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## Press Release

### Two New Capital Guaranteed at maturity Deposit from HSBC

On the basis of offering solutions to current financial needs and demands of its customers, HSBC has created and offers two new deposits, capital guaranteed at maturity, **EUR-USD Reset** and **OIL**.

Return for **EUR-USD Reset** depends on the Euro-Dollar exchange rate and may reach a total of **15.50%** for deposits in Euros and **13%** for deposits in USD (maximum gross total return at maturity). For the calculation of the **EUR-USD Reset** return 10 independent periods are taken into account, while the finalized price of the deposit is reassessed every quarter.

**OIL**, from HSBC, constitutes a capital guaranteed at maturity deposit, which offers the possibility of a total gross return as high as **18%**. The return depends on the stock performance of four of the greatest international companies, in the energy industry and specifically the oil sector, namely BP, Exxon Mobil, Total και Royal Dutch Shell. **OIL** presents notable potential, as it involves one of the most dynamic industries worldwide, with growth margins.

The deposits are available for a limited subscription period. Maturity for **EUR-USD Reset** is set at 2.5 years, while the minimum deposit amount is 3,000 Euros or USD. For **OIL**, maturity is set at 3 years, while the minimum deposit amount is 3,000 Euros. Offer period for both products commenced on **March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**, and will close on **April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009**.

**EUR-USD Reset and OIL Guaranteed deposits are covered by the UK Financial Services Compensation Scheme in accordance with its relevant terms and conditions.**