

EFG International announces senior appointments relating to Eastern Europe and Russia

Zurich, 7 April 2015. EFG International has recruited Michael Vlahovic and Basile Samarine, strengthening its capabilities in relation to Eastern Europe and Russia.

EFG International has recruited Michael Vlahovic to be Managing Director, Private Banking Eastern Europe and Russia, based in Zurich. He will also take on the role of Global Market Coordinator for CEE and Russia. Starting on 1 July 2015, he will report to Adrian Kyriazi, CEO, Continental Europe and Head of Private Banking, Switzerland.

Michael Vlahovic was formerly at Coutts & Co Ltd, from 2010-15, where he was a member of the General Management Committee with responsibility for the bank's business in Russia/CIS, as well as being chairman of the management committee of its Monaco branch. Previously, he spent 15 years at Credit Suisse where, from 2006-10, he was Managing Director, Head Private Banking, covering Russia, Central Europe, Central Asia and Greece. From 2000-06, he was Head Private Banking, based in Zurich, responsible for teams of bankers covering the UK, Israel, South Africa, Nordic Countries and The Netherlands.

Basile Samarine will start on 1 June 2015 as Managing Director, Private Banking Eastern Europe and Russia, based in Geneva. He will report to Michael Vlahovic and the Head of Private Banking, Geneva. Basile Samarine was previously at Coutts and Co Ltd where, from 2010-15, he was Managing Director, responsible for the Russia/CIS department in Geneva. Prior to this, from 2006-10, he was Head of the Russia/CIS desk at Credit Suisse, Geneva; and from 1998-2006, he worked at UBS, where roles included Head of the Russia/CIS desk in London and Country Head, Eastern European Republics, based in Geneva.

EFG International has ambitious plans for Central and Eastern Europe, and it expects to make a number of new hires of country team heads and Client Relationship Officers in the coming months.

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