

Press Release

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SG CORPORATE & INVESTMENT BANKING APPOINTS PAOLO TADDONIO HEAD OF DEBT FINANCE FOR THE AMERICAS

SG Corporate & Investment Banking (SG CIB), a division of Société Générale, announced today that it has appointed Paolo Taddonio as Head of Debt Finance for the Americas. Taddonio replaces Pierre Schroeder who recently left the bank to pursue other interests. Taddonio is based in SG CIB's New York office and reports to Global Head of Debt Finance Marc Breillout.

As Head of Debt Finance Americas, Taddonio will oversee SG CIB's broad range of capital market and financing businesses in the region including the firm's activities in syndicated loans, bonds, securitisations, structured finance, structured credits, foreign exchange, treasury, and interest rate derivatives.

"A talented professional with an in-depth knowledge of the bank, Paolo's experience and leadership skills will be highly valued as we develop our Debt Finance activities in the Americas and further our strategy of providing integrated, global debt finance solutions to our clients," said Breillout.

Prior to his recent appointment in the Americas, Taddonio was co-head of the global foreign exchange & treasury product line and based in London.

Paolo Taddonio is a graduate of the French Ecole Polytechnique and has an MBA from INSEAD. He joined Société Générale in 1988.

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