

## Press Release

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### **Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking Named 2006 “Best Equity Derivatives Provider” in Europe, Asia and North America by *Global Finance***

Société Générale has again confirmed its leadership in equity derivatives by being named “**Best Equity Derivatives Provider**” by *Global Finance* Magazine in all regions: **Europe, Asia and North America**.

*Global Finance* focuses on the corporate sector for non-financial corporations and financial institutions worldwide.

The magazine’s editors base selections on reporting and analysis. Factors considered range from the quantitatively objective (growth in operations, position on league tables, geographic reach, strategic relationships, new business development and innovation in products) to the informed subjective (opinions of analysts, ratings agencies, consultants, customers).

According to Joseph Giarraputo, *Global Finance* publisher, the mix of these factors yields winners with whom “investors around the world are most likely to want to do business.”

Christophe Mianné, Global Head of Equity Derivatives for Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking said, “Winning this prestigious award in all three regions is the ultimate recognition of our achievements world-wide in 2006. It shows not only the global scope of our equity derivative expertise, but also our strong presence in every region of the globe.”

In 2005, Société Générale Corporate & Investment Banking received the European award from *Global Finance*. The bank has also been named Equity Derivatives House of the Year for the last two consecutive years by *The Banker*, *IFR* & *Risk*.

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- Corporate & Investment Banking: Société Générale ranks among the leading banks worldwide in euro capital markets, derivatives and structured finance.

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- Structured finance. A worldwide leader in export, project and structured commodity finance.

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