

Press Release

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Frédéric Oudéa named Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Société Générale

At its meeting on 6 May 2009, the Board of Directors acknowledged the resignation of Daniel Bouton from his function as Chairman and his mandate as Director. The Board paid tribute to his work at the head of the company since November 1997 and appointed him Honorary Chairman.

The Board co-opted **Frédéric OUDEA**, Chief Executive Officer since 13 May 2008, as a Director and decided to modify the governance of the company with a view to his official appointment as Chairman of the Board at a meeting to be held for this purpose on 24 May in accordance with article 13 of the company by-laws.

In the meantime, the Board decided to entrust F. OUDEA with the direction of its debates and the chairmanship of the Annual General Meeting to be held on 19 May.

Mr **A. WYAND**, Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee, has been appointed Vice-chairman of the Board of Directors.

A General Meeting of shareholders will be called at a later date with a view to ratifying the co-opting of F. OUDEA as Director.

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