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SOCIETE GENERALE CORPORATE & INVESTMENT BANKING RANKED BEST PERFORMING GLOBAL EQUITY BROKER

Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking has been ranked #1 global equity broker in the Pensions & Investments Tradewatch report in a survey conducted by Elkins/McSherry, a leader in financial consulting specialising in transaction cost analysis.

Overall the bank delivered a performance of over 30 basis points better than the price at the time of receiving the order - a significant achievement, especially considering that the outperformance was almost twice as large as the second ranked broker.

This accomplishment is a testament to the investments Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking has made to enhance its execution platform, global reach and its ongoing commitment to putting clients first.

Commissioned by Pensions & Investments, Tradewatch provides a ranking of best-performing brokers based on global equity trading. The Elkins/McSherry data universe comprises actual trade data collected from 300 of the largest investment management institutions. It represents more than 24 million trades, \$7.2 trillion in principal and 375 billion shares executed across 47 countries and 2000 brokers worldwide.

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Societe Generale

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Its 157,000 employees* based in 85 countries accompany more than 33 million clients throughout the world on a daily basis. Societe Generale' teams offer advice and services to individual, corporate and institutional customers in three core businesses:

- Retail banking in France with the Societe Generale branch network, Credit du Nord and Boursorama
- 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.

Societe Generale is included in the international socially-responsible investment indices: FTSE4good and ASPI. www.societegenerale.com

* including employees of Societe Marseillaise de Credit acquired in September 2010 by Credit du Nord

Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking

At the core of Société Générale's universal banking business model, the Corporate & Investment Bank is a well-diversified and leading player with nearly 12,000 professionals present in 33 countries across Europe, the Americas and Asia-Pacific.

Standing by its clients across sectors, the Corporate & Investment Bank tailors solutions for them by capitalising on its worldwide expertise in **investment banking**, **global finance**, and **global markets**.

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