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## Coface North America Names Stephen Atallah to Head Underwriting Role

Coface North America Insurance Company, part of the global Coface Group, has named Stephen Atallah as Senior Executive Vice President for Commercial and Risk Underwriting. Mr. Atallah is a trade finance professional with over 25 years of experience in structured trade finance and credit risk mitigation for projects around the globe. In his new role, Mr. Atallah will manage Coface's North American team of risk and commercial underwriters, who are responsible for delivering solutions to protect clients in the USA and Canada against the risk of non-payment of their accounts receivable.

From 2001 until 2014, Mr. Atallah was Managing Director and Head of Deutsche Bank Americas' Structured Trade and Export Finance division. Prior to that, he held similar positions at Societe General, ABN AMRO, and Ex-Im Bank. Since 2014, Mr. Atallah has provided structured trade and receivables finance consulting for corporations and project sponsors in Africa, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East.

"With his extensive knowledge of trade credit, deep management experience, and broad industry network, Stephen will be a valuable addition to Coface's North American management team," stated Fredrik Mürer, President and CEO, Coface North America. "Our aim is to become a best in class credit insurance provider. Stephen's impressive trade credit experience, coupled with his proven ability to find creative solutions for business development, aligns perfectly with this objective," Mr. Mürer continued.

Mr. Atallah is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, and Georgetown University Law School. He is a frequent speaker at industry conference and forums on trade credit.

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### About Coface

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