

PRESS RELEASE

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SOCIETE GENERALE SECURITIES SERVICES IN ITALY HAS SIGNED AN AGREEMENT WITH ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN SICAV AND ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN FCP

Societe Generale Securities Services in Italy (SGSS S.p.A.) has signed an agreement with AllianceBernstein SICAV and AllianceBernstein FCP to act as their local Transfer Agent, providing them with paying agent and investor relations management services with reference to investors located in Italy.

SGSS in Italy offers a complete range of securities services, including clearing, custody and trustee services, fund administration, liquidity management and transfer agent services.

AllianceBernstein is a leading investment management firm, with over 40 years of experience in the world markets. The company offers a broad range of investment choices through Luxembourg-domiciled and locally registered funds in countries around the world.

The funds include global, regional and sector equity investments and a full range of fixed-income products that span the risk spectrum from short-maturity to global high-yield funds.

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Around 160,000 employees, based in 77 countries, accompany more than 33 million clients throughout the world on a daily basis. Societe Generale' teams offer advice and services to individual, corporate and institutional customers in three core businesses:

- Retail banking in France with the Societe Generale branch network, Credit du Nord and Boursorama
- International retail banking, with a presence in Central and Eastern Europe and 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.

Societe Generale is also a significant player in specialised financing and insurance, private banking, asset management and securities services.

Societe Generale is included in the main international socially-responsible investment indices: FTSE4Good, ASPI, DJSI World and DJSI Europe.

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Societe Generale Securities Services (SGSS)

Present in 28 locations worldwide with around 4,000 employees, SGSS provides financial institutions and brokers, asset managers and insurers, and businesses with a full range of securities services adapted to the latest financial market and regulatory trends: clearing services, custody and trustee services, retail custody services, liquidity management, fund administration and asset servicing, fund distribution and global issuer services.

SGSS is the 7th largest worldwide global custodian and the 2nd largest in Europe with EUR 3,343* billion of assets under custody. SGSS provides custody & trustee services for 3,450* funds and the valuation of 4,195* funds, representing assets under administration of EUR 427* billion. SGSS manages and calculates the current value of 35,000* "complex product" positions. SGSS also ranks among the European leaders in stock option management.

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