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Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking further strengthens its coverage dedicated to the corporate clients in France

Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking is pleased to announce the appointment of co-heads of Coverage and Investment Banking for France, a newly created position, as well as the appointment of two Senior Bankers in France and a co-head of Equity Capital Markets for France, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Jacques Bitton and Jean-Baptiste Giros have been appointed co-heads of Coverage and Investment Banking for France. These appointments are effective immediately. Based in Paris, they report to Thierry d'Argent, Head of Coverage and Investment Banking.

In this newly created role, Jacques Bitton is solely responsible for managing the Senior Bankers' team which maintains the relationship and the strategic dialogue with their clients. Jean-Baptiste Giros maintains the supervision, in coordination with Jacques Bitton, of the French coverage teams, a role he has held since end of 2017. These teams remain in charge of the day-to-day client relationship, whilst supporting the Senior Bankers.

Jacques Bitton and Jean-Baptiste Giros are also in charge of supervising French Corporate Finance teams, in coordination with the global heads of these activities.

Their role is to continue to strengthen relationships with the French corporate clients and to help drive the coordination and development of synergies across all the bank's areas of expertise.


"The strengthening of the coverage is part of the Group's strategy which consists of enhancing the strategic dialogue with its large clients and in further developing the service and advisory offer to answer their needs. The continued growth of our coverage dedicated to French corporate clients will contribute to increasing our leadership across a comprehensive range of investment banking solutions in Europe, in line with the bank's *Transform to Grow 2020* strategic plan", comments Thierry d'Argent.

Laurent Meyer and Guilhem Tosi are named Senior Bankers in charge of the global relationship for large French corporates since 11 June 2018. Based in Paris, they report to **Jacques Bitton**.

Stéphanie Arnaud is appointed Co-Head of Equity Capital Markets (ECM) for France, Belgium and Luxembourg, alongside **Alexis Le Touzé** who has co-led the department since June 2015. Her appointment is effective from 2 March 2018.

Based in Paris, Stéphanie reports to Sylvain Mégarbané, Global Head of Corporate Finance and Luis Vaz Pinto, Deputy Global Head of Corporate Finance and Global Head of Equity Capital Markets.

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Biographies

Jacques Bitton

Jacques Bitton has been appointed co-head of Coverage and Investment Banking for France in June 2018. Since end of 2006, he was a Senior Banker in charge of the global relationship for a portfolio of large French corporates. Jacques Bitton joined Societe Generale in 1997 as a Managing Director within the Mergers and Acquisitions department. He was named Deputy Head of Corporate Finance in 1999 and Head of M&A for France in 2000. Before joining Societe Generale, Jacques Bitton held various roles within the Corporate Finance team of BNP Group, between 1987 and 1997. He was successively a Director for Equity Capital Markets, then a Managing Director for the Private Equity department. He then became Managing Director within the Advisory department, in charge of financial engineering, advisory for listed companies and privatizations.

Jacques Bitton has worked on several privatizations, executed M&A transactions and advised large corporates on strategic transactions.

Graduated from Rouen business school, Jacques Bitton also holds two master degrees (DESS), one from Paris Dauphine in Capital Markets and the other from Paris Dauphine university in Tax and Business Law.

Jean-Baptiste Giros

Jean-Baptiste Giros has been appointed Head of Client Relationship Management for France at the end of 2017 and Co-Head of Coverage and Investment Banking for France in June 2018. Previously, he was Co-Head of Equity Capital Markets for France, Belgium and Luxembourg, a position he held since June 2015. Jean-Baptiste joined Societe Generale in 2002 within the General Inspection department where he led several projects and from 2008 co-ran as an Inspecteur Principal. In 2011, he joined the ECM teams of Societe Generale Corporate and Investment Banking (SG CIB) where he covered a panel of French and Belgian large cap companies. In that role, he ran numerous transactions for major clients of the bank (IPOs, capital increases, convertible bonds issuances, block trade transactions).

Jean-Baptiste graduated from ESCP and IEP Paris.

Laurent Meyer

Laurent Meyer has been appointed Senior Banker in charge of the global relationship for a portfolio of large French corporates in June 2018. Since 2015, he was Chairman Mergers and Acquisitions for Societe Generale Corporate and Investment Banking (SG CIB), originating and executing M&A transactions for key clients of the Group. Prior to that, Laurent Meyer held different positions within SG CIB's Corporate Finance department among which Head of M&A Structuring, Head of Industrials M&A and Head of Real Estate M&A. He joined Societe Generale in 1998. From 1992 until 1998, Laurent Meyer worked at Morgan Grenfell and Deutsche Bank in London and Paris, as a Vice President within the Investment Banking Division where he was in charge of cross border M&A execution. He began his career at Ernst and Young in 1988.

Graduated from Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris, Laurent Meyer also holds a master degree (DESS) in International Affairs and Business from Paris Dauphine University and an MBA in Finance from The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania.

Guilhem Tosi

Guilhem Tosi has been appointed Senior Banker in charge of the global relationship for a portfolio of large French corporates in June 2018. He was previously Head of Product Development and Marketing for Lyxor AM and member of the executive committee at Lyxor AM. He joined Lyxor AM as Global Head of Financial Engineering in 2012. Before that, he worked in the strategic acquisition finance team of Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking from 2008 and in the Group's financial planning division from 2006. He started his career in the Treasury at the French Ministry of Finance.

Guilhem Tosi graduated from Ecole Polytechnique and Ecole Nationale d'Administration.

Stéphanie Arnaud

Stéphanie Arnaud has been appointed Co-Head of Equity Capital Markets for France, Belgium and Luxembourg in March 2018.

She joins Societe Generale from BNP Paribas where she worked within the French ECM team since 2006. Previously, she started and developed BNP Paribas' Equity-Linked activity in London. She brings with her nearly 20 years of ECM and corporate finance experience having led numerous transactions in France and abroad for all types of issuers.

Stéphanie graduated from ESCP Europe.

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- **International Retail Banking, Insurance and Financial Services to Corporates**, with networks in Africa, Russia, Central and Eastern Europe and specialised businesses that are leaders in their markets;
- **Global Banking and Investor Solutions**, which offers recognised expertise, key international locations and integrated solutions.

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Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking

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