

PRESS RELEASE

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SOCIETE GENERALE SECURITIES SERVICES IN ITALY MANDATED BY HERMES LINDER FUND SICAV PLC

Societe Generale Securities Services in Italy (SGSS S.p.A.) has been appointed by Hermes Linder Fund Sicav Plc to act as its local Transfer Agent in Italy, providing it with paying agent and investor relations management services.

SGSS in Italy was retained by Hermes Linder Fund Sicav Plc 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.

Hermes Linder Fund Sicav Plc is the first Sicav incorporated under Maltese law for which SGSS S.p.A. acts as local Transfer Agent. It is managed by Praude Asset Management Limited, an asset manager which provides high quality investment services and is licensed by the Malta Financial Services Authority.

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Societe Generale is one of the largest European financial services groups. Based on a diversified universal banking model, the Group combines financial solidity with a strategy of sustainable growth, and aims to be the reference for relationship banking,

recognised on its markets, close to clients, chosen for the quality and commitment of its teams.

Its 157,000 employees* based in 85 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 international socially-responsible investment indices: FTSE4good and ASPI.

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Societe Generale Securities Services (SGSS)

Established in 28 locations worldwide with around 4,000 employees, SGSS provides a full range of securities services that are adapted to the latest financial markets and regulatory evolution: 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 7th largest worldwide global custodian and the 2nd largest in Europe with 3,327* billion euros of assets under custody. SGSS provides custody & trustee services for 3,321* funds and the valuation of 4,301* funds, representing assets under administration of 413* billion euros. 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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