

## Press Release

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### **Global Employee Share Ownership Plan 2009: results of the 22nd capital increase reserved for employees**

Once again this year, Société Générale Group gave its employees the right to purchase shares in the company at favourable terms.

In 2009, this employee share ownership scheme was made available to 14 new subsidiaries or entities in the Group within the scope of the Global Employee Share Ownership Plan. As a result, the number of eligible current and former employees now stands at 145,000, including 74,000 in France.

Shares were offered at the price of €27.09. The capital increase took place from 15 to 29 May 2009 and enabled Group employees to subscribe to 1.74% of the share capital.

In all, 59,000 employees and former employees in 62 countries took part in the plan, for a total subscription of €291 million. In France, nearly three out of four Société Générale employees (73%) decided to subscribe to the reserved capital increase this year. Although this year, for the first time, employees had the option of crediting their subscriptions directly to their bank accounts, 91% of Société Générale France employees placed their shares in the Company Savings Plan. This subscription rate demonstrates employees' confidence in the company's strategy.

More than 82,000 employees and former employees around the world are now Société Générale shareholders, holding 8.2% of the capital\*.

\* 4th highest shareholding percentage among CAC 40 companies (ranking based on figures published by IAS® on 19 June 2009 and taking into account the 22nd reserved capital increase for current and former Group employees)

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- Retail Banking & Financial Services: Société Générale serves more than 30 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 2 762 billion, March 2009) and under management (EUR 332 billion, March 2009).
- Corporate & Investment Banking: Société Générale tailors solutions for its clients across sectors by capitalising on its worldwide expertise in investment banking, global finance, and global markets.

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