

# Press release

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# Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking strengthens its Acquisition & Leveraged Finance team in Asia Pacific

Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking is pleased to announce the appointment of **Marc Frenkenberg**, based in Tokyo, and **Bruno Magnouat**, based in Hong Kong, as co-Heads of the Acquisition & Leveraged Finance for Asia Pacific effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Marc and Bruno will replace Pierre-Louis Auzel and Thierry Magnan who will take new responsibilities within the Société Générale Group.

Both Marc and Bruno have been working within the Acquisition & Leveraged Finance team in the past few years with extensive experience in this area of business. Prior to moving to Asia, Marc was with Leveraged Finance in London and Bruno was with Strategic Acquisition Finance in Paris.

The team will also welcome two new senior executives, **Mickael Le-Gargasson** and **Vincent Lebrun**. Mickael is joining from the Hong Kong Infrastructure & Asset based Finance team and Vincent is joining from the London Media & Telecom Finance team.

Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking created the Acquisition and Leveraged Finance team in Asia-Pacific in July 2006, to capitalize on its leading European Acquisition & Leveraged Finance franchise and on its growing expertise in the Americas. Together with the Capital Markets and Market Risk platforms, the Acquisition & Leveraged Finance team will continue to actively provide comprehensive financing solutions and capital structure advisory to the corporate and private equity clients across Asia-Pacific.

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#### Biography:

Marc Frenkenberg - Marc has been working for Société Générale's Acquisition & Leveraged Finance team in Asia-Pacific since its formation in 2006 and has been instrumental in the sourcing and execution of acquisition financing for corporate and private equity clients of Société Générale in the region. Previously, he worked within the bank's European Leveraged Finance team where he has established a successful track record of executing and structuring LBO financings. Marc also worked five years in the securitisation team of Société Générale both in the US and in Australia where he led and completed a number of asset and mortgage-backed securitisations as well as private and public ABS offerings. Marc graduated from H.E.C. (Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales) in Paris.

**Bruno Magnouat** - Bruno started his career at Calyon in New York where he worked in project finance in the energy and utilities sector. In 2001, Bruno joined Société Générale based in Paris where he contributed to the successful development of the bank's Strategic and Acquisition Finance global platform. He established a strong track record in originating and executing acquisition transactions and debt restructuring packages for European corporate clients of the bank. In 2007, Bruno transferred to the Asia Pacific team based in Hong Kong where he led Corporate Acquisitions and LBOs transactions as well as Capital Structure Advisory in the region. Bruno holds an engineering degree from Ecole des Mines de Paris and an MBA from INSEAD.

Mickaël Le Gargasson - Mickaël joined Société Générale in March 2005 and is currently a Director in the Infrastructure & Asset-Based Finance team, based in Hong Kong. He has led and completed numerous structured finance transactions across Asia, predominantly in the maritime sector. Prior to joining Société Générale, Mickaël worked in Sydney for five years with BNP Paribas and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, focusing on tax and accounting-based structured finance solutions for major multinationals and government bodies in the transportation, mining and telecommunication sectors. Mickaël graduated from the Rouen Graduate School of Management (ESC Rouen) in 2000 after majoring in corporate finance.

Vincent Lebrun – Vincent started his career at Société Générale in London and worked initially in the UK corporate coverage team focusing on the consumer and capital goods sectors. In 2004, Vincent joined the Media & Telecoms Finance team based in London and since then worked on numerous structured finance transactions in a wide range of sub sectors including incumbent and mobile operators, cable operators, and publishers. He established a strong track record in structuring and executing leveraged and acquisition transactions for both private equity and corporate clients of the bank across Europe. He is currently a Vice President. Vincent graduated from the Bordeaux Management School and holds a MBA from Babcock Management School, Wake Forest University.

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### Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking in Asia-Pacific

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