

Press Release

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Société Générale acknowledges that lawsuits have been filed in federal court in Manhattan (United States District Court for the Southern District of New York) by purchasers of ADRs (American depository receipts linked to Société Générale's shares) seeking class action status for purchasers of Société Générale ADRs, as well as for US purchasers of Société Générale's stock abroad. The lawsuits relate primarily to allegedly inadequate disclosures concerning Société Générale's subprime exposure and trading controls in connection with the recent trading fraud against Société Générale. Société Générale intends to defend itself vigorously against these claims, and has retained Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP to lead its defense. Skadden Arps is a leading U.S. law firm, specializing in defending clients against class action lawsuits.

Société Générale

Société Générale is one of the largest financial services groups in the euro-zone. The Group employs 151,000 people worldwide in three key businesses:

- Retail Banking & Financial Services: Société Générale serves 27 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 2 583 billion, Dec. 2007) and under management (EUR 434,6 billion, Dec. 2007).
- Corporate & Investment Banking: Société Générale ranks among the leading banks worldwide in euro capital markets, derivatives and structured finance.

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