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NEW SENIOR TEAM MEMBERS EXPAND ASG'S GLOBAL CAPABILITIES

Additions enhance firm's expertise in Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and Asia

WASHINGTON, DC (September 13, 2018) – [Albright Stonebridge Group](#) (ASG), the premier global business strategy and commercial diplomacy firm, welcomes senior additions who will expand client offerings in fast-growing markets around the world.

“As our clients’ interests and needs continue to grow, so have ASG’s global capabilities,” said Carlos Gutierrez, Chair of ASG. “We are delighted that these seasoned professionals have joined the ASG team. Their diverse, senior-level public and private sector backgrounds further enhance ASG’s client offerings.”

New additions include:

[Imad Al-Abdulqader](#) has joined ASG’s Middle East and North Africa practice as Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Regional Manager. Based in Riyadh, Mr. Al-Abdulqader will also work from ASG’s Dubai office. Prior to joining ASG, he served as Director of Investor Attraction at the Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA). Earlier, he worked with Atheeb Holding Company, where he led the establishment of joint ventures and assessed strategic investment opportunities.

[Jeffrey DeLaurentis](#) has joined ASG as Senior Advisor. Ambassador DeLaurentis’ extensive experience as a career member of the Senior Foreign Service includes serving as Chargé d’Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Havana, Cuba. Previously, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, and as the Alternate Representative for Special Political Affairs at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations.

[Sumona Guha](#) has joined ASG as Vice President. During her U.S. Foreign Service career, Ms. Guha served as Special Advisor for Europe and Eurasia in the Office of the Vice President, and as Special Assistant for Europe and Eurasia in the Office of the Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs. She also held postings at the U.S. embassies in Moscow and Paris, and as the South Asia lead on the Secretary of State’s Policy Planning Staff. Ms. Guha most recently served as the Senior Director of the U.S.-India Business Council at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

[Molly Montgomery](#) has joined ASG as Vice President in the firm’s Europe practice. Previously, she served at the White House as Special Advisor to the Vice President for Europe and Eurasia and as Deputy Director of the Office of Eastern European Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, where she helped manage the U.S. response to the crisis in Ukraine. In her 14-year U.S. Foreign Service career, Ms. Montgomery also served at posts in Europe, the Middle East, and South Asia, and in the Office of the Secretary of State.

[Ian Smith](#), based in Adelaide, has joined ASG as Senior Advisor to support clients with interest in Australia and the Asia Pacific. A former journalist and advisor to the Australian government, Mr. Smith is the Joint Managing Partner of Bespoke Approach, ASG’s strategic partner in the region. In addition, he is the

Honorary Consul for the United Kingdom in South Australia and former CEO of one of Australia's largest public affairs companies. He serves on a number of boards and is actively involved in refugee advocacy.

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