

## **Press Release**

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## Global Employee Share Ownership Plan 2010: results of the 23rd capital increase reserved for employees

For the 23rd consecutive year, Societe Generale offered its employees the opportunity to subscribe to a reserved capital increase, with a discount on the base price and a matching contribution from the company.

The Global Employee Share Ownership Plan 2010 was offered to 145,000 current and former employees in 63 countries. Nine new entities were able to take part in the operation for the first time. The offer was made from 11 to 26 May 2010 at a subscription price of €36.98.

Despite a difficult stock market environment, the operation in 2010 remained attractive due to the favorable company contribution policy.

Some 44,000 current and former employees took part in the plan, amounting to a total subscription of €159 million. In France, the subscription rate remained high with more than half of Societe Generale employees taking part.

At the close of the 2010 Plan, more than 82,000 employees and retirees are Societe Generale shareholders, together holding 7.49% of the capital, and 10.92% of voting rights.

## **Societe Generale**

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- Retail Banking, Specialised Financing & Insurance: Societe Generale serves 32 million individual customers worldwide.
- Private Banking, Global Investment Management & Services: Societe Generale is one of the largest banks in the euro-zone in terms of assets under custody (EUR 3,246 billion, March 2010) and under management (EUR 164 billion excluding Amundi, March 2010).
- Corporate & Investment Banking: Societe Generale tailors solutions for its clients across sectors by capitalising on its worldwide expertise in investment banking, global finance, and global markets.

Societe Generale is included in the socially-responsible investment indexes: FTSE4Good and ASPI. In 2010, the title of SAM Sector Mover was awarded to Societe Generale.

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