

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **SOCIETE GENERALE SECURITIES SERVICES IN LUXEMBOURG DEVELOPS ITS SERVICES OFFERING FOR ALTERNATIVE FUNDS**

Societe Generale Securities Services (SGSS) has created a centre of expertise in Luxembourg for alternative funds, which provides specific experience in private equity, real estate and tangible assets.

Institutional investors or other professionals who manage these funds, such as family offices or wealth managers, now have a single point of entry to SGSS' entire range of accounting, trustee, fund domiciliation, fund administration, transfer agent and registrar services.

This centre of expertise dedicated to alternative funds ensures that investors benefit from specialist knowledge of the specific constraints of these asset classes. A team of specialists from SGSS Luxembourg accompanies clients throughout their investments and provides all the securities services which conform to the international regulations applicable to this category of fund.

SGSS is one of the largest securities services providers on the Luxembourg financial market, as confirmed by the annual rankings from Lipper<sup>1</sup>. Luxembourg is the world's second largest centre for investment funds, the European Union's largest domicile for captive reinsurance companies<sup>2</sup> and the largest centre for private banking in the euro zone.

In November 2012, SGSS won the "Luxembourg Quality Award" (category "Large-sized Companies"). This award is supported by the Luxembourg Movement for Quality and the Ministry of the Economy and Foreign Trade.

<sup>1</sup>Lipper, a Thomson Reuters company, is a global leader in supplying mutual fund information and analytical tools. Lipper's benchmarking and classifications are widely recognized as the industry standard by asset managers, fund companies and financial intermediaries.

<sup>2</sup>A captive reinsurance company belongs to an industrial, financial or commercial group and has the exclusive aim of covering those risks to which the group is exposed.

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- International retail banking, with a presence in Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, in the Mediterranean basin, in Sub-Saharan Africa, in Asia and in the French Overseas Territories;
- Corporate and investment banking with a global expertise in investment banking, financing and global markets.

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Societe Generale is included in the socially-responsible investment indices FTSE4Good and ASPI.

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SGSS is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest worldwide global custodian and the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in Europe with EUR 3,449\* billion of assets under custody. SGSS provides custody & trustee services for 3,252\* funds and the valuation of 3,904\* funds, representing assets under administration of EUR 456\* billion. SGSS also ranks among the European leaders in stock option management.

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