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## Press release

## Société Générale Insurance to set up operations in Russia

Russia's banking regulator has just granted **Sogécap** the necessary approval to finalise the takeover of Soyuznik, a company specialised in means of payment insurance, and to set up a life insurance company, Sogécap Life Insurance.

The two new establishments are part of the continuing international expansion of **Société** Générale Insurance, the life insurance business line of the Société Générale Group.

The two entities - held jointly by Sogécap (81%) and Banque Société Générale Vostok or BSGV (19%) - will allow Société Générale Insurance to meet demand for insurance products among the Group's entities in Russia: BSGV for retail banking, Rusfinance for specialised finance and Delta Credit, a financial establishment specialised in mortgage loans. For these entities and the Group's external partners, Société Générale Insurance will offer payment protection insurance and cover for the risks associated with means of payment. Société Générale Insurance will also be present on the market for savings insurance, which, though nascent today, holds strong potential.

Société Générale Insurance has twelve establishments outside France and deploys its expertise as a bank-insurer in the fields of provident funds, savings and the coverage of pension obligations, in synergy with the Group's other business lines.

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## Société Générale Insurance

Socété Générale Insurance comprises the international businesses of Sogecap, the group's French life-insurance subsidiary and the world's fourth-largest bank-insurer. www.sogecap.com

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