

## EMEA: AIG hires Public Affairs VP

American International Group (AIG) has appointed **Mr Rhodri Williams** to the newly created role of Vice President for Communications and Public Affairs for Europe, Middle East, and Africa (EMEA) effective 1 January 2015.

Based in London, Mr Williams will report to **Ms Christina Pretto**, Senior Vice President, Corporate Communications, and will also have a matrix reporting line to Ms Seraina Maag, CEO, EMEA.

Mr Williams joined AIG in June 2013 as Strategic Adviser to the CEO of AIG's EMEA region and later became the region's Head of Public Affairs. In his new, expanded role, he will continue to act as the main strategic communications adviser to the regional leadership team, led by Ms Maag, and he will be responsible for leading the development and execution of the communications and public affairs strategies for the region.

Before joining AIG, Mr Williams was a British diplomat for 23 years.



Mr Rhodri Williams

risk engineering roles.

Prior to joining Catlin, Mr Chavan was the Underwriting Manager-Engineering Lines & Construction for the Middle East region with a global insurer. He will report jointly to Mr Dalip Verma, CEO of Catlin Middle East, Mr Dean West, Head of Energy and Construction for Catlin Asia-Pacific and Mr Tim McMahon, Head of Property for Catlin Asia Pacific.



Ms Hala Abinader Long

Ms Abinader Long joined Catlin Middle East in August and is responsible for developing and leading the Energy portfolio across the GCC countries, Africa and parts of South Asia. She will report jointly to Mr Verma and Mr West.

Ms Abinader Long has 15 years' experience underwriting energy business in the global direct and reinsurance markets. She has worked at various leading company markets in both New York and London.

## Zurich names CEO for EMEA life business



Mr Mark Hartigan

Zurich has appointed **Mr Mark Hartigan** to the role of CEO of its life business for the newly formed region of Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA). He succeeds **Mr David Sims**, CEO of Zurich's Life business in Europe, who is retiring effective 31 March 2015.

The appointment is effective 1 January 2015. Based in Zurich, Mr Hartigan will report to **Mr Kristof Terryn**, CEO Global Life.

Mr Hartigan, currently CEO of Zurich's Life business for the Asia Pacific and Middle East, joined Zurich in 2009 as Head of the International Life business. In 2012 and 2013, he served as Head of Strategic Business Development of Zurich's Life business. He has played a pivotal leadership role in refocussing Zurich's Life businesses in Asia Pacific and Middle East, while positioning the priority markets of Indonesia and Malaysia for growth.

## Bahrain: TAKAUD appoints new CEO

TAKAUD, the specialist savings and pensions provider for the MENA region, has appointed **Mr Luc Métivier** as its new CEO. Mr Métivier takes over from acting CEO Eric Van Biesen, who will resume his original role of Chief Financial Officer.

In his new role, Mr Métivier will lead the company's growth across both corporate and retail lines of business, while managing the business launch and expansion into new MENA markets over the coming years.

Mr Métivier is an international business executive with 26 years of regional and international experience in the financial services industry. He has a proven track record of growing businesses in Europe, Southeast Asia and the Middle East, supported by an in-depth knowledge of risk management from financial, operational, and insurance/reinsurance perspectives.

His previous roles included Group CEO at ACR Re Takaful, a subsidiary of Asia Capital Reinsurance, CEO of AXA Insurance in Egypt, CEO of Methaq Takaful in Dubai and General Manager for the Gulf Countries at American Life Insurance Co. Mr Métivier has also held the position of CEO at Allianz Saudi Fransi, in addition to General Manager positions at Allianz Life Egypt and Allianz Life Luxembourg.



Mr Luc Métivier

## Catlin strengthens Middle East team

Catlin Middle East has appointed **Mr Atul Chavan** as Head of Construction, Property & Terrorism, and **Ms Hala Abinader Long** as Head of Energy for its operation based in the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC).

Mr Chavan will leverage Catlin's regional strengths in construction, property and terrorism insurance to develop customised solutions to meet clients' needs in Middle East and Africa. He has spent the last 11 years serving in a variety of insurance underwriting, claims and



Mr Atul Chavan

## Lebanon: New member joins Chedid Capital's advisory board



Mr Aldo Cardoso

Chedid Capital SAL (Holding) has appointed **Mr Aldo Cardoso** as a new member to the advisory board as of 12 September. Mr Cardoso is a management consultant specialising in financial and risk management, and governance consulting.

Mr Cardoso is a member of the Boards of GDF SUEZ, Imerys, AXA Investment Managers, Bureau Veritas and GE Corporate Finance Bank. He chairs the audit committee

at GDF SUEZ, Imerys and Bureau Veritas, as well as the governance, remunerations and nomination committee at AXA Investment Managers.

Mr Cardoso has also been member of the Board of Accor, Orange, Rhodia and Gecina and Mobistar in Belgium. He is a Senior Advisor at Deutsche Bank (Global banking), a member of the Trilantic Capital Partners and of the Euromena Advisory Committees. He is also a member of the strategic committee of Marsh France and chairman of the scientific committee of Vigeo, the social and environmental rating agency.

Mr Cardoso spent 24 years with Arthur Andersen, joining as a junior staff member and rising to senior partner. He was non-executive chairman of Andersen Worldwide from 2000 to 2003, President of Andersen for the Western European region from 1998 to 2002 and President of Andersen France from 1993 to 2002.

He was a member of the Lehman Brothers European strategic advisory committee in 2007-2008, and senior advisor at 3i in 2006. He also taught corporate governance at Institut des Sciences Politiques (Paris) in 2003.

### Oman: Capital Market Authority appoints Director General



Mr Ahmed Al Mamari

**Mr Ahmed Al Mamari** has been confirmed as the Director General of the Directorate of Insurance Supervision within the Capital Market Authority (CMA).

Mr Al Mamari has had 13 years of experience working on the Oman capital and insurance markets. He joined the CMA in 2001 as a Financial Analyst and Economic Researcher and has risen through the ranks while playing a leading role in drafting takaful and sukuk regulations. He was also the Co-ordinator of a joint World Bank-CMA Financial Market Development Programme for Oman.

Mr Al Mamari was appointed General Manager of the Insurance Directorate in November 2014 before being named as Acting Director General. He is concurrently the Chairman of the National Insurance & Legal Affairs Committee, a government and private sector body; Chairman of the Insurance Sector Training Committee for Oman; and Member of the Technical Committee of the Islamic Financial Services Board, based in Malaysia.

### UAE: Senior executives head up Badri Management Consultancy

**Messrs Hatim Maskawala** and **Ali Asghar Bhuriwala** have established Badri Management Consultancy, taking on the role of Managing Director and Executive Director, respectively.

Mr Maskawala joined from Abu Dhabi National Insurance Co (ADNIC). He joined ADNIC to set up its Actuarial Services division, making ADNIC the first local company to optimise actuarial talents



Mr Hatim Maskawala

in the non-life sector in UAE. Under his leadership, the department was embedded into all the processes of the company from defining strategy to developing and pricing to capital management. ADNIC was recognised by the two leading rating agencies (S&P and A.M. Best) as having one of the best ERM in the region.

Mr Maskawala has around 15 years of experience in health, general insurance and life industries, where he has developed his core expertise in actuarial, underwriting, claims management and risk management functions. He previously worked with multinational and blue-chip companies, including Tokio Marine Middle East, Allianz EFU Health Insurance and Ernst & Young Actuarial Services in Pakistan.



Mr Ali Asghar Bhuriwala

Prior to joining Badri Management Consultancy, Mr Bhuriwala held senior management roles and was responsible for actuarial and risk management in the Tokio Marine group companies in the MENA region. Working out of the Tokio Marine Middle East regional office based in DIFC, he looked after actuarial and risk management needs for over five years.

Mr Bhuriwala also has extensive experience in end-of-service valuations and scheme setup. He has advised many corporates on structuring their employee benefits with regards to end-of-service benefits.

### UAE: Lloyd's appoints first Dubai Country Manager

Lloyd's has named **Mr Mark Cooper** as the market's first Country Manager for Dubai, effective February 2015.

Mr Cooper will head up Lloyd's new operation in the DIFC, managing the platform and supporting Managing Agents in developing their business across Gulf countries and the wider MENA region.

He joins Lloyd's from the DIFC Authority (DIFCA), where he is currently Sector Head – Insurance, Reinsurance & Captives. At the DIFCA, he provided support and guidance to Lloyd's Managing Agents setting up in Dubai in preparation for the launch of the platform. He previously held roles in the Middle East for Royal & Sun Alliance and Zurich.



Mr Mark Cooper

### UAE: New SEO at Nasco Karaoglan Dubai

**Mr Joseph Geara** has joined Nasco Karaoglan in the DIFC as its Senior Executive Officer.

Mr Geara has more than 16 years' experience in the insurance industry. He was previously Barents Re's Regional Director for the MENA region, responsible for developing and strategising the company's reinsurance operations.



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