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## **Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking named ‘Bank of the Year for Equity Derivatives’ by The Banker**

Société Générale Corporate & Investment Bank’s international leadership in equity derivatives was once again recognised by being awarded “Bank of the Year for Equity Derivatives” for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year by The Banker magazine.

According to the Banker “In the case of equity derivatives, the world knows that Société Générale is THE house to beat, but it has not relied on incumbency to win this award yet again.”

The Banker highlighted the Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking’s capacity in innovation, creating new investment strategies and applying equity derivatives technologies to new underlyings. It also recognised the bank’s diverse client base, including commercial banks, private banks, insurance companies and hedge funds. Finally, geographic expansion, proven by the development of new businesses in Asia and America, helped secure the award.

Christophe Mianné, Global head of Equity Derivatives at Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking, said: “Receiving this award for the fourth consecutive year demonstrates the capacity of our team to create innovations year after year. This has been possible thanks to clients’ involvement and high expectations. I thank them for that.”

Société Générale Corporate and Investment Banking is regularly recognised for its leadership in equity derivatives. Since the beginning of 2004, it has received all The Banker, Risk and IFR global awards in this field.

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