

## Press Release

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### **Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking expands its Natural Resources and Energy Financing business in Switzerland**

Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking is strengthening its Natural Resources and Energy Financing business in Switzerland with the creation of a new team in Geneva, part of Societe Generale Zurich branch.

The new team will be led by Christian Vez as Head of Trade & Commodity Finance in Geneva and will provide a broad scope of specialised trade and commodity financial services to Swiss-based companies. Christian will report to Christian Gomez, Country Manager and CEO of Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking Switzerland, and Eric Lelay, Global Head of Trade & Commodity Finance.

The Natural Resources and Energy Financing business within the Global Finance division is structured along four platforms respectively oriented towards:

- Project and Reserve Based Finance for the Energy sector,
- Structured Commodity Finance and Mining Finance,
- Trade & Commodity Finance,
- Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States.

#### **Biography**

##### **Christian Vez**

Before joining Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking, Christian Vez was a consultant specialized in trade finance. Prior to this, Christian worked at Banque Cantonale Vaudoise in Lausanne from 1994 to 2008, holding various positions such as Head of metals and soft commodities and lately Head of Trade Finance. Previously, he worked for ABN Amro as Assistant Vice-President and Head of Credit Administration in Geneva. From 1984 to 1993, he was Signing Officer then Head of Credit Administration at Banque Bruxelles Lambert. He started his career at American Express in 1973, holding various positions in the credit administration and documentary credits departments.

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