

**Global Investment Management and Services** 

## Press release

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## Appointment of François Leclerc as Head of GIMS **Human Resources**

François Leclerc has been appointed Head of Human Resources for GIMS, the asset management and investor services division of Société Générale Group. He succeeds Christian Méli, who is retiring. François Leclerc, a member of GIMS Executive Committee, reports directly to Philippe Collas, Deputy CEO of Société Générale Group.

François Leclerc, 59, is a graduate of ESSCA Graduate School of Management in Angers. France, and began his career with Société Générale Group in 1973. In 1979, he became CEO of Sogelease Antilles, where he acquired an expertise in the leasing business, and then went on to take charge of this activity in Casablanca (1981), Lisbon (1982), Jakarta (1986) and London (1989).

In 1991, François Leclerc became First Vice President and Head of International Banking at SG New York. In 1995, he joined the Major Corporate Accounts Division in Paris before creating SG America's Delegation at the Group's Head Office in 1998.

In 1999, he was appointed Chairman & CEO of SG Canada.

In 2001, he created and implemented the Human Resources activity for the commercial department of the Investment Bank in Paris and in 2005 became Head of Human Resources for Group HR – Corporate and Support Functions, at Société Générale Group headquarters.

## Société Générale

Société Générale is one of the largest financial services groups in the euro-zone. The Group employs 151,000 people worldwide in three key businesses:

- Retail Banking & Financial Services: Société Générale serves 27 million individual customers worldwide.
- Global Investment Management & Services: Société Générale is one of the largest banks in the euro-zone in terms of assets under custody (EUR 2 583 billion, Dec. 2007) and under management (EUR 434,6 billion, Dec. 2007).
- Corporate & Investment Banking: Société Générale ranks among the leading banks worldwide in euro capital markets, derivatives and structured finance.

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The Global Investment Management and Services (GIMS) business incorporates Société Générale Asset Management, SG Private Banking, Société Générale Securities Services, Newedge (execution and clearing of listed derivative products) and Boursorama (Direct Banking). GIMS employs close to 12,500 people worldwide.

Société Générale Group is the 4th largest bank in the euro zone by assets under management, with EUR 435 billion (end December 2007), and the 3rd largest by assets under custody (EUR 2,583 billion).