

Press Release

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SG CORPORATE & INVESTMENT BANKING APPOINTS GHISLAIN DE BRONDEAU AS HEAD OF EQUITY SYNDICATION TEAM

SG Corporate & Investment Banking (SG CIB) announces the appointment of **Ghislain de Brondeau** as Head of the European Equity Syndicate Team in the Equity Capital Market department. He replaces Jean-François Tiné who has left Societe Generale. Ghislain will retain his current responsibility for Equity Linked Origination in Europe. In his new role, Ghislain de Brondeau will continue to be based in Paris and to report to Jean-Claude Petard, Head of Equity Capital Markets Europe.

The combined management of the Equity Syndication and Equity-Linked Origination Teams will contribute to the strengthening of SG CIB's expertise in Equity Capital Markets in Europe.

Ghislain de Brondeau joined SG CIB in 1997 as an originator in the Equity Capital Market department. Over the past seven years, he has been involved in numerous equity capital market transactions on behalf of large French clients. Ghislain de Brondeau has been Managing Director, Head of Equity Linked Origination at SG CIB since September 2004. Before joining SG CIB, Ghislain worked for three years on the equity syndicate desk at CCF. Ghislain graduated from HEC.

Jean-Claude Petard joined SG CIB in 1990 as a convertibles trader. He has held a number of other positions within SG CIB's equity division and was head of the Sales & Trading group until 2002. He has been Head of Equity Capital Markets since June 2003.

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