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## PRESS RELEASE

### Société Générale becomes the leading custodian in France for online brokers

Société Générale has been selected by Selftrade to carry out order processing and securities account management for all of its clients.

The deal with Selftrade makes Société Générale the number one online brokerage custodian in France, a market that is both demanding in terms of quality and cost control.

Société Générale is already a leader on the retail securities custody market. The company's Securities and Custodial Services Department, which is based in Nantes, manages some 1,600,000 securities accounts and over 10 million client instructions, which represent assets under custody of almost EUR 90 billion.

Société Générale's outsources its custodial services to some 30 financial institutions, including Boursorama and Selftrade.

#### Société Générale Group

The Société Générale Group is one of the largest banks in the euro zone. The Group employs more than 80,000 people worldwide in three core businesses:

- Retail Banking: Société Générale serves 14.5 million retail customers worldwide.
- Asset Management & Private Banking: Société Générale ranks third in the euro zone in terms of Assets under management (EUR 270 billion in 2002).
- Corporate & Investment Banking: SG is the third largest bank in the euro zone based on net banking income. Société Générale is included in the four major socially responsible investment indices.

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