

EFA GROUP EXPANDS TO DUBAI

Expansion Meets Rising Demand for Alternative Financing in GCC Region

SINGAPORE. 14 May, 2015 — Independent specialty finance house EFA Group has opened a representative office at the Dubai International Finance Centre (DIFC), in addition to its Singapore and Geneva offices. The expansion aims to meet rising demand for alternative financing and serves the Group's growing network of real economy partners in the GCC region. DIFC is an onshore financial centre with independent regulation, common law framework and supportive infrastructure, making it the perfect base for EFA to serve its partners in the region.

EFA Group CEO Christian Stauffer says, "The GCC region is an important market segment for us. The growing needs from our real economy partners are the catalysts for us to expand into Dubai and we will continue to strengthen our capabilities and presence there."

Kamran Yousuf heads the Dubai operations as its Principal Representative, supported by Andrew Fairie, Relationship Manager. Kamran has been with EFA since 2011 as a Relationship Manager based in Singapore, responsible for origination of business leads, structuring commodity and trade finance facilities and managing client relationships in Southeast Asia. Andrew recently joined in early 2015 and was previously from the Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC), an initiative of the Government of Dubai.

With the expansion, EFA will continue to invest in the breadth of its coverage across the region to provide innovative financing solutions that meet the needs of real economy enterprises.

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About EFA Group

EFA Group is an independent specialty finance house offering investment opportunities across the capital structure spectrum, with a focus on real economy businesses. Established in 2003 in Singapore, the Group has since expanded in size and capabilities, and now employs over 40 personnel between its offices in Singapore, Geneva and Dubai.