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Atlas Merchant Capital Announces Brian Saunders as Managing Director and Head of UK and Europe

London: Atlas Merchant Capital LLC ("AMC") is pleased to announce that Brian Saunders has joined as a Managing Director and Head of the UK and Europe. Previously, Brian was a Senior Managing Director in Private Equity at Cerberus European Capital Advisors, LLP.

Brian's career has spanned 24 years consisting of assignments in Europe, Asia and the US. In Europe he was responsible for senior level origination and execution for Cerberus across the continent. Brian was also responsible for managing Cerberus's investments across Asia and served as President of Cerberus Japan. He joined Cerberus in the New York office in 2003. Brian began his career in 1995 in the Investment Banking Division of Salomon Smith Barney, the Financial Institutions Group where he worked alongside David Schamis.

Bob Diamond and David Schamis said, "Europe is a major priority for Atlas and having Brian Saunders join as our head of the UK and Europe underscores our commitment to the region. Brian brings strong investment, operating and management skills to our firm, which will be instrumental in further establishing Atlas's presence in Europe as an effective and reliable partner for growing financial services companies."

Brian Saunders said, "I am very excited about joining Atlas Merchant Capital and working again with David Schamis as well as joining the terrific team that he has developed with Bob Diamond in London and New York. There are tremendous investment and growth opportunities in financial services in Europe, and I look forward to expanding upon the considerable success Atlas has already achieved in the region."

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About Atlas Merchant Capital LLC

Atlas Merchant Capital LLC was founded to participate in compelling market opportunities in the financial services sector. Based in New York and London, Atlas Merchant Capital was founded by Bob Diamond and David Schamis, who together with their partners form a complementary partnership with extensive operating and investing expertise across the financial services landscape.

Further information is available at www.atlasmerchantcapital.com.