competence which makes the business a major player in this new market. The asset management company Euragone AM has mandated SGSS for the launch of its OPCIs, which are among the first to receive the approval from the French financial market authority (AMF).

In order to meet the requirements of asset managers and institutional investors and to accompany them in the constitution of their OPCIs, the SGSS offer is supported by dedicated poles of activity. SGSS thus provides tailor-made services covering trustee and depositary, custody and holdings, transfer agency and fund administration.

## Société Générale

Société Générale is one of the largest financial services groups in the euro-zone. The Group employs 120,000 people worldwide in three key businesses:

- Retail Banking & Financial Services: Société Générale serves 24 million individual customers worldwide.
- Global Investment Management & Services: Société Générale is one of the largest banks in the euro-zone in terms of assets under custody (EUR 2 580 billion, June 2007) and under management (EUR 467,2 billion, June 2007).
- Corporate & Investment Banking: Société Générale ranks among the leading banks worldwide in euro capital markets, derivatives and structured finance.

Société Générale is included in the five major socially-responsible investment indexes.

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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, transfer agent, fund and portfolio administration
- Employee Share Plan Management

Société Générale Securities Services currently ranks 9<sup>th</sup> worldwide custodian (*source: globalcustody.net*) with €2,580 billion in assets under custody at end June 2007. Société Générale Securities Services provides custody & trustee services for 2,770 funds and the valuation of 4,354 funds representing assets under administration of around €405 billion. Through Fimat, Société Générale Securities Services acts as broker for 8.8% of the global transactions on listed derivatives on the major markets for which Fimat is a member. Société Générale Securities Services ranks among the European leaders in stock option management, serving nearly 400,000 beneficiaries.

Société Générale Securities Services employs around 5,500 people and has a presence on more than 30 financial marketplaces across Europe, the Americas and Asia Pacific.

Société Générale Securities Services is part of Global Investment Management and Services (GIMS), one of the three key businesses of the Société Générale Group, which also includes asset management (Société Générale Asset Management), private banking (SG Private Banking) and on-line brokerage (Boursorama).

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