

## **Press Release**

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## Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking provides financing for a new state of art hospital development in Bristol

Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking is one of a small group of banks providing financing for the construction of a new, state of the art hospital development in the Southmead region of Bristol that will serve approximately 500,000 people.

The hospital which is due to open in 2013, will have 800 beds and a helipad and will offer specialist regional services including neurosciences, plastic surgery, orthopedics, pathology and renal services and the hospital is expected to receive referrals from all over the UK and overseas.

Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking has played a leading role in providing funding across a wide range of transactions in the project financing market worldwide, highlighting its strength, capability and commitment to further develop and expand its financial offering in this sector. The bank is committed to support projects which contribute to the local economy, be it through the services that benefit individuals and communities or by the jobs that will be created.

The Infrastructure & Asset Based business at Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking involved in this transaction has teams across the UK, Europe, Asia and North America and offers tailor-made financing solutions including project financing, operating leases, export leases, limited or non-recourse asset based financing, arranging capital raising, risk management as well as advisory services.

Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking's success in this sector has been recognised, having been named Global Adviser of the Year by Project Finance International Magazine and played a prominent role in 29 Deals of the Year in 2009 by Project Finance magazine.

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