

PRESS RELEASE

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APPOINTMENTS WITHIN COVERAGE AND INVESTMENT BANKING OF SOCIETE GENERALE CORPORATE & INVESTMENT BANKING

Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking (SG CIB) announces the appointment of **Hubert Preschez** as Senior Banker in charge of the global relationship for a portfolio of large French corporates, effective from May 18th 2015. Prior to this, he was Head of Corporate Finance France.

Based in Paris, he reports to Thierry d'Argent and Sylvie Rémond, Co-Heads of Coverage and Investment Banking. In his new position, Hubert Preschez, who has a strong background in Corporate Finance, will be in charge of developing and reinforcing the strategic advisory and dialogue with the bank's clients.

Alexandre Courbon has been appointed Head of Mergers & Acquisitions for France, effective from May 18th 2015. He originally joined the bank in Paris in 2007 where he has been involved in a number of major deals with large listed companies.

Jean-Baptiste Giros and **Alexis Le Touzé** are appointed Co-Heads of Equity Capital Markets in France, Belgium and Luxemburg, effective from June 1st 2015.

Jean-Baptiste Giros was previously Managing Director in the ECM Paris team and Alexis Le Touzé was Head of Strategic Investors Solutions for Societe Generale Private Banking.

Based in Paris, Alexandre Courbon, Jean-Baptiste Giros and Alexis Le Touzé report to Sylvain Mégarbané, Global Head of Corporate Finance, and Luis Vaz Pinto, Global Head of Equity Capital Markets and Deputy Global Head of Corporate Finance.

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Biographies

Hubert Preschez

Hubert Preschez is appointed Senior Banker in charge of the global relationship for a portfolio of large French corporates, effective from May 18th 2015. Prior to this, he was Head of Corporate Finance (M&A and Equity Capital Markets) France since 2012.

He joined Societe Generale Corporate & Investment Banking in 2010 as of Head of M&A France. Prior to this, Hubert Preschez was a senior executive within the French M&A team of JP Morgan leading their sell side practice and takeover operations for large listed French clients. Hubert Preschez started his career at Paribas' M&A department in 1997 and joined JP Morgan in 2000 in the London-based Investment Banking Industrial team. Transactions advised by Hubert Preschez include more than 40 deals such as the Total Fina Elf take-over and Suez-GDF Merger. In 2014, he advised on the Holcim-Lafarge Merger; the Sopra-Steria merger, the Suez Environnement Agbar Criteria shareholding reorganisation; the Fosun-Ardian public offer on Club Med, as well as the PSA disposal of 50% of their bank to Santander.

Hubert Preschez holds a law degree from Paris V University and graduated from Institut d'Etudes Politique de Paris in Economics & Finance where he has been a Corporate Finance teacher for the last 10 years.

Alexandre Courbon

Alexandre Courbon has been appointed as Head of Mergers & Acquisitions for France, in May 2015.

He is an experienced M&A banker with 15 years of experience in M&A advisory and a strong focus on complex transactions and listed companies. Alexandre has been involved in a number of major deals with clients including large corporates and PE funds such as Areva, Bain Capital, Bouygues, Cinven and Total, and more recently with Sopra in connection with its merger with Steria, and Fosun on the takeover of Club Méditerranée.

Alexandre, who graduated from Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris in 1998, started his career as an M&A and securities lawyer with US law firm Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP in Paris and New York before joining SG CIB as an investment banker in early 2007.

Jean-Baptiste Giros

Jean-Baptiste Giros has been appointed Co-Head of Equity Capital Markets in France, Belgium and Luxemburg, in June 2015. He joined Societe Generale in 2002 in General Inspection where he led several missions and from 2008, he co-managed the department as an Inspecteur Principal. Since 2011, Jean-Baptiste, as a Managing Director within SG CIB, he has covered a large number of French and Belgian large cap companies for any equity related and equity-linked topics and in that role led numerous transactions for major clients of the Bank such as Eurazeo, Unibail-Rodamco, Kering or Bolloré.

Jean-Baptiste is a graduate of ESCP and IEP Paris.

Alexis Le Touzé

Alexis Le Touzé has been appointed Co-Head of Equity Capital Markets in France, Belgium and Luxemburg, in June 2015.

He was previously Head of Strategic Investors Solutions for Societe Generale Private Banking since 2013. He joined Societe Generale in 2001 as part of the Asset Based Structured Finance department of SG CIB. In 2007 he joined the Equity Capital Markets team, in charge of a portfolio of large corporates and private equity clients. In that role, Alexis led numerous transactions for many clients of the bank including Lafarge, Nexans, Bureau Veritas, Wendel, Legrand. Alexis is a graduate of EDHEC.

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