

## **Press Release**

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## Société Générale Consumer Finance acquires General Financing in Lithuania

Société Générale Consumer Finance announces the acquisition of **General Financing**, a Lithuanian entity specialized in consumer credit activities.

Headquartered in Vilnius, **General Financing**, offers a wide range of consumer financing solutions, from "direct" to "point-of-sales" financing. With a network of 5 branches and the partnerships with more than 350 points of sales, General Financing operates in the majors cities of Lithuania.

This acquisition completes the Société Générale Group's Specialized Financial Services offer in the Baltic States, which already comprises ALD Automotive ("Operational Car Leasing and Fleet Management" in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) and InservissCredit ("Consumer Finance subsidiary" in Latvia). This latest move reinforces the geographical coverage of Société Générale Consumer Finance now present in 28 countries.

## Société Générale

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## Société Générale Consumer Finance

Société Générale Consumer Finance manages the international consumer finance activities of the Group. It employs more than 20 000 persons and manages subsidiaries in 28 countries with over EUR 24 bn outstanding. It provides multi-product financing solutions to a client base of individuals and partners:

- Financing of sales, consumer goods and vehicles for retailers and manufacturers
- Direct financing solutions to individuals
- Management services to retail banking partners

Société Générale Consumer Finance subsidiaries regularly rank among the main players on the local markets where they operate: in France, Italy, Germany, Morocco, and Russia for example.

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