



## **Two New UAE-based Members Join MICC**

18 August 2015 – As part of its expansion drive for 2015, the MENA Insurance CEO Club (MICC) welcomes Mr Christos Adamantiadis, CEO of Oman Insurance Company (OIC) and Mr Andrew Smith, CEO of Ras Al Khaimah National Insurance Company as members, bringing the total to 21.

Mr Adamantiadis, who took over from Mr Patrick Choffel in OIC, comes with a long career in AIG where most latterly he was Managing Director, Eastern Zone and Regional Director, Footprint Strategy in AIG, London. Over his 20-odd years in AIG, he has held several senior leadership roles including Managing Director, Arabia and North Africa.

Mr Smith has significant experience in conventional and Islamic insurance across the UK and Middle East, and has a proven track record of developing business plans and building sustainable businesses across the Middle East. His experience spans all areas of an organisation, including customer care, fiscal management, market development, technical development, and emerging markets.

Dr Bassel Hindawi, Steering Committee Member said: "With their rich experience in a variety of markets, we are confident that Mr Adamantiadis and Mr Smith will be able to 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."

### **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 and Asia Insurance Review. Its members include:

- Mr Imad Abdel Khaleq, Jordan Insurance Company, Jordan
- Mr Christos Adamantiadis, Oman Insurance Company, UAE
- Mr Mahomed Akoob, Hannover ReTakaful, Bahrain
- Mr Fahad Al-Hesni, Saudi Reinsurance Company, Saudi Arabia

- Mr Nagib M Bahous, MIG Holding, Bahrain
- Mr Fateh Bekdache, AROPE Insurance, Lebanon
- Mrs Lamia Ben Mahmoud, Société Tunisienne de Réassurance, Tunisia
- Dr Michael Bitzer, National Health Insurance Company – Daman, UAE
- Mr Farid Chedid, SEIB Insurance & Reinsurance Company, Qatar
- Mr Ronald Chidiac, Arab Reinsurance Company, Lebanon
- Mr Julio Garcia-Villalon, MetLife, UAE
- Mr Michael Jensen, AIG, UAE
- Mr Mohamed Larbi Nali, Société Centrale de Réassurance, Morocco
- Mr Elie Nasnas, AXA Middle East SAL, Lebanon
- Mr Brian Reilly, Zurich Insurance Company, UAE
- Mr Andrew Smith, Ras Al Khaimah National Insurance Company, UAE
- Mr Tarek A Hayel Saeed, United Insurance Company, Yemen
- Mr Christian Vogel, Gulf Reinsurance Ltd, UAE

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