

ING GROEP NV  
Form 6-K  
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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 January 15, 2010**

**Commission File Number 1-14642**

**ING Groep N.V.**  
Amstelveenseweg 500  
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The Netherlands

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**PRESS RELEASE**

Amsterdam, 15 January 2010

**ING closes sale of its Swiss Private Banking business**

ING announced today that it has completed the sale of its Swiss Private Banking business to Julius Baer, the leading pure-play Swiss Private Banking group.

As announced on 7 October 2009, the divestment is in line with ING's Back to Basics strategy to focus on fewer franchises and reduce the complexity of the group.

The transaction will generate an estimated net profit for ING of approximately EUR 150 million.

ING Private Banking in the Benelux and Central Eastern Europe remain part of the core business of the Bank.

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**ING Profile**

ING is a global financial institution of Dutch origin offering banking, investments, life insurance and retirement services. As of 30 September 2009, ING served more than 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 developing markets, (iii) the implementation of ING's restructuring plan to separate banking and insurance operations, (iv) changes in the availability of, and costs associated with, sources of liquidity, such as interbank funding, as well as conditions in the credit markets generally, including changes in borrower and counterparty creditworthiness, (v) the frequency and severity of insured loss events, (vi) mortality and morbidity levels and trends, (vii) persistency levels, (viii) interest rate levels, (ix) currency exchange rates, (x) general competitive factors, (xi) changes in laws and regulations, (xii) changes in the policies of governments and/or regulatory authorities, (xiii) conclusions with regard to purchase accounting assumptions and methodologies, (xiv) changes in ownership that could affect the future availability to us of net operating loss, net capital loss and built-in loss carryforwards, and (xv) 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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**SIGNATURE**

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  
H.van Barneveld  
General Manager Group Finance &  
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By: /s/ W.A. Brouwer  
W.A. Brouwer  
Assistant General Counsel

Dated: January 15, 2010

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