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## SOCIETE GENERALE PRIVATE BANKING RENEWS ITS PARTNERSHIPS WITH GOLFERS ANGEL CABRERA AND THOMAS LEVET

Societe Generale Private Banking has renewed its support for the Argentinian golfer, Angel Cabrera, winner of the US Open in 2007 and the Augusta Masters in 2009, and for the French player Thomas Levet, winner of the Andalucia Open in 2008. The sponsorship contracts will last for three and two years respectively.

Renewing these partnerships enables Societe Generale Private Banking to offer its private clients the opportunity to play with top-level golfers through an exclusive events programme organised around this sport throughout the world. The private bank also sponsors the French golf player, Christian Cevaër, winner of the European Open in 2009 and Jeev Milkha Singh, the first ever Indian golfer qualified for the European Tour and the Augusta Masters.

These partnerships are part of an approach by Societe Generale Group which began in 2001. That year, the bank became a major partner of the French Golf Federation, then, in 2008, of the Evian Masters, a major international womens' tournament.

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Angel Cabrera, born in 1969 in Cordoba, Argentina, began his golfing career as a caddie. He became a professional player at the age of 20 and over the last few years has been one of the leaders on the European circuit. The winner of the 2005 BMW PGA Championship, in 2007 he won the US Open ahead of Tiger Woods, the Barclays Singapore Open Championship, the Center Open Championship (CGC) and the Argentina Masters. A golfer of legendary tenacity, to date he is the only Latin American player to have won a Grand Slam tournament on the American continent.

Thomas Levet, born in 1968 in France, turned professional at the age of 20. Winning the British Grand Masters in 2001 instantly made him one of the international golfing elite. He confirmed his position in 2002 with a second place at the British Open and joined the PGA Tour in 2003. In 2004, his talent really took off as he won the Scottish Open. His impressive results made him France's No.1, and Europe's No.5, qualifying him for the Ryder Cup, which he won with the European team. Coming 13<sup>th</sup> in the US Masters (the first French golfer to ever achieve this) Thomas Levet launched his career on the American circuit in 2005. Thomas Levet won the Andalucia Open 2008, his fourth victory on the European circuit. He is the best rewarded French golfer on the circuit and the only one to have won the Ryder Cup in the United States.

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