

Press release

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Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking appoints new Chief Country Officers in Europe and Asia

Francis Repka is appointed Chief Country Officer for Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking in Germany, replacing Charles Pierron. Francis Repka previously headed up the Fixed Income, Currency and Commodity division for Asia ex Japan. He will be based in Frankfurt and will report to Eric Bellaiche, Head of Corporate Coverage for Europe, Middle East and Africa.

Charles Pierron becomes Chief Country Officer for Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking in Korea, replacing Pierre-Yves Grimaud who moves on to a new position in retail banking outside France. Charles Pierron will be based in Seoul and will report to De Doan Tran, Head of Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking for Asia Pacific.

Benoît Riehl is named Chief Country Officer for Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking in Austria, replacing Philippe Chasse who moves on to Société Générale Group Human Resources. Benoît Riehl was previously Head of the Media & Telecom Sector for Germany, Austria and Switzerland. He will be based in Vienna and will also report to Eric Bellaiche.

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Biographies:

Charles Pierron

Charles Pierron started his career at Société Générale Paris in 1972 and moved to the loans department in London, where he staid from 1981 to 1985. Then, he became Deputy General Manager of Société Générale's Singapore branch and moved to the United States in 1989, first as a Regional Manager in Chicago, and then as a Senior Marketing Executive in New York. He went back to Singapore as Chief Executive Officer in 1994 and to New York as Head of Corporates, Institutions and advisory division for the Americas in 1998. In 2000 he took the position of General Manager of the Corporate Business Center in Lyon, France. Subsequently, he became Chief Country Officer for Poland from 2003 to 2005, for Germany from 2005 to 2008 and for Korea. In parallel, Charles Pierron has been an adviser to the French Ministry of International Trade since 1999.

Charles graduated from the Centre d'Etudes Supérieures de Banque in Paris, and from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University in Chicago.

Francis Repka

Prior to joining the Société Générale Group in commercial banking in 1986, Francis was a Commercial Attaché to the French Embassy in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia from 1983 to 1985. At Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking, Francis was involved in proprietary trading of interest rate products focusing on options and derivatives between 1986 and 1989. From 1989 to 1993, Francis was Head of the Structured Products Group and was responsible for setting up the group to develop tailor-made and client driven solutions. During that time, he pioneered the Capital Guaranteed Equity Linked Bond in the French market and was instrumental in setting up a private placement group in Japan. In 1993, he had been appointed Head of Global Fixed Income, Emerging Markets for Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking. Since 2001 he was responsible for treasury, fixed income, currencies and commodities derivatives in Asia based in Hong Kong. He was Associate Professor at Paris IX University and CNAM-Paris specializing respectively in Law and Financial Markets during most of the 1980s and 1990s.

Francis graduated from HEC-Paris School of Management in 1983 with a Master of Sciences.

Benoit Riehl

Benoît Riehl joined Société Générale in 1986 and has built his career in finance for the Germanic region since then. He has subsequently held the positions of Credit Analyst, Internal Auditor in Germany and Head of Credit and Risk Monitoring in Luxembourg. Most recently, Benoît Riehl was co-head of the Munich branch in Germany in charge of Corporate & Investment Banking from 1997 to 2000 and Head of the Media & Telecom Sector for Germany, Austria and Switzerland since 2000.

Benoit Riehl graduated from L'Institut Européen d'Etudes Commerciales Supérieures de Strasbourg (IECS), Diplôme d'Etudes Comptables Supérieures (DECS) and graduated from the Executive Investment Banking Program at Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Chicago.

In parallel, Benoit Riehl has been named adviser to the French Ministry of International Trade since 2003.

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