

## Press Release

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### **Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking boosts its Financial Sponsor Coverage in Germany**

Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking is pleased to announce the creation of a new position as Head of Financial Sponsor Coverage for Germany, Austria and Eastern Europe. Thomas Racky takes up this post, based in Frankfurt.

This new position ties in with Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking's active development of its relationships with financial sponsors worldwide over the past five years. Set up in 2001, Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking's Financial Sponsor Coverage Group, headed by Scott Phillips, provides access for private equity firms to the Bank's product capabilities, ranging from financing to advisory. The team capitalises on Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking's expertise in leveraged finance, high yield, media & telecom finance, M&A, real estate finance, securitisation, hedging, and equity capital markets.

To provide a fully integrated offer, Thomas will work with Claus Peter, Head of Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking Leveraged Finance Group in Frankfurt and Jörg Freimund, in charge of Investment Banking in Germany within Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking.

Claus Peter commented: " With Thomas we are able to further improve our permanent dialogue with sponsors on a much higher strategic level."

Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking is now regularly among the top 5 mandated lead arrangers (MLA) of leveraged loans for sponsor transactions in Europe. In 2005, Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking has ranked 1st as MLA of German Sponsor Driven Syndicated Loans in the IFR league table.

Thomas Racky, 41, joins from Merrill Lynch in Frankfurt, where he was responsible for the senior coverage of financial sponsors in Germany. Previously, he worked in Frankfurt and London in Mergers & Acquisitions and Corporate Finance at Merrill Lynch and Morgan Grenfell.

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