

## Press release

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### **Société Générale Securities Services named “Regional Sub-Custodian of the Year for South Europe” at ICFA Awards**

Société Générale Securities Services (SGSS) has won the award for "Regional Sub-Custodian of the Year for South Europe" at the ICFA European Custody and Fund Administration Awards\*, which took place in London on Wednesday 25 November 2009.

This award is recognition of SGSS's service offering, which goes beyond standard clearing and custody services and is built both on the expertise of its staff and its commitment and ability to develop technological solutions. This approach has led to the introduction of a number of innovations in SGSS's offering, including the services it has developed to enable clients to take advantage of changes in local markets, in particular:

- SGSS in Athens has been developed as a local hub offering international investors a unique access to other markets in the region, such as Cyprus, Turkey and Egypt. In addition, SGSS Athens was also the first local custodian to offer clearing and custody services to international broker-dealers accessing the Greek market remotely and directly
- SGSS in Spain was the first custodian to offer custody for ETFs in the Spanish market
- In Italy, SGSS has won a number of significant mandates based on its expertise as a depositary bank

The panel of judges for the 2009 ICFA Awards was made up of leading industry professionals with a wealth of experience in the sector.

*\*ICFA, International Custody and Fund Administration, is a leading magazine covering the international securities industry. It is published bi monthly.*

#### **Société Générale**

Société Générale is one of the largest financial services groups in the euro-zone. The Group employs 163,000 people worldwide in three key businesses:

- Retail Banking & Financial Services: Société Générale serves more than 30 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 3 073 billion, September 2009) and under management (EUR 348 billion, September 2009).
- Corporate & Investment Banking: Société Générale tailors solutions for its clients across sectors by capitalising on its worldwide expertise in investment banking, global finance, and global markets.

Société Générale is included in the socially-responsible investment indexes: FTSE4Good and ASPI.

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### **Société Générale Securities Services (SGSS)**

SGSS, established in 28 locations in four continents with more than 4500 employees, offers a full range of securities services in:

- Execution, clearing, delivery and settlement
- Securities back-office outsourcing services
- Custody, trustee, transfer agent, fund and portfolio administration
- Employee Share Plan Management

Société Générale Securities Services currently ranks 6<sup>th</sup> worldwide custodian and 2<sup>nd</sup> European custodian with €3,073\* billion of assets under custody. Société Générale Securities Services provides custody & trustee services for 3,031\* funds and the valuation of 4,689\* funds, representing assets under administration of around €447\* billion. Société Générale Securities Services also ranks among the European leaders in stock option management.

Société Générale Securities Services receives regular recognition:

- Rated top securities services provider in Europe and for Institutional Investors in Global Custodian's Global Custody Survey 2009
- Seven awards in the Global Custodian's annual "Agent Banks in Major Markets" Survey – Global Custodian Magazine 2009
- Named "European Broker/Dealer Custody & Clearing Provider of the year" ICFA Magazine 2008
- Awarded special commendation in the European Custodian and European Administrator of the Year category in the Funds Europe magazine Awards 2008

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*\*figures at end September 2009*