

## **Bank REYL & Cie appoints Pasha Bakhtiar as Partner**

**Geneva, 6 August 2018. REYL & Cie is expanding its partners' group with the appointment of Pasha Bakhtiar, currently in charge of REYL Finance (MEA) Ltd, REYL & Cie's affiliate in the United Arab Emirates. He joins François Reyl, Nicolas Duchêne, Christian Fringhian and Lorenzo Rocco di Torrepadula as partner in the Bank's Geneva office.**

Pasha Bakhtiar has more than 20 years' experience in the fields of wealth management, asset management and private equity. He began his career with Lombard Odier Darier Hentsch in Geneva before moving to Dubai to participate in the launch of LODH's operations in the UAE where he has spent the last 13 years. In 2010, he was one of the early movers in the impact investing space by founding Willow Impact Investors, a private equity fund focusing on East Africa. After a successful exit, Pasha Bakhtiar took on the role of Chief Executive Officer of ES Bankers Dubai Ltd. He joined REYL & Cie in 2015 as co-founder and CEO of REYL Finance (MEA) Ltd to develop the Group's regional activities.

Mr. Bakhtiar holds a BA in International Relations from Georgetown University (1996) and an MBA from INSEAD (2003). He was recognised as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2012.

REYL's focus on innovation and client service is an essential driver of its business model. In addition to contributing to the Group's transversal development, Pasha Bakhtiar's role will be to ensure that these priorities remain at the core of the Group's offering, specifically in the area of digitalization where he will be responsible for the definition and implementation of the Bank's long term strategy.

*"We count on the entrepreneurial qualities of talented partners like Pasha Bakhtiar to innovate for the benefit of our clients. This appointment reflects our desire to reinforce our group of partners by promoting highly talented professionals able to pursue and strengthen the Group's development"* emphasizes François Reyl, the Bank's Chief Executive Officer.

### **About REYL**

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Founded in 1973, the REYL Group is an independent diversified banking group with offices in Switzerland (Geneva, Zurich, Lugano), Europe (London, Luxembourg, Malta) and the rest of the world (Singapore, Dubai and Dallas). The REYL Group (including minority affiliates) manages assets in excess of CHF 15 billion and employs more than 200 professionals.

Developing an innovative approach to banking, the Group serves a clientele of international entrepreneurs and institutional investors through its *Wealth Management, Corporate & Family Governance, Corporate Advisory & Structuring, Asset Services* and *Asset Management* business lines.



## Press release

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