

Press Release

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Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking appoints Thomas Castaignede

Société Générale Corporate and Investment Banking is pleased to announce the appointment of **Thomas Castaignede** as a consultant to its debt finance division.

Thomas Castaignede, 30, joins the Société Générale Group, following other professional rugby players including Nick Farr-Jones in Australia and Yannick Jauzion, Jérôme Cazalbou, Sylvain Marconnet in France.

As with previous sport professionals who have contributed their strong sense of teamspirit and professionalism to Société Générale in recent years, Thomas will start by familiarising himself with the fixed income banking environment, particularly in terms of sales and will also spend time with the research, trading, syndicate and origination desks in the Fixed Income department.

"Thomas is a talented and enthusiastic player who believes strongly in the value of succeeding as a team. In line with the bank's core values, we are delighted that he will be bringing his energy and contribute positively to Société Générale's activities, especially in financial markets where, to succeed, one needs creativity, honed execution and the ability to react fast to a changing game", said Frederic Desclaux, co-head of Fixed Income and Derivatives at Société Générale.

Thomas will be based in London and will report to Raphael Geys, Head of Fixed Income and Derivatives Sales for financial institutions Europe. He joined the bank in December and will work on a part time basis initially in order to allow for the further development of his activities as a professional and international rugby player. Thomas is an engineer with a degree in Industrial Processes Engineering from INSA (Institut National des Sciences Appliquées).

An official rugby sponsor since 1987, Société Générale is the official partner of the French Rugby Federation (FFR) and the French Rugby League. Société Générale is also committed to promoting the development of rugby by supporting numerous non-professional clubs in France, dedicated associations notably in the UK (Saracens), and federations in Japan, Czech Republic, Romania and Madagascar.

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