

## Press release

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### **Societe Generale Private Banking Hambros appoints two private bankers and opens a new office in Newbury**

Societe Generale Private Banking Hambros (SGPB Hambros) has appointed two senior private bankers. Previously with Kleinwort Benson, Rebecca Constable and Andrew Wimble will be based in SGPB Hambros' new regional office in Newbury to deliver wealth management services to high net worth individuals in the Thames Valley.

Rebecca Constable and Andrew Wimble both have extensive experience and clear track records of seeking out and converting business opportunities and their knowledge of the Thames Valley region will be invaluable. They will be supported by Roger Plummer and Ian Walker, who joined the bank in 2007, and the new team will focus on developing their relationships with key clients and intermediaries. With SGPB Hambros' strong track-record in wealth management and advisory services, clients will have local access to the bank's experts, who offer advice and assist the business community and private clients to structure innovative solutions for their investment growth, liquidity and tax issues.

Opening an office in Newbury is the latest step in SGPB Hambros' regional expansion and its plans to secure a stronger and more visible presence throughout the UK. This follows the opening of new offices in Manchester and Yorkshire last year.

SGPB Hambros, which has already had a thriving regional private banking team for the past two years, operates from its four entities based in London, Jersey, Guernsey and Gibraltar, and has a network of regional offices throughout the UK.

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**Rebecca Constable**, senior private banker, has been advising private clients for 20 years. She has experience in investment banking and fund management and was previously a senior banker in an award winning team at Barclays Wealth. She has advised and supported female entrepreneurs for many years, an area she has recently focussed on at Kleinwort Benson. She has considerable experience in advising charities, with a particular interest in micro finance,

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and is a Trustee of a charity that supports education and healthcare. Rebecca is a fellow of the Securities Institute, as well as a member of the Institute of Directors.

**Andrew Wimble**, senior private banker, has been working in the City for over 29 years. Prior to joining Societe Generale Private Banking Hambros, he worked for over 11 years at Kleinwort Benson, following six years as a discretionary fund manager for ANZ Grindlays Bank, where he travelled extensively throughout the Middle East. He focuses on advising UK-based private clients and their families as well as charities in the management of their financial affairs, and works especially closely with entrepreneurs who have recently sold their businesses.

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