

ING GROEP NV
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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM 6-K
Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For October 7, 2009
Commission File Number 1-14642
ING Groep N.V.
Amstelveenseweg 500
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The Netherlands**

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Yes ☐

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PRESS RELEASE

Amsterdam, 7 October 2009

ING to sell Swiss Private Banking business to Julius Baer

Proceeds on transaction of EUR 344 million

Making good progress in executing Back to Basics Programme

ING announced today that it has reached an agreement to sell its Swiss Private Banking business to Julius Baer for a consideration of CHF 520 million (EUR 344 million) in cash. Julius Baer is the leading pure-play Swiss Private Banking group.

Jan Hommen, CEO of ING Group: The divestment of our Private Banking activities in Switzerland illustrates once more that we are making good progress in executing our Back to Basics programme. We are pleased to have found such a sophisticated and professional player as Julius Baer as the new owner of our Swiss Private Banking business. This sale and the recently announced divestment of our life insurance and wealth management joint venture in Australia and New Zealand show ING's commitment to focus on fewer franchises and the reduction of the complexity of the group.

The transaction will generate an estimated net profit for ING of EUR 150 million and is expected to free up EUR 200 million of capital. The agreement of ING and Julius Baer is subject to regulatory approval and is expected to close in the first quarter of 2010.

As part of the announced Back to Basics programme, ING is currently also in discussions about the future of the Private Banking activities in Asia. Any further announcements on this matter will only be made when appropriate. ING Private Banking in the Benelux and Central Eastern Europe remain integral parts of ING.

ING's Swiss Private Banking has around EUR 10 billion assets under management. Excluding Switzerland, ING Private Banking serves world wide more than 65.000 clients with a staff of around 1500 employees and has over EUR 48 billion assets under management.

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ING Profile

ING is a global financial institution of Dutch origin offering banking, investments, life insurance and retirement services to over 85 million private, corporate and institutional clients in more than 40 countries. With a diverse workforce of about 110,000 people, ING is dedicated to setting the standard in helping our clients manage their financial future.

Important legal information

Certain of the statements contained herein are statements of future expectations and other forward-looking statements. These expectations are based on management's current views and assumptions and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties. Actual results, performance or events may differ materially from those in such statements due to, among other things, (i) general economic conditions, in particular economic conditions in ING's core markets, (ii) performance of financial markets, including emerging markets, (iii) the frequency and severity of insured loss events, (iv) mortality and morbidity levels and trends, (v) persistency levels, (vi) interest rate levels, (vii) currency exchange rates (viii) general competitive factors, (ix) changes in laws and regulations, (x) changes in the policies of governments and/or regulatory authorities, (XI) conclusions with regard to purchase accounting assumptions and methodologies, (XII) ING's ability to achieve projected operational synergies. ING assumes no obligation to update any forward-looking information contained in this document.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ING Groep N.V.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ H. van Barneveld
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Dated: October 7, 2009

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