



## **NEWS FLASH**

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## SOCIETE GENERALE PRIVATE BANKING RENEWS ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FRENCH GOLFER THOMAS LEVET

Societe Generale Private Banking has renewed its support for the French player Thomas Levet, winner of the French Open in 2011. This sponsorship will last for two years.



As well as this talented player, the private bank also sponsors three other top-level golfers: Angel Cabrera, winner of the US Open in 2007, the Augusta Masters in 2009, and runner-up in the 2013 Masters, Jeev Milkha Singh, winner of the Scottish Open in 2012, and Christian Cévaër, winner of the European Open in 2009.

Societe Generale Private Banking's support for these 4 golfers is part of a broader approach by Societe Generale group, which dates back to 2001 when the bank became a major partner of the French Golf Federation. Since 2008, Societe Generale has also partnered the Evian Masters, a major international women's tournament.

**Thomas Levet**, born in 1968 in France, turned professional at the age of 20. Winning the British Grand Masters in 2001 instantly made him one of the international golfing elite. He confirmed his position in 2002 with a  $2^{nd}$  place at the British Open and joined the PGA Tour in 2003. In 2004, his talent really took off as he won the Scottish Open.

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His impressive results made him France's No.1, and Europe's No.5, qualifying him for the Ryder Cup, which he won with the European team. Coming 13th in the US Masters (the first French golfer to ever

achieve this) Thomas Levet launched his career on the American circuit in 2005. Thomas Levet won the French Open in 2011, his 6<sup>th</sup> victory on the European circuit.

He is the best rewarded French golfer on the circuit and the only one to have won the Ryder Cup in the United States.



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- Best Private Bank in Western Europe for its offer in Structured Products, for the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, (Euromoney 2013),
- Best Private Bank for its wealth planning team in Europe (Wealth Briefing 2013),
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