

Press Release

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Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking strengthens its Equity Capital Markets team

Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking is pleased to announce the appointments of **Andrew Meigh** and **Verender Badial** as Managing Directors within its Equity Capital Markets team, headed by Laurent Morel, Global Head of Equity Capital Markets.

Before joining Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking, Andrew Meigh was Chief Executive Officer of Clarkson Investment Services, providing capital raising advice exclusively to clients from the Maritime and Offshore industries. Verender Badial joins the bank with extensive experience in equity capital markets at ABN Amro Rothschild, and most recently at Friend LLP, where he was a Managing Director in charge of the Corporate Advisory department.

Based in London, Andrew and Verender will be responsible for driving the bank's Primary Equity transactions business in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and the Scandinavian region. They will be part of the bank's Global Capital Markets team, which brings under one roof its Debt Capital Markets and Equity Capital Markets businesses, which is headed jointly by Brendon Moran and Camiel Van Steekelenburg for these regions, and by Jean-Marc Giraud, Global Head of the bank's Global Capital Markets business.

Biographies

Andrew Meigh

Andrew Meigh joins Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking from Clarkson Investment services where he was Chief Executive Officer providing capital raising advice exclusively to clients from the Maritime and Offshore industries. He started his career at James Capel Securities, followed by a period practicing as a solicitor in the corporate finance department of Norton Rose. He joined the HSBC ECM department in 1997. For the following 10 years he worked on a wide variety of equity and equity-linked fund raising transactions for a number of UK, emerging market and international clients. Having developed a niche in capital raising for Maritime Companies he then moved on to Jefferies International as a managing director.

Andrew Meigh holds a BA from the University of Leeds.

Verender Badial

Verender Badial has extensive ECM experience following 12 years with ABN Amro Bank where he worked within its equity capital markets joint venture with N M Rothschild & Sons. Verender started his career in 1994 at Wasserstein Perella in New York as an M&A Associate. In 1996, Verender joined ABN Amro Rothschild in London as a Director focused on Equity Capital Markets. During the acquisition by Royal Bank of Scotland, he combined his equity experience to work within its Financial Sponsors' team as an Executive Director focused on Structured Equity Financial Solutions. Most recently, he was Head of Corporate Advisory at Friend LLP working closely with mid-sized clients focused on re-investing in UK corporates.

Verender graduated with a BSc (Hons) from the London School of Economics & Political Science.

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