

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **SOCIETE GENERALE SECURITIES SERVICES MANDATED BY BANKMUSCAT ASSET MANAGEMENT**

Societe Generale Securities Services (SGSS) has been mandated by BankMuscat (SAOG), the flagship financial services provider in Oman, to provide its asset management division with fund administration, registrar & transfer agency, domiciliary and custody services in Luxembourg.

Following a thorough review of service providers in Luxembourg, BankMuscat Asset Management selected SGSS for its ability to provide a complete solution from fund set-up through to essential services for fund operations. SGSS acts as a one-stop shop which meets all BankMuscat Asset Management's requirements, delivering an excellent support service with dedicated staff available exclusively for the client's teams.

SGSS offers a comprehensive range of value-added financial services for investment professionals, comprising asset managers, institutional investors, financial intermediaries and corporations. These services include clearing, custody & trustee services, retail custody services, fund administration & asset servicing, liquidity management, fund distribution services and also global issuer services.

BankMuscat is the largest bank in Oman, with a local market share of 40 per cent, over USD 18 billion of assets, capital of over USD 2 billion and a customer base of over 1.2 million. BankMuscat is listed on Muscat, Bahrain and London Stock Exchanges and is rated 'A1' by Moody's and 'A-' by Standard & Poor's.

Managing funds and portfolios since 1993, BankMuscat Asset Management Division is one of the leading fund managers in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region and enjoys an undisputed dominant position in Oman. The first fund house in Oman with funds rated by Standard & Poor's, BankMuscat Asset Management Division brought the concept of mutual funds to Oman and the concept of index investing to the GCC. It manages assets of over USD 800 million across equity and fixed income strategies, primarily in the GCC countries.

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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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