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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **BGL BNP Paribas celebrates the 25th anniversary of its Howald branch**

#### **Donation to the Maison Française Dolto centre**

BGL BNP Paribas is this year celebrating the 25th anniversary of its Howald branch. The reception organized on 28 September 2010 to mark the event was also the occasion for branch manager Erny Wictor to present a cheque for €1,500 to Anne Junk-Ihry, manager and Mme Liesbeth de Fijter, deputy manager representing the Maison Française Dolto. Maison Française Dolto is a centre offering high-quality care for infants up to three years old who are in at least temporary need of a welcome due to family difficulties.

Twenty-five years ago, when the Howald branch of BGL BNP Paribas was inaugurated, there was a clear need to set up a branch in this area with its fast-growing population and economy. The first manager was Guy Oberweis, who was succeeded by Marco Welter in 1988, then Erny Baldelli in 1995. The present manager, Erny Wictor, took over in 2001. He is assisted by deputy manager Luca Picco.

Housed in a three-storey building, the branch has four desks on the ground floor – two for everyday operations and two for more specialized business. Two partitioned areas are set aside to protect the privacy of clients and advice. There are 270 safe-deposit boxes available for clients' use in a strong-room in the basement. To ease queuing, clients take a numbered ticket on arrival. The offices of the branch manager and his deputy are located on the first floor, along with two meeting rooms. On the outside, there is an ATM and a night safe accessible at all times. Finally, clients have the use of an extensive parking area at the entrance.

The branch manager and his team of seven at 201 route de Thionville are at the service of their clients from 9.00 a.m. to noon and from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday, and to 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday by appointment.

#### **About BGL BNP Paribas**

BGL BNP Paribas ([www.bgl.lu](http://www.bgl.lu)) is one of the largest banks in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, with a balance sheet totalling EUR 52.5 billion at 30 June 2010. Now a leader on its domestic market, it offers an especially wide range of financial products to individuals, professionals, private banking clients and businesses. BGL BNP Paribas is Luxembourg's number-one provider of banking services to professionals and small- and medium-size companies, and number two in services for individuals. It is also the leader for bancassurance.

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