

Societe Generale winner of the Responsible Business and Governance Awards 2019

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Societe Generale has been awarded the Integrated Thinking Prize - Europe category, capitalisation > €7bn in the Responsible Business and Governance Awards 2019. This award is recognition of the Group's commitment to providing a holistic view of the company with a coherent overview of its economic, social, societal, financial, environmental, ethical and governmental areas.

Awarded by the Institute of Responsible Capitalism* on 8 November 2019, the Responsible Business and Governance Awards 2019 were awarded after analysing the application of Integrated Thinking within the Group's governance, business model, strategy and performance, as well as a review of the level of dialogue and co-construction with its stakeholders.

Integrated Thinking is an interpretation of the company taken as a “whole”, going beyond purely financial aspects. It is a reflection of the Pacte Law concerning regulatory evolutions of a company's Corporate Social Responsibility, the European directive on non-financial reporting or the integration of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals into a company's strategy. Integrated Thinking invites companies to reconsider their role - going as far as the sense given to their actions - and to be coherent with their ecosystem and strategic trajectory.

“The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) of a bank goes beyond its own specific impact as it also carries all the indirect environmental and social risks of its clients and the sector it finances. Our responsibility remains at the core of our value creation model, in the way we undertake and develop our activities. We have taken the issue of coherence into consideration with CSR matters clearly integrated into our strategic plan *Transform to Grow*, in our governance, in our risk management as well as in our capacity for innovation. Our integrated approach is part of our progress towards realising our long-term vision: to be a trusted partner committed to the positive transformations of the world, at the service of our customers, our staff and all our stakeholders,” explained **Frédéric Oudéa, Chief Executive Officer of Societe Generale.**

[Please find out more about the integrated approach of Societe Generale group in our Integrated Report](#)

*The Institute of Responsible Capitalism is an independent and non-profit organisation, a research centre dedicated to companies and the wider financial community regarding integrated and responsible thinking. It conceives, leads and hosts working groups of business leaders and experts as well as representatives of civil society, to bring together the largest number of actors willing to improve growth and performance models by making them more sustainable, integrated and responsible.

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Societe Generale

Societe Generale is one of the leading European financial services groups. Based on a diversified and integrated banking model, the Group combines financial strength and proven expertise in innovation with a strategy of sustainable growth, aiming to be the trusted partner for its clients, committed to the positive transformations of society and the economy.

Active in the real economy for over 150 years, with a solid position in Europe and connected to the rest of the world, Societe Generale has over 149,000 members of staff in 67 countries and supports on a daily basis 31 million individual clients, businesses and institutional investors around the world by offering a wide range of advisory services and tailored financial solutions. The Group is built on three complementary core businesses:

- **French Retail Banking** which encompasses the Societe Generale, Crédit du Nord and Boursorama brands. Each offers a full range of financial services with omnichannel products at the cutting edge of digital innovation;
- **International Retail Banking, Insurance and Financial Services to Corporates**, with networks in Africa, Russia, Central and Eastern Europe and specialised businesses that are leaders in their markets;
- **Global Banking and Investor Solutions**, which offers recognised expertise, key international locations and integrated solutions.

Societe Generale is included in the principal socially responsible investment indices: DJSI (World and Europe), FTSE4Good (Global and Europe), Euronext Vigeo (World, Europe and Eurozone), four of the STOXX ESG Leaders indices, and the MSCI Low Carbon Leaders Index.

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