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ALBRIGHT STONEBRIDGE GROUP ANNOUNCES SENIOR ADDITIONS AND NEW OFFICE IN THE UAE

New advisors expand ASG capabilities across Africa, Europe, and the Middle East

WASHINGTON, DC (November 30, 2016) – Global business strategy firm <u>Albright Stonebridge Group</u> (ASG) announced today that Addis Alemayehou, Richard Morningstar, and Philip Winder have joined as Senior Advisors. These experts provide strategic counsel to ASG clients with interests in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa.

ASG also announced the opening of a new office in the United Arab Emirates.

"These new additions bring great judgment and insights to our team," said Madeleine Albright, Chair, Albright Stonebridge Group. "Our clients count on ASG for excellent advice and unparalleled relationships around the world as they anticipate opportunities for growth and navigate new markets. With the addition of these talented individuals and the new UAE office, ASG is better positioned than ever to deliver value to our clients."

ASG's extensive global network includes on-the-ground senior-level advisors in more than thirty-five cities around the world.

Located in Dubai Media City, ASG's new office serves as a hub for the firm's operations in the region. The office is led by Jad Mneymneh, who earlier in his career served in the Crown Prince Court of Abu Dhabi's Office of Strategic Affairs.

New ASG Senior Advisors include:

<u>Addis Alemayehou</u> joins ASG's Africa practice. Based in Addis Ababa, he draws on his extensive public and private sector experience to address ASG client needs in East Africa. Alemayehou served as Chief of Party of USAID's Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance (VEGA) Ethiopia Program, where he worked to increase trade between the U.S and Ethiopia. He is also the co-founder of Ethiopian entertainment channel KANA TV and CEO of 251 Communications.

<u>Ambassador Richard Morningstar</u> advises ASG's clients with interests in Europe and Eurasia and on energy matters. His distinguished career as a public servant includes serving as U.S. Ambassador to the European Union, Special Envoy for Eurasian Energy, and U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, among other roles. In the private sector, he was President and CEO of the Costar Corporation for over a decade. He is the founding Director and Chairman of the Global Energy Center at the Atlantic Council.

<u>Philip Winder</u> joins ASG's Middle East and North Africa practice, bringing decades of experience in finance and investment management across the region. He is CEO and founder of Polygon Investment

Management, and worked as an economist at the New York Fed. Throughout his career, he has led teams specializing in the MENA region at Schroder Investment Management, Credit Suisse, and Bankers Trust.

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