

Erik SONGEUR is appointed Chairman and CEO of Sogessur

Erik Songeur has just been named Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Sogessur, Société Générale's property and casualty insurance company, as the replacement for Inès-Claire Mercereau, who has been appointed Head of Corporate Strategy for the Société Générale Group.

Erik SONGEUR, 51, is a graduate of the Ecole Centrale de Lyon. He began his career in 1978 with PSA Peugeot-Citroën, where he took charge of petrol engine production after the development and industrialisation of the next generation of engines.

He joined the Société Générale Group in 1988 as Operations Manager of the Securities Centre. In 1994, he joined the Branch Group Division of the French Network, before moving on to manage the euro project.

In 1999, he took over as Sales Manager for Haute Normandie, Ile de France Ouest/Sud and the Centre.

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Sogessur

Sogessur is Société Générale's property and casualty insurance company. 65% of its capital is held by Société Générale and 35% by Aviva. The products designed and developed by Sogessur have been distributed through all the branches in the Société Générale network, which acts as insurance broker, since the start of 1999.

As at the end of 2002, Sogessur generated premium income of EUR 59.6 million.

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