

## **Press Release**

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## SG Equipment Finance expands into U.S. Market

SG Equipment Finance today announced the launch of SG Equipment Finance, USA. The new company extends SG Equipment Finance's expanding global network to twenty three countries worldwide.

The leasing market in the USA is the single largest in the world, with yearly new business volume of Euro 170 Billion and double digit growth over the last 3 years. It is a well established market, fairly segmented and highly competitive, and represents a huge growth opportunity for a new entrant.

The new entity, SG Equipment Finance USA, headquartered in Jersey City, N.J., was created in March and will be fully operational by end 2007. Philippe Mathe, its Chief Executive Officer, has assembled a Management Team of experienced local professionals to help him drive the development of its equipment and vendor finance activities.

The new team is focused on building a first class platform to support SG Equipment Finance's global vendors in Transport and Industrial Equipment as well as the High Tech sector, and to develop synergies with the Bank by offering a new line of services to its corporate customer base.

SG Equipment Finance complements the Group's Specialized Financial Services presence in the USA, which includes operational car leasing and fleet management activity with ALD Automotive and Consumer Finance activity with CGI.

## Société Générale

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- Retail Banking & Financial Services: Société Générale serves 24 million individual customers worldwide.
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## **SG** Equipment Finance

SG Equipment Finance is the equipment and vendor finance business line of Société Générale. SG Equipment Finance is one of the leading institutions in Europe for equipment and vendor finance.

- Operates in 23 countries worldwide
- Serves more than 160,000 clients
- Employs 2,000 people
- Has end managed assets of EUR 20 billion and EUR 9.3 billion in terms of new business volumes

Combining the expertise of its industry sectors specialists with the in-depth knowledge of its local staff, SG Equipment Finance offers value added sales financing solutions to international capital equipment manufacturers and distributors.

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