

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **SOCIETE GENERALE SECURITIES SERVICES IN ITALY MANDATED BY ALLIANZ GLOBAL INVESTORS FUND SICAV**

Societe Generale Securities Services in Italy (SGSS S.p.A.) has been appointed by Allianz Global Investors Fund SICAV (AGIF) to act as its local Transfer Agent in Italy, providing it with paying agent and investor relations management services with reference to investors located in Italy.

SGSS in Italy was retained by AGIF for its recognised international expertise as a Transfer Agent and its ability to provide personalised services tailored to the specific needs of its clients, alongside a wide network of placing agents.

SGSS in Italy offers a complete range of securities services, including clearing, custody and trustee services, fund administration, liquidity management and transfer agent services.

AGIF is an open-ended investment company incorporated under the Laws of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg whose assets are managed by Allianz Global Investors Luxembourg S.A.. Allianz Global Investors is one of the leading active asset managers in the world with more than € 295 billion of assets under management.

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Around 160,000 employees, based in 77 countries, accompany more than 33 million clients throughout the world on a daily basis. Societe Generale' teams offer advice and services to individual, corporate and institutional customers in three core businesses:

- Retail banking in France with the Societe Generale branch network, Credit du Nord and Boursorama
- International retail banking, with a presence in Central and Eastern Europe and Russia, in the Mediterranean basin, in Sub-Saharan Africa, in Asia and in the French Overseas Territories
- Corporate and investment banking with a global expertise in investment banking, financing and global markets.

Societe Generale is also a significant player in specialised financing and insurance, private banking, asset management and securities services.

Societe Generale is included in the socially-responsible investment indices FTSE4Good and ASPI.

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### **Societe Generale Securities Services (SGSS)**

Present in 28 locations worldwide with around 4,000 employees, SGSS provides financial institutions and brokers, asset managers and insurers, and businesses with a full range of securities services adapted to the latest financial market and regulatory trends: clearing services, custody and trustee services, retail custody services, liquidity management, fund administration and asset servicing, fund distribution and global issuer services.

SGSS is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest worldwide global custodian and the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in Europe with EUR 3,343\* billion of assets under custody. SGSS provides custody & trustee services for 3,450\* funds and the valuation of 4,195\* funds, representing assets under administration of EUR 427\* billion. SGSS manages and calculates the current value of 35,000\* "complex product" positions. SGSS also ranks among the European leaders in stock option management.

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