

Press Release

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SGSS RECEIVES TOP RATINGS IN *GLOBAL CUSTODIAN* MAGAZINE'S GLOBAL CUSTODY SURVEY

Société Générale Securities Services (SGSS) has been awarded top ratings in the second Annual *Global Custodian* Securities Services Awards, which were presented in London on 9th March. SGSS received top ratings in four categories: Institutional Investors, Fund Manager, Greece Domestic and South Africa Domestic. This survey is based on an evaluation of global custody providers by their investor clients, using a questionnaire supplied by the magazine.

Bruno Prigent, Head of Investors Securities Services, SGSS, commented: "These top ratings confirm our position as one of the leaders in securities services and they are a clear indication of SGSS's growing European and international strength."

SGSS combines brokerage, custody, trustee, fund and portfolio administration, transfer agency services and other dedicated securities services. SGSS ranks third among securities services custodian in Europe, and tenth worldwide, with EUR 2.000 billions assets under custody*. The quality of its services is recognized by Fitch ratings: 'CU2'+ for Global Custody and 'TR2'+ for Depositary and Trustee Services.

**pro forma figures including UniCredit's Securities Services*

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Société Générale Group

Société Générale is one of the largest financial services groups in the euro-zone. The Group employs more than 103,000 people worldwide in three key businesses:

- Retail Banking & Financial Services: Société Générale serves more than 19 million individual customers worldwide.
- Global Investment Management & Services: Société Générale is one of the largest banks in the euro-zone in terms of assets under custody (EUR 2,000 billion*) and under management (EUR 386 billion, December 2005).
- Corporate & Investment Banking: Société Générale ranks among the leading banks worldwide in euro capital markets, derivatives and structured finance.

Société Générale is included in the four major socially-responsible investment indexes.

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Société Générale Securities Services

Société Générale Securities Services offers a full range of securities services in:

- Execution, clearing, delivery and settlement
- Securities back-office outsourcing services
- Custody, trustee, fund and portfolio administration
- Employee Share Plan Management

Société Générale Securities Services currently ranks 3rd among securities custodians in Europe, and 10th worldwide with EUR 2,000 billion* in assets held. Through its subsidiary Euro-VL, Société Générale Securities Services provides valuations for 4,184 funds* representing assets of EUR 380 billion*. Fimat, another Société Générale Securities Services subsidiary, acts as broker for 5.3% of the clearing of international listed derivatives transactions on the major markets for which Fimat is a member. Société Générale Securities Services ranks among the European leaders in stock option management, serving more than 480,000 beneficiaries.

Société Générale Securities Services employs more than 4,500 people* and has a presence on more than 30 financial marketplaces across Europe, the Americas and Asia Pacific.

Société Générale Securities Services is part of SG Global Investment Management and Services (GIMS), the third key business of the Société Générale Group, which also includes asset management (Société Générale Asset Management), private banking (SG Private Banking) and on-line brokerage (Boursorama).

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