

Press Release

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Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking named 2005 "Best Equity Derivatives Provider" by *Global Finance*

SG Corporate & Investment Banking (SG CIB) has confirmed its leadership again in equity derivatives by being named '**Best European Equity Derivatives Provider**' by *Global Finance Magazine.*

Global Finance focuses on the corporate sector for non-financial corporations and financial institutions worldwide.

Christophe Mianné, Global Head of Equity Derivatives at SG CIB said, "This honour is a clear indication of our proven equity derivatives service and recognition among corporates. This is a reflection of how we have worked continuously to actively and strategically develop our corporate platform in equity derivatives."

According to Global Finance, "Derivatives Superstars" are selected by editors based on reporting and analysis of the "quantitatively objective and the informed subjective. This mix of these factors yields winners ... the provider with which most companies and investors around the world are most likely to want to do business," said *Global Finance* publisher, Joseph Giarraputo.

SG CIB has a strong recognition by its corporate clients as a structurer and an arranger of large and strategic transactions. The bank has a dedicated European corporate equity derivatives team based in Paris. This team ensures a very high level of service to clients by providing access to the trading and engineering capabilities of the equity derivatives department, as well as ensuring clients benefit from SG CIB's strong position in euro capital markets, particularly equity-linked products.

The bank has already received top accolades this year including: Best Equity Derivatives House of the Year by *Structured Products* Magazine, and by *The Banker* for Europe and the Americas. For 2004, SG CIB won, "Equity derivatives house of the year" from *The Banker* (Sept. 04), *IFR* (Dec. 04), and *Risk Magazine* (Jan. 05).

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