



Regional CEO of MetLife joins MICC

30 March 2015 – As part of its expansion drive for 2015, MENA Insurance CEO Club (MICC) welcomes Mr Julio Garcia-Villalon, Regional Head, Middle East & Africa, MetLife as member.

Mr Garcia-Villalon was appointed to his current position in January 2012. Prior to assuming this position, he was General Manager of MetLife Spain and Distribution Director of Wealth Management in Western Europe. Mr Garcia-Villalon joined Alico in 2003, assuming the position of General Manager of Alico Spain. In 2006, he was appointed General Manager of both Alico Spain and Alico Portugal.

Dr Bassel Hindawi, MICC Steering Committee Member said: "Julio has many years of experience in the insurance industry, in both the developed markets of Europe and the developing markets of our region. With his rich and diverse experience in the insurance industry, we trust that he will contribute meaningfully towards the Club's mission of serving as a think tank to shape and spearhead the future development of the regional insurance industry."

Meanwhile, Mr Walid Sidani, who stepped down as CEO of ADNIC in December 2014, has resigned from the Club. The Club is grateful to Mr Sidani for his active contribution to the Club for more than four years.

About the MICC

The MICC was set up in 2010 as a by-invitation-only Club by pro-active leaders in the industry, with the vision to become the mouthpiece of and think tank for the MENA insurance industry. It has achieved several milestones and firsts and is set to launch a Public Insurance Forum this year to mark its fifth Anniversary.

The Club is led by the Steering Committee consisting of HE Dr Bassel Hindawi, immediate past Insurance Commissioner of Jordan; Mr Yassir Albaharna, CEO of Arig; and Mr Sivam Subramaniam, Editor-in-Chief of Middle East Insurance Review & Asia Insurance Review.

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