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SOCIETE GENERALE AND AXA PARTNER TO LAUNCH A NEW FINANCING OFFER FOR FRENCH COMPANIES

Societe Generale and AXA launch a new disintermediated co-financing offering, which will amount to between 30 to 100 million Euros per borrower. It is dedicated to French companies with revenues of more than 250 million Euros, and gross debt of more than 150 million Euros. Targeted issuers will have a robust operational model in growing markets with a sustainable credit profile.

This partnership between two major players in the insurance and banking sectors has dual objectives: to offer French companies an alternative funding solution, and to enable AXA to seize opportunities to diversify its investments by capitalising on its experience as a credit investor while benefiting from Societe Generale's expertise.

With this offering, Societe Generale confirms its commitment to financing the economy and companies, and fulfills a strategy that effectively addresses the new regulatory requirements put in place by the international authorities supervising the financial sector.

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- 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.

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